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CAMBRIDGE FANS UNITED

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As we approach the start of a new season, it's time for an update from CFU on how your fan's cooperative is getting on. In this newsletter you'll find information about the things CFU have done over the last year including Steve Greenall's amazing Pathfinder trek, some initiatives currently underway from CFU that you can help with, some important club information, upcoming books about United and updates from the committee. We hope you'll find it interesting, and that, whatever happens on the pitch, you'll be able to help us achieve even more fund-raising and community work next year.

CFU's First Season – The Highlights

- Launched 31st August 2000
- Over 330 members
- Raised around £40,000, over halfway to our funding target
- Published the 'Kit-off' calendar, December 2000
- 'Meet the players' session at the Lion Yard, December 2000
- Highly successful Burns' Night Dinner in January
- 'They think it's all over' night in March
- Moved the potting sheds on the allotments to keep the club's promise to allotment holders and allow redevelopment work to start
- Match videos made available for all home games
- Working with CUSA to provide a coordinated response on issues concerning fans
- Steve Greenall's amazing fund-raising walk raised over £1,500 in June.
- CFU volunteers worked with the club to stuff 1,600 or so season ticket renewal letters for the club.

CFU in 2001/02 – Plans for the early part of the new season

- Working with the club to put on the inaugural Cambridge United Open Day - Sunday, August 19th
- CFU Golf day – Friday, August 24th (afternoon)
- CFU Youth Tournament – Sunday, September 2nd

Details of all these events appear later in the newsletter – please come along to any or all of them, whether to help or just to be part of things.

Newsflash!

In order to help CFU get its stake in the club off to a flying start, two members have offered to sell their shareholding in United to CFU at cost, giving up their profits from the forthcoming revaluation.

Thanks to this great gesture, CFU will soon be one of the 25 largest shareholders in the club.

Chairman's Report

It's hard to believe it's not even a year since we started Cambridge Fans United.

CFU has grown steadily but surely through the year. We've got more than 330 members and we're still actively recruiting, for instance using the season ticket mailings (to help the club, a job mainly carried out this year by CFU volunteers) and the Cambridge United Open Day planned for Sunday, August 19th (of which more later). Our membership continues to be our best source of new blood, by introducing family, friends and work colleagues – please spread the word and help us to build CFU's membership still higher.

Our first AGM was held on February 28th 2001, and we were very lucky to have several new volunteers for the Committee, in particular I'm delighted that Steve Greenall accepted the post of Vice Chairman. Almost everyone connected with the club will have come across Steve in his many guises as Club Secretary, universal organiser, fans' friend and devoted supporter. I am thrilled that Steve is so committed to CFU and his support and contribution have already proved invaluable. Justyn Medd, Eleanor Wick, Karen Hinkins, Peter Pinney and Alan Clarke were also elected to the committee at that meeting and have helped enormously with their time and enthusiasm.

Derek has provided a detailed financial update below, but we have done fantastically well to have raised, from a standing start and after all costs, around £40,000. Of course we want to get this money into United to help support the Abbey Stadium redevelopment, and we are all very disappointed that this has not been able to happen yet – unfortunately we are still waiting for the club to be re-valued, a process kicked off by the Board in October last year. We can only hope that this is finished as quickly as possible and that the resulting share price is fair and reasonable.

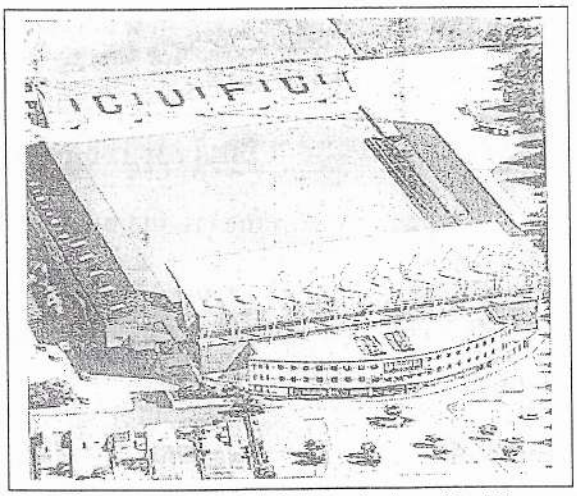
The last two or three months have been relatively quiet for CFU, but a whole lot of planning has been going on in the background. A new brochure is being prepared ready for the new season, CFU are giving the club a great deal of support pulling together the club's Open Day on Sunday, August 19th, and the inaugural CFU Youth Football Tournament will take place on Sunday, 2nd September. At the same time we're helping set up a weekly Car Boot sale on the car park, proceeds to be shared between CFU and the club, and agreeing on community work for next season.

