

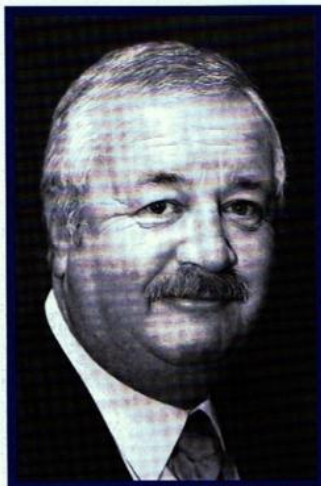


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sow the first pitch

Jeff Coleman – sowing the seeds

Without the dedication and enthusiasm of Jeff Coleman this magazine would not have been possible. It's as simple as that.

Throughout his days at Newark RUFC he charted the fortunes of the club, all eventually typed up into a neat manuscript. Thus this magazine, *Newark Rugby – Across Three Centuries*, is an attempt at giving his work some greater publicity.

He is pictured above sowing the seeds of the pitch following the purchase of Kelham Road in 1950. More than 50 years later the vision of those 'pioneers' is still remembered in the inscription reminding us "That we, like our founders, are mere custodians of our future" which can be seen when entering the clubhouse.

It is up to present day members to continue the growth of those first seeds.

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A welcome from the club president, Graham Macfarlane



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the publication of *Newark Rugby – Across Three Centuries*.

These ideas take time to come to fruition as it

is more than a year ago that Barry Thompson and Rob Wildman were first spotted diving into the archives.

At Newark Rugby Club, we are proud of our

achievements over the past 80 odd years and I hope this magazine reflects the efforts and success of the many people who have contributed to the rise and progress of the club.

The aim of all members must be now to keep Newark RUFC at the forefront of the game in the Midlands.

We have facilities that are the envy of many, catering for a host of teams from senior to mini.

Last season, the club

was hit by all sorts of problems caused by floods, foot and mouth and a fixture wrangle at the start of the season. It is to the credit of coach Nick Scott and the players that we finished third in the newly-created Midlands Two East (north) and also reached the final of the Notts Cup. Let's hope that 2001-2002 sees Newark go up a place or two to gain promotion.

Thank you,
Graham Macfarlane

In Too Deep...

THE motto of this magazine must be that it never pays to talk to Barry Thompson after a certain hour when drink turns him into a dreaming rambler. Originally, he wanted the definitive history of Newark Rugby, but settled for this magazine which hopefully gives the club a lively account of the sport from the days when it was first played in the town from the 1880s.

Besides trying to fulfil the Thompson dream, the magazine also gives this sports journalist a chance to say thanks to Newark RUFC. Almost 20 years ago he arrived in the town and was given an immediate welcome at Kelham Road. He was helped by having a winning team to report on plus some wonderful characters. Despite having travelled from Dunedin to Dundee since then, the best rugby memories are still those of Kelham Road. And I hope there are many more to come.

Indeed, John Wells admitted to the same feeling when interviewed for this publication. He might have developed into a hardened, modern-day professional where winning is (nearly) everything, but he still rates his first season of senior rugby, under the captaincy of Alan Swain, as one of his best. Last May, he told *The Advertiser* that winning the Heineken Cup as a coach at Leicester gave him a feeling only slightly better than the fulfilment of beating Mansfield in the Notts Cup as an 18-year-old flanker! We devote a chapter to the Leicester connection in an effort to do justice to the career of Dusty Hare and his fellow Newark Tigers.

We also hope the magazine gives due credit to the hundreds and hundreds of unsung players and officials down the years. It might be trite to say, but the comradeship has always been the greatest attraction of rugby at Kelham Road. The club also provided one of the saddest, too. No chronicle of the club's fortunes can go without a tribute to John Lawrence. His fortitude and humour will always be remembered.

We hope you enjoy the magazine

Rob Wildman and Barry Thompson



Wildman and Thompson convene an editorial conference

Laying the foundations



Dr ERNEST RINGROSE was Newark's answer to William Webb Ellis, the student of Rugby School who picked up the ball and ran to trigger this great game. The "little doctor" arrived in the 1880s, having played rugby union at Old Merchant Taylor's in West London.

His enthusiasm prompted a challenge match on Sconce Hills in 1891 between teams from Newark and Nottingham. The match is assumed to be the first to be played in the town though reports state that "Newarkers do not often enjoy the chance of seeing rugby football", which gives credence to the claim that a nearby military unit had also established the sport.

The match details were reported in *The Advertiser* and *The Herald*, though they could not agree on the score, but Ringrose stated that Newark had won 8-0. One description tells of the game being played as people skated on a frozen pitch nearby and the match had to be staged on a higher pitch in the park.

After 1891 several matches were played each season and the opponents included Nottingham, Worksop and Mansfield. These games would have been played when boys were on holiday or when Servicemen had returned home, because it is difficult to imagine that sufficient local people took part in this new handling game.

The Sconce Hills match

Advertiser report

Newark 8, Nottingham 0

THE many spectators showed great interest and especially enjoyed a good run followed by a collar (tackle), a heavy fall and grimaces. The first scrum evoked a shout of amusement and derision.

In a few minutes the men realised the difficulty of collaring a man gently at full speed. In a very short time it was evident by torn jerseys and by grazed knees that the ground was punishing the men severely and they must have longed for the mud.

The game was described as "of a most pleasant character," and concluded by advising the players: "Had the halves fed the three-quarters with more accuracy there would have been more scoring."

The Newark team: H Matterson, R Thompson, E Ringrose, E Wilson-Smith, Oliver Quibell, H Ryder, R K Beaumont, A Hurst, S Swire, B J Huskinson, G Bellis, E Harker, E Lambert, E Forrester, F A L Matterson.



Rev Henry Gorse
(centre, front row)
with a team
believed to be the
forerunners of
Newark Rugby Club.



A club is born

RUGBY FOOTBALL.—With the object of forming a Rugby football club in Newark, a meeting was held in the Magnus School on Saturday evening, when the Rev. H. Gorse, M.A., presided, and among those present were the Vicar of Newark (Rev. Dr. Walker) himself an old Rugger forward and a keen enthusiast, Dr. Ringrose, Dr. Stallard, Mr. G. Ransome, Mr. Mott, Mr. Fred Jones, Mr. C. L. Peet, Mr. E. H. Robinson (assistant master), and a number of old and present boys of the Magnus School. After some discussion in which the Chairman said it was desirable of fostering Rugger, not only in the town but in the county, it was decided to form a local club. The Rev. H. Gorse was elected president, Mr. J. J. Harrison and Mr. V. Harwood (old boys) captain and vice-captain respectively, and Mr. G. L. Peet, hon. sec. and treasurer. The following committee was appointed with power to add:—Dr. E. Ringrose, Dr. H. Stallard, Messrs E. H. Robinson, S. N. Hammond, G. Ransome, Fred T. Jones, and W. E. Mott. The subscription was fixed at 5s., and the Magnus' colours the colours for the time being. The Rev. H. Gorse said the Magnus ground would be at the disposal of the club. All those interested in the Rugger code are asked to support the movement; as the Chairman said there was no game like Rugby football to develop courage in men and boys, and he pointed out the courage that was called for, for a man to get down to strip a forward rush.

MEMORANDUM
FROM REV. H. GORSE, HEADMASTER, MAGNUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
NEWARK-ON-TRENT.

23/7/19

Dear Basher

We are having a meeting at the school here on Sat. evening next @ 8.30 (a wicked time for you!) to consider the possibility of starting a Rugger club for Newark. If you can possibly manage to be present we shall be awfully glad to see you

Yours faithfully
H Gorse

Rev Henry Gorse's invitation to the meeting at the Magnus on 26 July 1919 (right), which resulted in the formation of the club, and (left) how the outcome was reported in the Newark Herald.

IT WAS decided to form a rugby club after the war had ended in 1918. On July 26, 1919, a meeting at the Magnus founded the club, setting subs at five shillings a year and adopting the school's playing colours. Rev Henry Gorse was elected president, C L Peet treasurer and secretary; captain: J G Harrison.

That first season saw Newark win 12 games from 19 scoring 188 points to 143. Though the number of games played seems few, it must be appreciated that the season did not commence until late September and finished at the end of March. Winters were also much harsher.

Those early years were difficult for the club, highlighted by a constant worry over finances. Subs were increased, a match tax instigated and players were expected to pay for the visiting team's tea. The secretary was instructed to provide a more realistic fixture list to cut down on travelling and a gate was taken at home matches. However, it was not until 1928 that a surplus of 2/6 was recorded.

Recalling the 1920s, Ken Wardley (club member) wrote: "The pitch was at Newark Cricket Club running parallel with the road just inside the entrance gate to the left of which was a small muddy pond.

"Latecomers were often splattered in mud by a landing ball. There were always close relations between the rugby and rowing clubs - rowing in summer and rugby in winter. Training consisted mostly of long runs on winter nights.

"Changing quarters were at the Royal Oak in Castlegate where a brick-built copper provided the bath water. Two important games were Dr Ringrose's XV versus Newark on Boxing Day and the club versus the Magnus.

"The play, while technically much lower than today's standard, was very keen and played in a joyous spirit. Shorts were longer, pockets very light and the leather balls soon became mis-shaped during the wet months."

Hard times



**The Royal Oak,
the club's
headquarters
1942-64**

WHEN the Second World War broke out, the club decided to play on for as long as possible, which proved to be a wise move. Bolstered by schoolboys from the Magnus, members home on leave and Service XVs in the area, rugby in Newark continued throughout the War while many others in the Three Counties struggled to play.

The War years

From the memoirs of Jeff Coleman

To raise a XV and a referee was often a struggle and 'Dickie' Dwyer recalled many a Saturday when he looked after the Magnus first, then with help of 'Oswald', his bicycle, he dashed off to referee the Town's game. Once he barely escaped from a hostile reception of ardent Welsh players who disagreed with his decisions and threatened to throw him and his bicycle into the stream that flowed nearby.

About 100 games were played during the six years with some mis-matches due to the young nature of the Newark team playing against strong Service sides. Though without the help of the Services it is doubtful if Newark could have carried on. One can recall walking along the cinema queues, with shaded torch light, trying to recruit players.

Away games were few and far between as transport was largely limited to cycling. Now and again one or two petrol coupons were obtained, thus one or two over-loaded cars would travel to a local RAF station like Swinderby. These cars would be laden with spades and shovels as civilians could only use their cars for necessary war work. The excuse if stopped was that we were all going to help a farmer friend with work in the fields.

It was a miracle of organisation that Tom Beeston, the treasurer, declared at the annual meeting in September 1945 that for the first time in the club's history there was a bank balance of £100 – this when all the subscriptions had been waived for six years.

