

Flinders FC

Introduction

'Flinders FC' was the first version of what was to become King George Football Club. Its origin has already been mentioned in the 'Introduction' to 'King George Football Club *The Story*', but worth repeating here:

'A group of 17 year olds from the two estates (South Harford and Tuckswood), formed an early incarnation of the club. The first meeting was held in 'The Leopard' Public House on *Bull Close Rd.*, Norwich. The club was named 'Flinders', after the name of an electrical wholesaler based on Whiffler Rd, Norwich. *Two* of the founder members (Allen Bird and *Terry Seager*) worked for that company, which wanted to start a football club. Geoff Vincent, Ray Kelly, Allen Bird, *Terry Seager* and Roger Gaul were some of those founding members. The club's first ground was at Rackheath and early day results were not good. In the words of Ray Kelly: 'scores were high for the opposition and low for us, but we enjoyed it and drowned our sorrows in a pint or two of *Rackheath Green Man's* finest! *Apparently punters were given a glass and went down into the cellar to pour their own beer!*

The first few years of existence are, otherwise, very sketchy; suffice to say that the club entered the Norwich and District Sunday League at some point, became King George F.C at another and all was in place for the revolution to begin.'

N.B A few *ammendments* to the original 'Introduction' have been made here ref. Geoff Vincent.

This is an attempt, by the author, to fill in the gap years between the formation of 'Flinders' and the birth of 'King George F.C'

Season 1968/69 Division 7

Number 1s

Fire: Crazy World of Arthur Brown

Hey Jude: Beatles

Albatross: Fleetwood Mac

Half as Nice: Amen Corner

Israelites: Desmond Decker

World Events

Summer Olympics: 'Black Power' protest by two U.S athletes.

Apollo 8: first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon

Boeing introduce the 'Jumbo Jet'.

John Lennon and Yoko Ono get married.

Richard Nixon becomes 37th President of the United States.

Professional Football winners:

Football League Champions: **Leeds United**.

F.A cup winners: **Manchester City** (v Leicester City 1-0).

League cup winners: **Swindon Town** (v Arsenal 3-1).

European Cup winners: **A.C Milan** (v Ajax 4-1)

Flinders Squad

Ian (Fred) Lamb, R.Kelly, R.Gaul. G.Rickman, G.Gosling, V.Blake, G.Vincent, A.Bird, D.Metcalf, M.Crick, ? Daynes, R.Staff.

Ground: Rackheath Playing Field.

Final League Table Division 7 1968/69

The final table proved elusive. This is the table published on 15th February 1969. Flinders would have had another six games to play. We completed the season with five points, finished bottom and would have had to apply for re-election for season 1969/70.

	P.	W.	D.	L	Fr.	Ag.	Pts.
Golden Star	18	12	2	4	60	39	26
Vauxhall Taverners	16	12	1	3	65	21	25
Aylsham YC	15	11	2	2	75	23	24
Page Bros.	16	10	3	3	54	26	23
Medina	16	8	1	7	48	51	17
Athletic	18	5	6	7	50	54	16
Espanol	15	6	3	6	50	41	15
Bonds Social	16	6	3	7	37	42	15
Pulham Utd.	14	5	2	7	39	54	12
Norwich PO YC	16	5	2	9	38	55	12
Stevensons	15	5	1	9	33	50	11
Lakenham Saints	17	4	2	11	35	63	10
Flinders	18	2	0	16	18	84	4

Results:

Golden Star	0-6	0-3
Aylsham Y.C	0-8	
Medina	0-6	1-4
Page Bros.	1-4	
Bonds Social	2-0	0-3
Vauxhall Taverners	0-4	
Lakenham Saints	0-1	2-4
Espanol		
Stevensons	0-3	
Athletic	1-5	
Pulham	1-2	
Norwich P.O. Y.C	2-4	0-0

Notes

1. Some results proved elusive.
2. **Fact:** Finders needed to apply for re-election for 69/70.
3. **Fact:** KGFC entered Division 7 or 1969/70.

