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Welcome

Editors

Welcome to the (slightly) new look Chelmsford Hockey Club Newsletter, the first for the 2005/2006 Season.

Due to the Commonwealth Games being held in Melbourne during March 2006, the EHL is suspended for the the months before and the duration of the games. Of the 18 league games to be played this season, 13 of them are being played before Christmas with the rest being played upon the resumption of the EHL in April/May 2006. With this in mind the 1st XI's almost have to treat the games as two separate seasons, with pre-season fitness and warm-up matches in both August / September and March / April!

Following on from the great results last season, it was always going to be difficult to live up to expectations. The Ladies' 1st XI, despite a minor blip to start, have progressed well and are in familiar territory in the upper third of the table (now second!). The Men's 1st XI on the other hand are struggling to get started in this year's Premiership. With the departure of several key players from last season, least of all Player/Manager Craig Fulton, the Men have failed so far to recreate the excellent play that last year ensured a second season in the Premiership.

Outside of the 1st XI's the club as a whole is having mixed fortunes. The Ladies' teams are living up to their high standards but the Men's teams, following an exodus at the top end of the club, are struggling to consolidate their positions after last season's raft of promotions.

You can read more about these issues in the Chair of Selectors and Team Reports.

Off the pitch we are sad to have to bid farewell to Karen Brown. You can read more about this below.

Further off the pitch, the social season is almost upon us. The annual Whisky Tasting, Xmas Party, Team Dinners and Beer Festival are just a few of the social events taking place over the next few months. Don't forget to check out the *Forthcoming Events* section later on and the website for further details.

Mentioning the website, hopefully, by the time you read this the new (all singing all dancing) Chelmsford HC website will be up and running. There are further details later on in the newsletter.

Well I think that is the main items

EDMUND CARR
Chartered Accountants



of news so far this season. It just leaves me to say that we hope you enjoy the newsletter, we have had a brilliant response from the youth section, so please take the time to read their reports.

And finally the Editors hope you enjoy your season both on and off the field, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Chairman's Chatter

Nigel King

If you don't already know, the Ladies 1st X1 coach, Karen Brown is leaving the Club this December. She has been successful in being appointed the England Women's Junior Performance Manager and also a member of UK Sport's Elite Coach scheme. We, at Chelmsford HC, are sorry to see her go, having seen the Ladies 1st X1 achieve so much under her direction. However, we can also recognise the challenging positions she has secured and offer her our congratulations on her appointments. We wish her every success in the future and hope that despite her very busy schedule, she will be able to get to Chelmer Park to see us and give us her news. Karen, you know you will always be welcome and thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Ladies 1st X1 and to the Chelmsford Hockey Club during your time with us.

Secretary's Corner

Spencer Wilcox

The first couple of months of the season have been as busy as ever both on and off the field.

New members

Membership secretary, Peter Carter has been doing a great job in getting the subs in; those of you who have not paid really need to get on and send your cheque and membership renewal form to Peter. We have also had a few new members and I would be grateful if captains can ensure that the new members form is completed and returned to me. In that way we can ensure that people are elected and that their details go onto the club database. I'm pretty sure that I'm missing a few so grateful if captains can check their records.

In the short term changes of address etc should be sent to Peter and copied to me.

Teas etc

All captains have had an email from me asking that teams have their teas immediately after their game, inviting their opposition to have theirs too. Please make sure you assist with this request as Terri only has a limited amount of time between games to wash up and prepare for the next game. If you turn up late for your teas don't be surprised if you miss out.

Away game etiquette

Among the traditions long associated with our sport has been accepting hospitality after the game when playing away. I know

it's difficult when you play at a pitch that's not close to your opposition clubhouse, but can you please make the effort to go back after the game. Just as we do, clubs go to the expense of laying on teas and are very disappointed when the opposition do not come back. It's not good for the reputation of Chelmsford and on a personal level it's pretty discourteous. Before we had the benefit of the water based we had 7 "home" venues and both the bar take and teas suffered a lot - so I can empathise with clubs over this. So please make the effort.

Facilities

I'm very grateful to Jon Lambert who recently took over day to day responsibility for our facilities. This is a big job so its good to know that things are in safe hands.

Water based pitch

You all know that we have had an algae problem, but the position is now beginning to improve. We have engaged Petan Associates to de-algae and clean the pitch. One treatment has been done and we are now waiting for the pitch to be power washed and given a final clean. But it is already looking much better. Peter Day who runs Petan is a hockey players himself - Reading vets - and we have been able to bring his wide experience of treating pitches across the country to sorting our problem out. It's a little more encouraging to know that its a problem shared by all water pitches and to a lesser extent sand pitches. We are joining the water based pitch users club to pool knowledge and experience so there is a genuine desire by all concerned to get this

cracked. What is clear is that keeping the pitch clean is a major factor - to that end we have invested over £3,500 on a mechanised brush. Over time, with self help, this will save us a lot of money.

What can you do to help?? Aside from volunteers to be trained to clean the pitch (very grateful to those who have stepped forward so far), the biggest thing you can do is to stick to the paths when walking to the pitch and ensuring that your opposition do too. Set an example and they will follow - and don't be slow to ask people to follow your example. Mud, grass and other debris walked onto the pitch helps provide the environment in which algae thrives. Following this simple advice is a good way to keep subs down next year.

We are also helping to keep our costs down by hiring out the pitch. From the start of the financial year we have generated income of around £11,000 all of which is ringfenced for pitch maintenance and replacement. If you know of anyone who would like to hire the pitch please let me know.

Have a great Christmas everyone and a very healthy and successful New Year”

Sponsorship

David Lines

A lot of hard work continues behind the scenes to bring new sponsors to the Club, sending out fliers, brochures and other information. However, a lot of the leads have come through

individual members. For example, the Ladies 1st XI have been working hard on the recently introduced 'Player Sponsorship' deal that you will have seen in the match programmes this season. Starting at £100, an individual 1st team player can be sponsored, with the sponsor's name appearing beside the player's profile and in a small advertisement in the team's programme for the season.

The range of opportunities goes up in three stages to a top level of £500, which has a whole load of features. The girls have managed to produce several sponsors in this way and you will see them not only displayed in the programme, but also on the new website. The Men's 1st's have not had so much luck yet, but press on with their efforts. The overall goal is to get a sponsor for each and every member of the two squads. If achieved, it will bring much needed revenue to the Club and help maintain not only the on-field successes, but also the fantastic facilities that we enjoy at Chelmer Park these days.

Every member can do their bit to help, in two distinct ways. You can, like some people have already, put your hand in your pocket to support a player or, alternatively, a group, a family or a team can do likewise. Similarly, finding and introducing a sponsor from outside the Club will achieve the same goal and all the information you need is available in a leaflet from me, via a simple e-mail or phone call. Or you can pick up one of the brochures that I have printed and put around the clubhouse if there are other types of sponsorship that you (or your contact) are looking for. For those that have already done that,

please renew your efforts and see if you can be the next to bring sponsorship to the Club.

