

RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

1971 – 2006

35 YEARS OF FOOTBALL IN RIMINGTON

&

MARKING CUP & LEAGUE DOUBLE
2005-06 SEASON

EAST LANCS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS

CRAVEN CUP WINNERS

FOREWORD

In 2002 a history booklet was produced as a memento for those attending the 30th Anniversary celebratory dinner of Rimington Football Club. Since that time the Club has had tremendous success on the field culminating in 2006 with a magnificent double of East Lancs Premier Division Champions & Craven Cup Winners for the 3rd time in 5 seasons.

We thought it appropriate to record these achievements by updating the history not only for team members & supporters who joined after 2002 but indeed for posterity – a copy is held in Clitheroe library in the local history section.

The update consists mainly of adding information on the seasons since 2002 but the opportunity was also taken to dig out some extra information from the Library archives on the historic first Craven Cup win in 1992.

May Rimington Football Club continue to be successful. No praise is too high for all the players & officials but special mention must be made of the manager throughout these seasons – Terry Braithwaite. For a small village to be able to attract such talented players and managers is not just coincidence, great credit is due to the dedicated voluntary efforts of the Recreation Association & the support it receives from villagers which allows such good sporting & recreational facilities to be available for all.

Richard Sherras June 2006

RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB 1971 - 2006

TROPHIES & TITLES WON 1ST TEAM

| | |
|---------|--|
| 1987/88 | AITKEN SHIELD |
| 1988/89 | AITKEN SHIELD |
| 1990/91 | E LANCS 2 ND DIVISION CUP |
| 1990/91 | RUNNERS UP E LANCS 2 ND DIV & PROMOTION TO PREMIER LEAGUE |
| 1991/92 | CRAVEN CUP |
| 1996/97 | MORRISON CUP |
| 2001/02 | CRAVEN CUP |
| 2003/04 | CRAVEN CUP |
| 2003/04 | E LANCS PRESIDENTS CUP |
| 2005/06 | CRAVEN CUP |
| 2005/06 | E LANCS PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS |

TROPHIES & TITLES WON RESERVE TEAM

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|---------|--|
| 1993/94 | CRAVEN LEAGUE 2 ND DIVISION CUP |
| 1994/95 | CRAVEN LEAGUE 2 ND DIVISION CUP |
| 1994/95 | CRAVEN LEAGUE 2 ND DIVISION CHAMPIONS |
| 1995/96 | CRAVEN LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION CUP |
| 1997/98 | CRAVEN LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION CHAMPIONS |
| 1997/98 | NORTHERN PLANT HIRE CUP |

FOREWORD TO 30th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

This booklet has been produced both as a memento of the 30th Anniversary of Rimington Football Club and as a tribute to all who have taken part in its activities no matter how small or how extensive. There are some stalwarts whose names appear in many of the entries and to them we give our heartiest thanks for all their efforts. However lets not forget that anything is the sum of its parts – Rimington Football Club is what ALL participants: players, officers, supporters, spectators, sponsors, teamakers, fundraisers, etc have made it.

The contents have been produced by reading through all the minute books right from the Public Meeting held on 1st July 1971. I thought the latter so significant historically that they are produced in full on the first few pages. The extracts from the AGM & Committee minutes are interspersed with newspaper cuttings, photographs, match reports, in fact anything to try and give a snapshot for each of the 30 seasons of the Club's existence. My thanks are due to all who contributed their memories or documents with special thanks to Brian Ashton for keeping such good records for most of the early years, Philip Hodgson for his records & Laurence Whittaker for keeping Brian's archives, his own good records and digging them out for me. I should also mention Derek Knowles for his help with locating photographs, etc.

The task of reading through many documents & making sense of scraps of paper while keeping an eye on production costs, has not been easy so I apologise now if I have missed out anyone's contribution which the reader may feel warranted greater recognition. My hope is that you will find the booklet of interest and that it brings back many happy memories of Rimington Football Club

Richard Sherras September 2002

Cover for 30th Anniversary Reunion Dinner & Cabaret, Mytton Fold 11th October 2002

Recad of a Public Meeting
held in the Memorial Institute
on 1st July, 1971.

As there seemed to be general interest in the Village in trying to start a Football Team a Public Meeting was called by N. Keighley of The Damers to be held in the Memorial Institute on Thursday, 1st July, 1971 to see if there was sufficient support to own a Village Team. In spite of many people being involved in haymaking quite a large number of people were present at the Meeting.

Amongst those present were:-

Mesdames:- Colbourne, booper, Keighley
Miss. Barlow and Miss booper.

Messrs. Anderson, Brennan, Brown
booper, boogrove, Hacking, Kenyon, Jackson
Keighley, Whittaker.

E. P. W. + T. Colbourne, T. Dobson.

B. Dugdale, S. + D. Johnson, D. + M.
hambart, A. Metcalfe, D. Taylor, P. + M.
Smalley, R. D. basketick.
Juniors:- I. + A. Hatley, D. Metcalfe
P. Keighley, J. Colbourne.

Apologies Apologies: had been sent by Mr. S
Spencer who was unable to attend.

Chair As Mr. Keighley had prepared a list
of costs and other information
involved in running a Football
Club it was proposed by Mr. Jackson
and seconded by Mr. Brennan,
that Mr. Keighley be asked to take
the Chair.

Mr. Keighley then read out the
following ~~proposed~~ terms:-

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| <u>Revenue</u> | | 2 | - |
| <u>Costs</u> | Foot kit (12 players) | 37 | - 00 |
| <u>1st Year</u> | Netts. Approx. | 20 | - 00 |
| | Foot Posts. | 25 | - 00 |
| | Boots (20 - playing + practice) | 18 | - 00 |
| | Rent - fields approx | 50 | - 00 |
| | League Fee | 5 | - 00 |
| | * 2000. F. Assoc. | 3 | - 00 |
| | * Yorkshire F Assoc | 2 | - 15 |
| | | <u>111</u> | <u>- 00</u> |

Terms Insurance Premium. £20.00 per annum
which would allow £5 per week for a
maximum of 52 weeks or £1000
capital payment in case of death.
OR £1000 which would allow £100
for loss of limbs etc.

* Mr. Keighley explained the club would
need to be a member of both Yorkshire
F.A. + Football F.A. as the Village.

was in the West Riding.
 Mr Keighley then asked those present whether to talk between themselves & decide if this amount of money could be raised, ~~with~~ those present would be prepared to either play in the team, or assist in the running of same. There was much discussion & the question of where the game could be played was raised.
 Mr Keighley said, Mr. W. Smith of Stubbs Wood was prepared to rent a field if required, off Station Road. It was at present tenanted by Mr. H. Metcalfe, who, on being approached had said he would not raise any objection to allowing the field to be used.
 It was then suggested there be a show of hands by those in favour. All those present were in favour.

God Post's work
 Mr. T. Jackson offered to contribute by setting in the God Post's when the time came. Mr. Kenyon offered to assist in any way in preparing the ground & Mr. Whitaker said Mr. Sedgwick of Naby would also give assistance.

After more discussion and suggestions regarding subscriptions etc. It was decided to postpone further views until another meeting was called and a Committee could be elected who could deal with these matters.
 Proposed by Mr. Cosgrove, seconded by Mr. Brown a meeting be called next Thursday at the same time. At that time one or two views

which would need urgent attention it was suggested that two people be delegated to deal with these matters. It was proposed by Mr. Cosgrove & seconded by Mr. Brown, this should be done.
Personal
Notes
 Mr Keighley
 P. Brennan
 Mr Keighley and Mr. Brennan were asked to take on these duties and also to choose a 'strip' least likely to clash with other teams in the league.
 Both gentlemen accepted.
 The Meeting then closed after Mr Keighley asked the younger gentlemen present who were interested in being playing members to sign the necessary forms. Fifteen names were collected.
Signatures
 15
 The Meeting then finally closed.

1 WEEK LATER.....

- 8/7/71 FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING OF RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB
 Chairman Mr Neville Keighley followed by Mr Henry Cosgrove on election
 Secretary Mr Neville Keighley on election
 Treasurer Mr R Anderton
 Resolved that Rimington Recreation Club be formed and run by the Football Club to raise funds for purchase of suitable land. A separate fund to be set aside for this purpose.
- 9/8/71 Mr Tony Green invited to become Club President, he accepts
- 4/10/71 Agreed to enter team of under 17s in Craven Minor League - strip to be black & white
 Caravan bought from Dennis Seed for £20 & cabin donated by Jack Hacking

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Eric Burgess | Malcolm Lambert | Fred Smalley |
| William Colebourne | John Metcalfe | Michael Smalley |
| Paul Colbourne | Brian Dugdale | David Taylor |
| Edward Colebourne | John Duckworth | Peter Sayward |
| Darrel Capstick | Bill Hacking | John Heaton |
| Tony Dobson | Allan Hacking | David Spendlove |
| David Johnson | Jim Hacking | David Mason |
| Neville Keighley | Stephen Johnson | Tony Green |
| Geoffrey Lambert | Andrew Metcalfe | Bert Thistlethwaite |
| David Lambert | Trevor Robinson | William Stephen |
| David Fish | Geoffrey Watson | Thomas Colebourne |
| Russel Clayton | Richard Riley | Brian Bowman |
| Philip Graham | Gary Fawcett | David Graham |
| Andrew Whittaker | Simon Whiteside | Philip Smalley |
| Michael Healey | | |

RFC REGISTERED PLAYERS – 1971/72

- 3/1/72 Craven Minor League – team in 7th place
17/1/72 PUBLIC MEETING – AGREED TO SPLIT FOOTBALL CLUB & RECREATION CLUB
Recreation Club Chairman - Mr Henry Cosgrove
Football Club Chairman – Mr Tom Jackson
Football Club Secretary - Mr Neville Keighley
£700 donated by Football Club to Recreation Club to be invested for purchase of suitable land when opportunity arises. £83 to be kept in separate fund for Children's Play Area
- 24/1/72 FIRST MEETING OF NEW RIMINGTON FC COMMITTEE
Selection committee formed: 3 members – Team Captain + Messrs Kenyon & Thistlethwaite
First Coach – Mr Ronnie Clayton
- 31/7/72 FIRST AGM OF RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB
Set of Club Rules was approved
Club to be known as Rimington Football Club
Colours to be Amber & Black with Black & White as alternative
Subs to be £1 pa
Committee elected annually and have 12 members

We the undersigned being the recognised administration responsible for the Rimington Football & Recreation Club, after careful consideration have come to the conclusion that the present organisation is totally inadequate to administer the business that has now evolved.

