

## City Chatter

**Andy Morgan 1921 – 2017:** Club President Dennis May has informed us of the death of former Guildford City player Andy Morgan, aged 96. Although Andy only played for one

season at Joseph's Road, he settled in the town and remained in Guildford for the remainder of his life, and in the process became part of the local community. Andy was born in Scotland and played initially for Brechin City and Dundee before WW2 put a halt to his football career. At the commencement of the war Andy put away his football boots and joined the RAF. After training in Florida he flew Spitfires with 602 Squadron until he was shot down over France in December 1943. Andy was immediately captured upon landing and he spent the remainder of the war in Stalag IVB near Dresden as a prisoner of war. After 18 months in captivity he was liberated by the advancing

Russian armies in May 1945. When Andy returned from the war in 1945 he worked as a southern based lino salesman for a Fife company, mixing that career with part-time football contracts at Chelsea and Fulham. His contract at Fulham he remembered had been signed by then Fulham chairman Tommy Trinder. For younger readers Tommy was a comedian

who in terms of fame was the 40's and 50's version of Michael McIntyre. Andy joined Guildford City in the summer of 1948, and soon established himself in the side. Over the season he made 31 appearances, scoring 14 goals although his season finished when he succumbed to a knee injury that required an operation in February 1949. After being released at the end of the season, Andy

played one season for Croydon and Margate before retiring from playing due to his injury. Living in Onslow Village, Andy became involved coaching young footballers. He also became an avid golfer, appeared with a local drama group and assisted at his local church. For many years he was a steward at the Cathedral. In later life he was a member of the Blind Veterans Association. Andy always remembered his time at Guildford City fondly, and he was a big help to Dennis May when he was preparing his first GCFC exhibition at the museum in 1999. In 2001 Andy had lost his sight and had been unable to attend at the Spectrum. We will remember Andy though as the gentleman that he was, as a former City player, and as a war hero of the highest order.

