



The history of the Dedham Old Boys Football Club can be traced back to the Dedham Grammar School team which played an early match against Harwich and Parkeston Football Club (The Shrimpers) in 1877. This page deals with the club up to 1939, including the earliest club photograph from 1910/11. The second and third pages cover the Post war years when the club added many trophies to its collection. The fourth page deals with the period from the 1970's to 2000. The fifth page looks at recent events since 2000.

Each page includes photographs from the club archives and past players own material. Thanks to Chris Clark for collating the information and the late John Hunnaball for the loan of his photograph album.

1910/11 Season



The earliest known team photograph is from the 1910/11 season when the team was known as Dedham Football Club, the successors of the Grammar School team.

The team members from left to right were:-

Back Row: G. Minter, Rev Hutt, C. Evans, B. Hitchcock, T.Ogg, E. Carter, J. Hicks, E. Ray
Centre Row: S. Barnard, P.Dodson, H. Watson (Capt.), R. Beisley, G. Edwards
Front Row: F. Barrell, M. Howard, T. Wilkins

Eddie Ray. Later owned the village hardware store and was the Air Raid Warden during the Second World War.

1929/30 Season



In the 1927/28 season the then Secretary, Mr. Harold Bond omitted to register the team in the Nayland and District League. This resulted in many players leaving to play for other league teams. The remaining players, played only friendly games. The following season the players returned and the club was renamed Dedham Old Boys F.C. The picture alongside is from the 1929/30 season.

The team members from left to right were:

Back Row: F. Harvey, E. Edwards, L. Stulley, F. Edwards, S. Howard, G.Whitehead, B. Appleby, H. Sage, H. Bond, S. Edwards
Front Row: F. Willis, S. Payne, B. Smith, T. Diggins, A. Willis

1938/39 Season



This photograph is of 1938/39 team which drew 6 - 6 with the Lawford Lads F.C. in a cup match.

The team members from left to right were:

Back Row: Noel Bradbrook, Joe Cottee, Albert Daughters, Tommy Diggins, Meadows, Jim Cottee, Les Long, Jim Candy, Frank Hunnaball
Front Row: Timmy Smith, Eric Jowers, Fred Osborne, Arthur Clary.

Les Long, Lived most of his life just a few hundred yards from the ground in Forge Street.

Albert Daughters was a stalwart of the club during the 50's, 60's 70's and 80's. He could rightly be called "Mr Dedham Old Boys" as he had many roles in the club, from Chairman, Secretary, Captain and Groundsman, among others. In the 1970's he received an award from the Colchester and East Essex League in recognition of his work for the club.

Timmy Smith played for many years and retired from the game at the ripe old age of fifty.



The 1947/48 season was very successful season for the club with four trophies won. One of the team members, John Hunnaball recorded all the results in his photograph album. [Click here to see John Hunnaball's 'Tale of Victory'](#). The trophy haul included, Runner-up cup in the Knock Out Cup, League Winners (Brightlingsea & District, Section B), Winners of the Amos Cup and Winners of the Bromley Memorial Cup in its first season.

The season's analysis was:

Played - 40. Won - 33. Lost - 3. Drew - 4. Goals For - 120.
Goals Against - 27

The team members from left to right were:-

Back Row: J. Hunnaball, K. Everett, J. Clary

Centre Row: T. Everett, T. Finch, E. Keddie (Capt), G. Shippen, D. Vince

Front Row: D. Fowles, B. Haig, E. French, C. Shippen, C. Bird



The following season season Dedham Old Boys F.C. secured the signature of Les 'Blondie' Brooks who was apparently bribed with a pint of beer by the Landlord of the Sun Hotel. The team continued to do well until the mid fifties winning various trophies. There was many a good tussle with the other top team of the area, Wivenhoe Rangers (now known as Wivenhoe Town F.C.).

1957/58 Season



This photograph is of the team which beat Little Oakley, 1 - 0 in the final of the League Knockout Cup in the 1957/58 season.

