

Welcome

This is the twelfth in our series of revamped Newsletters. It reviews the virtually concluded 2013/14 season that has proved exceptional for League success. And there is a Cup final to look forward to in the Women's national Cup, where our 1's will play a national League Premier Division side, Surbiton, having disposed of another in the semi-final. Six Men's teams are to participate in London League Cup semi-finals in April.

International News

In early March, Dan Fox took the captain's armband as Great Britain played two matches against France in Lille, where the H&W Men's 1's had trained prior to the EHA Cup final last April. Great Britain's side contained several making a GB debut, as six players who have recently competed in the Hockey India League, were not selected for the trip.

The first game witnessed a rare goalless draw. Despite starting quite strongly and forcing early penalty corners, Great Britain were unable to convert any of their chances. In goal debutant James Bailey had to be sharp as France came back into the game towards half-time.

The second half was an even affair. GB had some good possession when attacking, but the French were able to push their defensive opportunities, as the final pass often let GB down.

The second match was also a draw, 3-3. Congratulations, Dan!

National Appointment

The England Hockey Board is chaired by an appointed Non-Executive Chairman and currently comprises five Executive Directors and five member-elected Non-Executive Directors (NEDs). The role of the NEDs is to support the Chairman and CEO in shaping England Hockey's strategic plan and constructively challenging the Executive Team at Board meetings..

It is intended to change the NED mix to a maximum three membership-elected and three independently appointed NEDs over the course of the next three years. Appointment of the first Independent NED took place at this year's AGM as one of the membership-elected NEDs, Ben Rea of Wimbledon Hockey Club, retired after three terms.

Elections

At the recent AGM, England Hockey Chairman Philip Kimberley announced the appointments and elections of Katy Roberts for a second term as a membership-elected NED. She represented England at all junior levels and gained 41 senior England and GB and, secondly, of Liz Pelling as Vice-President. Liz has been involved with Essex Hockey, East Hockey and the National Programme Umpires Association.

Appointments

After interviewing a strong field of candidates for the position of Independent NEDs England Hockey has made two further appointments of H&W President Richard Sykes and Andy Hunt, the former coming into effect on 18 March 2014

Richard is currently a senior partner at PwC with responsibility for Governance, Risk and Compliance client offering. Richard was commended for his considerable business and boardroom experience as well as extensive knowledge of the advertising and media industry gained working at WPP. Also as a Trustee of the Woodlands Trust, Richard has experience of the role of a non-executive director within a not-for-profit organisation.

As England Hockey stated, "As President and an active playing member of Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club, Richard understands the opportunities and challenges facing our sport and is hoping to combine his depth and breadth of knowledge and experience to support the continued growth of the sport".

“Passionate about sport, Richard led the ICC governance review of world cricket with Lord Woolf, which resulted in Richard achieving his lifetime ambition of getting a mention in Wisden, albeit not for playing!”

We add our congratulations on this appointment.

Memorial Match

Next season’s match is to be held in September at Paddington Recreation Ground. Jerry Stanyard will be organising the Legends’ team and already has interest from leading players from a few years back, new recruits to the fixture.

Deaths

The last edition did not adequately cover the contributions (hockey and otherwise) of three who were mentioned

Richard Clarke

Richard Clarke was the 1st XI captain for three years leading to the 75th anniversary in 1969. In his history of the club’s first 75 years Colin Greenhalgh recalled that the first recipient of *the trophy appropriately christened by a Committee wag as the ‘Wood-Pecker Tankard,’ awarded for the first time for the 1968/69 season to Richard as the Captain of the 1st XI for the last three years. When Richard Clarke took over the captaincy in 1966/67, at a depression in the Club’s playing fortunes, the 1st XI had just two wins in a season. By infusion of effort and esprit de corps, he has raised the team to a point where they can again look any club in London in the face with more than a chance of winning and can go into the new London League with a reasonable degree of confidence.*

Richard Shaw

Richard was elected as a member in December 1960. We mentioned that he was a leading maritime lawyer in the City of London. He was considerably influential in his field and it is a wonder that he had sufficient time to act as the Club’s Secretary too in the days when that post was far different from today’s and later as Club Captain.

Richard studied law at Oxford University before signing on as an AB on a cargo ship for a voyage to Australia. After a stint of teaching in Adelaide, he began his City career with Richards Butler and became a well-known admiralty specialist at Elborne Mitchell before leaving in 1979 to start his own firm, Shaw and Croft, with Roger Croft in 1980. His first case was one of the world’s largest collisions - the VLCCs R which collided fully laden in a tropical rainstorm off Tobago, leading to a spillage of oil that is still listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest from ships. Later he was involved with the Piper Alpha oil rig explosion, the Aegean Sea oil spill, the Tricolor collision and sinking and in advising underwriters and the police in tracing the proceeds of the Brinks Mat robbery.

Dick Downard

As mentioned previously, Dick captained the Hampstead 1st XI in the 1958/59 season, taking over from P C Kay. He won 16 caps for Wales between 1956 and 1959. He became a member of the club on 15 August 1955 at the same time as Noel Cardoza, who succeeded him as captain for two years in 1959.