This situation has arisen out of the responses to our appeals and efforts to raise funds, which have exceeded our wildest dreams, and can only be described as fantastic. This we feel proves that there is a need for recreational facilities to be provided, and it is essential that a proper organisation be set up to administer this fund.

The present organisation puts the Football Club as the parent body and this situation could lead to the Football Club having a monopoly of the recreation facilities we hope to be able to provide from the Recreation Fund now in existence.





It is with these thoughts in mind that we have decided to call a Public Meeting to be held in the Institute on 17 January 1972 at 8pm so as to enable the village as a whole to shape any future development in this field.

Perhaps it is only fair to state our thoughts on this matter. We feel that an administration similar to the Institute Management Committee, whereby any organisation with an interest at stake would automatically be able to apply for a seat on the administering committee and therefore have a proper voice in the conducting of business.

The rest of the Committee would be made up with elected members elected annually at the Annual General Meetings.

Whilst stating that our thoughts have run on these lines we do emphasise that we retain a completely open mind and sincerely invite you to come along and make suggestions so that the best interests of us all as a community may be ascertained.

Make a note of the date and please make every effort to attend. The future of this venture is in the melting pot. Attend this meeting and make full use of the opportunity to fashion the outcome

 Fred Heath
 H. G. Cosgrove
 A. Keighley
 R. Kenyon

17th November 1975.

Dear Sir,

My Committee has asked me to write to you enquiring if the anomalous situation can be resolved whereby Rimington Football Club is required to be in membership (and of course pay fees) to both the Lancashire and the West Riding County Football Associations.

Prior to 1974 the village of Rimington was in the West Riding area and consequently we were in membership of the West Riding C.F.A. When local government was reorganised Rimington came into the Lancashire geographical and administrative area, ceasing completely to be in Yorkshire.

As I understand the position, we are still required to be in membership of the West Riding C.F.A. as well as Lancashire County F.A. even though we play in the Ribbles Valley Football League, which is under the jurisdiction of the Lancashire F.A.

Being in membership of the West Riding County F.A. we are of course required to play in the Craven Cup, which is a cup competition of the Craven and district F.A.

Our principal complaints are:

1. the unwieldy situation which results from belonging

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Secretary:
E. A. CROKER



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18 LANCASTER GATE, LONDON, W2 3LW

Our Ref: F78.0/APW

Your Ref: 8th December, 1975.

B. Ashton, Esq.,
Rimington F.C.,
The House that Jack Built,
Stopper Lane,
Rimington,
Nr. Clitheroe.

Dear Sir,

On receipt of your letter of the 17th November we wrote to both the Lancashire F.A. and the West Riding County F.A. on the matter.

We have now received replies from both Associations and enclose copies for your information.

Although County boundaries have recently been altered, football boundaries have not been altered as a consequence of these changes.

Your Club is, therefore, still in Membership with the West Riding County F.A. and must affiliate to that Association. Further, if your Club wishes to play in Lancashire F.A. Competitions then it must also affiliate to that Association.

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Dear Sir,

County Boundaries

We have received your letter of the 8th January, and have to inform you that the matter to which you refer has been considered by the Executive Committee on at least three occasions during the past two or three years.

The Committee on each occasion has decided that the County Football boundaries should not be altered as a result of changes made in County administrative boundaries.

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18 LANCASTER GATE, LONDON, W2 3LW

Our Ref: JAY/RMO'B/4161

Your Ref:

28th December, 1977

R.W. Pritchett Esq.,
Rm. Secretary,
Craven & District Football Association,
38 Burnside Crescent,
Skipton,
North Yorkshire, YO23 2BJ

Dear Sir,

Re: West Riding County F.A. - Lancashire F.A.

I refer to my letter dated the 7th December regarding the affiliation of Clubs to the two above named Associations and would inform you that this matter has now been further investigated by this Office.

I would inform you that I have received confirmation from the Lancashire Football Association that it is not compulsory for any Club already affiliated to the West Riding County Football Association to also affiliate to the Lancashire Football Association in order to take part in any Competition sanctioned by the latter Association, but that it is purely a matter of choice for the Club concerned. It is, however, necessary for any such Club to affiliate to the Lancashire Football Association if it wishes to take part in any of that Association's County Cup Competitions.

22-9-74
RIMINGTON
HACKING A
JOHNSON B
TURNER R
BRIGGS M
HEALEY D
THORP O
DODSON D
JOHNSON K
HEALEY A
JOHNSON S
WILKINSON P
BRIGGS G

CLITHEROE 10
FISHERS H
BRADSHAW B
BRADSHAW K
HARRIS T
DODSON E
BRADSHAW T
BRADSHAW K
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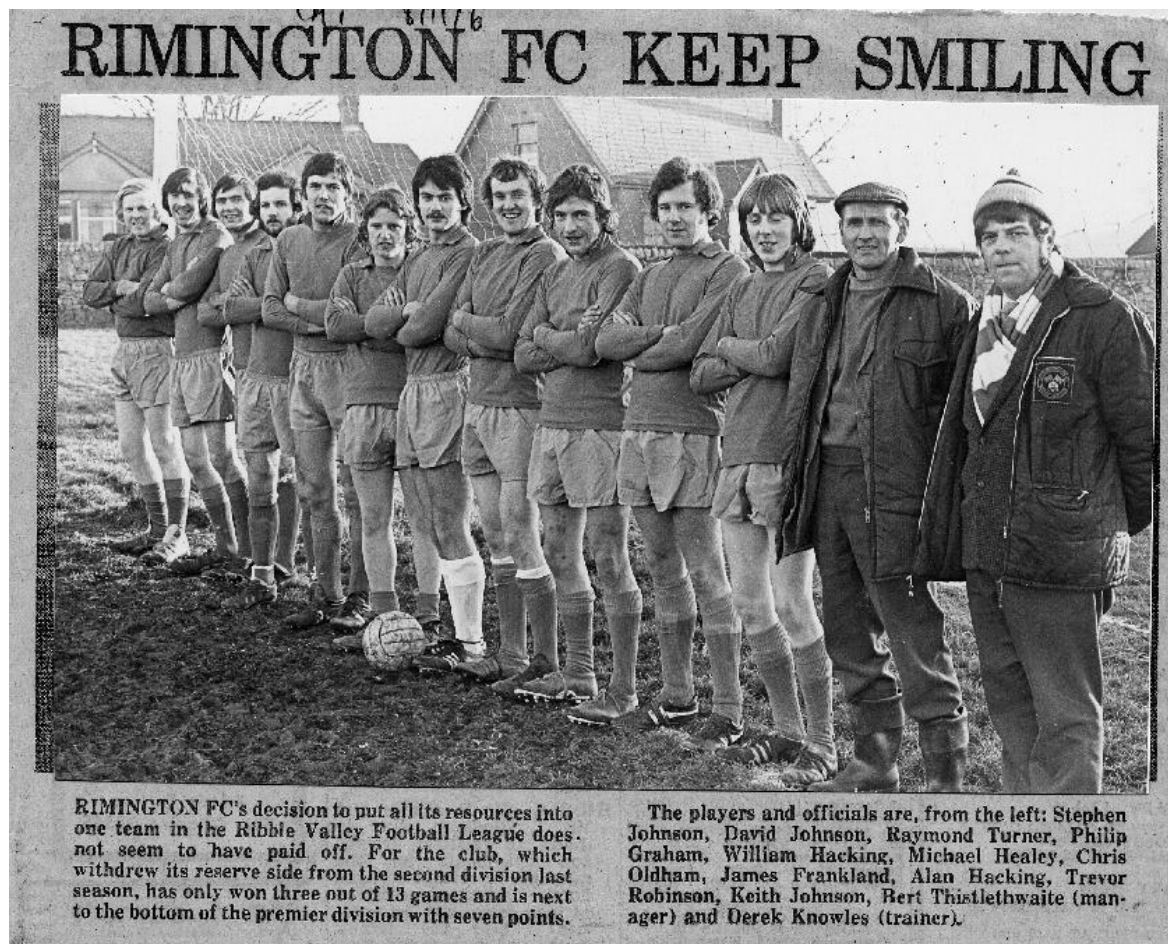
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RIMINGTON
N. Keighley

CLITHEROE 10

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2 2
8 6

- 2/7/74 Resolved to enter team in for next season in Ribble Valley League 2nd Division
- 29/7/74 **THIRD AGM**
Surplus of £25 in funds
Teams to be run by: 1st team – N Keighley; 2nd team – H Thistlethwaite
- 5/8/74 Stormy waters over interpretation of Rule 3 and how it applied to players. This left insufficient players eligible to form 2 teams. Secretary resigned and Chairman lost vote of confidence - all resolved before end of meeting??
- 20/11/74 Another stormy meeting regarding Rule 3. Chairman closes meeting abruptly!!
- 9/12/74 All seems forgotten re Rule 3!!!
- 5/6/75 **FOURTH AGM**
Neville Keighley stands down as Secretary to the regret of the members, Brian Ashton elected.
Committee to look into: more organisation for young players; greater player participation in Club; players to organise themselves for training; new strip to be obtained



RIMINGTON FC's decision to put all its resources into one team in the Ribble Valley Football League does not seem to have paid off. For the club, which withdrew its reserve side from the second division last season, has only won three out of 13 games and is next to the bottom of the premier division with seven points.

The players and officials are, from the left: Stephen Johnson, David Johnson, Raymond Turner, Philip Graham, William Hacking, Michael Healey, Chris Oldham, James Frankland, Alan Hacking, Trevor Robinson, Keith Johnson, Bert Thistlethwaite (manager) and Derek Knowles (trainer).

Clitheroe Advertiser - Jan 8th 1976

- 6/8/75 12 Royal Blue shirts obtained & old Amber shirts sold to West Bradford for £1 each
Edna Dean (Jackson) offers to provide refreshments to players at home games
Goal of the Year trophy donated by Bill Cooper.
- 12/1/76 Committee tries to arrange training facilities in Clitheroe for the players during winter
- 15/3/76 Football Association rule that RFC must be member of both W Riding & Lancs FAs in order to play in Ribble Valley League – Committee are not amused!!

