

**FOOTBALL IN COLEORTON  
1879 - 1929**



**THE BEAUMONT ARMS IN 1994  
THE ORIGINAL HOME OF COLEORTON FOOTBALL**

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COLEORTON ROVERS FOOTBALL TEAM 1947 - 1960

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## PRE-AMBLE

It may surprise some to know that the close communities of Coleorton, Pegg's Green and Griffydam all sported amateur football teams, that were founded in the last quarter of the 19th century. A number of talented footballers emerged from local villages teams. For example, Joe Bradford from the Bradford footballing family of Pegg's Green went on to play for Birmingham and England. George Haywood who was born in Gelsmoor and later lived at the Outwoods', Coleorton (both in Worthington parish) who started his playing career with the "Coleorton Bible Class" team in the Coalville Sunday School league, went on to play with several top class teams including Birmingham City. More about George Haywood later in this publication.

Without having the facility to research old newspaper reports, virtually no information would have been available about these old teams. These reports have been transcribed from page 6 onwards for the benefit of the readers.

Most early local football teams were based at Public Houses and these played an important roll in the fabric of social life at that time. This applied in Coleorton where the old pre-war teams, to which this publication is dedicated, played out of the "Beaumont Arms", (apart from the Bible Class Team it is assumed). When one reads some of the following reports it becomes immediately evident that following the home matches, entertainment was carried on at the Beaumont Arms where a great many pitchers of beer would have been consumed, no doubt. There is one example where a team from Derby didn't leave the Beaumont Arms till 8.30p.m. in 1881 to make there way home, no doubt imbibing at other public houses on the way. Presumably they would have travelled by pony and trap or horse draw carriages / charabancs in these earlier days.

The earliest reference found to a Coleorton Football team is 1879 and a reserve team playing in that year is also recorded They were listed under various names including, "Coleorton United", "Coleorton Beaumont", Beaumont Club, "The Albion" & "The Wanderers". *These different names make it difficult to provided continuity in the story, and further investigation is required.*

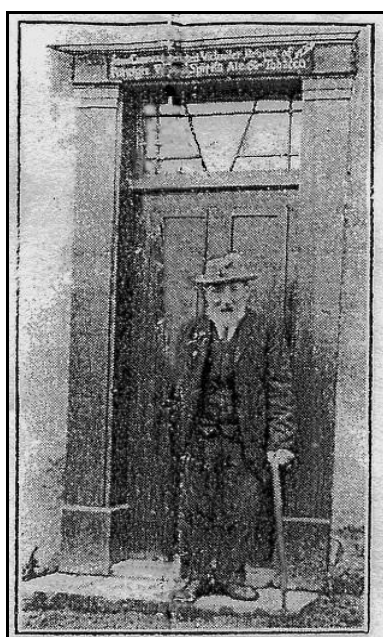
By 1905, it is recorded that a Coleorton United team were playing in the "Coalville District Amateur Football League" along with Pegg's Green Victoria who they played against. In 1906, they were referred to as Coleorton Rising Star when admitted to the "Leicestershire Football Association". In 1924, an old photograph, included later, confirms that a Bible Class team were playing in the Sunday School League (Coalville & District) with whom George Haywood started his footballing career from 1924 to 1927. In 1929, Coleorton School also had a fine team, winning several trophies. Further reference to their successes appear later in the publication.

It is worth mentioning that Coleorton's Beaumont Cricket Club had been formed much earlier than the football team and the earliest record the author found was in 1852 when the married played the singles of Coleorton. They too played out of the Beaumont Arms and quite a lot of information has been found on them which is included in the author's history of the Beaumont Arms. There is some evidence that they shared the same the same playing field also. No reliable evidence has been found as to where the Coleorton Cricket and football pitches were located, but the author leans towards the view that they would have been in the fields opposite the Beaumont Arms.

