

**50** years of

**Broughton Amateurs**  
*Association Football Club*

**1947**

to

**1997**

## **PREFACE**

*Firstly, apologies are offered here in advance, mainly for reasons alluded to below, not every player, character or event is covered in this booklet, but if you have any further information, regarding Broughton Amateurs or if there are any inaccuracies, please let us know and they may be included in the definitive, comprehensive History of Broughton AFC, still to be written . . . some day !!*

*The idea of a book on the History of Broughton Amateurs AFC was to publish it in time for the Golden Jubilee Dinner. That gave us just a few weeks.*

*This brief history has been hurriedly put together, but it is hoped that it will help to stimulate some fond memories for Broughton's players and supporters from all eras. It has not been authored by any literary genius but hopefully you will enjoy this saunter down parts of Broughton Amateurs past.*

*The collection and collation of information, photos, newspaper clippings and trivia unearthed a colossal amount of material. Thanks at this point to all of you who donated material, we will try to return it. It became obvious that it would not be possible to include all the information in this publication. So it was decided to try and just include significant events, like trophy wins etc.*

*Also the quality of the publication may not be what was first envisaged, a glossy brochure would have been nice with a fancy front cover, but mainly time constraints have inhibited us, plus the fact that if (when) a more detailed History is produced it would make more sense to have these enhancements incorporated into, what will be, a more meaningful production.*

*So what is being presented herein is a précis of all the information and material gathered, and the result is an abstract of only the FIRST 50 years of BROUGHTON AMATEURS AFC.*

# BROUGHTON AMATEURS ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

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## Officers of the club 1947 - 1997

### Presidents :

Arthur Dickinson	1947 - 1965
Francis Eden-Wilson	1965 - 1975
Michael R. Dolphin	1975 - Present

### Chairmen :

Gordon H. Spicer	1947 - 1959
F. Hunter	1959 - 1960
Hayden Sigley	1960 - 1961
Brian Hawkes	1961 - 1963
Norman Archer	1963 - 1964
John Howard	1964 - 1966
Mike Dolphin	1966 - 1971
David Wilson	1971 - Present

### Hon. Secretaries :

Harry Foster	1947 - 1950
Cyril Archer	1950 - 1954
D. Ryan	1954 - 1955
Jim Tyrer	1955 - 1956
Norman Archer	1956 - 1979
Tommy Taylor	1979 - 1988
Gordon Owen	1988 - 1997
Trev Lafferty	1997 - Present

### Hon. Treasurers :

J. Monaghan	1947 - 1949
Harry Lawton	1949 - 1972
Henry Clarke	1972 - 1982
Alan Roberts	1982 - Present

Lancashire F.A. Amateur Challenge Cup Winners 1980-81.  
Premier Division Champions 1980-81, 1982-83.  
Premier (Reserve) Division Champions 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1983-84, 1984-85.  
Division 1 Champions 1952-53, 1975-76.  
Division 1 (Reserve) Champions 1976-77.  
Division 2 Champions 1955-56, 1961-62, 1963-64, 1971-72.  
Division 3A (North) Champions 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1986-87.  
Division 3B (North) Champions 1974-75, 1977-78.  
Division 3C (North) Champions 1987-88.  
Division 4 (North) Champions 1986-87.  
Challenge Cup Winners 1967-68, 1971-72, 1985-86.  
Norman Archer Club Trophy Winners 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1986-87.  
Aggregate Trophy Winners 1955-56, 1960-61, 1963-64, 1979-80.  
Frank Aubert Trophy Winners 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1987-88.

In the beginning . . .

. . . there was a Youth club, at Broughton Village, which had been disbanded. Mr Gordon Spicer and 20 year old Arthur Kidd collected the youth club's footballers together called them Fulwood and Broughton Amateurs FC and played a few 'friendlies'. The year was 1947.

Mr. Arthur Dickinson, a local business man, was instituted as founder President (he held the office for 18 years till 1965) he with Gordon Spicer (Chairman from 1947 - 58 ) and Harry Lawton played prominent roles in establishing, organising and guiding the club.

Other known founder members were Norman Archer, Peter Haywood, Harry Foster, Alec White and Arthur Cook. Mr. Frank Mitchell 'looked after' the Team.

The newly formed organisation wasted no time in progressing. They applied for, and were granted, playing membership of the Preston and District League. Two teams were entered in the 1947-48 season with the nucleus of players being ex-Broughton Youth Club members.

# Fulwood & Broughton A.F.C.

(Member of the Preston and District Amateur League)  
President : A. DICKINSON, Esq.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. G. H. SPICER (Chairman). Mr. L. EDWARDS (Vice-Chairman).  
Mr. H. LAWTON, Mr. F. LATHAM, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer.

The fixture list was for the 1949-50 season, our last in the District League.  
2nd team didn't look to have started too well !

This letter head is from the first 2-3 years of the club, showing the first officials of the club.

FIRST ELEVEN.		SECOND ELEVEN.	
1949.		1949.	
Aug. 27—Stanley Villa	h	Aug. 20—S.E.L.F.C.	
Sept. 3—Ingol	a	Sept. 3—Ingol	h
" 10—Leyland & Birmingham	h	" 10—Great Erceleston	h
" 17—Preston Rangers	a	" 17—Broadgate	h
" 24—Nomads	a	" 24—Ashton Park	a
Oct. 1—Greenbank	h	Oct. 1—P.O. Tel.	h
" 8—Queens Park	a	" 8—St. Paul's	a
" 15—New Hall L.C.	h	" 15—Brookfield R.	h
" 22—Penwortham B.L.	a	" 22—Fishwick	h
" 29—Culley	h	Nov. 5—Ashton U.	h
Nov. 5—Gutteridge Memorial	a	" 12—Northern U.	a
" 12—Leyland Red Rose	a	" 19—S.E.L.F.C.	h
" 19—Whittle Wanderers	h	" 26—East Cliff	a
" 26—Stanley Villa	h	Dec. 3—Guildhall Cup, 1st Round.	a
Dec. 3—Ingol	a	" 10—Ingol	h
" 10—Leyland & Birmingham	h	" 17—Great Erceleston	a
" 17—Preston Rangers	a	" 24—Broadgate	h
" 24—Penwortham B.L.	a	" 31—Ashton Park	h
" 31—Nomads	a	1950	
Jan. 7—Guildhall Cup, 2nd Round.	a	Jan. 7—Guildhall Cup, 2nd Round.	a
" 14—Greenbank	h	" 14—P.O. Tel.	a
" 21—Queens Park	a	" 21—St. Paul's	h
" 28—New Hall L.C.	h	" 28—Brookfield R.	h
Feb. 4—Penwortham B.L.	a	" 4—Fishwick	a
" 11—Culley	h	" 11—Ashton U.	h
" 18—Gutteridge Memorial	h	" 18—Northern U.	a
" 25—Leyland Red Rose	a	" 25—J. Hawkins	h
Mar. 4—Whittle Wanderers	a	Mar. 11—East Cliff	a

At the end of the 1949-50 season the club left the District League after being accepted into membership of the Lancashire Amateur League. The name of the club had to be changed because Fulwood were already playing in the league so the club now, and for ever, became BROUGHTON AMATEURS.

This was a definite step up in level of football, from Local to County standard and Broughton were warned "You will never make the grade, the football is too fast."

After the first season (1950-51) there must have been worries that the warnings were well founded, as the team finished bottom of the league, and had to apply for re-election.

They re-entered the competition in 1951-52 with added determination. The hard working committee, had busily been laying the foundations behind the scenes, and this vigour transmitted itself onto the pitch as the players, led by inspirational captain Hayden Sigley, finished a respectable 5th in Division 1. The second team finished a very creditable 4th in Division 2.



**A page from Harry Lawton's scrapbook.  
 Pictures taken during 1951-52 season.**

*As the 1952-53 season got underway it was felt the club and the players were beginning to mature. The hard working committee, who met every Tuesday at the Golden Ball, allegedly to select the teams, had even managed to secure a bus for away games, and both teams had started the season well.*

*By the end of the season the 1st team finished level on points with Old Blackburnians. Their playing record was . . .*

*P-26 W-21 D-2 L-3 F-96 A-35 Pts-44*

*Goal difference or goal average was not used as tie breakers in these days and the joint champions had to play off at a neutral venue.*

*The match report for the play off game reads :*

*" In a play off at Grimsargh, Broughton Amateurs defeated Old Blackburnians by 2-1 and became champions of the Lancashire Amateur League 1st Division. This performance after only three seasons in top grade amateur soccer is a splendid achievement.*

*The match was fought at a fast pace throughout and though the exchanges were even Broughton looked the more dangerous and FLINTOFF, always a threat, gave Broughton the lead with a smartly taken goal.*