LAST SEASON AT BUSTARDS FIELD

| SEPTEMBER | | 1977 | |
|-----------|---|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 4 | Grindleton A | 0-3 | |
| 11 | CLITHEROE A. C. H | 0-3 | |
| 18 | Chatham 13 Apr A | 0-5 | |
| 26 | HURST GREEN H | 1-1 | |
| OCTOBER | | FEBRUARY | |
| 2 | Springmill A | 0-3 | |
| 9 | KINGS ARMS 30 Apr H | 0-2 | |
| 16 | R.S.S.C. A | 0-2 | |
| 23 | ROYAL OAK H | 0-6 | |
| 30 | Chipping A | 0-8 | |
| NOVEMBER | | MARCH | |
| 6 | 1st Round Ashley Smith Cup Henthorn (A) | 5 | Royal Oak A |
| 13 | LOW MOOR CLUB H | 12 | CHIPPING H |
| 20 | LIONS H | 18 | Low Moor Club A |
| 27 | Read H | 26 | 1st Round Ashkin Shield R.S.C. H |
| DECEMBER | | APRIL | |
| 4 | HENTHORN 23 Apr H | 2 | Lions A |
| 11 | 2nd Round Ashley Smith Cup H | 9 | READ H |
| 18 | Henthorn A | 16 | Quarter Final Allen Shield Chatham H |

COMMITTEE

President: J. A. GREEN
Tel. Gisburn 446

Chairman: I. WHITTAKER
Tel. Gisburn 209

Vice-Chairman: H. THISTLETHWAITE
Tel. Gisburn 373

Secretary: B. ASHTON
Tel. Gisburn 454

Treasurer: C. OLDHAM
Tel. Gisburn 405

Team Manager: H. THISTLETHWAITE
Tel. Gisburn 373

W. Cooper, H. L. Cosgraves, K. Cutting
J. Hacking, T. Jackson, D. Knowles
D. Johnson, S. Johnson, J. Frankland
J. Baldwin

RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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FIXTURES 1976-77

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Ground:
BUSTARD'S FIELD, DOWNHAM ROAD

Team Colours:
Royal Blue Shirts and Shorts
Amber Shirts, Black Shorts (alternative)

- 16/6/76 FIFTH AGM
Club colours changed to Royal Blue shirts & shorts with alternative of Amber & Black
- 18/10/76 Agreed that RFC should aim to be a winning team not just try to keep a team of local lads.
Aim was to have a team good enough for players to want to stay at the club
Messrs H Thistlethwaite, D Johnson & K Cutting appointed as RFC representatives on Rimington Silver Jubilee Committee.
- 2/5/77 SIXTH AGM
Problems continue with dual affiliation – Lancs & W Riding – W Bradford, Grindleton support stand against payment of 2 sets of fees
Mark out new pitch on Jubilee field
- 15/8/77 Bill Butler Black Bull gave permission to use garage for changing

- 17/10/77 Purchase 16ft caravan for £40 from Frank Simpson to use as visitors changing room
Old caravan used for refreshment & by Referee
In dispute with W Riding FA about not taking part in Craven Cup as too far to travel
Meeting to be arranged with Recreation Assoc re sign to new field & water supply
Bill Butler agreed could use old store (now Acorn Cottage) as home changing room.
Dennis Seed asked that goal nets should either be removed or rolled up when not in use as his sheep were becoming entangled in them
- 5/12/77 Changing rooms in Black Bull store – repairs needed & provision of Calor gas lamp investigated. Bert Thistlethwaite donated a Calor gas cylinder for Visitors changing room in caravan
- 5/12/77 Craven Cup & West Riding dispute – Brian Ashton, Secy writes to FA
- 30/1/78 Brewery approached re long term use of barn for changing facilities
- 30/1/78 Craven Cup & WR FA dispute nearly resolved. Refund of Lancs FA affil fee requested
- 17/4/78 Refund of Lancs FA affil fee not given but said need not be paid in future

Ribble Valley Football League

Final Tables

Division Two

| Acca. | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|---|----|-----|-----|----|
| Ben. | 30 | 22 | 1 | 4 | 109 | 36 | 45 |
| Vict. | 30 | 22 | 3 | 5 | 114 | 51 | 37 |
| Trinity | 30 | 19 | 6 | 5 | 107 | 49 | 44 |
| Waggon | 30 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 114 | 46 | 43 |
| Trans. | 30 | 18 | 2 | 10 | 73 | 60 | 28 |
| Chat. | | | | | | | |
| Ben. | 30 | 18 | 5 | 9 | 91 | 58 | 37 |
| Henth. | | | | | | | |
| Res. | 30 | 16 | 9 | 11 | 109 | 63 | 35 |
| Whall. | | | | | | | |
| Bags. A. | 30 | 13 | 6 | 11 | 77 | 80 | 32 |
| Chad. | 30 | 13 | 4 | 13 | 62 | 77 | 30 |
| Brook. | 30 | 12 | 3 | 15 | 81 | 98 | 27 |
| Whall. | | | | | | | |
| Rings. H. | 30 | 11 | 5 | 14 | 66 | 86 | 27 |
| Cross | | | | | | | |
| Keys. | 30 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 81 | 89 | 24 |
| Read | | | | | | | |
| Res. | 30 | 7 | 4 | 19 | 67 | 125 | 18 |
| Hurst Gr. | | | | | | | |
| Res. | 30 | 6 | 2 | 22 | 60 | 110 | 14 |
| Rimington | 30 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 56 | 97 | 18 |
| West Head | | | | | | | |
| Res. | 30 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 42 | 163 | 5 |

Top 10 goalscorers for 1977-78 are:
D. Conti (Henthorn) 45, A. Shorrock (Cross Keys) 39, S. Dean (Victoria) 37, T. Steinhofel (Waggon and Horsesh) 35, E. Geldard (Trinity) 33, D. Metcalf (Brookhall) and R. Waddington (Waggon and Horsesh) 32, L. Birch (Academics) 29, S. Conti (Henthorn) 28, R. Taylor (Henthorn) 26.

Easy for Lions

Lions 9, Rimington 0.

RIMINGTON were not helped in this vital relegation battle when they took to the field with two men short and it was not surprising that they should go down to a heavy defeat.

The result should not be seen as an adverse reflection on Haythornthwaite, the villagers' goalkeeper. He made many brave and skilful saves.

It took Lions 25 minutes to open the scoring through Cowperthwaite, and it was only just before half time that Woodworth (A) and Campbell (penalty) put the home side on top.

A Campbell volley from Dowden's cross set the pattern of the second half. Woodworth scored two more goals, one a header from Dowden's corner kick, and the other from Allen's cross. Dowden also scored twice, once from a solo run and the other when he headed home from Allen's corner.

In between these two goals, Clegg had followed up a rebound from Cowperthwaite to score. Rimington kept fighting but they were not equal to the task and have now little hope of avoiding relegation.

Lions: O'Neill, Dickinson, Porter, Clegg, Murphy, Woodworth (A), Dowden, Crane, Cowperthwaite, Campbell, Allen. Sub: Woodworth (J).

Rimington: Haythornthwaite, Ray, Townsend (D), Johnson (K), Pickering, Healey, Robinson, Higginbotham, Johnson (S), Frankland, Pawgett.



RIMINGTON FC's team competing in Division Two of the Ribble Valley Football League faces the camera.
 Back (from the left): Bill Nightingale, Dave Proctor (capt.), Les Allen, Frank Noon, Derek Pickering, Colin Taylor, Joe Harrison (manager).
 Front: Terry Braithwaite, Mick Healey, Alan Hacking, Phil Hodgson, John Baldwin.

- 23/5/78 SEVENTH AGM
 3/08/78 Asked Craven FA that RFC be excluded from Craven Cup – request refused
 Joe Harrison gives notice re stepping down as Manager – Dave Proctor & C Oldham appointed as assistant managers
 Ribble Valley FL ask RFC to step down into newly formed 3rd Div
 President particularly thanks Mrs Hacking & Mrs Dean (Jackson) for their hard work for the Club
 23/10/78 Complaints re cars speeding on Back Lane
 Bank balance stood at £210
 Difficulties in finding Referees for Ribble Valley FL games
 21/5/79 EIGHTH AGM
 RFC finish 5th in Div 2 RVFL
 6/6/79 Tribute paid to Cos who resigns from Committee while continuing his support



SECOND and Third Division clubs clashed in the second round of the Aitken Shield resulting in a 6-1 win for Rimington at the expense of Trinity Reserves.

Top — Rimington. Front, left to right: W. Slinger, J. Moorhouse, E. Denham, P. Garman, J. Baldwin. Back: P. Hodgson, D. Buckle, D. Proctor, F. Noon, M. Healey, W. Nightingale.
 Bottom — Trinity Res. Front, left to right: I. Threlfall, J. Slater, S. Winckley, D. Neilson, D. Davies. Back: Joe Turnbull, M. Britcliffe, B. Whitehouse, I. Whittaker, E. Dixon, J. Fawcett.

- 2nd team formed for next season in RVFL
 Agreed that RFC enter Craven Cup for 79/80
 3/9/79 Edna Dean (Jackson) resigns as refreshment provider after many years
 Broken lock & windows in caravan to be mended by Messrs Jackson & Frankland
 14/1/80 Still no reply from Brewery re use of old barn as changing room
 Agreed that trophies be provided for 2nd team players
 28/4/80 RFC invited to join proposed E Lancs League in 81/82 – decided that not join in view of likely high standard & amount of travelling involved

- 19/5/80 NINTH AGM
Brewery finally say regret can't let barn to RFC
Merger of Cricket & Football Clubs proposed but decision deferred as requisite notice would be required for change to Club Rules
- 8/9/80 Joe Harrison still Manager
- 27/10/80 Concern expressed that due to large number of players signed for Club meant that some Rimington resident players were not getting matches
- 15/12/80 Concern expressed at lack of contact between 1st & 2nd teams & number attending training sessions. Game to be arranged between 1st & 2nd teams
- 18/5/81 TENTH AGM
Agreed to remove caravan from playing field & clean out the Black Bull barn now the new changing rooms were completed
- 26/10/81 Players insurance cover increased to give £30 per week benefit
- 22/2/82 Joe Harrison resigns as manager, replaced by Trevor Worrall
- 17/5/82 ELEVENTH AGM
Tom Jackson, Chairman & Joe Harrison stand down – tribute paid to both
- 16/5/83 TWELFTH AGM
Showers in changing rooms had not been working for some time
Player Match Fees were £1.20 (including 20p for laundry)

Rimington hang on in relegation battle

Rimington 2, Chipping 1

THIS relegation battle was much better than many other end of season scrambles.