One thing we are determined to do is learn from our mistakes. CFU is brand new and we are going to get things wrong – one example is the fiasco over the 'bring a group' scheme that we agreed with the club but then went horribly wrong the first time we tried to use it, for which I can only apologise. This season we have agreed all such ideas up front and in writing with the club, so there can be no possibility of a misunderstanding. All of these offers/opportunities are listed below.

I truly believe we can all be proud of CFU, of how it has grown and what it has achieved over such a short time. CFU is all about the fans' right to get involved in the support and running of their club. Cambridge United is YOUR club, and CFU is YOUR fans' co-op. As long as we continue to believe in our right to get involved and the obligations that come with that, then CFU will continue to grow and prosper.

Thank you all for your support.

Nick Pomery,
Chairman, Cambridge Fans United



Cambridge United FC Open Day

The fans co-operative group Cambridge Fans United has helped organise a day of events at the football ground where fans can be entertained, but they can also take the chance to find out about all the club's off the field activities.

Fans will be able to put questions in person to Club staff and directors and there will be a ground tour, as well as skills demonstrations by youngsters from the Centre of Excellence. Members of the first team squad will be on hand to answer questions and sign autographs. Fans will also be able to learn more about the progress on the Club's redevelopment plans.

Steve Greenall, Vice Chairman of CFU, said, "In the eight years that I worked at the Club, it never ceased to amaze me how few times the fans of the Club ever came behind the scenes. To many supporters, even just taking a look in the Board Room or the dressing rooms will be a first time experience.

"I'm sure that manager John Beck would be among the first to acknowledge the crucial role the fans play in the life of the Club. Fans are the heart and soul of any football club, and we are really pleased to be able to work with everyone with a passion for the Club, to give those fans a chance to find out more about what makes Cambridge United tick."

United's PR Manager Graham Eales added, "There's always a buzz at the start of any new season, but when it's your 50th year as Cambridge United and you are redeveloping the stadium, what a great chance to open the doors of the Club on the second Sunday of the season to give U's fans a chance to look behind the scenes."

The event will take place on Sunday August 19th, and admission will be free. The ground will be open from 1.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.

Anyone who would like to help out on the day of the event or get more information should contact Graham Eales at the football club on (01223) 566500.
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It started with a what?! Ste Greenall tells the tale of how his 46-mile walk to raise funds for Cambridge Fans United came about, and it begins over a year ago:

It Started with a Sausage ...

Well, they say an army doesn't march on an empty stomach, so if you are thinking it's a good idea to embark on a 46 mile walk - in a day - it's a good idea to do so without an empty belly. Mind you, eating one a year before the walk takes place..... Confused? So am I, and I'm writing this! This is how it started.

You see, we're a neighbourly crowd in our little neck of Hartford. Not quite doors left on the latch / pop around daily / living in one another's pockets, but we do like to speak to one another, and look after one another's homes in a Neighbourhood Watch-kinda way. When one of our number moved away in May 2000, it was only a matter of a few weeks before the new neighbours at Number 2 were inviting everyone around to meet them, and share grub from the barbie.

Sean and Lesley. He's in the RAF; she ex-RAF. And when these RAF types have a barbie, it's down to the base shop to pick up those rather tasty bratwursts they got sooooo used to when on tour in Germany. Ahh...yes...Germany...three lions on a shirt.....thirty years of hurt, isn't it? Actually, it's June 2000, and the song was for Euro 96....so it's now 34 years of hurt, but never mind. There's a chance to put all that right tonight. Round to Martin and Nicola's to watch the game. But after the barbie.

Paul and Christine are there with young James and Amelia, hovering almost too close to the glowing charcoals. So too, Peter and Shirley. Jim and Kathleen - the American couple - are coming too. It's a hot day, and Bud is cooling in the ice box. Ahh...here's Kathleen..but no Jim.

"Aggghh...he's gone on some walk" she says. "Started out at 4.00 am this morning, hasn't rung, but he's not due back for an hour or so."