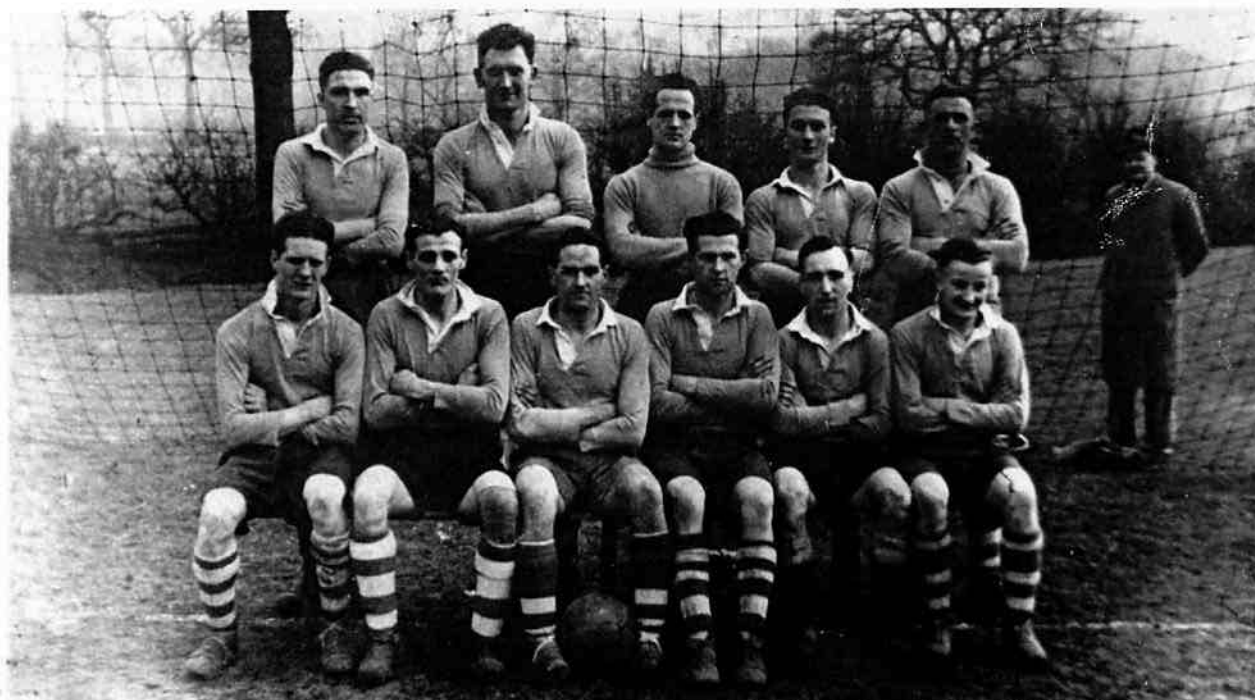
*Blackburn equalised almost immediately and at half time the score was 1-1. Early in the second half Blackburn pressed for a period but Broughton's defence was safe.*

*Eventually EDWARDS gave Broughton the lead and they should have increased that lead but missed easy chances.*

*The display of Broughton's defenders - RYAN, BLACKWELL, MAWDESLEY and BRIGGS - was first class, and though the forwards were not seen at their best FLINTOFF was ever a source of danger. "*

*So it was that Broughton won its first trophy by defeating Old Blacks 2-1 at Grimsargh (Fulwood's pitch) in only their 5th season in existence and their 3rd in the LAL. As the report says "a splendid achievement" and one that the club was, quite rightly, very proud of.*

## **1952 / 53 Division 1 Champions**



standing : Eric Blackwell, Stan Briggs, Doug Ryan, Richard Gornal, Harold Mawdesley,  
seated : Derek Ryan, Colin Flintoff, Hayden Sigley (capt.), Jim Holden, Bert Peak, Brian Hawkes  
Mr. Frank Mitchell (in background) missing off photo Jackie Edwards

**Broughton score six**

Broughton Amateurs were soon back in winning vein by a smart 6-1 home victory over Burnley Belvedere. In the first half and facing a gale, Broughton played extremely good football and Flintoff soon headed a fine goal after good work by Hawkes. Aided by the wind, Burnley did quite a lot of attacking but Broughton's defence was sound and further good goals by Flintoff and Hawkes made the half-time score 3-1.

With the wind behind them, it was all Broughton in the second half and further goals were added by Hawkes, Flintoff and Ryan.

**Broughton slip**

Broughton in losing by 2-4 to Old Farnworthians worsened their championship prospects. The visitors won deservedly by their more open and direct methods and two goal minutes had established the arrears lead. Broughton reduced the visitors to a penalty—only for the lead to immediately increase their lead and they added a fourth just on half time.

After the interval Broughton came more into the picture—but were never really dangerous.

**Double for Broughton**

Broughton 4-2 victory over Old Blackburnians at Blackburn was all the more creditable as they were without their leading goal scorer Flintoff—a flu victim.

Broughton were soon leading by three goals through Hawkes, Peak and Holden. Blackburn were rarely dangerous though Shorrocks reduced the lead before half-time.

In the second half Broughton were sound and with a little more steadiness might have increased their lead by more than a penalty goal by Blackwell. Peak (B) was outstanding for Broughton.

### Broughton maintain winning form

Broughton Amateurs who still have Lancashire Amateur League championship hopes, defeated Old Chorley by 3-1 at Chorley.

Broughton were disconcerted by the small playing pitch, and their close passing played into the hands of the Chorley defenders, although they led by a goal from Holden at half time.

In the second half, Chorley had just as much play as Broughton, but found Ryan in goal in top form. Holden headed a second goal, but Chorley fought back to make the score 1-2, and only when Blackwell added a third goal from a penalty did Broughton 2nd XI beat Old Chorley 2nd XI by 1-0.

### Broughton team-work

Broughton Amateurs match against Burnley G.S.O.B. at Broughton was fought at a terrific pace throughout, and it was their team-work rather than any individual effort which gave them victory by 3-2.

In the first half, Broughton were well on top and soon led by a goal from Holden. Peak scored the second.

Burnley fought back and only excellent goalkeeping by Ryan kept the half-time score to 2-1.

The second half was even faster, but Broughton always looked more likely to score and might have had more goals than the one which Blackwell scored from a penalty. Burnley's second, in the last minute, also came from a penalty.

### Broughton Amateurs gain revenge

Broughton Amateurs gained their revenge for a defeat earlier in the season by beating Preston G.S.O.B. by 4-1. A much overworked referee, without both linesmen and a distinctly marked pitch, came down heavily on each offence and the game was continually held up.

In the first half the football of both sides was not of a high standard. Broughton's defence was unusually shaky, and due to a bad defensive mix up the Old Boys equalised an early goal by Ryan. Pickston scoring.

Broughton forced a number of corners and from one of these Peak gave them a half-time lead of 2-1. In the second half Broughton's defence regained its usual solidity. A clever third goal by Flintoff ended the Old Boys' hopes of saving a point. Further pressure by Broughton brought a fourth goal from Peak.

Broughton second lost 1-6 to the Old Boys second.

### Flintoff's three for Broughton

Although defeating Old Rossendale by 5-2 at Rossendale, Broughton was not easy and mastery. He soon put them ahead, but Rossendale equalised.

In the second half, Rossendale were soon leading 2-1 but then Gornall's shot was deflected by a Flintoff player.

Flintoff put Ryan through for a third, quickly following by two by himself. Gornall was a good attacking half-back.

### Brace of fours by Broughton

Broughton Amateurs easily defeated Old Burmunians by 4-0 at Broughton. In the first half, their forwards, with Peak again the schemer, time and again outwitted the Bury defence and only some bad finishing and some fortunate clearances kept the score down to 2-0—both scored by J. Holden.

For a time in the second half, Bury came more into the picture but found Ryan on top form. Goals always seemed probable from Broughton and Edwards J. and Holden J. added two more. Broughton second beat Old Burmunians by 4-0 at Bury.

### Broughton Amateurs at the top

Broughton Amateurs ended a fine season in grand style by defeating Old Chorley by 12-0 at Broughton, and thus made sure of being at least joint champions of the Northern Section of the Lancashire Amateur League.

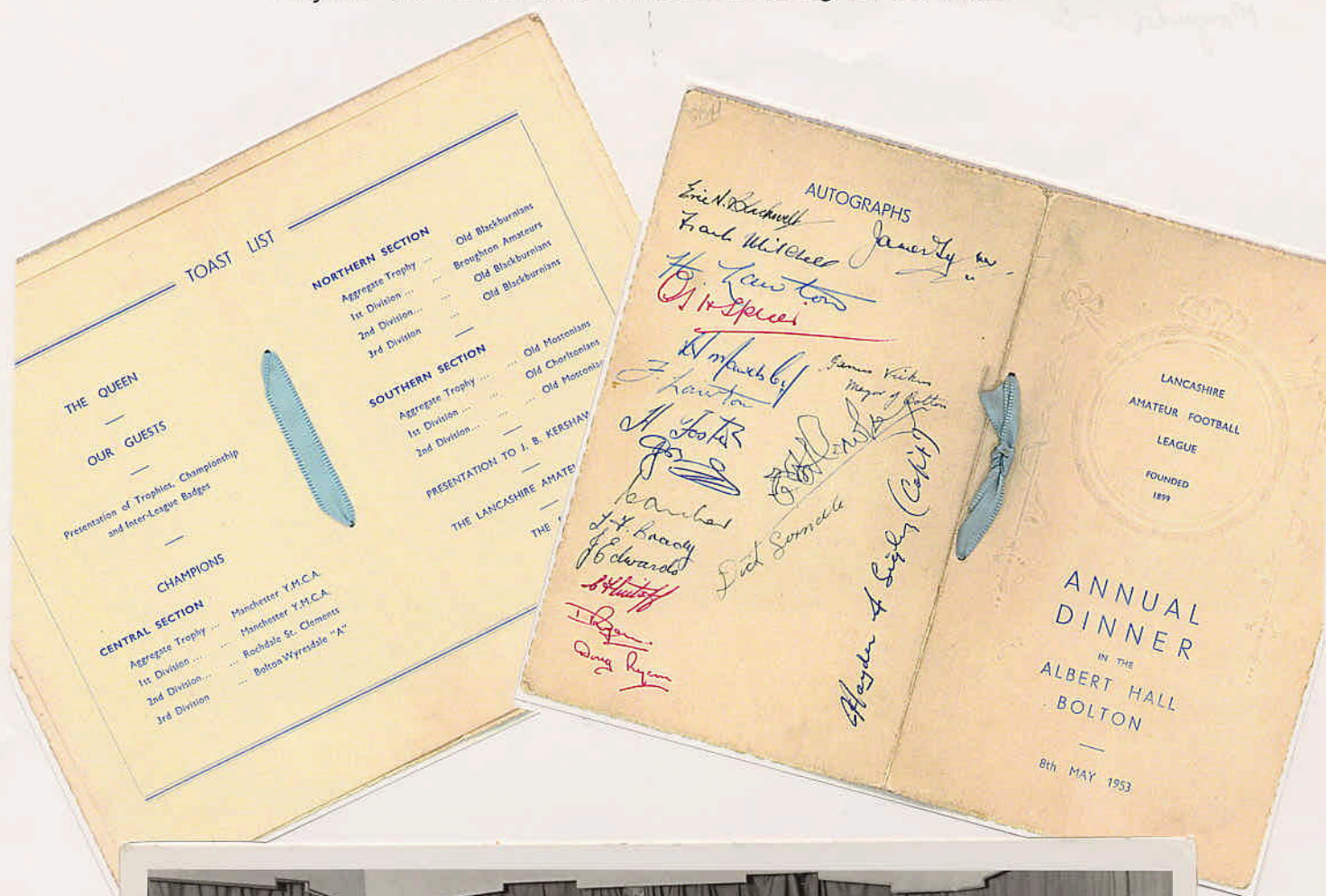
Chorley were no match for Broughton, but they persisted in playing the off-side game. Broughton quickly found the answer and goals came in a steady stream, and but for a good display by the Chorley goalkeeper the score might even have been greater. The scorers: Flintoff (5), Edwards (3), Holden, Peak, Sigley, and Mawdesley.