Rimington took the lead when Duncan Bicknell harassed the Chipping defence into conceding an own goal and then Nightingale made it 2-0.

Chipping fought back and although Robinson reduced the arrears, Rimington hung on to both points.

Binns and Barrett were sound for Rimington while Robinson worked hard for Chipping.

Rimington: Binns, Holgate, Hodgson, Noon, Barrett, Heston, Pratt, Hartley, A. Bicknell, Nightingale, D. Bicknell.

Chipping: Earl, Glenister, Preston, Jackson, Coupe, Cottam, Nuttall, Bleazard, Piner, Robinson.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOOTBALL

Scott stars in Rimington goal romp

Rimington 7, Lord Nelson 3

RIMINGTON pressed forward from the kick-off and after 10 minutes their attacking policy paid off when Kemp scored from an Alan Hodgson corner in this Marsden Division clash.

But Lord Nelson refused to wilt under the pressure and 18 minutes later Pearson equalised.

Rimington went in at the interval with a 3-1 lead, however, thanks to a Fred Smalley header and a fine goal soon after from Scott.

In the second half, Rimington allowed the visitors back in the game for a while and, Pearson scored his second.

But the Nelson revival ended and Rimington stamped their authority when Scott again shot home to make it 4-2.

Mick Smalley scored the fifth before Scott completed his hat-trick, then rounded off Rimington's goals flurry with his fourth of the match.

M. Jeffrey reduced the arrears with a drive from an acute angle.

Rimington: Raw, Barrett, J. Hodgson, Hacking, Darlington, A. Hodgson, P. Smalley, Kemp, Hartley, M. Smalley, Scott. Sub: Taylor, Butterworth.

Lord Nelson: Richmond, Hughes, Parkinson, Allsop, S. Kinney, P. Kinney, N. Jeffrey, Glazer, M. Jeffrey, Pearson, Duane. Sub: Allen.

Nine-goal thriller

White Horse 5, Calderstones R 4

CALDERSTONES Revived their Ribble Valley Three opponents who the might of their Saturday.

In their best performance of the season, Calderstones stopped trying for a final result could have had a last-gasp goal the White Horse.

White Horse scored in the first half, but equalised in the second half. Calderstones made it 4-1 back to back.

Clack made a hat-trick in the second half.

Back pass lets in visitors

Rimington Res 3, West Bradford Res 3

IN a game played in perfect conditions, West Bradford turned round with a clear two-goal lead against the run of play. Mellin and Blenkinship were the scorers.

Despite fine efforts by Taylor and Graham the nearest Rimington came to getting a goal was when Ainsworth, the visitors' full back, hit his own post after a succession of corners.

Rimington put on pressure after the break and were duly rewarded with goals from Graham and Taylor after good work by Hartley (J) and Pratt respectively.

The game then entered a quiet phase which ended when Rimington's mid-field man Holgate put Graham through to score. Unhappily, a bad back pass resulted in Mawdsley being allowed to put the visitors on terms.

Outstanding for Rimington were Holgate and Whittaker and for West Bradford Res A. Ibbotson.

Rimington Res: Braithwaite (M), Hodgson, Buckle, Pratt, Oldham, Whittaker, Holgate, Slinger, Taylor, Hartley (J), Graham. Subs: Hartley (A), Denham.

- 13/6/84 THIRTEENTH AGM
Decided to have 1 team plus friendlies so all could take part.
Showers still not working properly
- 28/11/84 Showers now working properly
Last game for 83/84 not played until 29 Sept 84
- 24/6/85 FOURTEENTH AGM
Brian Ashton, Secretary commented that RFC matters were more & more being run by the players which had long been desirable.
Results for 84/85: Won 4; Drawn 9; Lost 11
Goals for 63, against 79 – final league position unavailable because several teams had not completed fixtures!!
Aitken Shield – out 1st round; Craven Cup – out 1st round; Morrison Cup – lost in semifinal.
- 23/10/85 Penny Green asked to be President on sad sudden demise of Tony Green, President & past player for many years
Help needed with erection of Dugout, Jim & Alan Hacking digging out area 2 Nov
- 5/2/86 Penny Green accepts invitation to become President
Dugout had been erected but needed roof
- 2/6/86 FIFTEENTH AGM
Results for 85/86 – (Best Year to date): Won 15; Drawn 1; Lost 4; Total 31 points – final Div 1 position 2nd
Lawrence Whittaker – League Sportsman of Year
Tim Ashton – runner-up League Young Player of Year
- 19/5/87 SIXTEENTH AGM
Results for 86/87: Won 10; Drawn 4; Lost 8;
Total 20 points – final Div 1 position 5th

CAT: 20/12/84

Rimington go nap

Rimington 5,
Earby Victoria 0

RIMINGTON were always in control of this Morrison Cup first round tie and although struggling to score in the first half they eventually ran out easy winners.

It took an own goal to set Rimington on their way. From a Pratt corner, an Earby defender was put under pressure from Adrian Kemp and Gary Fawcett and knocked the ball into his own net.

Rimington could not add to their lead until the introduction of Tim Ashton at the interval paid quick dividends. He harassed the goalkeeper into making an error and when the ball ran free he was on hand to knock it in.

The lead was increased when Gary Scott was brought down in the penalty area and Alan Hodgson hit home the spot kick.

The best goal of the game then followed when good work from Hodgson and Scott released Pratt, who gave the keeper no chance with his shot.

Earby became ragged under the incessant Rimington pressure and Ashton was let in to complete the scoring. This rounded off a fine game by substitute Ashton, who used his fresh legs to good effect. Colin Darlington also played particularly well, keeping Rimington's defence very steady.

Rimington: Bate, Buckle, Darlington, Smalley, Hacking, Hartley, Kemp, Hodgson, Pratt, Scott, Fawcett. Sub: Ashton.

Ribble Valley Football League

Rimington are hit for six by Scott

Rimington 12, Transport 1

RIMINGTON went on the rampage in this Ribble Valley Football League Division One encounter and found the back of the net a dozen times against a Transport side still reeling at a 10-1 drubbing at the hands of Waggon and Horses the previous week.

Rimington striker Gary Scott helped himself to a double hat-trick in this goal glut and Alan Hodgson also found the target three times.

The other goalscorers were John Hartley, John Clegg and Philip Horsfield.

The match was played in ideal conditions and Rimington were fitter and faster than their opponents. Transport were unsettled early on by an injury to their keeper who was deputising and could not be faulted for Transport's defeat.

The score was 4-0 at half-time, with the best of these goals coming from the steady Clegg whose finishing capped a great move involving Hodgson and Hartley.

Transport competed strongly in the face of almost one-way traffic. They were unable to get into the game, however, because of the iron grip kept on midfield by Clegg, Paul Braderton and Hartley.

Rimington: Johnson, Kemp, Ashton, Horsfield, Smalley, Clegg, Braderton, Hartley, Hodgson, Scott, Bicknell, Sub: Hacking, Pratt.

Transport: Fisher, Holden, Bradley, Armstrong, Fletcher, Casey, Moulding, Greenwood, Nixon, Perry, Riding. Subs: Whalley, Alty.

Action in the cup

IT'S cup time on Saturday for some Ribble Valley Football League sides.

Lated results: Division One — Calderstones 0, Springmill 3; Salsdon 0, Victoria 3; Rimington 12, Transport 1; Reat 2, West Bradford 2; White Horse 2, Ribchester 0.

Division Two — Grindleton 5, Whalley 0; Calderstones Res 0, Brackhall 4; Daisyfield 4, Buck Inn 1; Kings Arms 5, Lord Nelson 8.

Pictures

Ashley Smith Cup (second round) — West Bradford Transport, Ribchester Springmill, White Horse v Calderstones, Victoria will head in the competition Saturday week.

This weekend they action in the Larces Amateur Shield against a tip-off of Chorley Trochy (second round) vs Daisyfield v Grindleton.

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23/5/88

SEVENTEENTH AGM

**** RIMINGTON FC WIN AITKEN SHIELD ****

Rimington FC win their first trophy – Manager Philip Hodgson
Dena Hacking Memorial Match played at Coulthurst Ground



AITKEN SHIELD WINNING TEAM

Team: A Holden, D Taylor, J Penman, J Hacking, D Bialecki (Capt), J Hartley,
A King, M Frankland, T Ashton, A Hodgson, D Mason, Subs A Bicknell, C Darlington
Manager Philip Hodgson



RIMINGTON FC 1987/88

Back (L to R): P Hodgson (Mgr), Mr H L Cosgrove, J Hartley, J Penman, D Binns, T Ashton, P Horsfield, D Bialecki,
J Hacking, L Whittaker (Asst Mgr)
Front: D Taylor, D Mason, A Gower, A Hodgson, A King, Mascot D Ellener

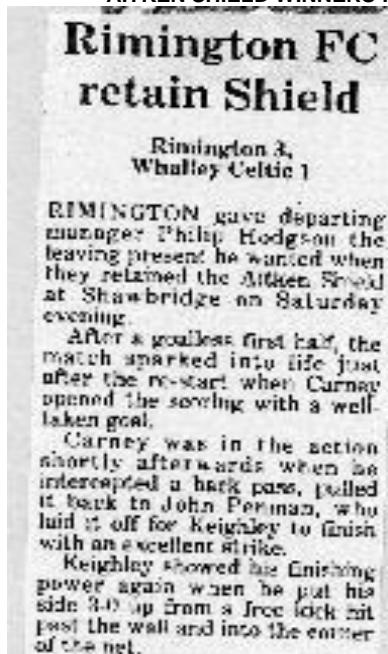
DENA HACKING MEMORIAL MATCH



- 10/10/88 Problems of conflict of interest caused by no referee to officiate at matches – priority should be given to 1st Div matches.
- 22/5/89 EIGHTEENTH AGM
 **** RIMINGTON FC WIN AITKEN SHIELD 2nd SUCCESSIVE SEASON ****
 League position 88/89 – 3rd
 Application to join E. Lancs league agreed in principle



AITKEN SHIELD WINNERS FOR 2ND YEAR RUNNING - 1989



- 15/1/90 Brian Ashton announced he would be standing down as Hon Secretary at end of season after doing the job since 1975. Laurence Whittaker agreed to act as temporary secretary.
- 14/5/90 Agreed that Rimington FC would join the E Lancs League next season
 NINETEENTH AGM
 Results for last season in Ribble Valley League disappointing but 2 Cup semifinals had been reached.
- 12/10/90 2 Rimington players had illegal approaches – one approach was to a suspended player to play under an assumed name - ringing offences come to Rimington!!!
 President, Penny Green, invited to attend a sandwich & wine session after training – she would not be required to take part in training!!



