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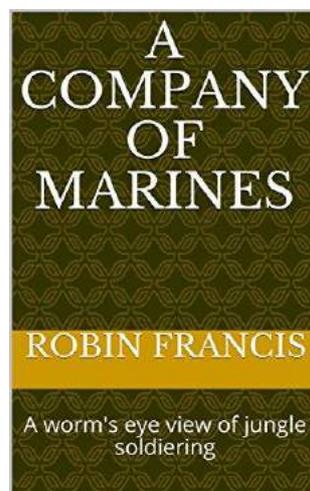
This is the twentieth Newsletter of its form to introduce readers to a new season with much to look forward to after a very successful past season. The significant news of the close season is the move away from Paddington Sports Club and securing alternative accommodation for post-match entertainment. Perhaps more significant has been the growth of the Junior Section under the administration of Alex Smart, to the extent that in numbers it now exceeds the senior Club. Our National League teams have been busy introducing new players, including current and immediate past internationals, to boost the determination for improvement in League success. These aspects are covered in greater detail below.

With regret

In August the Club learned of the untimely death of Robin Francis, regrettably in unexplained circumstances that sadly will give rise to an inquest later in the year. Robin was well-known to those members who played in the Tivoli Road days in Crouch End, where he was, amongst other things, the captain of the 4th XI, eager player and fund raiser. He offered his assistance in the early days of the revival of the Junior Section under Nick Coleman and Richard Chapman. He always gave a warm welcome to newcomers at the Hornsey Club and made them feel accepted.

After the move to Paddington, Robin was often seen assisting Joe and Tess McAvoy at the Carlton Tavern and assisting the Club in several ways, including the construction of a much-needed store for goalkeeping kit. Several members will have benefited from his skills as a decorator.

Robin was a Royal Marine who served in the Far East in the 1960's and relied upon his experiences in writing a novel, available as a download from Amazon.



A Company of Marines transports the reader back to March 1966, to Biawak, a remote jungle outpost in First Division Sarawak, occupied by Lima Company, 42 Commando. Across the border dividing Sarawak from Indonesian Borneo is Sejingan, a sequestered spot occupied by the Indonesian military. The situation is one of stalemate. Despite the bellicose raving of President Sukarno from distant Jakarta, the campaign of Confrontation has never escalated, as it has in neighbouring Vietnam. Charged with peace keeping, to Lima's Marines the six month tour means a stint of physical hardship, a round of boredom, bitching and choiceless bachelorhood. Until the enemy raise the stakes, by crossing the border and treating Biawak's hill fort to a mortar attack. Over a fortnight's narrative the men of Lima Company will get an opportunity to test their mettle against something tougher than ennui and foot rot. Sanctioned by high command the Company is allowed a rare distinction, a killing patrol. 'Claret' coded, top secret, the assault never officially happened.

Lima is fiction anchored in a locale experienced by the author. It does not seek to discredit or glorify the corps of Royal Marines. It is the author's intention to describe soldiering, not just the spasm of

combat but the full and complete anatomy, the sags and the squabbles, the humour and the rigour shared by young men far from home. The challenge is timeless. From Caesar's spear carrying legions, to the helicopter borne techno warriors of today, the basics remain the same. There's dirty work to be done, and the doers are novices.

Peter Boizot

Requests for news of Peter are frequently made, and not only on the National League circuit, given his influence on the game (and significant benevolence!) prior to his retirement and move back to Peterborough.

In June, after several discussions with Sue Woodcock, Peter's friend of some 30 years, it was thought appropriate that he would find excessive a visit by any more than two in number. Thus, former Club President, Guy Mayers and long-standing member Tony Swing travelled to visit him. Guy reported that Peter was in good form for his 87 years, with his memory not at all bad. Peter can still walk with a stick but is regarded as probably becoming more curmudgeonly with old age. His sister, Wendy (so called by Peter since their youth) thinks "he might last till 100 since there's nothing wrong with him." She remains for ever eager to revert to her given name of Clemie!

Memorial Match

The annual Memorial Match has been scheduled to take place at PRG on Sunday 3 September 2017. The usual arrangements will apply, which are likely to require a call to Jerry Stanyard or Richard Chapman for any likely to desire pitch participation.

Masters Regional Tournaments

H&W had at least two representatives at the English Hockey Regional Tournament for senior players in May 2017. Matches were played at Chase Park, the home of Cannock HC.

In the Over 60 competition:-

Midlands 3 North 0
West 0 South 1
North 0 East 0
Midlands 3 South 3
East 3 West 0
North 0 West 1
Midlands 1 East 3
South 1 North 0
Midlands 1 West 3
East 1 South 2

South	W4	12pts
East	W2	7pts
West	W2	6pts
Midlands	W1	3pts
North	W0	1pt

In the Over 65 competition:-

West 2 South 1
North 1 East 3
Midlands 2 South 0
East 1 West 1
Midlands 2 North 0
North 1 West 1
East 3 Midlands 2
South 2 North 2
West 3 Midland 1

East	W3	10pts
West	W2	8pts
Midlands	W2	6pts
North	W0	2pts

South W0 1pt

Here are the winning pair, the mighty DD for the South and Richard Chapman for the East.



