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Ground For Concern

There are still mixed messages coming out of the York council regarding the status of Monks Cross. It sounds like the council is again debating the viability of the ground.

Let's hope the meeting scheduled for March is finally decisive. The council has previously committed to the stadium but still seem to be dithering. Whilst value for money is important, so is perception and the community. The development can be a flagship asset and focal point for community activities. Equally, I can think of many friends in the south who've made a weekend of supporting their southern based team in York and all its attractions, but very few of whom have made a similar weekend break, in say in Scunthorpe or Rochdale.

I thought I detected more than a hint of frustration in Jason McGill's comments in January at the latest delays.

City's future is tied to Monks Cross and whilst the debate continues, York City are trading water.

Short Termism

A regular theme of ours is that City cannot keep battling and beating relegation every season, short termism will fail one day and we'll be back in the conference.

Worthington, Wilcox and McNamara have each come in and had to deal with the previous manager's bloated squad. With football contracts its just not possible to sack players. All the players we released in December and January had contracts that ran until this summer. Add in Mielke, released in August, we've released 6 players, but I suspect we've freed up nowhere near 6 wages.

Jackie McNamara

If you read on, you'll see our views on this summer's retained list. With the vast majority of players out of contract, so McNamara could, if he wanted, finish his clear out and be left with barely a 5 a side squad, however, I suspect some out of contract players deserve a new contract.

With a reputation built in Scotland for developing young players, hopefully he can work the same magic at York.

Under his 2 and a half year watch at Tannadice, Dundee United sold 6 players for a total probably in excess of £10m. I'm sure Jackie won't claim all the credit, but it shows that young talent can flourish under him. Apparently, one of those 6, Andrew Robertson spoke highly of him when Matty Dixon was considering his move to York.

This Season

Before the February wins against Notts County and Exeter, many said we were doomed. The mood lifted considerably after those wins, we seemed to have a settled side. Since, many changes, we've plummeted again. There's still plenty of time left. Win at Dagenham and we could be out of the drop zone. With 12 games still to play, we've more than a quarter of the season still to go.

Recent games have shown quite clearly where the problems lie. Its still nearly a month before the loan window closes so we must re-double our efforts to bring in some more experience in defence.

Next Season

I've still got mixed feelings about leaving Bootham Crescent with all its history and memories. Arsenal, Liverpool, Keith Walwyn and

Graeme Crawford stand out. The likes of pitiful 4-1 home defeats in late 1976 (x2), George Hope, Bristol R 0-4 in 1988 and Chris Clarke and more recent defeats are largely wiped from memory.

Let's hope next season, hopefully our last at Bootham Crescent brings better times. But, who knows where we'll be next season. Worst case is the conference, anything is better than that.

Proposed rules on the emergency loan window being firmly shut outside the recognised summer and January windows would impact all clubs and mean that managers need to be very sure of their signings and maybe lead to enlarged squad to cover for loss of form and injuries. That in itself might place a greater need on a reserve side to keep squad player's match fit and happy.

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Whatever Happened To ...

City's Wembley Heroes

May 2012 and probably the greatest week in City's history. 2 Wembley wins within a week. But whatever happened to the players who made history?



Michael Ingham. At the time our second longest serving player, he's the only one who is still with the club and desperate to break the club's all-time clean sheets record.

Lanre Oyebanjo. Enjoyed 2 more successful seasons with City. Left in 2014 to join Crawley on a Bosman when City's player of the season. He hasn't yet played in the 2015/6 season due to a

cartilage injury sustained in pre season training.

Chris Smith. Our Wembley captain, he often struggled to get fans on his side and was often the butt of the fans, but he ended with 222 City appearances, being released 18 months after our Wembley double success. Spells with Halifax, Alfreton and Tamworth (loan) followed. Following his release by Alfreton in May 2015, the 34 year defender stood down from senior football.

Danny Parslow was the rock of our defence. In our first season back in the league, he missed just one game and was our player of the season. The following season, he was shunted between defence and defensive midfield before suffering an injury at Southend and was never to fully regain a regular place in our side. He left for Grimsby on loan in late 2014 where he was a regular. His last game was Grimsby's Play Off Final defeat at Wembley in 2015. His reward? Released by City. Now, he is at the heart of Cheltenham's defence as they attempt to regain their league status.

James Meredith. The only one of our Wembley winner regulars to leave that summer. He joined Bradford on a Bosman and has been a regular ever since. He was struck down by glandular fever causing him to miss the Capital One Cup Final at Wembley but was part of the team that beat Chelsea in The 2015 FA Cup. He made his international debut for Australia in a World Cup qualifier

in November 2015. His name is frequently linked with Championship sides. One of only 2 of our Wembley squad now playing at a higher level than City.

Chris Doig. Back in Division 2, Doig made 24 appearances before being released in 2013. He signed for Grimsby where he later became Assistant Manager, today; he's more prominent off field than on field.

Ben Gibson. With Meredith, the only players playing at a higher level than City. He returned to Middlesbrough where he quickly established himself in their side. Also now an England Under 21 regular, including playing every minute of all England's games at the 2015 European U21 Championships.



Matty Blair. Spent the 2012/3 season with us before leaving on a Bosman for moneybags Fleetwood. It is probably fair to say he's never again recaptured his non league form. He was never a Fleetwood regular, loan spells followed at Northampton and Cambridge before he joined Mansfield in January 2015. Within weeks he suffered a cruciate knee injury ruling him out for the rest of

the season. Now back in the team, he's still not recaptured his best City form.

Patrick McLaughlin. To me, the biggest disappointment of our Conference team. A young attacking midfielder, he badly struggled to make the step up and left City after one season back in the league. He joined the Grimsby exodus in June 2013 where he spent 2 years, gradually losing his place in the team and joined Gateshead at the start of this season. He's never recaptured his goalscoring form he showed at City.

Jon Challinor: A bit part player on our return to the league, he was a part of the mass exodus in the summer of 2013. He joined Northern Premier League side Stamford (in Lincolnshire) where he remains to this day. In November 2015, he had a week as caretaker manager.

Ashley Chambers. Never seemed a favourite of Nigel Worthington and was allowed to leave on a free for Dagenham where he remains to this day, getting a game and scoring his share of goals from midfield (hopefully not Saturday).

