

# Grimsby Ancient Mariners

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## Tournament in Rochdale

Pete Cribb has already given an outline of the tournament in Rochdale but for the newsletter I thought I would give a personal view.

Sports reports on matches are usually short and bland nowadays. They don't go into much detail and you often wonder if the reporter actually went to the match. So I would like to focus on just one moment from the day.

I could have chosen the deluge of rain that would have made Rochdale the perfect setting for their recent remake of Noah or I could try to explain how Pat managed to take the M62 to Manchester on the way home despite being a vastly experienced lorry driver, having SatNav and missing a big clue in terms of the Pennines behind him.

Instead I am going to ignore the first match and try to explain an incident at the start of the second game. It all began when I made a pass to one of our team and, as usual, stood still to admire the quality of my silky skills. The ball had well gone on its way and the next thing I know was both my legs were kicked from

under me. I left the ground and from a great height landed on my a\*%£e. I finally got up with a bruised backside and heard the referee shout, "Play on.....Accidental." in an accent. **"How could it have been Accidental ? " I enquired.....and spent the rest of the day pondering. Possibly :**

1. The Caveman playing for the opposition had mistaken me for a Woolly Mammoth and decided to make me his lunch.
2. Perhaps the rules for Association Football in Rochdale are different than in other parts of the world.
3. Laughing gas and shisha pipes are freely available on prescription in the Rotherham area.
4. The scientist in charge of the genetics programme in the oppositions home town has a sense of humour and slipped some of the genes of Vlad the Impaler into the gene pool while no-one was watching.
5. Referees do have a sense of humour !

## Quick Points

Many thanks to Peter Cribb and his son for the excellent job they have done on our website. It looks very professional.....if you haven't seen it then the web address is :

[www.grimsbyancientmariners.co.uk](http://www.grimsbyancientmariners.co.uk)

At the recent committee meeting a number of decisions were made.

- a) For all football tournaments we enter all members will be given an equal opportunity to take part in them.
- b) The Club will work with Lincs Inspire to put on our own Walking Football Tournament at Bradley in September.
- c) The Club will make a donation of £50 towards the cost of our website and then pay £60 at the end of the year to meet our share of the costs for maintenance of the site.
- d) The Club will develop a series of social and sporting activities for members and their families to take part in.
- e) The next committee meeting will be on the first available Monday in May and will be open to all members as usual.