

# Bank of England Association Football Club

Founded in 1907

Affiliated to the Amateur Football Alliance  
Member of the Southern Amateur League and the London Financial Football Association  
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Dear Section Member,

## Soccer Section Centenary 2007-2008

As many of you will already be aware, 2007 marks the Soccer Section's Centenary and, as the preparations are gearing up, this letter sets out some of our plans to mark this historic occasion.

The genesis of the "(in)famous B of E" dates back to 1908 when the Section joined the newly-formed Amateur Football Alliance, although ad hoc games were played towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (including appearances by R.R. Sandilands who played for the Bank while earning 5 England caps). However, the first recorded game was a 3-2 victory against the then Army Champions, the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment, in April 1907. As well as a number of Divisional titles, the Club's impressive Role of Honour also includes the AFA Senior (1923/24 and 1927/28), AFA Intermediate (2000/01), AFA Surrey Junior (1927/28 and 2001/02) and AFA Minor Cups as well as repeated London Banks Challenge Cup victories. The Section's rich and colourful history includes tours to Malawi, the Far East and "Around the World" in addition to frequent European Central Bank and Club Tours. Opponents who have graced the Record's Office pitch include the 1966 World Cup squad, Billy Wright, Jackie Milburn, Terry Venables, Vinnie Jones and many others have faced the gentlemen of the "B of E" and their 'certain reputation'.

The Section Committee has been busy preparing a programme of events to mark this important landmark. Our efforts have been spearheaded by Mike Redhouse who, contrary to popular belief, was not on the score sheet in that first game in April 1907 (the rumour quashed due to lack of goal-scoring prowess rather than other evidence!). We are delighted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment (the "Poachers") – which incorporates the 1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordshire Regiment – have accepted our invitation to a re-match on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008** which will kick-start the

Centenary celebrations and will be followed by the 2006/07 Annual Dinner (kick-off at 16.00 followed by Dinner at 19.00). Full details of the Dinner are attached and we hope that you will make every effort to join us on what should be a very special day.

Future dates for your diary are **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007** when a pre-season curtain-raiser will be held at the Sports Club and **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008** when we will hold our Centenary Dinner at the Great Eastern Hotel. Full details of these and other events will be published in due course.

The Section Committee has been working hard to prepare a programme of events for these historic and truly once in a lifetime celebrations and we sincerely hope that you will make every effort to participate fully.

If you have any ideas or want to get involved in the preparations or any suggestions for events please do not hesitate to contact me (07775 995 965 or [mark.woodward@talktalk.net](mailto:mark.woodward@talktalk.net)) or Mike (01277 655629).

We look forward to seeing you on the 28<sup>th</sup>!

Yours in football,



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