**THE BEAUMONT ARMS - THE ORIGINAL HOME OF  
COLEORTON FOOTBALL**

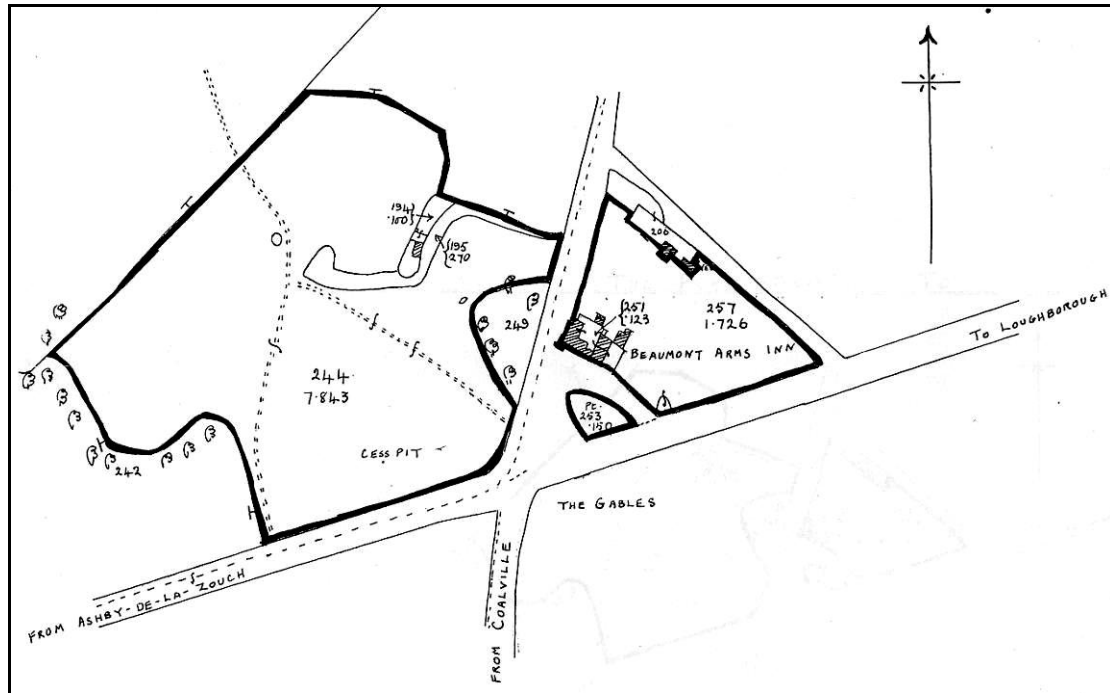


**The Beaumont Arms building in 1994**



**John Peck Charville**

**The Beaumont Arms most fondly remembered Landlord standing outside the front entrance. He was the landlord during the time it was the home of the Coleorton Football Teams referred to in this publication**



### The location of the Beaumont Arms in 1940 to the NE of the cross-roads

The first records referring to the Beaumont Arms found by the author was in 1806. It is not known when the Beaumont Arms finally closed its doors as a public house, but it and its land was sold to Marston Thompson & Evershed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1940. Sir George Arthur Hamilton Beaumont Bart had died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1933. In his will dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1931, he appointed Renee Muriel Bell, Isobel Frances Newton, and Henry Lushington Bolton as executors and they acted as his personal representatives / vendors at the sale.

John (Jackie) Redburn moved to the Beaumont Arms on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1948 and it eventually became a family farm. They were there in 1992 when the layout of the cross-roads was changed. Sadly, modern houses now stand in this hallowed place

**THE READER CAN FIND OUT ABOUT THE INTERESTING HISTORY OF THIS OLD PUBLIC HOUSE BY READING THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED "THE BEAUMONT ARMS - COLEORTON" ON HIS WEBSITE**

## TRANSCRIBED NEWSPAPER REPORTS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

These three newspaper articles are the earliest reference found to a football team in Coleorton. Note the reference in the first one made to the game being played on the Cricket Ground.

**Leicester Daily Mercury - Saturday 01 November 1879**

### **COLEORTON.**

A Football Match was played on the Cricket Ground Saturday, between the Coleorton and Swannington Football Clubs. Each side at the end of the game had scored a goal.

**Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 22 November 1879**

**FOOTBALL - COLEORTON v CASTLE GRESLEY** - These clubs met at the Beaumont arms on Saturday. Some good play was witnessed for the first half, Coleorton getting the first goal, after which darkness set in, and the Gresley team being the stronger of the two, the obtained two goals in the dark. **The players afterwards enjoyed a convivial evening together (This would have been at the Beaumont Arms).**

**Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 13 December 1879**

**COLEORTON. FOOTBALL MATCH CASTLE GRESLEY v COLEORTON.** — This match was played on Saturday last, and resulted in favour of Gresley by one goal to nothing, kicked by T. Langford.

