

Brompton Football Club

(Pictures and narrative kindly contributed by Colin Narramore)

How the club was formed

Like most villages around the area Brompton had several keen football players but no set league or fixtures to play in since the finish of the old league in 1898, in 1901 a committee was formed to start a new league the following is an extract of this meeting taken from the original committee minutes book that reads as following.

For sometime back the question of resuscitating the game of football locally under proper club management has been frequently debated in order to give practical shape to a general opinion that it is desirable to form a club for Brompton, a meeting was convened at the Three Horse Shoes Inn on June 7th at 8 o'clock.

Previous to this meeting a meeting representative of several places in Northallerton and neighbourhood interested in the formation of a Football League had been held and it was decided to accept the offer of the trustees for the Elliott and Millbank cups, who had kindly offered these trophies for competition again. Brompton having been in the old league was asked to join thus to take definitive action and a meeting was called as mentioned above.

Minutes of a meeting held June 7th 1901

Preliminary meeting

Mr Collingwood, Chairman.

Resolved;

That a Football Club is formed and that such club is called the Brompton Football Club.

That J P Yeoman Esq. is requested to become president of the club.

That the following gentlemen be ***** to for subscriptions, and that the choice of Vice President be made afterwards by the committee according to the subscriptions received.

J P Yeoman Esq., C Wilford Esq., J B Wrightson Esq ,G H Wilford Esq, J Hutton Esq, J Wilford Esq, R Booth Esq ,J R **** ,P Russell Esq ,T Routledge Esq, J Smith Esq, R Collinson, W Plews

Resolved that the following form the committee;

Messers M Bradley, W Garbutt, J Peacock, F Robinson, H Peacock, J Pickering, W H Trehitt, A Trehitt, F Johnson, H Smith, G Neesam

"That Mr J Thompson be appointed treasurer".

"That Mr S Collingwood be elected Secretary with the assistance of Mr P B Shead"

"That the Brompton Football Club join the newly formed North Yorkshire Football League".

"That the Club be affiliated with the Cleveland Football Association".

Resolved

"That Messer's W Gabutt, John Peacock, F Robinson, be submitted to the League Committee as eligible candidates for Referees".

"That the Club Colours be green body with red facings, knickers blue".

"That Mr Collingwood be the delegate appointed to attend all business meetings in connection with the North Yorkshire Football Club".

"That Members Subscriptions be as follows",

For those over 18 years of age one shilling and six pence and those under 18 years one shilling.

Signed, W H Trehitt

At a later meeting held on the evening of the 23 August the following decisions were made.

“That the football requisites be obtained from Messr’s G J Riley of Accrington”.

“That the following be at once purchased.

3 Bladders, 6 covers, one set of Goal Nets, 1 Dozen shirts with the Clubs colours”.

“That the secretary advertise in the North Eastern daily Gazette for friendly fixtures”.

“That the affiliation fee with the Cleveland Football Association be sent to the Secretary of the said Association”.

“That the Secretary attend to the registration of players in time to qualify for the opening match Sept 21st”.

The following list of fixtures in connection with the North Yorkshire Ass: Football League were considered

“Resolved that the admission to all subsequent League matches be 3d instead of 2d

Sept 21 Leyburn Home

28 Romanby Away

Oct 5 Romanby Home

12 Bedale Home

19 Green Howards Away

26

Nov 2 Northallerton Away

9 Leyburn Away

16 Green Howards Home

23 Thirsk Home

Dec 7 Thirsk Home

14

21

28

New Year Jan 1st Bedale Away

25 Northallerton Home

For the first League match the team consisted of the following players.

G Neesam, Goal.

T Thwaites, Right back.

G Neesam, Left back.

J Relph, Right half back.

W Johnson, Centre half back.

S Brown, Left half back.

J Easby, Right outside.

T Taylor, Right inside.

H Robinson, Centre forward.

E Cornforth, Left inside.

R Coverdale, Left outside.

Reserves.

Forwards, E Smith, T Walker.

Half back, J Walker

Back, J Thwaites

Captain, G Neesam

Vice Captain, E Cornforth.

Linesman, H Peacock.

Kick Off 3 O’Clock

Money taken for the Leyburn match was 5s 8d, Score Leyburn 3 Brompton 3

Names of players with date and place of birth, 12th November 1901

Junior Competition.

James Relph Brompton 01/11/1885
James William Easby Brompton
21/11/1883
Sydney Plews Ellerton 26/04/1886
Walter Alderson Brompton 01/11/1885
Joseph Mitchinson Brompton 23/02/1884
Arthur Jobling Brompton 26/12/1886
Albert Hunter Brompton 10/02/1884
Thomas Wilson Brompton 27/09/1887
Lawrence Laun Leeds 29/10/1886
Mark Bradley Brompton 05/11/1884
Thomas Walker Brompton 09/07/1886
William Dunn Brompton 17/02/1885
John William Garbutt Brompton
14/03/1885
John Cornforth Brompton 10/04/1886
James Smith Brompton 27/06/1885

John Hall Shildon 02/11/1886
Harry Thompson Brompton 22/06/1889
William Kilding Northallerton 27/02/1889
Alfred Wright Brompton 19/10/1887
Fred Millbank Kitching Brompton
17/12/1885
James Bradley Brompton 10/05/1886

The following extras signed on for the Junior Season 1902-1903

Arthur Johnson 21/05/1887
William Hall
Wilfred Johnson 01/05/1889
Edward Husthwaite 03/07/1887
Thomas Mitchinson 10/03/1886
Arthur Tyreman 21/08/1888
William Winspear 21/08/1886
Harwood Blackburn 31/07/1887
Frank Relph 13/05/1887
Alfred Wright 19/10/1887

Brompton Football Team 1905-1906



J Winn, C Taylor, T Smith, A Hunton, J Tyreman, L Cornforth, J Relph, W Tutin, T Hunton, J Garbutt, T Thwaites, B Coverdale, M Bradley, J Bradley, J Smith,

Brompton Football Team 1910-1911



Brompton Football team 1911-1912



Winners of the Allertonshire League with the Elliot bowl and the Milbank Cup

The Committee stand on the back row.

Left, back row kneeling, J Parker, T Windress, H Thompson, C Johnson, G Tyreman, T Parker, W Parker, H Johnson, C Thompson, M Bradley, J Smith,

Brompton Football Team 1919-1920



Again with the Elliot Bowl and the Milbank cup

Back row: John Neesham, Ernest Windress, John Jackson Barker,

Middle row: J W Peacock, Unknown, Unknown

Front row: Unknown, W Weatherill, John (Jack) Richardson - (Team Captain), ? Parcher, Unknown



Football team c 1930: Picture supplied by David Burn

Brompton Boys Football Team 1931



This picture and names kindly provided by Vera Brittain, is dated 1931.

Back row: All unknown. Middle row: Vera's brother Ted Barker, Unknown, Kneeling Dick Martin, Unknown, Unknown, Alan Dobbs

Front row: Will Husthwaite, Unknown, Ernest Windress, Jack Wetherill, Clifford Smith, Freddie Sawdon