Grand Masters Hockey



The World Grand Masters European 2017 competition was convened in Glasgow from 19 August until 27 August 2017.

Over 60 Women Cup

England 4 Holland 0
Alliance GM 1 LX Ladies 1
England 3 Scotland 0
Alliance GM 2 Alliance GGM 0
Holland 1 Scotland 0
LX Ladies 12 Alliance GGM 0
England 5 Alliance GM 0
Holland 1 LX Ladies 3
Scotland 1 LX Ladies 2
Alliance GGM 0 Holland 7
Alliance GM 2 Holland 0
Alliance GM 2 Scotland 1
England 13 Alliance GGM 0
Alliance GM 2 Holland 0
England 5 LX Ladies 0
Scotland 5 Alliance GGM 1

Table 1st England 15pts; 2nd LX Ladies (English) 10 pts; Alliance GM 10 pts; 4th Holland 6 pts

Over 60 Men Cup

Ireland 0 England 3
Belgium 9 France 0

Italy 0 Germany 5
Holland 0 Scotland 0
Spain 1 England 2
Ireland 7 France 1
Belgium 1 England 6
Holland 7 Wales 0
Scotland 1 Spain 1
Ireland 1 Spain 1
France 1 Italy 1 (2-1 shoot-out)
Spain 4 Wales 2
Belgium 2 Scotland 2 (2-1 shoot-out)
England 3 Germany 0
Ireland 1 Holland 3
Spain 0 Belgium 1
Wales 2 Scotland 5
Bronze Germany 1 Ireland 1 (2-1 shoot-out)
Final England 1 Holland 1 (3-1 shoot-out)

Over 60 Men Trophy

Scottish Thistles 0 LX White 6
LX Red 2 Team Germany Red 0
Southern Cross Blue 0 Alliance 1
Alliance 4 Welsh Dragons 1
Team Germany Red 0 Thistles 2
Holland TT 1 Southern Cross Blue 1
Southern Cross Blue 5 Welsh Dragons 1
LX Red 6 Thistles 0
LX White 2 Team Germany Red 0
Holland 1 Alliance 1
Holland 0 Welsh Dragons 0
LX White 1 LX Red 2
Team Germany Red 1 Holland TT 3
Thistles 2 Welsh Dragons 2 (2-1 after shoot-out)
LX Red 2 Southern Cross Blue 0
LX White 3 Alliance 1
Team Germany Red 2 Welsh Dragons 0

Bronze Southern Cross Blue 2 Alliance 1

Final LX Red 1 LX White 0

Over 65 Men Cup

Germany 5 Wales¹ 0
Ireland 1 Scotland 2
Belgium 0 Holland 12
England 4 Scotland 0
Belgium 0 Wales 4²
Belgium 2 Germany 4
Ireland 1 Wales 2³
England 0 Holland 0
Holland 8 Scotland 0
England 1 Wales 1⁴
Ireland 0 Germany 3
England 3 Belgium 0
Wales 0 Holland 3
Germany 4 Scotland 1

¹ Captained by H&W's Richard Chapman

² Richard Chapman scoring in the 28th and 31st minutes: the latter being a penalty stroke

³ Richard scoring in the 47th and 56th minutes, the latter from a short corner

⁴ Welsh equaliser in the 51st minute

Belgium 0 Scotland 2
Germany 1 Holland 3
England 5 Ireland 0
Wales 4 Scotland 0⁵
Ireland 1 Belgium 2
England 0 Germany 0

Table 1st Holland 16 pts; 2nd Germany 13 pts; 3rd England 12 pts; 4th Wales 10 pts

Over 65 Men Trophy

Southern Cross Red 0 Southern Cross Blue 2
Holland Blue 0 Holland Orange 0
LX Red 2 LX White 1
Alliance 0 Southern Cross Blue 0
Southern Cross Red 0 LX White 4
Holland Blue 0 LX Red 1
Alliance 0 Holland Orange 2
Holland Orange 0 Southern Cross Blue 2
Southern Cross Red 0 LX White 3
Alliance 0 LX White 3
LX White 3 Holland Orange 2
Alliance 0 Holland Blue 1
LX Red 2 Southern Cross Blue 0
LX Red 0 Holland Orange 0
Holland Blue 0 Southern Cross Blue 1
Alliance 2 Southern Cross Red 2
Alliance 0 LX Red 5
Southern Cross Blue 0 Holland Blue 3
LX White 0 Southern Cross Blue 1

Table 1st LX Red (England) 16pts; 2nd Southern Cross Blue 13pts; 3rd LX White (England) 12 pts