Now when someone goes out for a walk, they don't usually start at 4.00 am, so if he's not yet back - and he's quite a fit man, is our Jim - then you know he must have walked a fair distance, or he's planning to. It turns out that, along with a number of colleagues from Alconbury base, he's taking part in the Pathfinder March.

First done in 1997, it's a way of commemorating the contribution in the war of the Pathfinder squadrons in Cambridgeshire. Four bases in total. Wyton, Warboys (now a distribution depot), Oakington (now a refuge for asylum seekers) and Graveley, now a farm. A walk to each - even as the crow flies - a very long way. Take a route via bridleways, footpaths and a few country roads, and a whole new Olympic event starts to emerge. And Jim and his buddies are probably holed up in some alehouse, or treating their blisters, or back at Wyton....but they ain't atthe barbie at Number 2.

It's a combination of the Bud, the heat on this balmy (or 'barmy') day, or maybe the bratties, but I am fascinated at the prospect of walking 46 miles in day. I wish I'd known about it. Maybe I could have.....hang on, I'm totally unfit, have never walked more than ten miles, tops, if that. I don't have the right footwear, I get blisters easily, I get the occasional athlete's foot. How would I ever dream of undertaking such a walk?

Well, later that night, Baddiel and Skinner got THEIR dream, and football, which had come home in '96, brought a victory home against the Germans. There's a pattern emerging here. RAF people. Germans. Walking. Beer.....and sausages. Well, maybe not the diet of long distance walkers, but as I'd chomped on that brattie, I'd had the imagination tugged at. Not this year.....but maybe next year.

Maybe my brother Stu - who IS fit, and has the right footwear - would do it too. We could do it for charity. Hell, we could just do it. It would be fun. I'll speak to Jim when he gets back, and find out how to go about taking part next year. Pathfinder March 2001 - I like the sound of this. I'll get an early application in soon after Christmas.

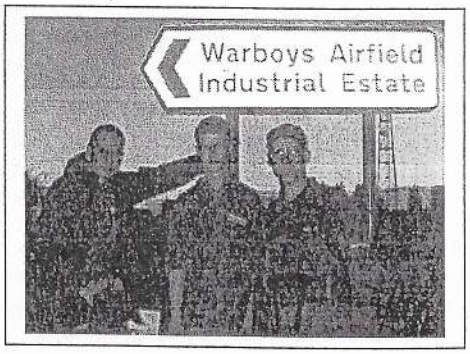
And so to June 2001.....reproduced below is Barry Eley's blow by blow account of Steve Greenall's epic CFU fund-raising Pathfinder walk:

Greenall's CFU walk

By Barry Eley

Date: 30/6/2001

As reported elsewhere on the site, former U's secretary Steve Greenall and his brother are walking 46 miles today to raise money for Cambridge Fans United, and we bring you the following pictures and brief updates of their progress. Their route closely traces the route of the annual Pathfinder March, organised by the RAF to commemorate the Second World War Pathfinder squadrons, and four current and former RAF bases are on the route.



Steve, his brother Stuart and nephew Tom set off from RAF Wyton at 3am this morning their next checkpoint was a former base, Warboys, at 4am, where they saw the dawn break:



After five hours they had covered 14 miles and passed through Somersham and Earith to reach Willingham on schedule at 8am; the first setback came at Rampton at about 9am when Steve required treatment for blisters. But after a short break they pressed on to reach Oakington at 10am. Then came a much-needed break at 11am, having covered 23 miles and half the distance.

The walkers enjoyed a change of clothes, bacon butty and greeting from Marvin at the Black Horse, Dry Drayton, where their host was the club's former commercial manager John Holmes:

After their well-deserved break at Dry Drayton, the brothers reached Caxton Gibbet at 2pm, where they had a brief reunion with members of their family. After covering 29 miles, Steve's blisters were getting worse and he was definitely feeling the pain. However he was delighted to see Moosenetter and U's Net contributor Mark Slater, who drove by and spotted them, and walked half a mile with them.

2001/2002 Squad - Becky's makeover!

