

### **The History of The Barton Old Boys Football Club**

The Barton Old Boys team first started in the 1949/50 season and the “Old Boys” were old boys of the Barton Boys Club. They played the first three seasons in the Humber league, which was comprised of teams from Nettleton, Caistor, Winterton Reserves, Wootton, South Killingholme, Goxhill, Barrow, Killingholme Haven, East Halton and Barton Town Reserves. From there the team moved into the Scunthorpe league for the 1952/53 season, playing in the 4th division against such teams as Eastoft, OMB, Jackson Amateurs, TA Gunners, East Butterwick, Firth Browns and Redbourne Reserves. The standard of football was probably slightly lower than that played in the Humber league. The Old Boys gained promotion to the 3rd division at the end of that season and the following season found themselves in opposition to teams including Messingham, Yaddlethorpe, Wrawby, BRS Brigg, North Kelsey, Burton, Redbourne Sports Reserves, Berkeley Rovers, Scotter, Hibaldstow and Barton Town Reserves (who by now had also left the Humber league).

The Old Boys played their first three seasons on the Boys Club pitch on Marsh Lane but then moved to the Barton County School pitch, which ran from West Acridge down to Dam Road. At the end of the 1953/54 season houses were built on the West Acridge pitch and as no other pitch was available the team disbanded.

The Old Boys again formed a team five years later in 1959, playing in the Scunthorpe 3rd division, again using the Boys Club, Pasture Road pitch. They gained promotion in their first season and in the 1962/63 season won the Scunthorpe 2nd division and the New Holland Ambulance Cup and moved up into the Scunthorpe 1st division. A reserve team was then formed and to enable the two teams to play, the Club moved to a field on the Humber bank, using the old coastguard house as changing rooms. It was not unknown for players to have a bath in the river after a game (of course players were much tougher in those days).

At the start of the 1967/68 season the team moved to play on Barton Town’s Marsh Lane pitch.