Morley Pecker commented

Mention of Dick’s death reminded him of a team photograph, taken on his camera, in the late 1950s, when the Spaniards went down on their annual Sunday trip to Middleton in Sussex. In those days, there was no competitive hockey on Sundays (indeed no leagues at all – except for the County Championship and the annual Divisional Tournament) and Sunday was the day when one liked to get out of London with a team which contained a mixture of players from all elevens, from the 1st to the 5th in those days and giving young players the chance to play with internationals.

Having joined Hampstead as a 17 year-old in the autumn of 1954 Morley rated himself as a very inferior goalkeeper ("3rd XI was my standard"). He was allowed, however, to play for the Spaniards (then the name of our Sunday team) from time to time, and when Brian Westhead moved up to the Midlands, he found himself organising Spaniards' teams, often needing more than 20 telephone calls from his office to obtain the eleventh player.

He was helped by Rodney Exton, headmaster of Mill Hill School, who was always willing to fill any gaps that he had with promising schoolboys. One, a certain Mike Corby, played once for him, combining brilliantly with Dinger Bell on the right and John Mathews-Lane in the centre "but I could not persuade him to join Hampstead. His very forceful father (a terror on the touchline!) insisted that it had to be either Hounslow or Southgate – that is, if he did not take up golf (*sic*) professionally. He seemed to be very good at many sports".

With a little assistance from Hugh Wickham, Morley recognises (from left to right): Brian Westhead, John Sturrock(?), John Mathews-Lane John Bowell, Simon Turner, Jimmy Deegan, John Bartlett, John Chaumeton, [possible umpire ???], Dick Downard, Rodney Exton. In front, Mr Pecker himself!



Help with other names would be appreciated, if it is out there?

[President's Day](#)

President's Day is to be held at Paddington Recreation Ground on Saturday 12 April 2014. preceded on 11 April 2014 by a Vice Presidents' and past players' Dinner at Brown's in St Martin's Lane.

At midday, an England invitation LX team will be playing against the current HWHC Supervets - a game to be held in honour of past President and long standing patron of the club and one of the founder members of the LX club, Peter Boizot;

At 1.30pm a Ladies' invitation XI will be playing against a current Women's XI (including some of the current Women's 1's) – to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Women's section.

Finally, a President's select XI, captained by our past captain and current Great Britain star Dan Fox, will be playing the Men's 1's, starting at 3.00pm. Dan hopes to have a number of international players in his squad to provide a true test of our Men's team.

On the pitch

Women's 1's

This has been a splendid year for the Women's 1s. As in the last year's competition, they were, however, unable to shake off an opponent and take a commanding lead into the final weeks of the League campaign. It was very much a *déjà vu* moment, with two very good teams at the top, and huge gap in results with the rest. .

Down to the wire it went, with a supercharged weekend on 22-23 March, with the league decider on Saturday and the semi-final of the national Cup on the Sunday: two pressure games if ever there were!

Saturday

The women went in the game aware that if they won or drew, their superior goal difference would see them home to the league championship and promotion to the National League. Maidenhead had an equally impressive record but their only loss had been to H&W, prior to Christmas.

There was a large crowd at PRG. Maidenhead took the lead in the first half but it was short lived, as H&W equalised, to leave it 1-1 at half time. In the second half, it took a 68th minute, highly controversial goal to see the winner for Maidenhead and the promotion that H&W felt was rightly theirs.

Thus, the South League Premier Division ended:-

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>GF</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GD</i>	<i>Pts</i>
Maidenhead	18	17	0	1	68	16	52	51
Hampstead and Westminster	18	16	0	2	79	18	61	48
Staines	18	9	2	7	35	33	2	29
Reading 1A	18	9	2	7	34	32	2	22*
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	18	6	4	8	38	52	-4	22
Havant	18	6	4	8	26	42	-18	22
Teddington	18	5	4	9	37	47	-10	19
Southgate	18	5	5	10	29	44	-15	14
Woking	18	4	2	12	30	53	-23	14
Epsom	18	2	3	13	25	64	-29	9

It must be rare to lose but two and have a final goal difference of 61 and yet not win the League!

Season's League Results

Hampstead 6 Epsom 0
 Staines 1 Hampstead 3
 Teddington 1 Hampstead 4
 Hampstead 5 Tulse Hill & Dulwich 3
 Havant 2 Hampstead 8
 Hampstead 2 Reading 1A 3
 Southgate 2 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 7 Epsom 0
 Maidenhead 1 Hampstead 2
 Epsom 0 Hampstead 5
 Hampstead 6 Staines 2
 Tulse Hill & Dulwich 0 Hampstead 7
 Hampstead 5 Havant 0
 Reading 1A 0 Hampstead 5
 Hampstead 4 Southgate 0

Woking 1 Hampstead 4
 Hampstead 1 Maidenhead 2

Sunday

After the agony came the ecstasy, with the team defeating University of Birmingham 3-2 to take their place in the National Cup final at Beeston's ground in Nottingham on 26 April, where they will play Surbiton. As confirmed below, Surbiton ended in third place in the Premier Division of the National League this season.

