

Welcome

This is the eighteenth in our series of Newsletters. It marks a new scheme of trying to provide more relevant news quicker by reporting during the mid-season break in the National League calendar. It may be briefer but will be followed by an *end of season* edition as customary, although that, too, may have less content, for hopefully obvious reasons.

Executive Summary

The Club is in good heart, with both first teams well placed in their Leagues, the Women seemingly able to avoid the post promotion effect and able to maintain their showing of last season as newcomers. The Men have seen the hard work of pre-season reap rewards. A new team has evolved in quick time and has enjoyed success not seen in recent seasons and are well-placed at just more than the half way stage.

Up to 14 January 2017, in the London League the Men's 2nd XI and 3rd XI are leaders in the Premier Division and Division 1, respectively. Zak Hond XI are in ninth spot in the same League Division 1. The 4th XI are in tenth position in London League Division 2. In Division 3, the 5th XI are league leaders, with nine wins and three losses, a point ahead of London Wayfarers. In Division 5, the Hammers XI are in fifth place. Division 6 has two H&W teams: the Spaniards XI are fourth and the Thirsts XI are fifth. The Vets sit top of Veterans Division One, with nine wins and three losses but the Supervets are struggling a little, being seventh of eight in Supevets Division 1, helped by a win on 7 January 2017 against Chelmsford.

In the South Division 3A, the Women's 2nd XI are second, behind PHC Chiswick and the 3rd XI are on top of the Middlesex Premier by 9 points, having lost only one game. In that same League the Women's 4th XI are in eighth place with four wins and four losses. Middlesex Division 1 has two H&W competitors, the 5th XI are in fourth place and 6th XI are in seventh. The Women's 7th XI are sixth in Division 3. Two teams have already withdrawn from that League.

In junior hockey, the Boys Under 14 XI have a 100% record, after six wins but are second in the Mercian Home Counties Hockley League only because Old Merchant Taylors have played two games more (but have lost one). In the Home Counties Girls League, the Under 14 XI are third, with two wins, a draw and a loss.

News of the Carlton Tavern

There has not been as much activity recently, given what was thought to be a stand-off between the owner/developer and the City of Westminster, with little sign of any action or movement on site. However, in October 2016 the *Kilburn Times* carried a report of discoveries made by Councillor Tom Crockett, Conservative representative for Maida Vale, when he asked Westminster City Council if the developer, CLTX, had put in an application to the Courts for a Judicial Review.

He said: "It's great news. CLTX have new representatives. There was a site visit to discuss sourcing materials for the refurbishment recently so they are certainly giving outward signs of complying. I'm really positive this is going to happen."

Councillor Rita Begum, his Labour colleague, said: "It's an amazing victory. All the hard work everyone put in, especially the whole community coming together and supporting this campaign. I'm very pleased with the outcome that the pub will be rebuilt, brick by brick."

The background, covered in past Newsletters, is that the Israeli based company partially demolished the building and left it in rubble in April 2015, only weeks after Westminster City Council refused its planning application to knock it down and build flats with a basement bar.

CLTX appealed Westminster's ruling shortly afterwards and appealed the ensuing enforcement order to rebuild the pub, which was first rebuilt in 1922 and due to be listed by Historic England. In July, a public inquiry ruled that CLTX must rebuild the pub within two years, with the enforcement order imposed on the site should the developer try to sell it.

John Simmance, a member of Friends of Carlton Tavern campaign group, said: "This is a great day for the community. Since April 2015 when CLTX illegal destroyed this beautiful pub, we have campaigned to have it restored and rebuilt. From day one we got everybody involved."

A spokesman for Westminster City Council simply said: "We are in discussion with the developer on what steps must be taken to rebuild the Carlton Tavern".

For the technicians amongst us, Westminster City Council issued an injunction against the demolition and imposed an enforcement notice on what was left of the building. The breach alleged was the demolition of the building. The steps required that the developer rebuild a facsimile of the original premises. The owner/developer appealed. This led to a five-day inquiry.

Commentators thought that the interesting aspect of the case could be over the steps required to rebuild the pub. The purpose of the enforcement notice was to remedy the breach of planning control but the Inspector looked at whether the steps went beyond what was necessary to remedy the harm, rather than the breach. Thankfully, he concluded that they were not excessive, presumably on either test.

The more interesting aspect, perhaps, is the level of detail of the enforcement notice in order for it to be upheld (and what this might mean for other enforcement actions). The developer's appeal also challenged the validity of the enforcement notice.

Here the enforcement notice contained 126 pages. Most of it comprised photographs and text descriptions, as well as floor plans and elevation drawings collated by Westminster to demonstrate the layout and condition of the building prior to demolition. The notice required the facsimile rebuilding to be in conformity with these photographs and drawings. Usually in other cases enforcement notices simply state that an owner is to "reinstate the building to its pre-existing condition". Yet still, in this instance, the developer claimed that the notice was too imprecise to follow and should therefore be quashed.

The Inspector threw out that aspect of the appeal but it is now seen as a warning to make sure that a requirement to reinstate is made as precise as it can be.

Another challenge was on what "facsimile" meant and the extent to which, if something was unknown or could not be replicated, a requirement to rebuild an exact "facsimile" of the existing building would be too legally imprecise.

Here the Inspector came to what was felt to be a reasonable view that the facsimile requirement related only to the aspects that could be determined from the photographs. The building was to be more a replica than an exact facsimile. Again, precision is seen as key. The Inspector seems to have been swayed by the fact that some of the building still existed, meaning that some elements of the layout could be physically discerned. This vindicated the City Council's decision to obtain the injunction preventing the demolition before it was complete.