**Leicester Daily Mercury - Friday 03 December 1880**

**COLEORTON** - A Football match was played on the Coleorton ground between Coleorton FBC and Whitwick FBC (Charnwood) ending in an easy victory for the home team by four goals to none. On the part of Coleorton, S. Robinson played exceedingly well obtaining two goals. J Fowkes also made a grand kick : getting a goal from a kick right from the centre of play. M Ball kicked well, and also obtained a goal. Whitwick appeared to have no chance whatever with their opponents. **After the play both teams adjourned to the Beaumont Arms Inn and passed an enjoyable evening.**

## **Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 11 December 1880**

### **COLEORTON**

**Football.— Coleorton v Ravenstone** — A fast and exciting game was played at Coleorton on Saturday. The home team won the toss, and elected to send in the visitors. Play commenced about three p.m., and at half time neither party had gained any advantage. After the commencement of play both parties were very resolute, and, after a hard fought struggle, Mr. Ball succeeded in putting the ball through his opponent's goal. The visitors tried hard to obtain a goal but could not succeed, the match ending with one goal in favour of Coleorton to their opponents nothing. Both sides played exceedingly well, and the game at times became very exciting, both parties being repeatedly cheered by the spectators. The following were the players :— Coleorton ; W. Rowell (captain), M. T. Ball. S. Robinson, W. Bradford, J. Bird, W. Horne, G. Haywood, T. Williams, J. Williams, W. Fowkes, W. Scattergood, J. Watson, A. Matchett. goal keeper. Ravenstone : J. Collier (captain), S. Collier, F. Worley, John Williamson, J. Marton, T. Marton, W. Biddles, H. Biddles, G. Ellis. T. Wright, W. Baxter, J. Freeman, and O. Holliss, goal keeper. **After the match, both parties adjourned to the Beaumont Arms, and a very agreeable evening was spent.**

## **Hinckley News - Saturday 25 December 1880**

**FOOTBALL - COLEORTON BEAUMONT v GRESLEY UNITED** - This match was played at Coleorton on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by five goals to one. For Coleorton the goals were obtained by S. Robinson (3), W. Horne (1) and M. Ball (1). For Gresley by Farmer.

COLEORTON TEAM : W. Rowell (Capt), S. Robinson, M.T. Ball, W. Horn, H. Rowell, T. Williams sen., W. Bradford, J. Bird W. Smedley, J. Williams, J. Whyman, T. Whyman, T. Williams jun., and G. Fowkes

GRESLEY : T. Farmer, J. Blower, H. Wainsfield, H. Lea, J. Colyer, J. Hallam, J. Lord, W. Pickering, T. Liversuch, J. Watson, M. Bradford, G. Heywood

## **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 19 February 1881**

**Football.—**The return match was played on the Coleorton Football Ground, on Saturday (Feb. 12), between the Thringstone and Coleorton teams. The ball was kicked off at four o'clock by T. Winters, the Thringstone captain, and after one hour and a half's excellent play the game ended with one goal to Thringstone, and Coleorton none. **After play, both teams returned to Mr. Charvill's (The Beaumont Arms), where a very pleasant evening was spent with songs, &c.**

## **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 26 March 1881**

### **COLEORTON FOOTBALL MATCHES:-**

**COLEORTON V. OAKTHORPE**—This match was played in the presence of a great many spectators, and resulted in the victory of the home team by two goals, well-kicked through by S. Robinson, to one. Both sides played most resolutely.

**COLEORTON V. RAVENSTONE**—This match was played last week at Ravenstone, and being well-contested, some very good play was witnessed on both sides. The

most conspicuous of the players for Ravenstone were L. Fosbrook (captain), T. Fosbrook, Whetstone, and Kirby. For the visitors, W. Rowell (captain), Ball, Scattergood, Bradford, and Robinson. Up to half-time neither side had any advantage, but on the ball being put in motion again, the visitors holding well together, S. Robinson succeeded in kicking the ball through twice, leaving the visitors victors by two goals to none.

### **Leicester Daily Mercury - Friday 14 October 1881**

#### **SWANNINGTON**

**Swannington v Coleorton** :— The members of the above football clubs played their first match for this season at Swannington. Some good play was shown on both sides, both teams working very friendly together. During the first “half-time” one goal was made from a splendid kick by R Lovitt, the ball being passed through the goal by H Glover. At the call of “half-time” ends were changed, and some very fast play was shown, neither side scoring. At the call of “time” the home side came off victorious by one goal to nil. Both teams adjourned to the "Robin Hood" where all enjoyed themselves.

**Swannington Players** - H Glover (captain), R Lovitt, S Glover, W. Glover, G Walker, W Robinson, G Swain, T Hibbert, G Jessop, H Adcock,

**Coleorton Players** : M Ball (captain) J Williams, G Whyman, A Matchett, G Griffin, C Bradshaw, S J Wardle, S Williams, H. Siddon. -

Mr. J. Glover was umpire for both.

### **Hinckley News - Saturday 19 November 1881**

#### **FOOTBALL**

**COLEORTON BEAUMONT v THRINGSTONE ROBIN HOOD** - This return association match was played at Coleorton last week, during very unfavourable weather. the home team winning the toss, the visitors kicked off with the wind in their favour. and after a fast and well contested game, the home team won by one goal to nil, which was well kicked through by S. Robinson.