Jason Walker. In his book, Clarke Carlisle makes some interesting observations on our front 3 and why they didn't replicate their conference form in the league, ([read Carlisle's book review](#)). He joined Swedish club Ostersunds but within 6 months he was back in the conference, first with Forest Green and then on loan at Southport. In May 2014, he returned to his spiritual home of Barrow on a 3 year contract. His first season ended with the club gaining promotion from Conference North. Now a bench warmer.

Jamal Fyfield. Another frustrating attack minded left back, he was released by City in January 2014. After a short spell with Grimsby, he returned south to play for Welling. He was reunited with Gary Mills at Wrexham in June 2015.

Scott Brown. Replaced the injured Challinor against Luton, but was released by City that summer. A successful nomadic conference career followed before he returned to the league when signing for Accrington in January 2016.

Adriano Moke. Came off the bench against Newport and was an unused sub against Luton. Although offered a new contract that summer, he preferred to join Cambridge in the hope of regular first team football. 2 games in a season didn't quite make him a regular. Spells with Macclesfield and Tamworth followed before he joined up with Gary Mills at Wrexham for this season.

Jamie Reed. Got on late in both Wembley games. Despite initial promise, he never quite made the grade with City. Released in 2013, a nomadic existence followed, including a prolific spell in Australia with Melbourne. Now playing non league football in Wales.

Paul Musselwhite. An unused sub in both Wembley games. He left City when Wilcox left and is now Scunthorpe's goalkeeping coach.

Michael Potts. . The only outfield player in the matchday squad not to get onto the Wembley pitch. In his book, Clarke Carlisle makes some interesting observations on Potts and Gary Mills. Perhaps he was too good for City?

David McGurk. Injuries ruled our club captain out of Wembley. His last 3 seasons with City were marked by a series of injuries. He retired from professional football in 2014 but still turns out regularly for Harrogate Town, capping his first season by winning their player of the season award.

When you see how few of the squad went on to better things, it is easy to see how we struggled on our return to the league. The majority seem to have been more comfortable playing at conference level.

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China Revolution. *You can tell how quickly China is evolving. In 1994, Chinese football was going through a phase of expansion, its super league recruiting overseas players. The teams largely concentrated on Brazilian and English players. Guangdong Hongyuan and their new signings were featured in a 1994 C4 documentary, "Guangdong Gweilos", they included Darren Tilley and Richard Crossley. Remember them, 2 ex City reserves, the former a centre half who graduated from our youth side and Tilley, a reserve team striker signed from non league football in Somerset. The programme also featured Craig, son of Sam, Allardyce and their super agent, Chris Galvin, older City fans, remember him? Things didn't go well. Allardyce complained of being unable to get chips and The Sun newspaper and left early when he had an on pitch bust up with a team mate. Fast forward, the Chinese are now paying £30 million for a player. I'd take a tenth of that for half our squad!*

Mural Anyone?

There's around 30 British football grounds which include a statue, Bobby Moore at Wembley, Arsenal are well on the way to having a 5 a side statue team (please, no jokes about us having a row of 4 statues across the pitch), Sir Bobby Robson is remembered by statues in both Newcastle and Ipswich. Carlisle commemorate Hughie McIlmoyle (right), their leading scorer of the 60s with a statue at Brunton Park.



What about us? I hear you cry. Who should be our statue?

Arthur Bottom if you'd asked in the 50s. Eamon Dunphy or Paul Aimson for the 60s. Definitely Barry Swallow for the 70s, he was once voted our all time best player. Moving on, quickly, Keith Walwyn and John Byrne both deserve recognition, so would Keith Houchen. 1990s - Garry Swann or John Ward. Can I nominate Gary Mills for the non

league years. Take your pick.

You get my drift, today's hero, tomorrow's fish and chip wrapper, or something similar. Some have stood the test of time, others haven't.

So, how about something different at the new ground?

A mural. Painted as giant icons onto the back of the one of the stands, the portraits and caricatures would be looking down on all who enter the ground, recalling our glory days and inspiring renewed pride in our club.

The beauty being that its only semi permanent. Come our next promotion, or cup run, we get the paint pot out and add another portrait (or overwrite if one of our heroes disgraces themselves).

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Leicester: *Well done for their success to date this season. They've shown what sides with pace, a cutting edge and strikers (note the plural) can achieve. Ditto Watford and their twin strikers. Chelsea, where's the pace. United, where's the width? Chelsea & Liverpool, who's the second striker?*

Reserve Team Football

So Russ Wilcox got his wish, we've had a reserve side this season, but only just. It was 3 games in a 4 team league as part of the "Final Third Development Cup" with the group winners going into the Northern semi final.

We had mini league games against Middlesbrough, Hartlepool and Gateshead ending with a win and 2 defeats. All the games were played well before Christmas. Since then, the reserves have had just the one North Riding Senior Cup game and any friendlies the club can arrange to keep match fit.

Both Gateshead and Hartlepool are also members of the "Northern Development League East", a league of 8 teams, with the likes of Rotherham, Scunthorpe and Notts County. Middlesbrough are not in the league competition, but do have Under 18 and Under 21 sides in the Barclays Under 21 / 18 leagues.

So presumably City has taken the entry level option (and just 3 guaranteed games). I can speculate why we are in the cup, not the league, maybe not meeting the entry criteria or cost of running a full league season.

Whatever, it means with a squad that peaked at well over 30 players and will be about 25 for the run in, the majority of our players are not getting any regular football.

I'm just old enough to remember Tony Canham. He came on trial to City in 1984 and spent a season playing for our reserves, week in, week out, before earning a professional contract in the summer of 1985. He proved his worth and was soon starring in the first team. Reserve team football provides an environment where City can play triallists or other young players with a view to making a proper assessment before signing a player. For squad players, its regular football and for the manager its a chance to experiment.

This season, pre season Callum Rzonca, seemed to be pushing hard for a place in the first team. He seems to have fallen by the wayside, struggling to make his mark back in the youth side without regular "Mens' football".

I feel it is imperative the squad players have regular football, they keep match fit and motivated, knowing if they impress in the reserves, they will catch the manager's eye.

