

**Fixtures @ Chelmer Park**

15/02/14 - M1, M3, L3 & L5

**Men's GKs
Wanted**

Over the last seasons there have been a number of male keepers who have left the club, whether for university or pastures new. As a result we are looking for goalkeepers for the rest of this season and beyond. Goalkeepers of all ages and abilities will be welcomed and incorporated into one of our many teams. As an ambitious and growing club you can look forward to matches in the East and London leagues, and other competitions such as the Men's Cup, the Mixed Trophy and Men's Masters, not to mention indoor hockey and plenty of social events throughout the season. If you are interested, know someone who is or would like to ask further questions then please contact Owen Thom, Chair of the Playing Committee in the first instance.

Results 08/02/14

M1s v City of Peterborough 1	(L)	Drew 5-5	Own Goal, Hunter Rayner x 2, Gilkes
M2s v East London 1	(L)	Won 1-0	Fanger
M3s v Upminster 3	(L)	Drew 2-2	Tuff, Dickenson
M4s v Chelmsford 5	(L)	Won 3-2	Baker, Jackson, McCamlie
M5s v Chelmsford 4	(L)	Lost 2-3	Schofield, Sale
MVs v Brom Beck Ravens	(L)	Won 6-2	Smith x 2, Gill, Cass, Hansen, Woods
MEGs v St Albans Over 60s	(F)	Lost 2-3	Kitchiner, Hunter
L1s v Old Loughts 1	(L)	Drew 3-3	Ager, Butterworth, Hales
L2s v Cambridge City 1	(L)	Lost 0-2	
L3s v Romford 1	(L)	Won 0-2	Mann x 2
L4s v Southend & Benfleet 2	(L)	Won 3-1	Daden x 2, Tuff
L5s v Waltham Forest 5	(L)	Won 0-6	Dailly, Thompson, Hodgkins-Brown x2, Cunningham x 2

2013/14 - Social Calendar

8 th March	Chinese Takeaway Night
28 th March	Men's Dinner
4 th April	Ladies Night
9 th May	CHC Golf Day
17 th May	CHC Ball



Dates in for Mens and Ladies Dinners!

**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!**

◊ Now we've all heard the age claims from the 'Peter Pan of CHC' and 42 years old certainly raised more than a few eyebrows, so in case you weren't sure of the reality - Congratulations to David "Kitch" Kitchiner on reaching the grand age of 50 last Monday!



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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**

JOHN CURRIE 1934 – 2014

John was an Honorary Life Member of the club who passed away on the 3rd January this year following illness for over a year.

He was a great enthusiast for the club and made many valuable contributions to its welfare from the mid fifties right through into the 21st century.

John had his first introduction to stronger drink when, at the age of about 18 months he was left in his pram whilst mother, father and his sister picked apples. A bottle of cider had been left propped up in the pram and when the family returned John was comatose and the cider bottle was empty. Great early training for hockey at Chelmsford.

He had a strange time during the second world war, being sent off to Scotland , at the age of 6 , with his older sister Pat and a “lady” who was supposed to be housekeeper and nanny but drank, beat them and had a daughter who was a “bit loose”. Pat and John were not properly fed and so they supplemented their meagre diet found and ate raw turnips, Oxo cubes and anything else they could obtain.

He was then at school, first at Widford Lodge and then at Felsted where he boxed with some distinction (another useful skill for when he played for Chelmsford Men’s second XI.)

John chose to do National Service in the Royal Air Force, although he could have avoided it, being in agriculture, a reserved occupation. But he loved flying. When he left the RAF he came back to Chelmsford, went to Writtle College studying agriculture and then joined the family firm R.H. Currie who had a variety of farming and other interests.

He had started playing hockey, cricket, rugby and also took a strong interest in the Young Farmers. Fishing of many kinds was his main love along with shooting (not necessarily very successfully).

John played for most of the Chelmsford HC men’s teams over many years and would always be available Saturdays and Sundays and in the week as well. His old English style stick that somehow seemed to be the size of a barn door assisted John who was not always the most mobile of players. Forwards tended to steer well clear of him on the pitch.

When the old changing rooms at New Writtle Street burned down, John donated and helped erect a “new one”. It was actually an old large chicken coop that John had allowed an itinerant worker on his farm to use until the worker moved on but it sufficed for 10 years or so. Then when the club moved to Chelmer Park, John became an unofficial clerk of works for the building of the current clubhouse, being on site for most days to ensure that things were dealt with properly.