Roland Cope

**Remembers Newark
rugby in the Forties**

RUGBY at the Magnus School during the War years provided the school XVs with the hard-learned experience of games against Service sides, that bit older and somewhat fitter, inter-schools competition being restricted by the embargo on travelling.

Many of the boys left school at 17 or 18, only to be drafted into the services themselves where many earned great credit on sports grounds throughout the world. The war over, the drift back into the uncertainty of civilian life and Newark RUFV began to receive its players, some eager to resume, others just recruits to club rugby. Sadly, some did not return and potential stars were lost to their families, the town and to the game.

Games were played down Muskham Road with access to the pitches through a scrap yard. There was no lack of enthusiasm and commitment, but equally, no coaching or finesse as such. Modern day players would be appalled at the way preparations were made. Runs to the Sugar Factory and back from the club's headquarters at the Royal Oak constituted training.

There were changing rooms 'Up the Yard' at the Royal Oak and



The wartime team after a match against Bottesford on Feb 2, 1945. Bottesford won 14-9.

it was a regular thing for players to assemble there, change and set off for the ground on bicycles, returning after the game, muddied, tired and sometimes injured. Conditions for away games varied with the clubs, sometimes changing in the bars of public houses, but perhaps Derby was more spartan than Newark!

Fellowship on match days was very strong for

the teams tended to stay together, no matter whether playing home or away. The bar across the yard at the Royal Oak held the players until closing time unless some chose to join the throng, dancing at the Corn Exchange. The landlord at the Royal Oak was Harold Hopkinson and whilst he must have been pleased with the trade, he often had hair-raising moments.

As now fundraising was an essential part of the club's activities. It was not until Joe Howard had the great idea of a Grand National Draw, involving all clubs in the English Union, that we surged forward. In the forties we were content with crimped football tickets, the Christmas draw and match fees. Once a month we put on our dinner jackets and enjoyed a Town Hall dance with tickets at 4/6, Mr Griffin controlling the door and music by Basil Rose with Jim Padgett's aunt on piano.



The first golden era

THE club's first 'golden era' occurred after the Second World War when the Magnus connection provided a number of gifted sportsmen.

A strong link with Newark AC also helped the training regime.

A famous win was registered on April 27, 1949, when Newark won 3-0 at Nottingham, prompting a headline in

the Evening Herald of "Wonder Team Newark Achieve Ambition." The report said the secret of the junior club toppling the senior team was 40 matches a season, training three times a week, summer training with the Athletics Club and thinking and talking about rugby in between.

Thirteen of the side were Newark born and former Magnus pupils.

The successful squad of 1948-49. The 1st XV won 29 games from 39, scoring 587 points against 241.



April 27, 1949

Notts 0, Newark 3

THE *Evening Post* reported:

A penalty goal by George Cullen, who played on the right wing instead of centre, his county position, was the only scoreboard difference, it is true. They can forget it. Newark beat the premier club fairly and squarely from start to finish, not too squarely either, for at one period of five minutes they were attacking with 12 men.

One, centre, P Gammon, went home with, it is feared, a broken ankle; full back D Robb and front-row forward J F Gardiner came back on. Newark played themselves into a daze in proving they are a first-class side. Notts' share of the battering was the loss of Stan Leonard, fly half, with torn ligaments, after 20 minutes.

This disorganised the home XV. As an excuse it can be ruled out, though it was a blow following that Dick Davidson missed two penalty goals in the first 10 minutes. Newark were already dictating play, and the main credit goes to the forwards and to J Barker at the base.

The forwards in the loose were magnificent, streaming across to break up Notts' attacks and aiding backs who marked so closely that the home outsiders were knocked clean off their game. Hurried home defenders resorted to fly-kicking and aimless punting.

Harry Hardwick was the only Notts back who looked like reaching the line. Usually three Newark men were hurling themselves at him - once he was felled by deputy full back W J Wilson, a forward. The best of the home threes was forward Derrick Dunn, whose grand tackle of winger G K Saxelby averted a try later on. A dribble by Dan Isles and a break through by John Otter and Brian Nichols enlivened a ragged second half, in which Notts' incursions into the Newark half were brief.

Newark backs, with M Gwilym prominent, were not of a high attacking standard, but they left nothing go by them.

Newark: D Robb; G K Saxelby, P Gammon, M Gwilym, G Cullen; C Marshall, J Barker; S Morley, D Burgin, J Gardiner, A R Chubb, W Hodges, T H Grocock, W J Wilson, F Brooks.

Wonder-Team Newark Achieve Ambition

By D. R. RILEY
Notts. 0, Newark 3pts.

NEWARK, wonder Rugby team of the Midlands, achieved their ambition last evening. They shook Notts. at Boston in one of the most remarkable games there since the war.

RUGBY CLUB HAS CO-AHEAD SPIRIT

ALL SET FOR NEW SEASON

The Newark Rugby Club has a co-ahead spirit as the new season approaches. The club has a strong team and is looking forward to a successful season. The club has a long history and is proud of its achievements. The club has a strong tradition and is looking forward to a successful season. The club has a strong tradition and is looking forward to a successful season.



Far left:
D Robb,
A R Chubb,
A Skaith,
W Hodges
and
E F Pilsworth

Centre:
Action from a
game at
Muskham
Road

Right:
A triumphant
sevans side
from the
1946-47
season

Field of dreams

It took the club some 40 years to establish its own ground at Kelham Road. From the Magnus School in 1920, the club played at Newark Cricket Club for 10 years and then, up until the Second World War, on Muskham Road at the Ransome & Marle Sports Club which also provided facilities for bowling and tennis.

However, the changing facilities were spartan and members objected. A wooden hut was divided into two and the teams bathed on site in four galvanised tubs heated by an Army-type field kitchen boiler and carried to the baths a bucketful at a time.

The objections triggered a move to the Royal Oak in Castlegate, thus establishing a link that was not broken until 1964. The club continued to play at Muskham Road until 1944 when the tenancy was terminated. The club played at Bowbridge Road, on a pitch loaned

by the Services, and then at another site called Bates Field. A further move took place in 1946 when the Price Brothers rented a field on Muskham Road. The area provided two pitches and was the club's home for the next four years until six acres of land at Kelham Road were secured at auction for £520.

Colonel Sam Derry, the former president, wrote (in Jeff Coleman's memoirs): "I and Bob Wilkinson were authorised to go up to a maximum of £500 if necessary. After some interesting bidding by William Hare (Dusty's grandfather) and ourselves, William bid £500. Bob and I had a quick conversation and decided to make one last bid of £520.

"A few days later I was travelling by train to London, Mr and Mrs William Hare were the only other occupants in the compartment. Naturally we talked about the auction and William remarked: "When I saw who was bidding against me I gave up, thinking you can't f**t against thunder!" Little did he realise we were making our last bid."

Jeff Coleman wrote: "The field was levelled, re-seeded and nurtured and games were played from 1949

onwards. To provide hard standing at the gateway several members spent the summer months demolishing redundant air-raid shelters.

"To finance the ground an appeal was set up and £300 borrowed from the RFU over 15 years at two per cent."



Bill Lawton and Les Hempshall (on tractor) prepare the way for Dennis Burgin (left), Joan Gardiner and Jeff Coleman as work on the pitch gets under way



Building for the Fisher's Folly

BRIAN FISHER on the clubhouse and Chip & Hep

In the late Fifties and early Sixties playing rugby at Newark meant changing at the Royal Oak, cadging a lift to the ground, usually in the back of Frank Latham's canvas-sided Land Rover, bathing in an old concrete bath and drinking icy cold beer in the little clubhouse up old wooden steps. I thought there ought to be more to rugby in Newark than this.

The story of Fisher's folly began when the former Army Camp on Hawton Road was put up for sale in 1963. The builders, William Davis of Loughborough, bought the site from the Government. They then decided to auction off the wooden buildings. The two main buildings immediately appealed as being suitable to create a clubhouse at Kelham Road.

After a great deal of heart-searching and debate the committee narrowly voted in favour of bidding for the buildings. The bidding was left to Bob Wilkinson and was duly bought for £470. The building was then dismantled (with every piece numbered) and stored in Staniforth's stackyard where it gently warped for six months while plans were drawn and a base prepared at Kelham Road.

The club had been divided almost down the middle by the decision to buy this building and all of the club reserves were plunged into the purchase. Several senior members predicted it would be impossible to re-erect, that I had gambled away the club's capital and that the club was faced with ruin. Hence the heap of warped wood became known as Fisher's Folly.

In the early days of 1964 work commenced. It is fair to say that all those members who had been so bitterly opposed to the project threw their whole-hearted support behind the idea, and none of them more so than George Jeffcott and John Harris. The response throughout the club was magnificent. All the finishing work, the floor laying, painting was taken over by club members, for we could not have afforded to pay contractors.

Eventually we reached the stage where the sapele panelling of the clubroom was due to go into place. The task was undertaken by George and John. They would not allow anyone else to touch the job. As the weeks went by, enthusiasm to use the club was running at a tremendous pitch - but the pair refused to be hurried. And it became obvious that the building was not going to be finished in time for the opening game, a county championship match between Notts, Lincs and Derbys and Leicestershire. An almighty row broke out between the three of us that needed the president, George Pollard, to broker the compromise of staging the county match and then closing the clubhouse again to allow the work to be completed.

Thus the sapele was duly fitted prompting Jeffcott and Harris to be nicknamed Chippendale and Hepplewhite because they seemed to be more like a pair of 18th century cabinet makers. Hence Fisher's Folly - 1964 and Chip & Hep.

Jeff Coleman wrote: For over 40 years, the club HQ had been at the Royal Oak. Tribute must be paid to all the various landlords who supported us, shared with us our moments of glory and watched the club prosper.



Rugby Union Football

The President of the Nottinghamshire,
Lincolnshire and Derbyshire Rugby Union's XV

versus

The President of Newark Rugby Football
Club's XV

To commemorate the official opening of the new pavilion of the Newark Club

at Kelham Road, Newark, to be played at the club ground

KELHAM ROAD, NEWARK

on Tuesday, 27th April, 1965

Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

Programme 6d.

The programme
from the
clubhouse's
inaugural match,
April 27, 1964

future

Hunters' Hobby



KEN HUNTER on 'Pick and the Plebs' and his labour of love.

BACK in the seventies it was the rule, after committee meetings, to sit round the corner of the bar and put the 'world to rights'. Among all the dreadful rubbish talked, there was an occasional grain of sense. I can remember George Jeffcott wondering about the possibility of dismantling Fisher's Folly piece by piece and replacing it with a more permanent structure.