There's also something else that Russ Wilcox alluded to last season. With youth games on Saturday, he very rarely, if ever saw the youth team play as

he's with the first team. So, midweek reserve team football would mean the manager could get to see his squad players in match day action. Wilcox may never have seen some of his squad players in match action. McNamara's first taste was the Guisborough NRSC game over 3 months after he arrived.

I'm not sure how much it costs to run a full reserve season (say 20 fixtures), but we've probably already got the requisite amount of players when taking into account the professional squad of 25 plus and the intermediate set up.

Regular football gives the squad players a chance to show their worth. At Guisborough, Josh Carson in a new central midfield position and Brad Fewster stood out, maybe with regular reserve team football, they would be in serious contention for a first team start.

Equally, Derek Riordan, Jake Hyde and Reece Thompson all in training and seeking match fitness, regular reserve games would speed up their recovery.

Elsewhere in this issue, we look at Peterborough's successful selling policy. I'm sure it wouldn't work if the callow youths they pluck from non league clubs didn't have an introduction to the professional game via reserve team football.

Turning to youth football, I was in 2 minds to see Steve Torpey suggesting the sale of Ben Godfrey means the youth system is fulfilling its role of producing players who are of benefit to the club's first team or become saleable assets when suitors come along to prise them away from Bootham Crescent with a sizeable transfer fee.

Yes, having apparently turned down a £150k bid, Norwich came back with a bigger offer plus add ons which reports suggest could mean a total of £1m. I doubt if the initial fee will cover the near £350k losses sustained last season and also when you consider the total cost of the academy, it might not even cover a year's academy costs (when you consider staff wages, player wages and all the other costs).

When you think of the other youth players we've sold in the past 10 years (Tom Allan and Adam Boyes for a total of probably less than £100k), it is not a great income stream.

Looking to the future, as our youth team is so far winless (at the turn of the year), the current youth side doesn't suggest we're a hot bed of talent.

Read More: [Final Third Development League Newsletter – February 2016](#)

First Impressions

The yorkpress message boards proved a lively forum. It is also interesting to look back and see how opinions have changed.

Russ Wilcox's arrival came with ringing endorsements from posters:

- *I welcome him. Russell will give his all as a manager as he did when he played. I have known him for a great many years and from the schoolboy to the experienced manager and I believe that, despite his demise at Scunthorpe, he will bring some freshness to our great club. He is a local lad and will 'hit the ground running' as we strive to regain ground on our rivals.*
- *Russell will do well at York. Great to see Steve staying on. I know some on here do not like him but rest assured we are in safe hands. We have got what we can afford. Good luck.*

About the only negative I could find was one who criticised his style of play.

One of Russ' signing was Tony Straker, again much initial praise:

- *City fans are the Mr.Happys' over this deal and the Shrimpers fans can laugh through their teeth but will know that deep down, we are the winners!! Well done NW and ST, together with the fine backing of the ever more impressive and ambitious, City Board. Welcome to York and Yorkshire Anthony, you have joined a fine football club and good-luck in your career with us! COYR.*
- *There is a definite feeling of ambition & professional focus coming from the Club which is encouraging, I agree with those posters who've commented on L2 being a tougher league next season*
- *Mr Worthington has proven our most valuable asset since coming to the club and turning us into a more professionally run club from the bottom up. I am sure he has advised Jason McGill handsomely along the way. The manner of which we are signing players now compared to previous managers and the fact that players are turning down league two promotion rivals to join us is a testament to this and for that Mr. Worthington we salute you immensely. I have every confidence in the signings and I am sure that if players don't turn out as well as we hoped then Mr. Worthington will definitely ring the changes for the better through loans and the January window. 18/1 to win the title is worth 10-100 pounds of anyone's money!*

Incidentally, on signing, Straker was quoted as saying his 2 year City deal was on a lower wage than that offered for a one year contract at Southend.

Finally, near universal praise for Eddie Nolan:

- *Liking this news. Welcome Eddie*
- *Good signing*
- *Happy with this. A position which needed strengthening and done with a player who's a good age, has worked with RW before and has experience of both this level and the level above.*

It only goes to show that first impressions are not always the best.

You Might Have Missed...

Just a few things, mainly from The Yorkshire Evening Press (to give it its former name in all its glory), you might have missed:

[Photo Gallery: 73 York shops to have closed in the 1970s and 1980s.](#)

[Bulmers closes](#)

[RL returns to Bootham Crescent](#) and [York RL's 1984 RLCC Semi Final](#)

[Railway Institute faces demolition](#)

[Buy an apartment in Terry's chocolate factory](#)

[York musician Kelvin Knight, whose band inspired Kurt Cobain, dies aged 56](#)

[Photo Gallery: 33 lost York pubs](#)

[Photo Gallery: Parliament Gallery](#)

Ex 70s City midfielder, Pat Lally was in the news in February. As PFA Director Of Education, he used the word "emotional" in response to Steve Harper's comments on the PFA not doing enough to address players' mental health issues.

£77 Protest: *Fair play to Liverpool supporters for their protest at the proposed £77 tickets. In the scheme of things, over a season, it would gross Liverpool £37m rather than £35m. Alongside the minimum, £100m from the new TV deal and other income, the extra £2m is chicken feed. I say, Liverpool, and all the other big clubs, go ahead, but put the extra into a pot for the smaller clubs. Multiply Liverpool's £2m across the Premier League and you're talking a tidy sum. It could be split between lower league and non league clubs.*

Retained List

Spring and a young man's thoughts turn to the retained list. At City, for once, we have the relative luxury of the majority of our players being out of contract, so we can readily wheel and deal with City in control rather than having a large number of contracted players who will find difficult to move on. Assuming we're in Division 2 next season, this is what I'd do.

I make it 22 contracted players (excluding loanees). To get the obvious ones out of the way first, I'd, release **Emile Sinclair, Ben Hirst, Tom Platt and Josh Carson**. I never like to see home grown players released, but I'm afraid Tom Platt has flattered to deceive on a number of occasions, and really needs regular football. Ben Hirst after a promising start, seems to have disappeared off the radar. I don't think anyone would disagree with Emile Sinclair. Some might disagree with Josh Carson, but again he's flattered to deceive and never truly cemented a place in our side, again he probably needs a fresh start and regular football.