There was also an appeal by the developer against the refusal to grant permission for the proposed redevelopment. Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the way he approached the enforcement appeal, the Inspector refused the planning appeal.

It is not yet known whether the developer will appeal these decisions. "What came down has been ordered to go back up again but the legal proceedings may hold it down for a while yet".

[Gala Dinner Weekend](#)

The Gala Dinner announced in the last Newsletter was held on 3 September 2016. It was preceded by a few elements of entertainment at Paddington earlier in the afternoon

Women's 1st XI v Super Vets

In a combative game marked by superb goalkeeping, the Vets scored and held on for a tenacious 1-0 win that hopefully was a useful warm-up for the 1st XI.

Shoot out Shuffle Competition

This was a challenge by a payment of an entrance fee to take on Men's 1s 'keeper – hopefully with a prize for winner - but the loss of your wager if you failed to score

3.00 pm Shovellers' Game

Jimmy Marsom and Will Saxby had been busy recruiting past players and had a greater degree of success than first imagined. Interest was taken up by (amongst others) Rob Thompson, Rob Leslie-Carter, Mark Crowley, Gulsh Mandair, Derek Stone, Dave Dixon, Dave Bott (on tour) Mike Williamson, Dan Williams J J Van Dijk (travelling from Holland via London, usefully) and Tim Forte (in what he claimed was his one annual appearance as a player).

It was hoped to provide a squad of current Men's 1's to take on the past Men's '1s (comprising any past player still fit enough to have a go for 35 minutes and not face an onslaught by the current squad). That said, the Men's 1's were competing in a four-team tournament that afternoon in Sonning at Reading HC, in preparation for the Premier League season. This they won on the following Sunday (and had followed a resounding 4-0 defeat of Reading on the Friday evening)



Shovellers XIs

We are indebted to Dave Dixon for his reflections after the Shovellers game on Saturday

"I too wish to give my thanks to Will for his organisational skills. I very much enjoyed my role as the oldest training cone but will not be putting myself forward for selection next year as I have already booked root canal work on that day. Other notable memories will be the first time I've been in a side that shipped 16 goals and the least I've ever contributed to a game of hockey (leave it, Dan).

I was however immensely impressed at the skill levels and fitness of our Men's 1s/2s but slightly miffed that I forgot to ask them exactly what sport they were playing.

It was good to catch up with 'old' colleagues especially one Dave Bott whose life story, if it isn't already a film, should become one. Share the film rights, Botty?

My MVP also went to Rob Leslie-Carter although Dan, as usual, would probably have won it somehow.

Well done to you Tim for being able to walk off the pitch unaided with your head held high, although photos from the back reveal that this was achieved with considerable strapping.

Thanks to Derek for his scrapbook and all the pictures of Dan and Gulsh and Dan and Gulsh.....when's my root canal appointment?

I suggest that for those of you that don't already - "Get out there and play more old farts hockey". Once again many thanks to Will. Until next year(?!)”



Masters Hockey Plug

Dave also mentioned that in his view the standard of Masters hockey is improving year by year and there are regular tournaments both at home and all over the world if that takes your fancy. There are annual Masters Divisional tournaments. Most of the Shovellers representatives “could probably get into an English/Dutch/Scottish/New Zealand/Australian International Masters age group squads”.

<http://www.englishhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=420§ionTitle=England+Masters>

He added that, “they start at over 40s and go up in five year slots to (currently) over 75s. If you get in with a good bunch of chaps and the hockey is of a good standard then it's jolly fine fun, like what it used to be, innit. Get out there! (that means you as well, Dan)”.

Memorial Match

On the following Sunday, an older brigade appeared on the caged pitch for the annual match to commemorate those lost to the Club far too early. This year there was special mention of Will Higgins who died earlier in the summer. Will was a very reliable full back in the 1980's with a good eye. He was a keen club cricketer and always a useful person to know for his inside knowledge and experience in the wine trade. Jerry Stanyard's cohort of predominantly green shirted Legends were aided by a younger goalkeeper and by his son with possibly more speed than the entire remainder of the team, save for Tony Henman, of course. It was good, too, to see Tim Cartmell on the sidelines, amongst many others.

Fund Raising

As we are now halfway through the season, the Club' fund raising team wanted to report on what has been achieved. "Being a central London club and charity organisation within the community, we face unique financial challenges. Currently we are focusing on fundraising to replace the pitch.

First we wish to thank for their kind donations to our club's outreach programmes:-

- Legg Mason Asset Management (introduced through Jimmy Marsom)
- CBRE Charity (introduced through Charlie Nairn and James Kipling)

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Club puts out 19 teams on a Saturday. Our home ground is in the middle of a busy central London park. We can offer:-

- Club Sponsorship - we have options from £500
- Dug outs - England Hockey requires us to install dugouts that are available for life sponsorship.
- Men's 1st XI Sponsorship
- Women's 1st XI Sponsorship

Does your company or employer support matched funding? This qualifies to meet our opportunities and is the major source of fundraising on which we are concentrating"

What's Coming Up?

The *City Rat Race* will be a Sunday fun day out in February; challenges, riddles, to get your team from Paddington Sports Club to 'somewhere in central London'.

Recent Contributions

- £185 from Pub Golf
- £218 from the Men's 3's Quiz
- £6,000 donation from Legg Mason Asset Management
- £10,000 generated by the Men's 1's & Women's 1's Gala Dinner Auction
- £200 donation from the CBRE Charitable Trust
- £2,500 donation from the Worshipful Company of Mercers
- £730 Easy fundraising

The total raised for the mid-year is c£19,275 and our target is a least £30,000".