Some 10 years ago later I took over the presidency from Geoff Mollart at a time when the finances of the club were in a healthy position. It seemed a good idea to remind the committee of George's idea. Brian Fisher chaired a feasibility study that recommended that we wanted to keep the clubroom intact, build on a new dining room and kitchen, more changing rooms, a weight training room, restructured terracing and a unified appearance. Oh, and there must be no loss of facilities while work was carried out.

It was this last requirement that caused the most problems. We had a design but we could not see how to carry out the necessary improvements without demolishing half of what was there and without the consequent loss of matches and revenue. But between four of us – myself, David Pick, Geoff Mollart and John Hayes – a scheme was hatched whereby a steel roof was put over the club, new external breeze-block walls built and the old and new was fasten together. It would cost a lot of money, perhaps, £30,000 or so for the roof alone, and plenty more.

Roger Swain was not in the least dismayed and so a special general meeting was held to sell the idea to the membership. The reaction was enthusiastic, though there were some dissenting voices. It was decided to proceed and, as in the days of Fisher's Folly, the doubters were among the hardest workers once the project started.

Fortunately, there were cameras around and the activities are recorded in the dining room. I find it hard to believe that it happened in such a short period of time. One of the proudest moments of my life was when I was presented with the plaque, Hunters' Hobby (plural to record my wife Jacki's great involvement) which is fixed in the dining room as well.

Who were Pick and the Plebs? Dave was the Pick, of course, he drew the plans, estimated the quantities (not always accurately), designed all manner of things and was a tower of strength. Who were the Plebs? Every member of the club who dug a hole, laid a brick, knocked down a wall or whatever. Led by the likes of Phil Loftus, John Hayes, Geoff Mollart and Peter Fleetwood. Thanks folks. Great days.



Ken Hunter (left) and Jeff Addison, the then president of Notts, Lincs & Derbys, perform the duties at the opening ceremony of the 1985 clubhouse refurbishment



Pick and Plebs at work



Stars come out at Kelham Road in celebration

A STAR-STUDED side including five England internationals will meet Newark's 1st XV at Kelham Road on Wednesday to celebrate the opening of the club's new £50,000 extension.

Dusty Hare, who began his career at Newark, will lead out the President's XV for the 1.30pm kick-off to cap a night which is the result of countless hours of voluntary hard work for the members of the club.

The extension, which took two years to plan and complete, sees the addition of six changing rooms, a weight training room, a new kitchen and large dining area, an extra bar and a new shower room.

The original clubhouse is an old Army hut bought when Newark's Havelock Road Army Camp was sold and transferred piece by piece to Kelham Road in 1964 following negotiations

by then president Brian Fisher.

That earned the premises the title of Fisher's Folly, and it is fitting that the new extension has been dubbed Huter's Hobby after the endeavours of former president Ken Huter.

Pete Butler, who was elected president of the club in June, said: "We have always been proud of our facilities here and I think we were the first junior club in the Three Counties to have floodlights."

Roof

"We've always tried to improve as we've gone along because if we make things off the field as good as possible we can then hopefully attract players down here who will do the honours for us on the field."

The club received grants from the Sports Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council, and also mounted a 'Raise the Roof' campaign whereby the members agreed to raise £8,000 themselves through

various means of fund raising. Everyone pulled together and finally raised over £11,000 in 12 months.

"We put a completely new roof over the existing building and that meant that we could use the facilities while the building work was being carried out," said Pete.

"We were then able to extend to the outside edges of the roof as and when we could afford it, and the jobs coming out voluntarily to dig the foundations and do some labouring here and there. Ken Huter, a deputy head teacher at Scone Hill Secondary School, gave up his summer holidays to help at the club and encourage the volunteers, and he and his wife really led by example."

"We've also added facilities for the spectators as well as our own improved clubhouse, with terracing added to the side of the building. Up to 300 people

can now watch a game with a roof over their heads."

That terracing should be packed on Wednesday evening, when the cream of the Three Counties rugby players parade their skills on the Kelham Road turf.

The President's XV reads as follows: Dusty Hare (Leicester and England) (captain), Kevin Williams (Leicester), Paul Dodge (Leics and England), Brian Hill (Leics), Dave

Hodgson (Notts), Simon Hodgkinson (Notms and England U23), Clive Boman (Pavona), Tony Shepherd (Notms), Harry Roberts (Leics and Zimbabwe), Wayne Richardson (Leics), Malcolm Faulkes-Arnold (Notms), Steve Todd (Pavona), John Wells (Leics and England U23), Peter Cook (Notms and England), Phil Molyneux (Pavona).



The swinging Sixties

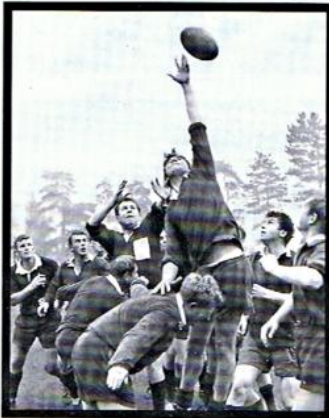


The appointment of George Jeffcott as coach was an important move and arose from the great wave of interest in coaching which spread through the country at that time following the Lions' terrific battering in New Zealand the previous summer.

The club benefited from a visit by Ron Jacobs, Roger Hosen and Jack Searle, who demonstrated the techniques

of coaching for the benefit of clubs from the Three Counties with Newark players being used as guinea pigs. Jeffcott organised the most successful coaching campaign in the history of the club with the result that Newark won the Notts Cup three years running in 66, 67 and 68.

The games attracted big crowds and there were some tremendous struggles, particularly against Paviers.



The stalwarts of the Sixties, Nick Maltby (jumping) and Ken Hunter, lead the Newark pack at a lineout

RUGBY

by Richard Williams

NEWARK RFC SET FOR BEST SEASON FOR YEARS

DESPITE recently losing their captain, who has a broken thumb, Newark RFC seem to be set for their best season for many years. They have won 23 out of 31 games, and with seven left to play they look certain to beat last year's 24 victories—itsself the highest total for several seasons.

The six sides to have beaten them so far are Southwell (in the first game of the season), Market Rasen, Doncaster, Notts Corsairs, Stonegate, and Derby. Of these the last four were later avenged in the return matches.

They have done the double over Lincoln, and are now preparing themselves for a good run in the Nottinghamshire RFU Knock-out Cup. Last year they were the winners in the final over Henry Mellish Old Boys at Adbolton-lane, and they are confident that once again they can get into the last stages of the competition.

BROKEN THUMB

Just as they were preparing for the first round last year they lost their captain, Tony Colton, with torn knee ligaments. By an

unlucky coincidence, this has happened again, for a couple of weeks ago skipper Nick Maltby put himself out for the rest of the season with a broken thumb.

Perhaps they will regard it as an omen. They certainly have an excellent chance of retaining the cup next month.

The basis of their success this season has been a fit and well-disciplined pack, trained by club coach George Jeffcott. Newark maintain that they have the best-attended training sessions of any club in the county, and this is certainly paying off in the younger teams.

The second XV have also won more than 20 games this season, and on one recent Saturday the team turned out four sides which notched up the remarkable total of 109 points for to nil against.

BEAT POACHERS

The first XV beat Lincolnshire Poachers by 29 points to nil, the seconds beat the Poachers by 37-0, the thirds beat Southwell by 23-0, and the fourth team beat Kesteven 20-0.

Four teams are usually put out each Saturday, but last week

they played only three, with similar results. The first and second teams both played Old Nottinghamians, and beat them 26-0 and 33-3 respectively, while the third defeated West Kesteven Old Boys by 32 points to nil.

Among the first team players are Mick Edlin, the Three Counties scrum-half, and two younger men who both had trials for the Three Counties Colts last week: full back Neil Ashmore, and Barry Woodward. Several of the players have Nottinghamshire caps.

EASTER TOUR

The club are at present away on their annual Easter tour, and they have taken 30 players to the Southend Festival for the second year.

They are currently spending £2,500 on having electricity installed in their clubhouse. The money has been raised through their flourishing social events.

The Newark seven-a-side competition will be held on April 16, and this year the entries are being restricted to 22. I am told that the list will be closed within the next few days, as entries have been flooding in.

The Notts Cup-winning sides

1965-66
Newark 18
Mellish OB 6

Team: M Craven, K Turk, D Hewson, N Ashmore, J Cousins, J Perry, M Edlin, D Rogers, R Haslam, D Easton, K Hunter, D Johnston, J Bugg, W Russell, J Fox.

1966-67
Newark 14
Old Bridgfordians 3

Team: A Orman, J Richards, M Elliott, N Ashmore, M Farrar, J Hackett, M Edlin, A Allan, R Haslam, D Easton, K Hunter, G Bond, R Speir, C Drummond, R Taylor.

1967-68
Newark 11
Casuals 8

Team: N Ashmore, M Farrar, B Woodward, W Derry, R Pitt, M Hopkins, M Edlin, A Allan, R Haslam, D Easton, K Hunter, N Maltby, M Hepples, P Wyles, D Pritchett

1969-70
Newark 17
Nottingham TC 3

Team: A Orman, J Shackleton, D Stacey, R Pike, R Pitt, P Cattermole, M Edlin, D Easton, D Padgett, A Allan, M Hooper, N Maltby, J Coles, D Pritchett, A Foreman.



The Magnus School:



NICK MALTBY
looks at the long-standing
connection between school
and club

THOUGH records don't show exactly when rugby football was first introduced at the Magnus it was certainly well before 1900 and must have been well established by 1919 when the headteacher, Dr Ernest Ringrose, hosted the meeting where it was decided to form a rugby club in Newark.

During its early years the Newark club, perhaps, did little more than provide a local game for the school's rugby-playing masters and ex-scholars, and, in this respect, must have been very similar to many other town clubs across the land.

But, unlike so many of these, the Newark club chose to remain inde-

pendent of its main source of talent, though there is evidence to show that becoming an Old Magnusians XV was seriously considered on a number of occasions.

However, whatever the reason was for resolutely remaining independent it is irrefutable that the club continued to rely heavily upon the school for players and the necessary skills and enthusiasm for many years to come.

In fact, until quite recent times, the fortunes of both organisations have tended to ebb and flow in unison with a period of strength at the school resulting in improved results at the club as those boys who remained in the area joined, encouraged and welcomed by old school friends.

This process was particularly to the club's advantage in the early Sixties when the gap between both XVs had become so narrow that in the annual charity match between school and club in 1964 the result was 3-3, and even more embarrassingly was 5-3 to the school the following year.

