

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club

Newsletter September 2025

Keeping Vice Presidents and Friends in the know

Welcome

This is the forty fifth Newsletter in the current format. It covers the start of the 2025-26 season, with the 25th anniversary of the Men's 1st XI promotion to the Premier Division and successively maintained since then, which is only longer in the case of Surbiton.

Highlights

In the usual tabloid format, the highlights of the summer (and in no particular order) are:

- Men's 1st XI matches at PRG will start at 1730h instead of 1800h
- Club President Richard Sykes and Dave Dixon win gold at the 2025 Masters European Championships
- Several members of the Men's 1st XI (including coach Danny Newcombe) assist Wales to win the EuroHockey Championships II
- Rupert Shipperley is appointed captain of the Men's 1st XI
- Danny Newcombe and David Cooper continue as coaches to the Men's and Women's; 1st XIs (respectively)
- Andrew Harrington stands down as Manager and Liaison Officer to the Men's 1st XI after two years' unparalleled commitment
- The Boys and Girls Talent Academy teams are unbeaten at the July event at Nottingham Hockey Centre
- Three junior teams travel to the Netherlands for pre-season matches

Tributes

Isobel Plumstead

The last newsletter unwittingly omitted a tribute to Isobel Plumstead, who died at the turn of the year. When sitting as a District Judge early in her judicial career she ruled in a routine divorce case that a husband's pension fund arrangements could be varied to provide for his former wife. It became a landmark ruling after an appeal to the House of Lords, which three years later in 1995, confirmed her decision and paved the way for pension sharing by couples on divorce. Colleagues speculated that she strongly disapproved of the husband's behaviour and his disregard for his former wife over maintenance and his deceit over the true extent of his assets. The decision prompted the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, which introduced pension sharing from December 2000. She was appointed a Circuit Judge in 2001.

Isobel was married to Nick Coleman, known within Hampstead & Westminster as *The Judge* before his own appointment as a Circuit Judge. Isobel hailed from Norwich and retained a connection finally manifested in the couple moving from the Barbican in the City of London to Anmer, contiguous with the Sandringham Estate, where the Prince and Princess of Wales were neighbours. Isobel was a strong supporter of the local church and trustee of the social club, where she was known to act as an advice bureau for local residents.

Isobel was active in support of Nick and the club in the 1970s from their home in Stoke Newington. Her main love was cricket and being in the Warner Stand at Lord's at a Test Match. And all while she was alleged to have "an absolute dispassion" for physical activity (other than in her gardening).

Wendy Spencer-Smith

Sadly, another death has been recorded, that of Wendy Spencer-Smith, a member of the first Hampstead Women's teams in 1983. She was known as a quiet, charming and pleasant member of the

team, playing very effectively on the right wing, with lots of pace. She took part in the legendary tour of Dublin in 1984, where her play was celebrated by the supporters, with the memorable chant that tripped off the tongue, "There is only one Wendy Spencer Smith!"

She joined Enfield Croquet Club and later was a member of the Watford (Cassiobury) Croquet Club and winner in 2005 of her club's Ladies' Handicap Cup and the High Handicap Cup a year later, which she regained in 2019. In 2009, she partnered Jim Field as runners up in the Handicap Doubles and was also runner up in the Unrestricted Handicap at the South of England Week, held at Compton Croquet Club.



Among numerous other events, in 2012, she was runner up in the Peel Memorials at Hamptworth in the Ladies' Singles, before winning in 2019 and 2022. In 2016, she took part in the All England Handicap at Edgbaston Croquet Club. She was defeated by John Bevington of Wrest Park, where she encountered an almost unplayable lawn following heavy rain at midday.



Wendy with John Bevington at Edgbaston

In July 2018, far from home, she took part in the Pendle Mid Week Association Croquet event. She won the High Bisque Handicap Event. Wendy is photographed on the left, below. collecting her trophy at Pendle.



She appeared in The Chalkhill Mallet Association Croquet (AC) Event in August 2021 at Eaton Park, Norwich. She was placed third, with four wins from six, beating Jonathan Toye by 11 in the final round. She went on to the Summer AC Handicap Tournament in Woking later that month and in the “final” Wendy was runner up to Christine Merrington of Littlehampton.

She took part last summer for the Watford club in the 2024 Association Croquet Tour, over seven consecutive days, playing at Hawptworth, Salisbury, on the next day at Kington Langley, Chippenham and finally, on the last day, at Blewbury, Oxfordshire, without success.

Vice Presidents

Three new Vice Presidents have been appointed by the club. They are Kat (Katherine) Baker and Hayley Turner, joint captains of the Women’s 1st XI and Annebeth Wijtenburg (Smith), who played such a large part in securing Premier Division hockey for the women.

37th EuroHockey General Assembly

The General Assembly brought together 29 national associations, the FIH President and Director General, and other key stakeholders for a two-day meeting in Mönchengladbach, prior to the hockey championships. Our man in attendance was **Morley Pecker**.

The Assembly gave time to reflect on the past year, showcase central initiatives and outline how EuroHockey can work for its members. Its first day began with the launch of three key projects – the EuroHockey Foundation, the Inclusion Charter and the Organisational Health service. It was followed by a series of masterclasses, looking at Leadership and Management, national strategies, a commercial round-table, organisational health, digital transformation, an officials masterclass and an update on the pitches of the future.

The second day was formally opened by the Mayor of Mönchengladbach and FIH President Tayyab Ikram and Director General Mike Joyce addressed the audience about the FIH global engagement. Members of Honour (including Morley) were then presented with a new EuroHockey gilded pin in an upgrade, it seemed, of the initial award. Apparently one of the Members of Honour had remarked to the FIH President that the Members were not individually named in the official press release. His reply was that there were no **new** Members of Honour this time and that the existing ones were just being upgraded to the 'gold' version and re-confirmed. The four who were actually present received their presentations on the platform.

For Morley, there had been more earlier. "I was really amazed and gratified when the current Russian Hockey President came up to me before the Assembly had actually started and privately presented me with a special medal. It had been struck to recall the anniversary of the Moscow Olympics 45 years ago. He knew that I had judged as the Assistant Technical Delegate (now called Technical Director) the men's hockey final in 1980 when India met Spain".

Morley recalled "a fabulous experience" in Moscow in 1980. He was very surprised that the Dutch TD offered him the men's final as ATD/Judge, when they both knew that this would prevent Morley taking photographs of the match for the FIH.

Youth

It was another busy summer for the Hampstead & Westminster juniors...

- Under 18 Boys 1s: winners of Tier 1 Cup (a national title) and runner up in Tier 1 League, progressing to the area League Finals, finishing fourth
- Under 18 Boys 2s: second in Tier 2 League A
- Under 18 Girls 1s: second in Tier 2 League A
- Under 18 Girls 2s; second in Tier 3 League
- Under 16 Boys 1s: winners of Tier 2 League A and winners of the area League Finals
- Under 16 Boys 2s: third in Tier 3A League North
- Under 16 Girls 1s: won promotion from Tier 2 to Tier 2A League (at Christmas) finishing third in Tier 2 League A
- Under 16 Girls 3s: winners of Tier 3A League North
- Under 14 Boys 1s: promoted from Tier 2 to Tier 1B League (at Christmas), finishing second and progressing to the area League Finals; finishing second in the National Championships Tier 1 Plate
- Under 14 Boys 2s: second in Tier 3A League North
- Under 14 Girl 1s: missed out on the Tier 1 Suprleague, moving to Tier 1 (at Christmas) where they finished first and progressed to the area League Finals, finishing third
- Under 14 Girls 2s: second in Tier 3A League North
- Under 14 Girls 3s: second in Tier 3B League North
- Under 12 Boys and Girls: both competed in the Performance League. Under 12 Boys finished in the top six to progress to the Finals. The Under 12 Boys Plate team won their group competition and went on to win the London title

Dutch Tour

The Under 14 Boys, Under 16 Boys and Under 16 Girls travelled to Rotterdam on the August bank holiday weekend for a three day pre-season tour. After a beach trip on arrival on Friday evening, they headed to Klein Zwitserland HC on Saturday morning for their first matches. In a strong start, all teams were successful, the Under 14 Boys and Under 16 Girls winning 3-2 and the Under 16 Boys winning 3-1.