The second way you can help is to use, wherever you can, the services offered by our sponsors. It is a way of repaying them for their generosity and support for the Club as a whole and helps to secure funding for the Club for the future. If you were going to spend your money on something that our sponsors provide and it looks good value, then it won't put you out of pocket anyway! By the way, advertisements for our current sponsors appear in this newsletter, so you can't say you don't know about them! Please try your best.

As an example, one of our new sponsors is Paul Robins, of Shutterspark, who is the official Club photographer. Paul not only supplies official team and player photos, but also the action shots you see in the press. Nevertheless, Paul is not just in the sports business and provides photographic services for regular business and social events. For example, he covered the Ladies reception hosted by Chelmsford's Mayor, in recognition of their superb season last year, carrying the name of Chelmsford far and wide. Without publicity, things would not be as good as they are, so Paul's contribution to the Club is vital. It only makes sense to reciprocate by using his services where and when we can.



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Publicity

David Lines

Intrinsically part of the same 'stable' as sponsorship, we are always trying to publicise the Club as much as possible, both in the print and electronic media. Kitch has retired after many years as our Press Agent, during which time he won an award for his work as a local sports correspondent. Very many thanks to Kitch for all his efforts - he is a hard act to follow. Helen McDonnell and I have stepped in to fill the gap, while Emu picks up the role of Men's 1st XI correspondent.

Inevitably, as with any changeover, there have been some teething problems, but we are getting good coverage in the local press, particularly the East Anglian Daily Times on Wednesdays, often with a double page spread and several photographs. We have also tried to incorporate reports from other sections of the Club, but you will understand that it always competes for space with other sports and does not always get printed. However, if nothing else, those reports are faithfully reproduced on the new Club website (hopefully officially released by the time you read this), so everyone has a chance to see their name up 'in lights'

(provided someone files a report!).

The point about publicity is not just to put ourselves in the limelight, but to promote the sport and to reflect some of the glory of our successes to our sponsors. It also attracts spectators and new players to the game, something which is vital to the long term future of the Club as well. If anyone has any ideas or leads to do with publicity or sponsorship, don't hesitate to contact Helen or me - we'll be delighted to hear from you.

New Website

Adrian Tuff

By the time you read this editorial (hopefully) the new Chelmsford Hockey Club website (www.chelmsfordhc.org.uk) will have gone live.

Firstly I would like to express mine, and the club's thanks to Kitch for the creation, updating and general running of the original website and for getting Chelmsford HC's web presence established. It was felt that to progress to the next level, i.e. be more media responsive and friendly and (importantly) more attractive to potential sponsors, that we needed an overhaul of the current website.

Fortunately the club has some excellent resources to tap into, both Simon Pidgeon and Adrian Ericsson are extremely experienced in web applications and design, and more importantly they were willing to lend the club some time to develop a new website.

There has been a lot of hard work put in over the past 3/4 months by Pidge, Adrian and myself, and firstly I would like to thank Adrian and Pidge for their hard work and commitment, and hopefully they are as proud of the result as I am.

This website is still growing, hopefully there is already a lot of useful information on there but there will be a lot more as the season progresses. The main improvement is the inclusion of **Membership records on-line**, you can amend and keep up-to-date your personal details after you have "registered" your email address. This is all totally secure and only key club officials will be able to access your information.

There are plans to have an image library, access to condensed video footage of recent 1st XI games, league, fixture and result information as well as bulletin boards and (possibly) a chat room. All this is currently under development but in the meantime if there are any queries regarding the new website then please get in contact with me at atuff@tiscali.co.uk.

Youth Recognition

David Lines

International honours beckoned for five young Chelmsford players as the training camp lists for this year's England Under-18 squads were announced. From the Ladies section, Julia Butterworth (Captain of the triumphant East U17 team), Helen Fagg and Loren Sherer provide a good representation from the Essex club on November 12th, whilst

Josh Mepham and Sam Burrett, from the Men's 1st team squad, are called up to the England U18 Boys camp at Bisham Abbey from the 25th to the 27th November.

There are about 28 players in each list and the final squads for the 2005/6 season will be announced in early December.

Andy Roberts

In the most recent Essex and East Squads there are a large number of Chelmsford Youth Players.

Congratulations go to all players with respect to their achievements and especially Helen Fagg, Josh Mepham and Sam Burrett who have gained England recognition.

Key:

EA - Essex Academy

ET - East Training Squad

EU14 - East Under 14's

EU17 - East Under 17's

EU17R - East Under 17's Reserve

ET - England Trialist

Girls Under 12's Development

Sophie Church, Adrienne Devonich, Madeleine Newlyn, Beth Speakman

Girls Under 13's

Stephanie Carter, Charlotte Crisp, Katie Johnston, Natasha Playell, Katherine Roberts, Jocasta Staines

Girls Under 14's

Isobel Hare, Twinkie Jones, Abigail Krone (EA), Sophie Nehammer (EA), Rosie Patterson, Harriet Price (EA), Kate Maxey (EA)

Girls Under 15's

Meredith Willsher (EA), Sophie Stock, Sarah Williams (ET, EA), Chelsey Claridge (EA), Olivia Stratton, Claudia Sidoli, Poppy Church, Angharad Knill (ET, EA), Helena Roberts (EU14, EA)

Girls Under 17's

Helen Fagg (EU17, EA, ET), Julia Butterworth (EU17), Louise Patterson (EU17R, EA), Charlotte Roberts (EA), Toni Speakman (EU17R, EA), Jess Sturgeon (EA), Kate Taylor (EA), Rebecca McGuinness (EA)

Boys Under 14's

Elliott Ball (EA)

Boys Under 15's

Adam Carter, Patrick Croot

Boys Under 16's

David Bolton, Richard Carter, Frankie Clough, Richard Nourse

Boys Under 17's

Sam Burrett (ET), Richard Donnison

Boys Under 19's

Josh Mepham (ET)

Zevenbergen

Liz Nourse

Chelmsford and Zevenbergen

Hockey Clubs are set to continue their long established sporting relationship when the Dutch youth teams visit Chelmer Park in 2006.

Following our successful tour to Holland in May this year, preparations are now underway to entertain 8 teams, girls and boys aged 13 - 18+, over next May Bank Holiday Weekend (April 29 to May 1). As in previous years there will be one full day of 'intense International competition', and one day of fun matches where teams of all ages and nationalities mix together to play. We are also planning various parties and discos to keep us all entertained in the evenings. As with any large event, there is a lot of hard work and effort involved; but this is more than balanced by the great fun to be had! For more information about the weekend and how to get involved, look out for the posters in the clubhouse or contact Sally Speakman, Liz Nourse or Bob Smith.

Indoor Hockey for the Kids

Mervyn Patterson, Hilary Malicka

A major initiative is being launched to raise the profile of the indoor game in the youth section of the club. The challenge is to get the under 9's, under 11's and



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under 13's ready for the first East of England Kids indoor tournament scheduled for 14th January 2006. The adult teams in Chelmsford have always had a strong indoor tradition and it was recognised that the club as a whole would benefit from developing the indoor game amongst the youth section.