PROMOTION TO E LANCs 1ST DIVISION + DIV 2 CUP 1990/91

- Back L to R: L Whittaker (Secy) D Binns, J Hartley, G Tomlinson, A Hodgson, P Dewhurst, P Hodgson (Manager)
- Front L to R: A King, M Briggs, D Cronshaw, D Knowles (Chairman) D Mason, T Braithwaite, G Farnsworth, C Darlington (Asst Manager)

- 14/5/91 TWENTIETH AGM
 In first season in E Lancs League Rimington were runners up in Div 2 & promoted
 Rimington won the E. Lancs 2nd Division Cup
 Reserve team to be formed for next season?

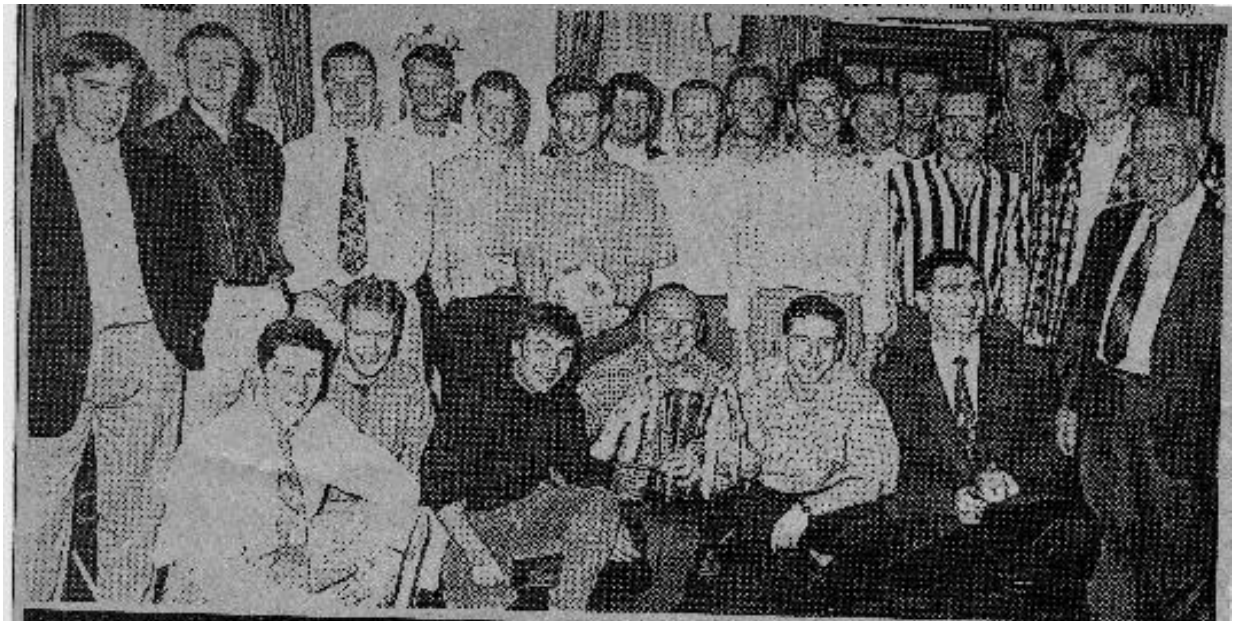
- 18/8/91 Proposal that Waggon & Horses amalgamate with RFC to enable Waggon to continue to play in Ribble Valley League
- 6/10/91 No reply from Waggon & Horses so no action
Letter to E Lancs League pointing out that dogs not allowed on Recreation Ground – this “followed 1 or 2 incidents with visiting supporters” (not specified whether offenders were dogs or supporters!!!)
- 9/2/92 £960 was made on the Sportsman’s Dinner
- 10/5/92 Reserve Team to play in 3rd Div of Craven League next season
Grant from RV Borough Council for tarmac on car park
- 18/5/92 TWENTY FIRST AGM
RIMINGTON WIN CRAVEN CUP
(Sadly no photos nor cuttings found)
RFC finish mid table in 1st Div of E Lancs league
- 5/7/92 Reserve team to play in 2nd Div of Craven League next season
John Hartley appointed Reserve Team Manager
- 4/4/93 Presentation held at White Bull Gisburn as Black Bull closed!!
Estimate for pitch drainage work for £1400 + VAT received
- 18/5/93 TWENTY SECOND AGM - Rimington Village Hall
1st Team placed 9th in Div 1 but only 2 points less than 4th place team
Rimington runners-up in Craven Cup
2nd Team placed third in their first season only being pipped to second on goal difference
- 12/9/93 Back at Black Bull – open again!!
Sportsman Evening being arranged by Paul Winckley & Colin Darlington
- 24/4/94 Finances – Balance stood at £1735 after receiving £900 from Barbecue & £773 from Sportsman’s Evening
Drainage of pitch & importance of a drain across pitch discussed. Grant application to be made to FA
1st team could face relegation after a poor season
- 22/5/94 TWENTY THIRD AGM
1st Team just escape relegation – 13th out of 15
2nd Team finish 7th in their league but win 2nd Div Cup!!!

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RIMINGTON RESERVES

CRAVEN LEAGUE DIV 2 CUP WINNERS 93/94

Back L to R: P Bretherton (Mgr), A Hodgson, N Robinson, D Pettrigrew, A Pilkington, D Buckle, J Hartley, D Knowles
Front L to R: G Heenan, J Hodgson, S McCullough, J Rimmer, S Conti, D Mason, A Pritchard



Hendry presents prizes to mark Rimington’s rally

BLACKBURN ROVERS and Scottish International football player Colin Hendry was the special guest at Rimington Football Club’s presentation evening.

East Lancs Division One club Rimington managed to hold on to their first division status when a late rally averted their club out of the relegation zone they had occupied for most of the season.

The reserve team finished mid-table in their division but

won the club’s only trophy of the season, taking the Craven League Division Two Knock-out Cup.

Held at the Black Bull Hotel, Rimington, club chairman Mr Derek Knowles welcomed the gathering and thanked the committee for its support. He also expressed thanks to all those who sponsor the club’s activities and to the staff of the hotel for an excellent buffet supper.

Mrs Penny Green, club president, made a short speech and

presented the Tony Green Memorial Trophy to Peter Dewhurst.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs Hendry and her husband awarded the club trophies to the following players: Chairman’s award – David Hions; clubman-of-the-year – John Hurley; young player-of-the-year – Stephen Czupowski; reserve team player-of-the-year – Andrew Pilkington; reserve team players’ player and manager’s player – Neil

Johnson; club’s leading scorer – Gordon Leach; 1st team manager’s player-of-the-year – Gordon Leach; 1st team player-of-the-year, Terry Hraithwaite.

During the evening, the Philip Knight Disco supplied music for dancing.

Pictured is Colin Hendry, right, with Mr Knowles and some of the players and award winners.



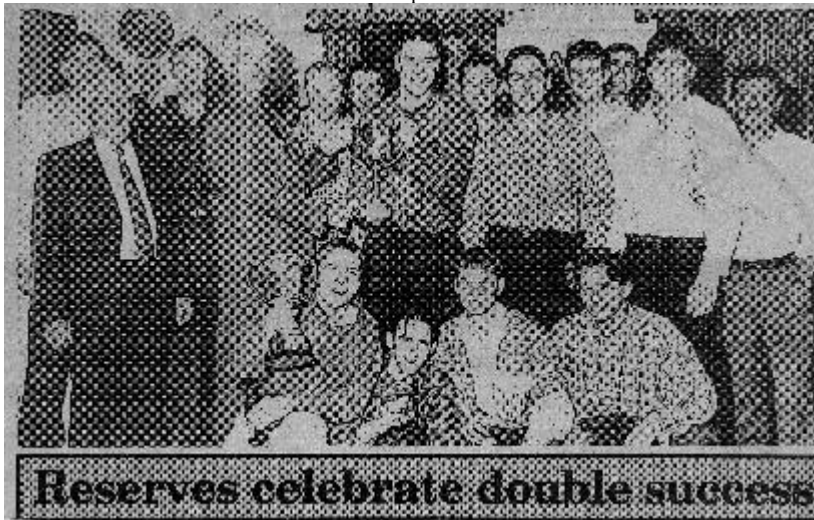


RIMINGTON FC - Oct 16 1994

21/5/95

TWENTY FOURTH AGM

Drainage work had been completed on pitch
 1st Team finish in 6th place in E Lancs League
 A double whammy!!
 2nd Team win the Craven League 2nd Div
 2nd Team also wins 2nd Div cup for second successive season



16/1/96

A 'strange' letter received from Argentina requesting details of the Club, Richard Sherras sent a copy of the latest newsletter
 Surplus of £1300 from Cabaret Evening



Craven Herald - April 1995

21/5/96

TWENTY FIFTH AGM

1st Team finished 11th out of 13 but reached semi-final of Craven Cup
 2nd Team win the Craven League 1st Div Cup



RIMINGTON FC 1995

C Dewhurst, K Taylforth, S Czapowski, I Czapowski, D Whittaker, M Lawson, P Washbrook, D Cook, R Mitchell, D Knowles(Chairman), J Clarkson, P Dewhurst M Hunt, P Czapowski (Mgr)
 A King, T Watkins K Ince, Andrew Hartley

20/5/97

TWENTY SIXTH AGM

1st Team finish 5th in Div1 E Lancs League its best ever position so far but watch this space!
1st Team win the Morrison Cup
2nd Team struggle in the Premier Div of the Craven League

**RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB
NEWSLETTER MAY 1997**

FINAL RESULTS FOR 1996/97 SEASON

Another season has come & gone. The 1st Team have done extremely well under Jim Tierney's management with the final highlight being a 6-2 win in the Morrison Cup Final. In the League they finished in fifth position. They played 30, won 16, lost 6 – a very good set of results.