Mr. A. Whyman stood umpire for Coleorton and Mr. James Wardle for Swannington.

### **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 10 December 1881**

**COLEORTON FOOTBALL — COLEORTON v DERBY HEARTS** —This match was played on the Coleorton ground, on Saturday. The weather being all that could be wished for, a large number of spectators were present, and took much interest in the game. The toss falling to the Derby team they chose to play with the wind in their favour. Mr. Ball (captain) kicked off for the home team, after which both sides showed some remarkably good play. Just before half-time was called S. Robinson, with considerable skill, put the ball through the Hearts of Oak goal. On resuming play the ends were changed. and the game became very exciting, as the Derby team seemed determined to retrieve themselves, and were strongly opposed by the Coleortonites, but by continued good play and a determined rush the Derby team scored a goal, thus leaving the match a draw, after one of the fastest games ever played on the Coleorton ground.—**After the match the players all retired to Mr. Charville's,**



**Beaumont Arms Inn, where the visitors were entertained by the home club. After refreshments a most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being sung and toasts given amid much applause. The Derby team returned about 8.30, much delighted with their day's outing.**

#### **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 28 January 1882**

**FOOTBALL - COLEORTON v IBSTOCK.**—These clubs met for the first time this season on Saturday, on the Coleorton ground. The home team kicked off, and a very fast game commenced. Up to half-time neither side was able to score, although strenuous efforts were made by both teams. When ends were changed the ball was forced near the visitors' goal, and was landed between the posts. This put the visitors on their mettle and several vigorous onslaughts were made at the home goal, but were repulsed. The visitors still tried hard to equalise matters but were not able to overcome the strong defence of the Coleorton backs. When time was called the home team were victors by one goal to nil.

#### **Hinckley News - Saturday 06 January 1883**

##### **COLEORTON FOOTBALL -**

**COLEORTON BEAUMONT v HUGGLESCOTE (Robin Hoods)** —This match was played on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, on the Coleorton ground, the home team winning the toss. A. Andrews (captain) kicked off for the visitors, and the ball was at once, taken to their opponents' goal, and after a slight scrimmage the ball was kicked through. This put the home team on their mettle, and some very good play ensued. Repeated and good shots were made at the Robin Hoods' goal by Lakin and Heywood, but were well kept out by Collins and the goal keeper. After half time, the home team took possession of the leather, and after a few minutes play the ball was well kicked through by S. Robinson, making matters equal. The ball was again set in motion, and H. Rowell secured another goal for Coleorton. No time was lost, and the ball was again set rolling, when some very fast play took place, each team trying their utmost, but the visitors had again to succumb to the loss of another goal, which was well crossed by Bradford to Richards, who put it through the posts. The game was very fast throughout, and at the call of time Coleorton were victors by three goals to one, thus taking away the reputation of the Robin Hoods, who are called the "A I" team.

#### **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 09 February 1884**

##### **COLEORTON FOOTBALL**

**COLEORTON v WHITWICK FOREST RANGERS** —This match was played at Coleorton on Saturday. Whitwick winning the toss. Coleorton kicked off, and after some very fine play by T. Williams, Platts, Robinson, Platts, the ball was soon put through their opponents' goal. Up to halftime only one goal was secured. The ball was set in motion again, and some very sharp shooting was witnessed by a large number of spectators, but no more goals were obtained. Coleorton players : M. Ball (captain), S. Robinson, T. Williams, R. Platts, T. Thompson, J. Robinson, A. Matchett, J. Glover, J. Potter, T. Williams, J. Glover, G. Platts, and J. Platts. Umpire, G. Walker.

## **Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 17 November 1894**

### **COLEORTON.**

**Coleorton Albion v. Coalville East End.**— On the Coleorton ground on Saturday. In the first half, the visitors scored once, but the home team soon equalised. The latter had the best of the second half, but the game ended in a draw of one goal each.

## **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 01 November 1884**

On Saturday a match was played at Coleorton between the Woodville Star and the Coleorton Football Clubs. The ball was kicked off at four o'clock, and up to half-time no goal had been secured. The ball was kicked off again at half-past past four, and after a well-contested game the home team won by one goal to nil.

Coleorton players : M. Ball, T. Williams, Jos. Beadmean, A. Matchett, T. Thompson, R. Platts, S. Robinson, G. Platts, W. Greasley, T. Williams, senr., J. Glover, J Toon, H Thompson, and J. Robinson - Umpire, A. Davis.

