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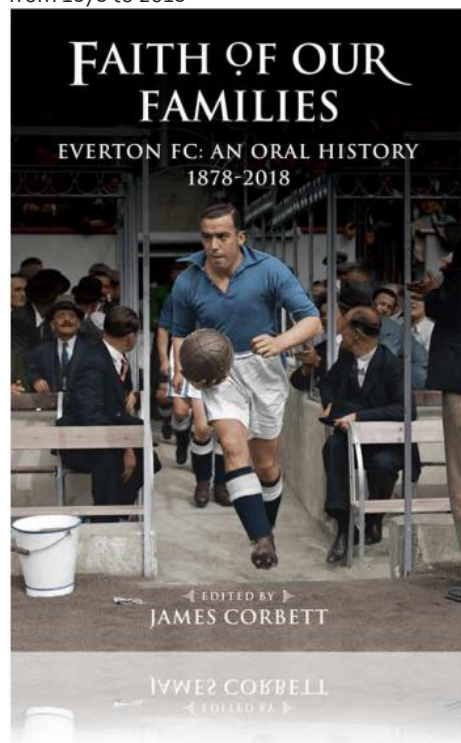
Legend returns to St Luke's

By Richard Gillham

On Saturday 2nd December we will have the legendary Neville Southall signing the latest Superb Everton Book from Decoubertain Faith of our Families which is an oral history of Everton Fc from 1878 to 2018

Neville and James Corbett will be at St Luke's to sign your books and other memorabilia that can be purchased at st Luke's on the day.

Neville Holds Everton Most appearances record and is celebrated as one of the greatest ever goalkeepers in History



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Action from the first Everton Goodison game to be played against a South American side, with Vasco da Gama providing the opposition in April 1956

SOUTH AMERICAN VISITORS TO GOODISON PARK

Everton's links with South America go back to 1909 when the Toffees toured both Argentina and Uruguay, inspiring the founding of many clubs in the area, most notably in Valparaiso, Chile. Subsequently,

We have played numerous friendlies in the region against the likes of River Plate, Boca Juniors, Botafogo and Cruzeiro,

Back home, the first South American visit to Goodison took place in April 1956 when Rio club, Vasco da Gama, arrived at the end of a long European tour. With the visitors flagging after touching down from Italy at 4am that morning, the hosts ran out 6-3 winners, with a hat-trick from Cyril Lello. The contrast in styles of both sides was highlighted in the match report with Everton 'wasting no effort on unproductive embroidery'.

In April 1961, a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Bangu, also from Rio, was a precursor to a bruising re-match two months later at the Polo Grounds in New York, in the USA International Soccer League tournament. Bangu won 2-0 but with Billy Bingham dismissed for throwing a punch, the New York Times reported that, 'Bangu's infractions were not nearly as glaring as Everton's.' The Toffees went on to reach the final, only to be beaten by Dukla Prague. Five years later, Brazil were once again represented at Goodison, this time by the national side. The reigning champions played their three World Cup '66 group games at Goodison against Bulgaria, Hungary and Portugal. Although the locals were able to witness goals from Pele and Garrincha, the headlines were taken by the Hungarians, Bene and Florian Albert, and then by Eusebio of Portugal. Brazil, subjected to harsh treatment meted out by their opponents, were eliminated from the competition. Fortunately, the countless iconic images from these games will ensure that Goodison will live on in the memory of fans the world over.

Brazil returned to our home in June 1995 to face Japan in the Umbro Cup, a tournament played across a number of English venues. In front of almost 30000 fans the (again) reigning world champions won 3-0 and later went on to claim the trophy, beating England in the final group match at Wembley.

The last South American encounter was the Brotherhood Cup fixture in August 2010 between Everton F.C. and C.D. Everton of Chile. The 2-0 victory for the Toffees was almost incidental as fans from both clubs celebrated the unique occasion.

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Roy Vernon (right in picture with fan) and teammates during the champions' lap of honour in May 1963

VERNON'S CROWNING GLORY

The sunny afternoon of 11 May 1963 saw Everton on the cusp of securing our first post-War league title. Alex Young's headed winner against Spurs a few matches previously had put the Blues in pole position, ahead of the Lilywhites, as the season's climax approached.

A comfortable midweek victory at West Brom meant that a final fixture win at home to Fulham before 60,578 fans would guarantee Goodison glory and complete a season unbeaten at home.

Fulham would be no pushover, however, boasting the likes of Johnny Haynes, Bobby Robson and George Cohen in their ranks. Any Toffees tremors were quelled after only five minutes when Roy Vernon – 'Taffy' to his teammates – collected a pass from Alex Parker and dribbled past Alan Mullery and Goalkeeper Tony Macedo before slotting Home from an acute angle.

Just three minutes had elapsed before the Welshman capitalised on confusion between Mullery and Macedo to double his, and Everton's, tally. In reply, Fulham were denied a stonewall penalty for a foul by Tony Kay – a free-kick award was scant consolation. Then, on 20 minutes, Johnny Key volleyed home beautifully for the Cottagers from a Haynes cross. The two-goal margin was restored when a Vernon free-kick rebounded to Alex Scott, whose low shot eluded a scrambling Macedo.