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to christineshrimpton@hotmail.com

[Easy fundraising](#)

National League Men

In present times in the Premier League, it is an accepted norm that in every year you have to improve 15% just to stand still. Thus, this year the Club's management and the Men's 1's decided that they needed to improve 30+%. There is an evident ambition, which may have been in doubt, that is pleasing to the older supporters of HHC, and later H&W, who remember the old London League days of being one or two off the bottom of the League table year after year – or just missing out when, for example, the National League was formed.

At the quadrangular tournament at Sonning in early September, Hampstead played Reading on the Friday evening. A few players were out on each side - especially post Rio. H&W played a very high press with two on the top of the circle and at high tempo. They outplayed Reading, who appeared not to know what had hit them, in a 4-0 win.

In the first League game, they flew out of the blocks and trounced Canterbury 7-2, with Matt Guise Brown (with short corner conversions) and Mikey Watt (the Ireland forward) each scoring debut hat tricks, the first in the National League for the club since Jabba King in 2000 against Lewes (also an opening season match).;

At Surbiton for a Saturday evening game, H&W were in charge for a lot of the game and took a 2-0 lead into half time after two further short corner goals from Guise Brown. However, Matt Daly scored from a corner with four minutes left on the clock to earn a 2-2 draw. Coach Kwan Browne was prominent in the next game against Loughborough, scoring on the fourth minute with a shot that flew in off the goalkeeper's helmet and followed this with a converted penalty stroke. Two more were then scored by Sam French and Mikey Watt, as the students dug in and the final score was 4-1. This was followed by the usual hard fought match against Brooklands that H&W won 2-1, after goals from Guise Brown and Shipperley.

The first loss was another Saturday evening fixture in the cold and rain at Chatham against Holcombe. H&W rather gifted them a goal with a lazy intercepted pass early on but it was then hammer and tong. Mikey Watt scored an equaliser with a cracking shot from the top of the circle in an inside right position and that was the way the game was going when Ricard Lane of Holcombe produced a shot from nowhere that flew in from wide on the right. H&W pressed for a deserved equaliser and were thwarted when GB skipper Barry Middleton hooked a rapid corner away on the line over his shoulder on the left post. Hampstead withdrew their goalkeeper for the last five minutes. When a short corner was awarded for the home side on 70 minutes (the second time this has occurred at their ground in successive seasons) it was put away without a goalkeeper to defend it, to give a slightly misleading final score of 3-1. A 2-2 draw would have been a fair result.

By all accounts Hampstead had the better of the game against the unbeaten Wimbledon but the match ended 2-2, the equaliser coming in the last five minutes. Hampstead's goals were scored by Rupert Shipperley and Jonny Codling.

Against Beeston the 1-0 score defied belief. It was one of those games where the ball would just not go in. H&W were all over Beeston. Kwan was on coaching duty abroad so the lack of his drive and influence may have been a factor. Hampstead were patient and moved the ball left and right with accuracy. Beeston had nine or ten behind the ball for most of the second half,. The dee was like a resettlement camp. Their goalkeeper saved three low slung corners outstretched at the foot of the post and was blessed that day. Beeston were euphoric at the end. It was larceny, akin to Brinks Mat. And to think Beeston were then second in the table.

Against Reading the pre-season form was maintained and H&W won conformably 4-1, with two goals from Guise Brown and one each for Shipperley and Chris Cargo. Richard Mantell's consolation goal came in the 68th minute. H&W then came away from East Grinstead with a 3-2 win, after two more corner goals from Matt Guise Brown, to take his season 's tally to ten and a further goal from Sam French, ending a poor run of visits to Saint Hill.

The good fortune deserted H&W at home in the return fixture against Surbiton that was lost 3-4, with the goals coming from Chris Cargo and a field goal (his first for Hampstead's 1's) scored by Richard Smith and a third from Kwan Browne. Splenetic appeared to be the reaction of the day.

Results

18 September 2016	Hampstead 7 Canterbury 2
24 September 2016	Surbiton 2 Hampstead 2
2 October 2016	Hampstead 4 Loughborough Univ 1
9 October 2016	Hampstead 2 Brooklands MU 1
16 October 2016	Holcombe 3 Hampstead 1
23 October 2016	Hampstead 2 Wimbledon 2
6 November 2016	Beeston 1 Hampstead 0
12 November 2016	Hampstead 4 Reading 1
20 November 2016	East Grinstead 2 Hampstead 3
27 November 2016	Hampstead 3 Surbiton 4

Scorers

Matt Guise Brown 10
Michael Watt 5
Kwan Browne 3
Rupert Shipperley 3

Chris Cargo 3
Sam French 2
Jonny Codling 1
Richard Smith 1

Fixtures

3 February 2017	Loughborough Univ v Hampstead
12 February 2017	Brooklands MU v Hampstead
18 February 2017	Hampstead v Beeston
26 February 2017	Canterbury v Hampstead
5 March 2017	Hampstead v East Grinstead
12 March 2017	Reading v Hampstead
18 March 2017	Wimbledon v Hampstead
26 March 2017	Hampstead v Holcombe

League Table

Holcombe	10	8	1	1	20	25
Wimbledon	10	7	3	0	20	24
Surbiton	10	6	3	1	15	21
Beeston	10	6	1	3	5	19
Hampstead & W	10	5	2	3	9	17
East Grinstead	10	5	1	4	7	16
Reading	10	3	3	4	-5	12
Brooklands	10	2	0	8	-23	6
Canterbury	10	1	0	9	-22	3
Loughborough Univ	10	0	0	10	-26	0

National League Women

The League season opened with a narrow loss at PRG to Wimbledon by the odd goal in three and then a goalless draw at Chelmer Park against Chelmsford. Then followed three emphatic wins against Southgate, when the 1's were 2-0 down at half time only to come charging back with five unanswered goals in the 44th, 47th, 57th, 61st and 62nd minutes, away at Northampton Saints when seven goals were scored (a hat trick for Fleur Horner and two for Helen Cathcart) and a Joyce Esser hat-trick inspired win against Harleston (who had taken the lead in the first minute).