Mawdesley's goal followed a run from his own goalmouth, beating man after man before crashing in a terrific shot.

Members Card containing fixtures for 1952-53 giving comprehensive details of the games played and showing rules, officials and subscriptions etc. Cards were supplied by Brian Hawkes and Eric Blackwell.



Souvenir menu from the League presentation, showing Trophy winners. Players and officials in attendance have signed the back.



Some officials and players after being presented with the Trophy and Championship Badge.  
 Back Row: Bert Peak, Brian Hawkes, Jack Edwards, Eric Blackwell, Norman Archer, Tom Prescott  
 Middle Row: Cyril Archer, Frank Mitchell, Gordon Spicer, Harry Lawton, Arthur Cooke  
 Front Row: Derek Ryan, Stan Briggs, Hayden Sigley, Brian Bamber, Dawson, Doug Ryan

*The club's presentation night was held at Quinneys (now known as the Pig and Whistle) and in good Broughton tradition they knew how to celebrate success.*



*Some club officials proudly posing with the Trophy.  
(L to R) Walter Pilkington (Guest), Frank Mitchell,  
Gordon Spicer (Chairman), Cyril Archer (Secretary),  
Hayden Sigley (Captain), Harry Lawton (Treasurer)*



*Cyril and Norman Archer (no relation) showing off  
either their wives, Muriel and Ruth, or the  
Championship Trophy. Ruth still makes the Tea after  
home games at Broughton every Saturday.*



*Harry Lawton obviously  
picked up another award.*

*After the heady days of the 1952-53 season the next couple of seasons were steady but unspectacular, top four finishes for both teams, so both sides were fairly strong. The next successful season was 1955-56 when the second team won the Division 2 Championship and the first team finished runners up in Division 1. This also gained the club the prestigious Aggregate Trophy, which is awarded to the club whose 1st and 2nd teams collectively achieve the most points. Both these trophies had Broughton Amateurs name on them for the first time.*



*Players from both teams look on as Mr. Arthur Dickinson presents Harold Mawdesley with the Division 2 Championship Trophy. Sorry about the damaged photo.*

*The club was now almost 10 years old and had become well known and well respected within both the league and more locally. There were several fine players associated with the club around this time, Leo Gornall, a winger with Broughton, was later taken onto PNE's books, and a young Dave Simpson was watched by scouts from both PNE and Blackburn Rovers, Brian Hawkes, who was in the 52-53 team, had joined Broughton after leaving the North End youth team.*

*Around this time two other young lads made their Broughton debuts, Dave Wilson and Mike Dolphin now currently Chairman and President respectively, thus starting their 40 year association as players and now officials. They have been in these current roles for almost 25 years out of their 40 with the club, and were invaluable committee members before that. All this added to a fine calibre of staff within the club, both on and off the pitch.*

*The exact date of this picture is not known, only that it was the mid-late fifties and was probably only taken to show off the new changing room and sign.*

*This hut is now the one we use to store the goal posts, corner flags and nets etc. It was used by two teams who had a tin bath in which to wash after the game and was illuminated by a gas lamp, luxury! Also it was across the A6 and the players had to dodge the traffic before and after the game carrying posts etc.*

*The sign is still in use, and is kept in the new changing rooms to be hung outside before matches. Just to intimidate the opposition.*



*back: Gordon Spicer, Jimmy Holden, Pete Clegg, ? , Doug Ryan, Eric Blackwell,  
Hayden Sigley, Harry Lawton.*

*front: Bert Peak, Jim Dean, Harold Mawdesley, Bill Eskrick, Brian Hawkes.*

At the end of the 1960-61 Season the 1st Team finished Runners-up to Blackpool Rangers. With one game left Blackpool were one point ahead. The last Saturday of the season saw Broughton away at Bolton County and Blackpool round the corner at Old Sladians. Broughton won 5-4 but unfortunately Blackpool won as well to pip us at the post. There was, understandably, a great feeling of anti-climax when the news of Blackpool's win was announced.

Also that season we reached the semi-finals of the Lancashire Amateur Cup but were soundly beaten 4-2 by eventual winners Old Boltonians. The day of the semi was, current Chairman, Dave Wilson's 21st birthday, what a disappointment for him.

Like the 1st team the 2nds finished runners-up also by a solitary point, it was the second year running that they had finished runners-up. All in all a great season but, for both teams, a case of, so near . . . etc. etc.

Below is a poor quality news cutting of the 1st team and on the opposite page is some press reports about both the league and cup matches during 1960-61 season. One cutting has the final league tables.

## In Lancs cup semi-final



**T**HE successful Broughton Amateurs team, which has played 20 League games with only one defeat, and will meet Old Boltonians in the semi-final of the Lancashire Amateur Cup. They are (left to right, front): B. Smith, R. Grindrod, D. Simpson, B. Walker, P. Ollerton. Back row: I. J. Crabtree (committee), D. Meyler, H. Sigley, W. Tyson, M. Dolphin, D. Wilson, and J. McSkimming. They have scored 107 goals in 25 games, inside forward McSkimming heading the list with 25, centre forward Simpson being second with 24, while the other inside forward, Walker, has scored 14. The regular half-back ne of Meyler, Sigley and Ollert have

played a big part in fashioning the all-round improvement, whilst goalkeeper Tyson has had many good games and ranks among the best the club has ever had.

The full backs, Wilson and Dolphin are Preston cricketers. Sigley, now 39 years and playing as well as ever in his new found position of centre half, he has been with the club since its inception, and was left half and captain of the 1952-3 championship team.

The first team are in second place in the Northern Section, three points behind Old Rivingtonians, whom they beat last Saturday, but with five games in hand. The second team are in fourth place in the Division

II, and the combined records make Broughton firm favourites to take the aggregate trophy from Blackpool Rangers for the first time in six years.

The youngish committee have all been, or still are, playing members, with the exception of the senior member and treasurer Mr. H. Lawton, who played in the League pre-war. Mr. Lawton is one of the original founders of the club, and still maintains his enthusiasm, in spite of the fact that he now lives in St. Annes. The secretary, Mr. Norman Archer is one of those "jewels" which amateur soccer would not exist, but the greatest debt is owed to the President Mr. Arthur Dickinson, a most generous benefactor.

## BROUGHTON CUT BACK LEAD

Broughton Amateurs completed their fourth double of the season over Old Rivingtonians and cut back their opponents' lead at the top of the table. Rivingtonians now lead by three points, but Broughton have five matches in hand.

Against the run of play, Broughton went into the lead on the half hour, when Smith forced the ball into the net after a scramble in the goalmouth. In the second half, with left half Ollerton limping on the wing, Rivington took full advantage to equalise with a fine header, and take the lead when two Broughton defenders got into each other's way.

### BACK TO FORMATION

Broughton reverted to their positions and immediately there was an improvement in their play. They equalised through Simpson's persistence when he made the centre for Smith's headed goal and the same combination gave Broughton the winning goal, and Smith his hat-trick, when he hit a good shot just inside the post. Broughton second had a fine win at Rivington by 4-0, the scorer being Hawkes Bond (2) and Preston. Hawkes was again in good form, providing the centres for two goals and scoring one himself.

### NORTHERN SECTION Leading positions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Old Rivingtonians	25	18	3	4	84	36	37
Broughton A	20	15	4	1	78	41	34
Blackpool R	20	16	1	3	88	33	33
Blackburn Tech	22	13	2	7	49	47	28
Burnley GSOB	22	11	1	10	55	49	23

## Notable season for Broughton

Broughton Amateurs rounded off a notable season with a 5-4 victory at Bolton CGSOB but, as Blackpool Rangers also won, had to be content with second place, one point behind Blackpool. Broughton put on a grand display to lead 3-1 at the interval through goals by Simpson, Smith and one own goal. Simpson and Walker added other goals for Broughton.

Simpson's two goals took his total for the season to 35—good going for a converted wing half. Blackpool Rangers took the championship through greater experience. Broughton, a young side, played brilliantly at times, but under stress have sadly missed a steadying influence.

However, to reach second place in the table and the semi-final of the Lancs Amateur Cup after three seasons third from the bottom, is encouraging. Broughton's second team also finished runners-up in their division, for the second successive year, when they beat a ten-man Preston GSOB second, 6-1. The goals were scored by Gardner 3, Clark (D.) 2, and Rowland (A.).

