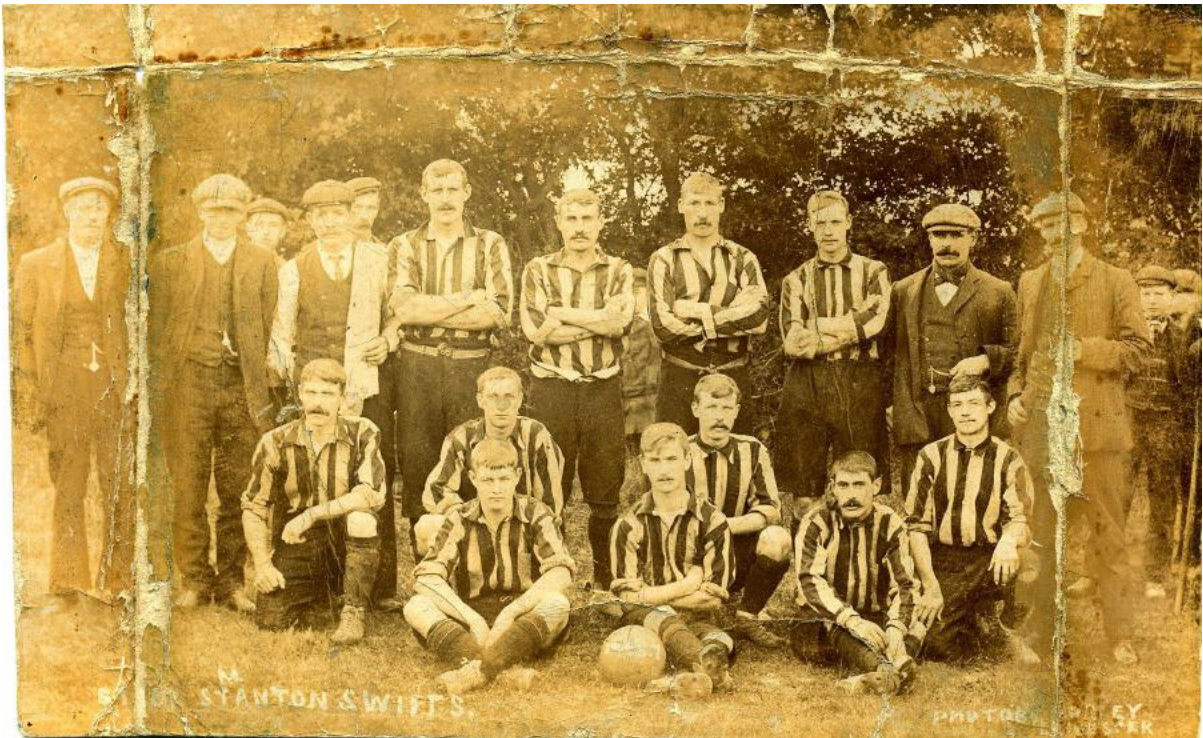


Manorfield Detectives.

Stoney Stanton Swifts Football Team.

There is no date on this photograph but it probably dates from either just before, or just after World War 1.



Villagers of Stoney Stanton have probably played football for a very long time.

We know football has been around in England since at least 1314, this because a law was passed in that year by the Lord Mayor of London, Nicholas de Farndone as ordered by King Edward II.

"for as much as there is great noise in the city caused by hustling over large footballs in the fields of the public, from which many evils might arise that God forbid: we command and forbid on behalf of the King, on pain of imprisonment, such game to be used in the city in the future"

It meant that the game of football was banned in public places within the city of London because of how dangerous the game was. If you broke that law, you went to prison!

At this time, and really up until 1863 when the Football Association was founded, there were no agreed rules. This created a game which could be quite violent and troublesome.

Have a look at the links below and see what you can find out about the history of football.

What were footballs made of? How were teams usually begun? What effect did the Factory Act 1850, have on the game? Can you find out when your favourite team was founded? Where did they play? What did early football kits look like? When did the first football boots appear? See what you can discover.

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