

Bootham Crescent: A Second Home – Order Information for Part Two

Part two of ***Bootham Crescent: A Second Home*** will be published shortly, and covers the period 1960 – 1993, culminating in York City's play-off success at Wembley on that famous day in May 1993.

It is hardback production of around 270 A4 pages covering three remarkable decades in the development of the ground and the performances of the team. It was the period where wider events began to shape the ground, leading to more seats, less terracing, the disappearance of most of the white picket fencing, and the appearance of the hospitality boxes. Sadly, it was the tragic death of David Longhurst which resulted in the biggest change to Bootham Crescent in that era. The ground also hosted rugby league for the first time, and featured American football and a rock n' roll concert, but football always took centre stage. York City FC, as ever, had its share of ups and downs, with five promotions, five relegations, a first taste of Second Division football, and more stirring FA Cup deeds.

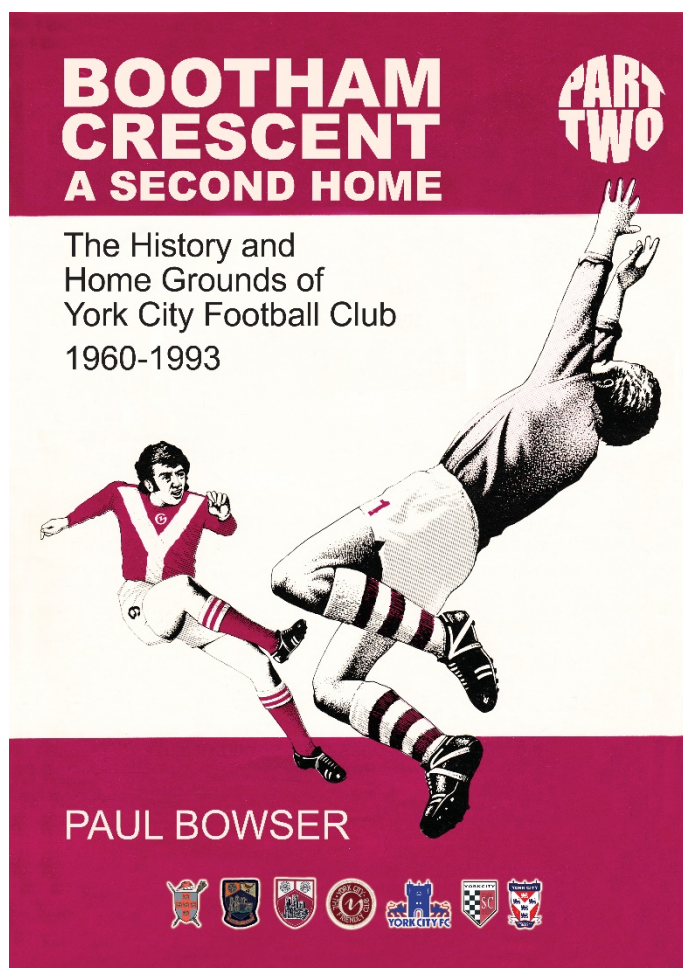
Please watch out for updates about the publication date via Facebook, Twitter and through the 'Arthur Bottom' newsletter, but I am optimistic it will be available in June.

I am grateful for your support of a project that has been over five years in the researching and writing, and those who pre-order before Sunday 9 May will have their name added to the subscriber list within the book. I will use your full name in the listing, unless you provide an alternate wording which I will endeavour to fit onto one line.

Due to print deadlines, I will most likely need to close the list at that date and confirm the number of copies to be printed. Without subscribers, it is difficult to estimate demand and size the print run, so your support at this early stage is hugely appreciated and guarantees your copy which will be posted out within days of the release date

Please be aware that there will now also be a third book, which will most likely be published in 2022. This will be a separate edition with a separate subscription list, and will cover the period from 1993 onwards including the final days of Bootham Crescent and the first games at the LNER Community Stadium.

Back in 2019, when the final touches were being put to book one, I had originally envisaged that book two would complete the Bootham Crescent story. However, the moving target of the final days of the ground added many more pages...then along came COVID. Also, the sheer amount of detail that I felt needed to be included in any book covering a 60-year period meant it became overly-expensive to produce and distribute, and unwieldy to handle and read. The last estimate was that it would have been a tome of 520 pages and weighing over 2kg. I hope this goes some way to explaining why this is now a trilogy, which was never my intention. The support for book one has subsidised the cost of the extra colour in this second part, and enabled me to offer it again at a cost of £25 per copy.



Part one of the book is now sold out, but if there is sufficient demand I will look into the cost of a reprint. Please let me know if you are interested in this, although it is likely to be a softback edition as smaller print runs can more easily be accommodated in that format.

Thank you for your support

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Ordering instructions

Each copy of *Bootham Crescent: A Second Home* costs £25.00, plus postage and packaging. UK postage is charged at £5.00 for one book, and £2.50 for each copy thereafter. Please be assured that books will be securely packaged for dispatch. For overseas shipping, please get in touch before sending payment and I will confirm the costs before accepting your order.

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