1 Canterbury	18	14	2	2	47	14	33	44
2 Reading	18	14	1	3	58	16	42	43
3 Surbiton	18	12	3	3	51	17	34	39
4 Clifton	18	9	5	4	38	25	13	31*
5 Leicester	18	9	3	6	34	20	14	30
6 Bowdon Hightown	18	8	3	7	26	33	-7	27
7 Beeston	18	6	1	11	38	31	7	19
8 University of Birmingham	18	6	0	12	31	32	-1	18
9 Sutton Coldfield	18	3	0	15	29	51	-22	9
10 Olton & West Warwicks ¹	18	0	0	18	9	122	-113	0

The Women's route to the final was via:-

Hampstead 10 Lewes 0
 Hampstead w/o Aylesbury
 Hampstead 5 Firebrands 1
 Hampstead 4 Sevenoaks 2
 Hampstead 3 University of Birmingham 2

Against the University of Birmingham, Hampstead twice took the lead only to have it pegged back. It was 2-2 right to the 65th minute when H&W took the lead for the third time and were able to hold on to take the tie.

Women's 2's & Women's 3's

The 2nd XI ended a very credible fifth and the 3rd XI an equally successful eighth in South League Division 3A, facing predominantly first teams of other clubs.

Oxford Hawks 2	22	16	1	5	64	31	33	49
Witney 1	22	14	5	3	49	29	20	48
West Hampstead 1	22	14	1	7	54	44	10	43
Banbury 1	21	13	2	6	66	46	20	41
Hampstead and Westminster 2	22	13	1	8	53	35	18	40
PHC Chiswick 1	21	11	5	5	65	49	16	38
Sonning 1	22	6	5	11	41	49	-8	20
Hampstead and Westminster 3	22	6	3	13	36	56	-20	21
Wallingford 1	22	5	5	12	48	65	-17	20
Milton Keynes 1	22	5	2	14	29	55	-26	20
Oxford 1	22	5	2	15	29	55	-26	17
Southgate 2	22	4	4	14	45	65	-20	16

¹ You might spare a thought for the rather desperate season encountered by the Olton & West Warwicks women, encapsulated by their goal difference. In their penultimate game they felt that they were forced to forfeit the match. They had three League registered goalkeepers, two of whom are teachers and were called away by work on the day of the match. The third was injured and the National League was unwilling to grant them a postponement. They felt that to play with a kicking back was inappropriate at this level and might have led to a skewed result in the goal difference tally, so reluctantly conceded. They blame the drain of good quality players to the south.

Women's 4th XI & Women's 5th XI

In the Middlesex Premier Division, the 4's ended in third place and the 5's had a tough season ending with 5 points in last place. The League was dominated by Teddington 2's, with a 16 point cushion in first place and goal difference of 64.

Teddington 2	22	21	1	0	90	12	78	64
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 1	22	12	4	6	42	30	12	40
Hampstead & Westminster 4	22	11	5	6	68	45	23	37*
Harrow 1	22	10	6	6	36	30	6	36
PHC Chiswick 2	21	11	2	8	40	39	1	35
Southgate 3	22	9	4	9	57	44	13	31
Teddington 3	22	8	5	9	44	41	3	28*
Eastcote 2	22	8	3	11	31	46	-15	27
Hendon & Mill Hill 1	22	7	3	12	49	55	-6	24
Ashford 1	22	7	1	14	39	62	-23	22*
Staines 3	21	7	2	12	38	65	-23	18*
Hampstead & Westminster 5	22	1	2	19	14	83	-69	5

Women's 6th XI & Women's 7th XI

The 6's and 7's vied for third place in Middlesex League 2. This was eventually secured by the 6's, with the 7's firmly on their shoulders in fourth. The top of the table is still in issue as this goes to print: second place Teddington 4 can win the League with a point in the final match against Imperial Medical 1's. If they lose, it will be down to goal difference with West Hampstead 4's, who currently lead – and there are presently four goals to make up.

West Hampstead 4	20	15	1	4	66	22	46	46
Teddington 4	19	14	4	1	59	17	42	46
Hampstead & Westminster 6	20	13	3	4	53	15	38	42
Hampstead & Westminster 7	20	13	2	5	69	32	37	41
Ashford 2	20	10	4	6	48	43	5	34
Imperial Medicals 1	19	10	2	7	42	33	9	30*
Southgate 5	20	6	3	11	31	41	-10	21
PHC Chiswick 4	20	6	1	3	37	37	0	19
Old Uxonians 1	20	4	4	12	23	40	-17	16
British Airways Hayes 2	20	4	1	15	23	67	-44	13
Staines 5	20	1	1	18	13	117	-104	1*
Indian Gymkhana 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

EHL Men's Premier League

League standings

It was a hectic last day of the Premier League regular season. The battle to avoid automatic relegation went right down to the wire as the Premier Division reached a nail-biting finale on 22 March. Sheffield Hallam knew that only a win over Wimbledon could save them from automatic relegation. With two minutes to go, they were 4-3 down. But two late goals from Liam Ansell and Mike Shaw (his in the 70th minute) lifted them to the relegation play-off spot.

Loughborough Students' game against Reading had been delayed due to heavy traffic. That meant that Sheffield Hallam had to await the result to find out if they had – at least for now – avoided the drop. Loughborough went into the game knowing that a win or a draw was needed to keep them up. They were drawing 2-2 after Ian Sloan tucked away a penalty stroke in the 43rd minute. However, they could not hold on and Reading went on to beat them 4-2, condemning them to automatic relegation.

Sheffield Hallam will now face Southgate, Cardiff and Brooklands Manchester University to battle for a spot in the Premier Division next season.