In the afternoon, the teams travelled to Wateringse Veld for afternoon games. The Under 14 Boys won 4-3 . The Under 16 Girls lost a close game 5-6 and the Under 16 Boys enjoyed their second win of the day.

With an early start on Sunday, the Under 16 Boys headed to Cartouche. By this time they were tired and were beaten 0-4 but played well. The Under 14 Boys and Under 16 Girls headed to HDM, where the Under 14s had a close 0-1 loss and the Under 16s were pegged back 1-3. A rather tired group made its way back to London on Sunday evening.

Talent Academy Cup

25-27 July 2025

Boys Pool F

Stourport TA 0 Hampstead & Westminster TA 8

Hampstead & Westminster TA 7 Stoke TA 0

Team Bath Buccaneers TA 0 Hampstead & Westminster TA 4

Leading Scorer: Charles Cadman with six short corner goals

Girls Pool C

Team Bath Buccaneers TA 1 Hampstead & Westminster TA 5

Hampstead & Westminster TA 3 North West TA 1

Old Loughtonians 2 Hampstead & Westminster TA 2 (3-4 shoot-out)

WMH Masters European Championships 2025 Ludwigsburg

21-30 August 2025

The Club was represented at the Championships by Club President, Richard Sykes (LX Red O65; Spirit of Masters) Mick Cocks (England B O75), Richard Chapman (Wales O75), John Rowley-Conway (Wales O70) and Dave Dixon (England O70).

Richard and Dave returned with gold medals. Congratulations to them!



Richard's team provided a report and this is an extract:

There could hardly have been a better result for the first match against the German B team, with a 4-0 victory. Next up were the LX Whites: a 1-0 win was fought out (despite the industrial quantities of vitamin supplements and analgesics scattered around their dugout). Southern Cross Blue were our nemesis from last year's World Cup, when we suffered an excruciating loss in a shoot out in the quarter

finals. After five minutes we were 0-2 down but level by half time. We dominated the second half and were unlucky to score only once more to win 3-2. Finally, Southern Cross Green presented a comfortable end to the first phase of the competition. A 6-1 victory secured the team a place at the top of the table; four wins from four, nine different scorers, 27 short corners won, 14 goals scored and three conceded.

In the semi finals, the re-match versus Southern Cross Blue was always going to be tense but we ran out worthy 2-0 winners. And so, to the Final against a Netherlands B team, who were genuinely surprised to be in the final. We were 2-0 up at end of the first quarter and yet it was 2-2 at end of second. The winning goal was scored by Richard Sykes (his second of the match).

Richard Chapman commented that it was a little more disappointing for his Wales O75s. They suffered a 1-4 defeat to England, beat Belgium 2-1 but lost 0-5 to Germany. A 1-1 draw with the Netherlands put them to a return match with England, who they held goalless. In the shoot out, England only prevailed with the fifth shuttle (to take it 3-2).

Rankings

T4 Men over 65

England Belgium Germany Italy Spain
3 vs 4; Netherlands 2 Scotland 1
Final; England 8 Belgium 0

T4 Men Over 70

England Germany Netherlands Ireland Spain Wales Scotland France Belgium
3 vs 4; Spain 2 Netherlands 1
Final; England 4 Germany 1 (Dixon 1)

Dave scored regularly for England (especially in the opening ten minutes): vs Germany 1-1 (45 PC), vs France 6-0 (PC 6), vs Spain 2-0 (PC 7) and the final 4-1 (PC 8)

T4 Men over 75

England Netherlands Germany Wales Belgium
3 vs 4; Netherlands 2 Wales 0
Final; Germany 1 England 3

T4 Men Over 80

England Netherlands Southern Cross (Australia) Germany
3 vs 4; Germany 0 Netherlands 3
Final; England 2 Southern Cross 0

T4 Spirit of Masters Over 65

LX Red, Netherlands B, England B, Southern Cross Blue, LX White, Netherlands C, Germany B, Alliance, Southern Cross Green

3 vs 4; Southern Cross 1 England B 2
Final: LX Red 3 Netherlands B 2

T4 Spirit of Masters Over 70

A; LX Red, Southern Cross Green, Alliance A, Germany B
B; Southern Cross Blue, LX White, Netherlands B, Wales B

3 vs 4; Netherlands B 0 LX Red 2
Final; Southern Cross B 2 LX White 0

T4 Spirit of Masters Over 75

Southern Cross 75, England B, Alliance A, Southern Cross M80, Alliance B

3 vs 4; Alliance A 6 Alliance B 0

Final; England B 1 Southern Cross 75 2



El Presidente with the silverware

National League

The fixtures for the first part of the new season are now available.

Women

Premier Division

20 September 2025	East Grinstead (h) 1400
27 September 2025	Bowdon (a) 1600
4 October 2025	Clifton Robinsons (h) 1400
11 October 2025	Barnes (a) 1330
18 October 2025	Loughborough Students (h) 1400
25 October 2025	University of Durham (h) 1400
26 October 2025	University of Birmingham (h) 1400
1 November 2025	University of Nottingham (a) 1400
8 November 2025	Surbiton (h) 1400
15 November 2025	Wimbledon (a) 1430
22 November 2025	Reading (h) 1400

Conference East [2nd XI]

20 September 2025	Old Georgians (a) 1600
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27 September 2025	Spencer (h) 1600
4 October 2025	Barnes 2 (a) 1145
11 October 2025	Wimbledon 2 (h) 1600
18 October 2025	Old Loughtonians (h) 1600
1 November 2025	Canterbury (a) 1400
8 November 2025	London Wayfarers (a) 1230
15 November 2025	Guildford 2 (h) 1600
22 November 2025	Wapping (a) 1630
29 November 2025	Old Georgians (h) 1600

Elsewhere in the Women's National League...