## Lancs Amateur League tables

Lancashire Amateur League  
Northern Section final tables:—

### DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool Rangers	30	21	5	4	112	36	47
Broughton Amateurs	30	21	4	5	108	62	48
Old Rivingtonians	30	19	3	8	96	53	41
Blackburn Technical Col	30	19	3	8	76	80	41
Morecambe GSOB	30	17	1	12	90	73	35
Ainsdale H.P.	30	16	2	12	64	66	34
Southport Amateurs	30	14	3	13	72	54	31
Burnley GSOB	30	13	4	13	73	68	30
Old Sladians	30	13	3	14	72	74	29
Old Blackburnians	30	12	4	14	53	57	28
Hesketh Casuals	30	13	1	16	53	69	27
Bolton CGSOB	30	12	1	17	75	82	25
Burnley Belvedere	30	12	0	18	49	82	24
Preston GSOB	30	7	5	18	67	96	19
Pulwood	30	4	2	24	47	106	10
Old Farnworthians	30	4	2	24	47	103	10

### DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Old Sladians	30	22	2	6	116	59	46
Broughton Amateurs	30	20	5	5	104	58	45
Old Farnworthians	30	19	4	7	93	58	42
Southport Amateurs	30	18	4	8	111	73	40
Burnley Belvedere	30	17	5	8	104	71	39
Blackpool Rangers	30	17	3	10	85	69	37
Old Rivingtonians	30	13	8	9	75	72	34
Old Blackburnians	30	12	3	15	81	73	27
Preston GSOB	30	12	3	15	102	111	27
Burnley GSOB	30	11	3	16	88	93	25
Morecambe GSOB	30	10	5	15	71	80	25
Blackburn Technical Col	30	9	5	16	80	96	23
Bolton CGSOB	30	10	2	18	79	74	22
Ainsdale H.P.	30	7	4	19	59	98	18
Pulwood	30	7	2	21	57	93	16
Hesketh Casuals	30	6	2	22	52	149	14

### DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Old Farnworthians "A"	28	26	1	1	153	34	53
Old Blackburnians "A"	28	21	2	5	142	41	44
Blackburn Technical A	28	15	6	7	95	58	38
Old Blackburnians "B"	28	16	2	10	130	72	34
Bolton CGSOB "A"	28	15	3	10	94	77	33
Burnley GSOB	28	14	3	11	106	66	31
Old Sladians	28	14	3	11	106	66	31
Southport Amateurs	28	14	2	12	91	73	30
Ainsdale H.P.	28	11	4	13	80	92	26
Pulwood "A"	28	11	2	15	73	110	24
Old Farnworthians "B"	28	10	0	18	81	117	20
Hesketh Casuals	28	8	3	17	61	134	19
Preston GSOB	28	8	2	18	84	107	18
Pulwood "B"	28	6	2	20	56	139	14
Bolton CGSOB "B"	28	2	2	24	44	190	6

### DIVISION I

Leading positions, including April 22nd.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool R	28	20	4	4	107	34	44
Broughton A	28	20	4	4	102	55	44
Old Rivingtonians	30	19	3	8	96	52	41
Blackburn T.P.	28	18	3	8	73	60	39
Ainsdale H.P.	27	14	2	11	60	64	30
Burnley GSOB	29	13	4	12	69	64	30
Southport A	27	13	2	12	67	48	28
Bolton CGSOB	27	13	1	13	72	66	27
Old Sladians	27	12	3	12	64	64	27

## Broughton and Rangers in 35 fight for lead

BROUGHTON AMATEURS gave a sparkling display in beating Burnley Belvedere by 5-0 at Burnley. They are now level with Blackpool Rangers at the top of Lancashire Amateur League (North Section) table and both sides have two games to play.

If they are level at the finish, they will have to play off for the championship as goal average does not count.

With the advantage of a strong wind Broughton came close to scoring a couple of times before Simpson got on to a faulty back pass to open the score off a post.

Then Meyler lobbed a free-kick over the defence for Fish to score with the defenders vainly appealing for off-side.

### RUNNERS-UP

Broughton completely dominated the second half scoring through Simpson (2) and Fish.

In the second division Broughton assured themselves of being the runners up with a 2-1 home win over Blackpool Rangers and also the Aggregate trophy, awarded to the club with the best combined first and second team results.

Clarke (H.) and Hawkes scored for Broughton.

## Broughton make cup progress with fine rally

BROUGHTON Amateurs fought their way into the third round of the Lancashire Amateur Cup after being two goals down at one stage of their game with Old Chorltonians.

Chorlton went into the lead soon after the kick-off. From their first attack the ball stuck in the mud and with goalkeeper Tyson failing to gather, Chorlton's centre forward had no difficulty in scoring.

After this early incident the game became action-packed with narrow misses at both ends until Simpson equalised after 25 minutes only for Chorlton again to take the lead three minutes before half time.

The second half opened with a burst of Chorlton pressure and within five minutes this had been translated into a two goal lead.

### GREAT GOAL

Broughton fought back to obtain their second goal with a well taken shot by Simpson. Broughton then threw everything into attack and it was in this period that deputy right half Hodgkinson hit a great goal with a terrific 20-yard drive.

Chorlton were now visibly shaken, but it was rather unfortunate for them that Broughton's winning goal five minutes from time should be a lucky one. Inside right Walker sent across a harmless centre which the Chorlton goalkeeper should have collected, but it eluded him and finished in the net.

On the run of play Broughton just about deserved their win if only for the fight back, but both teams are to be congratulated for providing an entertaining game.

## Dolphin goals put Broughton in semi-final

BROUGHTON Amateurs reached the semi-final of the Lancashire Amateur Cup when they beat Waterloo GSOB 6-4 at Liverpool after extra time.

In a fairly even first half neither side scored, but in the second half Broughton rocked Waterloo with three goals from McSkimming in quick succession. Waterloo came back to rub one off the arrears, but when Grindrod hit a spectacular goal after 70 minutes to restore Broughton's three-goal advantage the game appeared to be safe.

Waterloo, however, hit back and in a spell of 13 minutes levelled the scores.

In the first period of extra time Broughton deservedly took the lead when left back Dolphin headed in, and the same player put the issue beyond doubt with a second goal.

An under-strength Broughton second team drew with Burnley Belvedere II 3-3 at Broughton.

## Broughton three in extra time

Broughton Amateurs gained an exciting 4-1 victory over Essemay O.B. in the first round of the Lancashire Amateur Cup at Liverpool after extra time.

Broughton scored after 13 minutes through Simpson and led at the interval. On the resumption Essemay gained control and equalised in the 58th minute. In face of terrific pressure the veteran Broughton centre half Sigley blocked their way. Just before the end of normal time right winger Howard had a grand chance to settle the issue, but his first-time shot went wide of the upright.

In extra time Meyler and Grindrod scored to floor Essemay and Walker scored a fourth goal. Broughton II defeated Morecambe GSOB II by 3-0. Gardner (2) and Smith scoring.

## Broughton make club history

With a 4-1 victory at Old Stretfordians, Broughton Amateurs made club history by passing into the Quarter Finals of the Lancashire Amateur Cup for the first time.

Playing much more intelligently than the home team, Broughton took the lead in 12 minutes through McSkimming.

Shortly after he headed over the bar.

Continuing to build up attacks from the dry ground, Broughton went into a two-goal lead just before the interval when Simpson applied the finishing touch to another clear-cut movement initiated by left back Dolphin.

On the restart Broughton continued their quest for goals and duly obtained the third when Walker hit a great goal from another combined attack.

Stretford then came more into the game and scored a good goal which encouraged them to apply pressure for ten minutes. But when the always dangerous Simpson hit a fourth the steam went out of the home team.

Broughton Reserves had to fight hard before beating Southport Amateurs Reserves 4-2 at Broughton. Left winger Hawkes scored two goals, one from a penalty, and laid on the centre from which Clarke (D.) obtained the other two.

Beech in the Broughton goal gave a great display in keeping the Southport total down to two.

## Broughton A. below form

Broughton Amateurs were well below their recent form in a somewhat disappointing Lancashire Amateur Cup semi-final tie at Blackburn on Saturday. Play was even, with Old Boltonians a little faster in attack, but the main difference in the teams was that Boltonians seized their chances, while Broughton fiddled with the ball.

Broughton seemed to be getting on top soon after the interval when Simpson put them level for the second time, but their right half and captain, Meyler, put through his own goal. Earlier he had scored his side's first goal. This changed the pattern of play and the Bolton team came more into the picture to win by 4-2.

With more concentration and better finishing Broughton might easily have earned a replay.

1961-62 season was another good one for the club and the 2nds won the Division 2 championship, after being runners-up the two previous seasons. Below is the menu from the LAL Dinner and some of the players parading the trophy.



The Lancashire Amateur Football League  
 FOUNDED 1899

## Annual Dinner

Pack Horse Hotel  
 Nelson Square, Bolton

Friday, 11th May, 1962

M. H. Berry, Esq.

## Toast List

### THE QUEEN

### OUR GUESTS

Presentation of Trophies, Championship  
 and Inter-League Badges

### CHAMPIONS

#### CENTRAL SECTION

Aggregate Trophy ... .. Whalley Range  
 1st Division ... .. Old Boltonians  
 2nd Division ... Bury G.S.O.B. and Whalley Range  
 (Joint Leaders)  
 3rd Division ... .. Whalley Range 'A'

#### NORTHERN SECTION

Aggregate Trophy ... .. Old Blackburnians  
 1st Division ... .. Old Blackburnians  
 2nd Division ... .. Broughton Amateurs  
 3rd Division ... .. Old Blackburnians

#### SOUTHERN SECTION

Aggregate Trophy ... .. Manchester Y.M.C.A.  
 1st Division ... .. Burnage G.S.O.B.  
 2nd Division ... .. Manchester Y.M.C.A.  
 3rd Division ... .. Manchester Y.M.C.A. 'C'  
 Subsidiary Trophy ... .. Manchester Y.M.C.A.