The next game was against the League leaders, Sevenoaks, who prevailed 3-1. Annabeth Wijtenburg had recently returned from injury and scored in a 3-0 win against West Herts (who like Northampton Saints were new comers to the League). Cressida Grant grabbed two goals in the home 2-1 defeat of Cambridge City.

At the end of November in the first of the return fixtures, St Albans reversed the fortunes by the same 2-1 score, to leave the 1's in fourth place in the League, one point behind Harleston Magpies.

Results.

17 September 2016	Hampstead 1 Wimbledon 2
24 September 2016	Chelmsford 0 Hampstead 0
1 October 2016	Hampstead 2 St Albans 1
8 October 2016	Southgate 2 Hampstead 5
15 October 2016	Northampton Saints 3 Hampstead 7
22 October 2016	Hampstead 4 Harleston Magpies 1
5 November 2016	Sevenoaks 3 Hampstead 1
13 November 2016	Hampstead 3 West Herts 0
19 November 2016	Hampstead 2 Cambridge City 1
28 November 2016	St Albans 2 Hampstead 1

Scorers

Helen Cathcart 5
Fleur Horner 4
Joyce Esser 4
Cressida Grant 3

Michelle Borren 2
 Jessica Orrett 1
 Olivia Rendall 1
 Hayley Turner 1
 Jasmine Clark 1
 Diede van Heijden 1
 Annabeth Wijtenburg 1
 Isabel Wray 1
 Kate Mccaw 1

Fixtures

4 February 2017	Hampstead v Chelmsford
11 February 2017	Harleston Magpies v Hampstead
18 February 2017	Hampstead v Southgate
25 February 2017	West Herts v Hampstead
4 March 2017	Hampstead v Northampton Saints
11 March 2017	Cambridge City v Hampstead
18 March 2017	Wimbledon v Hampstead
25 March 2017	Hampstead v Sevenoaks

League Table

Wimbledon	10	9	0	1	24	27
Sevenoaks	10	8	0	2	24	24
Harleston Magpies	10	6	2	2	14	20
Hampstead & W	10	6	1	3	11	19
Cambridge City	10	4	2	4	3	14
St Albans	10	4	2	4	2	14
Chelmsford	10	3	2	4	-5	11
Southgate	10	2	3	5	-8	9
West Herts	10	1	1	8	-28	4
Northampton Saints	10	0	1	9	-37	1

Indoor Hockey 2017

The Men have taken up the challenge of recovering from a relegation from Division One of Indoor Hockey last year and to participate in the South Division of National League Division 2. The initial games for the South were held at Polo Farm Canterbury on 7th and 8th January 2017. The top three teams in the two regional leagues meet at the University of the West of England in Filton, Bristol, on 21st and 22nd January 2017 in the Division Two finals.

Results

Old Loughtonians 2 Hampstead 5
 Trojans 1 Hampstead 15
 Ipswich 1 Hampstead 5
 Hampstead 4 Ashmoor 2
 Hampstead 9 Fareham 0

South Table

Hampstead & W	5	5	0	0	32	15
Ipswich	5	4	0	1	8	12
Fareham	5	3	0	2	-5	9
Ashmoor ¹	5	1	1	3	-5	4
Old Loughtonians	5	1	1	3	-6	4
Trojans	5	0	0	0	-25	0

North Table

Bournville	5	4	0	1	17	12
Olton & West Warwick	5	4	0	1	7	12
Doncaster	5	3	0	2	12	9

¹ An up and coming club from Ashburton, Devon

Clifton Robinsons	5	3	0	2	-3	9
Deeside Ramblers	5	1	0	4	-15	3
Cheltenham	5	0	0	5	-18	0

Fixtures

21 January 2017	1200	Hampstead v Olton & West Warwick
21 January 2017	1500	Fareham v Hampstead
22 January 2017	0900	Hampstead v Bournville
22 January 2017	1200	Doncaster v Hampstead
22 January 2017	1500	Hampstead v Ipswich

20 minutes are played each half. Games will start at the specified times. Warm up time is allowed at the end of the preceding match. The Tournament Director may change the match schedule if circumstances dictate.

The division is played as a six team round robin, with the two highest finishing teams qualifying for Division 1 in 2017/18. Teams finishing in third to sixth places will play in Division 2N or 2S in 2017/18.

Feeder Leagues

Winners of the Reginal Leagues gain promotion to the National League Conferences at the end of the season, whilst the bottom teams face play-off matches to guarantee survival. What is the current state of play out there? (They include opponents of H&W in the National League of yesteryear)

Men

North Premier

Leeds	12	9	3	0	30
Alderley Edge	12	7	1	4	22
Timperley	12	7	0	5	21
Formby	12	5	5	2	20

South Premier One

Bromley & Beckenham	11	9	2	0	29
Havant	11	9	0	2	27
Oxford Hawks	11	8	0	3	24
Spencer	11	8	0	3	24

East Premier A

Old Loughtonians	13	11	0	2	33
City of Peterborough	12	11	0	1	33
St Albans	12	10	0	2	30
Harleston Magpies	12	7	2	3	23

West & South Wales Premier

Robinsons	11	8	1	2	25
Cardiff Met A*	11	7	2	2	23
Cardiff University	11	5	2	4	17
University of Bristol A*	11	5	2	4	17