Apart from being more talented and fitter, the school gave the club a harsh lesson in the merits of coaching as against half-hearted training – as they would have done to most of the sides in the club's fixture list at that time.

Perhaps, it was this ignominy of not being able to beat 'a crowd of schoolboys' that caused the club to have a serious look at how the game was developing, to appoint a coach

and look towards improving its fixture list. If so, then once again the club should be indebted to the school.

Also, fortunately and perhaps somewhat strangely, many of the most talented school players of that era chose to join the Newark club and, in so doing, brought with them the skills and tactics that had been so sadly lacking.

The teams that won the Nottinghamshire Cup four times in its first five years during the Sixties contained an increasing number of players from the Magnus School and were considered at least on a par with the highly successful sides of the late Forties.

Of course, success in the county cups, and further afield, had the effect of attracting attention of talented players from other sources. This, coupled with the creation of a Colts XV and the later development of mini rugby, meant that the Newark club has become less and less dependent upon the Magnus School.

In fact, the coaching provided at mini rugby is now much appreciated by the school as many of the boys involved are from the Magnus.

So, although the debt of gratitude may have changed direction the old links between school and club remain to the advantage of both parties.

Long may it continue.

The monks of Kelham

FOR a number of years Newark teams featured the appearance of trainee brothers from the Anglican Society of the Sacred Mission based at Kelham Hall. Several of the brothers played to a good standard, but the restrictions of having to report back to Kelham, reasonably sober, by early evening meant that they could not always be considered for longer away fixtures. The association came to an end in the mid-1970s when the training base was moved to allow Kelham Hall to become the HQ of Newark & Sherwood District Council. To show their appreciation of the club, Br Chris Armstrong wrote in a 1974 newsletter the following:

‘Gentlemen, I feel I ought to write and thank you on behalf of myself and all the other rugby-playing students for the kindness towards us.

I realise that your problems of selection, transport etc, have been increased considerably in order to enable us to play for the club. Your generosity has not passed unnoticed. I would like to say that your

reward will be in Heaven, but that decision, thank goodness, is not ours to make! The relationship between the club and college has not been an easy one to maintain. It would seem to me that it has been a very one-sided affair – all give on your part and all take on ours. Personally, I would have preferred to partake more fully in the life of such an active club but the exigent ways of the monastic life has precluded this.

In fact, the two types of existence – rugby player and monk – are almost mutually exclusive. After a first team game, the thought of scrubbing corridors is painful; after a second team game, kneeling is hell but after a fourth XV game one is rendered useless for several services.

Apart from the physical limitations, one's spiritual life is thrown into confusion; instead of thinking 'beautiful thoughts' meditations are centred round back-row movements or three-quarter tactics. However, having said all that, it has been a privilege to associate ourselves with such a splendid rugby club. Many thanks indeed.

May I finish by offering a quotation from the Bible which would seem to incorporate all that is worthwhile at Newark RUFC.

‘And those people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.’ – Exodus.

A debt of gratitude



Who said they never trained? Nick Maltby (centre) leads the squad in a pre-season workout.

Maltby's All Stars (Newark-Magnus XV)

15 Graham Pulfrey

1950s
England trialist & Leicester

14 Richard Pike

1960s
Notts, Lincs & Derbys

13 George Cullen

1940s
Notts, Lincs & Derbys & Leicester

12 Paul Cattermole

1960s
Notts, Lincs & Derbys

11 Will Derry

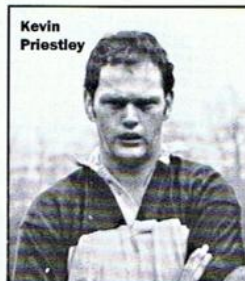
1960s
Notts

10 Dusty Hare

1970s
Lions, England, Leicester etc

9 Mike Edlin

1960s
Notts, Lincs & Derbys



Kevin Priestley

2 Andy Simpson

1970s
England B, Sale etc



Mike Edlin

4 Ken Hunter

1960s
Notts, Lincs & Derbys

5 Kevin Priestley

1970s
England Schools

6 John Wells

1980s
England A, Leicester etc

7 Dave Pritchett

1960s
Notts, Lincs & Derbys

8 Kev Saxelby

1980s

Replacements:

Phil Loftus,
Peter Mitchell,
Glynn Britten,
Dave Saxelby,
Dave Bell
Wayne Andrew

An alternative portrait of Maltby painted by Keiron Peacock

"As a 17-year-old Magnus skipper playing for Newark 1sts I had the awesome Nick Maltby as skipper. After a very tight first game where, as fly half, I kicked just about everything messrs Maltby, Swain and Ferguson all nodded with approval, though Keith Elms wasn't so pleased outside. Feeling a bit cocky in my second match I kicked early on, as instructed, but then started to have a bit of a nibble and even, on three occasions, passed it out to Elmsy. He's never had so much ball. One of the Newark forwards then developed a mysterious injury allowing the skipper to sidle over to his cocky fly half for a few words of advice. Whilst resting his large right hand on my left shoulder and applying 'friendly' pressure he said out the right side of his mouth: 'If you kick the ball and pass it occasionally only when we're in their 25, these blokes over there - pointing to the Newark pack - including me, will look after you. If you try to prat around with all this fancy crap any more, not only will those buggers in the red shirts trample all over you, we will as well! This isn't the Magnus now, and the fly half doesn't pass it unless I say so.'"



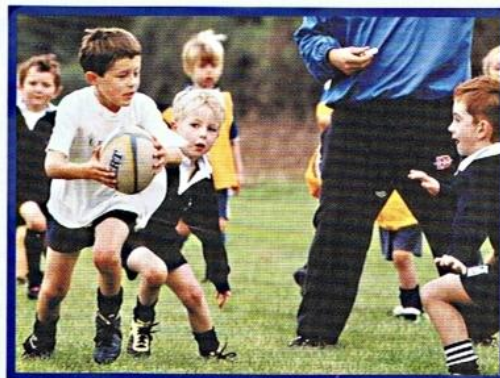


Gathering of the clan



Reunions have formed a crucial part of the social scene at Kelham Road. Gatherings have been held for all the notable landmarks in the club's history, including the 75th anniversary in 1994.

On the ball...



Rugby for all

The mini and youth teams are the jewel in the crown of Newark Rugby Union Football Club. With more than 200 boys and girls between the age of six and 16 registered it is among the largest sections in the East Midlands.

Now over 20 years old, the section has far exceeded the expectations of the founders. It was created and is still run on the principle that everyone has the potential to play and enjoy rugby, regardless of age, sex, size, ability, background or experience. The aim is: firstly, to engender a lifelong interest and love in the game; secondly to inculcate into all players the fundamental values of loyalty, comradeship, teamwork, respect for authority, humility, dignity, generosity, selflessness and persistence which makes rugby the great game that it is. And thirdly to encourage every member to realise their potential.

All teams from under-seven to under-16 (10 teams) are looked after by at least three experienced adults with the appropriate Rugby Football Union coaching qualification. All coaches work under the RFU's coaching directive that sees players perform under a safe, structured development. Different aspects of the game and skills are introduced in a progressive manner. The emphasis is on enjoyment, safety and inclusiveness.

All teams enjoy an extensive programme of inter-club fixtures, festivals and tournaments. The club's size, plus good organisa-

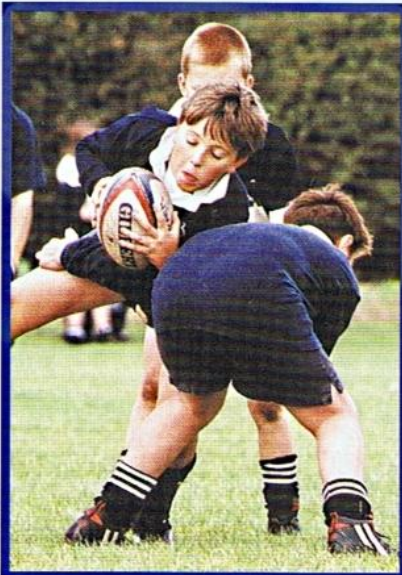
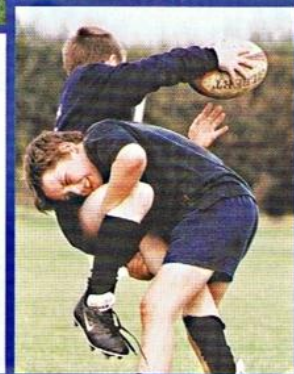
tion and friendly spirit ensures that it is a popular choice as a regular opponent for clubs from as far away as Peterborough, Glossop, Sheffield and Harrogate.

The section goes on tour biennially, alternating years with the senior section, playing hosts to visiting teams in the year in between. Touring is an integral part of rugby experience. Mini and junior teams introduce youngsters to all the pleasure of touring, not least important of which is the creation and maintenance of firm personal friendships. Such links, which survive and surmount the fiercest rivalry on the pitch, are fundamental to sustaining the unique character of rugby. Traditionally tours have involved all the mini and junior teams together, usually supported by as many as parents as players. The excellent facilities at Kelham Road, including dedicated mini rugby pitches, and the renowned hospitality makes it a regular stop on tour itineraries. Though the emphasis is on enjoyment and development rather than winning, part of the appeal, regardless of age, is the competitive element. Even the briefest of glimpses of any inter-club match, leaves the spectator in no doubt of how important winning is to the participants.

Tony Aspbury
Mini and youth chairman

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In the tackle...

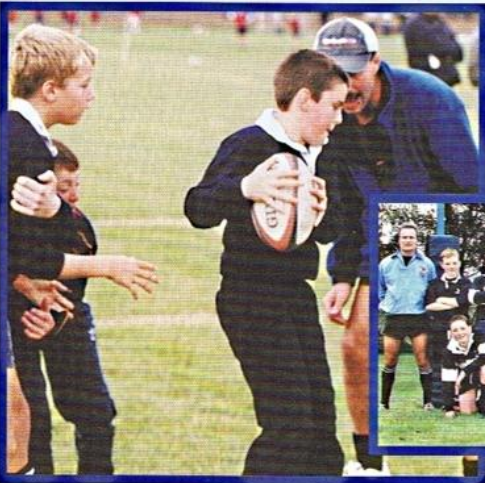
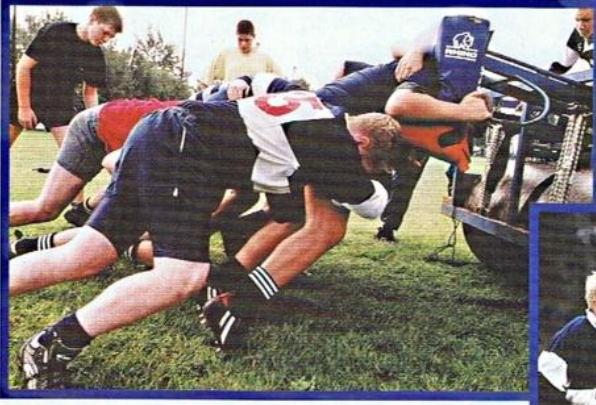


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Under orders...