Division One South

Bristol Firebrands, Guildford, Harlestone Magpies, Holcombe, Reading 2, Sevenoaks, Southgate, Surbiton 2, Teddington and University of Exeter

Division One North

Beeston, Ben Rhydding, Buckingham, Gloucester City, Leeds Loughborough Students 2 Olton & West Warwickshire, Pendle Forest, Repton and Sutton Coldfield

Conference North

Alderley Edge, Bowdon 2, Didsbury Northern, Durham University 2, Kirby Stephen, Newcastle University, Sheffield, Wakefield, Whitley Bay and Tynemouth

Conference Midlands

Cambridge City, Cambridge University, Cannock, Harlestone Magpies 2, Leicester City, Nottingham Trent University, Oxford Hawks, St Albans, Stourport and University of Birmingham 2

Conference West

Cardiff & Met, Cheltenham, Clifton Robinsons 2, Exeter, Lansdown, Marlow, Oxford University, Slough Team Bath Buccaneers

[News is awaited of any departures and newcomers to the Women's squad]

Men

Premier Division

20 September 2025	East Grinstead (h) 1730
27 September 2025	Surbiton (a) 1800
4 October 2025	Reading (h) 1730
11 October 2025	Beeston (a) 1800
18 October 2025	Old Georgians (a) 1800
25 October 2025	Brooklands MU (h) 1730
26 October 2025	Oxted (h) 1730
1 November 2025	Holcombe (a) 1800
8 November 2025	Cardiff & Met (h) 1730
15 November 2025	Wimbledon (a) 1800
22 November 2025	Southgate (h) 1800

Conference East [2nd XI]

20 September 2025	Spencer (a) 1515
27 September 2025	Bromley & Beckenham (h) 1800
4 October 2025	London Wayfarers (a) 1430

11 October 2025	Wimbledon 2 (h) 1800
18 October 2025	Southgate (h) 1800
1 November 2025	Holcombe 2 (a) 1400
8 November 2025	Brighton & Hove (a) 1800
15 November 2025	Chelmsford (h) 1800
22 November 2025	Old Cranleighan (a) 1630
29 November 2025	Spencer (h) 1800

Elsewhere in the Men's National League

Division One South

Canterbury, Guildford, Havant, Indian Gymkhana, Old Loughtonians, Richmond, Sevenoaks, Surbiton 2, Teddington and University of Exeter

Division One North

Bowdon, Deeside Ramblers, Durham University, Harborne, Loughborough Students, Olton & West Warwickshire, Repton, Timperley, University of Birmingham and University of Nottingham

Conference Midlands

Banbury, Barford Tigers, City of Peterborough, Leek Norwich City, Oxford Hawks, St Albans, Stourport, University of Birmingham 2 and University of Nottingham 2

Conference West

Ashmoor, Cardiff & Met 2, Chichester, Clifton Robinsons, Fareham, Isca, Marlow, Team Bath Buccaneers, University of Bristol and University of Exeter 2

Conference North

Ben Rhydding, Didsbury Northern, Doncaster, Durham University 2, Leeds. Lindum, Neston, Newcastle University and Sheffield

Departures

A few youth players in the Men's 1s and 2s squads have left for universities or colleges. Toby Reynolds Cotterell and Kei Kaeppler, both long time international players with the Men's 1st XI, have been lured away to play for Wimbledon. Dale Hutchinson has returned to Cardiff & Met.

Welcomes

Former 1st XI captain, Sam French makes a much welcome return to the club after his year in Australia. Joining the squad is Kevin O'Dea, an Irish international midfielder, Luke Madeley, another Irish international, who plays in defence, Matteo Romoli, an Ireland U21 player, Jared Panchia, a New Zealander with 150 caps, Damon Steffens, who has played for Australia A, Rhys Bradshaw, a forward who plays for Wales, Robbie Gleeson, a rated midfielder, who has played for England at several junior levels and who joins from Beeston, along with two from Southgate HC, Karan Sofat and Archie Foster.

England Hockey: London Area

For the new season:-



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London Men's Division 2 South

Hampstead 3rd XI

Now in a new geographic zone, to play against Bromley and Beckenham 2 and 3, HAC Gunners, London Edwardians 2 and 3, Old Cranleigh 3, Spencer 3 and 4, Surbiton 4 and Tulse Hill and Dulwich 2

London Men's Division 2 North

Hampstead Zak Hond XI and 4th XI

London Men's Division 4 North West

Hampstead Thirsts XI

London Men's Division 5 North West

Hampstead Spaniards and Colts XIs

London Women's Premier Division

Hampstead 3rd XI

London Women's Division 1

Hampstead 4th XI

London Women's Division 2 North

Hampstead 5th XI

London Women's Division 3 North

Hampstead 6th XI

London Women's Division 4 East

Hampstead 7th XI

A move from Division 4 North West means some new opponents:

East London 5, HAC Sabres, Honor Oak 1, London Wayfarers Jaguars, Spencer Jaguars, Spencer 7, Tulse Hill & Dulwich 4, Wanderers 5, West Hampstead 5 and Wimbledon 6

Masters Hockey

South Masters Men O40 Premier Division

Hampstead Masters

South Masters Men O50 Premier Division

Hampstead Super Vets

South Masters Men O60 Premier Division

Hampstead Grandmasters

England Hockey Cup Competitions

Tier 1

Men Tier 1 Cup Final

Indian Gymkhana 1 Harborne 2

Tier 2

Women Tier 2 Cup Final

Guildford 2nd 1 Knole Park 0

Men Tier 2 Cup Final

Bowdon 2 0 City of Peterborough 1

Women Tier 2 Plate Final

Sheffield 9 Maidstone 0

Men Tier 2 Plate Final

Ashford 3 Sheffield University Bankers 0

Tier 3

Women Tier 3 Cup Final

Beeston 3rd 3 Loughborough Students 4th 1

Men Tier 3 Cup Final

Cheam 1 Tulse Hill & Dulwich 2

Women Tier 3 Plate Final

Manx B 2 Sunbury & Walton Hawks 2 (3-4 shoot-out)

Men Tier 3 Plate Final

Clifton Robinsons 4th 2 Atherstone Adders 5

Tier 4

Women Tier 4 Cup Final

Triton 1 Knole Park 2nd 3

Women Tier 4 Plate Final

Eastbourne 3rd 1 West Derby 3

Men Tier 4 Cup Final

Univ of Nottingham 6th 3 North Stafford 2nd 3 (1-3 shoot-out)

Men Tier 4 Plate Final

Devonport Services 2nd 3 Sandbach 3 (3-1 shoot-out)

Other Finals

Some results from other competitions in the early summer:

O35

Women O35 Cup Final

Ben Rhydding 0 Sutton Coldfield 4

Women O35 Plate Final

Taunton Vale O35 2 Teddington Tornadoes O35 1

Women O35 Shield Final

Old Georgians 1 Newcastle 2

Men O35 Cup Final

Ben Rhydding 5 Southgate 3

Men O35 Plate Final

Sittingbourne 1 Bishops Stortford 3

Men O35 Shield Final

Amersham & Chalfont 1 Bristol & West 2

O45

Women O45 Cup Final

Guildford 0 Sutton Coldfield 0 (3-4 shoot-out)

Women O45 Plate Final

Bedford 1 Epsom 4

Women O45 Shield Final

Burnst Ash 2 Oxford Hawks 4

Men O45 Cup Final

Clifton Robinsons 0 Old Cranleighans 3

Men O45 Plate Final

Herne Bay 6 Tulse Hill & Dulwich 3

Men O45 Shield Final

Ipswich & East Suffolk 1 Sheffield University Bankers 4

O55

Women O55 Cup Final

Driffield O55 2 Bournemouth & Dorset Wanderers O55 3

Women O55 Plate Final

Bretforton 0 Timperley 2

Women O55 Shield Final

Redland Wereys 5 Hendson & Mill Hill 0

Men O55 Cup Final

Old Georgians 1 Reading 5

Men O55 Plate Final

Clifton Robinsons 0 Holcombe 3

Men O55 Shield Final

Alderley Edge 3 Epsom 2

O65

Men O65 Cup Final

Berkshire 2 Yorkshire A 0

Men O65 Plate Final

Cheshire O65 2 Shropshire & Worcestershire O65 0

Men O65 Shield Final

Cumbria & North East Reivers 0 Middlesex 5

FIH Pro League



As a reminder, England, rather than Great Britain, took part in this season's competition