Comment.

The one and only league season of 'Flinders FC' should not be deemed a failure. Thanks must be paid to those who suffered defeat after defeat but still saw the season to a conclusion. They showed the loyalty and determination that was to epitomise future King George teams.

It would seem (ref. Geoff Vincent) that, after this one season, the electrical company (Flinders) lost interest in having a representative football team. The core of the team had been a group of Tuckswood boys (and their associates) whose drinking allegiance was to the King George public house, Harford Bridge. The conclusion, is that this core decided to disband 'Flinders' and apply to the league under the new banner: 'King George F.C.' The application was duly accepted and King George F.C. would enter the Norwich & District Sunday league for the 1969/70 season in Division 7.

Season 1969/70 Division 7

The first Sunday League season under the name **King George F.C.**

Number 1s

Honky Tonk Woman: Rolling Stones

Sugar Sugar: Archies

Bridge over Troubled Water: Simon and Garfunkel.

Spirit in the Sky: Norman Greenbaum

Back Home: England Football Squad.

World Events

Neil Armstrong steps onto the moon.

'Woodstock music festival 'happens'.

Apollo 13: 'Houston, we have a problem'.

Teenagers get the vote in the UK.

Ian Smith declares Rhodesia a republic.

Professional Football winners:

Football League Champions: **Everton**

F.A cup winners: **Chelsea** (v Leeds 2-1)

League cup winners: **Manchester City** (v W.B.A 2-1)

European Cup winners: **Feyenoord** (v Celtic 2-1)

World Cup Winners: **Brazil** (v Italy 4-1).

King George squad

R.Kelly, G.Vincent, D.Pointer, V.Blake, T.Seager, G.Lamb, C.Clabburn,
R.Coe,R.Gaul, D.Cooper, D.Morter, J.Lunn.

Ground: Earlham Park and from January 1970: Larkman School, Motum Rd.

Final League Table

The final table proved elusive. The following appeared in the 'Pink'Un' 21st
March 1970.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Fr.	Ag.	Pts.
Crane Freuhauf	24	22	1	1	153	42	45
Jewsons	20	17	1	2	124	25	35
Newton Flotman	25	17	1	7	115	55	35
Lakenham Saints	25	13	4	8	107	77	30
Wrights	25	13	4	8	91	91	30
Erie	23	11	4	8	70	83	26
Post Office YC	25	12	0	13	106	106	24
Oak	25	10	4	11	84	80	24
Barker Lee Smith	22	10	2	10	87	91	22
King George	22	6	3	13	51	87	15
Pulham	23	4	4	15	63	85	12
White Hart	24	5	2	17	52	111	12
Medina	23	3	5	15	45	106	11
Larking and Gowen	25	1	3	17	32	125	5

Notes

Although this is not the final table:

- 1) **Fact:** Crane Freuhauf won the league.
- 2) **Fact:** Jewsons were runners up.
- 3) Our final record was:

P	W	D	L	Fr	Ag	Pts
26	8	3	15	59	99	19

- 4) **Fact:** We did not get relegated.

Results

Crane Freuhauf	2-2	
Newton Flotman	1-6	
Wrights		
Jewsons	0-7	
Post Office Y.C	0-5	3-4
Oak Utd.	3-2	1-6
Medina	3-1	0-1
Erie	0-4	
Barker Lee Smith	4-7	
Larking & Gowen	3-1	5-3
Lakenham saints	4-1	0-6
Pulham	5-1	draw
White Hart	5-1	3-0

Notes

- 1) Some results proved elusive.

Season 1970/71 Division 7

Brian Ward took over from Ray Kiddell as league secretary from this season.

Number 1s

Tears of a Clown: Smokey Robinson and the Miracles

Voodoo Chile: Jimi Hendrix Experience

My Sweet Lord: George Harrison

Grandad: Clive Dunn

Hot Love: T.Rex

World Events

Isle of Wight music Festival held.