Inter-Section Cup ... .. Northern Section

Lancashire Amateur Cup ... .. Old Boltonians

THE LANCASHIRE AMATEUR LEAGUE



*In the 1963-64 season the 1sts finished as joint leaders of Division 1 with Preston GS. After needing to win the last five games to draw level on points, still no goal average/difference, so it was a play-off at Whittingham Hospital FC's ground on the Friday evening before the PNE v West Ham FA Cup Final. Brian Hall, who went on to play for Liverpool, before joining Broughton for a spell in the eighties, made an unexpected appearance for Preston, and we were never really in the game. Despite being 1-0 up we were thrashed 4-1 by the end. This coupled with North End's defeat next day made it a quite depressing weekend. Some of our lads, Dave Wilson included, travelled to Wembley to watch the Cup Final, and believe it or not, shared a car with a couple of Preston GS players! Did they rub it in or what?*

*The 2nd team magnificently won Division 2 and this combined effort from both teams gained the Aggregate Trophy for the club. The third time we had won it.*

*Below are players and officials after receiving the trophies at the LAL Presentation.*



*l to r : Pete Ollerton, Hayden Sigley, M.Berry (LAL), Francis Eden-Wilson, H.Heaps (LAL),  
Dave Halsall, Norman Archer, Brian Hawkes.*

*The 1964-65 season had the highlight of another Lancashire Football Association Cup Semi-final appearance. This time against Quarry Bank (Liverpool) played at Haig Ave (Southport). Against an extremely physical side we were overpowered 5-1 and had little to gain comfort from in the manner of our performance, reportedly our worst ever Semi-Final performance.*

*1967-68 was the next time Broughton saw a major trophy and it was the 2nd Team Challenge Cup won for the first, and still only, time in the club's existence. For much of the seventies and eighties there was no cup competitions, to alleviate end-of-season fixture congestion. Once again no pictures of the victorious 2nd team cup winners have been located, but, by way of a consolation, below is a picture from 67-68 season of the 1st team before a game against Fulwood. Wonder if they won the match ? - Must have !*



*1st Team 1967-68*

*back : Norman Archer, Dave Wilson, Halstead, Alan Rowland, Eddie Pickup George Fletcher,  
Holden, Hayden Sigley.*

*front : Battarbee, Burrows, Clark, Dave Simpson, Henry Clarke.*

*Out of the swinging Sixties into the decimalised Seventies. Off the pitch the seventies saw some major losses, the early part of the decade met with the passing on of Hayden Sigley and Harry Lawton and in 1979 the tragic loss of Norman Archer. The club donated the Norman Archer Trophy to the league and Harry's widow donated a trophy to the club which is presented each season to the Clubman of the Year helping to stimulate their memory to us all. They are all still remembered by us and sadly missed. In football terms they contributed to make the Seventies the start of Broughton's rise to the top.*

*On the pitch there was a spectacular start to the decade when in 1971-72 the first team won the Second Division championship and the LAL Cup for the first time. Another memorable feat. Sadly no team photos have been located, but we're still looking. Can you help ?*

*All that has been found is this news report about a friendly game, against Tommy Thompson's All Star XI played at Willow Farm, sometime during the 71-72 season and which included most of the double winning squad in a match that Broughton won 4-1 against a team of ex-professionals.*



*1971-72 Squad - Second Division Champions and Lancs Amateur League Cup Winners  
Alan Rowland, Dave Finney, Norman Archer, Eddie Pickup, Dave Simpson, Reg Johnson, Bill Hayhurst, George Fletcher, George Sams, M. Thornley, S. Jones, Bob Whalley, Eric Barton, Alan Roberts and Tommy Thompson.*

*The following year (1972-73) saw the introduction of a Third team, the reasons given for the formation of a third team varied. One school of thought, mainly round the bar, was that it was formed to prolong the career of veterans, but officially it was to promote a club policy of developing youth alongside experience. Many have benefitted from this policy as will be seen in the team photos, with younger players in lower teams one year then progressing upwards in subsequent years. Many made the reverse trip in later seasons.*

*However the next major effect on the club was perpetrated by the league themselves when the structure of the Lancashire Amateur League was re-organised for the 1974-75 season. Previously the league was regionalised, North, South and Central. In 74-75 the league was totally united by the formation of a Premier, First, Second and Third divisions. Broughton was placed in the First Division as was the second team in their identical (reserves) structure. The thirds were placed in the Northern Section Division 3B, (still regionalised for lower teams). This meant that none of our three teams were in the top flight of their section, we had no say in this decision, but the club was not too concerned because it was felt this would make team building easier than it would in the premier divisions.*

*In the first year of the new structure, 74-75, the third team, pictured below, got the Broughton trophy winning machine into a groove that was to last till 87-88 (14/15 seasons) and capture 36 major honours in that most glorious spell for the club.*



*1974-75 3rd Team - Champions of Division 3B*

*back : Norman Archer, Ron Marshall, Andy Rostron, John Tyson, Stuart Blackwell, Kim Taylor, Steve Poole.*

*front : Henry Clark, J. Westby, Alan Rowlands, Alan Whittaker (capt), Rob Bryce, Andy Sumner, Ken Philson.*

*Norman Archer was 3rd team manager as they ended as champions of 3B North, no less, with a mix of youth (Andy Rostron, Kim Taylor, Stu Blackwell) and experience (Henry Clark, Alan Rowlands, captain Alan Whittaker), all the others must have come somewhere in between, this confirmed that the policy mentioned earlier worked and was the way ahead.*

*Incidentally Stuart Blackwell is the son of Eric Blackwell a player in the first championship team of 52/53 and Stuart's son is signing for the club in 97 to become the third generation Blackwell to play for Broughton, if he wins a championship one day, that would be even more unique.*

*With the 3rd team safely promoted to division 3A, the next season, 75-76, saw the 1st team make its first significant move in the new structure when it won the first division championship and therefore was promoted into the premier division where they stayed for the next 20 seasons. Below is the squad that won the league, including long serving player Dave Simpson and members of the selection committee.*



**1975-76 1st Team - Division 1 Champions**

*back : Norman Archer, Dave Wilson, Tommy Taylor, Gordon Owen, Eddie Pickup, John Taylor, Reg Johnson, Mike Dolphin, Derek Phillips.*

*front : Brian Roberts, Alan Roberts, Dave Simpson, Bob Greenslade (capt), Roy Collins, Malcolm Hind, Dave Gornall.*

*When the 2nd team manager, Derek Phillips, saw his side, pictured below, promoted as champions of Division 1 (Reserves) in 76-77 this should have meant that all our teams were now in the top flight of their sections, except that this season had seen the introduction of a 4th team into Division 3C, must have been a lot of vets unable to get a game in the 3rds, who are pictured on next page. It isn't really suprising they were unable to get into the 3rd team as they were winning their division, 3A, for the first time in a run that saw them repeat this achievement and become champions for six consecutive seasons. Not to be totally outdone the newly formed 4th team, managed promotion to Division 3B. A great achievement in their very first season.*



*1976-77 2nd Team - Division 1 Champions*

*back : Derek Phillips, Andy Pemberton, John Royle, Tommy Taylor, Dave Castle, Dave Gornall, John Cornall.*

*front : Ian Moss, Andy Bell, Malcolm Forsyth, Bob Whalley, Brian Chiverton.*

*The establishment of the 4th team, part of the master plan, highlighted how much effort the committee, led by Dave Wilson, put into the club, people like Norman Archer, who was not only secretary, since 1956, but assisted in running both the 3rd AND 4th teams with help from captains, Brian Craven and Alan Whitaker.*

*As mentioned earlier Derek Phillips and captain Malcolm Forsyth ran the 2nd team, whilst the 1st team was run by a committee including Dave Wilson, Mike Dolphin and captain Bob Greenslade, who was in his final season with the club.*

*Below is the 3rd team that won Division 3A for the first time in 1976-77.*



*1976-77 3rd Team - Division 3A Champions*

*back : Alan Rowlands, George Sams, Trev Lafferty, John Seddon, Robbie Finney, Robbie Lane, Norman Archer.*

*front : Duncan Pickup, Pete Whalley, Brian Craven (capt.), Stu Pomfret, Alan Lafferty*

*Pre-season 77-78 had training taking place outside at Conway Drive under the disciplined eye of Peter Corbett who was also the 1st team manager. That season saw the 1st and 2nd team more than hold their own. The 1sts finished in fourth place whilst the 2nds in Premier (Reserves) for the first time managed a runners-up slot. the first team also managed to reach the LFA Cup Semi-Final only to be narrowly defeated 1-0 by North Withington.*

*Pride of place that season went to the 3rd and 4th teams who won their respective divisions 3A and 3B.*



*1977-78 3rd Team Division 3A Champions*

*back : John Cornall, Dave Benson, Mick Bilsborough, Pete Whalley, Keith Flintoff, John Seddon, Norman Archer.*

*front : Callum McGregor, George Sams, Alan Rowlands, Brian Chiverton, Robbie Lane.*

*This was the only championship the 4th team managed because from now on they would be in the same division as the all conquering 3rd team. The clever old Lancs. Amateur League have considered this, and there is a 'pot' called the Frank Aubert Trophy, which is presented to the highest placed 4th team in the league.*

*Our 4th team won this trophy 8 times in the next 10 seasons, highlighting the immense strength in depth at the club during this period.*



*1977-78 4th Team Division 3B Champions*

*back : Norman Archer, Ted Harmer, Dick Tansley, John Tyson, Tommy Taylor, Mark Gudgeon, N. Holden.*