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The heyday



ALAN SWAIN on his memorable years as Newark captain which saw him lift the Notts Cup in 1982

MY proudest moment was receiving the Notts Cup after we beat Mansfield 12-6 in March 1982. We were not favourites but I was always confident of winning.

A great part of that team was the strength of the side that contained five players who all represented England at some stage – John Wells, Glyn Britten, Kevin Priestley, Wayne Andrew and Phil Loftus.

The 1981-82 season was our most successful, bringing 29 wins in 34 games. That winter there were floods then snow and we did not play from Dec 12 until Jan 20, losing some eight games to the weather. If the weather had been kinder then we would have set a record for the greatest number of wins for a season.

Just as the Cup final of 1982 was memorable, so also was the defeat against Mellish in 1972, my first season at Newark. A try in the last minute, incorrectly awarded, sealed our fate. Richard Pike was a very disappointed captain.

Talking of Richard Pike, the following year he broke a leg in a horrendous accident in an early-season match. I well

remember the 30 or so people visiting him in hospital to bring him home.

Norwich was a favourite venue for players getting lost. Once, we started with only 12 men – Tony Rose, Will Derry and Richard Ewens were missing for the first 20 minutes. When they arrived we were winning 3-0 but we disintegrated to lose by some 20 points. Their presence was obviously appreciated. Their excuse for being late was that they got lost after visiting a TV store to watch for a race result which involved one of Tony's horses. It won – pity Newark didn't!

One of my favourite individuals was Tom Coates, who died tragically in 1982. He formed the Newark-from-Lincoln connection that has served the club so well.

Players such as Tim Naylor, Dave Townsend and Alan King joined Newark, which was all down to Tom's charisma and leadership. I can still see him in the bath, cigarette in his mouth, talking to Gail Allen or standing wobbling on a table recounting the 'Alphabet Song'.

Charlie Fehrs

The coach who guided a generation of players recalls the Eighties

WE won the Notts Cup in 1982 and the Notts, Lincs & Derbys Cup in 1983. We had the experience of Alan Swain, the precocious talent of John Wells and the emerging gifts of Alan King, Dave Townsend, David Saxelby and Stan Hutchinson. The team under the inspiring leadership of Phil Loftus produced what is arguably the best performance by a Newark team in beating Dudley Kingswinford in the John Player Cup first round of Sept 1983.

Tim Barker had the difficult task in 1985-86 of maintaining the standards with a young team, short of experience. In 1986, Nick Scott's team ushered in a new dawn by winning the club's first John Player Pennant and laying the foundations for a triumphant period in local rugby. He was fortunate to have the support and wisdom of such perceptive captains in the lower sides as Duncan Thorpe, Tom Pykett, Dickie Marshall and Mike Self. Indeed the second team from 1984-89 played a brand of rugby that had many purring with pleasure, as they broke record after record. Many will remember Andy Cousins' side demolishing Chesterfield on a dank Saturday by more than 100 points. Tours to the Continent were organised and selection under Graham Macfarlane was a pleasure.

For the first team rugby became much more serious affair with the inception of the leagues in 1987. Newark's placement in the Midlands Two East proved to be right sort of challenge and the team got its act together to march straight into Midlands One. The club was building on a successful base and new players of the calibre of Gareth Collins, Paul Morgan, Nick Allen, Steve Price and Kenny Beaumont were attracted into the fold. Perhaps, the true indicator of the status lies in the success of our young sides where so many members were helping to hone the skills of players. All good things come to an end and I had the privilege of working with good players, the friendship of members, the support of fine presidents and a perceptive committee.



The Newark team before they met Nottingham in 1983



Heyday: The cup finals

NOTTS, LINCS & DERBYS CUP FINAL – April 1983 at Lincoln: Newark 9, Lincoln 7

The final, played at Lincoln on a wet afternoon, brought little running rugby with the conditions dictating play. Newark thoroughly deserved their win through three penalty goals, two by Alan King and a long-distance one from Glyn Britten which hit the cross bar and then fell over the bar. That kick proved to be the winning score. An injury to David Townsend resulted in Phil Loftus moving to hooker, the replacement being Kevin Saxelby, the Notts cricketer, only recently returned from a coaching trip to South Africa. Victory gave Newark a ticket into the first round of John Player Cup, the first junior side from Notts to gain the distinction.

Newark: Mike Bossart; Russell Smith, Paul Dudley, Glyn Britten, Neil Loftus; Alan King, Nick Scott; Jim Peters, Dave Townsend (replaced Kevin Saxelby), David Lord, Kevin Priestley, John Charlesworth, Stan Hutchinson, Phil Loftus, David Saxelby.

NOTTS, LINCS & DERBYS CUP FINAL – April 24 1988 at Beeston: Newark 20, Matlock 12

Newark made up for losing a Midlands One match, 13-12, to Matlock by winning the return in the Three Counties final. Despite going 8-0 down at the start, a penalty goal from Alan King brought the side back into contention before half-time. Constant pressure after the break brought its reward, tries coming from King, Jock McKinnon and John King. Matlock scored a late consolation try. Victory gave Newark a place in the national knock-out cup for a second time.

Newark: Kenny Beaumont; Jock McKinnon, Glyn Britten, Mick Lenton, Dave Batterham; Tim Barker, Nick Scott; Jim Townsend, Gareth Collins, Jim Peters, Trevor Waude, John King, Steve John, Jon Lees, David Saxelby. Subs: Alan King, Stan Hutchinson.

NOTTS, LINCS & DERBYS CUP FINAL – April 30 1989 at Mellish: Newark 6, Mansfield 7

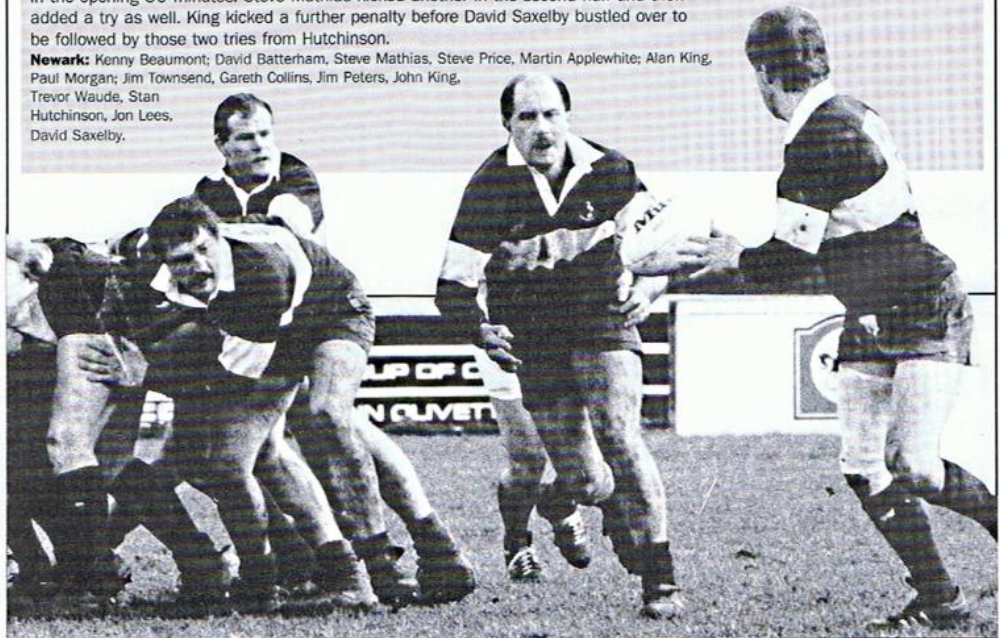
Both teams were guaranteed places in the Pilkington Cup because of the national competition had been expanded. The match proved to be typically close fought with Newark leading up until the last minute through two penalty goals from Alan King. Mansfield won the game thanks to a try from captain who burst through three tackles to score.

Newark: Kenny Beaumont; Mark Aspinall, Glyn Britten, Mick Lenton, Martin Applewhite; Alan King, Jon Iltot; Jim Townsend, Gareth Collins, Jim Peters, Trevor Ward, John King, Steve John, Jon Lees, David Saxelby. Subs: Chris Jones, Stan Hutchinson.

NOTTS, LINCS & DERBYS CUP FINAL – April 22 1990 at Mellish: Newark 32, Chesterfield 10

Stan Hutchinson scored two tries in the last 10 minutes to seal a tremendous team display. Looking more sound defensively than for some time and again dominating in the pack, Newark were held 6-6 at the interval and then led 15-10 going into the last 15 minutes. Hutchinson settled the issue in the final stages after Chesterfield, the underdogs from Notts, Lincs & Derbys One, had pushed Newark all the way. Newark led through two penalty goals from Alan King in the opening 30 minutes. Steve Mathias kicked another in the second half and then added a try as well. King kicked a further penalty before David Saxelby hustled over to be followed by those two tries from Hutchinson.

Newark: Kenny Beaumont; David Batterham, Steve Mathias, Steve Price, Martin Applewhite; Alan King, Paul Morgan; Jim Townsend, Gareth Collins, Jim Peters, John King, Trevor Waude, Stan Hutchinson, Jon Lees, David Saxelby.





JOHN PLAYER CUP FIRST ROUND – Sept 24 1983: Newark 28, Dudley Kingswinford 6

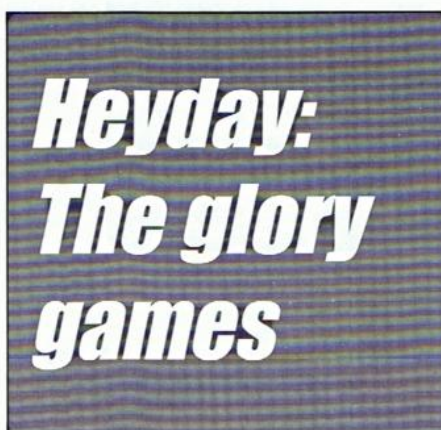
This splendid win was based, not for the first time, round the remarkable kicking talents of Alan King and the marauding, non-stop spoiling work of the Newark pack in which flanker Stan Hutchinson was outstanding with his covering and tackling.

Alan King scored Newark's first try and slotted over three penalty goals, two conversions and a dropped goal. Further tries came from wing Ted Hine and captain Phil Loftus.