Assassination attempt on King Hussein of Jordan

World Trade Centre in New York was completed.

66 people died in a stairwell crush at a Rangers v Celtic match.

Decimal Currency introduced in UK.

Professional Football Winners

Football League Champions: **Arsenal**

F.A cup winners: **Arsenal** (v Liverpool 2-1)

League Cup winners: **Tottenham** (v Aston Villa 2-0)

European Cup Winners: **Ajax** (v Panathinaikos 2-0)

King George squad

R.Kelly, G.Vincent, M.Ebbage, C.Brown, P.Howman, R.Mortar

Ground: Larkman School, Motum Road

Final League Table

League table proved elusive.

Notes

- 1) **Fact:** Together with Pulham we were relegated.

Results

Young Socialists Res.	0-2	0-2
Oak Utd.		
Branford		
Medina	1-4	
Larking and Gowen	1-7	
Drayton Sunday		
Loke Res.	0-9	
Post Office YC		
Erie	1-1	3-2
Lingwood Caverners Res.	1-8	2-4
White Hart	2-4	
Pulham	0-8	
Aylsham Res.	1-4	0-8

Notes

- 1) Some results proved elusive.
- 2) **Fact:** of the results found we only returned one victory.

Season 1971/72 Intermediate A

Although last season's results, obtainable from the Pink'Un, were sketchy we had been relegated from Division 7.

Number 1s

I'm still waiting: Diana Ross

Maggie May: Rod Stewart

Coz I luv you: Slade

Telegram Sam: T.Rex

Without You: Nilsson

World Events

Internment introduced into Northern Ireland

Jackie Stewart becomes 'Formula One' Champion

The first hand held calculator is introduced.

Aswan Dam opens in Egypt.

Idi Amin becomes President of Uganda.

Norwich City F.C promoted to Division 1 for the first time.

Professional Football Winners

Football League Champions: **Derby County**

F.A cup winners: **Leeds United** (v Arsenal 1-0)

League Cup winners: **Stoke City** (v Chelsea 2-1)

European Cup Winners: **Ajax** (v Inter Milan 2-0)

Division 2 Champions: **Norwich City**.

King George Squad

R.Kelly, G.Vincent, R.Coe, V.Blake, S.Rix, L.Royal, D.Pointer, R.Gaul, K.Metcalf.

Ground: Larkman School, Motum Road.

Final League Table

League table proved elusive.

Results

May Gurney	3-1	
Pulham	3-4	
Five Star Res.	3-1	
Mackintosh Res.	2-1	3-4
Lotus		
Taverham	0-3	1-2
May & Baker	1-3	lost
Wreningham Res.	13-2	
Frettenham	1-2	0-5
NALGO	0-2	5-0
Oak Utd. Res.	2-3	
Provision Stores	5-0	
Brett Utd.	2-6	

Notes

- 1) Some results proved elusive.
- 2) **Fact:** We did not finish in the relegation positions.
- 3) **Fact:** Intermediate A and Intermediate B were to be devolved into Divisions 8 and 9 for season 1972/73
- 4) **Fact;** We appear in Division 8 for that season.

Conclusion

This is the best information that I could obtain to link to *'The Story'*.

The results, league tables and reports were all gleaned by trawling 'Pink'Uns' held on microfilm.

The editorial layout of the 'Pink'Un' was somewhat inconsistent in those days, which was not really surprising given the means of communication available to secretaries 'back in the day' and the time scale of production of the 'Pink 'Un'. Roll on invention of the 'internet'.

However, what a fantastic job was done by all concerned during that formative period to allow 'The Story' to unfold.

References:

- 1) Norfolk Heritage Centre, The Forum, Norwich.
- 2) Advice from Vincent and Kelly.
- 3) 'King George Football Club The Story Division 8 to Division 1 !972 to 1983'

Dedicated to Paul Colin Athow (August 2nd 1953 to January 21st 2018).

Rest in Peace, good buddy.

The End of the Beginning.