In November Lisa Wooding hosted a 'coach the coaches' training session to help coaches understand some of the tactics of the indoor game. This was very well attended with representatives from all the various age groups. We were grateful to Lisa for giving up her valuable time and all went away with a determination to try and coach an indoor game rather than just bringing outdoors indoors.

Two mega indoor training sessions have been planned at New Hall on the 11th and 18th December. With a start time of 8.00 the days will allow the under 9's, under 11's girls and boys and the under 13's girls and boys to experience indoor for the very first time.

Last year the under 11's who as under 9's entered the indoor tournament at Brentwood and came second in the event overall. Lets hope this year we can go on to repeat this level of success right across the age groups.

Bar Burblings

Ian Hunter & Nigel King

Thank you to all of you who support the bar and don't forget that if we do not stock your favourite tipple, alcoholic or non-alcoholic, please come and ask so matters can be put right.

Thank you also to one or two more members who are helping behind the bar, much appreciated. More help of course would be welcomed, Ian Hunter and I will always be happy to provide a short course of instruction if you are worried about how everything works.

Finally - have you put '**that**' weekend in your diary yet ??

Bar Duties

Ian Hunter & Nigel King

Dear Club Member,

All members should be aware that it is each teams duty to ensure the bar is manned after their game. The Bar Stewards are aware that some teams have a high number of under 18's who obviously cannot go behind the bar, but there will be other players around in the clubhouse that might be able to help. Please ask. Under 18's in each team should be tasked with tidying up and bringing in glasses for washing up.

The **unpaid** Bar Stewards are not barmen, so please do not presume we will be behind the bar to serve you. We spend 3-4 hours a week each making sure the bar is up

and running properly, and we do not like being taken for granted that will be behind the bar serving all and sundry. We are club members who like to socialise with our opposition after games.

- When you have finished your tea, organise a rota for the bar.
- Keep the bar tidy and the glasses washed up.
- Bring glasses in from around the clubhouse.
- Put any rubbish in the bin, and clean ashtrays.
- Don't expect someone else to do it... DO IT YOURSELF!!!
- Man the bar until the next team has finished their tea.

Each teams bar duty should last approx 2 hours. Both water and sand games will do bar duty (one from each team at any one time should be sufficient when games clash). The last team in should be prepared to stay until at least 7pm, possibly to lock up as well. So be aware you may have to know the locking up procedure.

Sorry to bang on about it, but if you all 'do your bit' it will be $\frac{1}{2}$ hours work every few weeks!!!

Chelmsford Sports Club

Nikki Tuff

As some of the observant one's amongst you may have noticed there have been a few changes in the area in front of the kitchen. The Sports Club is currently

looking into getting the two main walls plastered to provide a better backdrop for a selection of the pictures to be displayed. The proposal is to make this into a "comfy area". We will be circulating some ideas of how this may be achieved in the New Year costs permitting. So look out for this and make your feelings known as its pointless complaining after the work has been completed!! Other ideas being discussed at the moment are to change / update the lighting to brighten the clubhouse up. If anyone has any suggestions for changes in the clubhouse, please let me know so that I may bring them up at the Sports Club Committee meeting.

Facilities

Jon Lambert

Believe it or not, the new facilities have now been up and running for a couple of years. The new changing rooms were first used for the England vs Japan match in November 2003.

Probably the most obvious problem we've had is with the algae on the water-based pitch. Previous cleaning attempts provided only a brief respite before we returned to playing on a mucky and smelly pitch. Following discussion with other clubs and other research we have contracted Petan Associates to treat and clean the pitch, hopefully you will have seen the difference already. The algaeicide is safe for human/animal contact and will not damage the pitch. Weather permitting; the process should be complete by the end of November. We then need your

help to try and prevent the problem recurring:

- Please avoid walking across the grass to get to the pitch and ask your opposition to do the same. We know that it is the shortest route, but it is exacerbating the problem.
- Please try and avoid putting too much water on the pitch. If water is required, only use the reduced cycle (2). This will be sufficient for the winter months.

We have purchased a machine to clean the pitch on a weekly basis and are looking for volunteers to join a small team. The machine looks like a small sit-on lawnmower and will take 1.5-2 hours to do the pitch. If you are interested in helping, please contact Spencer or myself. We're looking for 5-6 people to spread the load.

If you've watched a 1st XI match at Chelmer Park in the last few weeks, you may well have bought a cup of tea or coffee from Nikki and Tufty. The experiment running the stall has been a great success and our long-term aim is to put up a tea shed on the tarmac near the pump-house. If you (or someone you know) may be able to help with the provision of a suitable shed, please let me know.

Things are also happening around the clubhouse extension, although I'm sure that many people won't notice! We should soon have some lighting along the path outside which anyone who has tried leaving in the dark will appreciate. Inside, we're trying to slowly clear out and sort the different rooms. Next on the list is the meeting room where we are also taking delivery of some

better chairs that have just been donated.

Finally, there are bound to be problems with a facility the size of the one that we now have at Chelmer Park. If you find anything, or have any ideas for improvements, please let me know or email facilities@chelmsfordhc.org.uk so that we can do something about them.

Men's First XI Report

David Hunter

Halfway through the season already, and only 2 points to show for it! Not the best of starts to the the season, but by no means a disastrous beginning. our only points have come in away matches vs Canterbury (2-2) and at Guildford (3-3). It would be so much more but for lapses of concentration in matches vs Old Loughts, East Grinstead and Loughborough Students.

I could go on to describe each disappointing result in detail but will resist, and take a positive approach, something we try and show on the pitch, so why not in the Newsletter. instead I will write on a slightly offbeat note on what the lads have been upto so far this season.....

Kimbo - Our GK who misses half of fitness training to go and to



"Goalkeeper Drills". Mental note, become a GK next season

Gugs - suggests that if we are to train at match tempo, that we should also get a National League Umpire to training, when a decision didn't go his way.

Felly - our fines master, who despite conning everyone out of a small fortune after each match, only manages to fine himself 20p per indiscretion.

Willy - threw his stick over the



fence in error vs Guildford, and in his panic, chased the Guildford forward without a stick.

Mince - found myself laughing with Kimber in our D after he attempted a first time sweep down the line, only to lift it, straight off the pitch into the TD.

Seve - the housewife's favourite, for proof see letter later in this newsletter.

Forest - turns 30 at the end of December, gift from the team will be a bus pass.

Bruiser - claims to have played National League for Surbiton, but when we played them knew none

of their squad. Did he really play for them?

Cronje - although only enjoyed a brief spell at the club, has gone home a fan of Purple Nasty and 3-man.

Luke - the man with the hollow guns which cannot take their alcohol

Josh - can anyone lend him some astro boots, he spends more time on his backside than on his feet.

even get a talking to.

Fizz - the fan's favourite, was sent off this season, bringing the clubs name into disrepute

I'd just like to extend my thanks to every captain in the club. On more than one occasion this season, the 1st XI have been responsible for firstly taking players from the 2nd XI, late in the week, and having a knock on effect. Many thanks to all, and Tufty truly does deserve a knighthood at the end of this season for the work he does

And my final thanks goes to Woody. In his own words "managing the 1st XI is like a full time job". And I couldn't agree more. All the boys appreciate your work, but I doubt many will appreciate that without you, it would all fall apart!!!

