**Fixtures @ Chelmer Park**

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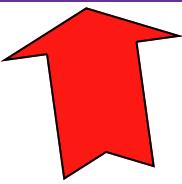
01/03/14 - M2, M4, MV, L2 & LV**Results 22/02/14**

M4s v Colchester 4	(L)	Won 3-2	Gemmill, Nourse, Goode
MVs v Surbiton Magnets	(L)	Won 2-3	Kitchiner x 2, Smith
L1s v Harleston Magpies 1	(L)	Won 2-1	Taylor K, Heggie
L4s v Southend 3	(L)	Won 0-5	Went x 4, Morrell x 2

CHC BI-ENNIAL BALL**Saturday 17th May 2014****Chelmsford County Hotel****7pm 'til Midnight****Black Tie****£45 per ticket***Including season awards, live band & raffle.*

For tickets, contact:-

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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*

Calling Young Leaders & Young Umpires...

On Friday 7th March at Chelmer Park, Active Essex are holding the

Essex Youth Games

There will be Quicksticks competitions in the morning and In2Hockey competitions in the afternoon. We understand that most schools will give time off to pupils to help in the community on occasions such as this.

Any Young Leaders or Young Umpires who are interested in helping on the day should contact [Kitch](#).

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!

Congratulations to Mens 1s coach Dillet Gilkes and his wife Nafisa on the birth of their daughter Niyah, born Wednesday 19th February at 5:06pm weighing 7lbs 1oz. Family Gilkes are all doing well.

**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

The perfect weekend! Yes only 4 teams were playing but 4 wins, 15 goals, conceded 5, and just one card is a fantastic 100% return for a weekends work!

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TOP SCORERS TABLE

	Name	# Of Goals
1 st	Gill Collins	36
2 nd	Wendy Daden	26
3 rd	David Kitchiner	25
4 th	Ed de Mello	22
5 th	Jonny Wilcox	20
6 th	Tim Smith	17
7 th	Steve Harrison	16
8 th =	George Mann	14
8 th =	David Gill	14
10 th =	Tom Burrows	12
10 th =	David Coombes	12
10 th =	Tom Fanger	12
10 th =	Bryan Baker	12
10 th =	Own Goal	12
17 th =	Mike Millane	10

SERIAL OFFENDERS TABLE - BY PLAYER

	Name	Green	Yellow	Red	Points
1 st =	Hugh Fillingham	1	3	0	10
1 st =	Jonathan Budd	1	3	0	10
1 st =	Kate Maxey	4	2	0	10
4 th	Rebecca Budd	0	3	0	9
5 th =	Steve Harrison	1	2	0	7
5 th =	Louisa Taylor	1	2	0	7
5 th =	Tom Woollatt	1	2	0	7
8 th =	Will Stock	3	1	0	6
8 th =	Adam Hunter	0	2	0	6
8 th =	Rob Hartley	3	1	0	6
8 th =	Andy Fox	0	2	0	6

60 Seconds with... [Alex Went](#)

To follow...keep an eye on the [website](#)

12pm

M2s v Brentwood

The Mens 2s are playing in a big game against Brentwood who are sitting in 3rd place, 5 points adrift of Chelmsford. The men will really appreciate your support as they look to put breathing space between themselves and Brentwood!

@Chelmer Park, 12pm push back.

The Ladies 2s take on Bath Buccaneers on Sunday in the quarter-finals of the Ladies 2nd XI Plate with a 12.45pm push back at the University of Bath -

Good Luck girls!

Evergreens tour to Sicily 20th - 25th February 2014

It all started so well! Everybody turned up at the lay-by meet at 0400hrs - an ungodly hour for a group of elderly hockey people - the coach organised through David Coombes was only 10 minutes late and the road to Gatwick was clear and flowing well. Arriving by 0515 we waited for Binns and Breinberg. Binns arrived direct from his pod hotel room in the South Terminal, Deryck was only 15minutes late, good for him, and the big kit bag was accepted after a brief debate so off we went.

Found the bus stop in Catania and, all who could, got on. Seems you have to buy tickets before travelling, we didn't so we travelled free! Those who couldn't get on took taxis and arrived at the hotel well before the bus travellers. 5 minutes after booking in we set off for the nearest bar, as you would expect. The beer was Danish and 7.5% so a good start to lunch!!

