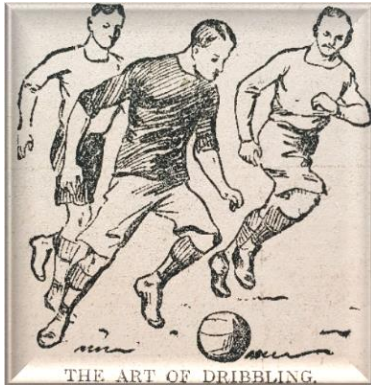


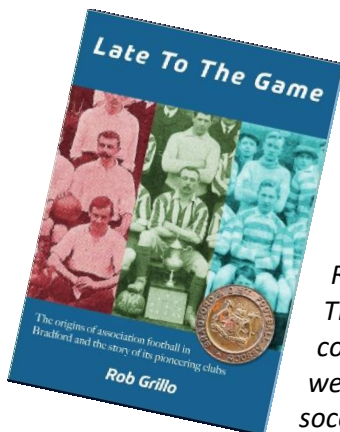
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The Origins of Soccer in Bradford

A talk by Rob Grillo

with an introduction by John Dewhirst (author of *Life at the Top & Room at the Top*)



During the second half of the nineteenth century Bradford established a proud reputation as a leading centre of sport and was known for the enthusiasm and prowess of its sports clubs. Bradford City and Bradford (Park Avenue) football clubs need no introduction, but over the years there has been a myriad of amateur football teams over the years that have strived to better themselves.

Rob Grillo is the author of several local sporting histories, his most recent, LATE TO THE GAME covering the early years of association football in Bradford. His book covers the early teams and league & cup competitions that existed in the city, as well as the early pioneers of the sport. He also explains in detail how the growth of soccer in the West Riding was stifled in its early years by the region's professional

Northern Union (Rugby League) clubs.

*On **Saturday 8th June** he will be talking about his research findings, his new book, and answering questions from people interested in Bradford's football heritage at the Local Studies Library, Bradford, from 10:30am – 12pm.*

LATE TO THE GAME is the 6th volume in the BANTAMSPAST HISTORY REVISITED series. Information at www.bantampast.net

For further details, and to book a place please contact Bradford Local Studies Library on 01274 433688 or at local.studies@bradford.gov.uk

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