Dups - anybody else in the club, sorry, the world, missed training due to a couple of scabs on their knees!

Jonny - nearly got a red card after running into a nimble Cannock player. Not his fault he cannot turn on a sixpence, and its impossible to stop a charging train.

Emoooo - turning into your father bro! Yet despite calling the umpire a £\$(*)(*^&^**\$, didn't

So, the second half of the season starts and finishes in May (due to England commitments at Commonwealths and World Cup Qualifiers). Guess this will mean the "socials" will be well attended between January and May, so watch out!!

See you all at the CHC Christmas Party on SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER.

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Ladies First XI Report

Janet Sutton

At the time of writing (20th November) we are currently third in the League, but there are only 4 points between the top four sides, so all to play for ! we have already started the second half of our disrupted season and avenged Slough 4-2, after our disastrous opening game of the season when they trounced us 7-2.

It will be Karen's last match as Coach on 3rd December when we play Hightown at home. After a six year association with the Club, she has made an enormous contribution to placing Chelmsford firmly at the top of the Premier Division, and guided us to a Silver Medal in Europe. She has joined in the social side of the Club, as well as her duties as a Coach and will be missed by all. However, we all wish her success in her new job, as Womens Junior Performance Manager with England Hockey and will follow her career with interest from the build up to Junior World Cup, Olympics and beyond.

There have been a few changes to the Squad this season. Ex-Irish International, Sarah Kelleher has returned to National League and strengthened our midfield; Australian, Shayni Buswell has also made a valuable contribution

to either the midfield or defence. Emer Harte returns to the side this week, after her spell working in Denmark and Ireland hockey committments. We say goodbye to Cath Tyler, who is 'emigrating' to Singapore to join Ben. Tammy has not been available recently, as she has been concentrating on her 'career as a Doctor in Norwich' - occassionally work has to take preference.

Congratulations to Julia Butterworth, Helen Fagg and new

otherwise) definitely works in our favour.

With no sponsor this season, the first team have been set a fund raising challenge to help cover the additional costs they face by travelling nationally, and at the last count were in the region of £2,000. Well done girls and thank you to all those who have supported the cause, either by individual player sponsorship or buying a pictureboard square after the match.



recruit, Loren Sherer who spent last weekend at England U18 Trials.

The team appreciate the efforts of the ever growing 'Team Chelm' and their regular support at our matches. A good contingent went on a foray up to Olton. They managed to make the hotel for an evening meal on Friday night, with the team not arriving till after 10.30 and straight to bed. The vocal support (musical or

Tickets for the Indoor Finals Day at Indoor Arena, Birmingham are selling fast, so if you usually are part of the Chelmsford contingent at Crystal Palace on the friday evening please enjoy an away day to Birmingham on Sunday 5th February Tickets are available from England Hockey - details on their website. *Perhaps a coach trip up there would be the best idea?*



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Men's Club Report

Adrian Tuff

After such a great end to last season it was always going to be a tough 'ask' to reproduce the same performances and results this season. It has proved just that, tough.

The 1st XI are struggling, they are yet to find their stride and have only managed a couple of draws in their first 10 games.

There has seemingly been an exodus of players over the summer and at the beginning of this season, unfortunately (for the club) and fortunately (for some players) this has meant that some people are now playing a team above (and sometimes 2/3 leagues above) where they were playing last season. Although this has been good for the youth players who are now filtering into the lower levels of the senior sides, it has not been good for the results.

Having said that at least the 2nd XI are in contention in the top half of the table. The 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's are unilaterally struggling, with league positions ranging from 9th to 11th, it will be difficult for any of these teams to consolidate their position in the higher league.

The Evergreen's are motoring on in true Evergreen's fashion: organising more fixtures than the rest of the club put together, travelling further than any team

(except the 1's) and (probably this season at least) enjoying their hockey considerably more than the rest of us.

The Vets, after an initial struggle for players, have apparently settled down with a large enough squad and have started seeing some good performances (if not always results) of late, let's hope this continues through to the end of the season.

Team Summary as at 23/11/05

Lge	Pos	P	W	D	L
EHL Prem	1's	10 th	10	0	2
East Prem A	2's	6 th	8	3	2
East 2S	3's	10 th	8	2	0
East 4SE	4's	9 th	8	3	0
East 6SE	5's	11 th	8	1	0
East 7SE	5's	10 th	8	2	1
Evergreens			9	4	1
Vets			8	0	2
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So it just leaves me to thank the captains, especially Richard Ross and David Carr who have assumed responsibility for the 4's and the Vets respectively, to Crawford for all his fixture work and for all of the umpires who week-in-week-out work tirelessly to ensure that we all have a game to play.

Here's to a more successful second half of the season.

Men's Team Reports

Jimmy Smith (Men's 2nd XI)

After last season's best-ever finish of 2nd place in the East Premier League A Division, the Mighty Green Machine™ went

into the season looking for the only possible better result, to be crowned champions of the East Premier League! The first sign that things might not go exactly to plan was the loss of last season's captain, Royce Waters, who traded the East Premier League for the London League with bitter rivals Old Loughtonians. There were several other changes of personnel heading into the season; the absentees being Benny White, who returned to a life of tax dodging in Nottingham and Richard 'sicknote' Skilton, who was ruled out until Christmas with a severely fractured eyelash. However the ranks were bolstered with the returns of Rob Wallbank, from voluntary exile at Southgate, and Andrew 'Special' Kennedy, from international level umpiring and pie eating. There was also the transfer-deadline-day last minute signing (as not seen on Sky Sports News) of Craig 'twiglet legs' Warriner from Colchester, who was lured by the promise of Premier A hockey – that and Boots in Colchester had run out of hair-care products so he had no choice!

With Jimmy Smith eventually installed as the new captain and with an unbeaten pre-season behind them, the boys from Chelmer Park were feeling confident going into the first league game at home to Gareth Andrew, sorry Peterborough Town. With the one-man from the very definition of a one-man-team bagging 5 goals in a 7-2 rout, the men in green trudged off the pitch and headed straight back to the proverbial drawing board.

After a disappointing 2-2 draw at Bishop's Stortford, the Mighty Green Machine™ finally got their

hands on a little bag containing 3 points at home to Bourne with Special 'sledge-hammer for a hockey stick' K's slamming home of a penalty corner being the pick of the goals.

The second major setback of the season came with the trip to high-flying Cambridge City on 22nd October. A severely depleted Chelmsford side headed up the M11, looking to bag another 3 points. Sadly (but hilariously) the only man in green to return from Cambridge with 3 points was Phil 'why's that nice policeman holding a hairdryer' Goode.

Another 2-2 draw, this time against Bedford followed, the highlight of which being Jimmy 'a danger to passing aircraft' Smith sending the ball into the stratosphere with the last touch of the game in front of an open net. It is said that on a clear night at Chelmer Park, you can still see the ball orbiting the Earth. Reports that the ball has since plunged back to earth off the coast of Papua New Guinea are, as yet, unconfirmed.