Elsewhere, East Grinstead secured a European spot for next season with a 6-5 victory over Surbiton. Mark Gleghorne, Ashley Jackson and Mark Pearn all scored twice for East Grinstead and James Tindall hit a hat-trick for Surbiton. East Grinstead topped the division on goal difference, equal on points with Beeston.

Beeston could only have pipped East Grinstead to the top if they had beat Cannock by 22 goals – an extremely unlikely result that would have sent Cannock into relegation play-offs. Beeston did get the three points though: Sam Ward and Richard Lawrence were on target in a 2-1 win.

H&W beat Canterbury on their ground, with Oliver Didham scoring two of the goals in the 4-3 win

Outside the Premier Division

Southgate could not afford to lose if they were to win the Conference East title. They secured the point they needed with a 1-1 draw against Bromley and Beckenham. St Albans were relegated and Brighton and Hove face relegation play-offs.

Cardiff and Met struggled to a 1-0 win over struggling Havant that meant they took the title, while Havant were relegated from the Conference West.

Brooklands Manchester University were already crowned champions of the Conference North before facing the bottom club, West Bridgford. However form counted for nothing as West Bridgford restored some pride in beating them 5-2 (but were relegated nonetheless).

Premier Division Season

So, the Men's 1s ended the season in seventh spot.

	Home				Away								
1 East Grinstead	18	7	1	1	45	18	7	1	1	41	26	42	44
2 Beeston	18	7	1	1	45	18	7	1	1	41	26	42	44
3 Reading	18	6	2	1	37	17	6	1	2	28	17	31	39
4 Surbiton	18	6	2	1	42	17	4	2	3	28	24	29	34
5 Canterbury	18	5	1	3	32	29	2	1	6	26	37	-8	23
6 Wimbledon	18	2	1	6	21	26	5	1	3	17	20	-8	23
7 Hampstead and Westminster	18	5	0	4	20	23	2	0	7	15	45	-33	21
8 Cannock	18	3	1	5	28	27	0	1	8	16	31	-14	11
9 Sheffield Hallam	18	1	1	7	16	29	2	1	6	13	30	-30	11
10 Loughborough Students	18	2	1	6	14	24	1	0	8	16	38	-32	10

League results

Surbiton 5 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 4 Loughborough Univ 1
 Sheffield Hallam 0 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 2 East Grinstead 3
 Hampstead 3 Cannock 2
 Reading 11 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 3 Beeston 6
 Wimbledon 4 Hampstead 0
 Hampstead 2 Canterbury 1
 Hampstead 0 Surbiton 2
 Loughborough Univ 2 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 3 Sheffield Hallam 1²
 Cannock 8 Hampstead 3
 East Grinstead 9 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 0 Reading 5

² Played at Sheffield

Beeston 3 Hampstead 0
Hampstead 3 Wimbledon 2
Canterbury 3 Hampstead 4



Nominally playing a home game, Hampstead on the London 2012 Olympic Games surface now laid at Sheffield Hallam but in unfamiliar shirts. One for the Spot the Ball competition, perhaps?

Against each of our opponents

East Grinstead 0/6
Beeston 0/6
Reading 0/6
Surbiton 0/6
Wimbledon 3/6
Canterbury 6/6
Cannock 3/6
Sheffield Hallam 6/6
Loughborough Univ 3/6

Goal Scorers

Hamilton 7
Didham 5
Bond 4
Hildreth 4
Naylor 4
Bhanghu 3
Roche 2
Parnis 2



A little like a taxi rank queue at Beeston? Oliver Didham is surrounded by Beeston subs (of some quality, it has to be said).

Arnold 1
 Kavanagh 1
 Smith D 1
 Stoddart 1

Past League positions

2009/10 = 6th 23 points
 2010/11 = 6th 24 points
 2011/12 = 7th 23 points
 2012/13 = 7th 22 points
 2013/14 = 7th 21 points

London League

2nd XI

Once again H&W were London League Premier Division winners, by seven points, ending the League season with a 5-4 away win at Southgate, when the League was already won. Three other teams may have scored more but the defensive record was by far the best.

Hampstead and Westminster	22	16	3	3	82	39	43	51
Surbiton	22	14	2	6	87	59	28	44
East Grinstead	22	12	4	6	87	61	28	40
Teddington	22	12	4	6	72	55	17	40
Southgate	22	12	3	7	87	56	31	39
Reading	22	11	3	8	80	52	28	38
Wimbledon	22	8	4	10	58	64	-8	28

Bromley & Beckenham	22	8	2	12	64	66	-2	26
Canterbury	22	8	2	12	60	86	-26	26
Indian Gymkhana	22	7	0	15	52	100	-48	21
Spencer	22	6	1	15	35	75	-40	19
Richmond	22	4	0	18	35	84	-49	12

3rd XI

In the London League Division 1, H&W finished in sixth spot, on goal difference (top seven only are listed here)

Oxted 2	22	16	1	5	64	36	27	49
Spencer 2	22	15	1	6	58	42	16	46
Dulwich/Tulse Hill 2	22	11	3	8	56	50	6	36
Old Loughtonians 2	22	10	4	8	65	45	17	34
Surbiton 3	22	11	0	11	52	65	-13	33
Hampstead and Westminster 3	22	9	3	10	45	56	-11	30
London Wayfarers 2	22	9	3	10	51	66	-16	30