Once again Rimington have managed to win some silverware. If my memory serves me right, since the Aitken Shield win in 1987/88, either the 1st or 2nd team have won a trophy or their league in every season bar one. Even in that season the 1st team got to the final of the Craven Cup.

24/5/98

TWENTY SEVENTH AGM

1st Team finish 3rd in Div1 E Lancs League its best ever position so far
Another double whammy for 2nd Team!!!!!!
2nd Team win Div 1 of Craven League



**2nd Team win Northern Plant Hire Trophy
Rimington FC 1st Team 1997/98**

Back: D McTear, S Linford, L Blackedge, M Lawson, D Whittaker, G Leach, T Watkins
T Braithwaite, F Richards, D Knowles (Chairman)
Front: A Bradshaw, G Farnsworth, A King, J Clarkson, G Young, D Cliff



RIMINGTON FC RESERVES 1997-98

Back: D Knowles, M Ashton, D Smith, S McCulough, J Tierney (Mgr)
Centre: E Geldard, L Burgess, D Buckley, M O'Hara, S Linford
Front: J Waterhouse, S McCullough, C Barnes, J Butcher, P Marsden, S Pymm

13/7/98

Major Problems

Manager resigns, players do not attend training so RFC withdraw from E Lancs League & apply to join Craven League

23/5/99

TWENTY EIGHTH AGM

Derek Knowles stands down as Chairman after 12 years service
Only 1 team fielded in Premier Div of Craven League – all sorts of problems but Manager David Buckle holds the team together and avoids relegation



14/5/00

TWENTY NINTH AGM

Derek Knowles accepts position of President
1st team finish 7th in Craven Premier League & reach semi-final of Craven Cup
Rimington decide to rejoin the E Lancs League for next season



NewsLetter

May 2001 Rimington Football Club

WELL DONE RIMINGTON



PROMOTED!!! E LANC'S PREMIER DIVISION NEXT SEASON

RESULTS APRIL/MAY

Apr 11 Mill Hill 1-0 W
Apr 14 Garsdale 1-0 W
Apr 17 Ingham 1-0 W
Apr 21 Euxine 3-0 W
Apr 28 M.H.E.S.P. 1-0 W
May 5 Burnley 1-0 W

VITAL STATISTICS

To achieve success in the League Rimington played 22, won 15, drew 3, & lost 4. They scored 46 points, earned 55 goals & had 27 goals against them.

The top 3 scorers were: Paul Bask 10, Trevor Watkins 10 & Terry Bradshaw 11. The top 3 goalkeepers were: Steve & Cashmore - games played won by conceding goals 6 & 1 goal!!

Diary Date

PRESENTATION NIGHT
2 Jim Pandle Hotel, Chatham
Tickets - £15.00 Tel 4458 13

PHEW!!!

After the brinkmanship of losing to Mill Hill in the penultimate game the team came up trumps with a resounding 4-1 win against Burnley Bolyedera in the last game.

This means that after an absence of 3 seasons Rimington FC will again appear in the E Lancs Premier Division.

Well done all players, Manager Terry Bradshaw & Assistant Managers Gordon Leach & Steve Conn. Truly a Team effort.

TWO RIMINGTON TEAMS FOR SEASON 2001/02

Rimington will be fielding 2 teams next season. The 1st team will play in the E Lancs Premier Division & should provide a good feeder for the 2nd Team. The 2nd team will be managed by Steve Conn. (The 1st team will be managed by Gordon Leach).

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LOYAL SUPPORT
& GENEROSITY - IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE
CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE TEAMS**

RIMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

FINAL NEWSLETTER

2001/2002 SEASON

A BRILLIANT 30TH BIRTHDAY PRESENT!!!!

WE WIN THE CRAVEN CUP FOR SECOND TIME

Yes, after stalemate in the final, Rimington FC won a hard fought replay against Skipton LMS to lift the Craven Cup for the 2nd time in its 30th anniversary year.



THE WINNING CRAVEN CUP TEAM

2001-2002 SEASON

Both teams finish in mid table in their respective leagues – 1st team in Premier Div E Lancs; 2nd team in Reserve Div E Lancs
1ST TEAM WIN CRAVEN CUP FOR SECOND TIME

20/5/01

***** THIRTIETH AGM *****

1st Team finish 3rd in Div2 E Lancs League & gain promotion
1st Team also reach semi-final of Craven Cup
Decision taken to run 2 teams next season

Rimington ease through in Morrison Cup cruise

Rimington

Embsay

RIMINGTON progressed comfortably through to the next round of the Morrison Cup thanks to victory over Embsay.

The homesters never looked like they were going to lose this game after they started very strongly, and produced some excellent passing football.

They took the lead early in the game when former Clitheroe striker Jon Penman poked the ball home after the visitors failed to clear.

Rimington dominated and went further ahead after a good move down the left was finished by Tom O'Neill, who slotted the

ball past the advancing keeper.

The second half was much the same as the first with the home defence rarely troubled. Complacency set in a little and players started to dribble the ball rather than pass it.

A moment of inspiration from Shaun McCullough increased their lead as he curled the ball into the net with the outside of his right foot from 25-yards.

Rimington would have scored more had it not been for the Embsay keeper, who pulled-off some excellent saves.

Rimington are in President's Cup action against derby rivals Craven Heifer at home on Saturday.

Rimington secure runners-up slot

Rimington

Burnley Boys' Club

RIMINGTON were guaranteed runners-up spot in the East Lancashire League First Division with this comfortable win over Burnley.

After a poor start from the visitors, an excellent run from Tom O'Neill raised the home side's urgency. The winger raced to the by-line before crossing for Jon Penman to volley home.

However, disaster soon struck when O'Neill twisted an ankle and played no further part. He may miss Monday night's President's Cup Semi-Final at Rolls Royce, which would be a huge blow.

Rimington's second goal came after an excellent turn by Aamir Zulf that led to Penman finishing with ease. Penman also had a hand in the

third as he fed Liam Carter, who raced through, past the keeper and slotted into an empty net.

The home side had the luxury of taking off Penman and Kershaw with the game against Goodshaw approaching, and lost some rhythm in doing so.

Andy King's fierce drive from 25 yards was tipped onto the bar, and Mankowski should have scored from close range, but Rimington secured the points to take their tally to 60, a figure which would have won them the title last season!

Manager Terry Braithwaite has nothing but praise for all his players for their effort and enthusiasm during a hard season, and hopes they can go on and at least reach the Cup Final to round-off the campaign.

EAST LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Final Table 2002/3 Season First Division

| | W | D | L | Pts |
|----------------|----|---|----|-----|
| Goodshaw Utd | 18 | 2 | 2 | 56 |
| Rimington | 15 | 3 | 4 | 48 |
| Stacksteads SJ | 12 | 3 | 7 | 39 |
| Enfield | 10 | 6 | 6 | 37 |
| Kelbrook | 10 | 6 | 6 | 36 |
| Settle Utd | 8 | 7 | 7 | 31 |
| Colne Utd | 9 | 4 | 9 | 30 |
| Clitheroe Utd | 6 | 4 | 12 | 22 |
| Sabden | 6 | 4 | 12 | 22 |
| Hurst Green | 6 | 3 | 13 | 21 |
| Burnley B C | 5 | 3 | 14 | 18 |
| Craven Heifer | 2 | 6 | 14 | 12 |

Coulter brace wins villagers cup final slot

Rimington 2
Settle United 1
RIMINGTON reached the final of the East Lancashire League President's Cup after this narrow win over Settle at Paulham.

But it was their opponents who started the brighter of the two sides, with Kershaw denying them on numerous occasions.

Rimington soon got back into the game, and

with O'Neill and Haslam a menace on the flanks, it was they who took the lead.

Coulter broke away from his marker and fired an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

The villagers were now on top and had several chances to extend their lead.

And they did so on the stroke of half-time, as a pass from Lawson released Bartlett, and he fed Coulter, who fired in from close

range.

Liam Carter replaced the injured O'Neill and should have made it 3-0 when he broke away, but shot wide.

Settle dragged themselves back into the match with 15 minutes remaining on a breakaway.

And they could have forced the game into extra-time, but a last-gasp free kick rattled the woodwork.

● Rimington's President's Cup Final with Goodshaw United will be played at Clitheroe's Shawbridge ground on Tuesday, kick-off 7 p.m.

The locals then travel to Barnoldswick Town's West Close Road for the Craven Cup Final on Friday, May 7th, kick-off 6-30 p.m.



Rimington FC 2003-4
Presidents Cup & Craven Cup Winners

Back l-r: B Cummings (Vice Pres), T O'Neill, M Lawson, P Haythornthwaite, G Kershaw, A Sayle, S Barker, L Carter, D Knowles (President)

Front l-r: C Darlington (Chairman), P Keighley, T Watkins, D Mankowski, T Braithwaite (Manager), M Coulter, J Clarkson, G Haslam, S Conti (Asst Manager)

Double cup joy for Rimington football stars

RIMINGTON celebrated a cup double over the week.

They first beat champions Goodshaw United 2-1 at Shawbridge to win the East Lancashire League President's Cup for the first time in their history.

And they followed that up with a 2-0 win in the Craven Cup Final against Barnoldswick Town, in their opponents' own back yard.

Player manager Terry Braithwaite hailed the performance against Goodshaw as one of pure character, spirit and work ethic.

The locals started the brighter of the two sides and O'Neill caused problems down the left.

So it came as no surprise when he was involved in the opening goal.

A free-kick 25 yards out was played to him by Braithwaite, and O'Neill's resulting shot was parried by the keeper, only for Matt Coulter to fire home the loose ball into the corner of the net.

This brought Goodshaw to life, and Kershaw had to race quickly off his line to twice deny their forwards.

They began to show their quality as Rimington gave them room to play, but some stout defending kept the Burnley side at bay.

