



## The National Archives

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### **Hampshire archives goes ‘football crazy’**

Move over Wayne Bridge and Tom Cleverley, new football stars are set to become soccer hits this summer as Hampshire Record Office goes “Football Crazy”.

As part of the [Archive Awareness Campaign](#), Hampshire Archives will be holding a football exhibition and film workshops to celebrate the game’s history in Hampshire.

These fantastic celebratory events will enable the county’s football fans to reminisce about the good old glory days by showcasing the Archive’s collection of diverse football material which will include films, photographs as well as personal and club records.

Visitors will be able to see an array of photographs highlighting changes in kit and the personal appearance of players. For example, in some of the pictures from 100 years ago, players are sporting ‘strange’ moustaches which were considered fashionable and stylish at the start of last century!

**Angela Owusu, Archive Awareness Campaign Officer** said,

“It’s great to see Hampshire proudly boasting its rich football history and heritage. Today football infiltrates our everyday lives - the build up, the matches, the discussions and debates – it seems nothing much has changed in last 100 years. This event shows so effectively how archives provide a fascinating window into the past.

Other unusual items amongst the photographs include motorcycle football and ladies football teams which sprang up during the First World War. The films ranging from the Pompey v Bolton FA Cup final of 1929 to a review of football in the South between 1982-92 reflect the changing speed and skills of the game.

The events are also a celebration of the small town and village clubs which made up the early Hampshire leagues. With colourful names such as Fordingbridge Turks, Ringwood Hornets, Portsmouth Sunflowers, Bournemouth Gasworks Athletic and Bournemouth Arabs, the early league fixtures were a mix of mostly small town, armed forces and works teams.

**David Bond, Archive Education Officer, Hampshire Archives & Local Studies** said:

“The event is aimed at families, especially fathers and sons but will appeal to sports fans, local and family historians on the look-out for ancestors amongst the many team photos on display. The event will also increase awareness of the other fascinating materials held in our collection”.

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## Notes to Editors

“Football Crazy” takes place 26 and 29 August 2009

- Hampshire Record Office will be holding a free family event, “Football Crazy”, celebrating the game’s history in Hampshire, with an exhibition and film show, on **Wednesday 26 August** and **Saturday 29 August, 10-11am** and **2-3pm**.
- Admission is free but places should be booked. Children must be aged six or over and accompanied by an adult.
- The game has changed in many ways down the years with public schools such as Winchester College leading the way by devising sets of rules more akin to rugby than ‘soccer’, which were adopted and then adapted by local Football Associations in Hampshire.
- The events are sponsored by Hampshire Learning which promotes family learning and is hosted by Hampshire Archives & Local Studies in the cinema at Hampshire Record Office.
- For further information contact David Bond on 01962 846154 or email [archives.enquiries@hants.gov.uk](mailto:archives.enquiries@hants.gov.uk), Hampshire Archives & Local Studies, Sussex Street, Winchester, SO23 8TH

- Archive Awareness is spearheaded by the National Council on Archives ([www.ncaonline.org.uk](http://www.ncaonline.org.uk)) and funded by The National Archives ([www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)) and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council ([www.mla.gov.uk](http://www.mla.gov.uk)).
- Archive Awareness Campaign [www.archiveawareness.com](http://www.archiveawareness.com) is an ongoing celebration of all kinds of fascinating archive treasures. It celebrates and promotes local and national archives. Throughout the year archives across the country open their doors to showcase history, hold open days and present workshops to help the public discover a piece of their own history.

### Summary of films (Total running time 45 minutes)

Films	Format
Portsmouth v Bolton Wanderers 1929 F A Cup final	A 16mm black & white domestic print of a Pathe newsreel without sound
Famous football clubs—Southampton—1934	black & white film
Famous football clubs—Portsmouth—1934	black & white film
Portsmouth v Wolverhampton Wanderers 1939 F A Cup final	black & white 16mm domestic print
Portsmouth v Grimsby 1950	black & white newsreel
Bournemouth's 1957 F A Cup run against Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United	black & white newsreel
Army Cup final 10th Royal Hussars v 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts & Derby) at Aldershot Military Stadium April 1963	Edited from a 16mm colour amateur film without sound
Southampton v Manchester United F A Cup final 1976	Movietone colour film
(TVS) Best of 1982-1992	David Bobbin introduces football and music from the decade.

- A number of the above films were produced as newsreels for showing in cinemas. The first film of the 1929 F.A. Cup Final between Portsmouth and Bolton Wanderers is a Pathe Gazette Newsreel which was shown in cinemas on 29 May 1929. This was Pathe's first sound newsreel. Domestic copies of many newsreel items could be bought on 16mm format to show at home. However, unlike cinema projection systems, domestic projectors could not broadcast sound, hence no sound here.
- The Famous Football Clubs compilation is from a series of newsreels published by Pathe in 1934. The commentary in newsreels was often light-hearted. The Pompey v Grimsby game was captured by Visnews (now Reuters TV News) in 1950 and the Movietone film of Saints v Manchester United in the 1976 FA Cup is a well-worn item.
- Much of what the Archives holds is non-professional film, like that taken by a member of the crowd at Aldershot Military Stadium in 1963. The equipment and film were basic but a good cameraman could still capture the essence of the game.
- Most of us will have watched football on TV at some time, usually on the BBC, ITV or SKY. Local TV put out highlight programmes on Sundays and occasionally broadcast live games too. The TVS compilation 1982-93 records the final decade of their output before the Premiership arrived and terrestrial TV lost out to SKY and others.