Newark: Tim Barker; Neil Loftus, Glyn Britten, Matt Spencer, Edward Hine; Alan King (replacement Keith Fowler), Nick Scott; George Crawford, Dave Townsend, Jim Peters, John Charlesworth, Kevin Priestley, Phil Loftus, Stan Hutchinson, David Saxelby.

Ken Hunter, then president, wrote in a later newsletter:

'September 24 seems a long time ago, but this is the first newsletter since and I feel I should use my space to express my sincere thanks to everyone who made the day such a success. I have seen many memorable games of rugby at Newark and elsewhere, but this match I shall remember forever. For sheer guts, drive and commitment, it has to rate as one of the best performances I have ever seen. The tries were outstanding and it was fitting that Phil Loftus should score the third. The whole team raised their game thanks to Phil's leadership and, I am sure, were prepared to die for him!'



JOHN PLAYER CUP SECOND ROUND – Dec 3 1983: Nottingham 34, Newark 3

The national knockout cup has never delivered the shocks of the FA Cup and this Saturday in December was no exception. The Nottingham side, including Neil Mantell, Simon Hodgkinson, Brian Moore and David Rees, dominated from start to finish. The Newark side, with the exception of Bob Walker for Ted Hine, was the same as before. The only score being a penalty goal by Alan King. Full-back Tim Barker could not emulate his father, John, by playing in a winning side against Nottingham.

Newark: Tim Barker; Neil Loftus, Glyn Britten, Matt Spencer, Bob Walker; Alan King, Nick Scott; George Crawford, Dave Townsend, Jim Peters, John Charlesworth, Kevin Priestley, Phil Loftus, Stan Hutchinson, David Saxelby.

PILKINGTON CUP FIRST ROUND – Sept 17 1988: Newark 6, Winnington Park 12

Winnington Park withstood 20 minutes of pressure but a penalty by Alan King was the only reward for Newark. In the second half, Newark were pinned back by the heavier pack and they went ahead seven minutes from time through a converted try. Glyn Britten converted a fine penalty to bring the score closer, but the visitors held on.

Newark: Chris Jones; David Batterham, Glyn Britten, Jock McKinnon, Neil Coyne; Alan King, Jon Iltot; Jim Townsend, Gareth Collins, Jim Peters, John King, Trevor Waude, Steve John, Jon Lees, Stan Hutchinson.

PILKINGTON CUP FIRST ROUND – Sept 16 1989: Old Leamingtonians, 10 Newark 20

Newark, prompted by a half-time tirade from captain David Saxelby, turned a 7-7 interval scoreline into victory through the kicking of Stan Hutchinson and Alan King. Tries came from Martin Applewhite and Stuart Pierce.

Newark: Kenny Beaumont; Ted Hine, Stuart Pierce, Chris Jones, Martin Applewhite; Alan King, Paul Morgan; Jim Townsend, Gareth Collins, Mark Brown, John King, Kevin Priestley, Stan Hutchinson, Jon Lees, David Saxelby.

PILKINGTON CUP SECOND ROUND – Nov 4 1989: Newark 12, Fylde 28

The Newark forwards gave a magnificent display to leave give supporters plenty to cheer about despite losing to a side from the Third Division, two levels higher than Midlands One. Newark provided plenty of possession but unfortunately failed to make the most of it on a day when the backs more than met their match. Fylde led 18-6 at half-time and Newark had to wait until the final minutes when Jon Lees gained a try. Alan King converted from the touchline.

Newark: Chris Jones; David Batterham, Steve Price, Steve Mathias, Martin Applewhite; Alan King, Paul Morgan; Jim Townsend, Gareth Collins, Jim Peters, John King, Barry Newton, Stan Hutchinson, Jon Lees, David Saxelby.

PILKINGTON CUP FIRST ROUND – Sept 1990: Morley 9, Newark 3

Newark pushed Third Division Morley all the way, highlighted by the Yorkshire team's scrum being lifted high in the air and carried back 15 yards. If Newark could have matched Morley in the loose then the score could have been a different story. "They also played the referee better than we did," Jon Lees, the captain, said. Simon Roberts, on his debut, kicked a long-range penalty goal.

Newark: Nick Allen; Chris Jones, Steve Price, Steve Mathias, Lee Cotton; Simon Roberts, Mike Wilson; Chris McLaren, Gareth Collins, Jim Townsend, Barry Newton, Trevor Waude, David Saxelby, Jon Lees, Stan Hutchinson. Substitute: Nick Scott for Mike Wilson.



PHIL LOFTUS rounds off a look at the victorious Newark sides of the Eighties by casting his mind back to the 1982-83 and 1983-84 seasons

THE success was a culmination of many players producing their best at the right time. Good old 'uns, like Doc Charlesworth, coming together with the emerging talent of Stan Hutchinson and David Saxelby in the back row.

I suppose we didn't score many tries, but we gave even fewer away. We won our games on good defence, a 'never say die' attitude and the goal-kicking of Alan King. We a number of players who could have played higher and some did for Nottingham, the Three Counties and RAF.

We also had a good spirit off the field. We were a typical rugby team made up of all sorts, from different jobs and different backgrounds. We gelled and got the results.

I took over from Alan Swain and inherited a side that had won the Notts Cup in the 1981-82 season, though we lost in the Three Counties to Stamford. It was good to make amends that season.

We beat Nottingham University to win the Notts Cup and then just squeezed home against Matlock, 9-6, thanks to King's three penalty goals. The final at Lincoln was

another close shave, 9-7, and I'll always remember that penalty goal by Glyn Britten from the halfway line.

That win over Lincoln gave us a ticket into the national Cup (the then Pilkington Cup) and a home draw against Dudley Kingswinford. We knew very little about them and they knew even less about us!

We started well and scored three tries – who said we couldn't score tries! It was probably the best performance we gave in the two seasons I was captain.

I suppose the draw away to Nottingham in the second round did us no favours. I knew we had little chance of winning, but never admitted it – especially not to *The Advertiser*!

We lost 34-3, but we competed well against the likes of Gary Rees and Brian Moore and came away having done ourselves justice.

The only downside to the season was that we lost in Notts Cup to Mansfield and thus our chance of another crack at the national cup.

Phil Loftus on his cup men

Tim Barker: Solid and dependable. Perhaps unkindly nicknamed 'The Barrel'. Excellent in defence.

Mike Bossart: An amazing veteran. Had started out in the 5th team, but proved himself. Like Tim, very dependable.

Neil Loftus: What do you say about your brother! Very good tackler and knew where the try line was.

Glyn Britten (right, bottom): The most talented player in the side by a mile. Should have made more of his ability.

Matt Spencer: Joined from Notts Police. Career hit by injury, but did well alongside Glyn.

Ted Hine: A little bit like Neil. Good tackler and could score tries as well.

Bob Walker: Came in for Ted against Nottingham. Another dependable.

Russell Smith: The smallest of the lot, but a very determined runner.

Paul Dudley: Came to us from Retford and was very consistent

Alan King (top): Some people would say it was a one-man team and Alan was the key figure. Excellent tactical kicker. A good steady fly-half and most prolific points scorer.

Nick Scott (middle): Perhaps our ninth forward. Ideal man behind such a pack. Good kicker out of hand.

George Crawford: One of our two RAF men. Very strong in the scrum and a mobile prop. Tragically George was killed in an IRA atrocity in Germany in 1984.

Dave Townsend: A member of the Lincoln brigade alongside King and Richard Todd, the second team scrum-half. Developed as a player to such an extent he went on to play for the Three Counties.

Jim Peters: Best tight-head the club ever had (well, perhaps!) Like George, very strong and mobile.

David Lord: Played in the Three Counties final-winning team, but then injured his back. Very strong for his age.

John 'Doc' Charlesworth: The veteran doctor. I claimed he was 38 when he played. Built like a back-row forward.

Kevin Priestley: Alongside 'Doc' he formed an excellent pair – they scrummed like demons.

Alan 'Stan' Hutchinson: Had emerged as an outstanding forward. Scored some outstanding tries and was a major force in the team.

Dave Saxelby: Like Stan, quickly forced his way into the first team. Tremendous tackler. Never far from the ball.

Kevin Saxelby: Cousin of David. Always highly effective when cricket commitments allowed.



The Leicester connection



A number of Newark players have gone down the Fosse from Kelham Road to Welford Road. Long before Dusty Hare made the journey (via Nottingham) the link had been established through George Cullen and Graham Pulfrey. John Wells continued the journey and Tom Ryder, a former pupil at Minister School, has followed in their footsteps this summer by joining the Leicester academy while a sixth former at Uppingham School.



Dusty Hare

Born: Nov 29, 1952.
Educated: Magnus GS, Newark.
Clubs: Newark, Nottingham, Leicester, Barbarians (73/74 Nottingham).
Leicester debut: Oct 20, 1976.
Last game: April 29, 1989 v Bath.
England caps: 25
England record: 240 points, 67 pen goals, 14 cons, 2 tries, one dropped goal.
Leicester record: 4,507 points in 394 matches.

John Wells

Born: Nov 12, 1963.
Educated: Magnus GS, Newark & Loughborough University.
Clubs: Newark, Loughborough, Leicester, Barbarians.
Leicester debut: Sept 25, 1982 v Harlequins.
 Played for England XV v Italy, May 1990.



Graham Pulfrey

Born: Sept 10, 1938.
Educated: Magnus GS.
Clubs: Newark & Leicester.
Leicester debut: Sept 15, 1962 v Plymouth.
Last game: Dec 27, 1969 v Barbarians.



George Cullen

Born: Feb 28, 1928.
Educated: Magnus GS, Loughborough Univ.
Clubs: Newark, Nottingham, Loughborough, Leicester, Bedford.
Leicester debut: Dec 26, 1949 v Birkenhead Pk.
Last game: April 23, 1957 v Exeter.





Dusty Hare and friends celebrate the arrival of the World Cup ball to Kelham Road in September 1991

OVER a 10-year period when England's selection methods seemed at times to resemble a blind man with a pin they turned more often than not to 'Dusty' Hare at full-back. In consequence, despite being dropped five times, he became his country's most capped full-back and highest points scorer until both marks were overtaken in the 1990s by Jonathan Webb. His popularity was huge in Leicester where crowds appreciated his points-scoring ability and the breadth of his attacking skills.

Dusty was raised on the family farm at South Clifton, Newark. He learnt his rugby at the Magnus Grammar School and won his first representative honours at 17 when he played for the Midland Counties East against Fiji at Welford Road, Nov 7, 1970; he was then playing for Newark but joined Nottingham in 1971. He won England under-23 honours in 1973 and his first cap a year later. In 1976, he joined Leicester, and was a member of their John Player Cup-winning teams of 1979-81.

