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REMEMBERING BILLY BREMNER

Richard Haynes





Why commemorate Billy Bremner?

About the Project

Facilitate intergenerational heritage.

Use oral history to generate new intangible heritage.

Co-create a new community-led online exhibition.

Create a heritage trail connected to Bremner's life in the city.









Co-creation with communities

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Gowanhill Utd and Shell Park



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Scottish Schoolboys



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By MALCOLM ROBINSON WALES 2, SCOTLAND 2

WITH almost the last kick of this schoolboy internationa. match at Somerton Park, Newport. Swansea's left-half, Barry Hole, shot home from 30 yards to give Wales a dramatic but well-deserved share of the spoils.



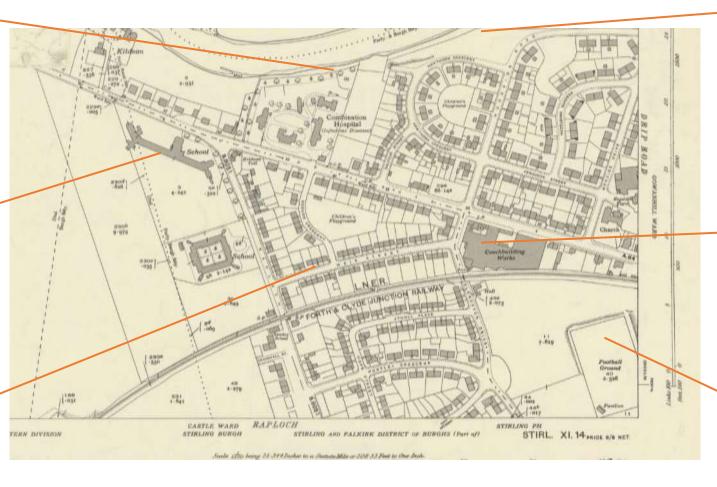
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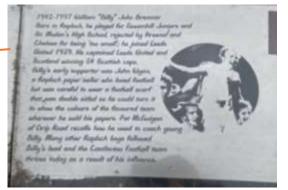


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Bremner: From a bov to one of the greatest

New exhibition shows how football legend honed his skills on tough Stirling estate

BY GEORGE MAIR

SCOTTISH football legend Billy Bremner's rise to stardom is charted in a new online exhibition.

Billy Bremner: Fae Raploch to Elland Road traces his upbringing in the tough Stirling housing estate and his time on the pitch for Leeds United and Scotland.

It includes memories from former friends and teammates - and tells how a teacher at his school persuaded the schoolboy cap to ignore his beloved Celtic and seek his fortune in England.

Childhood pal William McOuillan says in a film: "He was known as '10 stone of barbed wire with a never-savdie attitude".

The University of Stirling exhibition serves as a reminder of one of Scotland's greatest footballing talents, who captained Leeds and Scotland and died in 1997 at just 54.

reputation for his footballing skills and fierce determination on the pitches of Raploch. William adds: "We didn't

have much. Football was all day every day - school ruined it because if we didn't go to school. we could have played all day. "Billy was a very talented honed his skills on Shell Park,

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and captained Scotland. He reached the pinnacle."

Bremner lived at 35a Weir Street in the shadow of Stirling Castle with his adoptive parents Pop and Ressie Bremner and

Former Leeds and Scotland you could fall out teammate Eddie Gray, 74. with him easily, recalls: "If anybody wanted to "Billy was play a physical type of game our Celtic-daft and players could match them -

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"But it was his leadership and sign for Celtic, get the way he played the game that yourself down to was the inspiration for all the young boys at the club.

New exhibition kicks off to highlight life of iconic footballer Billy Bremner

By Katharine Hay

THE life of Scottish football legend Billy Bremner is being celebrated in a new online

Bremner was born in the area of Stirling known as the Raploch in 1942 and went on to become regarded as one of the greatest midfielders of all time

He signed for Leeds United as a teenager and later captained the team, as well as playing for Scotland

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project, local school pupils interviewed lifelong Leeds fans about what Bremner meant to them, and comedy TV writer Philip Differ, also a former St Modan's pupil, recalled

Bremner's visit to the school in the 1970s. St Modan's head teacher Claire Friel said: 'This study has helped

recognise one of St Modan's most successful former pupils. "Billy was a truly inspirational figure and speaking

with supporters from Leeds who recall watching

Class act... the online collection features photos from Bremner's time at St Modan's High

him in his prime, our pupils have learned how highly regarded he was and still is to Leeds fans?

Karen Fraser, who worked as a researcher on the project, said 'It was an honour to talk to people who knew Billy as a friend before he became the footballing legend, and to record their thoughts.

"Their pride and affection for him shone through as they spoke about his talent, his humour and sense of fun, his loyalty to his friends, his love of Raploch and the fact that he never really left this behind - even when miles away playing and then managing.

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●View the exhibition at https:// collections.stir.ac.uk/ billvbremner/



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It includes a collection of anecdotes from former school friends, neighbours and team-mates as well as photos, match reports and school records.



Legend Billy Bremner.

The online archive also shows a new "heritage trail", created in partnership with St Modan's pupils, which details sites significant to Bremner's life in Raploch.

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"The school still has a photo of that event displayed outside the head teacher's office," Prof Havnes added.

A statue of Bremner, who died in 1997, was erected outside Leeds United's Elland Road stadium in 1999 but no permanent memorial exists in Scotland to mark his achievements.

Visit the online exhibition here:

https://collections.stir.ac.uk/billybremner/

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