



IN 1888 a group of men met in Manchester in a bid to save professional football from dying almost as quickly as it had been born. One of the men put forward an idea to set up a league with 12 clubs playing each other home and away.

Not everyone was convinced, but on that day the English Football League was formed and remarkably there are many similarities to the birth of Falmouth-Helston Football League 50 years ago.

Thanks to the foresight of a similar group of local men who met in 1959, they decided that two leagues, the Falmouth and District League and the Helston and District League, should amalgamate in an effort to prevent local football from stagnating and to improve the standard of football and its facilities.

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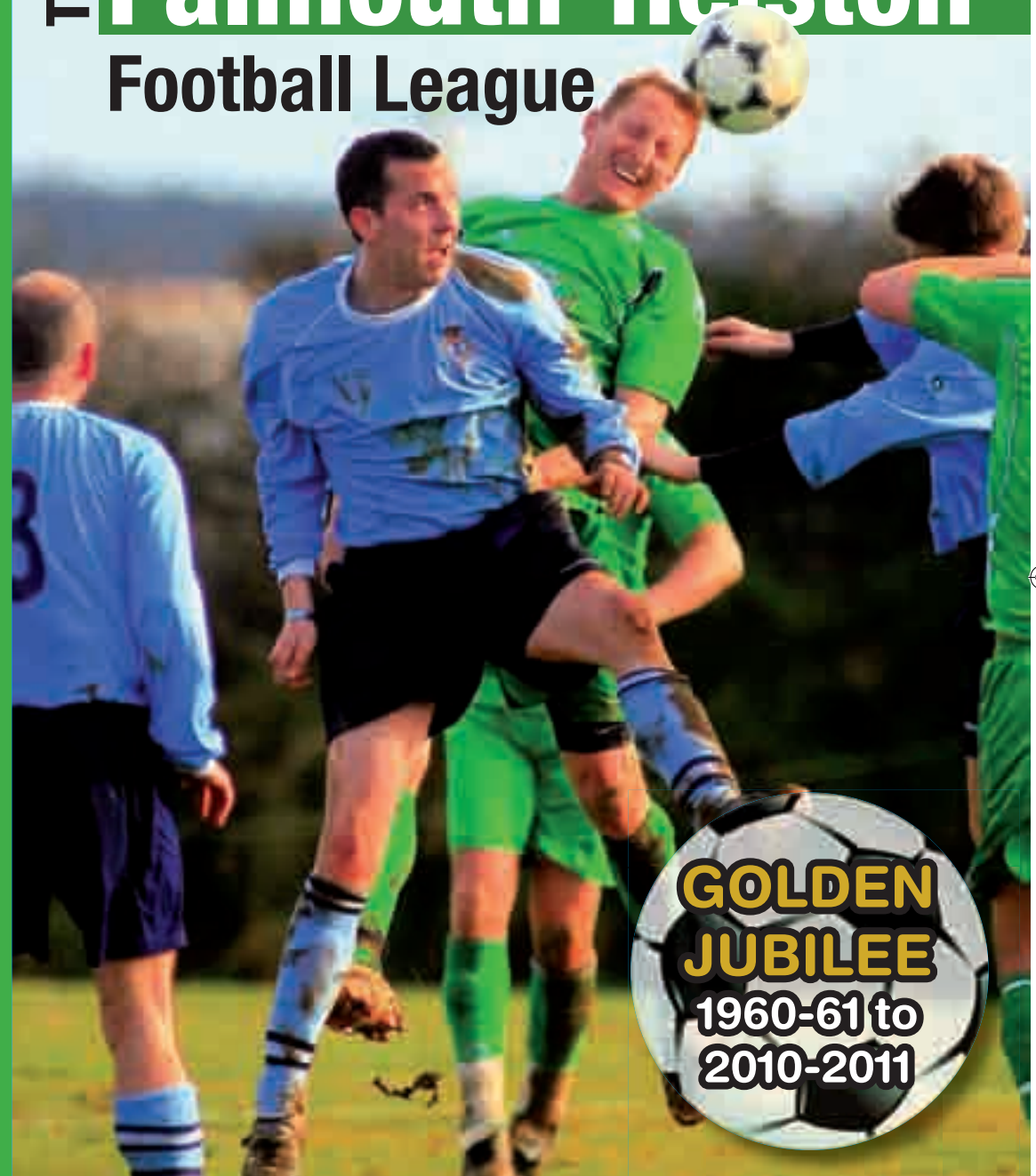
As the league celebrates its Golden Jubilee, little did those men realise then that the new competition that also began with just 12 clubs in 1960-61 would eventually grow into a league boasting three divisions of 16 clubs.

The league has been part and parcel of sporting life for thousands of junior footballers and referees and the decision taken 50 years ago to change the course of football in the Falmouth-Helston area has ensured the game has flourished in a manner and style that would have made those men so proud of the league today.

This book looks back on the history of five decades of football from which many great friendships were forged following the heat of battle on and off the junior football fields. Long may it continue.

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THE Falmouth-Helston Football League



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FOOTBALL