## **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 31 January 1885**

**FOOTBALL - COALVILLE TOWN v COLEORTON.** - This match was played at Coalville on Saturday. Play commencing, Coleorton quickly set to work, and after ten minutes play the home team scored the first goal. The ball was placed in the centre again, and when half-time was called the home team stood two goals to none. After half-time, each side tried their utmost to score, and after five minutes play the home team scored again, and one of the home players started the ball, and after twelve minutes play, the home team scored again. This the game ended in a win for the home team five goals to none.

## **Leicester Journal - Friday 02 December 1887**

Ashby Old Boys v Coleorton.—A match between the Ashby Old Boys Club and Coleorton Football Club played on Saturday at Ashby, resulted, after some good play, in a victory fur the home team by two goals to nil.

## **Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gazette - Saturday 12 November 1887**

**COLEORTON FOOTBALL MATCH - COLEORTON v BARDON PARK** — This match was played at Coleorton on Saturday. The home team kicked off and soon had the ball in the visitors' territory, and though the latter tried hard to reverse this they failed to do so, E. Bell placing the ball to Cuthbert, who kicked the first goal. G. Rowell next put the ball through the posts for the home team, thus making two goals to nil before half time. Resuming play, the home team still had the best of the game, Cuthbert securing two goals in succession, G. Rowell and G. Fowkes taking one each afterwards, thus leaving Coleorton victors by six goals to nil. G. Haywood (captain). G. Fowkes, E Bell, E. Cuthbert, and G. Rowell played remark ably well for the home team. **After the match the players and their friends adjourned to the Beaumont Arms, where several of the visitors and players sang some excellent songs, adding much to the enjoyment of the evening.**

### **Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 02 December 1893**

**FOOTBALL MATCH** - A match was played on the club ground on Saturday last between Ravenstone Druids and Coleorton F.C. The Coleorton team played with the wind in the first half, and very soon registered a goal. The Druids soon equalised matters, and before half-time had added another goal to their score. On changing ends, the home team soon pressed, and although Coleorton played well, they could not score. Ravenstone were in good form, and added three more goals to the two scored in the first-half, bringing the total up to five goals before time was called, thus beating Coleorton by four goals.

### **Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 10 November 1894**

#### **RAVENSTONE**

**FOOTBALL** - A match was played on Saturday between the Ravenstone Rising Star and Coleorton Albion, on the latter's ground. Ravenstone played up well in the first half, and scored two goals, with the wind against them, but Coleorton equalised, the match ending in a draw two goals each.

### **Coalville Times - Friday 05 February 1897**

#### **Coleorton Beaumont Reserves v Whitwick White Cross**

A match between the above teams was played on the new ground of the Coleorton club on Saturday, and was witnessed by a good number of spectators, in spite of the inclement weather. The visitors made a rush, and scored in this first two minutes, and though the home team played a stubborn game, half time found Whitwick leading by four goals to none. Soon after the re-start, the home team pressed, and sealed their first goal. Whitwick got a fifth, and both teams scored again before the finish.

**Result : Whitwick 6 - Coleorton 2**

**After the match both teams adjourned to the " Beaumont Arms, where through the kindness of Lady Beaumont, tea had been prepared, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.**

**Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 12 February 1898**

**CONCERT AT COLEORTON SCHOOL IN AID OF CLUB FUNDS**

**COLEORTON**

**Wanderer's Football Club.** — A concert in aid of the funds of this club was given on Wednesday evening in the National Schoolroom to a large and appreciative audience.

The following was the programme:—Overture, "William Tell," Coleorton String Orchestra; song, "The minstrel boy" Mr. J. Turner ; song, "Woman's resolution, Miss Sharpe (encored) ; violin solo, "Tara's Halls," Mr. J. F. Barrett; song, "Will o' the Wisp." Mr W. Briggs; song, "Ora pro nobis," Mrs. Clay; glee, "The Red Cross Knight," Messrs. Williams, Lord, and Briggs (encored) ; character song, "Our football club," Mr. F. Bellward (encored) ; overture, "Les Huguenots," orchestra; song, "The powder monkey," Rev. F. Boothby (encored) ; song, "Miss Fogarty's cake." Miss Sharpe (encored) ; violin solo, "Romance," Miss H. M. Sturges (encored); song, "The ship's fiddler," Mr. Turner; song, "Killarney," Mrs. Clay (encored) ; character song, "I put a penny in the slot," Mr F. T. Bellward.

The accompaniments were played by Lady Beaumont and Miss Cuthbert.