Summer 2001 has seen the arrival of numerous trialists and wholesale changes in United's squad. Will Jones provides details of the changes and pen pictures of the new faces at the Abbey this season:

IN:
Colin Alcide (York City, £10,000)
Stevland Angus (West Ham, free)
Matt Clements (Mildenhall Tn)
Tony Scully (QPR, free)
Dean Walling (Northwich Victoria)
Phil Warner (Southampton, free)

NON-CONTRACT:
Marcus Richardson

OUT:
John Dreyer (Stevénage, free)
Mark Joseph (Posh, free)
Steve MacInespie
Neil Mustoe
Scott Oakes
Ritchie Humphreys (Hartlepool U)
Tero Pilvi
Alex Russell (Torquay Utd)

TRIALISTS:
Chris Allen (Nottingham Forest)
Lee Fitzpatrick (Hartlepool Utd)
Leon Kelly
Paul Stephenson (Middlesbrough)
Jamie Stuart (Millwall)
Aaron Wilford (Middlesbrough)

Cambridge United Squad 2001/02 *The Manager* John Beck *Assistant* Shane Westley

Squad No	Name	Squad No	Name	Squad No	Name
Goalkeepers		*Midfielders*		*Defenders*	
1	Lionel Perez	3	Ian Ashbee	6	Stevland Angus
13	Shaun Marshall	8	Terry Fleming	28	Adam Butterworth
		14	Luke Guttridge	30	Dale Cockrill
Forwards		17	Richard Prokas	12	Tom Cowan
11	Colin Alcide	15	Tony Scully	4	Andy Duncan
27	Daniel Chillingworth	7	Paul Wanless	n/a	David Greene
n/a	Matthew Clements			25	Martin McNeil
9	Dave Kitson			29	Franco Nacca
22	Alex Revell			21	Adam Tann
16	Demba Traore			n/a	Dean Walling
10	Tom Youngs			2	Phil Warner

New players...

Name: Colin Alcide
Age: 29
Height: 6ft 2
Weight: 12st 4
Signed from: York City
Fee: £10,000

He might look like a cross between a heavyweight boxer and an American football player (you could be forgiven for thinking he looks more likely to eat defenders than go past them) but Colin looks to have all the makings of a useful squad player this season. Strong in the air, tough in the tackle and with a fair amount of skill and awareness with the ball at his feet, Alcide has produced some encouraging pre-season performances both down the flanks and through the middle. Another former Lincoln player, signed for £10,000 by Beck in the close season, the 31-year old experienced professional is as unlikely to dazzle as he is to disappoint. The first "Mr Dependable" for "TEAM"

Signed from West Ham United on a free transfer, "Stev" as he likes to be known is a quick, skilful defender who can operate almost anywhere along the back line. A gritty performance against Millwall this pre-season introduced him to the U's supporters. Described by one United coach as a "pocket-size Liam Daish", the lively whole-hearted youngster looks to be a terrific addition to the Cambridge United squad. John Beck is understood to be "astonished" that he was able to capture the promising youngster on a free transfer.

Name: Stevland Angus
Age: 20
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st
Signed from: West Ham Utd
Fee: Free Transfer

Name: Tony Scully
Age: 25
Height: 5ft 7
Weight: 11st 12
Signed from: QPR
Fee: Free Transfer

Natural wide players aren't something that have been synonymous with Cambridge United in recent years but in Tony Scully, we have an out-and-out winger who John Beck is not afraid to admit is a lynch pin in his preparations for the new season. This only compounds the agony, as Tony is currently recovering from a hamstring injury sustained in a training session that could keep him out of action until a month into the new season. A speedy, old-fashioned wingman, Scully is not blessed with outstanding ability but will likely posses the pace to frighten many defences at this level.

A pre-season campaign dogged by niggling injuries has hampered young Phil's preparations for the new season. There is little doubt John Beck has high hopes, and big plans, for the 21-year-old signed from Premier League Southampton this close season. A superb performance while playing out of position at left back against Norwich City, Warner is what can only be described as a "typical" Beck player. Committed, athletic and a born leader.

Name:	Phil Warner
Age:	21
Height:	5ft 10
Weight:	11st 7
Signed from:	Southampton
Fee:	Free Transfer

Name:	Matthew Clements
Age:	23
Height:	6ft 1
Weight:	11st 8
Signed from:	Mildenhall Town
Fee:	Undisclosed

If you haven't seen him play before, then prepare to be astonished. This young lad is faster than a speeding bullet. A former international sprint hurdler, once ranked the fourth fastest man in Britain, Clements has earned himself a one-year contract after a successful trial spell at the club. A percentage player if ever there was one, his pace, if not deadly in terms of producing clear-cut chances, has forced many dangerous set pieces in the pre-season games he's played. He'll outpace any defender in the world, but it takes more than pace to make it in this game...watch this space. Don't blink though, or you'll miss him.