Over 70 Men Cup

Holland 3 Scotland 0
Germany 2 Wales 0
England 3 Wales 0
Germany 0 Belgium 0
England 7 Belgium 0
Germany 5 Scotland 0
Belgium 0 Wales 0
England 5 Scotland 0
Germany 0 Holland 5
Scotland 1 Belgium 1
Holland 7 Wales 1
Scotland 1 Belgium 0
Holland 2 Wales 1
England 0 Holland 0
Scotland 1 Wales 2
England 6 Germany 0
Holland 5 Belgium 0

Table

1st England 13pts (Goal difference 21); 2nd Holland 13 pts (GD 18); 3rd Germany 7pts; 4th Wales 4pts

Over 70 Men Trophy

Alliance 0 Holland TT 1
LX Red 1 Southern Cross Blue 3
Holland TT 4 Southern Cross Blue 3

⁵ Richard Chapman with the third in the 25th minute

LX Red 2 Alliance 1
Holland TT 0 LX Red 2
Alliance 0 Southern Cross Blue 1
*Semi Finals*⁶
Southern Cross Blue 2 Alliance 0
LX Red 3 Holland TT 0

Bronze Alliance 1 Holland TT 1 (3-1 shoot-out)
Final Southern Cross Blue 0 LX Red 1

Over 75 Men Trophy

Germany 0 England 1
Southern Cross Blue 0 Australia 6
Germany 2 Holland 1
Southern Cross Blue 4 Alliance 2
England 3 Alliance 0
Australia 5 Alliance 0
Germany 6 Southern Cross Blue 1
England 0 Australia 0
Alliance 0 England 4
Holland 0 Australia 3
Southern Cross Blue 1 Holland 3
Germany 9 Alliance 0
Germany 1 Australia 2
Holland 2 Alliance 0
Southern Cross Blue 0 England 2

Table 1st Australia 13pts (GD 15); 2nd England 13 pts (GD 10); 3rd Germany 9 pts; 4th Holland 6 pts

[IMHA Euro Masters 2017](#)



The International Masters Hockey Association European Championships for 2017 were held at HC Tilburg in the Netherlands from 11 August until 19 August 2017. New for this season was an Over 35 Men's competition in which three nations competed, namely Holland, Spain and Wales.

Over 35 Men

The top teams, Holland and Spain had identical scoring records after the four round robin matches, each scoring 14 and conceding 9. Holland then beat Spain 2-1 in the final to leave Wales in third place.

Over 40 Men

In the final, Holland beat Spain 2-1 on shuttles, after a goalless 60 minutes of normal time. England including former H&W players Dan Pech and George Bretten, came third after defeating Germany 4-0 in the play off for that third place.

Over 45 Men

Holland were 6-1 winners over England in the final. The English team was captained by H&W's Ian Hammond, who scored five goals in the tournament. Spain finished third after beating Germany 3-2 in the third-place play-off.

⁶ Three teams on 6 points: separated only by a single goal difference

Over 50 Men

This was won by England, following a 3-0 defeat of Germany in the final. Holland beat Scotland for third place after a 6-3 win. In the preceding pool matches, England had defeated Scotland 1-0 and were held by Wales to a 1-1 draw.

Over 55 Men

Holland overcame Germany 2-1 on shuttles to win, following a 1-1 draw in usual time. England beat Wales 4-1 for third place.

Over 40 Women

Holland were the winners after a comprehensive 4-0 win against Germany in the final. England defeated Ireland 4-3 to finish third.

Over 45 Women

Once again Holland were winners after beating England 2-1. Ireland came third, following a 1-0 win in the shuttles, after a 1-1 draw in normal time.

Over 50 Women

Holland won this competition too, after shuttles (winning 2-1) after a normal time 2-2 draw with England. Ireland took third place, after a 1-1 draw that led to shuttles won by 5-4.

Over 55 Women

England put an end to Dutch domination, after defeating Ireland by 4 goals to 1. Scotland beat Holland to take third place, after a 3-2 win.

[EuroHockey II Championship 2017](#)

This competition was held in Glasgow between 6 and 12 August 2017. It was of particular interest to H&W, given representation for Wales by goalkeeper David Kettle and midfielders Rupert Shipperley and Steve Kelly, as well as Team Manager, Thea Hitchcock.

Scotland headed Pool A, Wales Pool B and Ukraine Pool C after three matches each, with Scotland undefeated. In the semi finals Wales beat France 4-3 and Scotland defeated Russia by the same score.

Against France, Wales took the lead after 13 minutes after Rupert Shipperley deflected the ball past the French 'keeper. However, France equalised before the break, through Gaspard Baumgarten's reverse stick finish. James Carson restored Wales' lead before Gareth Furlong scored from a penalty corner. France again pulled one back before Luke Hawker scored Wales's fourth from another penalty corner. A late French goal set up a nervy finish but Wales held on for victory.

The final therefore matched Scotland with Wales and the former came out narrow winners by 2-1.

This result means that both teams qualified for the A Division in 2019 (and in the case of Wales, for the first time). The Scots maintained their 100% record to win the tournament. James Carson gave Wales the lead from a penalty corner but Ben Cosgrove and Alan Forsyth hit back for the hosts.