**already has a team in the National League and therefore is precluded from promotion*

Midlands Premier

Nottingham University	11	10	0	1	30
Khalsa	11	8	0	3	24
Harborne	11	8	0	3	24
Belper	11	6	2	3	20

Women

North Premier

Leeds	12	9	3	0	30
Fylde	12	9	2	1	29

Whitley Bay & T'mouth	11	8	1	2	25
Doncaster	12	7	2	3	23

South Division One

Barnes	10	8	1	1	25
Surbiton 2*	10	6	3	1	21
Maidenhead	10	6	3	1	21
Wimbledon 1A*	10	5	3	2	18

East Premier

Bedford	12	11	0	1	33
Wapping	12	8	2	2	26
St Albans 2*	12	8	2	2	26
Ipswich	12	6	5	1	23

West Premier Division One

Clifton 2*	12	11	0	1	33
Isca 2*	12	10	0	2	30
Lydney	12	8	1	3	25
Team Bath Buccaneers	12	8	0	4	24

Midlands Premier

Beeston 2*	9	7	2	0	23
Leamington	9	7	1	1	22
Univ of Birmingham*	9	6	1	2	19
Cannock	9	5	2	2	17

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Red Card Regulations

Over the past few years England Hockey has been working to align the rules of 11-a-side hockey at all levels. After feedback from the Regions Consultative Committee, England Hockey has also been reviewing its Disciplinary Code in line with the latest FIH Rules of Hockey.

Following the review, the EH Disciplinary Code has been amended in relation to personal penalties received by players during a game, with specific reference to red cards. The intention is to ensure that an accumulation of minor offences results in a proportionate sanction.

For the current season, any player who receives a red card after committing a minor offence for a second time, having also received a yellow card for the first offence, will no longer automatically receive a 16-day ban.

If a player repeats an offence for which they have already been yellow carded, they should be shown a red card, in keeping with paragraph 2.3.e of the 'Umpiring Section' of the FIH Rules of Hockey, which states:

*It is possible, although umpires are not encouraged to do so, for a player to receive two green or yellow cards for different minor offences during the same match. **However, when an offence for which a card has already been awarded is repeated, the same card must not be used again and a more severe penalty must be awarded.***

However, following the revision such a red card will now only result in the player being suspended for the remainder of the game in question. It will no longer result in a 16-day ban. It should be noted that a player can still receive a second yellow card during a game, but only where the second offence is different to that for which the first yellow card was shown. In other words, a second yellow card is not an 'automatic' red card, unless it is for the same offence as the first.

Many leagues and competitions in England keep a record of the accumulated number of yellow cards awarded against individuals and teams throughout the season. Red cards shown in these situations will count as two yellow cards. This will also remove the need for the 'Technical Red Card' regulation within the England Hockey League.

Red card offences where a player intentionally misbehaves in a serious manner towards another player, umpire or other match official will continue to result in a minimum 16 day suspension, and consideration of an extended suspension by the relevant Disciplinary Officer.

Annual Dinner

The Club's Annual Dinner this year is to be held on 8 April 2017 at Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8 8QN, with a Champagne reception and three course dinner "followed by dancing and revelry" (it is reported). The cost is £80 pp (with student pricing available).

The Marylebone Cricket Club has kindly allowed the Club to return to this great venue. Dinner will be hosted in the Thomas Lord Suite (entry is through the Grace Gates on St John's Wood Road). It is a large self-contained venue overlooking the Gardens, in the shadow of the Pavilion and with its own secure cloakroom, fully stocked bar and dance floor.

Ticket prices include a champagne reception, three course dinner, ½ bottle of wine, as well as the usual prize giving and speeches



International Hockey - Women

Danny Kerry has recently named a 33-woman squad to lead England and Great Britain into the next Olympic cycle.

15 are joining the central programme for the first time, marking a significant injection of new blood to an already hugely successful squad. Joining this month are Amy Costello, Olivia Page, Erica Sanders and Anna Toman (all University of Birmingham), Charlotte Calnan, Emily Defroand, Jo Hunter and Hannah Martin (all Surbiton), Suzy Petty and Rose Thomas (both Wimbledon), Nicola Cochrane (Clifton Robinsons), Sarah Jones (Holcombe), Ellie Rayer (Loughborough University), Takara Haines (East Grinstead) and England's under 21 captain Kathryn Lane (Leicester).

On the back of Olympic gold and with a home World Cup in London in the summer of 2018 in prospect, the first opportunity for the team will come on 11th June, when England host the Netherlands on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Scotland's Cochrane and Costello enter the programme, and join compatriot Sarah Robertson in the squad. Welsh duo Thomas and Jones also join the programme for the first time. Surbiton's Martin joins the programme and her brother Harry is part of the Men's squad, having played in both the London and Rio Olympic games.

Head coach Danny Kerry said, "Following a number of months of assessment within our centralised programme we have selected a new initial squad for the Tokyo cycle. We have, I feel, a good depth of skillful, committed, smart, and athletic athletes who are eager to learn, develop and build on the legacy and momentum of the Rio Olympic cycle,"

Squad:

Giselle Ansley (Surbiton)
Grace Balsdon (Canterbury)
Sophie Bray (SC Kampong)
Charlotte Calnan (Surbiton)
Nicola Cochrane (Clifton Robinsons)
Amy Costello (University of Birmingham)
Alex Danson (Clifton Robinsons)
Emily Defroand (Surbiton)
Susie Gilbert (Reading)
Takara Haines (East Grinstead)
Sarah Haycroft (Surbiton)
Sabbie Heesh (Surbiton)
Maddie Hinch (SCHC)
Jo Hunter (Surbiton)
Sarah Jones (Holcombe)
Kathryn Lane (Leicester)
Joie Leigh (Clifton Robinsons)
Hannah Martin (Surbiton)
Shona McCallin (Holcombe)
Lily Owsley (University of Birmingham)
Olivia Paige (University of Birmingham)
Suzy Petty (Wimbledon)
Ellie Rayer (Loughborough Students)
Sarah Robertson (Edinburgh University)
Erica Sanders (University of Birmingham)
Zoe Shipperley (Buckingham)
Rose Thomas (Wimbledon)
Anna Toman (University of Birmingham)
Susannah Townsend (La Gantoise)
Laura Unsworth (East Grinstead)
Ellie Watton (Holcombe)
Hollie Webb (Surbiton)
Nic White (Holcombe)

International Hockey- Men

Tribute

Hampstead's former captain and defender, Dan Fox (currently playing for Holcombe) announced his retirement from international hockey after the conclusion of the Olympic Games along with three other long standing players. We salute Dan and all his achievements, recollecting, in particular, his selection in London in 2012 when still a Club member - and his goal against Argentina.

New faces

Coach Bobby Crutchley has added nine new faces to his 27-man playing squad for the new Olympic cycle. The squad has an average age of 25 as Crutchley relaunches his team, and their first opportunity comes this summer when England play in the Hockey World League in London. Scotland and Wales are both safely through to World League round two in March, when they will go up against each other for a place in the next stage.

Joining the programme are Liam Ansell, Brendan Creed and David Goodfield (all Surbiton), Jonty Griffiths, Ed Horler and Luke Taylor (all Loughborough University), James Albery (Beeston), Dan Kyriakides (Cardiff & Met) and Liam Sanford (Team Bath). Several have progressed through the Player Pathway to join the central programme at Bisham Abbey that is funded by UK Sport and the National Lottery.

Barry Middleton will return to the setup in the hope of competing in his fifth Olympics. David Ames, David Condon, Adam Dixon, Mark Gleghorne, Michael Hoare, Harry Martin, George Pinner, Ian Sloan, Sam Ward and Henry Weir represented Great Britain at the Rio games.

Scotland's Alan Forsyth and Chris Grassick are added to the squad (with Grassick currently working recovering from injury). Alastair Brogdon, Dan Fox, Simon Mantell and Dan Shingles have each retired from international hockey and double Olympians Nick Catlin and Iain Lewers have not been selected..

Ashley Jackson has decided to make himself unavailable for selection at this stage, along with James Bailey who has taken up full-time employment in the City.

Crutchley said, "We're very excited about this new group, there's been significant change and we're looking forward to really getting going and developing the players. When we had the players in for assessment late last year, seeing how keen and eager the players were really reinvigorated the group and will keep all of us on our toes. As always at this time there has been significant change, difficult decisions and we will miss all of the players who have either retired or aren't selected for this cycle".

"We've got some key tournaments coming up this year, particularly the Hockey World League in London and the EuroHockey Championships in Holland, and while we'll be taking something of a long lens for those events, we need to improve quickly and create a team that will stand us in good stead for the whole cycle".

Full time players

James Albery (Beeston)
David Ames (Holcombe)
Liam Ansell (Surbiton)
Tom Carson (Reading)
David Condon (East Grinstead)
Brendan Creed (Surbiton)
Adam Dixon (Rotterdam)
Alan Forsyth (Surbiton)
Harry Gibson (Surbiton)
Mark Gleghorne (Beeston)
David Goodfield (Surbiton)
Chris Grassick (Surbiton)
Chris Griffiths (East Grinstead)
Michael Hoare (Wimbledon)
Harry Martin (Rotterdam)
Barry Middleton (Holcombe)
George Pinner (Holcombe)
Phil Roper (Wimbledon)
Liam Sanford (Team Bath Buccaneers)
Ian Sloan (Wimbledon)
Luke Taylor (Loughborough University)
Sam Ward (Holcombe)
Henry Weir (Wimbledon)
Ollie Willars (Beeston)

Part time players

Jonty Griffiths (Loughborough University)
Ed Horler (Loughborough University)
Dan Kyriakides (Cardiff and Met)

The Hockey World League semi-final takes place from 15th to 25th June 2017 at Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The event is the qualifier for the 2018 Hockey World Cup, which will take place in India. It is the largest hockey competition outside the Olympics. Tickets are on sale from English Hockey and are reported to be selling fast. The prices start at £2.50 for children and £10 for adults. However, for matches involving England prices start at £5 for children and £17.50 for adults.

The Hockey Paper

The Hockey Paper is in the same significant stable as the Rugby and Cricket titles. It was one of the last projects undertaken by the late Graham Wilson, who sadly died last year and not long after his son had been tragically killed in a training accident at Old Loughtonians. Graham had negotiated the funding from the publisher and then handed it on to journalist Rod Gilmour, for him to see it through to fruition. It was for Rod to then put a group of columnists together that includes H&W's former coach Todd Williams, who now has some so-called spare time on his hockey hands, having decided to leave the coaching of Surbiton to Mark Pearn.



The Hockey Paper is on sale every Wednesday for just £1.50. It aims to cover all matches played in the Men's and Women's Premier Divisions and extensive round ups of the six Conferences below. It will also report on hockey action throughout Europe and the wider world.

You can buy it in all good newsagents and supermarkets (including selected branches of WH Smiths, Sainsbury's, ASDA and The Co-Op). If you are unable to locate a copy you can contact subscriptions@greenwayspublishing.com with your postcode and they can send a list of your nearest stockists. There is also an on-line subscription.