Yet another former Lincoln player to join the U's, Dean Walling has greatly impressed during the pre-season campaign. Another born leader, Walling commands the back line with a no-nonsense style of play greatly lacking from the heart of the U's defence in recent years. His main attribute appears to be his strength in the air, with both the Millwall and Norwich City strikers failing to get a sniff. Considering he is still re-adjusting to life back in the football league after a spell in non-league, it wouldn't be too optimistic to suggest the best is yet to come from Dean.

Name:	Dean Walling
Age:	32
Height:	5ft 11
Weight:	11st 4
Signed from:	Northwich
Fee:	Free Transfer

The trialists...

With Dean Walling and Mathew Clements having both been offered contracts, there aren't many places in the squad the trialists left at the Abbey have to fight for. **Leon Kelly** is a young striker from Atherstone hoping he will make the grade. With pace, good ball control and an engine which seems to keep going, and going he showed promising signs when he came on in the second half to face Millwall in pre-season action. I'll be shocked if Beck doesn't snap this lad up on a contract because he has bags of potential.

Lee Fitzpatrick is a 23-year-old attacking midfielder on trial from third division Hartlepool United. "Fitz" as he likes to be known scored a tremendous 30-yard volley against Nuneaton this pre-season and played a tidy game against Cambridge City at Milton Road. Never afraid to venture forward, he's scored three goals for Hartlepool in twenty games which isn't a bad return for a midfield man, he is hoping to show John Beck he has the credentials to make the step up to division two.

Jamie Stuart is a young defender, released from Millwall, who is looking to make a fresh start at a league club this summer. Along with former Carlisle defender **Jamie Squires** and central defenders **Paul Stevenson** and **Aaron Wilford** on trial from Premier League Middlesbrough, competition for the final defensive squad numbers is pretty hot. Stevenson and Wilford both played a half each against Millwall this pre-season, with manager John Beck declaring he was impressed with their performances. Who of the above will complete the U's pack? Your guess is a good as mine.

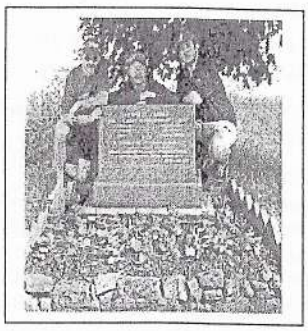
Final thoughts...

If you haven't seen Cambridge United in any shape of form since last season, then you're in for a shock. All players were given summer weight and fitness targets to meet which, all except one player, have been achieved. Tom Youngs has put on nine pounds of muscle and the likes of Andy Duncan and Ian Ashbee are looking trim and super-fit. The squad is fitter than it ever has been before. Whether or not fitness alone will be enough to keep the U's ship sailing in second division waters for a further year remains to be seen. The style of play will likely alienate the U's once again, teams will complain of the tactics used and the physical presence of our team. They'll whinge, moan, groan and most leave the Abbey Stadium in fits of bitter rage. Let's hope so anyway.

"If the dogs are barking at your heels, you know you're leading the pack."

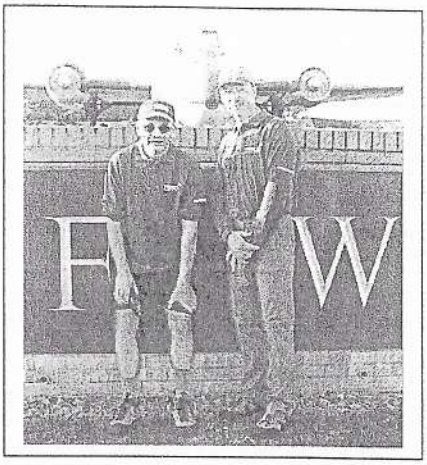
Will Jones

Greenall's walk (continued)



After telephone calls of encouragement from U's legend John Taylor and club captain Paul Wanless, they reached another of the wartime airfields and stopped at Graveley Airfield Memorial. They had covered 35 miles and were still making good time, but were about to get wet as they left at 4-30pm, bound for Godmanchester. They reached Godmanchester at 6pm and paused by the river for a short break and for this photograph. They had walked 40 miles and had six more painful miles in prospect.