Berrett, Dixon, Hyde, Oliver and Thompson are all contracted and Flinders has a one year option which City should exercise. Coulson, Galbraith, Ilesamni, Ingham, McEvoy and Winfield all deserve new contracts. However, I wouldn't disagree if one (either) keeper or a wide man were released to freshen up the squad.

It is understood that both Flinders and Hare each have a one year deal with an option that City can exercise to

To that, I'd add either **Luke Summerfield or Russell Penn**, both bring something to the team, but both have been central to 2 seasons of relegation fights and may be too similar to each other, so something better change. Keep one, release one.

So far, that's 13 for next season, assuming all those offered sign their new contracts and 5 are released.

2 keepers, 2 defenders, 6 midfielders and 3 strikers

With Oliver, Hyde and Thompson contracted, there might be an argument for transfer listing one striker, none have proved to be prolific. Equally James

Berrett seems to struggle for game time under McNamara, so a transfer might be an option for him as well.

Its too early to decide on [Derek Riordan](#). That leaves [Callum Rconza](#), [Taron Hare](#) and [George Swan](#). In all 3 cases, the final decision might come down to whether we run a reserve side or next. All 3 have talent, but without regular football, they may all go the same way as Tom Platt.

The above maintains a nucleus but could also allow for almost a full team of newcomers, with defensive recruitment to the fore.

2016/7 squad size will depend on whether we run a reserve side and what changes are made to the loan system.

One scenario might be a total closure of the loan system outside the summer and January transfer windows (and that might itself be a consideration in deciding the reserve set up). If we are unable to sign loanees on demand, then we will probably need a slightly larger squad and also squad players who are match sharp.

For a club like City, where finances are tight, it is a fine balance, budgets don't allow us to buy superstars, so many signings will always be a gamble, but as Jackie McNamara has found, too large a squad isn't ideal. Players at the club who have little chance of a game may become disgruntled. . After all, the players dreamt of being professional footballers and playing every week, it must be depressing for them when they know there is a team full of players who won't even get into the match day 18.

McNamara came to York with a reputation for developing players, while some of his loan signings have struggled to get into the side, he seems to have an eye for talent with the signing of McEvoy and Galbraith. He's reached out to a wide array of clubs for his loan signings, so here's hoping that he can use his past player development record to attract players who will flourish with City.

WARNING: With so many out of contract, they're free to walk if City don't act first.

Jackie McNamara: *See the history page of the York City South website for a profile on Jackie, with views from his former teammates and Celtic legends John Hartson and Chris Sutton.*

York Music

The full length version of this article, charting over 50 years of live music in York, appears on [York Music](#) link on the YCS web site, see, www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/gigs4u.htm.

[1989](#). An auditorium was built at the York Barbican Centre in 1989 and heralded a surge of bigger, named bands visiting York on national tours. Local favourites, Shed 7 played several times. Others to have appeared there include Chuck Berry (14th November 1992 and 2nd March 1995), D-Ream, The Damned, Bryan Ferry (about 2004 with Mickey Green & Chris Spedding in his band and 14th November 2013), Roxy Music (25th October 2002), Jools Holland (several times), James (2nd December 1993, supported by Radiohead), Ray Davies / The Kinks, The Levellers and Status Quo (4 times). Incidentally, Quo returned to York in 2005 to play a private gig for Nestle, maintaining a long tradition of named acts being invited to play at the factory, although somewhat different to the likes of Tom O'Connor who once played there for a long serving employees' function.

[May 7-9, 1985](#). The Clash - UK busking (acoustic) tour. First night outside The Minster, drinking in The York Arms. Remember the crowd being told to move on by the cops at about 9pm as nothing was going to happen. 30 minutes later, The Clash appear, pied piper fashion, followed by numerous fans, and played about 4 songs (about the norm for the tour) outside York Minster's west entrance. Afterwards, it was all back to The York Arms, the band happily chatting and drinking with fans until closing time. I seem to recall they were very reluctant to talk to any official media. Then 3 more gigs. Highlights included, "I Fought The Law", Joe singing to the cat, "Straight To Hell", chatting freely with the band and "White Riot. Live recordings on youtube.



[September 1978](#). Cyanide open The Pop Club. Held in the social club at the old rugby league ground between Clarence Stand and Haxby Road, the entrance was on Haxby Road by the side of the bowls green, it held about 500 people. For 10 months, weekly, it hosted well known bands. Its booking policy meant many bands made their debut TOTP appearance very shortly after appearing at The Pop Club, bands such as The Police, The Tourists and The Skids, whilst others such as The Undertones and The Lurkers fulfilled their contractual gig obligation after

cancelling their original date to make their TOTP debuts. It closed in July 1979 after fighting after the Adam And The Ants gig. Special AKA had been booked to play a week later. Various sources suggest it continued until the autumn. It did not. Gigs in York became much less frequent, often necessitating trips to Leeds to see the bigger names. See the Pop Club gig list at the bottom of this page. After the tense atmosphere of the smaller Munster Bar and Grob And Duckett, for 10 months, The Pop Club provided a stage for many of the best up and coming punk / new wave bands. For me, the UK Subs, the original Adam And The Ants, SLF and The Cramps stand out. Not to be outdone, Bootham Crescent hosted a one off rock n roll concert in September 1979. Neighbours' complaints meant it was not repeated. Inside the ground's social club, very few bands have played, although a local band, Walwyn, played at the end of the 1980s as a York City Shipton Street Roof Appeal gig.

[October 20, 1975](#). Tangerine Dream play York Minster. Live recording on youtube,

[1950s and 1960s](#). Well before my time, the 1950s and 1960s saw the birth of popular music. In York, The Rialto (Fishergate) was one of the main venues. Big bands and jazz bands of the 50s gave way to The Merseysound. It hosted big bands and later many other singers and variety acts (e.g. The Rolling Stones (26th February 1964), Morecambe & Wise, Cliff Richards / The Shadows, Roy Orbison, Cilla Black, Freddie Starr, Tony Meehan and The Spencer Davis Group. The Beatles, in 1963, their break through year, when they had 4 chart topping singles, played the venue 4 times (February 27, March 13, May 29 and November 27). It wasn't until their last visit they were top of the bill. Irish comedian Dave Allen was MC on their first visit, whilst on their next trip, John Lennon was absent due to illness. The Railway Institute also hosted live music, including The Who and The Move. DJs John Peel and Jimmy Savile were also regular visitors. David Bowie as Davy Jones And The Lower Third played The Boulevard on the A64 between York and Tadcaster. Someone who was there that night remembers them as being "not very good".