[European Championships 2017](#)



The Rabo European Hockey Championships 2017 for both Men and Women were held at the Wagener Stadium in Amsterdam from 20 August until 27 August. The event was televised by BT Sport and included expert opinion and post-match interviews by former Men's 1st XI coach, Todd Williams.

Women

18 August 2017
Holland 3 Spain 1

19 August 2017
Germany 4 Scotland 1
Belgium 6 Czech Republic 0
England 4 Ireland 1

20 August 2017
Spain 7 Czech Republic 1
Ireland 0 Scotland 0
Germany 1 England 0
Belgium 0 Holland 1

22 August 2017
England 2 Scotland 0
Ireland 1 Germany 5
Spain 1 Belgium 2
Holland 10 Czech Republic 0

24 August 2017
Semi Finals
Holland 1 England 0
Belgium 1 Germany 0

26 August 2017
Bronze
Germany 0 England 2
Final
Belgium 0 Holland 3

Men

19 August 2017
Belgium 4 Austria 1
Holland 7 Spain 0

20 August 2017
England 6 Poland 0
Germany 1 Ireland 1

21 August 2017
Spain 2 Austria 2
Ireland 7 Poland 1
England 3 Germany 4
Belgium 5 Holland 0

23 August 2017
Germany 7 Poland 3
Ireland 1 England 2
Spain 2 Belgium 0
Holland 6 Austria 0

25 August 2017
Semi Finals
Germany 2 Belgium 2 (0-2 shoot-out)
England 1 Holland 3

27 August 2017
Bronze
Germany 2 England 4
Final
Belgium 2 Holland 4

More things European

The four pools have been announced for the preliminary Round 1 of the European Hockey League competition to be held between 6 and 8 October 2017 at the Pau Negre Stadium in Barcelona,

Pool A

H C Bloemendaal
S V Arminem (Austria)
Wimbledon

Pool B

Cardiff & Met
Dinamo Elektrostka (Russia)
THC Uhlenhorst

Pool C

Bainbridge HC
Racing Club de Bruxelles
WKS Grunwald (Poland)

Pool D

Bromac Kelburne
Club Egara (Spain)
Saint Germain HC (France)



Twelve teams are already confirmed for the KO16 next Easter, namely SV Kampong and HC Rotterdam (from Holland) Mannheimer HC and Rot-Weiss Köln (Germany) Herakles and KHC Dragons (Belgium) Atlètic Terrassa and Real Club de Polo (Spain), Holcombe, Three Rock Rovers (Ireland) Racing Club de France and Dinamo Kazan (Russia).

In the case of Holcombe, their inclusion follows the decision made by Surbiton not to accept an invitation to participate, given the likely adverse effect of international calls on their players at the time of KO16 and the wish not to dilute their reputation and the quality of the competition by fielding less than their full side.

A Surbiton spokesman said, "the clash with the 2018 Commonwealth Games means that Surbiton face the prospect of losing up to 14 players (representing England, Scotland, Wales and Canada), who would therefore not be available for selection for the Euro Hockey League. With a squad of 26 players having to be nominated by 1 November for the KO16 stage, Surbiton could be in the position where they would be unable to field a full squad, which would not only undermine our reputation, but also undermine the Euro Hockey League competition. In light of this, and after discussions with both the EHF and England Hockey, it was agreed that the best option was for Surbiton to withdraw on the basis that our place could be taken by another English club side."

By way of reminder, the Euro Hockey League (EHL) is the annual men's cup competition organised by the EHF for the top hockey clubs in Europe. The competition was launched at the start of the 2007-8 season, when it merged and replaced the men's EuroHockey Club Champions Cup (the Champions competition) and European Cup II (the Cup Winners' Cup). The EHL is now seen as the pinnacle of club hockey in Europe (hockey's equivalent of the UEFA Champions League). The success of the EHL formula has brought hockey to a significantly wider audience.

The EHL comprises five rounds.

Round 1 starts the tournament with a round-robin group stage. The league's 24 clubs are drawn in eight pools of three clubs. Each club in a pool plays the other two clubs in their pool once. The top two

clubs in each pool go forward into Round 2. Round 1 is usually played on the second and fourth weekends in October, with matches being played at two venues.

Round 2 (KO16) and **Round 3** (KO8/quarter-finals) sees the tournament switch to a straight knock out format. The 16 clubs that progressed from Round 1 each play one match in Round 2, and the winners of those eight matches each play another match in Round 3 (quarter-finals) to leave just four clubs. Rounds 2 and 3 are played over the Easter long weekend, usually at a single venue. **Round 4** (semi-final) and **Round 5** (final, and 3 place playoff) are played at Whitsun at a single venue.

FIH World Hockey League

The 2016–17 Men's FIH Hockey World League will be the third and last edition of the FIH Hockey World League championship for men. The tournament that started in April 2016 in Singapore is scheduled to finish in December 2017 in Bhubaneswar, India. The Semi finals of the competition also serve as a qualifier for the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup as the 10/11 highest placed teams (apart from the host nation and the five continental champions) qualify.