Zak Hond

The Zaks continued from where they left at the stage of the last newsletter and won the London League Division 2 by three points. Guildford's team dropped out of the league and the points lost and won are discarded

Hampstead & Westminster Zak Hond	20	18	1	1	72	29	43	55
Reading 2A	20	15	3	2	80	35	45	48
Oxford University 2	20	10	4	6	52	43	9	34
Old Loughtonians 3 (Foresters)	20	10	2	8	52	48	4	32
Wimbledon 4	20	7	4	9	48	46	2	25
Richmond 3	20	7	3	10	46	52	6	24
Indian Gymkhana 3	20	7	2	11	62	81	-19	23
Oxford University 3	20	6	2	12	39	50	-11	20
Southgate 4	20	5	5	10	41	62	-21	18
Tulse Hill & Dulwich 3	20	5	3	12	42	65	-23	18
Spencer 4	20	5	1	4	39	62	-23	16
Guildford 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5th XI

The 5's had, by their standards, a moderate season in London League Division 3 in eighth place, pipped by goal difference with St Albans and playing some third level teams of other clubs. (The top nine, only, are shown below):-

Spencer 5	22	14	4	4	65	34	31	46
Teddington Saplings	22	13	6	3	68	37	31	45
Spencer 6	22	13	1	8	55	37	18	40
London Wayfarers 3	22	11	4	7	59	50	9	37
London Wayfarers Vikings	22	9	3	10	46	46	0	30
Bromley & Beckenham 4	22	8	5	9	57	67	-10	29
St Albans 3	22	7	6	9	45	61	-16	27
Hampstead & Westminster 5	22	8	3	11	39	58	-19	27
King's Alleyns 2	22	6	6	10	44	48	-4	24

6th XI

The 6's were also League winners, of the London League Division 4, holding off Richmond Lions by a point. The top four only are listed here

St Albans Praeatorians	13	10	1	2	48	19	29	31
Old Cranleighans Hamstrings	13	8	2	3	45	19	26	26
Old Loughtonians Supervets	13	8	1	4	47	27	20	25
Hampstead & W Supervets	14	6	3	5	31	40	-9	21
Tring Supervets	12	4	2	6	18	30	-12	14
Richmond Rogues	14	3	5	6	36	50	-14	14
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers	12	2	3	7	9	28	-19	9
Wimbledon Vintage Masters	13	1	3	9	28	49	-21	6

In the Grand Masters Cup, the Supervets were top of their round robin and unbeaten in the three matches

Hampstead & W Supervets	3	3	0	0	9	3	6	9
Southgate Tankards	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
Sevenoaks Old Oaks	3	1	0	2	6	5	1	3
St Albans Centurions	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0

The final is to be played between Spencer London Cavaliers and Indian Gymkhana Masters, with H&W in the regional play offs. These see Guildford Supervets take on Sevenoaks Old Oaks and our Supervets against Southgate Tankards

London League Trophy

To augment the League fixtures for some of the teams, the London League has organised three round robin Trophy leagues, in which three of the Men's teams are participating.

Trophy A

Indian Gymkhana 4	4	4	0	0	21	5	16	12
Hempstead & Westminster 4	4	3	0	1	14	6	8	9
Richmond Redoubtables	4	1	1	2	10	17	-7	4
PHC Chiswick 5	4	0	1	3	7	10	-3	1
Reading Rascals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Old Loughtonians Academy	4	1	0	3	2	16	-14	-3*
<i>* points deducted</i>								

Trophy B

Hampstead & W Spaniards	3	2	0	1	12	3	9	6
Kings Alleyns Men 4	3	2	0	1	12	8	4	6
London Wayfarers Outlaws	3	1	0	2	7	9	-2	3
Richmond Deerstalkers	3	1	0	2	2	13	-11	3
Old Loughtonians 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Saracens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Trophy C

Wimbledon 6	5	4	0	1	13	9	4	12
PHC Chiswick 4	4	3	0	1	17	5	12	9
Hampstead & W Hammers	4	2	1	1	12	7	5	7
Southgate 5	5	2	1	2	11	6	5	7
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Royals	5	2	0	3	9	13	-11	6
Barnes Men Accidentals	5	0	0	5	4	26	-22	0
<i>One match still to be played</i>								

London League Cups

In addition to the Vets mentioned earlier, five of our teams qualify, as top four ranking teams in each League.

Premier Division Cup

H&W 2 v Teddington 2 5.4.14 (at PRG)
Surbiton 2 v East Grinstead 2 5.4.14

Division 2 Cup

Reading 2A v Oxford University 2 29.3.14
H&W Zak Hond v Oxford University 3 5.4.14

Division 4 Cup

H&W 6 v Tulse Hill & Dulwich 4 5.4.14
Richmond Lions v Reading Refills 5.4.14

Division 6 Cup³

H&W Hammers v PHC Chiswick 5 5.4.14

Division 7 Cup

H&W Spaniards v Richmond Redoubtables 5.4.14
PHC Chiswick 5 v Wimbledon 6 5.4.14

Interview

The format of the National League matchday programme interview of 15 or so years ago has been revived for the Newsletter. In the first such revival we asked Great Britain player and Men's 1's midfielder Iain Mackay, or Macca, to the [digital] microphone.