Incidentally, check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnLgqeFwkW0> to see David Bowie with Yorkshire accent explaining his Yorkshire roots (its about 13 minutes in). Never realised until his death what a talented mimic Bowie was.

Don't forget the full length charting over 50 years of live music in York, see the York Music link on the YCS web site, www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/gigs4u.htm.

Keep it live, keep it loud.

Peterborough - One Way Forward

Over the past 10 years, Peterborough have employed a successful business model, pile 'em high and sell them dear.

They seem to trawl the lower leagues for talent, develop them and then attempt to sell them on for mega bucks. I make it (see below) about £11m paid and £35m received. £24m profit.

In a recent radio interview, their chairman Darragh MacAnthony suggested that they concentrate on strikers as they're the players who command the highest fees when developed and sold on.

Any player coming in from non league will have the opportunity to develop. Better team mates, better coaching, better fitness, better diet, better conditioning, in fact, better everything. Some won't make the grade, but it won't be for lack of opportunity.

With Barry Fry behind the scenes, its easy to see where the idea came from, remember in the 90s, when he seemed to sign for Birmingham every striker who scored, including our very own Paul Barnes.

Connor Washington, Dwight Gayle and Britt Assombalonga are 3 recent sales who spring to mind. Bought £2m, sold £14m. All sold within 2 seasons of arriving at The Posh.

I doubt if we could afford the fees quoted above today, but equally, I doubt if Posh thought they'd be paying those fees 10 years ago.

However, and digressing a bit, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink signed Dutch striker Abdenasser El Khayati for Burton on a 6 month contact in the January 2015. His goals earned him a new contract and the following January, Hasselbaink, now QPR manager, paid £350k to secure his services. Its not just Posh.

Interesting, within days of the January 2016 sale of Connor Washington, Posh went out and signed Shaquille Coulthirst (remember him?), Adil Nabi (WBA), 2 young Nuneaton youngsters and then on transfer deadline day, splashed out around £250,000 for Exeter's young hot shot, Tom Nichols, thus perpetuating their successful policy.

Obviously, not every player they sign will turn to gold. They signed Emile Sinclair for an undisclosed fee in 2011, and sold him onto Crawley within 2 years for £100,000.

Look at our non-league years. Which players netted us our biggest transfer fees? Richard Brodie and Martyn Woolford. Common factors? Both signed for small fees from clubs beneath us in the pyramid and both attacking players.

Just as Posh don't get it right every time, no team will, think George Purcell and Jamie Reed in our case.



However, we also had some good service out of other players signed from lesser non league clubs. Think Ben Purkiss or Dave Merris. Going back in time, what would we give to unearth a new Wayne Hall or Tony Canham?

To make it work, Posh run teams at Under 21 and Under 18 levels, guaranteeing regular competitive football for their new young players, a chance to develop their skills before moving into the first team and onwards and upwards.

Whilst many of the recent, bigger fees that Peterborough have paid are probably out of our reach, we have and continue to pay fees to sign lower league players including Reece Thompson this season.

I suspect regular match time is the biggest obstacle in City's way of successfully copying the Peterborough model.

There are plenty of players in the lower leagues who've moved up. Think Deli Alli, James Vardy (Stocksbridge, FC Halifax and Fleetwood), Yannick Bolasie (Harrow), Charlie Austin (Poole) and Duncan Watmore (Altrincham).

Since Vardy left Halifax, Halifax have sold 2 other strikers to Division 1 clubs (Lee Gregory and Shaun Taton), so the talent is definitely out there.

Incidentally, whilst researching (yes, we research) this article, I noted that Matt Hocking is the Peterborough Under 14 team coach.

The following table (at 31st January 2016) shows some of Posh's transfers. Whilst some fees are stated as "undisclosed", later sources may quote or speculate on the value. Equally, fees received will not take account of any sell on clauses Posh negotiated when originally buying the player. This article was drafted before Posh's televised cup replay, in the build up, 2 Posh sources stated they'd netted £37m in 9 years.

