



Leicestershire Football News Stories 1879-80

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Sheepshed – meeting to establish a football club	<i>Hinckley News – 18 October 1879</i>
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Sheepshed Institute Athletic AGM	<i>Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette – 10 June 1880</i>

WIGSTON. The second annual meeting of the Wigston United Football Club was held on Saturday evening, when the accounts, which had been audited W. Bates and B. Hackett, were presented to the meeting, and gave general satisfaction. During the last season matches were played, of which, the Wigston team won five, one was withdrawn, two lost. Several other matches which had been arranged had to be given up on account of the unfavourable weather. The officers chosen for the coming season were—Arthur Hackett, captain; John Boulter, G. Herbert, G. Broughton, J. Cawthorn, B. Carter, and W. Boothaway, the committee; Charles Boothaway, secretary. This club is now anxious to arrange for matches with any other club on "Association Rules."

Leicester Chronicle – 23 August 1879

SHEEPSHED

On Monday evening a meeting was held in the large room connected with the Institute, for the purpose of forming a football club. The chair was taken by Mr. A Kidger, who said at the commencement that he was very glad to meet his Institute friends on that occasion. In the first by forming a football club it would perhaps be the means of drawing other young men to share the same enjoyment and education that they themselves had derived by attending the Sheepshed Institute. He therefore urged the members to still support it and encourage the new club. In concluding his remarks, the Chairman observed that as they had chosen secretary of the football club he would endeavour to do his duty. The following were chosen as officers—President, Mr. R. Husband; Vice-president, Mr. T. H. Hordy; Treasurer, Mr. C. G. Foston; Hon. Sec., Mr. A. Kidger; Committee, Messrs. J. G. Foston, G. Briars F. Argyle, and W. Lovett. Other business was discussed, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

Hinckley News – 18 October 1879

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FOOTBALL CLUB - The first year of the Football Club having now closed, the annual general meeting was held on Monday evening in the Institute Rooms, Mr. T. H. Hardy, vice-president of the society, occupying the chair. The report was presented by the hon. sec., Mr. Kidger, and stated that thirteen matches had been played during the season, five being won, five lost, and three drawn. The financial statement was made by the treasurer, Mr. C. E. Foston, and showed a balance in hand of £1 15s 8d. The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, a vote of thanks to the honorary subscribers and to the officers of the past year was unanimously accorded. It was resolved that this be called the "Sheepshed Institute Athletic and Football Club." Several alterations were made in the rules after which, on the motion of Mr. J. G. Foston. seconded by Mr. J. Thurman, it was resolved, "That this meeting strongly recommend the incoming officers to their utmost endeavours to promote athletic sports during the present summer in Sheepshed." The officers were then elected as follows:—President, Mr. R. Husbands; vice-president, Mr. T. H. Hardy; treasurer, Mr. C. E. Poston; hon. sec, Mr. J. G. Foston: committee, Messrs. F. Argyle, J. T Buckley, A. Kidger, and C Hillier; captain. Mr. A. Kidger; vice-captain, Mr J. Bennett; sub-captain, Mr. W. Lovitt. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Loughborough Herald & North Leicestershire Gazette – 10 June 1880

Football.

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1. They must arrive at this office not later than the morning before the day of publication ; 2. They must be legibly and clearly written on one side of the paper only ; 3. They must not be longer than the importance of the match warrants.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - 15 November 1879