## **CONCERT AT COLEORTON SCHOOL IN AID OF CLUB FUNDS**

**Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 10 February 1900**

**COLEORTON. Football Concert.** — The members of the Coleorton Football Club arranged their annual concert in aid of its club funds for Wednesday evening, and met with a gratifying result. The concert was given in the National Schoolroom to a large and appreciative audience. The following constituted the programme: March, "The Departure," Coleorton string orchestra; song, "The Englishman," Mr. Turner, encored; piano solo, "Levbach," Miss Cuthbert, L.L.G.M. ; song, "Sunshine and rain," Miss Gough, encored ; selections, Coleorton hand - bell ringers ; song, " The gates of the west," Mrs. Clay, encored; violin solo, "Handel," Rev. J. P. Frend (piano, Mrs. Frend), encored ; vocal duet, " Larboard watch," Messrs. Massey and Haywood, encored ; character song, "Could I have my time over again," Mr. F. T. Bellward, encored; waltz, "Rosy Queen," string orchestra; vocal duet, "All's well," Messrs. Massey and Haywood; song, " When the tide comes in," Mrs. Clay; violin solo, " Rhapsodie," Rev. J. P. Frend ; selection, hand-bell ringers; song, "Star of Bethlehem,"\* Miss Gough; song, "The Bay of Biscay," Mr. Turner; character song, " Tbe Chinese," Mr. F. T. Bellward, encored ; " God save the Queen." Miss Cuthbert, L.L.C.M. acted as accompanist, and Mr. W. Briggs rendered valuable assistance to the committee.

**Leicester daily Post - Monday 05 December 1904**

### **COALVILLE AND DISTRICT LEAGUE**

#### **COALVILLE AMATEURS V COLEORTON UNITED**

These teams met on the Fox and Goose Ground, Coalville on Saturday. At half time Coleorton led by a goal, the game ending in a win for the visitors by two goals to nil, Reed scoring for Coleorton, from a penalty, and Brooks notching the second.

Coalville Times - Friday 11 December 1903

<b>COALVILLE LEAGUE</b>							
<b>RESULTS UP-TO-DATE :</b>							
	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>
Coalville Town	7	7	0	0	36	4	14
Coalville Excelsior	9	6	1	2	34	14	14
Ellistown United	7	5	1	1	28	12	11
Hugglescote United	8	5	2	1	24	16	11
Hugglescote Athletic	7	3	1	3	19	9	9
Measham United	5	2	1	2	13	7	6
Ibstock Albion	5	3	2	0	10	8	6
Ravenstone Rising Star	8	2	6	0	15	24	4
Bardon Hill St. Peter's	8	1	6	1	10	41	3
Coleorton United	8	0	6	2	7	31	2
Nailstone Wood Albion	10	1	9	0	17	49	2

Coalville Times - Friday 11 December 1903

.....Coalville Town Reserves continued their victorious career at Coleorton where they won by six goals to none and thus strengthened their already strong position in the race for the championship.....

Coalville Times - Friday 03 February 1905

**The League chart up-to-date is as follows :**

	p	w	l	d	f	a	pts.
Hugglescote United	13	10	2	1	42	30	21
Hugglescote Athletic	11	7	2	2	33	17	16
Desford Colliery	12	7	3	2	29	17	16
Coalville Excelsior	11	7	1	3	21	15	15
Swannington St. Geo.	12	6	4	2	23	21	14
Measham United	8	6	1	1	29	10	13
Coleorton United	16	5	9	2	36	40	12
Ravenstone R. Star	16	4	8	4	32	46	10
Ibstock Albion	9	4	4	1	29	15	9
Peggs Green Vic.	14	3	8	3	26	47	7
Coalville Amateurs	14	1	10	3	18	42	5
Ellistown United	10	0	8	2	13	32	2

**a Two points deducted for playing ineligible player.**

Coalville Times - Friday 27 October 1905

**Coalville District Amateur Football League**

**Coleorton United Fixtures**

**COLEORTON UNITED.**

Oct. 28...Measham United	home.
Nov. 4...Coalville Amateurs	away.
Nov. 11...Junior Cup First Round.	
Nov. 18...Hugglescote Athletic	away.
Nov. 25...Coalville Cup Third Round.	
Dec. 9...Ellistown	home.
Dec. 16...Junior Cup Second Round.	
Dec. 23...Peggs Green Victoria	away.
Dec. 30...Ibstock Albion	away.
Jan. 6...Coalville Amateurs	home.
Jan. 13...Whitwick Excelsior	away.
Jan. 20...Coalville Excelsior	home.
Jan. 27...Desford Colliery Athletic	away.
Feb. 3...Hugglescote Athletic	home.
Feb. 10...Ravenstone Rising Star	away.
Feb. 17...Peggs Green Victoria	home.
Mar. 3...Whitwick Excelsior	home.
Mar. 10...Ibstock Albion	home.
Mar. 17...Desford Colliery Athletic	home.
Mar. 24...Swannington St. George's	home.
Mar. 31...Hugglescote United	home.
April 13...Measham United, 11 a.m	away.
April 17...Swannington St. George's	away.
April 21...Hugglescote United	away.