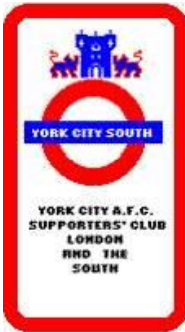
Player	Paid (£k)	Season In	From	Sold (£K)	Season Out	To
Ajose, Nicky	300	10/11	Manchester U	150	14/15	Leeds
Angol, Lee	0	15/16	Luton			Current
Assombalonga, Britt	1,250	13/14	Watford	5,500	14/15	Nottm F
Baldwin, Jack	500	14/15	Hartlepool			Current
Barnett, Tyrone	1,100	11/12	Crawley	100	14/15	Shrewsbury
Bennett, Ryan	500	09/10	Grimsby	3,500	11/12	Norwich
Billington, David	0		Youth	500	96/97	Sheffield W
Bostwick, Michael	800	11/12	Stevenage			Current
Boyd, George	260	06/07	Stevenage	Bosman	13/14	Hull
Brisley, Shaun	300	11/12	Macclesfield			Current
Burgess, Christian	50	14/15	Middlesbrough	150	15/16	Portsmouth
Charley, Ken			Maidstone	350	92/93	Watford
Charley, Ken			Birmingham	350	95/96	Birmingham
Coutts, Paul	20	08/09	Cove	700	09/10	Preston
Davies, Simon	0		Youth	700	99/00	Spurs
Diagouraga, Toumani	200	09/10	Hereford	U	10/11	Brentford
Drury, Adam	0		Youth	500	00/01	Norwich
Etherington, Matt	0		Youth	500	99/00	Spurs
Ferdinand, Kane	200	12/13	Southend	0	15/16	Released (Dagenham)
Forinton, Howard	250	99/00	Birmingham	0	02/03	Released (Torquay)
Frecklington, Lee	60	08/09	Lincoln	160	12/13	Rotherham
Gayle, Dwight	500	12/13	Dagenham	6,000	13/14	Crystal P
Gordon, Jaanai	0		Youth	3,500	13/14	WHU
Griffiths, Carl	225	95/96	Portsmouth	65	96/97	Leyton Orient
James, Luke	600	14/15	Hartlepool			Current
Lewis, Joe	400	07/08	Norwich	0	11/12	Released (Cardiff)
Mackail-Smith, Craig	150	06/07	Dagenham	2,500	11/12	Brighton
Maddison, Marcus	250	14/15	Gateshead			Current
McKeever, Mark	0		Youth	500	96/97	Sheffield W
McLean, Aaron	150	06/07	Grays	1,300	10/11	Hull
Morgan, Craig	0	06/07	MK Dons	400	10/11	Preston
Newell, Joe	0		Youth	100	15/16	Rotherham
O'Connor, Martin	350	95/96	Walsall	500	96/97	Peterborough
Olejnik, Bobby	250	12/13	Exeter	0	14/15	Released (Exeter)
Payne, Jack	750	12/13	Gillingham			Current
Robinson, Dave	100	89	Halifax	400	92/93	Notts Co
Steele, Luke	0		Youth	500	01/02	Manchester U
Taylor, Paul	150	10/11	Anderlecht	1,500	12/13	Ipswich
Tomlin, Lee	200	10/11	Rushden	1,500	13/14	Middlesbrough
Washington, Connor	500	13/14	Newport	2,500	15/16	QPR
Williams, Tom	0	00/01	WHU	350	01/02	Birmingham
Zakuani, Gabriel	380	09/10	Fulham	0	13/14	Kalloni(Gr)
Totals (£k approx)	10,745			34,775		

Quiz Time

An ever popular YCS feature is our annual quiz. Try these questions, a mix of former and new questions. Addicted? Read more at www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/quiz.htm. Answers on back page.

1.	Which former City player is the uncle of prolific striker Jordan Rhodes
2.	Name the father and son who respectively managed City in the 1970s and was head coach of Manchester United's youth team who won the FA Youth Cup in 2011
3.	Gary Mills' father played in all 4 divisions of the Football League for which club
4.	Name the father and son who played up front for City in the 1970s and 1980s
5.	Name the former City striker of the 1990s whose father was one of City's youth team coaches at the same time
6.	Danny Rose of Spurs is the cousin of which former City striker from 2009 – 11
7.	Name the father and son who kept goal for City between 1998 and 2009
8.	Name the 2 City centre backs with the same name and share it with a former snooker world champion
9.	Name the City midfielder who played against a Burton side in as September 2014 who were coached by his father. His father moved onto Birmingham shortly afterwards with Gary Rowett
10.	Name the 2 City strikers from the 2004/5 season who shared the same name
11.	Name the father and son who have played in City's defence in the past 20 years
12.	Which 2015/6 defender was released mid season by City, a week after his defender brother was released by Stevenage
13.	Name the 2011/2 City player whose brother played for Norwich that season in The Premier League
14.	Name the City 2012 double winner player whose father was a member of Aston Villa's European Cup winning squad in 1982
15.	What was unusual about City's away game with Scunthorpe on 17 th January 1952

YCS Update



You've already missed a host of events this season, including a real ale pub crawl in Southwark and Christmas social. More socials still to come including a darts night.

Most London events are held at [The Sheephaven Arms](#), 2-3 Mornington Street, Camden, NW1 7QD, a 2 minute walk from Mornington Crescent tube in down town Camden.

On April 30, we host a sponsors box at Bootham Crescent for the Bristol Rovers game, our last home match of the season. Here's hoping for lots of fun and merriment, the presentation of our player of the season award and lots of guests from the club. £45 members / £55 non members / £35 U16. Email YCFCS@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

Our last social of the season should be the AGM followed by a quiz.

Also, we're still looking to set a date for another annual event, members will be informed as soon as it is confirmed.

You'll see our flag at many away games, come and say hello.

Added benefits include car shares to home and away games plus meeting up before games.

Watch out for other ad hoc events throughout the season and next summer, including gigs and watching Yorkshire CCC in London.

Please check our website <http://www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/> for further details nearer the time.

We're taking membership for this season and next. Branch membership is open to all living south of York, just £10 a year (concessions and life membership available). Email goodearlay@yahoo.com for further details.

Away Supporters Initiative: *It was introduced at the start of the 2013/4 season when Premier League clubs agreed to set aside £12m spread over three seasons "to make the matchday experience better for travelling fans". This equates to £200,000 per club, per season. Last season, most clubs spent it on subsidising away trips for their supporters. Hull spent some on a refurb of the away end at their own ground. See more at: <http://www.fsf.org.uk/latest-news/view/away-supporters-initiative-201415#sthash.I8qjZJ2Y.dpuf>*

Dear Phyllis....

Formerly, *new frontiers* ran a regular readers' problems' page, here we re-visit issue 8. See the [yorkcitysouth website](#) for more *new frontiers*.

Dear Phyllis,

When I became a manager, I was always winning. One day, a strange man offered me lots of money to manage Sundalend. Then I was sacked. Then Brisstel City sacked me. My best players, such as Marco Gabi Gabbard, the Italian one and Andy Coal, didn't want to play for me and left. Now I work in Oxford. Jim my best player left, it surprised the papers but not me. In fact, the rest would leave if they were any good. What do I have to do to be a winner?

Denis, Oxford

PHYLLIS SAYS: *Tough, perhaps you should ask an old friend if you have one left. Or, try a new deodorant.*

Dear Phyllis,

I keep getting nuisance phone calls. I recognise the voice, but can't place it.

Viv, no fixed abode

PHYLLIS SAYS: *Contact BT, they will solve your problem.*

Dear Phyllis,

I'm a polite lad who lets elderly people go first and likes to help out. But, it is causing me problems. I'm kind to Stan, an old geezer. I gave him my shirt on a cold day, gave him my seat on the bus. He's kept my shirt and causes me grief. My dad won't let me play with the big boys. I want to run away.