In a more recent edition, Dan Fox joins the contributors, with a comment upon the dangers of defending short corners, of which he has plenty of hard won experience. Dan lists his Top Five Hits, that is, the blows suffered by him defending short corners and goes on to assert that short corners as currently executed are dangerous enough to demand that they be changed. Dan's greater concerns are for health and safety in club and youth hockey rather more than the seasoned international regime. He has been involved with alternatives, such as two defenders and a goalkeeper opposing four attackers from the 23m line. As soon as the ball is played in, play goes live with three against four. He had encountered this in Australia when playing nine versus nine in 2009 and reckoned that it worked well. For Dan, the important aspect was that it did not force defenders to put their bodies on the line, as it were.

Oral Histories

This is the audio recording of history in the form of people's personal stories. It is currently being promoted for hockey by The Hockey Museum in Woking (THM). The project is led by Evelyn Somerville.

"Oral history can be defined as the recording, preservation and interpretation of historical information, based on the personal experiences and opinions of the speaker. It may take the form of eye-witness evidence about the past, but can include folklore, myths, songs and stories passed down over the years by word of mouth. While it is an invaluable way of preserving the knowledge and understanding of older people, it can also involve interviewing younger generations."

Recently there has been increasing interest in making oral records of events, stories, memories and other issues from the 'living past'. Some describe it as history we all carry around in our heads; our personal recollections and experiences. Much of the history that we store in our heads is lost as we pass on or disappear into retirement. That is where oral history comes into its own.

One of THM's volunteers is Peter Savage in whose honour the Oral Histories Collection is named. Peter is the well-respected hockey photographer and journalist. His *Talk Hockey Radio* interviews were the catalyst for the Museum's collection of oral histories. Soon Peter's interviews will be available on the THM website, along with interviews from THM's continuously growing collection of oral histories.

THM has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund with a grant for £7,100. With this funding THM is running a programme to collect oral histories from past players, umpires, officials and administrators.

The project intends to have conversations with, initially, 25 former hockey players and/or officials who have been long-time participants at all levels within the sport; to record their recollections and preserve them for the education of current and future generations of participants and potential participants and to encourage greater awareness of, and participation in, hockey.

THM has plans to attend major hockey events to capture histories and interesting stories from those involved, be they spectators, players or officials.

One such candidate for interview was Hampstead's longest serving member, Morley Pecker. Few can have had such a broad range of hockey experience and all has been condensed into approximately half an hour's recorded interview conducted by Evelyn Somerville, when THM set up its stall at Lee Valley at the Champions Trophy last summer.

You can gain access to the oral histories at <http://www.hockeymuseum.net/index.php/oral-histories>



Morley recounted that *“he was surprised and honoured to be asked to be one of those interviewed”* Having listened to the interview and some of the others, he thinks *“the results are pleasing”*. He had no opportunity of a preliminary run through *“and my story, aided by Evelyn’s few interventions, just flowed naturally, after I had been set under way with being asked how I first came to be involved in hockey.”*

“Of course, it was playing in goal at school and then joining Hampstead as a rather inadequate goalkeeper in the mid-50s – so much so that it was not long before I put away my kickers and took up a whistle.”

“The rest is history! I was the Hon. Treasurer of the European Hockey Federation for 16 years and I spent many more years on FIH Committees etc, so I was able to keep in touch with the international side of the game whilst I was out of the country. I also did quite a bit of umpiring in Belgium, especially in the earlier years. Apart from my career and my cricket interests, hockey has been one of the most important parts of my life – and I am grateful to it.”

Morley covers his times as a former international umpire, administrator and photographer. He recalls his experiences of officiating at the 1972 and 1976 Olympic Games in Munich and Montreal respectively. He charts his involvement with the European Hockey Federation (EHF) and the International Hockey Federation and reflects on the changing face of European hockey at the time of

the demise of the Soviet Union. He also discusses the founding of the World Grand Masters Association in 2002.

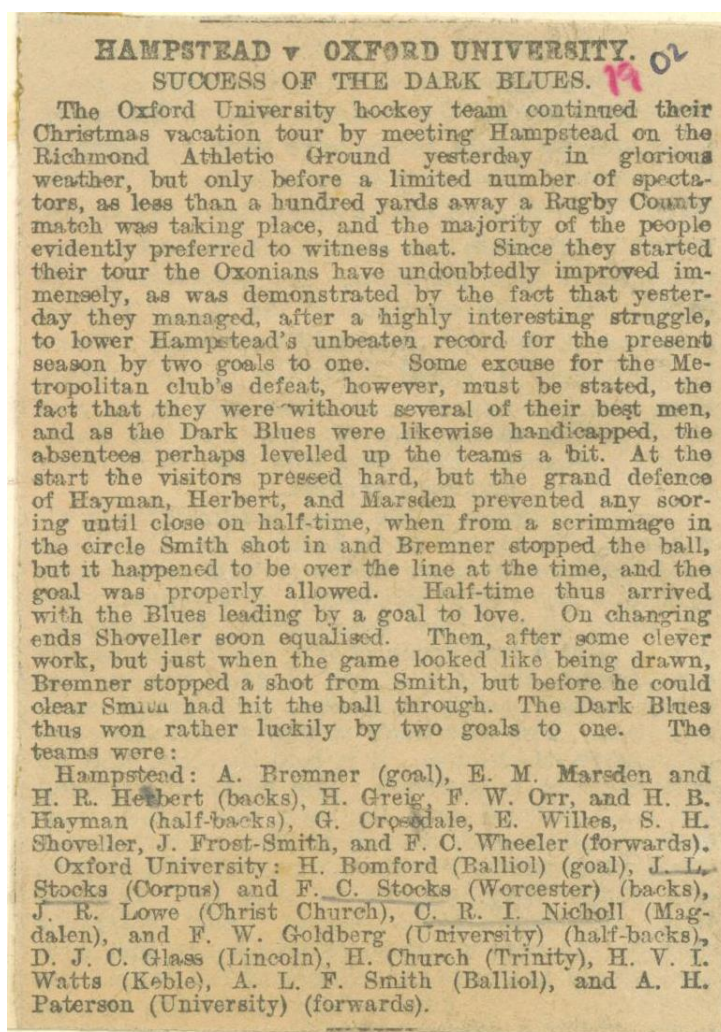
Morley was an accountant by profession. He worked at the European Commission, which explains his currently predominant residence in Brussels. As Treasurer of the EHF he "did the bookkeeping (using an accounting program) and saw all invoices from the office (mainly in Dublin) and from elsewhere – as well as controlling all expenditure and dealing with the wider aspects of a Treasurer's life (including much development expenditure and financial relations with the FIH and member associations) – at meetings, and in constant collaboration with my General Secretary".

