

Looking Back

REMINISCENCE SESSIONS - CELEBRATING SPORTING AND
SOCIAL HISTORY





DEWSBURY HEROES



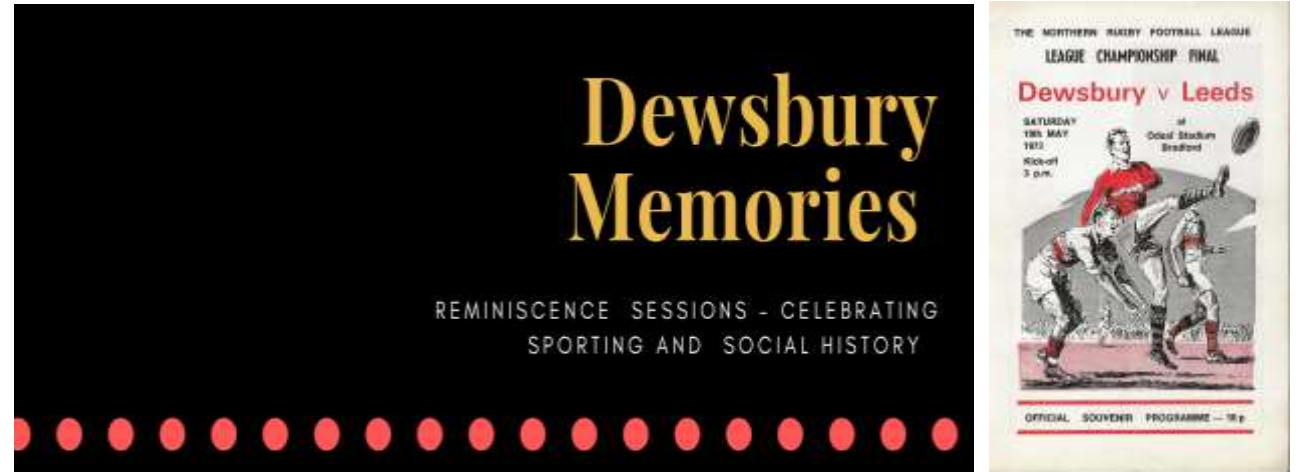
Heritage and Reminiscence

A Heritage Lottery Funded project

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A network of reminiscence sessions across the country, each with their own local identity, celebrating the rich sporting and social history of Rugby League

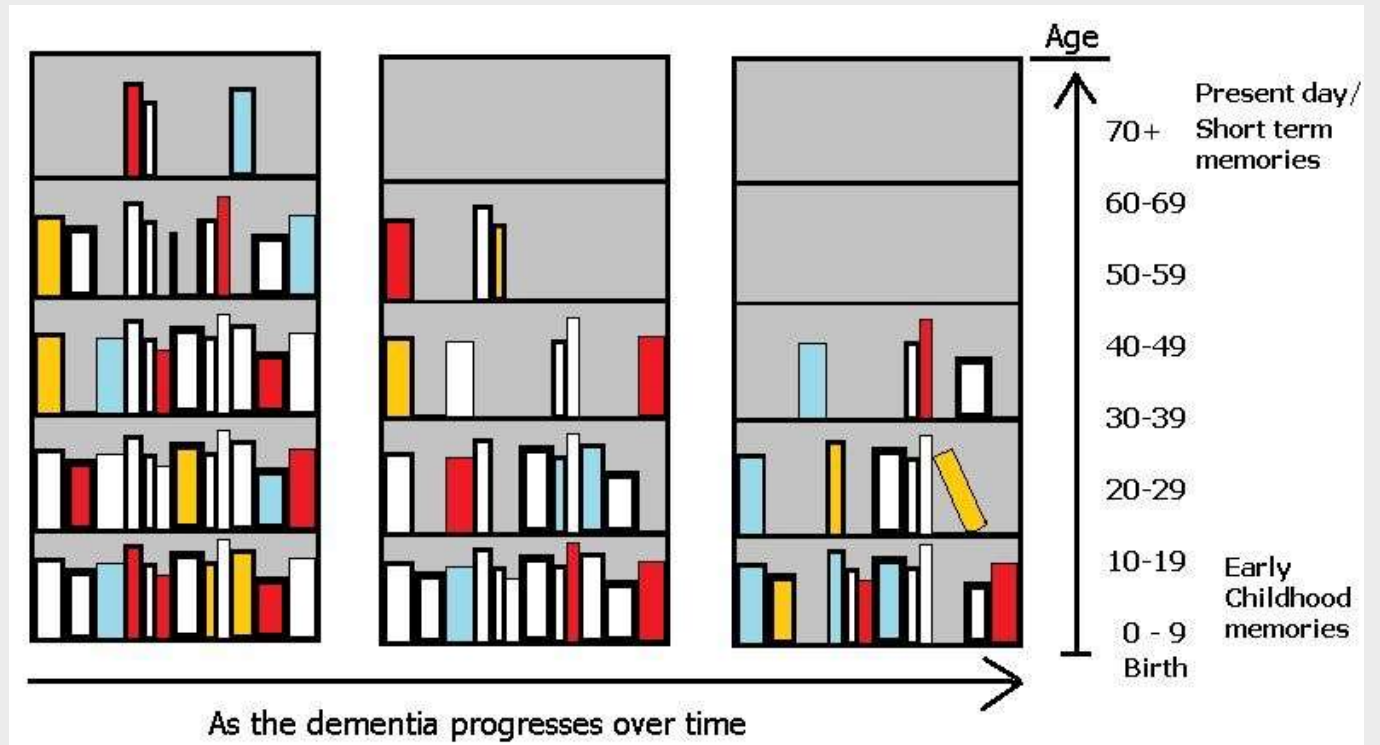
Kicking the problems of social isolation into touch and tackling the issues of memory loss illnesses



