LEICESTER CITY LANDLORDS

Throughout the history of the professional game, players have faced the problem of what to do when they hang up their boots. Many Leicester Fosse and Leicester City players took over pubs, several of which have now disappeared. This season we will be rediscovering and revisiting these 'Players' Pubs' and uncovering the stories about them and about the landlords who ran them.

The Player: Bob Lee

Bob Lee, who was born and educated in Melton Mowbray was an apprentice at Filbert Street before signing professional forms in 1972 on his 19th birthday.

A month later he made his debut for Jimmy Bloomfield's side as a substitute striker .He replaced Keith Weller in an away game against Brian Clough's Derby County, who were to become League Champions six weeks later.

However it was to be another two years before he established himself in the first team, following a loan spell at Fourth Division Doncaster Rovers during the 1974/75 season.

Back at Filbert Street, he was the regular strike partner of Frank Worthington for the next two years. He was an integral part of Bloomfield's attractive sides which boasted such players, amongst others, as Mark Wallington, Steve Whitworth, Dennis Rofe, Graham Cross, Alan Woollett, Steve Earle, Jon Sammels , Keith Weller, Alan Birchenall, Lenny Glover, Jeff Blockley, Chris Garland and Steve Kember.

He was top scorer in the 1975/76 season when the Club finished 7th in the old First Division. Early the following season Bob went to Sunderland for £200000 and stayed there for four years playing over 100 games. In the 1980s he also went on to play for Bristol Rovers and Carlisle United (with whom he won promotion from the old Third Division in 1982). The following season he was in the Carlisle United side which succumbed to hat-tricks from Gary Lineker and Steve Lynex in Leicester's 6-0 victory at Filbert Street in the season the Foxes returned to the top flight. Between 1983 and 1985, , Bob had two spells playing in Hong Kong as well as playing for Darlington and for non-league Boston United for whom he appeared at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final.

In 1985 he took over a pub near the Great Central Station in Loughborough, before returning to his Melton roots in the 1990s to take over the Anchor at Nether Broughton.

The Pub: The Anchor, Nether Broughton

Nether Broughton is a small village of about 500 inhabitants six miles North West of Melton Mowbray. Close to the Fosse way and to the Grantham Canal, it is very near to the Leicestershire /Nottinghamshire border. When Bob took over the Anchor, it was one of two pubs in the village, the other one being the Red Lion, later to be renamed The Red House. The Anchor is a traditional old world type pub. Dating from the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815), it still maintains its late Georgian façade.