### **Coalville Times - Friday 13 March 1914**

Ashby Hastings and Coleorton united were each fined 1s., Coleorton for being late and Ashby for not having the ground ready.

### **Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 18 December 1913**

Thornborough were reported for being late at Coleorton United to the extent of half an hour. The referee decided on 27 minutes play. Thornborough stated that the Coleorton goalkeeper was late also.— The case was adjourned for a further report from the referee.

The Coleorton v. Swannington Institute match was abandoned after a player named Geo. Brooks sustained a fracture of a leg. It was re-arranged for December 20th, on cup-tie terms, at Swannington.

### **Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 14 January 1915**

Ashby Amateurs reported Coleorton United for non-fulfilment of fixture, and claimed 12s. Coleorton were ordered to pay 7s., and the claim for loss of gate was deferred for a month. Coleorton resigned.

### **Melton Mowbray Mercury and Oakham and Uppingham News - Thursday 11 February 1915**

Mr. T. Hopkins, referee, reported that he had not received his fee for a fruitless journey to Coleorton in the match Coleorton v Ashby Hastings. As the former had resigned, it was decided to pay the claim from the League funds.

### **Leicester Daily Post - Wednesday 15 September 1920**

**FOOTBALL** - At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Coalville and District League on Monday night, it was reported that Coleorton United (second division), had withdrawn from the League on the grounds of inability to raise a team.

**THIS CONFIRMS THAT COLEORTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB HAD RESIGNED FROM THE LEAGUE.**



## COALVILLE AND DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE

Leicester Chronicle - Saturday 08 November 1924



A SNAP OF COLEORTON B.C.F.C. WHO ARE DOING WELL IN THE  
S.S. LEAGUE THIS SEASON

B.C.F.C. - "Bible Class Football Club"

S.S. LEAGUE - Sunday School League (Coalville & District)

THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT GEORGE HAYWOOD  
FEATURES IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH

## **COLEORTON SCHOOL ENJOYS FOOTBALLING SUCCESS**

### **Leicester Evening Mail - Monday 17 January 1927**

The Ashby and District Schools Junior Cup Final between Breedon Boys and Coleorton boys was played on Saturday, on the Ashby Town ground. A splendid struggle was witnessed, and Breedon won 2 - 0. Coleorton was value for a goal as they put in a lot of attacking in the second half. The winner's defence was very fine. After the match, Mr. Jackson (Headmaster of Ashby Council School), introduced Mr. Tickner, who congratulated teachers and boys on a sporting, clean game, and then presented the cup to the Breedon School captain.

### **Leicester Evening Mail - Friday 19 April 1929**

#### **FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**

Coleorton School, the winners of the Breedon Challenge Cup and the North Leicestershire Schools Association Shield, played the rest of the league at Coleorton last night and won by five goals to three in a good match.

Lady Beaumont who was accompanied by Sir George Beaumont, afterwards presented the shield and cup to the Coleorton Team, and congratulated them on their successful season, having played 10 matches, won nine and lost only one.

### **Leicester Daily Mercury - Friday 19 April 1929**

#### **SCHOOLS' SHIELD**

#### **Victorious Coleorton Team Receives Its Trophy**

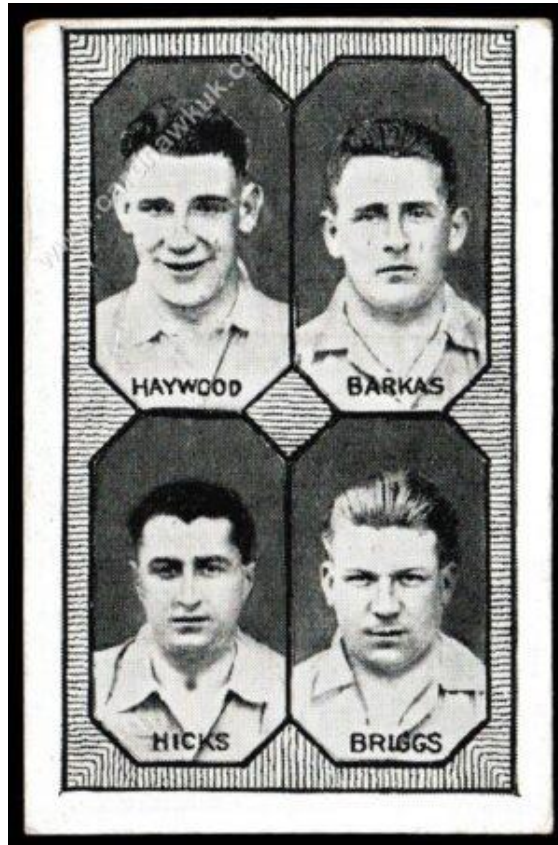
An appeal to play the game of life in the same spirit as the games of the playing fields was made to schoolboy footballers by Sir George Beaumont the sporting baronet of Coleorton Hall when lady Beaumont presented the North Leicestershire Schools' FA Shield to Coleorton School team after they had beaten the rest of the League by five goals to three at Coleorton last night.