Sporting Reminiscence

- Sport has a powerful recuperative effect throughout life – for those suffering from social isolation and even for those suffering from the debilitating consequences of memory loss illnesses.
- Remembering one's playing and/or supporting days, great sporting events – both the triumphs and the disappointment, brings pleasure, creates conversations, stimulates memories and creates connections

Shelves full of Rugby League Memories



As the memory is ravaged by Dementia, the newest memories are the first to disappear... leaving, for a time at least, older memories...

What's left is a personal sporting heritage library.

Why does it work?

- Men particularly are poorly served when it comes to dementia support – knitting and nattering, choirs and craft sessions don't suit everyone
- Rugby League – on field ferocity but touch-line community
- Open to everyone – home and away supporters
- Aging supporter base
- The professional sport and amateur game have localised geographies - the “derby” match can involve teams 2 or 3 miles apart
- Players often played for more than one local team
- “Working Man's Pride” – asking for help not commonplace, preference is to be “invited in”

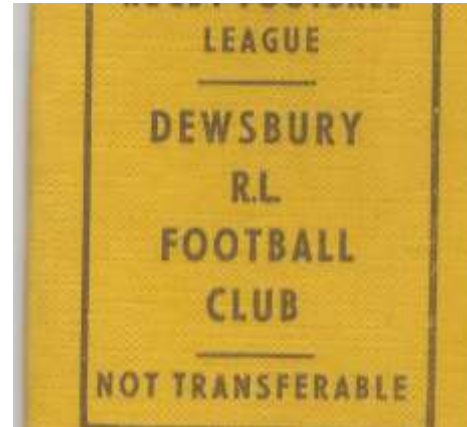
The impact



- “I get my dad back – talking about his sport – just for a few minutes it’s like the dementia hasn’t got hold of him”
- “It’s a relief not to have to start all the conversations”
- “Those were the days – we had a REAL team”