The next game, away to Havering, was a 2-1 victory, although the less said about this game the better. Although this encounter did see a first competitive 2nd team goal for Rob Hartley and a 2nd team debut for Chelmsford's own 'baby faced assassin' Andy Fox.

The winning ways were continued at home to Blueharts with the Mighty Green Machine™ finally getting out of first gear and romping to a 5-2 victory. However the aforementioned smoothly running machine stalled in the next game away in the freezing fog of

Norfolk. Spurred on by a travelling army of supporters (some might say adoring groupies) Chelmsford showed everyone exactly who is boss in the East Premier League this season – that'll be Harleston Magpies then!

Things are looking up for the rest of the season however, with the second half of the 1st XI's season not starting until July 2008, the Mighty Green Machine™ can look forward to having a larger and stronger (?) squad to pick from after Christmas, and with absolutely no mention of stable doors and bolting horses, watch this space...

Derek Gould (Men's 3rd XI)

I should have retired after my first report as captain of the 3rd team. In that report I was able to state that the 3rd's had played 15, won 15 and were sitting pretty on the top of the league. This report seemed to jinx the team because the next 16 games have resulted in 6 wins, 1 draw and 9 losses.

As for the 2005/06 season, so far we have managed to secure 9 points from a possible 27. The 18 points have been squandered this season. Not because the other teams who have beaten us are that much better, cause they are not. The 3rd team has nothing to fear in Division 2 South. We are capable of beating any team in the league we just haven't proven to ourselves that we can actually do this.

Here's where I think the other teams have a slight advantage over us and I believe this is the same for Chelmsford 2nd team. This is not an excuse, but it needs to be mentioned. 7 of the 12

teams in our league are 1st teams, which mean they have the selection of players from the rest of their club. This creates a certain amount of stability in there team week in, week out. The 3rd team does not have this luxury. Part of the problem this season is partly due to an unsettled team (and maybe a lack of fitness - you know who you are - I certainly know who I am!!). The changes imposed on the 3rd team has been partly due to players merit of promotion to the 2nd team, partly due to a lack of players in the 1's and 2's compared to last season and partly due to the fixture card not allowing the 2nd's to be boosted by 1st team players. As I said, this is not an excuse, because the team we have fielded for every game this season has been capable of beating the opposition and this will go from strength to strength.

9 of the 3rd team players from last season have made an appearance for the 2's this season. Congratulations go out to Phil Goode, Gavin Spencer and Simon Krone for securing their places in the 2nd team. Personally (and there's not a hint of selfishness in this statement) I think all of them should still be in the 3rd team and I'm looking forward to you lads returning home where you belong!! On the other hand, there is one good thing about not having Goody and Gav in your team. Your personal belongings don't go missing every week and the mental age of your team significantly rises!

The new entrants to the 3rd team have done us proud this season. Welcome to Andy Fox, Steve Kalff, Matt Nicks, Ed Hutley and Tom Feltwell. Between them they have managed to lower the

average age of the team, injected a little more pace and a higher level of fitness. Unfortunately we will be losing Ed and Tom after the Xmas break as half a season of "Men's Hockey" is all these young lads can handle these days. It was different when I was a lad!

Andy Fox and Rob Hartley, who were pretty much regular 4th team players last season, have benefited from training and playing with the likes of Neil Stanhope, Simon King and Andy Neave. So much so that whatever has been said to them has done the trick as they often get a run around for the 2's. It's definitely worth having a chat to the 3 wise men of Chelmsford 3rd team.

Now for the obligatory statistics: Played 9, Won 3, Drawn 0, Lost 6, GF 21, GA 37, GD -16 (saves you working it out for yourself). We have 3 top goal scorers so far this season: Sweeper, Neil Stanhope, Midfielder, Rob Fordham and Forward, Adrian Tuff have all 3 have knocked in 4 goals each. Nobody can deny that we are a well balanced team! The other goals have come from Gould and Nicks on 2 each. The following players have popped up with the sole goal over the 9 games so far: Andy Neave, Ed Hutley, Tom Feltwell, Steve Kalff and WAIT FOR IT...Andy Simpson!!

What a man. 1 goal last season and another within the first half of this season. Simmo was overheard stating that this will not be the last this season. A book will be opened shortly for those wishing to take a punt on this potentially massive occasion.

I was going to mention Steve Kalff and his inability to score a

goal this season and that includes training!! But this was completely spoiled by the fact that he scored against Letchworth 2's on Saturday 26th November – a date to put in the diary!!

Big thanks go out to Richard Ross' 4th XI and the support they have provided us in previous weeks. Obviously the disruption in the higher XI's has a knock on effect down the club. The 3's have had Stefan Clough, Adrian Gilder, Richard Lines, Richard Nourse, Jon Lambert and Alistair Fergus step up to the mark and prove there is definite competition for places. I hope to see "some" of these lads making more appearances for the 3's in the future. Especially on the 3rd XI Xmas night out on the 10th December – keep it free.

Now the challenge for the rest of the season. We are sitting 4th bottom in the league at the moment and need to finish above this spot or we are relegated back to the depths of Division 3SE and that means our annual trip to Canvey Island will resume. This is something we should consider seriously over the coming weeks.

With the squad we have and the potential of 2nd team players bolstering our squad after Xmas, this is well within our reach. So, keep fit, keep focused and most importantly of all – keep the 3 second rule alive for the rest of the season!

Richard Ross (Men's 4th XI)

No report was received from the Men's 4th XI.

Phil Mumford (Men's 5th XI)

The Men's 5's have had a difficult start to the season with only one win to date. After gaining promotion last season we lost as many as 7 players to the 4th XI at the start of the season leaving us with a very young and inexperienced side. Many youngsters have started to develop well after difficult starts, some had no experience in the adult sides before the start of the season and understandably found the step up difficult as competing with additional strength of adults always is. However we are starting to gel into a team and battling hard and those inexperienced players are learning fast and we have been unlucky not to come away from something from many games, defeats to Brentwood and Marconi could so easily have been wins on another day. All in all a promising start if not in the sense of results but in performances.

Tim Burrows (Men's 6th XI)

P7 W2 D1 L4 GF16 GA28

Jumping 2 divisions was always going to be tough and so it has proved to be. Also 5 of last season's younger players have progressed to the 5's (which, of course, we are pleased about) and Tom Burrows is giving hockey a break for the season.

The team is finding itself up against well organised adult sides (25-30 year olds) and from time to time on the wrong end of some largish scorelines. That said, they did put 6 past Rochford Casuals.

However, the change in personnel, together with injuries to other regulars (Nigel Hunt and Dan Burch) has meant

opportunities to see a new crop of youngsters (and not so youngsters) playing in mens hockey. All have acquitted themselves well and would be regulars with the 6's or higher if unavailability didn't get in the way. Two of our new younger players, Scott Smith and Joe de Mello have played most games (Scott every one I think) this season and have clearly benefitted, growing in confidence and strength in their play.

Although not new to mens hockey, James Stock has been outstanding in goal this season and we have been fortunate to hang on to him for as long as we have.