*front : Dave Bradbury, Keith Pomfret, Alan Whittaker(capt.), Dennis Myerscough, Eric Kerfoot.*

*The 1978-79 season started with the players being introduced to a certain Eddie Brown who had been appointed as 1st team manager. He joined a club that was getting used to winning and he impressed everybody, and still does, with his familiar motivational approach.*

*The 1sts finished 5th and the 2nds, pictured below, set out on their championship winning streak by winning the Premier (Reserves) for what was the first of 7 championships in the next 8 years.*



*1978-79 2nd Team - Premier Division (Reserves) Champions*

*back : mascot, John Royle, Mick Bilsborough, Andy Rostron, Dave Whittle, Mark Gudgeon, Terry Sharples, Alan Mutton, Lou Castle.*

*front : Dave Simpson, Keith Pomfret, Bob Whalley (capt.), Brian Chiverton, Trev Lafferty.*

*This season witnessed the 3rds, pictured below, continuing their championship winning ways, by being victorious for the third consecutive season and only losing once in the process.*

*The 4ths won the Frank Aubert Trophy for the first time finishing 6th in the same division as the 3rds.*



*1978-79 3rd Team - Division 3A Champions*

*back : George Sams, A.Taylor, Tommy Taylor, Graham Ireland, Keith Flintoff, John Seddon, Norman Archer.*

*front : Dave Benson, M. Harvie, Alan Rowlands(capt.), Robbie Lane, Alan Lafferty.*

*The 1979-80 season had Eddie Brown convinced he had made the right decision in joining a club that was getting used to winning, his influence was now being seen. He has always been a great socialiser and is a magnificent 'front man' for all the club's functions, he even made presentation nights entertaining for the ladies to attend, and is the usual master of ceremonies at the club's annual Sportsmans Dinners. He made sure it was never dull, whether it was a club function, match day or even training and the 1st team responded well, ending the season as runners-up.*

*The 2nds, pictured below, and 3rds, pictured on next page, obviously won their divisions, again, and the 4ths won the Frank Aubert Trophy.*



*1979-80 2nd Team - Premier Division (Reserves) Champions*

*back : John Royle, Ron Marshall, Andy Rostron, Graham Ireland, Bernie Farrell, Dave Castle, Lou Castle.*

*front : Trev Lafferty, Alan Mutton, Dave Whittle (capt.), John Cornall, Keith Pomfret.*

*The 1st and 2nd team also got the best combined points total to win the prestigious Aggregate Trophy for the first time since 1963-64.*

*If you're counting that's 4 trophies so far, sadly there was one other trophy we won that year, it was one we all wish had not been in existence, The Norman Archer Club Trophy, donated by the club to the league and dedicated to our secretary of 22 years, and founder member of the club 32 years earlier. The only consolation we could have is that Norman's beloved Broughton was the first name on HIS trophy, we have won it four times altogether.*

*Eddie Brown was suitably impressed with the club - 5 trophies in one season how could we top that ?*

*Well we did.*



*1979-80 3rd Team - Division 3A Champions*

*back : Dave Simpson, Andy Cowell, Tommy Taylor (manager.), Dick Tansley, Carl Rowlands, Dave Finney, Jeff Holden.*

*front : Callum McGregor, Carl Walker, Dave Benson, Alan Rowlands, Robbie Lane.*

*The Seventies had seen the Club lease the 'field' belonging to Park House (Mike Dolphin, house resident - Club president) and construct a new pitch there as well as re-developing the existing pitch. With two matches at Broughton most weeks we also had to improve changing facilities, these showers etc. were constructed on the end of the Playgroup/Youth Club hut.*

*At the start of 1980-81 season the teams were using the new facilities and in Oct 1980 we had an official opening, which was performed by Ruth Archer, seen on the opposite page cutting the red tape and then the cake at the reception afterwards, with Chairman Dave Wilson looking on.*

*A quick word on Ruth. Wife of the late Norman Archer, pictures of him on previous pages, not only supported him during his service to the Club, but actively helped him and the Club. In 1951 (or was it 52) in order to save the Club money she agreed to wash the kit, and guess what ? some 45 (or is it 46) years later she is still doing it. At times, particularly when we had 5 teams, she has had help, from Jill Rowland and Ann Aquilina to name but two of those helpers. The kits are picked up Saturday lunch and dropped off Saturday tea-time. Pass her house anytime and there will be a set of shirts on the line drying. In addition, to kit washing and maintenance, on Saturday afternoons while the kit is getting muddied and bloodied, she goes up to Broughton to brew up for the players and their opponents.*

*Interestingly, she never actually played for the club but probably would have done better than some who did, and EVERY generation of players at Broughton owe her a great vote thanks, and she deserves this recognition, and more, for all she has done through the years.*

*Pictured below are some ex-players and ex-officials who attended the opening ceremony. D.Ryan - secretary , Gordon Spicer - co-founder and first chairman, Harold Mawdesley - 2nd Team capt, Cyril Archer - secretary and Brian Hawkes - chairman. They were all long serving committee members as well.*





*October 1980*

*Opening of the new showers  
and changing rooms  
(above)*

*and Official Reception  
(right)*



*We were truly in the middle of a golden era for the club, however if one season stood out amongst the rest, if there was one season when we won more trophies than any other, then surely this 1980-81 season was that special one. It most certainly had to be the pinnacle of all the club's achievements we won every trophy, except one, that was available to us. This one season could fill a whole book, the records could keep any 'Statto' happy for weeks, and it would be easy to wax lyrically about the amazing successes of that season. So here goes.*

*Pride of place, undoubtedly, went to the first team, winning the two main competitions that they had entered, these were the Premier Division of the Lancashire Amateur League, won for the first time since its inception, and also the Lancashire Amateur Cup which is the major competition for amateur clubs in the county a sort of European Cup, it was our first appearance in the final, after previously being four times in the semis, below is that successful team.*

*Lancashire Football Association Amateur Cup Winners  
and  
Premier Division Champions  
1980-81 1st Team*



*back : Eddie Brown, Trev Lafferty, Eddie Shorrock, Gordon Owen, Steve Bury, John Taylor,  
Dave Gornall, Brian Roberts.*

*front : Stuart Pomfret, Ian Moss, Alan Roberts (capt), Reg Johnson, John Turver.*

The league season for the 1st team did not start that spectacularly after 10 games they had won 4, only lost 1, but drawn 5 so they were well placed but were drawing too many to be threatening the early pacesetters, Rossendale and Burnley Belvedere. The main thing here was that because of only the one defeat, 2-1 away at Rossendale, there was an air of quiet confidence within the squad and a final sequence of twenty points from eleven games, two points for a win in those days, saw them home by a healthy six point margin. League Tables for the 80-81 season, for all our teams, are shown on a later page.

#### *1st Team League Statistics . . .*

*Ever presents : Trev Lafferty, Alan Roberts (30 games)*

*Other Appearances : Ian Moss (28), Brian Roberts, Stuart Pomfret (27)*

*Top Scorers : John Taylor (23), Dave Gornall (20), Eddie Shorrocks (10).*

Similarly, the 2nd team, pictured below, took fourteen points out of a possible eighteen, in their last nine games, to retain the Premier (Reserve) title with a nine point advantage over Burnley Belvedere.

#### *2nd Team League Statistics . . .*

*Ever presents : none in 30 games*

*Other Appearances : Dave Castle Ron Marshall (29), John Royle (28)*

*Top Scorers : Ron Marshall (23), Gary Humphrey (18) Andy Rostron (9).*



*1980-81 2nd Team - Premier Division (Reserves) Champions*

*back : Lou Castle, John Cornall, Tommy Taylor, Andy Rostron, Graham Ireland, John Royle,  
Gary Humphrey*

*front : Keith Pomfret, Ted Frimstone, Dave Whittle (capt), Brian Chiverton, Dave Benson.*

*The 3rd Team, pictured below, beat nearest rivals, Old Bolts, 5-2 in the last game of the season to win the Division 3A title for the fifth successive season. Like the 1st and 2nd teams, it was a brilliant sequence of matches that saw them gain twenty one points from the last eleven games. They had a one point lead over Bolts before that final title deciding game.*

*3rd Team League Statistics . . .*

*Ever presents : Barry Rigby (28 games)*

*Other Appearances : Jeff Holden (22), J.Bamber (22), Tommy Taylor (21)*

*Top Scorers : Jeff Holden (27), Brian Chiverton (10), Cal McGregor (9).*



*1980-81 3rd Team - Division 3A Champions*

*back : Alan Rowlands, Ted Frimstone, Barry Rigby, Mick Holden, Dave Benson,  
Tommy Thompson (not on picture Jeff Holden)*

*front : Dave Morris, Brian Chiverton, Tommy Taylor, Callum McGregor, Bobby Bryce.*

*The 4th Team turned in some fine performances in the closing stages of the season to finish in fourth place and but for a shaky period in mid-season might have pressed Old Bolts for runners-up, behind our 3rds. Even so the 4th team pictured below retained the Frank Aubert Trophy for another year.*

*4th Team League Statistics . . .*

*Ever presents : None in all 28 games*

*Other Appearances : Andy Cowell Ted Harmer (26), Paul Shipp (23)*

*Top Scorers : Paul Shipp (12), Tony Riley (10), Paul Smith (6).*



*1980-81 4th Team - Frank Aubert Trophy Winners*

*back : Alan Rowlands, Dick Tansley, Andy Mills, Paul Smith, Andy Cowell, Dave Finney,  
Alan Whittaker.*

*front : Malcolm Forsyth, Tony Riley, Ted Harmer (capt), Robbie Finney, Paul Shipp.*

