ITFC and an Honorary Doctorate

Ipswich Town Football Club is having an unhappy time just now. Perhaps we could lift our morale a little by remembering better times in the expectation that they will return before too long. The Club’s longest serving and most dedicated employee, Pat Godbold, now the Archivist, was PA to Sir Bobby Robson for 36 years and worked for nine Ipswich managers including Scott Duncan, Sir Alf Ramsey and George Burley. She received a medal for 50 years’ service to Football in 2004 from the FA. Last October she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Suffolk.

Asked what was the best day of her life she replied without hesitation ‘Watching Town win the FA Cup final in 1978’. Asked what do you want to talk about most she replied ‘I could talk for England – mostly about my 64-year fantastic career at Ipswich Town Football club’.

John Murray Cobbold (1897-1944) #448 on the web family tree, put up the money for ITFC to become professional in 1936. The Chairmen’s Board shows that Pat worked with 4 other Cobbolds; Philip Wyndham (1875-1945) #324; Alistair Philip (1907-1971) #472; John Cavendish (1927-1983) #575 and Patrick Mark (1934-1994) #576.

As dedicated supporters of ITFC we celebrate Pat’s years of devoted service and congratulate her on her honorary doctorate in the certain knowledge that we would be joined in so doing by all former Chairmen.
The Chairmen’s Board

John and Patrick Cobbold celebrate winning the FA Cup in 1978