Ray "Razor" W, York

PHYLLIS SAYS: *Stay put, your family do not want you to run away. The old man, I guess he is a friend, not family, will get tired of going out on cold days. When he does, I'm sure he will return your shirt.*

Dear Phyllis,

Every time I go skiing, I miss a York City game. Last March, the game at Barnet. This Christmas, the game at Blackpool. What should I do?

Chris, London

PHYLLIS SAYS: *I've sent your letter to Mr Craig at Bootham Crescent, asking he pays for you to ski every week. We need a few more 5 goal wins.*

Dear Phyllis,

I gotta new job. No perks, no bungs. Now, my every move is carefully watched by the media and the whole nation.

Tel, Bribes, Kensington

PHYLLIS SAYS: *I'm sure your new job will work out, give it time.*

City In London - A Potted History

City's first ever trip to play in London was in 1937. Our first league trip didn't come until the end of regionalised football in 1958. Here we recall all the London grounds we've played on.

How many grounds have City at in London?

Until 1958, when regionalised lower league football ended, we never played league matches further south than Walsall. We visited Southend and Swansea during our 1936/7 cup run, but last time I looked, neither was in London. A season later, we went 2 rounds better, reaching Round 6. In Round 2, we finally got to London and a tie at Clapton (Now Leyton) Orient, enjoying their first season at their new Osborne Road ground, now known as Brisbane Road. Incidentally, a few seasons earlier, they'd played their home league games at Wembley Stadium, to date, the only club to do so.

We waited until 1958/9 for our next forays into London with Division 4 trips to Crystal Palace and Millwall.

Promotion that season opened up a whole new vista in West London, Brentford and QPR. Although our first trip to QPR, it was their 16th different ground our hosts have called home. Incidentally, in former days, Griffin Park was an orchard owned by Fuller's Brewery whose logo included a griffin.

Whilst existing in the lower divisions it wasn't until 1972 that we visited another new ground in London, Charlton's, The Valley. 5,378 saw us lose 1-0 in a stadium that had seen much better days and 75,000 attendances.



1974 saw us in Division 2, playing many teams for the first time, surprisingly only one new London ground, Fulham's Craven Cottage. [Watch Chris Jones' brace as we win 2-0](#) A little later in the season we drew Arsenal in Round 3 of The FA Cup in January 1975. Jones' strike partner, Jimmy Seal scored with a stunning long range effort to give us

the lead in a game we drew 1-1. [Pic: Highbury as it was in 1975, note the early example of under-soil heating]



A season later, we visited newly relegated Chelsea and held them to a rather drab 0-0 draw at Stamford Bridge in October 1975. [Pic: Chelsea's ground in 1975, note the newly constructed Main Stand (right of pic) which remains to this

day and the greyhound / running track. The other 3 sides have all been re-developed since 1975]

Successive relegations saw us back into the basement. November 1977 saw us make our first trip to Plough Lane, Wimbledon and a 2-1 defeat against a team enjoying their first season in The Football League.

It was nearly 16 years later before we visited a new London ground. March 1993, with John Ward having very recently departed, we won 5-1 at Barnet's Underhill, largely due to a Paul Barnes hat trick, as both teams strove for promotion. [Watch Barnes' Hat Trick](#) Despite the setback on the day, our hosts, in only their second league season, won automatic promotion consigning us to the play offs. I'm sure many of you reading this will have been at Wembley on May 29 and recall our extra time and penalties win over Crewe on our first visit to Wembley. [Watch Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3 - Penalties](#)

April 1997 saw us visit Millwall and their new ground, The New Den, a Neil Tolson goal giving us a 1-1 draw.

In November 1998, with the early rounds of The FA Cup being de-regionalised City visited Enfield in Round 1. A top non league side over the previous 30 years, they were already in decline and were forced to sell their ground a year later beginning a nomadic existence. City drew 1-1 and won the replay.

Our relegation to the conference saw us buy a new road map. In our first season, we made our first visit to Dagenham & Redbridge. Other clubs in the south east included Stevenage, Canvey Island, Woking, Crawley and Gravesend & Northfleet (later Ebbsfleet), but for the purposes of this article, all are considered to be outside London, as are Grays who we first visited a season later.

May 2009 saw us make the first of 4 visits to the new Wembley. [Watch It](#)

In August 2009, City played Hayes & Yeading for the first time, [first time](#) visiting their Church Road ground. By our 3rd trip to play them, their ground was a Barratt Homes building site and they'd moved outside London to ground share with Woking, a game best remembered for a stunning [Jason Walker free kick](#). Currently they ground share in Maidenhead whilst their new home ground, back in Hayes, is being built.

In October 2015, Barnet's new The Hive became the latest.

I've missed one out, West Ham. The only time we've played them was March 1999 in the last 16 of the FA Youth Cup. After a 1-1 draw at Bootham Crescent, we lost the replay 5-0 at Upton Park, maybe not too unsurprisingly when you consider The Hammers included Michael Carrick and Joe Cole in their line up.

I've allowed myself a bit of latitude on defining London. A London postcode (Watford and AFC Wimbledon are out), a zone 1 -5 tube station (Dagenham & Redbridge are in) being the rule of thumb.

That makes 19 London grounds we're played at.

Roll on, first trips to Arsenal's Emirates, The Olympic Stadium and of course AFC Wimbledon's return to Wimbledon. A little further down the line Spurs and Chelsea.

Ground staff at Old Trafford and Stamford Bridge are planting potatoes this month so they'll have something to lift in May.

*Man walks into doctor's surgery and says, every time I masturbate, I shout "Come on Arsenal", doctor replies most w*nk*rs do.*

Good Grief Boys What Are You Wearing?

This originally appeared in issue 6 of *new frontiers*, but is still typical today. Once again, many thanks to contributor (and subscriber) Charley Stothard,

A cold Tuesday night in November
The Autoglass Trophy, first round
So I put on my scarf and my mittens
And headed off down to the ground.

Was I going to see Barnes score a hat trick?
Past glory and goals filled my thoughts
But nothing prepared me for this sight
The team wearing *shiny red shorts*.