Iain hails from Braintree and attended Bishops Stortford College (and trained under Charlie Banister) and Loughborough University. He made his international debut on 9 May 2009 and was a winner at the European Championship three months later, in which he played in all five matches and scored in the first, against Austria. He played in the Champions Trophy from 2009 to 2011 and in the World Cup in 2010 (in which he famously played on despite breaking his nose in a collision in the game against India when defeating them 3-2) and the indoor World Cup in 2011.

He represented Great Britain in the 2012 Olympic Games. In addition to the gold medal at the 2009 European Championship, he won a silver medal at the Champions Trophy in 2010 and a bronze in the European Championships in 2011. He joined H&W from Reading after the Olympic Games. Away from hockey, Iain is an accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

How old were you when you first took up hockey?

I started playing when I was 6 years old.

In your first competitive game, which teams were involved and what was the score?

No idea about the result but it would have been for Braintree Hockey Club where I learned to play, probably against a local side, like Chelmsford.

In what position did you play on the pitch?

I started playing in defence for Braintree but soon moved further up the pitch, finishing up my career as a forward for GB.

Of which clubs have you been a member?

Braintree, Chelmsford, Loughborough, Reading and HWHC.

Who is the best player you have played alongside in your team?

Probably Barry Middleton, a rare combination of both talent and hard work.

³ Other fixture details not yet known

Who is the best opponent you have faced?

Jamie Dwyer was almost unplayable the few times I have come up against him. He has an ability to change direction with speed whilst keeping the ball perfectly under control.

Who is the best hockey player you have seen in action?

Again Jamie Dwyer.

Which is the best hockey game you have watched?

Germany vs Australia in the 2010 World Cup final. Both teams had played well throughout the tournament and each team has a unique style of play.

What is the most amusing incident you have witnessed on a hockey pitch?

Not being able to play our home fixture against Sheffield this season because the lines were not strong enough around the D!

Which other sports take your interest?

Tennis and football mainly.

Which team's football result do you look for first?

Manchester United, although this season has been pretty painful and I am not sure I will bother looking next year!



Iain is pictured in the centre here, alongside player Coach Tom Kavanagh on the left and skipper Toby Roche on the right, pondering tactics in the warm up game at Exeter University in February, with far too bright low sun in the eyes!

[From yesteryear](#)
[120 years ago](#)

When it all began...

A general meeting was held at the Eyre Arms on Tuesday April 10, 1894.

The Chairman⁴ said that the Committee of the Hockey Section, feeling that owing to the wet state of the Cricket ground it would be useless to arrange a list of fixtures to be played there next season they had decided - if possible to find a ground elsewhere and he invited the opinion of the meeting on the subject. The Chairman mentioned that he, together with Mr Lipscombe at the suggestion of Mr McMillin had seen a field at Acton which was thought could be rented at a sum of £10-0-0 for the season.

It was proposed by Mr Lawrence that in the event that of the Committee being unable to find a more convenient ground than that at Acton, the meeting is in favour of obtaining it. This was seconded by Mr J N Brown and carried.

It was decided to submit the following proposition to the General Meeting of the Cricket Club to held on Thursday April 12th.

“That it is the opinion of this meeting that in consideration of the wet state of the Cricket Ground a a hockey ground be hired elsewhere for the next season.

That if no more convenient ground can be found than at Acton, it is decided to rent a ground there.

That the permission of the Cricket Club be asked for the Hockey Section to control its own affairs including the election of officers and members and that the uniform of the Hockey Section be as heretofore a shirt of the Cricket Club colours and a dark blue cap

That new members be proposed and seconded in the same manner as set forth in the rules of the Cricket Club.

That the officers of the Hockey Section should consist of the Vice president, Treasurers Secretary and not more than eight Committee members (one at least of which shall be a member of the general Committee) and that four shall form a quorum.

Proposed that Mr Russell Parker be requested to act as Vice President”

A general meeting was then held at the Eyre Arms on Friday April 13, 1894.

Mr Besch arranged that the report of what had taken place at the last General Meeting was brought before the General Meeting of the Cricket Club and after considerable discussion it was proposed by himself and seconded by Mr T W Mackintosh that “the Hockey Section of the Cricket Club cease to exist” this as being put to the Meeting was carried, the Cricket Club kindly allowing the Hockey Club to retain the use of its present colors (*sic*) namely a shirt of the Cricket Club colours and a dark blue cap.

As it appeared to be hopeless to find a ground nearer home than at Acton, it was decided to write to Mr Blick, the landlord, agreeing to hire his ground.

On the Secretary stating that Mr Blick has undertaken to provide a grounds man to roll and mark out the ground for the sum of £8-0-0 this expenditure was sanctioned by the meeting

It was proposed to hire a dressing room at the *George and Dragon* for £5-0-0 for the season and this was also allowed by the meeting.

The election of officers and Committee was then proceeded with.

⁴ Mr J T Q Besch

[90 years ago](#)

At a Committee Meeting held at 10 Serjeants Inn Fleet Street EC on Tuesday 8 April the Hon. Sec. proposed a vote of censure be passed upon the Hon Sec for forgetting to bring along the Minute Book. This was carried unanimously.

The Hon Treasurer raised the question of Mr Brady's refusal to pay for two Dinner Tickets which he had applied for and, after failing to put in an appearance at the dinner, had returned them to the Hon Treasurer after the date of the dinner.

