

NEW GOALS IN LIFE OF BRYAN

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IN an exclusive interview former Yeovil Town Chairman Bryan Moore has spoken of his five year battle to save Yeovil Town from extinction.

A reluctant Chairman says some Yeovil fans but Mr Moore's reign came in the club's most turbulent period.

He battled against the club's massive £750,000 debts, poor league form culminating in relegation, and rioting Yeovil fans desperate for success.

"Some of the recent major investors only put money into the football club on the understanding that a change of Chairman would take place," said Mr Moore.

"And further more asked John Fry to take over the Chairmanship.

"I'm disappointed. I've been in the chair nearly six years. It's been very difficult with the financial problems experienced here.

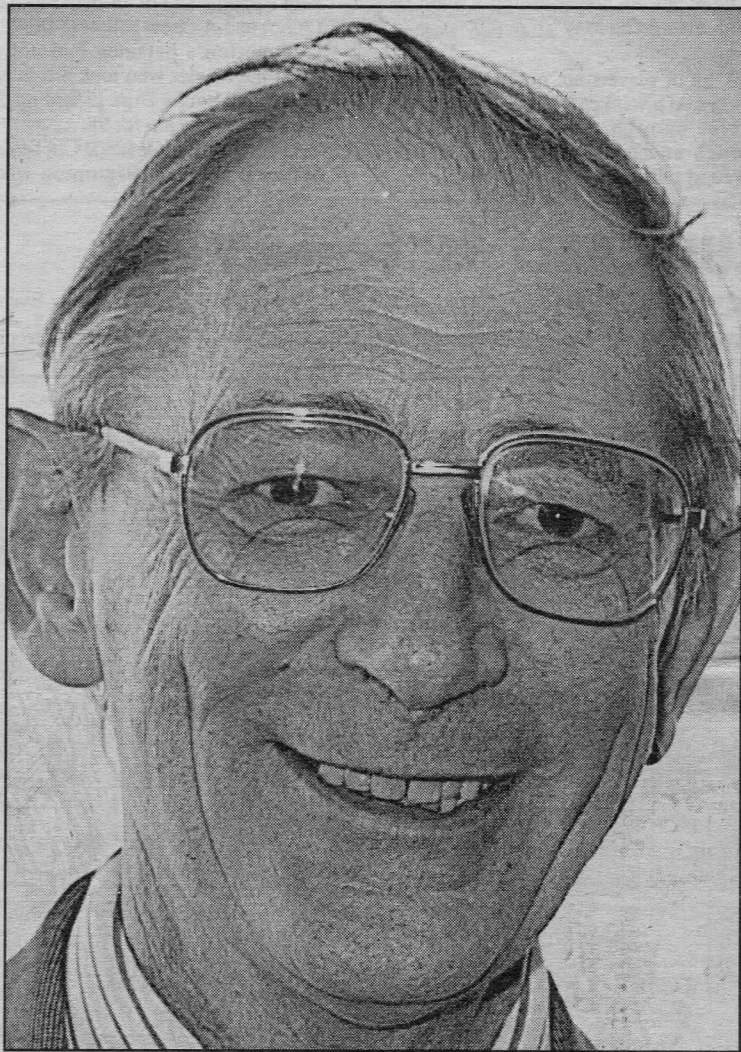
"I have always said in the midst of financial problems if there was someone out there who was prepared to help the club, the board and myself would stand down for them."

Mr Moore says the highlight of his reign as Chairman was Yeovil's FA Cup replay win at Hereford United when they knew Arsenal would be their next round opponents at Huish Park.

"I'd like to thank everyone who backed me as Chairman. The football club has experienced difficult years, had success and great times. I've not been happy for five years."

New Chairman Mr Fry has paid tribute to Mr Moore who, he said, had missed only three Yeovil matches in 40 years, for his five years and a half year's service as Chairman.

He added that a pre-condition of the club's new investors was an immediate change of leadership and a new style of management.



● LIFELONG FAN: Former Yeovil Town Chairman Bryan Moore.

What they say about Bryan Moore:

Graham Roberts (Yeovil Manager): "He is Yeovil through and through. He is still going to be there as my boss on the football side. He is a lovely man, loves his football and wants the best for Yeovil. He is always here when I need him, we get on very well."

George Coggen (Chairman, Green and White Supporters Club): "I think he's done a hell of a job since he became Chairman. There's been criticisms of him but he's kept the club afloat. He's been involved with the programme, done the accounts and done virtually every job going at the club."

John Fry (new Yeovil Town Chairman): "I would like to express our sincere appreciation of the hard work and considerable sacrifices made by Bryan Moore and his wife Pauline for the club over the past five and a half years."