The semi finals were held in London between 15 and 25 June 2017 and in Johannesburg between 8 and 22 July 2017. In London the qualifiers were Holland, Argentina and England. In South Africa the qualifiers were Belgium, Germany, Australia and Spain, with India taking host nation status, for the finals to be held between 1 and 10 December 2017.

Looking Ahead

2018 Men's Hockey World Cup

This is also to be held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar from 24 November until 16 December 2018

Twelve of the finalists have been confirmed as those eight teams mentioned above in relation to the World League 2017 with the addition of Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and Malaysia. This leaves outstanding the winners of the 11th Africa Cup for Nations, the EuroHockey Nations Championship, the 10th Asian Cup and the 10th Men's Oceania Cup. (The last places in the competition are likely to be determined by FIH rankings, given those teams that have already qualified by other means).



Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018

The following is the schedule for next year's Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia (GC2018) to be held from 4 April 2018 until 15 April 2018. The opening ceremony is to take place between 6.00pm and 10.45pm in the Carrara Stadium. Hockey starts on the next day and then runs until the finals on 14 April 2018.

5 April 2018

9.30am to 1.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches

6 April 2018

9.30am to 1.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches

7 April 2018

9.30am to 1.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches

7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
8 April 2018	
9.30am to 1.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
9 April 2018	
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
10 April 2018	
9.30am to 1.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
11 April 2018	
9.30am to 1.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
12 April 2018	
1.30pm to 5.30pm	Women's Classification matches
7.00pm to 11.00pm	Women's Semi Finals
13 April 2018	
8.30am to 12.30pm	Men's Classification matches
2.00pm to 6.00pm	Women's & Men's Classification matches
7.30pm to 11.30pm	Men's Semi Finals
14 April 2018	
10.30am to 2.30pm	Women's Gold and Bronze Medal matches
7.00pm to 11.00pm	Men's Gold and Bronze Medal matches

Matches will be played over 60 minutes (four quarters of 15 minutes) at the Gold Coast Hockey Centre that can seat 5,000.

[Paddington Sports Club](#)

It appears that a few influential members of Paddington Sports Club have taken objection to H&W's participation and use of their club premises and launched a successful campaign, fed by legal arguments over its constitution, to bar use to hockey players. This marks a reverter to the more established history of the Club by suddenly finding itself homeless. This is not believed to be the result of any alleged bad behaviour. Instead it might be evidence of a struggle over internal governance at PSC, without sufficient or sensible regard to economics. Some suggest that the episode might be seen as an exploitation of any available rules and actions in order to be rid of H&W's members, perceived as *hoi-polloi*?

Given that the Club now has almost 400 Junior members, the need for a clubhouse rather than a pub is all the more obvious. Other accommodation is being urgently sought for all the obvious reasons. The recent AGM was rather hurriedly convened instead at The Queens Arms on Kilburn High Road and use is being made of the Warrington Hotel in Warrington Crescent



The Carlton Tavern

On a related note, more history of the Carlton has emerged and a photograph of the first public house prior to damage in WW1.



Kindly provided by John Carnaby

On 19 May 1918, a war time bomb landed on the Carlton, causing considerable damage. A couple of days later, both Arthur Stribling (aged 48) and his son, Arthur G Stribling (aged 7) died of their injuries in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. His wife survived.

Thomas John William Terry took over the bomb-damaged pub shortly afterwards. He lived at 308 Essex Road, Islington. The pub could not be lived in owing to the old bomb damage. Each day he travelled backwards and forwards from 52 Oakley Road, Islington to run the pub up until he left to take over the Parris Head in or about 1921



Councillors are consulting on what action to take after the Carlton Tavern was demolished

It is the Club's understanding that the developer, CLTX, acquired a portfolio of freeholds from Punch Taverns, including the nearby Chippenham (which is also within the boundaries of the City of Westminster). There is an assumption that the development potential of the other properties would

more than make up for the costs of re-building the Carlton, as insisted upon by Westminster, which may have an upper hand when considering applications for planning permission for the redevelopment of the other properties. So far, the developer has defied the sceptics and we gather that re-building work has actually begun.

Things Presidential

At the AGM of England Hockey in March 2017 a resolution to review the structures within the sport was put to the AGM and passed via a 98% majority. The AGM resolution, read as follows:

“This resolution proposes that England Hockey review the sport's current governance structure across the country so that it provides the best opportunity to develop the sport; increasing participation levels and the chances of sustained success at national and international level while safeguarding participants and giving members the best possible experience in the 21st century”.