The team members from left to right were:

C. Shippen, J. Mathews, I. Airey, S. Box, K. Everitt, J. Clary, A. Daughters, P. Easey, B. Slocombe, D. Cookson, L. Brooks.



The photograph above is of the reserves from the 1950's.

The team members from left to right were:

Back Row: Unknown,, Jim Nunn, Clive Band, George Bullet, Albert Daughters, Eric Barber.

Front Row: John Hunnaball, Ken Everett, Timmy Smith, Tony (Carrot) Clifford, Claude Bird.



Tale of Victory.

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The Amos Cup

	Opponents		Result
Round 1	St Mary Magdalene	H	3 - 1
Round 2	Wivenhoe Rangers	A	3 - 1
Round 3	Marks Tey	H	1 - 0
Semi Final	Rowhedge	A	2 - 1
Final	Wormingford	A	4 - 1

Great Bromley Memorial Cup

	Opponents		Result
Round 1	Brightlingsea	A	1 - 0
Round 2	L.N.E.R.	H	3 - 1
Round 3	West End Utd	H	2 - 1
Semi Final	Lexden	A	3 - 0
Final	Tollesbury	A	2 - 0

The Knock Out Cup

	Opponents		Result
Round 1	Boxted	A	5 - 0
Round 2	L.N.E.R.	A	3 - 2
Round 3	Brightlingsea	A	2 - 1
Semi Final	St Mary Magdalene	A	3 - 1
Final	Wivenhoe	A	0 - 3

The Essex Junior Cup

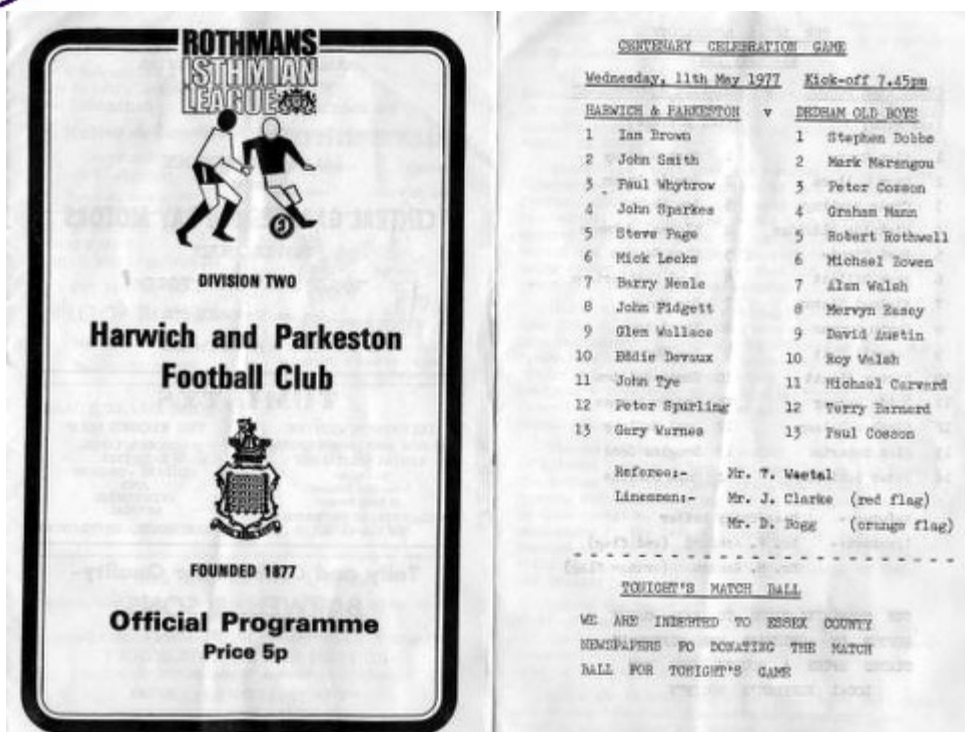
	Opponents		Result
Round 1	Earls Colne	A	5 - 0
Round 2	Kirby	H	1 - 1
Round 2	Kirby	A	1 - 0
Round 3	Clacton Hotspurs	H	1 - 2