Men

7 June 2025 Spain 0 Argentina 1

8 June 2025 Spain 3 Argentina 2

Wagener Hockey Stadium, Amstelveen

9 June 2025 Netherlands 3 India 2

11 June 2025 Argentina 4 India 3

11 June 2025 Netherlands 2 Ireland 0

12 June 2025 India 1 Argentina 2

12 June 2025	Netherlands 6 Ireland 2
14 June 2025	Netherlands 1 Argentina 1 (4-2 shoot out)
15 June 2025	Netherlands 1 Argentina 1 (3-0 shoot out)

Sportcentrum, Wilrijkse Plein, Antwerp

14 June 2025	Australia 3 India 2
14 June 2025	Belgium 2 Ireland 3
15 June 2025	India 2 Australia 3
17 June 2025	Australia 6 Ireland 1
17 June 2025	Belgium 1 Spain 2
18 June 2025	Ireland 1 Australia 6
18 June 2025	Belgium 6 Spain 3
21 June 2025	Ireland 2 Spain 4
21 June 2025	Belgium 6 India 3

Lee Valley

14 June 2025	England 2 Germany 2 (3-4 shoot out)
15 June 2025	England 2 Germany 3
15 June 2025	Belgium 2 Ireland 3
17 June 2025	England 2 Netherlands 3
18 June 2025	England 1 Netherlands 1 (2-4 shoot out)
21 June 2025	England 3 Australia 4
22 June 2025	England 2 Australia 1

Ernst Reuter Sportfeld, Berlin

21 June 2025	Germany 2 Argentina 3
22 June 2025	Spain 9 Ireland 1
22 June 2025	Belgium 3 India 4
22 June 2025	Germany 4 Argentina 3
24 June 2025	Germany 3 Australia 2
25 June 2025	Germany 5 Australia 0
28 June 2025	Germany v Spain
29 June 2025	Germany 1 Spain 1 (0-3 shoot out)

Sportcentrum Wilrijkse Plein, Antwerp

28 June 2025	Belgium 3 England 1
29 June 2025	Belgium 4 England 4 (3-0 shoot out)

The winner qualifies for the 2026 FIH World Cup.

Belgium and the Netherlands are already qualified for the 2026 FIH World Cup as hosts and Australia too, as the highest ranked nation in the 2023-24 FIH Pro League.

Rankings

Netherlands (35 points); Belgium (30); Spain (29); Germany (28); Australia (27); Argentina (27); England (22); India (18) and Ireland (4)

Pakistan were promoted through the FIH Hockey Nations Cup played in Malaysia earlier this year, Although New Zealand won that event against Pakistan in the final, Hockey NZ later indicated that they would not proceed with the invitation to join the Pro league in 2025-26. As stipulated in regulations, the FIH extended an invitation to Pakistan, who confirmed their participation. They will replace Ireland, who were relegated after their ninth place finish in 2024-25.

Women

Sydney Olympic Park

4 February 2025	China 2 Spain 2 (2-3 shoot out)
5 February 2025	Australia 4 Spain 1
6 February 2025	Australia 2 China 2 (2-1 shoot out)
7 February 2025	Spain 2 China 3
8 February 2025	Australia 3 Spain 1
9 February 2025	Australia 1 China 3

Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar

15 February 2025	Germany 1 Spain 2
15 February 2025	India 3 England 2
16 February 2025	Spain 2 Germany 1
16 February 2025	India 2 England 2 (1-2 shoot out)
18 February 2025	India 3 Spain 4
19 February 2025	India 0 Spain 1
21 February 2025	England 1 Netherland 5
21 February 2025	India 0 Germany 4
22 February 2025	Netherlands 6 England 0
22 February 2025	India 1 Germany 0
24 February 2025	India 2 Netherlands 4
25 February 2025	India 2 Netherlands 2 (2-1 shoot -out)

Polideportivo Provincial, Santiago de Estero

19 February 2025	Argentina 2 Belgium 3
20 February 2025	Argentina 2 Australia 1
21 February 2025	Australia 1 Belgium 2
22 February 2025	Argentina 0 Belgium 0 (2-0 shoot out)
23 February 2025	Argentina 2 Australia 1
24 February 2025	Belgium 2 Netherlands 2 (2-1 shoot-out)

Estadio Betero, Valencia

7 June 2025	Spain 0 Argentina 1
8 June 2025	Spain 0 Argentina 2

Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen

7 June 2025	Netherlands 8 Australia 1
8 June 2025	Netherlands 5 Australia 1
11 June 2025	Netherlands 3 Spain 2
12 June 2025	Netherlands 11 Spain 2
14 June 2025	Netherlands 3 China 1
15 June 2025	Netherlands 3 China 1

Lee Valley

14 June 2025	Australia 3 India 2
14 June 2025	England 1 Argentina 3
15 June 2025	India 1 Australia 2
15 June 2025	England 0 Argentina 1
17 June 2025	England 1 Australia 0

17 June 2025	Argentina 4 India 1
18 June 2025	India 2 Argentina 2 (0-2 shoot out)
18 June 2025	England 0 Australia 3
21 June 2025	England 0 Spain 1
22 June 2025	England 4 Spain 1

Wilrijkse Plein, Antwerp

14 June 2025	Belgium 4 Germany 2
15 June 2025	Belgium 2 Germany 2 (3-2 shoot out)
17 June 2025	Belgium 6 Spain 0
18 June 2025	Belgium 0 Spain 1
21 June 2025	Belgium 5 India 1
22 June 2025	Belgium 2 India 0
28 June 2025	Belgium 0 Netherlands 2
29 June 2025	Belgium 1 Netherlands 1(0-2 shoot out)

Ernst Reuter Sportfeld, Berlin

21 June 2025	Argentina 3 China 1
21 June 2025	Germany 4 Australia 0
22 June 2025	Germany 3 Australia 4
22 June 2025	China 2 Argentina 1
24 June 2025	Germany 2 China 3
25 June 2025	Germany 2 China 1
28 June 2025	China 3 India 0
28 June 2025	Germany 0 England 1
29 June 2025	Germany 4 England 2
29 June 2025	India 2 China 3

Rankings

Netherlands (42 points); Argentina (34); Belgium (32) China (28); Australia (20); Spain (20); Germany (16); England (14) and India (10)

England's crucial 4-1 win against Spain moved them from last place in the league standings. The vital breakthrough came from Maddie Axford, who scored twice from open play. Georgie Gardens extended England's advantage with a smart close range finish before Izzy Petter capped the scoring to seal the win. The performance lifted morale and ensured England's survival in the Pro League.

Ireland will join the 2025-26 Pro League for the first time, having secured promotion through the Hockey Nations Cup held in Chile earlier in the season. They were beaten in the final by New Zealand but in the same manner as the men (*above*), Hockey NZ later indicated that they would not proceed with the invitation to join in 2025-26. As stipulated in regulations, the FIH extended an invitation to Ireland. India was relegated to the FIH Hockey Nations Cup.

FIH Hockey Nations Cup

This tournament is for qualification to the FIH Pro League. For the men, it was held in Kuala Lumpur from 15-21 June 2025. New Zealand were champions by defeating Pakistan 6-2 in the final and France won the bronze medal by beating South Korea in a shoot out, after a 3-3 draw. Wales were in Pool A and places third after three matches. In the cross-over matches, Wales beat Japan 6-4 and then defeated Malaysia 2-1 for fifth place. Jolyon Morgan of Hampsted scored four goals in the tournament.

The women's event was held in Santiago, Chile from 23 February - 2 March 2025. Scotland took part. In the cross-over matches, Scotland beat Canada 2-0 and then Japan by the same score to earn fifth place.

