

**Fixtures @ Chelmer Park****18/01/14 - M1, M3, M5, MEG & L3****19/01/14 - Mixed & MV**

Chelmsford Ladies 1st XI took on the challenge of Division 1 Indoor knowing they would be facing a step up in terms of speed, skill, physicality and determination.

A disappointing first day in terms of results saw Chelmsford assess their tactics and come out fighting with a fantastic day's performance on the Sunday, both in attacking play and by Lindsey 'Spud' Warren in the net. This paid dividends with the results and they got a draw and a narrow win leaving the table was wide open.

In the final weekend they faced two very tough sides, one of which was Surbiton who were fielding Great Britain's stars and Olympians! The scoreline on paper reflected their undeniable quality but in reality Chelmsford being an experienced indoor side, created countless goal scoring opportunities and although some great goals were scored, these went unrewarded with any points.

In the end it all came down to game 4 v Wakefield, with the result determining which of the two contenders would retain their Div 1 status. A win or a draw would have been enough for Chelmsford and the match was a spectators dream - end to end hockey. It came right down to the wire, the ladies scored two quick succession goals to bring the scoreline to 4-3 (down) with less than a minute on the clock but the end buzzer sounded too soon as they were unable to capitalise on a last minute free hit.

A brave, determined and skilled effort was displayed by every member of the Chelmsford squad, they should all be very proud.

Level 1 Umpiring Course

Chelmsford HC is hosting an England Hockey organised umpiring course this February, the club is looking to have many more qualified umpires to ease the burden on those currently holding the whistles. If you've ever considered it, now's the time and what better than to have a course on your doorstep.

For those that do become qualified umpires, then (if playing on the same day) there will be arrangements put in place with regard to a reduction or waiver of match fees and in addition those umpires will be offered first refusal on any reduced rate tickets that we receive from England Hockey etc.

Details are as follows:- Venue: **Chelmsford HC** / Date: **02/02/14** / Time: **9am to 4.30pm**

The cost of the course is £50 but, once qualified, CHC will reimburse the costs for club members in return for an umpiring commitment. **ALL candidates need to register and pay online via the link below.** Once registered please let [Bunny King](#) know. The deadline for booking this course is 22nd January 2014.

For full details and to register yourself [click here](#).

To receive bulletins direct to your inbox along with important club information subscribe to the [mailing list](#).

If you've got any comments, suggestions for future articles, announcements or just generally any questions then please drop us an email at newsletter@chelmsfordhc.org.uk. **Kat & Anna**

Results 11/01/14

M1 v Norwich City 1	(L)	Won 0-2	Woollatt, Hartley
M2s v Luton Town 1	(L)	Won 9-1	Wilcox, Fanger x2, Hales, Rumbold, Carter x2, Thom x2
M3s v Brentwood 2	(L)	Lost 9-1	Clough
M4s v Redbridge & Ilford 3	(L)	Won 2-1	Hingston, Gore
M5s v Brentwood 5	(L)	Drew 2-2	Schofield, Ball
MEGs v Canterbury Friars	(F)	Won 3-1	Kitchiner x2, Purcell
MVs v Eastcote Past Masters	(T)	Won 2-4	Smith, Gill x2, Hansen
L2s v West Herts 1	(L)	Drew 3-3	Knifton, Farrar x 2
L3s v Crostyx 2	(L)	Won 1-0	Went
L4 v University of Essex 2	(L)	Won 0-14	Collins x4, Neave, Guy x3, Goody x4, Morrell x2
L1s indoor v Bristol Firebrands 1	(L)	Lost 5-3	
L1s indoor v Surbiton 1	(L)	Lost 8-1	

Results 12/01/14

LVs v Colchester Over 35s	(T)	Lost 5-1	Daden
L1s Indoor v Brooklands Poynton 1	(L)	Lost 4-3	
L1s Indoor v Wakefield 1	(L)	Lost 4-3	



A celebration of the Life of Ross Thompson

04.01.56 to 20.12.13

Dear All

Thank you to those that replied to the notice on the website about organising a match on the **29th January** in honour of Ross ahead of his Life Celebration at 2.00 pm. To those that were unaware of the notice or were thinking that it was a matter of "turn up and play", I was hoping to make it a bit more organised than that, with two (mixed selection) teams/squads and umpires.

Naturally, one team will play in green and the other can use the Evergreens away strip of red shirts and socks (appropriate, because that is the KEGS colour and many of us know Ross from school days). I am also looking to organise a memorial trophy to hand to the Thompson family after the game, so there will be an element of competition there as well.

Please let me know if you are available as soon as possible, preferably by e-mail, so I can get everything organised. It doesn't matter if you have not picked up a stick in years, if you are not an Evergreen or any other reason that you might think of.

You only have to subscribe to the Evergreens motto of *Perambulare et Ludere* (I'll let you know what that means if you confirm your availability!). Finally, if it involves taking a day of work, please do so – let's make this a great occasion.

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It's that time again...the Chelmsford Hockey Club Beer Festival opens it's doors THIS Friday at 7pm.

