

Member Profile**Immediate Past President, Former Reivers Captain – Gary Stephenson**

(George Brown Cup for contribution on/off the field 1993 – 1st winner,

Reivers Player of The Season 1995-96)

(1st XV Caps – 97)

EDUCATION;

Cramlington High School

Ashington Tech

Salisbury College

EMPLOYMENT;

Impact Holidays

Building sites around Cramlington

Oldgate Saddlers

Farmway Ltd/Mole Valley Ltd

Fairmoor Garage

Morpeth Rugby Club

FAVOURITE BAND/S;

To many but here are a few;

ZZ Top

Dire Straits

Lynyrd Skynrd

Led Zeppelin

Eric Clapton

Fleetwood Mac

AC/DC

Jeff Black

Nirvana

The Who

Motown Music

BEST MUSICAL EVENT/S ATTENDED;

Dire Straits

AC/DC

Robert Cray

FAVOURITE FILM;

Again loads;

The Green Mile

Bad Boys

Black Hawk Down

FAVOURITE POSITION;

I have had the privilege of playing every position for the first team even if some of it was just for a few minutes to fill in. I loved the front row but number 6 was always where I wanted to play – this probably cost me my 1st team tie!!!

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT/S ENCOUNTERED;

Chester front row. We had a good front row and good subs, but they broke us all!

BEST MORPETH RUGBY MATCH/MATCHES;

December 1992 away to Alnwick – we won the game with a Dave Routledge try right at the end of the game – great way to win the Horse!

Any Cup Finals we have been in the lads always gave everything.

Club notes for season 1992-93;

We began the season very well and by the time we beat Alnwick we had won 13 and lost only 3 but we then fell away – the next week we drew with Blyth and the following week we lost to Novos.

Alnwick 11-15 Morpeth – good recovery after being 11-0 down after 10 minutes.

Richie Young and Dave Routledge tries and a Chris Lishman penalty and conversion.

Dave Routledge had played for both Alnwick and Morpeth and after Dave's passing the Dave Routledge Cup is now awarded for the Man of The Match for the Morpeth v Alnwick 1st team games – the idea of this Cup came from the game in December 1992 when Dave scored the winning try for Morpeth.

Team from December 1992;

Chris Lishman, John Dungait, Simon Metcalfe, Dave Routledge, Simon Crawford, Paul Fourie, David Robson, Andy Clark, Mickey Robson, Duncan Clark, Duncan Hutton, Richie Young, Gary Stephenson, Stephen Rank, John Price.

Subs - Tony Parlett and Ben Dale.

We had a huge number of injuries in this season – we used 6 scrum halves, 6 fly halves and 9 centres.

1st team regulars Iain Laidlaw and Martin Calder only played 1 game each, Tony Clark only 5 games and Mickey Robson retired for the first time due to an ongoing neck injury.

It was future Club Captain Richie Young's first season at Morpeth, and he played all 36 games!

Chris Lishman was the Club's top points scorer with 207 and Duncan Hutton was the 1st team's top try scorer with 7.

Simon Crawford, Stephen Rank and Richie Young got their 1st team ties.

Chris Lishman captained the County this season.

Paul Fourie, Duncan Clark and Duncan Hutton played County B games.

Ian Whitfield and Ed Bennison played County Under 21s.

Michael Dungait played for Scotland Under 18s.

BEST MORPETH PLAYER IN SAME TEAM AS MYSELF;

Too many to say.

GARY'S MORPETH CLUB QUIZ QUESTION;

Q. Who scored England's only try in the 2003 world cup final win over Australia?

A. Jason Robinson.