Thanks to our guests from other sides, and special thanks to Anthea who, on one occasion, stepped in right at the last minute as goalie, having played 2 games already!!

Just for the record, and I'm sure other teams have found the same, the 6's have used 28 different players this season so far!

Richard Poulter continues as our very welcome regular umpire, joined this season by Bob Smith who is in the process of Level 1 qualification. Thanks to them both.

It might be tough in Division 7SE but no-one gives up and that's a credit to them all that attitude will eventually bring results.

Fred Matthews (Evergreens)

The Evergreens have carried on from where they finished last season enjoying good results against similar opposition and

then getting defeated by those sides who consider an older Vet to be one who has just turned 40. The side is getting a settled look about it with all the squad putting in good performances at different times. The Vintage cup side which is a mixture of the older vets and the younger Evergreens defeated Ben Rhydding 5-0 and now face a trip to Reigate in the next round. Weather permitting the Evergreens are aiming to keep up their tradition of playing more games than anyone else with our season extending until the end of April.

Ralph Thomas (Vets)

With 7 games played a win has been just beyond us. Most matches have been quite enjoyable and we have been competitive for long periods, but many of our opponents are younger and, having played hockey at a high standard in their prime, they know how to retain possession and how to make their age advantage count.

For one match, against Harleston, when the 3rd XI were flush with players, we were joined by Andy Simpson and Neil Stanhope such that we put up a fine display going 2-0 up only to lose 3-2 in the closing minutes (we wuz robbed).

We have been pleased to welcome one newcomer, Toby Wheadon, who brings power and enthusiasm to our forward line, while David Young is now setting his golf clubs to one side on Saturday afternoons to bring experience to our defence.

David Gill has been in fine form on the left wing and heads the

goal-scoring department.

Ladies Club Report

Jenny Stonebank

It doesn't seem possible that we are heading towards the end of the first half of the season. This is my fourth season as Ladies Chair of Selectors and as I review the progress off the pitch so far I can feel myself coming up with the same old, but significant, points.

Firstly I would like to thank Anthea, Crawford and Tufty for all their hard work sorting fixtures and pitch allocations, a daunting task.

It is really important that we support our managers and captains, we have three captains new to the job this season and they all work really hard to ensure we get a game each week. For the 3's,4's and 5's there is the added pleasure of ringing round for an umpire. Fortunately, we have been pretty lucky as a number of umpires have umpired regularly for us this season, which makes the captains job so much easier. Many thanks to everyone who has umpired for the Ladies.

It is also important that we commit to teas whether at home or away as it is an integral part of the game.

We are lucky to have a good team of coaches for our Tuesday and Wednesday coaching sessions. As coaching is included in our subs it would be good to see as many people as possible at the relevant training sessions.

Results throughout the teams have been really encouraging. This includes the 5's who, having

narrowly avoided demotion last season, are putting together some good team performances. The 1st X1 are keeping in with the top sides, no mean feat in the top flight of Ladies hockey. I am sure this reflects both the quality and team ethic of the squad. We will really miss Karen our 1st team coach as she moves on to her new role, she has been an inspiration to the team and a great club member too. The 2's, 3's and 4's are all doing well in their respective leagues, especially given that they are generally playing other teams first elevens. The results so far for all teams are shown in the table below.

Team Summary as at 14/11/05

Lge	Team	Pos	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	
EHL	Prem	1's	5th	9	5	1	3	24	19
East	Prem	2's	3rd	8	4	2	2	23	11
Essex	Prem	3's	3rd	7	5	1	1	26	10
Essex	Div 2	4's	5th	7	3	1	3	15	9
Essex	Div 3	5's	7th	6	2	1	3	6	8

We have a tremendous representation from the youth section in our Ladies elevens and on behalf of the Ladies I would like to congratulate everyone who has obtained County and Regional honours this season.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their hockey so far this season but please let someone from the selection committee know if you have any problems or suggestions.

Ladies Team Reports

Kat Letts (Ladies 2nd XI)

Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 2

Claire resigned as captain this summer after three successful seasons leading the team, I have taken on the job and would like to thank her on behalf of the team for her invaluable support and advice.

Following a very commendable 4th placed finish last season, we are looking to improve on that performance and so far are achieving that aim, currently sitting 3rd in the league having lost only two games to those in 1st and 2nd place!

We have new coaches this season in Phil Goode and Gavin Spencer who have introduced a new formation which seems to have gone down surprisingly well! With an abundance of players there has been plenty of movement between 1s, 2s and 3s and we have also been joined by Gemma Taylor from Canterbury.

Our goal difference of +12 shows that we have been firing on all cylinders in all areas of the pitch – lets hope it will continue!

Congratulations go to Julia Butterworth and Helen Fagg who have recently attended the England U18 selection weekend.

Sarah 'Fish' Sturgeon (Ladies 3rd XI)

The ladies threes have had an excellent start to this years campaign. After having been promoted last season we were all prepared for the doom and gloom of conceding goals and losing matches but our young team, (the average age being 16 and a half!!) has stood strong, continued our winning streak and we're now sitting pretty, perhaps even

gorgeously, 3rd in the league with one game in hand.

We are scoring an average of 4 goals a game and our top scorer so far has been Kate Taylor, a new recruit this season, with X goals. Our other newcomers: Bex McGuinness and Jessie Sturgeon have settled in really well and are making a great contribution to the team. Not to forget the old bunch who have been responsible for some exceedingly cultured hockey, athletic saves by Helen Fagg, life saving tackles from Sarah Sutton, defence splitting one-twos custom of Sophie and Kate Maxey and not forgetting the glittering goals of Phili Malicka and Charlotte Roberts and a vague contribution from my self, it really has been a pleasure to play with you chicks.

Well done for an awesome start to the season; long may it continue.

Jo Eager (Ladies 4th XI)

The Ladies 4's have had a good start to the season by winning five, drawing one and losing three. These results have put the team fifth in the league behind Upminster 2's and 3's, Wapping and Waltham Forest. The team have had three excellent performances one was against University of Essex where we won 6-1, against County Wanderers 5-0 and against Oakway an amazing 14-1. Overall this is a good start to the season keep up the good work

Helen Alexander (Ladies 5th XI)

No report was received from the Ladies 5th XI.

Youth Team Reports

Girls Under 11's

Trudy Speakman

Chelmsford Under 11 girls have got off to a good start this year winning all their White Knights fixtures so far. Despite losing 3 players to Essex Development Squad training, we won at Old Loughtonians and yesterday (Sunday 14th October) beat Dunmow away.

The squad of about 18 are keen and enthusiastic and improving quickly. Where possible, we field both A and B teams to allow everyone to get a chance to play matches. The only thing we lack is a goalkeeper, so if anyone knows of a 10 year old girl who might be interested, we would be delighted to see her on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Boys Under 11's

Tracey Mayes

The U11 boys attended a friendly with our old adversaries the Old Loughts on Saturday 19th Nov. It was a most enjoyable morning with most of our small squad attending. This gave everyone the opportunity to play, with the inclusion of a few U9 team members (who 'held their own' in such formidable company).