Open from 12pm on Saturday there are twelve reasons to head down to Chelmer Park... 10 beers and 2 ciders! If you'd like to watch a spot of hockey whilst sampling the ales there are home games on the sand from 12.30pm - the M5's and the Evergreens, and on the water from 12pm - the M1s, L3s and M3s. Rolls available all day.

Saturday evening is the 'Main Show', with our very own Deryck Breinberg's live band on at 8.30pm. For those that don't know, Deryck plays the keyboards and the band has interchangeable members depending on who is not touring at the time. Band members (a variety of sax, bass and drum players and a lead singer) have played with the likes of Jefferson Starship, Bob Geldorf, Elvis Presley's lead guitarist, Elton John, Eric Clapton and Bill Wyman and the Rhythm Kings!

Sunday between 12pm and 5pm (later if people are there for the football) the Clubhouse will be open for those who fancy popping back down for a drink. Again, spectator options are a plenty with the Mixed XI playing at 12pm and then the Men's Vets are playing Harleston in the EH Vintage Cup, a big game for them so supporters more than welcome! For the football fans amongst you the clubhouse will have Swansea v Spurs on at 1.30pm and Chelsea v Man Utd on at 4pm. Rolls available.

Free entry at all times and the clubhouse bar will also be open as usual for those who prefer another tipple!

Everyone welcome, please encourage your team mates, friends and family to attend what is always a fantastic event. See you there!!



60 Seconds with...

Jonny Wilcox

Team: Men's 2nd XI

Jonny Wilcox, club legend, leading Men's scorer, soon to be parent, bleeds green. The man who needs no further introduction sits down for a chat all things goal scoring, fitness, and a return to the glory days of Chelmsford Hockey Club.

1. Jonny, thank you for joining us. You tweeted back in October that you thought the race for the Top Scorers Title was purely between the Ladies 4's front line. Three months on has your opinion changed?

It hasn't changed in the slightest. Those girls have got it in the bag. The way they are scoring as a team, I'd expect to see a few more of them up there by the end of the season as well. I don't care what league you're in, who you're playing against, or how good your side is, the number of goals they have scored individually and as a team has been phenomenal, and one hell of an achievement. That being said if a few of them go down with food poisoning between now and the end of the season, we should blame Polly and Richard Bird. It'll be nothing to do with me.

2. You're the runaway top Men's goal scorer this year and have contributed 25% of the Men's 2nd XI goals. Do you think it's fair to say you're pulling your weight in the team?

What are you implying? I think most of the team would agree that goals are all I've contributed so far this season.

3. Will your (presumably) intense Christmas training programme set you in good stead for the second half of the season?

I see a theme emerging here! As you know Stocky, my body is a temple (of Doom), so I'm sure I'll be able to continue to perform at my consistently high levels.

4. Where do you see a seemingly revitalised 2nd XI finishing this season and then in five years time?

I think things are looking very positive for the 2XI. We've got a great chance of getting promoted to Div 1 this season. We have some really quality youngsters in the side at the moment in Alex Rumbold, Steve Harrison, CJ Mayes, Josh Brady and Andy Bird. All of them are either pushing for the 1XI now, or should be in the next few years. There's also a number of players in the side who have played National League hockey, and that experience is vital. I won't name names as it'll only make them realise that they'll never reach those heights again, I know I won't! The aim for the 2XI for the next 5 years must be to push, challenge and support the 1XI as much as they can, and to keep getting promoted up the leagues. There's no reason why we can't be where we were a few years ago with the 1XI in the National League and the 2XI in East Prem A. That's got to be the aim for a big club like ours. This would also have a positive effect on the rest of the club as well, as we'd be able to attract more players, which will strengthen the other elevens. The club hasn't been blessed with loads of players for the last few years, so it'd be great if we could back to where we were a few years ago. Luckily there are a lot of people behind the scenes striving to do this.

5. Do you regret relinquishing the esteemed role of Men's Chairman of Selectors and do you think this has had a positive or negative effect on your hockey?

I don't regret it one little bit. That being said it is a really rewarding but challenging role to have.

You get to know people in the club, that you may not have got to know before, plus the company car and free bar tab was good..... I may have said too much. On a serious note, when you are struggling for players and having to select on availability rather than ability and performance it can be tough. That's why it's so important that we get more people playing hockey, and more people playing it at Chelmsford Hockey Club. As for whether it has had a positive or negative effect on my game, I'm not sure how being, or not being, the Chairman of Selectors can affect a person's ability to stand on the penalty spot for 70 minutes (if we don't have subs) every Saturday.

6. If you take the (estimated) combined yardage of your 20 goals this season, where would you get to if you started walking it from the entrance to the water-based pitch?

From the entrance of the water based complex, towards the pitch itself? Probably the gym equipment. Not sure I'm into positive yardage to be honest.

Announcements

This section will be for births, engagements, birthdays, marriages, deaths, hockey honours etc **but remember you have to let us know what's going on!**

2013/14 - Social Calendar

...so far!

17 th - 19 th Jan	Beer Festival
25 th - 26 th Jan	Finishing any left over beer off!
1 st Feb	Quiz Night
8 th Feb	Pizza Takeaway Night
8 th March	Chinese Takeaway Night
TBC	Men's Dinner
TBC	Ladies Night
9 th May	CHC Golf Day
17 th May	CHC Ball