The high point of his career was the England Grand Slam in 1980 which he shared with Paul Dodge, Clive Woodward and Peter Wheeler from Leicester. He toured Japan with England in 1979, Argentina 1981, Canada & USA 1982, South Africa 1984. He made six appearances for the Lions in 1983, though did not make the Test team.

Dusty broke Sam Doble's career points total of 3,651 at the Reddings on April 25, 1981, Doble's home ground. He went on to record a career points total of 7,191.

An all-round athlete, he played 10 first-class matches for Nottinghamshire between 1971 and 77 as a middle-order, medium pace bowler. He also played for Notts at tennis up to the age of 14. After retiring from playing, he continued to mix farming with being director of rugby at Nottingham (April 1990-93). In Sept 2000, he was appointed under-21 manager at Leicester.

However, Newark is never too far away as he continues to coach various age-group teams on Sunday mornings at Kelham Road. For a spell he also helped coach at Newark and was even persuaded to turn out, though his last first-team appearance ended in the disappointment of losing to Mansfield in the Three Counties Cup.

Richard Ewens **remembers Dusty Hare**

‘WHEN Dusty appeared as a replacement in the Midlands XV against Fiji as a 17-year-old – his first representative match – his teammates from the Magnus from the previous season went along to watch. Dusty came on as a fly-half and the first pass he received was down by his ankles and at the same time as Dusty picked up the ball he was hit – or rather steam-rollered – by a rampant George Barley, the Fijian stand-off. This was rather akin to being hit by a charging rhino. As Dusty picked himself up and shook his head, a voice boomed: ‘Blow me, that’s the end of a promising career!’

Dusty Hare

On his introduction to senior rugby at Newark

I WAS 17 and it was my first senior season and we went off to Norwich. My mum had bought me a new pair of hush puppies to make me look smart for the occasion. In the clubhouse afterwards, things got a bit out of order as they always do on such a long trip. My chaperones, who will remain nameless, decided to initiate me into senior rugby by urinating on my new Hush Puppies when we all stood together in the gents on the way home. I always remember the night – I ended up unconscious – it was my welcome to senior rugby!

I had left Magnus to concentrate on cricket at Notts. Newark played good rugby and it was the era of Nick Maltby, Ken Hunter, Mick Edlin and Paul Cattermole. It was good social rugby, but there always was a seriousness and determination to win. I think the era helped put Newark on the map. I moved on to Notts the next season, but I will always remember Newark.

JOHN WELLS came close to a senior cap in 1988 when he played a trial for England against the Rest, having won international honours at schoolboy, student, under-23 and B levels. He also played for an England XV against Italy in Rovigo, 1990.

John led the Loughborough Students side that won the UAU title in 1984 and played for Notts, Lincs & Derbys. He represented the victorious Midlands in every game of the 1986 divisional championship and toured Spain with England B in 1989. He captained Leicester from 1991 to 1993 and led the team that beat Harlequins in the 1993 Pilkington Cup final.

Throughout his rugby-playing career John had a varied employment history.

After gaining a degree in sports science and recreation management at Loughborough, he partnered his father in the family farm at Ossington, which included a spell where he reared venison.

He also worked at Stubton Hall and then became a police officer with the Leicestershire force.

After retiring from playing rugby, he became coach at Leicester in April 1998, taking a sabbatical from the police. In September 2000, he was appointed coach of England A.



John Wells

on his days at Newark

I WAS very lucky in that when I joined Newark we had a much respected and very good clubman in Alan Swain. The players went out of their way to do things for Alan. And he made sure that he got the best out of the players. Newark were also blessed in having a good knowledgeable coach in Dick Liversidge.

Within that squad there were some very good players for that level. And they pulled together. In terms of pure enjoyment it was without doubt the most enjoyable I had. There was no pressure on me to perform. At the start of that season I would have been quite happy to have made the Magnus first team.

One particular match stands out at Bradford Salem. We won 10-3 and I crushed a dog after tackling a player into touch. Unbelievably, the little poodle scampered away dazed, but unhurt (I think).

I had lot to thank Alan and Dick for, because they gave me the belief to set my sights higher and to think about taking up a course at Loughborough. If it had not been for them pushing and pushing then I don't think I would have gone in the right direction. That season at Newark gave me the ambition to go way beyond my dreams.



Those were the days...when Newark and Leicester met on the pitch. This picture was taken in September 1949

Graham Pulfrey

Graham was a full-back and played for Notts, Lincs & Derby and Leicestershire. He was one of three Leicester players in the Midland Counties (East) team who played the Springboks in Nov 1969. He worked for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries and his son, Daniel Robert David, played for Scottish Schools in 1987-88.

George Cullen

George was a fly-half and represented Notts, Lincs & Derbys while still at school. During 180 games for Leicester, he scored 550 points including 66 tries. After Loughborough, he worked as a schoolteacher in Windsor before moving to Bedford Modern School where he taught PE and English until retirement.



John Lawrence – a tribute

JOHN LAWRENCE, aged 30, died in March 2000. He was paralysed from the neck down from the age of 19 after an accident in a second team game in 1988. Eventually, he moved to a bungalow paid for by a club appeal that raised more than £130,000. The property was adapted to give him as much independence as possible.

Despite the injuries he remained a dedicated member of the club, acting as membership secretary and producing newsletters and bulletins. Charlie Fehrs, the then president, commented: "To be in his company was a privilege and we will all remember his humour, generosity and friendship."



John (top row, 5th from left) in the 1987-88 second XV, then later with the Notts Cup and wife Jean



Bob Walker remembers the enthusiasm and dedication that helped make John Lawrence a special person

FOR better or worse, I've spent the best part of 20 years playing rugby at Kelham Road. I was once asked to name what I considered were the top 15 Newark players dating back to 1983. And were it not for a cruel twist of fate on the rugby field more than a decade ago, I'm fairly certain that the name of John Lawrence would have been on the list.

I first met John when he was an enthusiastic teenager playing in the second row and – if memory serves – turning out in the back row from time to time. Along with Barry Newton and another young player named Richard Bijster, they briefly formed a rampaging unit I nicknamed the 'The Three Musketeers' which swept all before them in the successful second team of the late 1980s.

I remember the shock that descended on the club following John's accident. I was full of trepidation when we made our first visit to see him in hospital. But I was astonished by what I saw. John cracked jokes and smiled for the duration of our visit. I cannot even begin to imagine what private hell he must have endured in those dark days but his courage made a huge and lasting impression on me.

That he chose to remain close to the club was also something that I believe was an act of bravery. No-one would have forgiven him for shunning a game which had treated him so cruelly, but as we all know that was never the case.

He stayed a loyal and hard-working servant to Newark and his attendance at most games was to my mind astonishing. With the support and love of Jean and Betty and Alan, John overcame his problems to be a valued clubman. Not through charity...John and Jean worked hard to serve Newark and deserved every ounce of respect and admiration.

The last time I saw John, I launched into some typical moaning rant about some imagined injustice. "Just stop whinging," was his succinct advice. I think that also summed up his attitude to life. I will always remember him for that and for his huge smile through good days and bad.

Dawn of a new era



Success again. The 1996 Notts Cup winners after their 23-0 win over Casuals

Going professional...

THE success of the 1980s ensured that Newark were well positioned to gain a high placement when the league system was introduced in 1987. At the first attempt - under the captaincy of Alan King - Newark finished champions of Midlands Two East, propelling the team into Midlands One. For the next four seasons, Newark competed in the top regional league, missing out on promotion to Hereford and then Birmingham and Solihull. The break up of that squad in the early 1990s has never been corrected and relegation in 1993 was followed by another fall in 1995.

The introduction of professionalism was felt even at Newark's level, prompting in July, 1997 for the club to announce that they were prepared to pay players. "Newark RUFC join professional age" sang The Advertiser. Dickie Marshall, the then president, explained: "It is something that we can't avoid, although the move has been made reluctantly because we don't know where it is going to lead the club. But we have to move with the times, because professionalism is all around us."

Newark in the Leagues - 1987-2001

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
87-88 Midlands Two East - champions	10	9	0	1	243	72	18
88-89 Midlands One 3rd	10	7	0	3	197	142	14
89-90 Midlands One 3rd	10	7	1	2	208	155	15
90-91 Midlands One 3rd	10	6	0	4	155	97	12
91-92 Midlands One 5th	10	5	1	4	125	148	11
92-93 Midlands One 12th relegated	13	4	0	9	111	248	8
93-94 Midlands Two 10th	12	5	0	7	163	212	10
94-95 Midlands Two 12th relegated	12	1	1	10	109	249	3
95-96 Mids East One 5th	12	6	1	5	140	119	13
96-97 Mids East One 8th	16	8	0	8	255	264	16
97-98 Mids East One 12th	16	7	0	9	288	359	14
98-99 Mids East One 8th	16	9	0	7	271	349	16
99-2000: Mids East One 8th new format	16	7	2	7	289	315	16
2000-2001: Mids East Three (North) 4th	18	13	0	5	304	256	26



The team for the first home league match of the 2001/2002 season.

2001 and beyond

NEWARK, amid the floods of autumn 2000, played some of their best rugby for a number of seasons. Coached by Nick Scott, a member of the 1980s winning team, the squad reached the third round of the Intermediate Cup and started a league campaign that eventually earned fourth place overall behind Ilkeston, Spalding and Market Bosworth.

A new league structure saw Newark placed in Midlands Three East (north) which brought together 10 teams competing on a home and away basis. The season will also be remembered as the first where the club gained the help of two travelling New Zealanders in Kasey Ross and Neil Walter.

Though both contributed enormously to the success, the downside must be that their arrival is only a short-term solution to deeper problems of recruitment and nurturing home-grown talent.

An excellent start of five successive league wins came in an autumn where games were first affected by the fuel shortage and then the floods that wiped out the club's annual bonfire night. To complete the season of disasters, some games in spring had to be postponed because of the foot and mouth epidemic.

Newark could not maintain the good start, losing in the third round of the Intermediate Cup at Wolverhampton and then three league games on the bounce, to Spalding, Stoneygate and Market Bosworth.

A run of three defeats was followed by five straight wins, raising hopes of promotion. That thought was dispelled when Ilkeston won at Kelham Road, 17-3, though the following week, Newark won at Spalding, 17-10, thanks to a match-winning contribution of 17 points from Walter.

In between the league games, Newark lost 23-10 to Scunthorpe in the Notts, Lincs & Derbys Cup and then gained a place in the final of the Notts Cup, at Mellish, where Mansfield won 32-5.

