POPES HILL PLAYERS TO MEET AGAIN

'Vanished' club call up the old guard for big night out

THEY will be coming from all parts of the Forest, many parts of Britain and even South Africa when former Popes Hill footballers hold their first ever reunion in September.

Clive George will be the one making the longest trip.

"Clive lives in South Africa now. I have spoken to him and he is coming over in September so that was when we decided to have our get-together," said organiser Bob Baker.

There is no longer a football team on the Hill – they last played around 30 years ago – but the reunion at the Greyhound Inn on September 20 is expected to attract many old players.

•Popes Hill 1950. Back-row: Sid Kibble, Tom Cooper, Tony Kibble, Ivor Kibble, Ralph Trigg, Eric Kibble, Joe Perks (landlord, The Greyhound). Front: Eric Knight, Brian Knight, Dennis Kibble, Charlie Kibble, Frank Knight, Merv Davies.

"So far we have around 35 who have confirmed they will be coming and the oldest is in his 90s. We are hoping to get a lot more before the big day," said Bob.

Meanwhile he has unearthed another old photograph, this time of the cup-winning team of 1950 captained by Charlie Kibble, who now lives in Newnham.

•If you once played for Popes Hill and would like to attend the reunion you can contact Mr Baker on Dean 826384.