

B&DTTA RESEARCH

I was at an away league match at Southmead last week when the former club Secretary, Dave Uppington, walked in and passed a carrier bag full of old archives that he had recently found in his loft to Dan Berlin, the new club Secretary. Within those files were a large number of B&DTTA Annual Reports, including the 1984/1985 one that has eluded our Association's archives for nearly fifteen years! I couldn't believe it. If I had not been playing a league match at that venue that very night, I would still be unaware of that missing information being "out there".

As you know, we have made numerous efforts over the years asking for anyone to come forward if they believe they still hold such archive material, and only a handful have ever been able to do so, and their assistance in that respect has been invaluable. Our thanks now must go to Dave for having thankfully held on to those files until last week and never having disposed of them. Thank you, Dave.

For information then, please see below the Annual Reports that we still desperately seek. Our Association is celebrating one hundred years since our re-formation in 1919 and remains the oldest league in the world having being formed in October 1902, so any help at all in preserving our prestigious history would be really, really welcome.

1968/1969
1967/1968
1965/1966 (*pages 1 and 2, plus tables*)
1962/1963
1961/1962
1960/1961
1950/1951 through to 1958/1959

If you think you just may have any of the above missing Annual Reports, or know of anyone else who might, please do get in contact with us. The chances are that they might still be held within some of our clubs own Minutes. Anyway, along with the above, I would also mention that, unlike some more fortunate leagues around the country, we sadly hold NO pre-War Handbooks or Annual Reports. Those would be like gold-dust to us! Any other information at all, or even photographs that you could scan across, that you might have and would think would be beneficial and helpful to us, then please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you.

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