Sporting Heritage



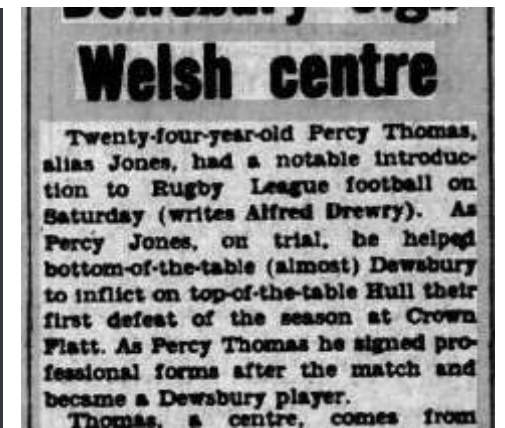
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- Sporting Heritage enthusiasts sharing their knowledge, photos, recordings and memorabilia
- Loans from sporting heritage collections
- Families of former players donating their memorabilia
- Fans donating their collections of programmes and newspaper clippings





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A celebration of the Dewsbury Rams Rugby League club's history; the players who have played in red, amber and black, the officials and the supporters of the team since its formation.



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- Why now? 2023 - A Champion Year
 - 125 years since the club was formed
 - 80 years since Dewsbury won everything in 1943, managed by Eddie Waring but were then disqualified for fielding an illegible player which led to the league being declared null and void
 - 50 years since the championship win when Dewsbury overcame Leeds Rugby League Club against the odds
 - 35 years since the fire at Crown Flatt, the historic stadium
 - 2023 – the year Dewsbury Rams were promoted



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LOOKING FOR FORMER PLAYERS!

Part of the Dewsbury Heroes project includes the awarding of Heritage Numbers to anyone that has played in the first team in red, amber and black since 1897.

But we need your help to get in touch with them so that we can present their certificates at a special event next year!

Are you an ex-player, the family of a player who has passed away or could you put us in touch with a former player?
GET IN TOUCH IF YOU CAN HELP!

@dewsbury_memory @dewsburymemory
info@dewsburymemories.co.uk

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Can you help tell the story of Dewsbury Rams?

We have newspapers which report match results, team lists and the key moments in Dewsbury's history.

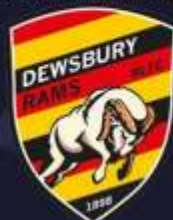
We have match programmes which tell us the thoughts of managers and officials of the day.

WE WANT TO COLLECT THE STORIES AND PHOTOS OF THE SUPPORTERS!

Can you help?

Do you have pictures in old photo albums of Dewsbury matches, the ground, supporters or celebrations?

Send them in and we'd love to use them to tell the story and feature them in our digital museum – email them to allison@lookingb.com





SAVE DEWSBURY RLFC FUND

1983

Certificate to acknowledge the donation

of £ 20

from Sue Walford.

This donation gratefully received against the support of _____ sq. ft. of the Crown Flatt Pitch

ALPAC FUND

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Out of the
mouths. ^{APR} 1877

Dear Dewsbury — I have watched your matches for six years and me and my dad have paid lots of money to see you.

Yet you are getting worse and your performance against Batley was pathetic.

MARK SCUTT
(aged 11)

Shepley Mount,
Mirfield.



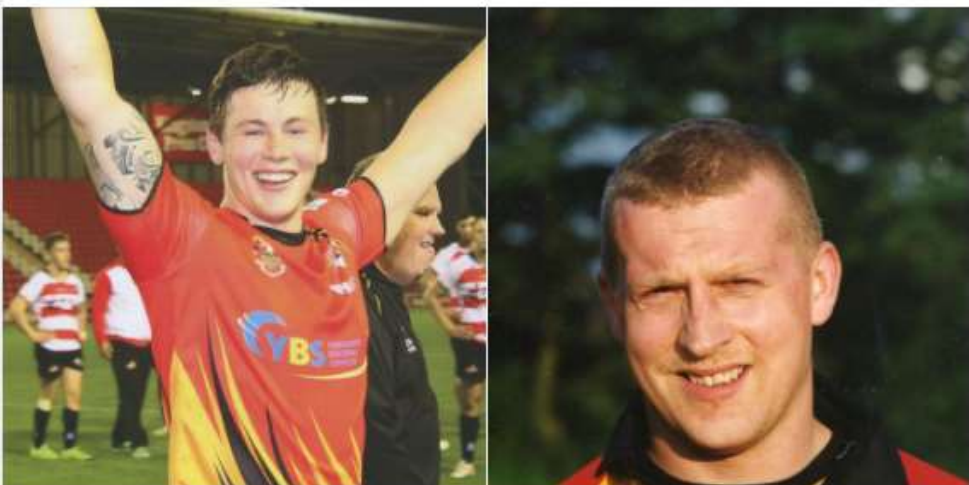
Dewsbury Memories

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Who's who?

