

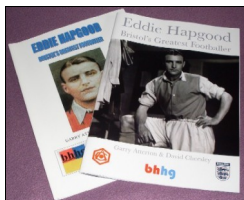
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UNVEILING OF THE EDDIE HAPGOOD PLAQUE

21ST. AUGUST .2009

Eddie Hapgood was a Barton Hill Boy, he was born 24th. September 1905 at 5 Clark's buildings, Union Road, St. Philips. In 1914 the family moved to 23 Ranelagh Street Barton Hill. When Eddie Hapgood was playing football for St. Philips Marsh Adult School he was chosen to play for Bristol Rovers. He moved to Arsenal in 1927 and went on to Captain the England Team.

On the completion of the new Barton Hill Sovereign South + West Housing Development near Barrow Road it was decided that the plaque to honour the memory of Eddie Hapgood should be repositioned, (it was previously located on the Community at Heart building in Salisbury Street) onto one of the buildings in the complex. Barton Hill History Group was part of the celebration on 21st. August.2009.



Our stand was placed near the entrance to the street, where we displayed books and photos of Eddie Hapgood. We handed out the revised version of a book paying tribute to Eddie Hapgoods career, written by two of our members David Cheesley and Garry Atterton, the printing of which was generously funded by Sovereign South + West.

We were also selling our own book 'Barton Hill Revisited'.

At 4.15 Mike Hapgood unveiled the plaque honouring his father. In his speech he said 'This is such a terrific honour, and my sister, brother and I are very proud and touched that Bristol people still hold the memory of my father in their hearts. Even though he played at the highest levels of international football, he never lost touch with his Bristol roots.'



Following the unveiling there was a superb barbecue laid on by Sovereign and while everyone enjoyed the food, activities were going on around.



A man dressed as a clown was delighting the children with his balloon models, there was henna tattooing, music and later there was a beat the goalie competition, all this creating quite a party atmosphere. Luckily after the heavy showers in the morning the afternoon turned out to be warm and sunny.

The unveiling of the plaque coincided with the naming of the newly created road. Following consultation with local residents they said they would like it to be named