*Winning the league is a great achievement, after all it's your "bread and butter", proving you are the best over a season is tremendously satisfying, it is the ultimate test and the main yardstick for gauging ability of clubs or teams, BUT, there is nothing like the 'magic' of the cup.*

*The expectation and excitement mounts as the rounds go by till you reach the crescendo of a Final. Here, briefly, is how the momentous cup run of 1980-81 unfolded.*

*When we beat the well respected and fancied Wythenshawe, 2-1 away in the second round it signalled our intent as serious contenders. Next, in our only Cup tie at home, Manchester YMCA were beaten 5-2. Then in the fourth round, away at Rochdale, we had a convincing 3-1 win. Burnley Belvedere were dispatched 2-0, again away from home, in the quarter finals. That left us, alongside three Liverpool Zingari league teams. Sefton and District beat St. Dominics 4-2 in the first semi and we were drawn to meet Mossley Hill in the other Semi-Final at Burscough on 19th March. There was certainly a buzz within the club as it was firmly gripped by cup fever.*

*Our generous president allowed the players to be pampered at 'his' restaurant, Guys, before the big game and the players enjoyed it so much, a 0-0 draw, after extra time, in a game we should have won, meant they had to do it all over again on the 27th, this time after Guys we went to play at Marine's ground, where we won convincingly 3-0 with goals from Dave Gornall (2) and Eddie Shorrock. Dave should have had a hat trick but missed a penalty in the last few minutes.*

*Still, as a club, we were all happy enough. That was the fifth time in the Club's history that it had made it to the LFA Cup Semi-Final stage and at last we had won through to the Final.*

*So, confidently onto the Final, to be held at Burscough on Thursday 9th April 1981, against Sefton. Once again our magnanimous president made sure we were well prepared, at Guys. These pre-match meetings were tremendous for team spirit and after our 'light' meal Eddie Brown would address the squad and, as only he can, would relax, motivate and inspire us. This evening he surpassed even himself with his own performance. As in his own style he went through the team player-by-player in such an entertaining manner we forgot there was a match to play, but his brilliant style was such that, although humorous, the point always hit home.*

*We were prepared, all that was left now was to play. A couple of coachloads of supporters plus a convoy of cars left from Fulwood and Broughton Cricket Club.*

*The press cutting, on the facing page, will describe the game to you through neutral eyes, but everyone agreed we deserved our 3-2 victory. Gornall, Shorrock and Taylor scored the goals.*

*To try and put this achievement in context, it was the first time since the war that a Preston team had won this trophy, a gap of 43 years, this most prestigious of amateur competitions, was started in 1893, it was our 'European' Cup and the Club's finest hour.*

*The page opposite shows the newspaper report with the match programme and a picture of the players and supporters celebrating after being presented with the cup and their individual winners trophies.*

## BROUGHTON AMATEURS

### v SEFTON

BROUGHTON AM.  
(Red Shirts) SEFTON  
(Black & White Striped  
Shirts)

From:

S. Bury  
J. Turver  
G. Owen  
B. Roberts  
A. Jackson  
I. Moss  
A. Roberts  
T. Lafferty  
E. Shorrocks  
D. Gornall  
J. Taylor  
R. Johnson

S. Massam  
G. Hewitt  
W. Roberts  
T. Spellman  
T. Jones  
B. Pervis  
E. Cramsey  
S. Niblock  
D. Shaw  
J. Moore  
T. Molloy  
I. Newbury  
D. Hall  
A. Todd  
R. Gillies

Referee: M. J. Dunn, Preston

J. F. Fagan, Wigan

D. Page, Bolton

In the event of a draw after 90 minutes — extra time  
of 30 minutes will be played.

The Lancashire F.A. wish to thank Whitbread West Pennine Ltd. for their sponsorship of this competition for this season.

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THE ASSOCIATION WISH TO THANK  
BURSCOUGH F.C. FOR STAGING THIS  
FINAL TONIGHT. WE APPRECIATE  
THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT

#### HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

BROUGHTON AMATEURS	SEFTON
First Round— Bye	First Round— Bye
Second Round— Wythenshawe Amateurs (A) 2-1	Second Round— Old Mancunians (H) 6-0
Third Round— Manchester Y.M.C.A. (H) 5-2	Third Round— North Withington (A) 2-1
Fourth Round— Roch. St. Clements (A) 2-1	Fourth Round— Aintree Villa (H) 4-4 Replay 6-0
Fifth Round— Burnley Belvedere (A) 2-0	Fifth Round— Essenmay O.S. (A) 2-1
Semi-Final— Mossley Hill 0-0 Replay 3-0	Semi-Final— St. Dominics 4-2

## Skill is the key to win

BROUGHTON Amateurs carried off the Lancashire Amateur Cup at Burscough last night with a decisive, and thoroughly deserved victory over Zingari League side Sefton and District.

Although Sefton scored a consolation goal in the dying seconds of the game to make the final score 3-2, Broughton had already won the game with a splendid display of skill and team work in the second half.

Sefton were prominent only in the opening stage of the game, using the height of their twin strikers Moore and Molloy to good advantage, but Broughton gradually put their game together to take the lead ten minutes before half time.

John Turver's corner on the right was headed away but his return cross was flighted perfectly for Dave Gornall to head in at the near post.

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The referee was constantly in action penalising some desperate tackles by the Sefton defenders but five minutes from half time a long clearance up field left Molloy free on the edge of the Broughton area and he levelled the scores with a well placed shot which gave Steve Bury no chance.

Broughton came out determinedly in the second half and after ten minutes they regained the lead with a goal from Eddie Shorrocks.

Dave Gornall worked the ball down the right and his cross was headed on to the far post where Shorrocks was waiting to bury his shot into the bottom corner of the net.

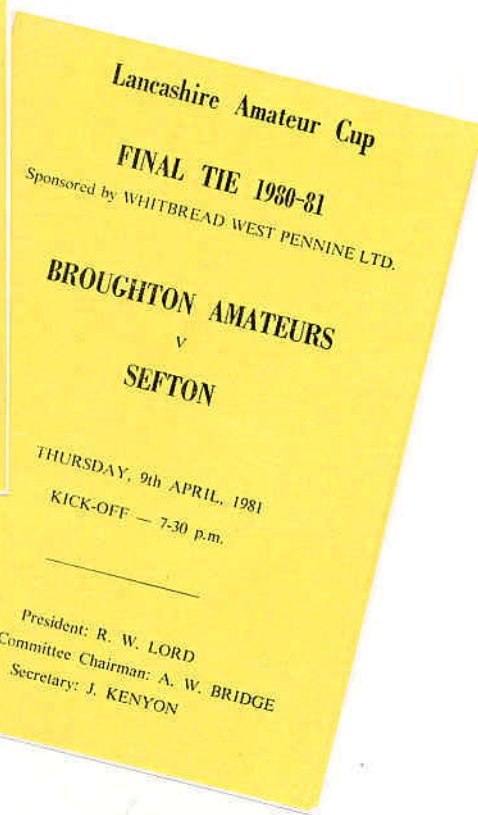
Sefton had no answer to Broughton's fluent football and they were forced into using the long ball to their forwards who were kept well in check by the Broughton back four.

Broughton finally clinched the trophy ten minutes from the end when Shorrocks drew the Sefton

defence and sent John Taylor through to score.

Gornall had a chance to make it 4-1 immediately afterwards but his lob over the Sefton keeper went narrowly over the bar.

When Niblock's late glancing header crept into the Broughton net, the Amateurs had already earned themselves a deserved victory in their first ever appearance in the final.





## How we Performed in the Lancs Amateur League 1980-81

### PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broughton Amateurs	30	21	8	1	76	22	50
Rossendale	30	18	8	4	75	30	44
Burnley Belvedere	30	21	2	7	71	38	44
Rivington	30	18	3	9	86	40	39
Southport Amateurs	30	14	7	9	67	58	35
Bury GSOB	30	11	11	8	60	52	33
Chorley Amateurs	30	12	6	12	71	66	30
O. Boltonians	30	12	6	12	65	67	30
Whalley Range	30	11	6	13	51	54	28
Burnley GSOB	30	10	6	14	44	48	26
O. Blackburnians	30	11	4	15	37	49	26
O. Chaddertonians	30	11	2	17	46	60	24
Rochdale St. Clems	30	8	7	15	54	70	23
Nelson GSOB	30	10	3	17	45	66	23
M.E.C.	30	4	3	23	39	84	11
Failsworth SOB	30	4	3	23	53	136	11

### PREMIER RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broughton Amateurs	30	24	4	2	86	30	52
Burnley Belvedere	30	17	9	4	74	45	43
Bury GSOB	30	14	8	8	70	54	36
Stanley United	30	14	8	8	62	52	36
Southport Amateurs	30	13	9	8	55	41	35
Rossendale	30	13	9	8	49	46	35
O. Blackburnians	30	13	7	10	64	44	33
Whalley Range	30	12	9	9	59	46	33
Middleton	30	15	2	13	63	59	32
Rivington	30	7	10	13	56	72	24
O. Smithillians	30	9	5	16	43	56	23
O. Farnworthians	30	9	5	16	50	85	23
O. Chaddertonians	30	6	9	15	54	73	21
M.E.C.	30	5	11	14	45	75	21
Rochdale St. Clems	30	5	7	18	33	65	17
Hayward	30	3	10	17	47	67	16

### DIVISION 3A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Broughton Amateurs 3rds	28	19	5	4	80	32	43
O. Boltonians	28	18	4	6	76	43	40
Southport Amateurs	28	16	5	7	64	38	37
Broughton Amateurs 4ths	28	13	7	8	63	55	33
Burnley Belvedere	28	13	7	8	58	50	33
Hayward	28	11	8	9	41	37	30
Rivington	28	13	4	11	76	76	30
Burnley GSOB	28	9	10	9	61	58	28
Rossendale	28	7	9	12	63	71	23
O. Blackburnians	28	9	5	14	50	64	23
O. Smithillians	28	8	5	15	45	66	21
O. Farnworthians	28	8	4	16	44	60	20
Ashton GSOB	28	6	8	14	42	60	20
O. Sladians	28	7	6	15	43	76	20
Hesketh Casuals	28	6	7	15	42	62	19