2025 European Championships

The Biennial 17th Women's EuroHockey Championship and the 20th Men's tournament was held at the Warsteiner HockeyPark in Mönchengladbach from 8 to 17 August 2025.

Men

Pool A: Austria Belgium Netherlands Spain

Pool B: England France Germany Poland

8 August 2025	England 5 Poland 0
8 August 2025	Germany 3 France 2
9 August 2025	Belgium 10 Austria 1
9 August 2025	Netherlands 3 Spain 0
9 August 2025	France 5 Poland 3
10 August 2025	England 1 Germany 1
10 August 2025	Belgium 2 Netherlands 4
10 August 2025	Spain 10 Austria 0
12 August 2025	France 3 England 2
12 August 2025	Spain 2 Belgium 1
12 August 2025	Netherlands 5 Austria 0
12 August 2025	Germany 10 Poland 0

14 August 2025	Austria 0 Poland 1
14 August 2025	Belgium 2 England 1
16 August 2025	Belgium 7 Poland 1
16 August 2025	England 7 Austria 0

14 August 2025	Netherlands 3 France 1
14 August 2025	Germany 4 Spain 1

16 August 2025	France 0 Spain 2
16 August 2025	Netherlands 1 Germany 1 (1-4 s/o)

Final standings	Germany, Netherlands, Spain, France, Belgium England, Poland, Austria
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Future Qualification	Germany to 2026 World Cup; Netherlands and Belgium qualify for the 2026 World Cup (as hosts); France to 2026 World Cup; England Poland and Spain to 2026 World Cup Qualifiers
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Women

Pool A: France Germany Ireland Netherlands

Pool B: Belgium England Scotland Spain

9 August 2025	Netherlands 2 Ireland 0
9 August 2025	Germany 4 France 1
10 August 2025	England 3 Scotland 0
10 August 2025	Belgium 2 Spain 2
11 August 2025	Spain 1 Scotland 1
11 August 2025	Ireland 0 France 1

11 August 2025	England 0 Belgium 2
11 August 2025	Germany 1 Netherlands 5
13 August 2025	Spain 2 England 0
13 August 2025	Belgium 5 Scotland 0
13 August 2025	Netherlands 6 France 0
13 August 2025	Ireland 0 Germany 0
15 August 2025	Ireland 2 Scotland 3
15 August 2025	France 1 England 5
17 August 2025	England 2 Ireland 1
17 August 2025	France 0 Scotland 2
15 August 2025	Netherland 3 Spain 1
15 August 2025	Belgium 1 Germany 1 (2-3 s/o)
17 August 2025	Spain 0 Belgium 0 (2-1 s/o)
17 August 2025	Netherlands 2 Germany 1
Final Standings	Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Belgium, England, Scotland, France, Ireland
Future Qualification	Netherlands and Belgium to 2026 World Cup (as hosts); Germany to 2026 World Cup (highest in 2023-25 FIH Pro League); England, Scotland, France and Ireland to 2026 World Cup Qualifiers

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Men's EuroHockey Championships II

8-17 August 2025, Lousada, Portugal

Pool A Qualifiers

Ireland and Italy

Pool B Qualifiers

Wales Scotland

Wales 3 Switzerland 1

Scotland 8 Croatia 3

Switzerland 3 Croatia 3

Scotland 2 Wales 2

Wales 14 Croatia 0

Switzerland 3 Scotland 4

Semi Finals

Wales 5 Italy 0

Ireland 3 Scotland 1

3 vs 4

Italy 2 Scotland 5

Final

Wales 1 Ireland 1 (3-2 shoot-out)

Effect?

Wales and Ireland to 2026 World Cup Qualifiers and 2027 EuroHockey Championships

Scotland to 2026 World Cup Qualifiers

Awards

Player of the Tournament

Jacob Draper

Goalkeeper of the Tournament

Jamie Carr (Ireland)

Leading Goalscorer

Struan Walker (Scotland)

Rupert Shipperley captained Wales and, in the interests of balance, Tim Cross of Hampstead played for Ireland.

2026 World Cup Qualifiers

28 February to 8 March 2026

Canada, Chile and United States [Pan American 2025, Montevideo] Ireland, Scotland and Wales [2025 EuroHockey II, Lousada] Austria, England, France and Poland [2025 EuroHockey Championships, Monchengladbach] Bangladesh, China, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia [2025 Asia Cup Rajgir] plus one from 2025 Hockey Africa Cup of Nations [Ismailia; 11-18 October 2025]

The sixteen teams will be split into two eight team tournaments. In each tournament the eight teams will be divided into two four-team pools. After the round-robin stage, the top two teams advance to the semifinals. The top three teams of each tournament and the highest world ranked team that finishes in fourth place in each event will qualify for the 2026 World Cup.

2026 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup - men

It will be held from 14 to 30 August 2026 in Wavre, Belgium and Amstelveen, Netherlands.

Already qualified are:

Belgium, Netherlands, Australia, Spain, Argentina, Germany, India and New Zealand

Seeking qualification are:

Seven from World Cup Qualifiers (including England) and one from 2025 Hockey Africa Cup of Nations [Ismailia; 11-18 October 2025]

Women's EuroHockey Championships II

Gniezno, Poland

The Welsh senior Women secured promotion to the top flight of European competition for 2027. They were dominant in their group phase, maintaining a 100% record, to book their place in the final four of the competition. Captain Beth Bingham's early strike gave Wales a 1-0 victory over Switzerland to start, followed by a 5-1 win against Czechia and a 2-0 win over Lithuania.

Semi Finals

Wales 2 Austria 1

Italy 3 Switzerland 0

3 vs 4

Austria 1 Switzerland 1 (2-1 shoot out)

Final

Wales 2 Italy 2

Effect?

Italy and Wales to 2026 World Cup Qualifiers and 2026 EuroHockey Championships; Austria and Switzerland to 2026 Worlds Cup Qualifiers

2026 FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers - women

Canada, Chile, Uruguay, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Wales, England, France, Ireland, Scotland and Australia, plus four from 2025 Asia Cup in Hangzhou [5-14 September 2025]



Victorious Men's team, with several Hampstead & Westminster connections

Photo: Hoci Cymru

The Hockey Museum

A heritage display was installed at the 1986 men's World Cup in Willesden and led to plan drawn up by the Hockey Association to establish heritage displays at what was then the new national hockey stadium in Milton Keynes. When the stadium closed in 2003, the heritage material was left in a perilous condition and had to be rescued by volunteers and restored at Mercian Sports in Woking, then under the control of Mike Smith, one of those who had set up the displays at Willesden.

In 2005, England Hockey uncovered more archive material relating to the All England Women's Hockey Association and in the circumstances of the time, arrangements were made for this to be deposited with the University of Bath on loan. The University provided professional storage, allowing the collection to be properly catalogued by the University's archivist.

An Archive Steering Group was set up by England Hockey in July 2007. In 2010 Woking Borough Council wanted to curate a hockey exhibition for the London 2012 Olympic Games. Mike Smith took the opportunity to persuade the Borough Council to make premises available for a physical museum site. Some old warehouse premises were made available. In 2011, the material rescued from Milton Keynes came out of storage at Mercian Sports and was transported to the new premises and the world's first hockey museum was opened in October 2012.

Since then the Museum has collected more than 1,200 collections of varying sizes. Its adopted professional museum systems and policies and in 2015 employed its first member of staff. It gained official recognition by entering partnerships with the FIH and England Hockey. In 2017, the Museum moved into its third and current home, a town centre location at 13 High Street, Woking. It reopened in April 2018 and in that year the Museum was awarded Accredited Museum status by the Arts Council of England. In 2022, the Museum appointed its first professional curator and Mike Smith became President and Honorary Curator.