Can you name these players? Trying to get photos for our gallery... but these have foxed us...

[Dewsbury Rams](#) [The Amber Ribbon](#) [The Dewsbury Rams Rugby League](#) [Barry Army Supporters Group](#)



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Dewsbury Memories

@dewsbury_memory

These 2 players have heritage numbers from another club - possibly [@LeighLeopardsRL](#) or [@TrinityHeritage](#)
Numbers 1212 & 1213 respectively but our record keeping has let us down so we don't have their names but think they also played for [@DewsburyRams](#) !
Can anyone shed some light?



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**INVITATION
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REUNION 2022**

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Join us in the Bailey Bar , the home of Dewsbury Rams, to catch up, look back and celebrate the 2022 season and the memories it has brought back.

We first met face to face in October 2021, when we thought we were facing the last of the Covid restrictions - little did we know these would go on for another few months! Twelve months on, we're inviting you to Dewsbury again, to join us for a few refreshments, and the chance to reconnect with friends in a celebration of all things rugby league .

Home and Away supporters welcome

THE DETAILS

When : Friday 25 November

Kick off: 11.00am- 1.00pm

Where: Bailey Bar, Dewsbury Rams, Tetley's Stadium, Owl Lane, Dewsbury, WF12 7RH

How Much: FREE

Contact: allison@lookingb.com



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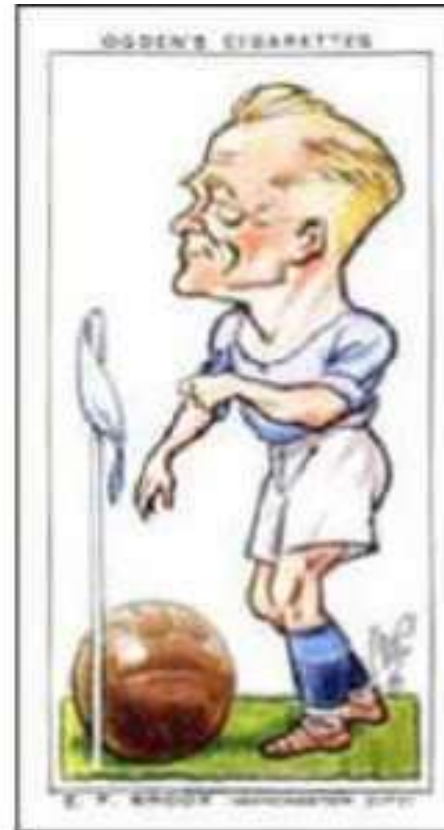
Engaging young people in the heritage of Dewsbury

Making the project relevant – Panini Stickers



Ogden's Cards

- In 1894 Ogden's, one of the biggest tobacco companies in the UK, began adding free cigarette cards into its range of cigarette packets, however it wasn't until 1935 that they included cards with caricatures of footballers and rugby players



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Dewsbury RAMS championship, 1973.



Alan Agar

Harry Beverley

Mick Stephenson

Alan Bates

Trevor Lowe

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Dewsbury RAMS championship, 1973.



Adrian Rushton

Nigel Stephenson

Gregg Ashcroft

John Clark

Terry Day

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Dewsbury RAMS championship, 1973.



Bryan Taylor

Jeff Grayshon

Joe Whittington

John Bates

Steve Lee

Substitute Forward

Second Row Forward

Loose Forward

Second Row Forward

Substitute Back





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George Mitchell

Debut v Leeds 20/3/1926

Heritage Number

353





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- What next?
 - Collecting family stories
 - Cataloguing the programme collection
 - Curating the Museum content
 - Ensuring the resource is maintained and sustained long term
- How?
 - Engaging with more people
 - Supporting our volunteers
 - Working with the club and the lottery fund manager to ensure we get most impact from our funding.



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