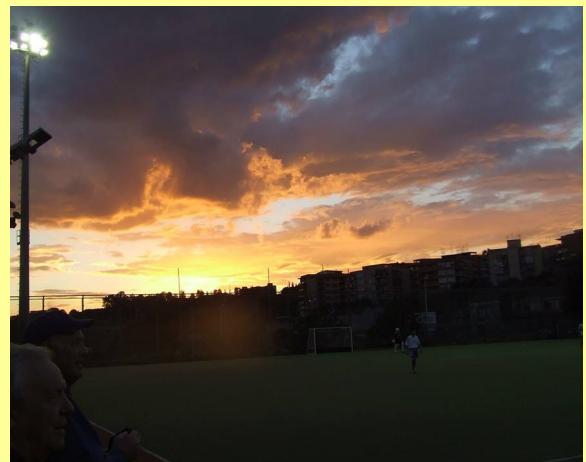


After sleeping it off we set off for a "20 minute" walk to the booked evening meal fish restaurant. We cut a dash in our red trousers, appropriate shirts and cravats! A surprise for Billy as he had previously suggested the Evergreens where a load of toffs. After 30mins our navigator, the Fox, announced we hadn't reached half way. A taxi was used by some but most battled on. After 75 minutes, walking mostly in the right direction we found the restaurant and, accidentally, the red light district. Having sat down we noticed the table for 20 had a space! Eventually we worked out Billy was missing. Binns was sent to scout, phone calls were made and messages were left but no Billy. We were all so concerned that we tucked into dinner and beer and wine. Taxis returned us to base where we found Billy - who had stopped for a pee, got separated and had left his phone at the hotel and so got the 'Dick of the Day' award!

Unusually we started hockey on Friday, with a game a day until Sunday. We found out the other teams were the Members; an invitation team from the London area, over half of whom play for England Master Teams, plus notables like Suti Kehar, former England Captain and Chris Rule former GB player (oh sh*t you say; so did we). The next was the Italian National Over 50's World Cup squad (oh sh*t again). The last, and we hoped least, was Zevenbergen Old Boys. Points in the bag, we prayed.

As for the results..... Friday Lost 13-0 against the Members, Saturday Lost 5-1 against the Italians (who had beaten the Dutch 15-0). Our goal was an own goal, only given after the intervention of umpire Nourse to the other umpire who was giving a 16 yard hit. The rule change about "own goals" has already been implemented in Italy but not by Nourse who claimed an assist!

Saturday night we set off with Zevenbergen to a restaurant near Mount Etna. Was that red stripe a well-lit road? No it was a lava flow. The bus stopped, couldn't drive closer to the village, so we had to walk about 600yds down a steep hill to what looked a very pretty area. The driver spoke to a local and announced it was the wrong village. We marched back up the hill and the happy band got back in the coach. The driver shrugged his shoulders and off we went!!





The correct village and restaurant was found and a good night, with music and classical singer, was had by all.

Sunday morning was tense; no banter with the Dutch over breakfast and the teams travelled separately for the 0930 start. Players a bit jaded. Peter decided on a team warm up to psyche out the Dutch but, hang on, was that a *girl* who was playing for them? Points must be in the bag with a girl in there team!! Then the game started. Jerry Cass scores the opening goal. Then it starts to go wrong.

The girl runs rings round us, keeps nicking the ball, and can't be caught despite being assaulted by Will Williams. Who the feck is she? Turns out she has been a full Italian International for the last 10 years. Scores 1 makes 1 and dominates the pitch. Goals go in both ends. Carr scores and claims another but it's not given as hit outside the circle. Hotly disputed but Nourse unable to see that far from the other end so couldn't intervene. It's nip and tuck but the Evergreens go down 5-4. Wim apologises and says the result doesn't count and the girl should have come off but he is the Captain! Will their invitation to Tonka be revoked?

The Members drew with the Italians in a noisy hard contested game and our own goal against the Italians meant the Members won the tournament. So at least the trophy returned to England! BBQ and presentations followed and later we decamped to a local bar, having drunk the club dry, and cheered ourselves up. Early night Sunday after a brief tinkle on the ivories by our travelling pianist, Deryck "I can only play when drunk" Breinberg.



Did the tourist bit on Monday with a trip to Taormina on the local bus. An excellent expedition led by Tim Burrows despite bumping into the bloody Members again. Final dinner that evening, Deryck had the biggest fish ever seen on a plate, Nourse and Fox where accused of ordering too many bottles of red wine, the kitty master was very agitated and the bill was much, much bigger than he had thought possible. Not much new there then! Another piano

concert and a few liqueurs rounded off the day.

Had time for a spot of sight-seeing around Catania on Tuesday morning, followed by a short lunch as the kitty was dry and the long trip home. Chris Jullings did battle with Easyjet over the big kit bag saying it was included in the deal but had to pay up in the end. Chef d'Equipe, Peter Hollebon, is tasked with getting the money back!

As is usual what goes on tour stays on tour and other things are therefore covered by the 30 year confidentiality rule!!

Next year, likely to be Croatia. National teams not allowed and girls can't play!!