The Committee discussed the question at some length and the Hon Sec was instructed to write to Mr Brady on certain lines, which he has done, as follows.

Hampstead HC

Dear Sir

At a Committee Meeting held today at 10 Serjeants Inn Fleet Street EC, I was instructed by the Committee to write to you with reference to the matter of your payment for two dinner tickets.

The Committee discussed the matter at some length and came to the conclusion that, in view of the fact that the whole organisation of these dinners is dependent on the number of applications for tickets, in this, as in other club, that the question is therefore one of principle, you are under a moral obligation to pay for the two tickets which you applied for and did not return until after the date of the dinner, in the meantime having given no notice whatever to the Dinner Committee that you did not intend to be present.

They will be extremely grateful therefore if you would kindly send the amount of the tickets to the Hon Treasurer at your early convenience.

Yours truly
J Hadfield Bennett⁵
Hon Sec

F St J Brady Esq

[80 years ago](#)

A Committee Meeting was held on 9 April 1934 at 10 Serjeants Inn at 6.00pm

A letter was read from Mr C F B Arthur tendering his resignation as an active member owing to advancing years! Mr Parsons proposed and Mr P J Smith seconded a resolution to the effect that the suitable letter should be sent to Mr Arthur by the Hon Sec thanking him for what he had done to enhance the reputation of the club. (The letter was written that same evening).

The Hon Sec reported that he had received no replies to advertisements he had put in three papers with circulation in the Richmond and Ealing districts⁶. The Hon Sec then read some correspondence regarding the possibility of obtaining a second ground in 1935/6 which he had with Mr De Lissa and Mr Humphreys, the Richmond Park Superintendent and Mr Sankey agreed to interview Mr Humphreys in the autumn.

⁵ No doubt applying his legal approach, Jack Bennett was a barrister, called to Inner Temple in 1913. Alongside his 34 England caps, in days when fewer internationals were played and, when aged 34, his gold medal in the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, he played Minor Counties cricket for Berkshire between 1906 and 1908. He made his debut against Oxfordshire, scoring 63 in a revival from 102/7 to 240 all out. He played alongside his brother, G G M Bennett, who opened the batting. In August 1906 at Kennington Oval against Surrey 2nd XI, the latter scored 154, with Jack Bennett's 30 seeing Berkshire to 359/5 in the second innings to win by 5 wickets on the last day, with 25 minutes to spare. This was then a record fourth innings score in Minor Counties' cricket. His bowling was perhaps not as impressive, with a cumulative County analysis of 2-0-17-0. Jack also played golf with a handicap of 5. He was wounded in World War One.

⁶ Seeking another ground for matches

60 years ago

At the Annual General Meeting held on 2 April 1954 (following the annual supper) the Chairman called on the Secretary to inform the meeting of the general items concerning the proposed change of venue to the Brondesbury Cricket Club for the season 1954/55.

After considerable discussion and comments from Messrs Lockwood-Wingate, D Smythe, J C Saunders, A Leake, T B Stafford B Barker and G Porter, it was decided that final negotiations be left to a sub-committee consisting of J Potter, G Porter and A Reid, with power to co-opt any of the elected officers of the Club.

It was particularly stressed that the Hampstead Hockey Club should retain its own entity and generally recommended that a tenancy basis for at least one year would be preferable to paying over all subscriptions. The Secretary noted all recommendations and it was agreed that the members should be informed by circular as soon as any decision had been made.

The Chairman summarised this discussion and expressed the general reluctance to leave Hampstead. Without a formal proposition he suggested that negotiations be left to the three members previously mentioned.

Mr Blane of the Committee of Management expressed his thanks for being invited to the Meeting. He explained the position of Hampstead Cricket Club and the attendant difficulties of maintaining playing conditions for two elevens each Saturday. If the move were made, he hoped the happy and pleasant relationship established between Hampstead Crickets Club and the Hockey Club would be maintained. In wishing the Club every success, he particularly thanked those members who had helped with other social functions, such as dances, raffles, summer fetes etc.

Any Other Business

Mr J Potter asked if the Club could have a distinctive tie. The matter was refereed to J C Sankey, who would obtain samples of both a) silk and b) silk rayon before a final decision be made.

Mr Potter then expressed a very hearty vote of thanks to P C Kay for his untiring work during the season and hoped he would be present to assist in the future.

50 years ago

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 3 April 1964 at the Two Chairmen, Dartmouth Street, SW1

The Secretary reported that an arrangement has been made with Lillywhites before the present season to supply Club shirts considerably cheaper than previously at 33/-. He also reported that by the good office of the President, a better quality Club tie was now on sale in the Hornsey Bar at only 7/6.

The Secretary reported that the profit from the Club Dinner was far short of £50 as suggested last year and this was due to the very poor support from members.

In the absence of Mr Deegan, due to injury, the Secretary read his annual report as follows:
The season's results were:

<i>Team</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1 st XI	23	10	5	8	31	30
2 nd XI	21	7	4	10	41	58
3 rd XI	22	8	5	9	48	50
4 th XI	21	9	3	9	51	57
5 th XI	20	8	4	8	53	53
Extra XI's	3	2	-	1	6	11

He added that overall it had only been a moderate season. There had been some good 1st XI results – wins against OK's and Cambridge University, draws against Tulse Hill and Beckenham – but some very disappointing ones. In particular, 31 goals in a full season was the lowest for the 1st XI since at least 1935. The Barnard Cup had been won by the 1st XI and would be presented at the next Annual Dinner.

