

Grimsby Ancient Mariners

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The Etihad



It's tough at the top as Kenny found out when he faced some tough questions at the press conference following the recent Grimsby Ancient Mariners away fixture there.

Did Ron really mean to take out the City Steward when he attempted the crossbar challenge ?

Which skilled criminal stole Jim's bag from the side of the pitches and got it back into his locker without a key ?

Who was (or wasn't) running ?

The Football

The large squad of twenty-eight players from the Ancient Mariners followed Barcelona into the cauldron that used to be known as Dog Kennel Lane. They divided into three teams to play matches against three teams from the City Walking Football squad. All the games were fiercely competed. The Grimsby Ancient Mariners won nine of the fifteen games on offer. A good return considering three of the six we lost was against our own teams from Grimsby.

Man of the Day must go to Pat Lynch who bravely continued to play despite being hit on the head by a thunderbolt of a shot that imprinted Adidas in the middle of his forehead. The good news is that his agent is in negotiation with the German Company over a lucrative sponsorship deal for his head. Lynne then gave us an excellent tour of the Etihad Stadium that was full of information and eye opening.

A fantastic day out that was a credit to all the GAM taking part and our hosts !

Chairman's Notes

Next Meeting – Thursday 12th March (After the Walking Football Session). The only item on the agenda will be the aims we want to govern the way **The Grimsby Ancient Mariners** is run as a club. The idea is to form a set of principles on the way the club is organised by its members. Some suggestions were made on the last newsletter to give us a starting point to discuss. These can be added to and altered. The meeting is open to all members, not just the committee.

Rochdale Tournament – Saturday 28th March. Carl has started a list to gather the names of any players wanting to take part in the tournament in Rochdale. The suggestion is we take ten players to make it worthwhile in playing time for those making the journey. This number could be flexible up to fourteen players but we will need at least three drivers prepared to take their cars for petrol money. I have attached the information that the organiser sent to me so you can see the rules and organisation etc. They do appear to be enforcing a strict walking protocol.

If you fancy playing then just see Carl and get him to put your name on the list. If we do get too many players then we will sort it out as equitably as possible. Last day to sign up is **Thursday 19th March**

Club Membership – Just a reminder. There is no obligation to be a club member to play Walking Football at Bradley but there is a 50p donation at the start of each session, if you do want to join..