The walk finally ended at 7-45pm last night, after 46 gruelling miles. As you can see, Steve could hardly stand up and the first thing on his mind was to put his feet in a bowl of water, while brother Stu looked fresher than when he set off! Steve said the many calls he received during the walk helped to keep him going



With pledges and money handed over yesterday, the total raised by the Greenalls' sterling efforts should exceed £1,500 – *fantastic result Steve and Stu!*

Thanks on behalf of CFU to Steve, Stuart and all those who were kind enough to sponsor him.

[Editor's note: Thanks should also go to ***Barry Eley*** *who provided the back-up vehicle all day from their 3am start, took the photos and provided the commentary]*

Club offers:

We have again enquired about cheap package deals for works groups and similar. This was intended to provide a means of introducing friends and workmates who are new to football or the club to the joys of following United.

Renford Sargant and Carla Frediani havea agreed the proposal in principle and Carla will be coming back to CFU in writing over the next few days to confirm EXACTLY what the club can offer. As soon as we have these details we will pass then on via e-mail and U's Net.

The club have also confirmed that they will be supporting the CFU Youth Tournament by making free or heavily discounted tickets available to all the youngsters taking part. Obviously we are very grateful for this support from the club.

DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO CFU MEMBERS
(on production of a valid CFU membership card)

The Black Horse Public House/Restaurant
35 Park Street, Dry Drayton,
Cambridge Tel. 01954 781055
10% off any food purchased.
Restaurant open six nights a week, 6.30 – 9.00 p.m.

Budget Rent a Car (Cambridge)
303-305 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8JE Tel. 01223 323838
15% discount off car and van rental from the office at Newmarket Road, Cambridge. The discount will apply to the standard local rental price. VAT and insurance will not be subject to the discount. Members must mention they are CFU members at time of booking.

Club Motivation Fitness Centre
The Moat House Hotel,
Bar Hill, Cambridge
Tel. 01954 249986
25% off membership fee

Mortgage Quest
The Sycamores, 43 Kneesworth Street, Royston, Herts Tel. 01763 244884
Free Mortgage Appraisal
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Graham Jenkins (Yamaha Dealers)
29 Cromwell Road, Cambridge
Tel. 01223 243074
10% discount on all motorcycle and scooter accessories plus special deals

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10% discount on all internal Venetian, Vertical and Roller Blinds

Skin Deep (Beautician)
The Moat House Hotel, Bar Hill,
Cambridge Tel. 01954 249986
10% discount on any treatments offered

CFU Golf day

The CFU golf fun day will take place on the afternoon at Friday the 24th of August at the Malton Course, Meldreth. Tee off will start at 1 PM and will cost £25 including one round of eighteen holes, a barbecue and some small prizes. We shall, of course, observe the standards of the game but it is not intended to be taken too seriously, just an afternoon's relaxation and a social event. Novice golfers are every bit as welcome as experienced ones, to enjoy a round of golf as part of a relaxed afternoon.

There are thirty-two places available on a first partner first served basis -- teams of four are also welcome. Please drop a note to Ian Taylor to book your place, with a deposit of £5 and please let him have your lowest handicap from club/ society. Ian's address is 43 Cardington Court, Bamford Road, Bedford MK42 0NL. When we get your booking, we will send you further details on the course and some notes to help you on the day,

Brian Attmore and Graham Nurse have compiled a superb photographic memorial to our club. The book will be available by mail order or from the club shop.