All teams played and trained together in the right spirit, results being unimportant! The morning was more in a bid to encourage sportsmanship and inter-club relations.

It was good to see all the children socialising afterwards in the Club

House where their catering staff provided welcome sustenance. We are due to return the favour and hospitality on Sunday 4th December.

Girls Under 13's

Chris Carter

There are 23 girls registered for the under 13 Girls squad this season. Numbers attending training on Sunday mornings averages around 20. Coaching cover has been good with 3 coaches present. The attendance of Lisa Wooding at a couple of training sessions has been a major benefit, with the girls picking up some very useful tactics.

The two squads have played in the White Knights mini league (2 rounds) and matches against Bishop's Stortford College. The results to date are as follows:

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
A	4	3	1	0	18	2
B	6	3	1	2	14	9

A Team

2/10	Chelm B	5-0	T Jones 4 K Roberts
	Redbridge	10-0	T Jones 3 K Roberts 3 C Speakman 2 R Patterson L Seleska
8/10	O Loughts	3-0	R Patterson 2 L Seleska
	B Stortford	0-2	

B Team

2/10	Chelm A	0-5	
	O Loughts	2-1	K Johnston N Playell
	Redbridge	5-0	K Johnston 3 O Ball 2
	B Stortford	1-1	

13/11	Dunmow	0-2	
	Southend	6-0	

The strength of the squad is apparent with 10 players representing Essex in the under 14s (Isobel Hare, Twinkie Jones, Sophie Nehammer & Rosie Patterson) and under 13s (Stephanie Carter, Charlotte Crisp, Kate Johnston, Natasha Playell, Katherine Roberts & Jocasta Staines) age groups.

The girls are eagerly awaiting the indoor training planned in December in readiness for their Indoor tournaments on January 14th @ Brentwood and February 25th @ Bishop's Stortford College.

Girls Under 15's

Joy Thomas

The girls' under 15 team travelled, on a glorious, frosty morning to Eastcote in Middlesex for their second round match in the National Cup competition. They played well to win a rather one-sided match 12-0, whilst Meredith Willsher slowly froze in goal as there was little for her to do!! Goal scorers included two hat tricks from Poppy Church and George Bojarski, two goals by Kate Maxey, two from Angharad Knill and the remainder coming from Helena Roberts and Rebecca Thomas.

They are now through to the last 32 with the next round being played on December 11th.

Boys Under 15's / 16's

Liz Nourse

As yet no matches played in this age group but the boys are

training regularly with Royce and Roger, and many are gaining experience with the Men's teams (3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th XI's) on Saturdays.

U15s received byes in the 1st and 2nd rounds of the HA Cup and look forward to their first match in the competition, at home against Old Loughtonians, on December 11.

U16s are entered in the Mercian League which, for Chelmsford, gets underway in the New Year with matches against Saffron Walden (H), Northampton (A), Harrow (H), St Albans (A) and Southgate (A) - weather permitting!

A number of the boys have been selected, and have played, for County squads - David Bolton, Richard Carter, Frank Clough and Richard Nourse at U16; James Beardwell, Adam Carter, Patrick Croot and Josh Maleary at U15.

Richard Nourse and Josh Maleary have also been invited to attend the Essex Hockey Academy which is run for elite players and coached by double Olympian, Nicky Thompson. Congratulations to all!

Girls Under 18's

Sally Speakman

We have had no matches as yet and have had a bye in the 1st round of the cup and were due to play the 2nd round on 20th November, but the other team have cancelled on us so we are through to the 3rd round of the cup.

Julia Butterworth, Helen Fagg, Louise Patterson and Toni

Speakman were all picked for the East U18 team.

Julia & Helen went to the tournament and have since had England trials and are awaiting the results.

Mixed Hockey

Rob Wallbank

Our first game in Essex Division One started well on Sunday 13th November with a visit to Crostyx HC.

It wasn't quite a military operation for Chelmsford - Rob Fordham was still in bed at the meet time and Kat turned up on time but with no Astroturf shoes! After a spare pair of shoes were loaned to Kat we were on our way, and after a pit-stop at McDonalds arrived at the pitch only to find that Wrighty, who was only wearing flip-flops, had also forgotten his astros! With 30 minutes to go before the start of the game, Jon and Wrighty set off to find a shop that would sell size 12 trainers and returned just before the start after finding a sports discount shop!

Now that all the players had kit, Rob had got out of bed and turned up and Jimmy had legally shotgunned his place as sweeper, we could begin.

We went a goal down a little way into the first half but battled on and equalised through Lisa Crane scoring a great one on one against the keeper. After half time we kept up the pressure which allowed Kat Letts to deflect a cross in at the near post. This pressure lapsed and Crostyx equalised. But with 5 minutes to

go we attacked once again with Rob Fordham scoring to give us 3 well deserved points.

Due to the Crostyx fixture being rescheduled from the 23rd October, just a week after our first win we had our second game versus Old Loughtonians. It was a cold morning and no one was sure if the pitch would be playable, especially Pidge who, ten minutes before the meet time was still huddled on his sofa under a duvet! Luckily the game was still on and we started very well, with Kat scoring after only 2 minutes. We scored again shortly afterwards through Sarah Wilcox but then let Loughts back into the game with an easy goal. Both teams scored again, then Pidge came out from under the duvet and with only his second touch of the game slotted a reverse stick shot past the keeper, he was then promptly subbed off again! We then won a short corner and with almost the last hit of the 1st half, Kat buried the ball in the bottom right corner for her 2nd.

After half time an eager Jon Lambert stepped up to centre forward, and played a more "setting up" role rather than a "scoring" one! The game was still end to end but this half we decided to defend a bit more and kept all of Loughts' attempts out. After Rob Fordham got his second goal in two games, the half was capped off by Sarah Wilcox scoring twice for her hat-trick. This 8-3 win puts us top of the table for the time being at least!

On the 4th of December we are at home to Havering where we hope to make it 3 out of 3.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 3rd December 2005 - **Whisky Night** @ Chelmer Park (7.30pm)

Saturday 17th December 2005 - **Xmas Party** @ Chelmer Park (8pm)
(to be confirmed, watch out
for posters in the clubhouse)
"I'LL NEVER WEAR THAT AGAIN"
Disco / Cocktails / Raffle / Best Dressed Prize
Wear those clothes for the last time!
£2 tickets available from **David Hunter**

**Friday 20th January 2006 to
Sunday 22nd January 2006** - **Annual Beer Festival** @ Chelmer Park

Saturday 3rd February 2006 - **Quiz Night** @ Chelmer Park (time t.b.c.)

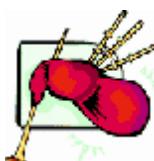
Friday 17th March 2006 - **Men's Dinner** @ Chelmer Park (time t.b.c.)

Friday 31st March 2006 - **Ladies' Night** @ Chelmer Park (time t.b.c.)

Saturday 1st April 2006 - **Club Day** @ Chelmer Park (time t.b.c.)

