

Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

Newcastle and Beyond

An entertaining talk about my life in football and some of what happened next!

by Keith Dyson

Monday 24th November 2025

7.30 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall.

£4 adults 50p anyone in full time education.



Keith Dyson began his football career with Newcastle United in 1968. In three years at St. James' Park, he made 76 league appearances and scored 22 goals. Then in October 1971, he joined Blackpool in a swap deal that took Blackpool player Tony Green to Tyneside. Keith went on to score 30 goals in 94 appearances during his five-year Blackpool career. However, he was advised to retire from the professional game as a result of a knee injury.

His final club was Lancaster City, though after playing his testimonial game, he went to America on the BUNAC scheme (this promoted international exchanges) in the summer of 1978 and met up with a friend, Jackie Mudie. The former Blackpool great was coaching the Cleveland Cobras football team and convinced Keith to play for the second half of the season with remarkable results.

As Keith says "this talk will be all about my life, which has been full of triumphs, disappointments, inspirations and coincidences. It will go from my early days as a child knocking a ball about in the field behind my house, against a group of strapping lads from the local engineering company, through the teenage years playing on many school and Newcastle junior teams, NUFC, then Blackpool and the US, and my final career as a financial advisor".

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