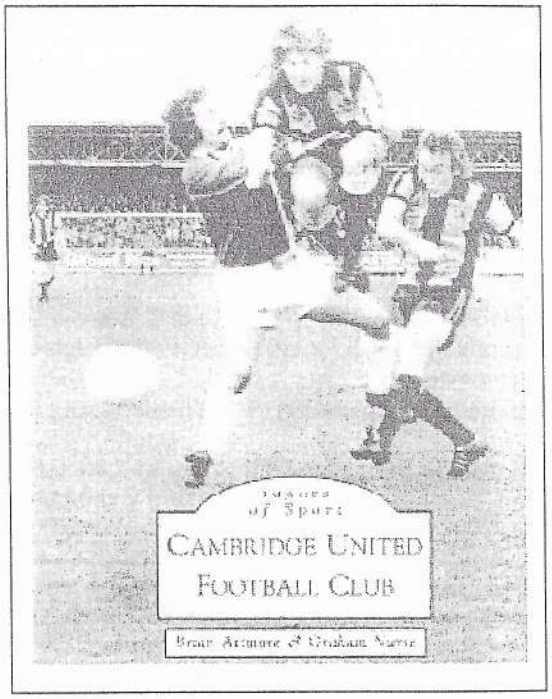
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Burns Night Dinner – January 2000

CFU held it's first dinner at the Moat House, Bar Hill, with a Celtic celebration of the finest of Scottish (or is that Scotch?!) tradition. With Steve MacInespie and Tom Cowan resplendent in full regalia and a number of other U's players in attendance, over one hundred fans, officials and CFU members packed into the function room to witness the Haggis being addressed and to sample haggis and neeps, beef and other traditional fare.

Highlight of the evening was a moving speech by Tom Watt of Talksport fame paying tribute to the dedication of the fans of smaller clubs like United, and reflecting on the richer experiences that accrue to followers of the leagues smaller clubs.

Thanks in no small part to a raffle superbly compered by Trevor Peer, a total of over £1,300 was raised for CFU and a good time was had by all. Our thanks to Heather Wilkanowski for the organization, to our guest speakers and to Trevor for acting as an excellent MC.

'They Think It's All Over….'

In April, four teams made up of past and present United players battled it out in the Supporters' Club bar in a local version of "They Think It's All Over", with John Taylor's team beating Chris Turner's team in the final.

Local broadcaster Trevor Peer chaired the event, which brought several new members to CFU, and kept good order throughout. At the end of all the laughs around £400 had been raised for CFU.

Treasurer's Update

By the time you receive your newsletter, CFU will have £39,000 in the bank. This is quite an achievement as we didn't even have a bank account 11 months ago. £28,000 has come from individual member's pledges and sponsors. The remaining income has been generated by a number of fundraising initiatives such as the Burns Night, "They think it's all over", the calendar and sales of match videos. Many thanks to all who have supported our efforts, and if you have any other ideas on fundraising please let us know.

Since last September we have opened up bank accounts with the Co-op, and have been accepted on to the Direct Debit scheme as a means of collecting members' pledges. Many members pay by Direct Debit, which is easier and cheaper for CFU, meaning more money going toward the redevelopment and share purchases. If anyone would like to switch to direct debit please contact CFU by the usual channels.

Now that we have raised a considerable sum of money, we are hoping to be able to part with it. As soon as the Club can agree a share price we will be able to make our first financial contribution to the ground redevelopment.

Derek Wick, Treasurer

CFU Youth Tournament – Everyone Welcome!

CFU's inaugural Youth Tournament takes place on Coldhams Common, Cambridge on **Sunday 2nd September**. There are tournaments for boys' teams for ages between 8 and 14 (5-a-side for 8s-10s, 11-a-side for older children), and for girls' teams from 11 to 14 years old. Team entry is £15. The tournament runs from 10am to a 1pm final for 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s and from 2pm to a 5pm final for 12s, 13s, 14s.

Entry is **FREE** for those not playing. There will be lots of fun for all the family throughout the day, with hot food (Burgers, hotdogs, kebabs) and hot drinks, ice-cream van, a bar, sweets/crisps stall, inflatable army assault course, bouncy castle, rally karts, also side stalls with games for small prizes. Come by foot, bike or car (stewarded parking, toilets etc. will be provided).

We're hoping that over 500 kids and their families will enjoy a great day out courtesy of CFU. Please call Mike 'Sooty' Edwards on (01223) 420699 if you can help on the day or to get more information.

If you know of any other businesses that might consider offering discounts to CFU members, please call 07957 344005 or write to Karen Hinkins at PO Box 447, Cambridge CB3 8ZX.

We hope this newsletter has been interesting, informative and fun to read. If you have any comments about it, any fundraising or community action ideas to share, or would like to introduce any potential new members, please jot it down on the slip below and post it back to us at CFU, PO Box 447, Cambridge CB3 8ZX or call us on 07957 344005.