Representative Honours had been gained since the last season by himself (Great Britain, England and captaining the Combined Services and Middlesex). W N Livingstone (captain of Scotland) D J Austin-Jones (final Welsh trial and Middlesex) F C Welles (Combined Services and Suffolk) A L Stranger (South and Hampshire) J Burnett, C R S Cockerell and A P Conway (Middlesex) H M Dunford (Bucks) and other appearances for County "A" sides. In addition C J G Atkinson (captain of Oxford University) and J C Missar (captain of London University and Surrey) had made holiday appearances for the Club.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the retiring Captain and Vice-Captain and the President added his own congratulations to the Captain for his successes and best wishes for a possible Olympic trip

20 years ago

The Men's 1's were champions of the South League that season and on the way to National League.

Hampstead & Westminster	19	14	2	3	39	12	44pts
Anchorians	19	13	2	4	59	26	41
City of Portsmouth	19	13	2	4	30	19	41
Gore Court	19	11	6	2	37	14	39
Maidenhead	19	10	6	3	36	20	36
High Wycombe	19	11	2	6	32	18	35
Oxford Hawks	19	11	1	7	41	31	34
Old Kingstonians	19	8	6	5	28	21	30
Fareham	19	6	10	3	18	12	28
Staines	19	7	6	6	27	23	27
Winchester	19	7	5	7	32	27	26
Lyons	19	7	3	9	28	26	24
Chichester	19	7	2	10	30	37	23
Spencer	19	6	2	12	24	38	20
Wimbledon	19	4	7	8	18	25	19
Dulwich	19	5	4	10	19	33	19
Old Walcountians	19	5	3	11	24	38	18
Mid Sussex	19	5	1	13	19	41	16
Tulse Hill	19	3	0	16	11	50	6
Hendon	19	2	0	17	13	54	6

The Women's 1st XI were champions too, of the Hockey Digest Ladies League Division 1

<i>Opponent</i>			<i>Scorers</i>
NPL	W	3-0	Charnell 3
Polytechnic	W	3-1	Charnell Thompson Ring
Chiswick	D	0-0	
Harrow	L	0-1	
Staines	W	9-1	Charnell 6 Curr 2 Murphy
Hounslow	W	3-2	Thompson 2 Davies
Southgate Ladybirds	W	9-0	Thompson 3 Charnell 3 Curr Edmondson Gardner
Ealing	W	5-0	Thompson 3 Stubbs Edmondson
Sunbury	W	3-0	Charnell Davies Gardner
Winchmore Hill	W	4-0	Thompson Charnell 2 Stubbs
Teddington	W	1-0	Thompson

Top Four League Places

Hampstead & Westminster	11	9	1	1	38	5	28pts
Hounslow 1	11	8	1	2	26	9	24
Polytechnic 1	11	6	4	1	17	5	22
Teddington 1	11	5	4	2	10	3	19

[15 years ago](#)

Things were coming to a head in the National League and Hampstead & Westminster were in some difficulty. This is from the EHA Newsletter of 22 March 1999

Cannock finish on top

Cannock will finish the season as top team in the league after a win at Bournville and a 5-5 draw at Guildford, which saw Bob Crutchley net his 200th league goal. They will be joined in the preferential 1v2 play-off game by Southgate despite a 3-1 loss at Teddington on Saturday.

Reading have all but mathematically confirmed the third play-off spot following a win at Guildford on Saturday. The final place is still up for grabs with Canterbury only two points ahead of Beeston after the Nottinghamshire side's 5-2 win when the teams met on Sunday. Beeston must beat Southgate on 11th April and hope Canterbury lose to Guildford to overtake them.

At the foot of the table Brooklands and East Grinstead are relegated. East Grinstead have enjoyed unbroken membership of the top division of the league since its inception in 1988. An even more successful side, twice league winners, Hounslow face a play-off series to retain their Premier Division status.

Surbiton will face Hounslow in the play-offs after they clinched the Division One title with a 7-1 win over Firebrands. South African Greg Nicol, scored another hat-trick for Surbiton to take his total to 24 in just eight games since the break. Doncaster finished a point adrift after a 7-0 win at Bromley.

The race for a top eight finish saw Havant squeezed into ninth place following a 2-1 defeat at **Hampstead**. Chelmsford who won at Loughborough and Indian Gymkhana who drew with Lewes did enough to condemn Havant, who have won the league a record three times, to the new Division Two.

At the bottom of the table there was bad news for Yorkshire, with Hull relegated and Sheffield entering the Inter League play offs.

[Postscript](#)

The Club's Annual Dinner and Dance (with presentations) is to be convened this year on Saturday, 26 April 2014. The floating venue is HMS President 1918, secured for H&W's exclusive use, so it promises to be a special evening and night all will remember (ahem).

7pm Drinks Reception for 7.30pm Dinner
Dress: Black Tie
Formal Dinner followed by DJ and Dancing
Carriages 1.30am

[Next edition](#)

This will feature a preview of the 120th year in the club's history. At the risk of repetition, more immediate current news of the club and its fortunes can always be obtained via the website (with regular team reports) on Facebook or by following it on Twitter (@HandWHC),

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