The Museum has worked to publicise its existence with exhibitions at many national and international hockey tournaments, as well as presenting at museum conferences. It manages an enthusiastic team

of more than 50 volunteers who undertake a wide range of duties, both in Woking and remotely all over the world. The club enjoys a good rapport with the Museum (and not only by donations).

The premises are not sufficiently large to display its substantial archive but exhibits are on display to visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or by appointment on the other days of the week. The collection is vast. It includes correspondence, articles, books, periodicals, handbooks and programmes, as well as clothing, kit, sticks and balls. It extends to Cups and other awards, flags and luggage. Anything that is hockey related is usually accepted and stored. Occasionally rare items come to light, such as Olympic medals and fast disappearing manuscript records from the turn of the last century. All are now catalogued, or in the course of being catalogued, ideally to help researchers of the future. A large programme, assisted by gift funding, has allowed for the start of digitisation of the hockey periodicals that will allow for a search function again to facilitate research. It is hoped to extend this to the many photographs in the archive to make them available to a far larger audience and far simpler.

The Museum issues a regular feature called *Hockey Shorts*, distributed by e-mail. It covers current news of the Museum's activities and varied topics of material the Museum encounters, as well as items researched by hockey enthusiasts. *Hockey Shorts* is available on request of the Museum by signing on via the website, hockeymuseum.org

Yesteryear

A few snippets from the press (and not necessarily club related) at the start of the season.

1895

Mr F B Battersby contributes an article on "How to play Hockey, to the September number of the *Windsor Magazine*, which should be read by all lovers of athletics. Referring to the best kind of stick to play with, he says: "Let it be not too heavy and not too straight. A heavy stick will make a slogger and will spoil even a good pair of wrists. A straight stick will mean dribbling with the ball too far away for effective control and a loss of command when the ball is under you. Wherever in the field you mean to play, begin with a stick under 24 ounces, and whose foot is bent at right angles to the handle. And, having the right stick, learn how to use it - how to dribble, how to hit. Probably most men pick up their knowledge of either at the cost of their club; but there is a more excellent way. Instead of going for a run at the commencement of the season to get into condition, throw down a couple of old cricket balls on to the turf and chase them round the field driving them ahead a few yards at each stroke, one after the other. When equal to keeping them together, going your best pace, add a third and you will mend your wind, your wrist play and your mastery over the ball more in an hour than with a dozen practice games. And the art of dribbling should be overlooked by none, for it is an advantage to every player to learn the game in the forward line; a future back thus makes sympathetic acquaintance with the difficulties of his own attack and he will be all the better back for knowledge how to dodge an opponent, provided he never forgets that, in his position dodging is either a necessity or a vice. On the other hand, every member of a team should be equally skilful in the art of hitting, yet let it be remembered that, with so much insistence on the art of hitting, one's first advice to every young hockey player would be "Never slog". Now, in treating of the methods of hitting, there are three points to be observed : (1) No part of the stick must be raised above the shoulder; (2) the ball should never be lifted from the ground; (3) it should always be passed by the striker to one of his own side. [Walsall Free Press and South Staffordshire Advertiser; 21 September 1895]

1905

Although a few matches were played last weekend and more will be decided this afternoon, the hockey season will not begin in earnest until the first Saturday of October. Consequently supporters of the game still have time in which to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the amended rules. The alterations are important. For instance it is now decreed that no player can be offside in his own

half of the ground. This is a just provision in view of the growth of the four-half-back game which has made *offside* the commonest fault in the pastime and has tended to spoil forward play. In a way, the deletion of the word *arising* from the rule as regards the manner in which the ball shall be struck is not very important. After the first few weeks of last season *raising* the ball was seldom penalised for the simple reason that everybody came to conclusion that the rule on the subject was absurd, Consequently, the omission of the offending word is in the natural order of things. It is good to hear that games are to be played without appeal, unless otherwise agreed by the respective captains. In nine cases out of ten the umpire has a better chance than a body of excited players to judge whether a breach of the rules has been committed and, that being so, it is only right that he should blow his whistle when he sees a law broken. The mere necessity of having to appeal against the opposition cannot be pleasant to any player. Altogether, the alterations represent the best bit of work that has been put into the rules for several years and hockey will assuredly be a better game than ever under the new conditions.

[*Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*; 30 September 1905]

1935

An official areas sensor for women and girl members of hockey clubs has been appointed by the All England Women's Hockey Association. She is Mrs C S Smallman, they Warwickshire county player - and she will have dictatorial powers.

Every decision that she makes regarding the costumes to be worn will have the Association's full support.

Her main duty will be to solve the problem raised by the Association's decision to permit the wearing of the divided skirt. Knees may be bear and skirts divided but the question which is causing so much debate is when does a divided skirt cease to be a skirt and become shorts?

Every club or county intending to adopt divided skirts will have submit a specimen to Mrs Smallman for approval. "The divided skirt," she said yesterday "must look like a divided skirt and not like shorts, it must not be too short or too wide. You will not find anything on the hockey field that has not been approved."

The dress question has long been a contentious topic in hockey circles. Shorts were banned in Germany six years ago and the ban has never been lifted.

[*Daily Herald*; 26 September 1935]

1945

Hockey powers are in agreement, I gather, with their Badminton brethren over big events. It is extremely unlikely that Friday's AGM of the Hockey Association at the Holborn Restaurant will sanction internationals for the coming season. A few inter-divisional matches may be decided later in the season but that is about all on the representative side.

[*London Evening News*; 25 September 1945]

1955

Hockey, like cricket and, for the most part, depending on cricket, starts a new season by instalments. Some clubs have already started match play. Others are still waiting to relieve the club cricketers of their grounds. If any definite date for the season's opening can be set, it is the first Saturday in October, In other words, the bully-off is this Saturday, followed the next day by the first big get-together of the season at the Epsom Six-a-Sides.

[*London Evening News*; 28 September 1955]

1965

Planning well ahead, the Hockey Association have decided to stage a 12-nations festival in 1967. The project has been approved by the International Hockey Federation. "This is grand news," says secretary Robin Struthers. "It will give British enthusiasts the chance to see some of the world's top stars in action."

It will also provide our own players with the chance to assess the strength of the opposition likely to be encountered in the Olympic Games the following year. The venue has yet to be selected but ... the Crystal Palace Centre will be high on the list.

[*London Evening News*; 12 October 1965]

1975

Running a thriving squash club with 300 playing members and 100 social members would be enough for most men. But Mike Corby, one of Britain's top sportsmen, is after a unique double during the next 12 months. He will have a "real crack" at winning the Amateur championship this season and try to qualify for Britain's hockey team in next year's Olympics in Montreal. Sounds tough. But Corby has a chance of achieving both. He has already played hockey in two Olympics -Tokyo (1964) and Munich (1972) - and at squash he has twice been runner up in the amateur to Jonah Barrington in 1967 and 1968.

At times Corby, who has won 150 caps for Great Britain and England at his two sports, has found that hockey and squash have clashed, making it difficult to maintain a world class standard in both. But now he says, "I intend to play a lot of squash up to December to see how I can do in the Amateur, then concentrate more on my hockey. I'd love to do well in the Amateur but there are many fine players the field. But with players like Mohibullah and Qamar Zaman having turned professional it must be slightly easier to win this year. Not easy by any means, but easier."

The club he runs at London Bridge has three excellent courts and includes a gymnasium, solarium, massage room and sauna. Ten of the world's leading professionals will soon be playing in the British Caledonian Airways Crest Hotels Europe International Squash Grand Prix.