Following the AGM the Board of England Hockey discussed the resolution further at its May meeting. It agreed its approach to the project. A working group has been set up with Liz Pelling (England Hockey Vice President) as Chair, two board representatives, Andy Tapley (Membership Elected Non-Executive Director) and Club Present, Richard Sykes (in his role as an independent non-executive Director), Neville Wrench (nominated by the Regions Consultative Committee as their representative) and two Executive Directors, Rich Beer (Development) and Ian Wilson (Finance Director). This group has now met on two occasions, and presented a scope and timescale for the initial stages of the project to the Board at its July meeting.

The next steps are to gather as much information as possible about the current strengths and challenges facing the governance structures of the sport. The scope of this work will focus primarily on the club game and the structures that support it, such as Regions, Counties, HUAs and Leagues. To do this effectively, an independent consultant will be commissioned to carry out detailed consultation and make sure that “views are heard and considered in a fair and open-minded manner”.

England Hockey intends to approach clubs and associations later in September and throughout October in order to gather as much feedback as possible. In the meantime, “organisations are encouraged to consider the resolution further to assist the consultation so that responses can be as constructive as possible”.

Who recollects the County Championship?

In a competition that dates back to 1958, Yorkshire won the County Championship for the third consecutive season and Derbyshire took the B Division honours at the Nottingham Hockey Centre on 20 -21 May 2017.

In the B Division semi finals, Derbyshire came from behind to defeat Norfolk 3-2 and Leicestershire beat Cornwall 4-1. This set up an East Midlands derby. Derbyshire raced into a four goal lead with goals from Dunn, Foster, Beastall and Northcott. Matt Snow pulled a goal back for Leicestershire on the stroke of half time and when John Harrison scored another midway through the half an unlikely comeback looked possible. However, a Dan Molloy goal extended Derbyshire's three goal cushion with 15 minutes left, to run out 5-2 winners.

In the A Division semi finals , Yorkshire beat Somerset 7-0 , having been six up at half time. Kent also scored seven in the other match. But they were made to work hard by Lincolnshire, who were hoping for their first title since 2013. The final score 7-5, with Kent coming back from 5-2 down with 25 minutes left.

In a goal feast of a final, Yorkshire and Kent were drawing 3-3 at half time. Smith, Chapman and Cresswell scoring for Yorkshire and Turner, Bandurak and Stiff for Kent. Yorkshire pulled away in the second period, with goals from Gibson, Hearn, Humphreys and two from Cresswell (for his hat trick). Nick Bandurak scored his second that was a late consolation for Kent. The final score was 8-4



Schools Coaching Success

The Boys & Girls In2Hockey Schools Championships took place once again at Nottingham Hockey Centre.

In the Boys competition, Pool A consisted of Cheadle Hulme, Ipswich, St Lawrence's, Taunton and Worksop College. St Lawrence under the guidance of the Men's 1st XI coach Kwan Browne finished top of the pool with three wins and 10 points, closely followed by Cheadle Hulme on 8 points and two wins. Ipswich finished third in the pool with 5 points, followed by Taunton School with 4 points and Worksop finishing on 0.

In Boys' Pool B, it was a close affair, with both The Perse and Princethorpe finishing on 5 points, and Dean Close and Calday Grange both finishing on 8 points. The final standings in the pool were (in reverse order): 5th Barrow Hills, 4th The Perse, 3rd Princethorpe, 2nd Calday Grange, and 1st Dean Close.

Princethorpe were coached by Men's 1s XI player, Marc Edwards, here seen with the girls' team at the school



In the Pool C of the Girl's competition, St Teresa's took an early lead, with some high scoring games including a 4-0 in against The Grange, and a 6-1 win against Dean Close. They went on to finish first in the pool, followed by Kent College and Dean Close, both on 6 points. The final standings in the pool were: 5th Trent College, 4th The Grange, 3rd Kent College, 2nd Dean Close and, 1st St Teresa's.

Girls Pool D was once again very close on points. Bedford Girls finished first in the pool to face St Teresa's in the final, followed by Surbiton High School who therefore battled Dean Close for third place. Hill House finished thiors in the Pool, Blundells fourth and Loughborough High School in fifth.

The classification games took place in some torrential rain. All teams nonetheless displayed excellent hockey right until the final whistle. In the Boys competition, St Lawrence took the title of In2Hockey Boys Champions, after beating Dean Close 1-0 in the final with a penalty corner goal from Ben Young. Here is Kwan with the victorious squad.



In the Girls competition, St Teresa's took the lead against Bedford Girls School with a goal from Tamera Cookman in the final minute before half time, resulting in a half time score of 1-0. St Teresa's then extended their lead with a late goal from Tasmin Cookman, to secure their title of Girls Schools In2Hockey Champions.