Minutes into the second half, Goodshaw were awarded a penalty as Kershaw

clashed with the centre forward and was sent the wrong way from the spot.

This would have spelled the end for most teams, but not Rimington as they had the majority of play for the next 15 to 20 minutes, with most of the chances coming through O'Neill once again.

The first was an audacious shot from 25 yards with his right foot which struck the bar and rebounded to safety.

And the second was when he played a short corner to Braithwaite, who curled a left-foot shot past the keeper from the edge of the area only to see the full back head it away.

O'Neill was not to be denied though, and he raced into the area to finish from the tightest of angles to put his side in front again.

He then set up Coulter when he sped down the left before crossing the ball, and the centre forward clipped his effort over the advancing keeper only to see it clear the crossbar.

Tom Bartlett was next to be denied as he tried to round the keeper, but the danger was cleared.

In a frantic last five minutes, Goodshaw hit the bar but Rimington clung on to claim a deserved victory.

Rimington then celebrated a second Craven Cup success in three seasons.

Braithwaite paid tribute to the Rim-



Rimington before their President's Cup Final at Shawbridge. (A040504/1)

ington supporters, who outnumbered the home fans at West Close Road.

The game wasn't much of a spectacle, the referee intent on blowing his whistle at every opportunity, and both sides struggled to get a flow to their game.

The home side started brightly, but Rimington weathered the storm, with Kershaw racing quickly off his line to block an attack.

However, it was the villagers who created the best openings, with Makowski cutting in from the right, only to fire his left-foot shot wide, and Coulter headed over from an O'Neill cross.

But the centre forward soon made amends.

Martin Lawson found Braithwaite in the centre circle, and he skipped past a defender before releasing Coulter, who ran on to unleash an unstoppable drive into the far corner.

Then just before half-time, Marsden

should have equalised with a header, but managed to put it wide.

Andy King, playing in his last match, and Coulter, were replaced by Bartlett and Sayle, and the pair combined to seal victory.

Sayle broke down the right, and his cross found Bartlett, who coolly side-stepped both keeper and defender to slot the ball into an empty net.

Liam Carter replaced the hard-working Watkins to help protect the lead, doubling up with the tireless Jamie Clarkson on the right.

So it was a fitting end that King collected the trophy - he has been a loyal servant to the club and is sure to be missed.

But manager Braithwaite will be hoping to boost the squad for next year as they look to improve on this season.

Thanks go to H. Thistlethwaite for sponsoring the match ball.

Rimington set up a President's Cup repeat

28/4/05
CAT

Rimington2
Worsthorne1
EAST Lancashire President's Cup holders Rimington reached a successive final thanks to a hard earned victory at Langho.

Both the locals and Worsthorne struggled to play passing football on a dry pitch.

But Rimington started as they meant to go on and a move down the right resulted a corner. O'Neill swung it in with his trusty left foot and the ball curled straight into the net.

However, indecision in defence almost led to an equaliser as Kershaw hesitated but then made the save after the ball had bounced off his chest.

He then did well as a corner was swung in low and he smothered the ball as the forwards rushed in.

Coulter broke down the right to reach the by-line and his driven cross resulted in an own goal.

It wasn't long before Worsthorne pulled a goal

back when a free kick from the half-way line was launched into the area and the centre forward powered home a header.

The second half saw Rimington in control and they created enough chances to have finished the game off but, thanks to great saves and goal line clearances, they could not.

Alan Sayle saw his header tipped away as it almost crept in. Simon Barker's effort was cleared off the line, as was Martin Lawson's, but at 2-1 there is always the danger of a goal against the run of play and Worsthorne had a great chance as the ball bobbed in the area but their forward hooked the ball over the bar.

This was another game in which Rimington showed spirit and character and it sets up what could be a thrilling final against table-toppers Hurst Green at Shawbridge next Thursday (7 p.m.).

The two sides face each

other this Saturday at Rimington in a dress-rehearsal with Hurst Green looking to seal the league title.

Rimington2
Stacksteads1
RIMINGTON completed the double over Stacksteads thanks to a fine first half performance and a brace of goals from Tom O'Neill.

The first strike came in the fourth minute. Martin Lawson picked out O'Neill's run into the box from a free kick and O'Neill placed the ball in as the keeper advanced.

In the 12th minute O'Neill struck again as his shot flew into the far corner.

The home side have to re-shuffle as Tom Bartlett was left concussed after colliding with Kershaw as he attempted a headed clearance, Terry Nelson replaced him in midfield.

Rimington should have made more of their possession but could not carve out another clear cut

chance. Dave Whalley's far post header, which just went over, was the nearest Rimington came.

Stacksteads had their moments but found Kershaw to be in commanding form in his area.

Nelson moved to the right in the second half, swapping places with Watkins who took over the central role and Rimington tried to use Nelson's pace to their advantage.

One storming run ended with a low driven cross that eluded everyone in the box but the home side struggled to get any rhythm going, allowing the visitors to boss the half.

With 12 minutes remaining a ball to the left winger resulted in him lobbing it to the back post and it was headed home.

Tempers flared as Stacksteads pushed for an equaliser and Nelson were grabbed by the throat following one clash, with the visiting player lucky to get away with a yellow card.

EAST LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL TABLES

2005 First Division

| | P | W | D | L | P |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Hurst Green | 24 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 56 |
| Goodshaw Utd | 24 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 53 |
| Kelbrook | 24 | 15 | 1 | 8 | 46 |
| Enfield | 24 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 41 |
| Rimington | 24 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 40 |
| Rock Rovers | 24 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 39 |
| Colne Utd | 24 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 36 |
| Stacksteads St J | 24 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 36 |
| Settle Utd | 24 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 26 |
| Padham | 24 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 26 |
| Osby St Mary's | 24 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 22 |
| Sabden | 24 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 16 |
| Burnley BC | 24 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 5 |

2005 Second Division

| | P | W | D | L | P |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Worsthorne | 26 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 57 |
| Nelson Res | 26 | 17 | 2 | 7 | 53 |
| Sabden | 26 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 51 |
| Langho | 26 | 14 | 7 | 5 | 49 |
| Clithorne RBL | 26 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 45 |
| B'ford Celtic | 26 | 14 | 2 | 10 | 44 |
| Chatburn Utd | 26 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 40 |
| Rawtenstall | 26 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 40 |
| Peel Park | 26 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 38 |
| Borrowdale Utd | 26 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 38 |
| Read Utd | 26 | 8 | 3 | 15 | 27 |
| B'ford YCW | 26 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 18 |
| Bly Belvedere | 26 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 14 |
| B'wick Town | 26 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 4 |

2005 Reserve Division

| | P | W | D | L | P |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| Hurst Green | 24 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 55 |
| Worsthorne | 24 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 51 |
| Rock Rovers | 24 | 16 | 0 | 8 | 48 |
| Enfield | 24 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 44 |
| Langho | 24 | 13 | 2 | 9 | 41 |
| Colne Utd | 24 | 10 | 2 | 10 | 32 |
| Stacksteads St J | 24 | 10 | 1 | 12 | 31 |
| Kelbrook | 24 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 29 |
| Rimington | 24 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 26 |
| Rawtenstall | 24 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 26 |
| Settle Utd | 24 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 24 |
| Read Utd | 24 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 22 |
| Goodshaw Utd | 24 | 6 | 3 | 15 | 21 |

CRAVEN DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

**SLATER MARCHANT
CRAVEN CHALLENGE CUP FINAL**

BARNOLDSWICK TOWN

MITCH WALKER
SHAUN LEMON
ANDREW CARSON
DARREN SMITH
LEE HALL
JUSTIN WILSON
PAUL McDOWELL
CHRIS WALTON
MATT HARRISON
DANNY OLDFIELD
DAMON CLARK
TIM HARRISON
JAMES OLDROYD
PAUL HOLGATE

Managers: - Paul Holgate &
Jamie Metcalfe
Kit Man: - Trevor Jones
Colours: - Blue/Yellow

RIMINGTON FC

GRAEME KERSHAW
TERRY NELSON
BEN WALKER
DARRYL MANKOWSKI
NICK CURTIS
MARTIN LAWSON
JORDAN WALMSLEY
DANIEL GREEN
MATT COULTER
JON PENMAN
TOM O'NEILL
RICK WHALLEY
SIMON BARKER
TERRY BRAITHWAITE
DAVID WHALLEY
TOM BARTLETT

Manager: - Terry Braithwaite
Colours: - Tangerine/Black

REFEREE
RAY AKRIGG

ASSISTANT REFEREES

DAVID HELLIWELL & ALAN ROBINSON

There will also be a presentation of The Ronnie Jones
Man of the Match Award

HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL

BARNOLDSWICK TOWN FC
BARNOLDSWICK TOWN 5 CRAVEN COLLEGE 0 3
BARNOLDSWICK TOWN 7 WADDINGTON 0
BARNOLDSWICK TOWN 4 COLNE UTD 1
SEMI FINAL
BARNOLDSWICK TOWN 3 SKIPTON LMS 1
PLAYED AT GARGRAVE

RIMINGTON FC
PENDLE RENEGADES 1 RIMINGTON 7
RIMINGTON 3 KELBROOK 0
SETTLE UTD 3 RIMINGTON 3
RIMINGTON 5 SETTLE UTD 3
SEMI FINAL
GRASSINGTON 0 RIMINGTON 3
PLAYED AT SKIPTON TOWN

RIMINGTON FC DO CRAVEN CUP & E LANCS LEAGUE DOUBLE

APH Tuesday, May 30, 2006

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Rimington run leads to glory

RIMINGTON FC turned relegation form in to championship quality as they completed a remarkable turnaround to win the league and cup double.

Winning the title would have been the furthest thing from the mind of the newly crowned East Lancs League Division One champions who looked odds-on to go down at the start of the season.

The Ribbles Valley side had a nightmare start to the campaign that saw them lose four of the opening five games to leave them rooted to the foot of the table.

However, a decent cup run can often be the catalyst for a turn in fortunes and so it proved for Rimington.

A cracking 7-1 win against Pendle Renegades in the first round of the Craven Cup kick started a season that would eventually bring two pieces of silverware.

The cup form was quickly transferred to the league at big wins against Ossie St Marys, Goodshaw, Kelbrook and Lango catapulted Rimington up the table.