[*London Evening News*; 25 September 1977]

1985

The England team arrived home this week after a disastrous tour of Australia, which started with two internationals in New Zealand. In New Zealand they lost one but in Australia they drew the second international in Adelaide 1-1 but lost all four others, scoring only three goals against 14.

It was quite obvious that England could not compete with the more professional preparation of the Australians, out of whose squad of 18, fourteen are members of their Institute of Sport.

They play hockey for four hours a day three or four times a week with local matches midweek and matches with men's teams at the weekend. The hockey centre is in Perth and as long as a player is good enough she will remain there for one, two or three years on a Government grant. Six of them were aged under 20 and two 18-year-olds were named player of the match after two of the international matches.

All that is rather different from the England set-up. Nevertheless England know where they stand. They have worked hard and are fit (Kim Gordon of Leicestershire was the only casualty). But their personal performance was not up to it. They now realize how far they are from being a winning team. Luck was not with England. They missed a number of chances to score but every time Australia had the edge. The Australians were fit and fast with tight control of the ball. On the credit side England

drew with Australia under 21 team and beat South Australia in Queensland. Vicki Dixon (Cambridgeshire) played consistently well and was named the player of one of the internationals. Caroline Rule (Middlesex) also made her mark but on the whole England lost out on personal skills. The coach, Jenny Cardwell, said: "This tour has been an eye-opener. We thought we were fit and fast but the Australian girls have proved faster, stronger and more skilful." England have much to do and think about before the World Cup in Vancouver in 1986.

[*The Times*; 27 September 1985]

Club Stuff

[120 years ago](#)

A General Meeting held at 50 Canfield Gardens, South Hampstead on Friday September 20/95.

Present:

Mr J G Q Besch in the chair.

C D McMillin, A G Dunn, J N Brown, H R Lipscombe, B Brown, A Lassell, G W Ravenor, P J Wilson, C W Arnett, E Monro, S S Pounceby, G Scammell.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman mentioned that there were at the present date 33 members and 4 honorary and at least 10 more wished to join that evening. He read the "Club Record" amidst loud applause and remarked there is every reason to anticipate a thoroughly successful season.

The Chairman next informed the meeting that the club was unable to continue its last season's ground owing to Mr Blick (the landlord) having let the ground over our heads to a football club and went on to say that several members of the Committee had inspected the ground at the "Richmond Athletic" and that there was every possibility of obtaining the same at a rent of £15 per season with dressing accommodation at the "Tulip Tree Hotel" opposite the entrance to the ground at £4 per season and that the ground was reported upon favourably by the Committee who considered that the club was making a change for the better.

After some discussion it was put to the meeting "that an offer be made for the piece of ground at the "Richmond Athletic" and if possible both the ground and the dressing room at the "Tulip Tree" be engaged" – Carried unanimously.

The balance sheet was next read by the Treasurer and approved. It was proposed by Mr E Monro and seconded by Mr J N Brown "the balance sheet be "jellygraphed" [*sic*] at as small expense as possible and circulated amongst the members of the club" – Carried unanimously – Mr Monro kindly undertook to have 50 copies struck off.

The election of officers was next proceeded with to act throughout the coming season – Mr Lipscombe tendered his resignation of the Secretaryship to the general regret of the meeting and a cordial vote of thanks was immediately given for his past services.

The Chairman next informed the meeting of the resignation of Mr A Russell-Parker from the Presidency of the club.

It was proposed by Mr J G Q Besch and seconded by Mr Arnett that "Mr E Brodie Hoare MP be invited to fill the vacancy created by Mr Parker's resignation" – and Carried.

Proposed by Mr McMillin and seconded by Mr A G Dunn "Mr J Q G Besch be elected Vice President" which was accordingly done.

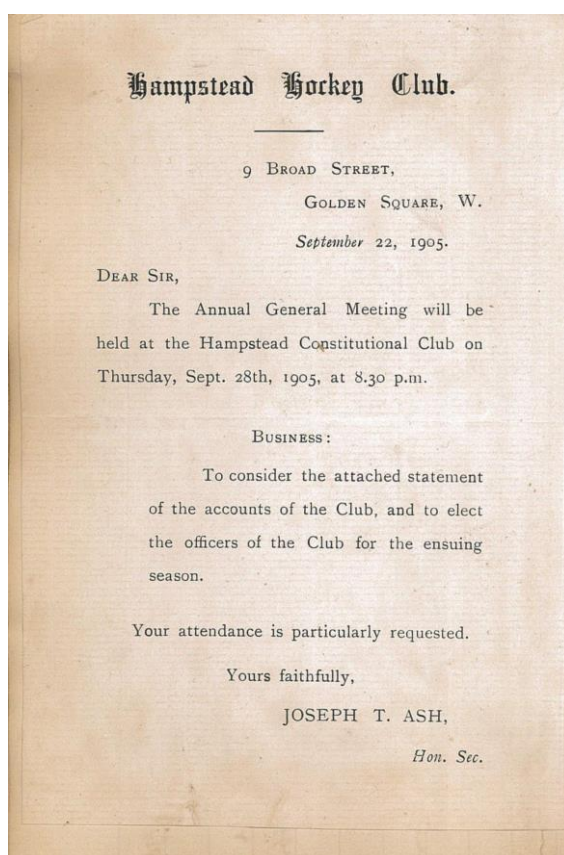
Proposed by Mr H R Lipscombe and seconded by Mr A G Dunn that “Mr C D McMillin be appointed Secretary” – Carried.

Proposed by Mr H R Lipscombe and seconded by Mr Ravenor “that Mr Besch be elected Treasurer” who kindly undertook the office and was duly elected.

The following gentlemen were elected to form the Committee for the ensuing season: P J Wilson, A G Dunn, H R Lipscombe, E L Marsden, J N Brown, W S Hale, J C Toller and H B Hayman.

Messrs C W Arnett and E Monro were subsequently appointed auditors.

[110 years ago](#)



[90 years ago](#)

At the AGM held at the Station Hotel, Richmond after the practice game, among other things, in relation to the Accounts, after some slight discussion with reference to the “Item Ties”, were adopted by the meeting as printed. The following officers for the coming season were elected:

President F E Eiloart
Vice President A B Osmond
Vice President S H Shoveller*
Vice President J H Bennett*
Vice President F W Orr

Captain 1st XI C T A Wilkinson*
Vice Captain A C Eiloart

Captain 2nd XI J H P Walker
Vice Captain L H Collins
Captain 3rd XI J Falke
Vice Captain C S Pigot
Hon Treasurer A C Eiloart
Gon Secretary W W Wyatt

[* gold medallists at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp]

F W Orr, who has been a member of the club for 25 years, was elected a vice president. Mr J H Bennett, who is now retired from active hockey, was also elected a vice president.

The Hon Secretary raised the question as to whether another or additional ground should be obtained, if possible, and it was decided to refer back the latter to the committee for their consideration

[70 years ago](#)

At a selection committee meeting held on Monday 26 September 1955 at 3 Tokenhouse Buildings Kings Arms Yard, Moorgate, London EC2, the honorary treasurer reported that he would draw up a procedure for the handling of equipment and advised the captains he also intended to send a circular to captains regarding their expenses.

Brondesbury Cricket Club

The secretary reported that the Cricket Club was satisfied with the present arrangements and were grateful for the £25 that was agreed would be spent on the sanding of the ground. It was suggested that at the end of the season the club might consider making some payments towards the heavy costs of the showers. He reported also suggestions of the groundsman and was instructed to obtain quotations for additional backboards.