On the Pitch

Men

National League

The fixtures are as follows

2017

23 September	Brooklands MU (h)
1 October	Wimbledon (a)
8 October	Surbiton (a)
15 October	Canterbury (h)
21 October	Beeston (a)
29 October	East Grinstead (h)
5 November	Reading (a)
11 November	Sevenoaks (h)
19 November	Holcombe (h)
26 November	East Grinstead (a)

2018

4 February	Wimbledon (h)
11 February	Brooklands MU (a)
18 February	Reading (h)
25 February	Holcombe (a)

3 March Sevenoaks (a)
 11 March Surbiton (h)
 18 March Beeston (h)
 29 March Canterbury (a)

Squad News

The squad from last season largely remains intact but there has been one significant recruit in Great Britain and England's Harry Martin. A midfielder, Harry made his full international debut for Great Britain at the age of 17. At still only 24, he has already represented Great Britain in two Olympic Games and won Commonwealth Games and Hockey World League Bronze medals in 2014. He has racked up more than 150 caps and at least 13 goals for England and Great Britain (He is currently involved in the European Championships in Holland, so there comes a risk that these statistics may soon be out of date). In 2012, Harry was shortlisted for the FIH World Young Player of the Year Award.

Harry joins us after a successful season playing for Rotterdam in the Netherlands, helping them to second place in the Dutch League and having previously helped Beeston to two Premier League titles. He is not just good with a stick and ball, holding a first class degree in Economics from the University of Nottingham.

On joining the club, Harry said, "After a fantastic year in Rotterdam, I'm delighted to be joining Hampstead & Westminster. The club is in an exciting place following last season and shares my ambitions of domestic and European success. Being coached by Kwan is a great opportunity to develop my game and I want to pick up as much as I can from him. There is also a strong emphasis on having fun both on and off the pitch, which is important to me and there seems to be a really social environment around the club as whole."

Also joining the squad are Will Byas (who was previously of Beeston but has been travelling) and Jamie Legg (previously of Richmond). There is the usual pre-season sprinkling of others who, as past experience dictates, appear from the proverbial woodwork at this time, each and every year! A series of warm up games is now in full swing, including other Premier League opposition, all in readiness for the start on 23 September at PRG.

League Table 2016/17 season

A reminder of the League table last season?

Wimbledon	13	4	1	56	32	24	43pts
Holcombe	11	3	4	50	30	20	36
Surbiton	9	8	1	62	39	23	35
Hampstead	9	5	4	54	40	14	32
Beeston	8	3	7	40	37	3	27
East Grinstead	8	2	8	52	41	11	26
Reading	6	4	8	40	45	-5	22
Brooklands	5	3	10	31	54	-23	18
Canterbury	3	3	12	37	59	-22	12
Loughborough Univ	0	1	1	28	63	-45	1

Canterbury once again pulled out all the stops and held on to their Premier League status after last season's Play Offs at Lee Valley. They are joined by promoted Sevenoaks, who held off the challenges of Bath Buccaneers and University of Durham.

National League Conferences

These are the teams competing this season in the three Conferences. Newly promoted are Leeds, Robinsons (from Bristol – or rather Clifton!) University of Nottingham and, returning after several years' absence, is Havant in the Conference West. Loughborough University revert to the Conference North.

Conference East	Conference North	Conference West
Brighton & Hove	Bowdon	Cardiff & Met
Cambridge City	Cannock	Cheltenham
Chichester	Deeside Ramblers	Clifton Robinsons
Old Georgians	Doncaster	Exeter University
Old Loughtonians	Durham University	Fareham
Oxted	Leeds	Havant
Richmond	Loughborough Univ	Isca
Southgate	Preston	Olton & West Warwickshire
Teddington	Sheffield Hallam	Team Bath Buccaneers
West Herts	Univ of Nottingham	University of Birmingham

Erstwhile Opponents?

What has become of some of our former opponents at first team level? Several illustrious names may demonstrate how rapidly a decline can come about (and might offer a salutary lesson?)

The Southern Counties Hockey Association was formed in 2000 and represents all hockey in the South of England. The Association is the successor to the former associations that previously managed the sport. Three regional Leagues (Hampshire/Surrey; Kent/Surrey and MBBO⁷, and their sub-leagues) sit below two Premier Leagues, covering the area of operation.

South Premier League 1 [top six]

Havant (as above, with automatic promotion as winner, to the National League)

Bromley & Beckenham
 London Edwardians
 Oxford Hawks
 Spencer
 Old Cranleighans

Relegated; Banbury and Guildford (the latter with one win from 22 and a goal difference of -92)

Southern Premier League 2⁸

Winchester (promoted)
 Oxford University 1 (promoted)
 West Hampstead
 Tulse Hill & Dulwich

Relegated; Ashford (Middx), Holcombe 1A and Lewes 1

Hampshire/Surrey Regional Division 1

London Academicals (promoted)

Kent/Surrey Regional Division 1

Tunbridge Wells (promoted)

MBBO Regional Division 1

Wycombe 1 (promoted)
Relegated Eastcote 1, Oxford Hawks 2 and Maidenhead 1

⁷ Middlesex Buckinghamshire Berkshire and Oxfordshire

⁸ Ranked one below Premier League 2

MBBO Regional Division 2⁹

Slough 1 (promoted)

Compare these clubs with the National League tables for the end of the 1994-95 season