The Coleorton team has had a very successful season, and apart from winning the shield also won the Breedon Challenge Cup. They won nine matches out of ten and were only beaten once.

The match attracted a large crowd of people.

**A SYNOPSIS OF THE CAREER OF  
GEORGE HAYWOOD**

**(11 Dec 1907 - 25 January 1992)**



**GEORGE HAYWOOD - TOP LH CORNER  
WHEN PLAYING FOR BIRMINGHAM**



**GEORGE HAYWOOD c.1930 AFTER HE HAD JOINED BIRMINGHAM CIY**

George Haywood, was born on 11 December 1906 in Gelsmoor, Leicestershire (Worthington parish), and was admitted to Worthington National School on 12th June 1911.

He was the only child of Joseph Haywood (b. 15 May 1877), a coal miner, and his wife Lizzie (b. 10 March 1878). By 1927 they were living in Outwood's Lane, Coleorton (actually in Worthington parish), but it is thought they moved there several years prior to this. George worked first as a miner at Coleorton No.3 Colliery (Bug & Wink) and then at New Lount Colliery, where the 1939 register records him as "Colliery Office Timekeeper" and still single, living with his mother and father.

George married Edith Thomas (1908-1953), a school mistress from Blaina, Monmouthshire c.November 1942. George and Edith had three children Carole, David and Kenneth. Edith died at an early age, at which time the family was split up. Carole stayed with her father and David came to live with George's sister Annie Hodges (nee. Haywood) and her husband, known as Joe Harry Hodges, in Stoney Lane, Coleorton. Kenneth went to live with Ted and Hilda (nee. Haywood, George's sister) Hinds in the wooden bungalow which was situated at the Outwood's end of Aqueduct Lane. George and Edith lived at the Outwoods in the cottage just beyond Coleorton Hall bottom lodge but on the opposite side and adjacent to the Rempstone Road. George married for the second time, Audrey Brown in 1956.

George Haywood's footballing career started when from 1924, at the age of 17, to 1927 he played for Coleorton Bible Class Football Club (B.C.F.C) in the Coalville and District Sunday School League as a forward ([see page 17](#)), and in April 1927, he was selected to represent that league against their Leicester counterparts.

George joined Whitwick Imperial of the Leicestershire Senior League, before the start of the 1927/28 season and only remained with them until April 1928, as he was destined for greater things, and signed for Birmingham Combination club Gresley Rovers. This was a major step up for George, and he scored twice on his debut, in a 4–0 win against Tamworth Castle. His final game with Gresley was against Bournville Athletic at home on the 17th of November 1928 and took his league totals to 11 goals from 20 matches by the end of November.

There followed trials with several English league clubs, including Leicester City and Southend United. However, the pinnacle of his career came following a trial in which he and Gresley team-mate Tommy Robinson played for Birmingham's Combination side, resulting in both signing professional forms for the Football League's first Division club, Birmingham City in January 1929. George was mainly restricted to third team football, but through an injury to Joe Bradford (from Pegg's Green), still as today, Birmingham's all time top goal scorer, George got the opportunity to play in the first team against Manchester City on the 7th of December 1929, and scored twice in a three nil win; quite a debut. He played 38 times for Birmingham from 1928 to 1934 and scored 15 goals in total, including a hat trick against Everton.

By 1934, George featured little and was let go by Birmingham at the end of that season when he joined Chesterfield for the 1934 / 5 season only and scored seven goals in 16 appearances. He went on to play for Cradely Heath, Southport (scored 1 goal in 6 matches), Cradely Heath again, and finally Stafford Rangers, his career coming to an end in 1938.

**George Haywood made 60 appearances and scored 23 goals in the English Football League, mainly as a centre forward.**

Sadly, George died on the 25th of January 1992 at the age of 85 in Coalville Hospital, and was buried in Griffydam Wesleyan Methodist graveyard with his first wife Edith.