During that time there was a change of bank manager and John went to the bank to deal with a couple of issues regarding the clubhouse. The new bank manager invited John in, called for the file, and then was told by his staff that that the bank had no file on the issue. At which point, John, who had known the previous manager for many years, leant across the desk and said to the new manager that he would find the file in the desk in front of him in the third drawer down on the left.

There was a very poignant Service of Thanksgiving for John’s Life in mid January, with several hundred friends, relatives and business colleagues, many of them local farmers and landowners. There were probably 100 Four by Fours in the car park. A large contingent came from the club.

John was a true gentleman, a character, and a good clubsman with a great sense of humour.

The older members will miss him.





Anyone starting out in sports photography and looking for exposure?

The Essex Chronicle are looking for volunteers for sports photography and you will be fully credited for any images used. To register your interest please contact James Stock at news@chelmsfordhc.org.uk.

2nd XI Plate

The Ladies 2s got a walkover in the plate competition where they had an away draw to Burnt Ash (Bexley) to take them to the quarter-finals. They will now face Team Bath Buccaneers 2s away on 2nd March.



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10h
. @ChelmHockey L5 Won 6-0 in a selection of Scotland, Southend United and West Ham strips #BarmyArmy
pic.twitter.com/p3CvcOUjE7

The Ladies 5s following their 0-6 victory over Southend in a makeshift kit of genuine Scotland, Southend United and West Ham strips courtesy of captain Kirsty's husband.

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60 Seconds with... The Men's 1st XI

Joining us this week is Men's 1st XI Captain Rob Hartley speaking on behalf of the Men's 1st XI, to discuss the teams record breaking season. Record breaking in terms of sin bin appearances that is...

Name: Rob Hartley (Men's 1st XI Captain).

Team Age: Ranges from quite young to quite old

Team Occupation: Most things from employed to the unfortunately unemployed like Tom Woollatt

1) In the midst of quite a successful season, the Men's 1st XI have also recorded their worst ever disciplinary streak, and there's still a few fixtures left. What's the main reason behind this?

A lot of it is down to how hard the team is working at the moment on winning the ball back when we lose it. There's also the fact that when you're competing at a reasonably high level getting a 50/50 challenge slightly wrong means you can end up with a card.

2) Player/Coach Dillet Gilkes took the individual Serial Offender title in it's inaugural year of 2011/2012 - is there an individual who stands out as a potential candidate to take the award this year?

Hugh Fillingham is up there as a potential candidate. He set his stall out fairly early on in the session picking up a few yellows in quick succession, and there's no other 1st XI regulars within a yellow card of him at the moment.

3) Given that no individual is above 10 points, is it fair to say that this isn't a team with one or two people who attract cards all season?

Exactly, as explained in the first question our current style of play can potentially attract the umpires attention if it doesn't go right. In spite of the previous weekend it's fair to say that everything is actually going in an upward direction, but as always there is some work that still needs to be done.

4) With the most prolific weekend ever just gone after picking up 13 Serial Offenders points against Peterborough, how disappointing was that?

It's always disappointing when one of the team gets a card, especially a yellow as it means everyone else has to work harder when we lose a player. The Peterborough game itself is probably not a fair reflection of our season. Some of the cards were perhaps a tad harsh and it certainly wasn't a rough or dirty game. It was actually a very entertaining game with lots of end to end play which both teams had to work hard for. Sometimes players just have to make important but risky tackles which can easily go wrong when playing a top of the table team who are in a good run of form.

5) How surprising is it to be 22 points clear of the Ladies 1st XI in second place, when not so long ago it was the other way around?

It's difficult to say, the fixtures haven't really worked for most of the season that we've been able to watch them and vice versa. We did play against them in a training game just last week and it's fair to say that like us, they're certainly not a dirty team! They've also had a long break over the winter when we've been squeezing in a few fixtures and just creeping ahead with the few cards we've picked up. Obviously the gap looks worse because we took a bit of a jump instead of a crawl this weekend.

6) With fixtures extending into March, how likely is it the team will end up hitting the century?

It's certainly not a target! I think it's unlikely but as a team we'll certainly try and avoid cards in the coming fixtures. It won't change the way we play as we've largely been on a really good run of results either side of the Christmas break. That's down to the effort and energy to compete which from a card perspective seems to have backfired slightly! As we said, room for improvement as always, and we'll continue to strive towards that.

We'd like to thank Rob for his time, patience and good humour in answering these questions.