

Bootham Crescent: A Second Home – Pre-order Information for Part Three

Part Three of **Bootham Crescent: A Second Home** will be published shortly, and covers the period 1993 – 2024.

It is hardback production of approximately 360 A4 pages, and completes the story of York City FC's near-90 years residency at its much-loved home.

This volume retells three tumultuous decades in the history of the ground, and covers the events which would lead to its eventual demise and set the club on a protracted path to the LNER Community Stadium.

The 1990s saw the team establish itself after promotion, and further demonstrate the club's giant-killing pedigree by disposing of Manchester United and Everton in the League Cup. Sadly, relegation followed as the decade ended, and the emergence of Bootham Crescent Holdings in 1999 led to the ground and club being imperilled in the early years of the new millennium. Although the Supporters' Trust and fans rallied to save both, those dark days signalled the beginning of the end of City's second home.

Thereafter, the club would experience some wonderful highs but crashing lows, with the celebrated Wembley-twice achievement of 2012 a joyous distraction from the saga of the move. Bootham Crescent would also host rugby league on a regular basis, but the ground's lingering farewell was further impacted by the terrible global pandemic. Those final days of Bootham Crescent and its disposal, and the eventful early years in the Community Stadium are also covered in rich detail. The new stadium is also celebrated, as it too has evolved in a short period of time.

The book, as with the first two, concludes with a series of statistical appendices, and illustrations of programmes and tickets from the last 30 years or so.

The passage of time has, regrettably, resulted in increased production costs, and this book includes many more colour images and also contains a third more pages than its predecessors. I have been able to absorb some of the increases, to enable the book to be priced at £32 per copy.

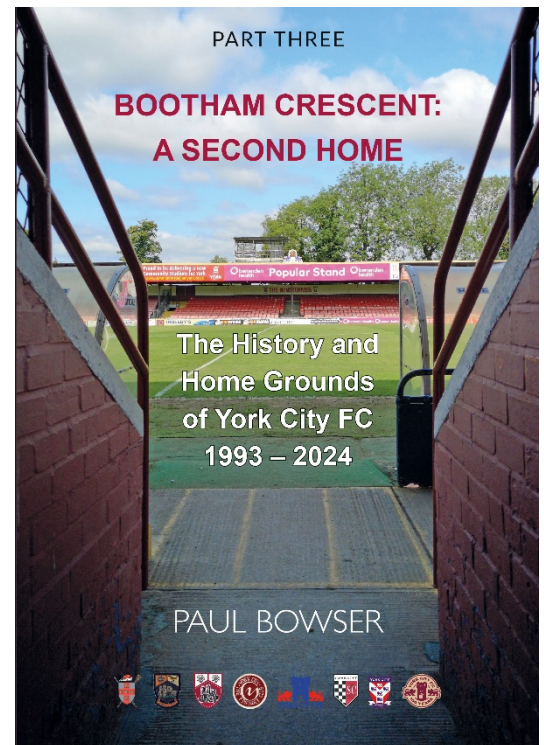
The book is the culmination of a 10-year cycle of researching and writing, which morphed into a trilogy of volumes. I'm genuinely grateful for the support of so many over the years, and those who pre-order will have their name added to the subscriber list within the book. I will use your full name in the listing, unless you provide an alternate wording which I will endeavour to fit onto one line. Due to print deadlines to achieve an April release date, I will most likely need to close the list on Monday 3 March. The book is self-funded, and without subscribers it is difficult to estimate demand and quantify the print run figure. Your support at this early stage is hugely appreciated and guarantees that your copy will be posted out within days of the book being published.

Please watch out for updates about the publication date via Facebook, Twitter, and through the 'Arthur Bottom' newsletter.

I sincerely hope that this book is a fitting tribute to Bootham Crescent.

Thank you again for your support

Paul Bowser



Ordering instructions

Each copy of *Bootham Crescent: A Second Home* costs £32.00 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. Collection/personal handover of the books may also be possible, but could present some logistical challenges given the size and weight of each book!

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