So what was the thinking behind this
Appearing in two shades of red?
Had the blue ones got lost in the laundry?
Or was it that fashion was dead.

Perhaps there were tactics involved here
Or was it just meant to be fun
Distracting the other team's players
By appearing with a shiny red bum?

I hope you don't think I'm being fussy
Or moaning, or being unkind
Its just that the games hard to follow
When there's a reflection from Deano's behind.

From my viewpoint up here on the terrace
It may seem I'm just too quick to scoff
But my advice to the York City players
Is hurry up boys 'get em off'.

Check our website www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk for back issues of *new frontiers*

Just About Managing

The words and wit of some of the managers in our game. Plus, for your added delectation and delight, the words of some others as well.

"I tend to go to grounds now and get more respect. I have come off at stadiums, like York, and got standing ovations", *Jamie Cureton discussing his career in The Daily Telegraph (8th January 2016)*

"Gomes has made saves and our goalkeeper has not (had any shots to save)". *Steve McClaren after Newcastle's 1-0 FA Cup defeat at Watford (9th January 2016), Pity Rob Elliot didn't save Troy Deeney's effort, it would have been 0-0.*

"That's why I came to City, to play in finals", *Raheem Sterling (January 27th 2016) after Manchester City reached the Capital One Cup Final, not sure he realised the irony of playing Liverpool in the final.*

"We were by far the better team although there wasn't much in it", *the normally eloquent Danny Galbraith after his late winner with his least comfortable foot against Stevenage (January 30th 2016)*

"At the end of the day we got the win and 3 points", *Bournemouth's Josh King after their FA Cup win over Portsmouth (January 30th 2016)*

Papers claim Daniel Sturridge will quit Liverpool over criticism of his desire to play for the team. *So, Sturridge is so sick of people saying he doesn't want to play for Liverpool that he doesn't want to play for them anymore. Hope its not true.*

"I was playing wide on the left (at Bristol Rovers) and, when you're getting beaten a lot, you're usually doing a lot of defending, which isn't my strongest point. You also get a lot of big guys and there were so many diagonal balls being aimed at myself and I'm not the best in the air." *With a reputation as a free-kick specialist, Riordan assumed that responsibility on a couple of occasions at Guisborough, "Free kicks are one of my strong points, although they weren't at Guisborough, but I will blame the pitch for that. It was like a cow field and so hard to get your boot under the ball." Let's hope Jackie McNamara can unlock his potential, its sounds like a promising start at Guisborough with him deployed just behind the young front 2 whom he coached through the game. Derek Riordan (February 12th 2016)*

"Not a particularly impressive free kick ... but its gone in!", *Guy Mowbray on Khazri's opener for Sunderland against Manchester United (February 13th)*

Billy Plutch

Having transferred from terraces to the York City South web site, Billy Plutch brings his wit, half formed opinion and incoherence to new frontiers. Read more Billy Plutch at <http://www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk/plutch.htm>

Feb 14 **Joleon Lescott** He enraged Aston Villa fans (and more) when tweeting a picture of a Mercedes after the 6-0 defeat to Liverpool. He apologised saying the tweet was sent by accident whilst driving and the phone was in his pocket (February 14th 2016). Predictive texting at its best and therefore not a criminal offence. He and his defenders saved those for the pitch in the 6-0 home defeat to Liverpool earlier in the day. Wonder if the car does 0 to 6 in 90 minutes.

Feb 6. **Subs** Our line up at Northampton included 3 of our 5 loanees on the bench. I always thought loanees were supposed to improve the team. PS Last time we had a player sent off, we collapsed at Portsmouth, so a small word of praise for not conceding any after we had Luke Hendrie sent off.

Feb 6. **Liverpool £77** Fair play to those fans who walked out after 77 minutes in protest at next season's proposed price hike. But, can I remind them that they can get the same 90 minutes at Bootham Crescent for just £21. The choice is yours.

Feb 1. **City - Feared By Managers Everywhere?** So Teddy Sheringham loses his job after a defeat against us. There will be managers up and down the country looking for when they next play City and fearing the sack, after all both Yeovil and Newport had new managers in charge for the first time when they played us in January.

Jan 22. **Farewell Marvin** Best wishes for the future. Despite our large squad, let's hope we're not exposed in that position during the rest of the season.

Jan 20. **Game Off (2)** The City web site is advising that the Youth Team fixture against Lincoln City on 31st January has been switched to Haxby Road due to a frozen pitch at the Wiggington Road Training Ground. Game off for a frozen pitch with 10 days notice! We've either got some good weather forecasters at the club or York is suffering from a Siberian winter. PS 2nd thoughts, suspect the web site is nearly a year out of date.

Jan 19. **Game Off** So the NRSC game with Guisborough is off. With the reserves team's mini 3 match league season having ended weeks, if not months, ago, another lost opportunity for the squad players.

Hold The Back Page

Quiz (see page 19): 1) Steve Agnew; 2) McGuinness (Wilf and Paul); 3) Northampton; 4) Butler (Ian & Martin); 5) Glenn Naylor (Gary); 6) Michael Rankine; 7) Bobby & Josh Mimms; 8) Steve Davis; 9) Summerfield, Luke (& Kevin); 10) Paul Robinson; 11) Swan (Peter & George); 12) McCombe, John (& Jamie) 13) Danny Pilkington (Anthony); 14) Matty Blair; 15) Brothers Des (York) and George Thompson were in goal. Their dad, George Snr (a former City keeper watched the game)
I note York University (Toronto, Canada) has nicked “New Frontiers” for its an annual graduate history conference. To remind them, we were here first
If only ... March 2015 and after a long dispute, the remains of Richard III, the last king of the House of York, who died in 1485 were re-buried in Leicester. Since that day, the fortunes of Leicester City have sky rocketed. Where would York City be today if York had won the battle to re-bury Richard III?
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Thanks to everyone who has helped to put this issue together, including contributors Fez, Phillo, Si, Billy P, Ray and Sam
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And if its got all that lot in it, a top, top issue is in store.
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Our contributors sent us many jokes about Charlton’s January transfer window signing, Rod Fanni, there’s just not enough room to put them all in

Happy reading. Enjoy the game.