

# FOOTBALL THE HARROW GAME

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#### Tours and Dinners

In 2009 the first overseas trip was arranged over the November coast to Germany.

**House Football**  
House matches continued to be fiercely contested at all levels, including House Secondaries and Tropic Secondaries, although the latter fell foul of pressure on the calendar and the wider range of school sporting fixtures. As always, the attitude of House Masters varied: lack of interest, lack of knowledge or both, had long been a problem and was often reflected in the attitude of the boys. The competitiveness of some House Masters, the enduring enthusiasm for all things traditional at Fifehead and The Grove, and the fact that

successive House Masters of the Broad Street mansion, James Bates and Joe McKinney, had been former Masters and McKechnie, as leader of football, ensured that there was a strong nucleus of competing Houses.

A foothold belonging, House, created in Glashall Lane, was opened in 2003. Although it took a few years to build up

and to become a force in football, there was an entire number of Houses around which to arrange a programme. In 2013 Lyons were back Tripside.

Although there were no longer enough houses with knowledge of the game to take on the School, House teams were still in their charge and Chelsy Tripside arranged matches against The Grove that became annual; the group photographs on the two teams and a visit of the House Hall. Peter and Lynda's Becrafts were expensive but

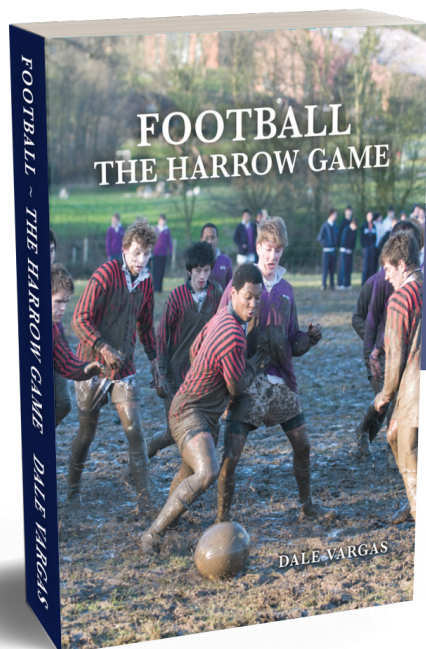
successor House Master of The Head Master's, James Bates and for McKinlay, had been former Master in charge of football, ensured that there was a strong nucleus of competing Houses.

A football team, House, Lynn, shared in Grafton Lane, was opened in 1938. Although it took a few years to build up

members and to become a force in football, such was an earlier number of Houses among which to advance a programme. In 2013 Lynn were Cock Turtles.

Although there was no longer enough boys with knowledge of the game to take on the School, House teams were within their grasp and Chris Tarry became football master against the Grove that became another; the group photographs on the two teams ahead of a walk to the Head Master. Peter and John Bennett were expensive loans

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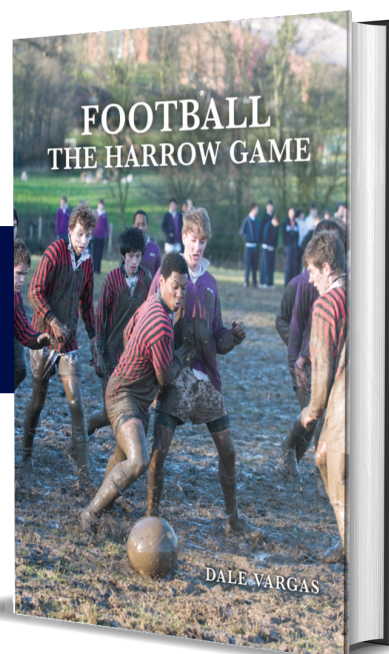
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