Everton's stars were in their stride now – peppering the Fulham goal. Vernon was on fire, being denied a hat-trick when Robson handled his shot and the referee waved play-on.

The Liverpool Echo's Michael Charters described the club captain's interplay with Alex Young as 'a sweet moving duet.'

The second half was slightly less eventful but, with five minutes left on the clock, Young

Flicked on Albert Dunlop's clearance for Vernon to race on to and, as with the first goal, he beat Mullery and Macedo to slide the ball home, finally completing his treble.

The match ended 4-1. When the whistle blew, young Blues supporters ignored announcements and joined the triumphant team on a lap of honour. Vernon threw the club mascot into the air before catching him safely! The lack of the league trophy to parade did not detract from one of the great events in a golden decade at Goodison Park and the high point of Roy Vernon's memorable career.

Vernon was announced as the latest Everton Giant during our End of Season Awards in May and his wife, Norma, is at Goodison today to perform the plaque unveiling ceremony before the game.

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ST LUKES THE CHURCH WITH ITS OWN FOOTBALL STADIUM



Although Everton F.C. started life as the St Domingo's church team in 1878, it is now closely associated with another place of worship. St. Luke the Evangelist, nestled between the Main and Howard Kendall Gwladys Street Stands, contributes to the uniqueness of The Old Lady. But why does the stadium have a church in such an unlikely spot?

A wooden Church of England mission hall predated Goodison Park by at least nine years. Therefore, since its opening in 1892 the stadium has had to grow around this sacred spot. In 1899, the first Bishop of Liverpool laid the foundation stone of a parish church to replace the wooden building. The architect, James Francis Doyle, was known for the White Star and Royal Insurance buildings in the city centre. His original designs for St. Luke's included a tower and spire but these were rationalised. Construction of the adjacent parish hall commenced in 1908. A ceremonial tile was unveiled by Edith Chavasse – wife of the second Bishop of Liverpool and mother of Noel Chavasse (who would be awarded the Victoria Cross twice in The First World War).

Over the years the church has formed a close bond with its footballing neighbour. Reverend Harry Ross, parish vicar from 1977 to 2010, was officially appointed as club chaplain in 1994 and became a leading figure in the Everton Former Players' Foundation. Funeral and memorial services

Have been held for a number of Everton's finest servants, including Brian Harris, Harry Catterick and Andy King. Deceased parishioners and Everton supporters are commemorated in the church's remembrance garden. This beautiful, reflective space is open on match days and after Sunday morning services.

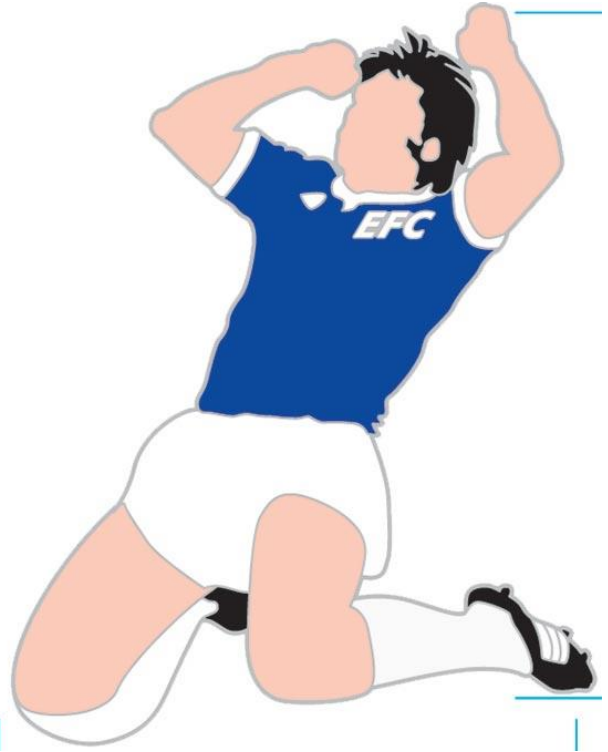
For many fans, both home and away, a visit to St Luke's forms part of the Goodison pre-match ritual. Church volunteers welcome supporters and emergency services in the parish hall where tea, coffee and sandwiches are served. Upstairs, the EFC Heritage Society lays on an array of magnificent displays and stalls as well as hosting collections for the KitAid charity. In 2016 the church came to national attention when the BBC's Football Focus was broadcast live from the hall before an FA Cup tie against Chelsea. Rev. Frank Cain, the 12th vicar in the church's history, was appointed in February this year in succession to Ellen Loudon.

The Friends of St Luke's was founded in 2012; those interested in getting involved may do so via the church's website: www.stlukeswalton.org.



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TOFFEEART LIMITED EDITION

Its forty years since Bob Latchford scored 30 league goals for Everton in the 1977/78 season. Still loved to this day, Big Bob is celebrated here with our new enamel pin badge of that iconic image of Bob sliding in front of the Gwladys Street end after the thirtieth hit the back of the net.

There are only a limited number of these pins so grab yourself while you can.

Pins approx. 22mm in height.