Brightlingsea & District League, Section B

	Opponents	Home	Away
	Nayland Rangers	0 - 0	2 - 0
	Bures United	10 - 0	2 - 0
	L.N.E.R.	5 - 0	5 - 1
	Boxted Lodgers	1 - 1	2 - 2
	Fordham Athletic	1 - 0	6 - 1
	Wormingford	2 - 0	0 - 3
	St Mary Magdalene	5 - 1	5 - 1
	West End United	4 - 0	1 - 1
	Arclight	4 - 0	4 - 0
	Post Office	2 - 0	1 - 0
	West Bergholt	Canc	9 - 0



The Centenary Match - 1977



The 1960's was a lean time for the Club with no major trophies added to the Trophy cabinet. However by the middle of the 1970's the club's fortunes had changed with Roy Walsh (Albert Daughters nephew) as manager.

Once again the Club won many trophies. In 1977 Dedham Old Boys F.C. Played a match against Harwich and Parkeston Football Club at the Royal Oak ground to celebrate the Centenary of both clubs, Harwich and Parkeston won the match 2 - 0. A copy of the programme from that match survives, see the image alongside for the front cover and a list of players for both teams

1970 to 2000



1970's Team.

This team photograph is also from the 1970's. Some of these players also played in the Centenary match.

The team members from left to right were:-

Back Row: A. Cottee, M. Easey, P. Cosson, D. Barnes, G. Mann, R. Bird

Front Row: M. Niesh, M. Marangou, N. Bush, A. Walsh, R. Walsh, M. Tarbard

The success of the 1970's continued on into the 1980's. In particular the 1982/3 season was noteworthy in that the club won the Colchester & East Essex League, The Amos Charity Cup, The Bromley Charity Cup, Essex Junior Trophy - Area Winners and finalists in the Harwich Charity Cup.

In the 1983/84 season the club decided to try its luck at a higher level of local football by joining the Essex & Suffolk Border league., resulting in the club winning Division 3. The following season the club were runners up in Division 2, thereby gaining promotion to Division 1.

The next few seasons saw the club playing in Division 1 but in 1990/91 they were runners up in Division 1, gaining promotion to the Premier Division. Over the next three season the club finished in the top 5 of the Premier Division. However by the 1995/96 season many of the better players had moved on to other clubs, resulting in the team being relegated back to Division 1.

For the next few years with various managers, the club maintained a mid table position in Division 1.



The First Team - 2003/04



The club started to see another change in its fortunes in the 2003/04 season with Gary Wood as manager, assisted by John Hamblion. The first team finished third in the league and were semi-finalists in the Border League Cup.

With Paul Hever and Colin Knights managing the reserves in the 2004/05 season, the reserves are enjoyed a good season.

The players and officials from left to right were:-

Back Row: Gary Wood (Manager), Rob Thompson, Chris Welham (Capt), Stewart Fulton, Simon Payne, Danny Bell, Martin Colclough, John Thompson, Tom Berry, Danny Coote, John Hamblion (Asst Manager), Chris Clark (Chairman).

Front Row: Rodney Chatters (Physio), Tony Chatters, Carl Marangou, Sean Catney, Blake Marangou, Michael Owen, Steve Coote.

The Reserve Team - 2003/04



The players and officials from left to right were:-

Back Row: Chris Clark (Chairman), Paul Hever (Manager), Gary Lawrence, Andy Marshall, Gerry Cambell, Danny Coote, John Noble, Kyle Worcester, James, Paul Brint Snr (Linesman)

Front Row: John Bucanon, Kieran Wakefield, Owain Richards, Danny Charles, Mick Tracy, Steve Martin, Blake Marangou, Danny Fisher.