The Brondesbury Cricket Club had requested that if possible some helpers from the Hockey Club would be appreciated for serving teas on Saturday afternoons. This will enable better teas to be provided for the same money.

Mr Sankey reported that the silk ties were now available and that a Spaniards tie could be obtained in cashmere cloth with a motif, in dozen lots for £1 each. This matter was deferred.

[60 years ago](#)

See below

[50 years ago](#)

At a general committee meeting held at Hornsey on 3 September 1975, Brian Beaumont Owles had distributed a copy of a letter sent to Hornsey on the subject of amalgamation. The committee agreed that it contained the terms upon which Hampstead would amalgamate with Hornsey. The next meeting with Hornsey was to be held on 18 September 1975.

It was agreed that the match fees for 1975-76 should be 70p per head.

T Hart would be organising a new members evening on Wednesday evening 24 September, which would take the form of an informal barbecue and the committee agreed that a quantity of free beer should be provided up to £10 (depending on numbers). R Hart had kindly provided some posters and car stickers to be distributed among members to be displayed at as many points as possible around

the area. Brian Beaumont Owles would contact as many old members as possible to obtain second hand shirts. He will also speak to Don Newt about handling the supply of new shirts.

After discussion it was agreed that the draining of the pitch in front of the pavilion would have to be left until after the amalgamation issue had been decided. Two shale pitches had been booked from September until April. N Coleman and G Phillips were still making enquiries about the possibility of obtaining a larger shale pitch at Highgate Wood.

Nick Coleman reported that he had attended the Middlesex Hockey Association AGM and had offered to manage the county B (under 22) XI.

60 years ago

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB
Bulletin for week ending 26th September 1965

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Would you care to make a note of the following in the next month or two:-

Sunday 3rd October Middlesex County and 'A' XI trials
 Sunday 10th October Middlesex/Surrey 75th Anniversary 6-a-sides
 Sunday 24th October Finals of the above
 Friday 3rd December Annual Dinner

MEMBERSHIP

In due course a revised name and address list will be circulated. In the meantime, Team Captains and other officers might like to make a note of the following 'phone number changes since last season:-

	Home	Office		Home	Office
CHAUMETON	MOU 8788		PHILLIPS		WHI 5474 (48)
CONWAY	BAY 5329		ROBINSON		(Ext. 164)
JAMIESON	SUI 4331		SCULLY	WEM 4120	
LOWDEN	SUI 3422	LON 4000	STEWART	RIV 1811	
AUJLA		ELS 2214	SYMES		MAN 5432 (24)
BLAIR	HAM 2351		SCARR	PAD 0678	WEL 4465 (443)
BICKLER		CHA 9881	WARREN	HAM 6289	CIT 7738
BOYCE		HOW 1126	WHATLEY		NAT 7171 (23)
FAULKNER		DEZ 2323 (19)	WILSON		Sandwich 3511
FORMAN		ARN 4321	YEGER		TER 7070
KURTZ	SPE 3770		GRIFFITHS		TRA 8040
MOORE	PAL 9114	WHI 5474 (Accts)	MILLER	MOU 0923	

Applications for membership have been received from the following:-

AGUIAR J.R.	CUN 0573	MAY 3839	JONES A.	PAD 2785	
BRIDGE R.H.	GLA 6734	VIC 4722	SEMLYEN D.J.	PAR 1672	FIN 8302
CLARKE R.W.	BAY 7509		THOMAS M.	PRI 7017	ATL 9191 (585)
DONALDSON W.A.	GLA 9227	MON 7051	WALKER P.M.F.	PRI 4202	MIN 9524

THIS WEEK'S TEAMS - PRACTICE MATCHES

	'A' XI	'B' XI	'C' XI	'D' XI
Opponents:	Hendon	Hendon	Hendon	Hendon
Ground:	Away	Away	Away	Away
Start-off:	2.45	2.45	2.45	2.45
Shirts:	White	White	White	White
Team:	WOOD	KURTZ	GILBERT	AN OTHER
	SEEDHER	BOYCE	HANCOCK	SALISBURY
	BRIDGE	ANTRIM	SEALEY	MIRCHANDANI
	LUNN	CLARKE	MANFIELD	WHATLEY
	JAMIESON	BROOKS	KEITH (Capt)	MOORE
	STROWGER	RUTHERFORD	AGUIAR	DONALDSON
	CONWAY (Capt)	HENMAN R.	BERTRAM	HENDERSON (Capt)
	WILSON	FAULKNER	SCARR	OASTLER M.
	WILLIAMS	LOWDEN (Capt)	THOMAS	TOM
	HENMAN A. (?)	ROBINSON	AUJLA	PEERS
	MASON	OASTLER C.	SMITH	SCULLY
'Spares:		MATTISON	GREENHALGH	REVELL (?)
			CHAUMETON (?)	STONES
				FRANKS
				NAPIER
				JACOBY

Plus any others who are available and turn up.

Teams will be changed around every ½ hr. or so, to accommodate the 'spares' and to give Captains a chance to look at other players.

Umpire:	GREENHALGH	SANKEY	'Spares' players	
Cry-offs to:	STROWGER	LOWDEN	KEITH	HENDERSON

N.B. Would Team Captains note that Hendon should be offered payments for tea, since all games are at their ground.

GROUND DIRECTIONS SEE OVER

30 years ago

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Challenge

Results from pool matches: 9 September 1995 (Paddington Recreation Ground)

Hampstead & Westminster group only
Hampstead & Westminster 3 Dulwich 1
Dulwich 0 Oxford University 5
Hampstead & Westminster 2 Oxford University 5

Results from second round: 10 September 1995 (Paddington Recreation Ground)
Hampstead & Westminster 1 Richmond 3
Play off for 7-8th positions
Hampstead & Westminster 4 del Alster 1

Final standings

Winners Guildford; Runners up Teddington;
3rd Surbiton; 4th Oxford University; 5th Richmond; 6th City of Portsmouth;. 7th Hampstead & Westminster; 8th der Alster; 9th Bromley; 10th Dulwich; 11th Crostyx; 12th Blackheath.

On Sunday 8 October 1995, Pat Curtin hit the post after 40 seconds in the opening game of Division Two of the National League, away at Harleston Magpies that ends in a 2-2 draw, with goals from Lindsay Troy and Nigel Land.

20 years ago

On Tuesday, 20 September 2005, Joe and Tess McEvoy hand over management of the Carton Tavern to Patrick and Eilish McGarvey, formerly of the Queens Arms, Kilburn.

10 years ago

From the Summer Newsletter of 2015:

The Women will play in the Women's East Conference and ironically open their National League campaign against Maidenhead on the 12th September 2015. Mo Rahman has been appointed Head Coach of the Women's 1st XI for the campaign in the Investec Conference East Division. While coaching, he will continue to play for Guildford Men's 1st XI in the England Hockey Conference West League. He will be supported by the Club's newly appointed (but ever present) Director of Hockey and Men's 1's player, Richard Smith, who will be taking up the role of Assistant Coach. Jo Edmondson has been appointed (or agreed to accept the role of) Manager, with all the added responsibilities that arrive with the National League, including a wider geographical reach for fixtures.

Competition Answer

The match was at home to Canterbury on 18 September 2016 that ended 7-2 in Hampstead's favour, with goals from Mikie Watt (3) Matt Guise Brown (3) and Chris Cargo.



Photo: Mark Clews

Next edition

All being well, the next Newsletter will report on the mid-season break of the 2025-26 season. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to disvelwell@gmail.com