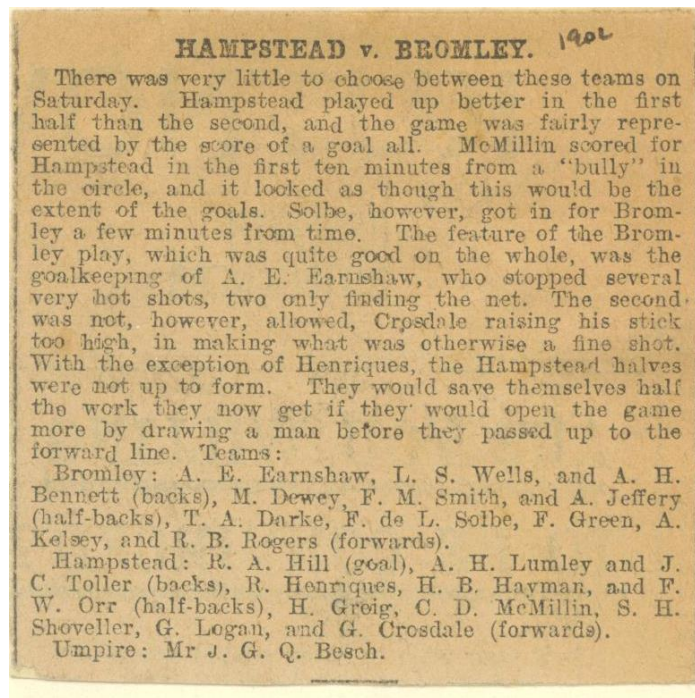
"To do this, I attended all the important meetings as well as many of the actual hockey events that often were combined with meetings. It was really a full-time job. But somehow, I found a little time also for my complicated European Commission work negotiating with Member States' Treasuries and Ministries of Finance on what they had to pay to Europe! My EHF successors of course had the benefit of an accountant working in the office".

Incidentally THM is now advertising to fill vacancies on its Board of Trustees. Candidates must be "enthusiastic and experienced, strong advocates for the organisation, support and the implementation of the Museum's vision and help to raise its profile". See their website for more details.

115 Years Ago...

From an unidentified newspaper.





95 Years Ago From *Hockey World*: Prominent Personalities

MR. W.P.PHILLIPS, The South Oxford University and Hampstead H.C., who has been selected to play for the South against the Midlands on February 5, is an old South colour, for he played for this division against the North and Midlands in 1921, the West in 1922, and also against the Midlands in 1925. Educated at the Oxford High School, Mr. Phillips obtained his Oxford hockey blue in 1920, 1921 and 1922, in which latter year he was the captain of the side. That was an historical year for the inter 'Varsity encounter at Beckenham, because the Dark Blues happened to face Mr. T. W. Mansergh's wonderful Cambridge XI, which was not defeated. Yet, in spite of the great strength of the Light Blues, Mr. Phillips had the supreme satisfaction of knowing that his side had that afternoon played a remarkably good game and were only beaten in the end by 3-2. Much of this was due to the brilliant goalkeeping shown by the old Oxonian himself, and he gave a display which he has probably never surpassed in a 'Varsity annual, and put the hallmark of success upon his reputation as a first-class goalkeeper.

Since those days, Mr. Phillips has been a member of the Hampstead H.C. with one small break, as in season 1925-26 he preferred to give up the "Aunt Sally" position and get a little more active exercise in the field. But, once again the lure of the position was too much for him. He resumed his former occupation this season for Hampstead, and has been showing consistent ability quite compatible with his earlier Oxford form. There is one noticeable feature about his "keeping" which captivates attention – that is his strong and accurate kicking out. Mr. Phillips has a keen eye and sound judgment and essays the kick out rather than of the hit out. Moreover, he is not one of those goalkeepers who stand like a pillar of stone on the goal line relying on padded legs to make stoppages. "Go out to attack" is his watchword and he follows the tactics of Mr. E. E. Brett, the English custodian, who heartily enters into the spirit of attacking on every conceivable occasion. Like the wicket keeper in cricket, the position of a hockey goalkeeper is one entirely different from any other player in the side. Great goalkeepers and wicket keepers are born, and not made. It is a common truism which one sees continually confirmed. It is a special department which requires a certain amount of natural aptitude to make a real success of it. Moderate backs, halves and forwards, have often discovered their abilities as goalkeepers by pure accident and chance. It was a happy discovery which Mr. Phillips made when he ventured to be "the sentinel" on the goal line. He is only a moderate player in the field, but a very brilliant goalkeeper.

Next edition

This will now aim to review the end of the season, in briefer form. It will cover other happenings on and off the pitch. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to mail@velwell.eclipse.co.uk.