### AGGREGATE TROPHY 1980-81

#### Final Leading Positions

(This is the only trophy we didn't win)

Club	Games Played	Points Gained
Padiham Wanderers	60	108
Broughton Amateurs	60	102
Burnley Belvedere	60	87
O. Mostonians	60	85

### NORMAN ARCHER CLUB TROPHY 1980-81 - Final Leading Positions

Club	No. of Teams	Games Played	Points Gained	Average Points Per Game
Broughton Amateurs	4	116	178	1.534
O. Mostonians	3	90	131	1.456
O. Boltonians	4	116	151	1.302
Whalley Range	4	120	153	1.275

*It is difficult to follow a season like 80-81, but we made a good fist of it in 1981-82 season when the 2nds and 3rds, pictured below, won their divisions, the 1sts were runners-up to Rossendale, the 4ths won the Frank Aubert Trophy and the Club won the Norman Archer Club Trophy. Altogether a brilliant effort rewarded with four trophies.*



*1981-82 2nd Team Premier Division (Reserves) Champions*

*back : John Cornall, Paul Wallace, Pete Holden, Barry Rigby, Dave Whittle (capt.), Ted Frimstone,  
Lou Castle (manager)*

*front : Pete Miller, Pete Doyle, Tony Riley, Trev Lafferty, Malcolm Forsyth.*



*1981-82 3rd Team Division 3A Champions*

*back : Alan Rowland, Eric Kerfoot, John Seddon, Dick Tansley, Carl Rowland, Mark Capstick,  
Tommy Thompson (manager)*

*front : Dave Simpson, Pete Doyle, Tommy Taylor (capt.), Paul Shipp, Malcolm Forsyth.*

*The past three seasons had yielded five, six and four, trophies, amazing consistency, could we keep it going ? Well once more we had a good try in 1982-83 the 1st Team won the Premier Division for the second time in three seasons, never having been out of the top four since Eddie's first season. This was another dramatic climax, where we only needed a draw from our last match, and were cruising nicely through the game till we had a player sent off in a misunderstanding with the ref (the appeal against it was later successful). We then lived on our nerves a little for the last 20 mins but secured the 0-0 result we needed to be crowned champions once again. The team that won the title are pictured below.*

*The 4th Team gallantly retained the Frank Aubert Trophy as our trophy winning sequence continued.*



*1982-83 1st Team - Premier Division Champions*

*back : Eddie Brown (manager), Reg Johnson, Stu Pomfret, Andy Pemberton, Martin Callagher,  
Gordon Owen, Steve Bury, Chris Leaver.*

*front : Keith Pomfret, Eddie Shorrock, Alan Roberts, Trev Lafferty, Ian Moss,  
(missing off photo - Brian Roberts)*

1983-84 had the 2nd Team, pictured below, back to winning ways, when under the management of veteran (and future secretary) Gordon Owen, they regained the Premier Division (Reserves) title.

The 4th Team won the Frank Aubert Trophy once more and the 1sts and 3rds had top four placings.

The 1st Team did reach the final of the LFA Cup. In an eventful competition which saw them beat two Zingari League (liverpool) teams, two fellow LAL teams and in the Semi Final at Liseux they defeated Blackpool Rangers, who were once in the LAL but are now in the West Lancashire League, 2-1 after extra time.

The final was delayed as opponents, Mersyside Police, had officers missing they were on duty policing the disturbances caused by the current miners strike. When the match was finally played on 25th April 1984 at Leyland Motors FC, we had players missing, and it showed. In a poor game we were beaten 1-0 but neither side dominated. It was a disappointing end to the season.



1983-84 2nd Team - Premier Division (Reserves) Champions

back : John Cornall, Paul Howson, Zig Kulbacki, John Mills, Ian Wesney, Barry Rigby,  
Gordon Owen (manager), Dave Simpson, Damian Callagher.

front : Ian Birch, Paul Hough, Martin Airey, Pete Woodruff, Pete Doyle, Paul Shipp.

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*The Glory years continued when in 1984-85 the 2nds won the Premier (Reserves) for the sixth time in seven seasons, a magnificent run, no photo has been found of this seasons championship team. The 4th team won the Frank Aubert Trophy and the 3rds were in the top four again. The 1st Team finished in runners-up spot to Bury Amateurs.*

*In 1985-86 the first team made a bit more history as they won the League Cup for the first time ever when they beat Bury Ams 3-1 at Fulwood. The goals were scored by Dave Mathers, Keith Pomfret and Pete Woodruff, in addition to this they finished third in the league. The 2nd team won the Premier (Res) for their last time, the seventh in eight glorious years. Once again no photos available for either of these triumphs.*

*In 1986-87 the 1sts finished runners-up and the 3rd Team, pictured below, regained the Division 3A title. The other three teams were also well placed and this won the Norman Archer Trophy for the Club.*



*1986-87 3rd Team - Division 3A Champions*

*back : Mark Capstick, John Mills, John Stewart, Tommy Taylor (manager), Martin Airey, Ian Birch, Paul Howson.*

*front : Paul Finley, John Houghton, Mark Doherty, Dave Worden, Mark Mawdsley.*

*By now we had a 5th Team and in 1987-88 they won their only championship, when player manager Ted Harmer guided them to the Division 3C title. Meanwhile the 4ths were winning the Frank Aubert Trophy for their last time.*

*Broughton had many dramatic end-of-season run-ins, hopefully covered somewhere in this booklet, some ended in joyous elation, some in despair and abject misery. The climax of the 1988-89 season certainly caused us a lot of grief. From a mid-table position with ten games left we went on one of those late Broughton bursts, that brought us 17 out of 18 points and put us one point clear of Moston with one game left, and that was against Moston at home. We lost 1-0 after a dubious, and hotly disputed, penalty gave Moston the two points required to clinch top spot.*

*All this in the same season as our chairman, Dave Wilson, was in office as league President. How fitting it would have been for him to present the Premier Trophy to his own club at the League Dinner. Sadly it didn't turn out that way.*

*What about Dave Wilson ? No book, or even mention, of Broughton should be contemplated without also referring to Dave Wilson. Player during the fifties and sixties, committee member from his early days with the club and finally Chairman. He was presented with the Long Service to Football Award in the early eighties, as was Alan Rowland, for their service not only to Broughton but the League and therefore football in general. Then in 1988 he was elected President of the Lancashire Amateur League, an honour not bestowed on many. With the support of his wife, Carol, he has been with the Club 40 years and is the main guiding influence and motivator for all the players and supporters. He is the solid foundation and rock around which the Club continues to build. Since his retirement, early he will tell you, he has spent many hours per week, with Eddie Brown, tending to the pitches, because of these efforts the 'mud baths' of the seventies are no more and the pitches are a credit to his and Eddie's efforts. Gavin Clinch and Alan Rowland have also been involved with the extensive work on the pitches and our thanks must be extended to all these volunteers for their fine work.*

*During the eighties the club was invited by the Preston Referees Society to take part in the Jack Kelly Memorial Cup competition. Which was organised in Jack's memory by his refereeing colleagues in Preston. The competition brings Preston's finest amateur teams together, from all leagues. We reached the Final in 1984-85 and 1985-86 only to be beaten by Longridge and then Liseux. It was our third appearance in the Final, 1986-87, when we at last won the cup beating top Sunday League outfit Ingol Rangers 2-1 at Deepdale.*

*Why were we so successful during all these years ?*

*One of Eddie Brown's favourite theories is that if you socialise as a team you will play football as team. Happy together off the pitch therefore happy together on it. The social scene was certainly vibrant, as one B.A.N.T.E.R. of the time stated "we have more social events than football matches . . . playing for Broughton is as much fun off the field as on it." BANTER, by the way, is an acronym standing for (Broughton Amateurs, News, Tables, Events, Reports) and is the club's newsletter. To give you an idea of how busy the social committee were, one season saw, A Ladies Evening, Cheese and Wine Party, Hoe Down, Childrens Xmas Party, Christmas Dinner, Valentines Buffet, League Dinner and Club Presentation, when did we find time to play football.*

*The playing fortunes of the teams have dipped during the nineties, but this season, 1996-97, has seen an upturn in league positions for all our teams, and we hope this consolidation will give us the stability to climb back up the leagues.*

*Currently the 1st Team, managed by Ken Hesketh, are in the top half of their division, as are the 2nd Team, who are managed by Steve Sergeant. The 3rd Team, run by Eddie Brown and Dave Wilson, are setting the standards by sitting proudly on top of their division, having only lost once so far this season, while the 4ths, in the same division as the 3rds, and run by Rick and Steve Aquilina, are mid-way. All the teams are holding their own.*

*We even have a veterans team, run by Trev Lafferty, who were unbeaten in last years competition, but were eliminated on goal difference, and are looking forward to having another go this year.*

*So the future is bright, we also have an affiliation with top junior club **Cadley Boys**, having already received some of their ex-players in recent years, we look forward to many more making the transition from junior to senior soccer.*

*Well that's it folks !*

*Hope you've enjoyed this, for what it is, a cheap and cheerful look at Broughton Amateurs through the ages, sorry about all the typographical errors, wrong names, spilling mistakes, people missed, events forgotten and all the other errors, but it is only meant to stimulate, or maybe inspire you, to continue your association proudly with the best club in the area . . .*

**BROUGHTON AMATEURS A.F.C.**

*to be continued . . . .*