From that moment on, there were very few blips. A 3-2 defeat against defending champions Hurst Green while a home defeat at Rock Rovers at the end of January turned out to be their last of the season.

In the cup, Rimington beat Settle in a quarter final replay then booked a place in the final with victory against Grassington. The title race was hotting up and Rimington hit



CUP JOY: Rimington FC recovered from a nightmare start to the season to win the league and cup double

the front for the first time following a 2-0 win against Worsthorne then lifted the Craven Cup thanks to a 3-1 win against Barnoldswick.

Then came the title decider and in front of a crowd of around 100 people, two goals from Jon Penman gave them a 2-0 victory against

Stacksteads and the first league title in the club's 34-year history.

Manager Terry Braithwaite said: "The players, my assistant Steve Conti, the groundsmen David Buckle and John 'Stan' Hartley, our linesman Lawrence Whittaker, secretary Colin Darlington,

chairman Peter Duffy, committee man Phil Hodgson and President Derek Knowles deserve every credit for all the hard work they have done over the years and in particular this season.

"They all backed me and believed in me as I did in them."

EAST LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

TABLES

| First Division | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| | P | W | D | L | P |
| Rimington | 26 | 19 | 1 | 6 | 58 |
| Hurst Green | 26 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 50 |
| Stacksteads St J | 26 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 50 |
| Colne Utd | 26 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 45 |
| Goodshaw Utd | 26 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 43 |
| Settle Utd | 26 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 34 |
| Rock Rovers | 26 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 37 |
| Worsthorne | 26 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 36 |
| Slacken | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 22 |
| Lango | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 22 |
| Kelbrook | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 26 |
| Enfield | 26 | 7 | 4 | 15 | 25 |
| Padilham A | 26 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 23 |
| Ossie St Mary's | 26 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 13 |
| Reserve Division | | | | | |
| | P | W | D | L | P |
| Hurst Green | 27 | 20 | 3 | 4 | 63 |
| Enfield | 26 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 62 |
| Colne Utd | 26 | 15 | 9 | 4 | 54 |
| Lango | 26 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 50 |
| Rimington | 26 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 48 |
| Worsthorne | 26 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 46 |
| Worsthorne | 27 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 40 |
| Peel Park | 26 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 30 |
| Big GSB | 27 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 29 |
| Kelbrook | 26 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 25 |
| Stacksteads St J | 26 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 28 |
| Settle Utd | 26 | 3 | 5 | 14 | 26 |
| Hawtensall | 28 | 7 | 5 | 16 | 26 |
| Rend Utd | 27 | 7 | 1 | 19 | 22 |
| Goodshaw Utd | 26 | 6 | 1 | 19 | 19 |

**ROLL OF HONOUR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR SHIELD
(MARY HIRD TROPHY)**

*(Replaced in 2006 by Henry Cosgrove Plate
as no space for further inscriptions)*

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 1971/2 | DAVID JOHNSON |
| 1972/3 | ALLAN HACKING |
| 1973/4 | MICHAEL HEALEY |
| 1974/5 | JOE HARRISON |
| 1975/6 | RAY TURNER |
| 1976/7 | TIM HAYTHORNTHTHWAITE & MICHAEL HEALEY |
| 1977/8 | JOHN BALDWIN |
| 1978/9 | LES ALLEN |
| 1979/80 | FRANK NOON |
| 1980/1 | BARRY JONES |
| 1981/2 | BARRY JONES |
| 1982/3 | FRED SMALLEY |
| 1983/4 | GARY SCOTT |
| 1984/5 | STUART BUTTERWORTH |
| 1985/6 | PHILIP HORSFIELD |
| 1986/7 | ALAN HODGSON |
| 1987/8 | JIM HACKING |
| 1988/9 | MICHAEL FRANKLAND |
| 1989/90 | TIM ASHTON |
| 1990/1 | JOHN PENMAN |
| 1991/2 | M BRIGGS |
| 1992/3 | G TOMLINSON |
| 1993/4 | TERRY BRAITHWAITE |
| 1994/5 | GORDON LEACH |
| 1995/6 | TERRY BRAITHWAITE |
| 1996/7 | GORDON LEACH |
| 1997/8 | G YOUNG |
| 1998/9 | P MARSDEN |
| 1999/2000 | P MARSDEN & P SAYLE |
| 2000/1 | TERRY BRAITHWAITE |
| 2001/2 | D COOK & M CANNON |
| 2002/3 | GRAHAM KERSHAW |
| 2003/4 | G KERSHAW & TOM O'NEILL |
| 2004/5 | GRAHAM KERSHAW |

**ROLL OF HONOUR
PLAYER OF THE YEAR PLATE
(HENRY COSGROVE TROPHY)**

2005/6 JOHN PENMAN

**ROLL OF HONOUR
GOAL OF THE SEASON
(BILL COOPER TROPHY)**

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| 1975/6 | JIM FRANKLAND |
| 1976/7 | TREVOR ROBINSON |
| 1977/8 | BILL NIGHTINGALE |
| 1978/9 | TERRY BRAITHWAITE |
| 1979/80 | JOHN BALDWIN |
| 1980/1 | BARRY JONES |
| 1981/2 | PHILIP HEATON |
| 1982/3 | NOT AWARDED |
| 1983/4 | JOHN HARTLEY |
| 1984/5 | ALAN HODGSON |
| 1985/6 | ALAN HODGSON |
| 1986/7 | ANDY BICKNELL |
| 1987/8 | ANDY BICKNELL |
| 1988/9 | DAVID MASON |
| 1989/90 | JOHN HARTLEY |
| 1990/1 | G FARNSWORTH |
| 1991/2 | JOHN PENMAN |
| 1992/3 | GORDON LEACH |
| 1993/4 | P DEWHURST |
| 1994/5 | P DEWHURST |
| 1995/6 | GORDON LEACH |
| 1996/7 | A BRADSHAW |
| 1997/8 | M LAWSON |
| 1998/9 | A ZULFI |
| 1999/2000 | P SAYLE |
| 2000/1 | D COOK |
| 2001/2 | D COOK |
| 2002/3 | S McCULLOUGH |
| 2003/4 | TOM O'NEILL |
| 2004/5 | DARRYL MANKOWSKI |
| 2005/6 | JOHN PENMAN |

ROLL OF HONOUR

TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES

| | 1 st TEAM | | 2 nd TEAM |
|-----------|--|-----------|--|
| 1971/4 | J Hacking, T Jackson H Thistlethwaite, D Knowles T Kenyon, R Clayton (Coach) | | |
| 1974 | N Keighley | 1974 | H Thistlethwaite |
| 1975/8 | H Thistlethwaite | | |
| 1978/9 | J Harrison | | |
| 1979/80 | D Proctor | | |
| 1980/2 | J Harrison | 1980/1 | G Braithwaite C Oldham |
| 1982/3 | T Worrall | | G Braithwaite L Whittaker P Hodgson |
| 1983/6 | L Whittaker | 1984/6 | |
| 1986/9 | P Hodgson | | |
| 1989/90 | C Darlington | | |
| 1990/3 | P Hodgson | 1992/3 | J Hartley |
| 1993/4 | T Braithwaite | 1993/4 | P Bretherton |
| 1994/5 | D Burgess | 1994/5 | D Binns |
| 1995/6 | P Czapowski | 1995/6 | D Binns J Hartley C Darlington D Buckle |
| 1996/8 | J Tierney | 1996/8 | |
| 1998/9 | D Buckle | | |
| 1999/2000 | E Geldard | 1999/2001 | D Buckle |
| 2000/06 | T Braithwaite | 2001/3 | M Holmes |
| | | 2003/4 | J Foulker |
| | | 2004/5 | J Clarkson |
| | | 2005/6 | L Carter |

ROLL OF HONOUR

CLUB OFFICIALS

| President | Chairman | Treasurer | Secretary |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tony Green 1971/85 | Henry Cosgrove 1971/72 | Robin Anderson 1971/76 | Neville Keighley 1971/75 |
| Penny Green 1985/97 | Tom Jackson 1972/75 | Chris Oldham 1976/80 | Brian Ashton 1975/90 |
| Ron George 1998/99 | Henry Cosgrove 1975/76 | Sheila Lawless 1980/83 | Lawrence Whittaker 1990/2005 |
| Derek Knowles 2000/present | Isaac Whittaker 1976/78 | Fred Smalley 1983/86 | Colin Darlington 2005/present |
| | Bert Thistlethwaite 1978/79 | Sheila Hartley 1986/90 | |
| | Tom Jackson 1979/82 | Ted Carter 1990/present | |
| | Bert Thistlethwaite 1982/87 | | |
| | Derek Knowles 1987/99 | | |
| | Peter Duffy 1999/2002 | | |
| | Colin Darlington 2002/05 | | |
| | Peter Duffy 2005/present | | |

POSTSCRIPT – GREAT SUCCESS FROM 2006 TO 2013

RFC PRESENTATION NIGHT – 2012/13 Season

MAYOR'S SPEECH – CLLR RICHARD SHERRAS

Where do I start?

Earlier this season, as the 1st Ribble Valley Mayor from Rimington I was hoping for some trophies to present & worrying whether such fantastic results could go on.

O Ye of little faith!! (*slap*)

I came to live in Rimington in the 1987/88 season & guess what – Rimington won its first trophy – the Aitken Shield at Shawbridge – whats more they defended it in 88/89 - HEADY DAYS but no inkling of what was to come!!

In 2001/2 the 30th Anniversary was celebrated with a Craven Cup win & the production of a Club History. In 2005/6 an updated history was done to celebrate the first E Lancs League & Craven Cup double. When even this was surpassed in 07/08 with a TREBLE (League Champs, Presidents Cup & Craven Cup) I thought – this is getting ridiculous I'd better wait:
who knows what this lot can achieve!!!

Good job I did: Look what's happened

5 more Craven Cup/ ELancs Champs Doubles

Record Points Score for League Premier Div

Unbeaten Run for 69 games between 3 Nov 07 & 31 Oct 09

As if that's not enough – lets join the big time:

2012/13 SEASON - The West Riding FA Challenge Cup

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WINNING TEAM - WEST RIDING FA CHALLENGE CUP – CIVIC RECEPTION RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