Monday 22nd May 2006 - **4th Annual Golf Day** @ Channels Golf Club, Little Waltham (9am)

Friday 30th June 2006 - **Hockey Club Annual General Meeting**
@ Chelmer Park, Tea Rooms (8pm)



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SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

STARTING @ 7.30pm

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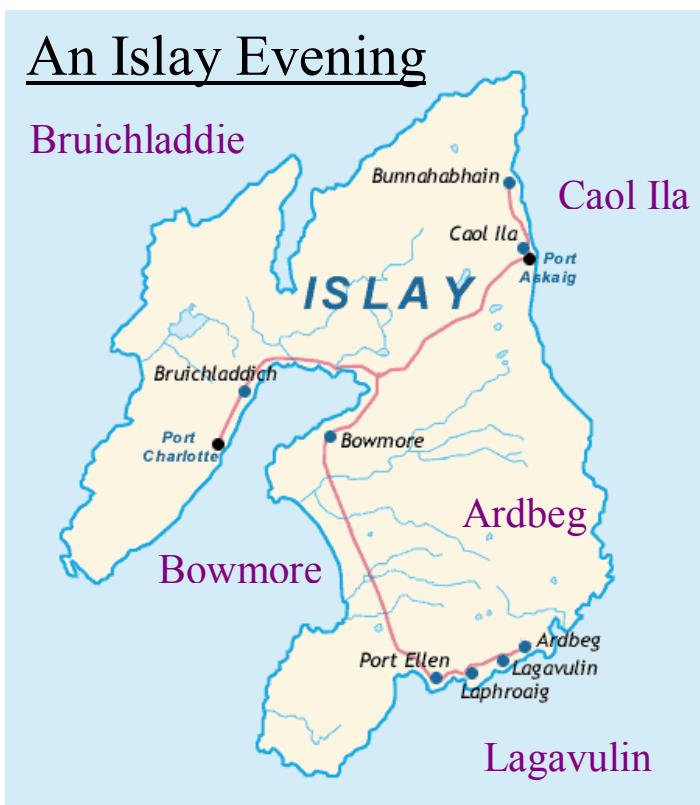
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500 Club News

Peter Woodward

Very Important Notice

At the moment we still have a pathetic 231 Members in the 500 Club.

However there are 113 Members who signed up for the THREE YEAR DEAL to raise funds for the Water Pitch which expires at 7 - 2 - 06 (for some 7-3-06).

PLEASE WILL YOU CONTACT YOUR BANK TO CANCEL THE STOP-ORDER, SO THAT YOU CONTINUE AS A MEMBER?

You will also be written to personally.

I REPEAT MY USUAL PLEA.

As we only have limited sponsorship, to help the club, fill in the form and send to me. If we had 500 members, the club would make £18,000 per annum.

Therefore, you wouldn't have to exert yourself, only lift up a pen, to do your bit! Not much, is it?

Latest 500 Club Draw Results

Peter Woodward

October 2005		231 qualifying members	
Prize	%	Amount	"Winners"
1st Prize	12%	£138.70	Matt Lomas
2nd Prize	8%	£92.40	Maria Merrigan
3rd Prize	4%	£46.20	R. Charlton
4th Prize	2%	£23.10	

Crawford McKee, Roger Gaffney, Crawford McKee, Andrew Kennedy, D. A. Carr, Antonia Kitchiner

September 2005		228 qualifying members	
Prize	%	Amount	"Winners"
1st Prize	12%	£136.80	Paul Fielding
2nd Prize	8%	£91.20	Sheila Greenwood
3rd Prize	4%	£45.60	David Bolton
4th Prize	2%	£22.80	

M. Butterworth, Richard Ross, David Carter, Mr L Woods, Ken Lochhead, Carol Wooding

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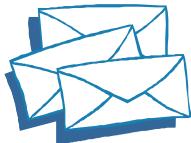
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Letters to the Editors

If you have any burning issues that you feel you want to convey to the rest of the club and/or management officials, but do not know the best way to do it, why not write a Letter to the Editors?

All letters will be treated with the utmost importance and in the strictest of confidence (if necessary!).

We are awaiting your input.



A Letter!!

Hello,

My name is Harry Leonard and I am a huge fan of Chelmsford Hockey Club. I come and watch you almost every Sunday (sometimes I have to look after my Grandmother - she is a big fan too!) and have been doing so for about 18 months.

I think you are great at hockey - don't worry about your recent results, you've definitely got the skills to pay the bills.

My favourite player on your team is Ian Belchamber, I think he is the best and should definitely be in the England team. He is so strong and quick and when he scored the other week (against Guildford) I was really happy.



I just wanted to let you know that you are definitely my favourite hockey team in the whole world and if you could get Ian to send me a reply I would be so happy.

Come on Chelmsford!!!

Harry

Feedback

Along with any Letters to the Editors that you feel you may want to write, now that you've had a chance to read it through, do you have any ideas concerning the Newsletter? All feedback gratefully received.

Golf Day Advert

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4th Annual

GOLF DAY



GOLF DAY

MONDAY 22nd MAY 2006

TO BE HELD AT
CHANNELS GOLF CLUB
LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

Cost. - £60 (same as the past three years) for the day that will include coffee on arrival, lunch and evening meal. Two rounds of golf over 27 holes. **All profits will go to the Club.**

To ensure your place or that of your team, would you please contact or submit an entry form which can be found in all issues of the Clubs Newsletter or behind the bar, to either Ben or Ursula without delay.

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Golf Day Entry Form

Chelmsford Hockey Club

4th Annual Golf Day - Monday 22nd May 2006

TO BE HELD AT

CHANNELS GOLF CLUB, LITTLE WALTHAM, CHELMSFORD

Programme

Coffee on arrival 9.00am followed by - 9 Holes - *Belsteads Course* – Competition to be advised.

Lunch 12.30pm followed by -18 Holes – *Channels Course* – Stableford, Individual & Team Prize
+ Longest Drive & Nearest the Pin.

Three Course Dinner (Gentlemen jacket & tie please) followed by an award ceremony and raffle.

Cost £60 pp. Sponsorship of prizes would be appreciated.

Remember this is a fund raising event with all profits going to the Club.

Chelmsford Hockey Club

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ENTRY FORM

The organisers need to know the number of competitors by the 26th March 2006. Please submit this form with your team or phone either Ben or Ursula

Name:Handicap:

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Maldon, Essex, CM9 6YE.
(H) 01621 842050 (M) 07977 539963
e-mail: ben.farmer@tiscali.co.uk

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Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 7LP
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500 Club Standing Order Mandate

Please pay: -

LLOYDS BANK PLC CHELMSFORD BRANCH SORT CODE 30-91-85

TO THE CREDIT OF: -

CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB ACCOUNT NO 0997023

The sum of £.....

Amount in words.....
(Minimum £5-00 per month)

Commencing And on the 7th day of every month

Account to be debited:-

Your name.....

Your Bank's Title.....

Your Bank code.....

Your account number.....

Your Banks Address.....

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Signature (s).....

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Date.....

Please return the form to: -

Peter D Woodward,
Torc Cottage,
3 Garden End,
Stock,
Ingatestone,
Essex
CM4 9LD.

You may copy this to pass on to other prospective members.