Unfortunately, the season ended on a low note when Newark lost 60-13 at Market Bosworth. Off the field, the decision of Nick Scott to join the Rugby Football Union as a development officer meant that the club had to find a new coach, a position eventually filled by David Saxelby, another ex-captain from the all-conquering team of a decade previous. A further appointment saw John Clark become director of rugby.

To help the club to function the arrival of administrator Wendy Nathan should ease the burden on the many volunteers. With Barbara Perry running the bar and Ron Farr in charge of the ground and facilities, the club is well served for the future.



Life members



Ernest Ringrose



Henry Gorse



Francis Dwyer



George Pollard



Bob Wilkinson



George Jeffcott

Club Officials

Season	President	Secretary
1920/21	Rev. H. Gorse	C. L. Peet
1921/22	Rev. H. Gorse	C. L. Peet
1922/23	Dr. E. Ringrose	H. H. Selby
1923/24	Dr. E. Ringrose	H. H. Selby
1924/25	Rev. G. Gillett	H. H. Selby
1925/26	Rev. G. Gillett	H. H. Selby
1926/27	Rev. H. Gorse	H. H. Selby
1927/28	Dr. E. Ringrose	H. H. Selby
1928/29	Dr. E. Ringrose	H. H. Selby
1929/30	Dr. E. Ringrose	J. H. Brooks
1930/31	Rev. G. Gillett	J. H. Brooks
1931/32	Dr. E. Ringrose	H. O. Bugg
1932/33	H. H. Selby	H. O. Bugg
1933/34	N. Taylor	H. O. Bugg
1934/35	N. Taylor	H. O. Bugg
1935/36	G. Basker	P. D. Maloney
1936/37	F. N. C. Dwyer	P. D. Maloney
1937/38	F. N. C. Dwyer	P. D. Maloney
1938/39	S. W. Hill	J. L. Phillips
1939/40	S. W. Hill	J. L. Phillips
1940/41	S. W. Hill	W. J. Elvidge
1941/42	S. W. Hill	G. E. Pollard
1942/43	T. Beeston	G. E. Pollard
1943/44	T. Beeston	G. E. Pollard & F. N. C. Dwyer
1944/45	F. N. C. Dwyer	G. E. Pollard
1945/46	F. N. C. Dwyer	R. E. Reddish
1946/47	F. N. C. Dwyer	R. E. Reddish
1947/48	F. N. C. Dwyer	R. E. Reddish
1948/49	F. N. C. Dwyer	R. E. Reddish
1949/50	J. R. Wilkinson	R. E. Reddish
1950/51	J. R. Wilkinson	R. E. Reddish
1951/52	J. R. Wilkinson	R. E. Reddish
1952/53	R. H. Hambrook	J. F. Gardiner
1953/54	R. E. Reddish	J. F. Gardiner
1954/55	R. E. Reddish	A. J. Coleman
1955/56	S. W. Hill	A. J. Coleman
1956/57	S. W. Hill	A. J. Coleman
1957/58	S. W. Hill	D. C. Howard
1958/59	S. I. Derry	D. C. Howard
1959/60	S. I. Derry	D. C. Howard
1960/61	J. R. Wilkinson	D. C. Howard
1961/62	J. R. Wilkinson	P. G. S. Pulfrey
1962/63	G. E. Pollard	P. G. S. Pulfrey
1963/64	G. E. Pollard	B. J. B. Fisher
1964/65	G. E. Pollard	B. J. B. Fisher
1965/66	G. E. Pollard	B. J. B. Fisher
1966/67	G. E. Pollard	B. J. B. Fisher
1967/68	G. A. Jeffcott	B. J. B. Fisher
1968/69	G. A. Jeffcott	B. J. B. Fisher
1969/70	G. A. Jeffcott	J. G. Shackleton
1970/71	A. J. Coleman	J. Shackleton
1971/72	A. J. Coleman	J. Shackleton
1972/73	B. J. Fisher	R. P. Haslam
1973/74	B. J. Fisher	J. B. Beddoe
1974/75	B. J. Fisher	J. B. Beddoe
1975/76	J. Barker	J. B. Beddoe
1976/77	J. Barker	J. B. Beddoe
1977/78	J. Barker	J. B. Beddoe
1978/79	J. Barker	J. B. Beddoe
1979/80	W. B. Staniforth	R. J. H. Ewens
1980/81	W. B. Staniforth	R. J. H. Ewens
1981/82	G. T. Mollart	R. J. H. Ewens
1982/83	G. T. Mollart	R. J. H. Ewens
1983/84	K. Hunter	H. C. W. Hine
1984/85	K. Hunter	H. C. W. Hine
1985/86	K. Hunter	R. J. H. Ewens
1986/87	P. Butler	R. J. H. Ewens
1987/88	P. Butler	R. J. H. Ewens
1988/89	P. Butler	R. J. H. Ewens
1989/90	R. Benbow	E. B. Hine
1990/91	R. Benbow	E. B. Hine
1991/92	R. J. H. Ewens	E. B. Hine
1992/93	R. J. H. Ewens	E. B. Hine
1993/94	R. J. H. Ewens	E. B. Hine
1994/95	D. M. Taylor	E. B. Hine
1995/96	D. M. Taylor	E. B. Hine
1996/97	R. A. Marshall	R. J. H. Ewens
1997/98	R. A. Marshall	R. J. H. Ewens
1998/99	A. C. Fehrs	J. E. Rimmer
1999/00	A. C. Fehrs	J. E. Rimmer
2000/01	G. Macfarlane	J. E. Rimmer

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I. H. C. Robson	J. Swann
I. H. C. Robson	R. Liversidge
R. S. Swain	R. Liversidge
R. S. Swain	A. Swain
R. S. Swain	P. A. Loftus
R. S. Swain	P. A. Loftus
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R. S. Swain	P. A. Loftus
R. S. Swain	& N. M. Scott
R. D. Hughes	N. M. Scott
R. D. Hughes	A. King
R. D. Hughes	A. King
R. D. Hughes	D. Saxelby
R. D. Hughes	D. Saxelby
R. D. Hughes	J. Lees
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P. A. Strudwick	N. Edley
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Life members



Jeff Coleman



Tom Grocock



Geoff Mollart



Brian Fisher



John Harris



Ken Hunter

Club Honours

Midland Two East
1988.

Notts, Lincs & Derbys Cup

Winners
1983, 1988, 1990.

Notts Cup

1st XV Winners
1966, 1967,
1968, 1970,
1982, 1983,
1987, 1988,
1989, 1991,
1992, 1996.

Under-19 Winners
1977, 1978, 1984.

Notts Shield

2nd XV Winners
1988, 1991.

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Dusty Hare



Carnival days...

MENTION the word carnival in the clubhouse and members will go misty-eyed at the days when the likes of Jimmy Young, Len Fairclough (Peter Adamson), Walter Cornelius, the strongman from Peterborough, and Shahid Malik, the Amazing Escapologist, held centre stage in the mid-1970s. The Carnivals proved popular and gained tremendous publicity, including a front-page picture in *The Advertiser* of Cornelius attempting to pull a lorry through the Market Square. Some years crowds of about 5,000 flocked to Kelham Road, making it the club's biggest fund-raising event.

One claim to fame included an attempt at the world egg throwing record. Evidently, messrs John Iveson (the thrower) and Andy Hind (the catcher) managed a new mark of 260ft without splattering the egg all over their faces. Once the novelty of the Carnival wore off the club organised other fund-raising events, including the annual Nov 5 firework night and "It's a Knockout" competitions. The penchant for the club promoting daft events shows no signs of ending. Last December, some members happily posed for a calendar that proved a popular Xmas stocking filler.



...to calendar boys





Tour stories... *and the answers are debatable*

- Who invented "The Sock" and instigated fines in preparation for the Guernsey Tour, 1976?
- Who was it in Guernsey in '76 that supped Pernod all day, believing it to be non alcoholic?
- Who nicked a mini-van in Guernsey, drove it down hill, only to be rammed in the back by a local vehicle because the van was not switched on and had no brake lights? The local apologised for being in the wrong! The tourists took the van back to the owner, owned up and bought him a bottle of whiskey, only to find he didn't drink alcohol!
- Which two tourists took back members of the Alberta Hockey Club to their Guernsey hotel in the tour Mini Bus, then when they couldn't find their own hotel, posed as a relief bus and took directions from public passengers who fell for it?
- Who was the player at Bury Port, South Wales in '78 with such a hangover he had to be dressed by the other players before he played?
- When was the Mrs Ackroyd introduced?
- What were the draw prizes on tour in Amsterdam in '85 and who were the winners?
- "She stubbed her fag out, there on his face, where on his face? Right there, the little face with hairs on, where I declare she went stub, stubby ub, stub stub stub". Who got mugged in Amsterdam in '85 after lecturing the tourists about being careful in the red light district?
- Which President went on tour in Guernsey, played cards and supped scotch all of the first night, allowed everyone to go to bed without knowing which room he was sleeping in?
- What was the "Hang up" of the Landlord of the hotel in Guernsey, '80?
- Who dived off the roof of the tour bus in Holland, into a dyke believing it to be several feet deep only to find that below a few inches it was filthy silt?
- Who dived off the top board into a swimming pool in an RAF camp in Germany to discover that it wasn't water in the pool, it was cleaning fluid?
- After being nagged about not going on tour, which four 'allickadoos' turned up behind the local rugby club bar in Germany on the Saturday of the tour when the Newark tourists turned up? (and which one got kidnapped and had to stay on the tour and not come home in the car?)
- Which player was sent to Coventry in Guernsey, handcuffed to a pillar in the middle of the Guernsey clubhouse with his watch ticking away in a pint of beer, just in sight but just beyond his reach?
- What happened to Tony Edward's shirt and tie in Guernsey?
- Who knocked a clock off the hotel mantel piece while gesticulating about tourists behaviour in the hotel, "Let's treat it like our own home"?
- Which tourist in Dublin '93, had to wear a pair of bricks around his neck, hanging close to his private parts for a whole evening and why?
- Who had virtually a free tour to the Isle of Man in '94 since all of his cheques bounced?
- Who was "The Judge" on the Isle of Man tour and what was his sentence for not drinking all of his beer at the end of the evening?
- In Cork '95, who threw the lifeguard into the pool despite her serious protestations?
- Newcastle tour of '97, who was sick all over Barry Newton's blazer, in the White Swan, before the tour got underway?
- Which three tourists in Belgium '99, committed the schoolboy offence of locking "The Judge" in his bedroom?
- Which tourist nearly got arrested in Belgium '99 for streaking around the pitches just after the tournament had ended?



