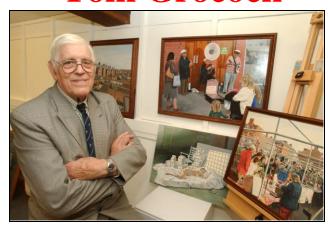
To continue the celebration of the Rugby Club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to display the achievements of one of the Club's Hon. Life Members.

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## An Exhibition of the art work of Tom Grocock



Tom Grocock started painting at Magnus School but he never had any formal training. He always had a "love of drawing and painting" and describes himself as a "late developer."

He has always wanted to do an exhibition of his varied work. The sketches, drawings and paintings are of scenes in Newark, Derbyshire and further afield plus some of his family and friends. There is also one of Newark Rugby Club where he is a life member having played in the senior teams up until his early 50s.

The exhibition is part of Newark Rugby Club's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Rob Wildman, the club's press officer, said: "We felt Tom deserved help in staging the exhibition. He had often talked about such a project but needed one or two friends to help him put it all together. He has been a big part of the club and is a popular character."

The exhibition is at Millgate Museum, Newark from  $20^{th}$  November until  $16^{th}$  January when it will transfer to the Gilstrap Building for three weeks. It includes artefacts from the Rugby Club as well as a wonderful array of Tom's work. The collection is extremely fascinating and we encourage you to pay a visit.

## **Newark Rugby Union Football Club.**



July 2009 was our Club's 90<sup>th</sup> year and this exhibition is a reminder of that anniversary along with a celebration of the other hobbies of one of our oldest members, former player and Honorary Life Member, Tom Grocock.

Newark Rugby Club has a wonderful history and the Clubhouse holds a great deal of amazing memorabilia.

Examples are in the cabinets, from Photographs dating back at least 80 years, documents dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, trophies and other items documenting the club's wonderful achievements through the years.

Tom appears on the photographs in the cabinet, can you spot him by comparing with the self portrait?

Also on display are copies of two attempts to document the Club's history, the most recent "Rugby Across Three Centuries" can be purchased at the Clubhouse in Kelham Road.

The County Cap is one of many donated by members of the Club who gained the honour.

One of the Club's most famous "sons" is Dusty Hare and the collection of International shirts at the Clubhouse is one of the most famous in the country.

We hope you find the other tit bits of interest, old fixture cards, old accounts, pictures and trophies. If you would like to see or know more please visit our clubhouse, or nowadays our website www.newarkrugby.com.