Division One

Teddington	17	13	1	3	50	25	40pts
Reading	17	13	1	3	45	22	40
Cannock	17	11	5	1	57	19	38
Guildford	17	11	1	5	54	30	34
Southgate	17	9	5	3	45	25	32
Hounslow	17	9	4	4	33	21	31
Old Loughtonians	17	8	2	7	45	34	26
Surbiton	17	7	5	5	30	22	26
East Grinstead	17	8	2	7	32	27	26
Havant	17	6	5	6	34	32	23
Bournville	17	5	4	8	33	42	19
Canterbury	17	4	6	7	29	33	18
Trojans	17	5	3	9	27	42	18
Indian Gymkhana	17	5	2	10	23	39	17
Stourport	17	3	6	8	25	32	15
Hull	17	4	1	12	20	59	11

Firebrands (<i>relegated</i>)	17	2	2	13	15	44	8
Slough (<i>relegated</i>)	17	1	3	13	27	61	6

Division Two

St Albans (<i>promoted</i>)	17	11	3	3	40	24	36pts
Barford Tigers (<i>prom</i>)	17	9	4	4	33	21	31
Brooklands	17	9	3	5	32	25	30
Doncaster	17	8	5	4	29	16	29
Edgbaston	17	7	6	4	28	28	27
Isca	17	7	5	5	32	22	26
Harleston Magpies	17	8	2	7	25	20	26
Richmond	17	7	5	5	27	24	26
Hampstead	17	7	5	5	25	26	26
Oxford University	17	7	4	6	31	31	25
Beeston	17	7	4	6	28	30	25
Bromley	17	6	5	6	25	23	23
Sheffield	17	6	4	7	35	33	22
Gloucester City	17	6	3	8	35	36	21
Whitchurch (<i>play off</i>)	17	5	4	8	23	30	19
Crostyx (<i>play off</i>)	17	5	4	8	22	31	19

Neston (<i>relegated</i>)	17	1	4	12	12	32	7
Cambridge City (<i>releg</i>)	17	1	2	14	15	46	5

London League

The Men's 2nd XI marches on in the London League Premier Division, hoping to repeat exceptional success over the past five years.

The team opens the campaign on 16 September 2017 at home to Teddington. The fixtures for the first part of the season are as follows:

16 September	Teddington (h)
23 September	Spencer (a)
30 September	Wimbledon (h)
7 October	East Grinstead (a)

⁹ Ranked one below MBBO Regional Division 1

14 October	St Albans (h)
21 October	Beckenham & Bromley (a)
28 October	Richmond (h)
4 November	Surbiton (h)
11 November	Reading (h)
18 November	Southgate (a)
25 November	Canterbury (h)
2 December	Teddington (a)

The Club's other teams will play in the following London Leagues:-

3 rd XI	Division 1
Zak Hond XI	Division 1
4 th XI	Division 2
5 th XI	Division 2
Hammers XI	Division 5
Thirsts XI	Division 6
Spaniards XI	Division 6
Veterans XI	Veterans Division 1
Supervets	Supervets Division 2

Women

National League

This will be the fourth season in the Eastern Conference of the National League for the women

Annebeth Wijtenburg has agreed to captain the team for another year. Katherine Baker and Hayley Turner have been appointed as Vice Captains. Former HWHC striker Cressida Grant is taking up the role of Manager. Mike will continue to coach the team as Head Coach, with initial help from Richard Smith, who may take a step back once the season but is likely to continue to offer consultation, when needed.

There is news of two recruits in particular, namely Emily Maguire, who is moving from Holcombe. She is a former Great Britain player but she retired internationally in September 2016, having just missing out on selection for the Rio Games. She did play in London Olympics.

The second is Lauren Turner, who has also has been part of the Great Britain squad and has played in the highest leagues in The Netherlands and most recently in Australia

The fixtures are as follows

2017

23 September	Southgate (a)
30 September	Barnes (h)
7 October	Chelmsford (a)
14 October	Bedford (a)
21 October	St Albans (h)
28 October	Cambridge City (a)
4 November	Harleston Magpies (h)
12 November	Wimbledon (h)
18 November	Sevenoaks (a)
25 November	Bedford (h)

2018

3 February	Wimbledon (a)
10 February	Cambridge City (h)
17 February	Southgate (h)
24 February	Barnes (a)
3 March	Sevenoaks (h)
10 March	Harleston Magpies (a)
17 March	St Albans (a)
24 March	Chelmsford (h)

League Table 2016/17 season

A reminder of the League table last season?

Wimbledon	16	0	2	71	17	54	48pts
Sevenoaks	14	0	4	58	16	42	42
Hampstead	12	1	5	52	24	28	37
Harleston Magpies	10	3	5	49	28	21	33
St Albans	8	4	6	38	33	5	28
Cambridge City	8	3	7	35	23	12	27
Chelmsford	6	3	9	25	41	-16	21
Southgate	4	4	10	33	46	-13	16
West Herts	2	1	15	23	71	-48	7
Northampton Saints	0	1	17	10	95	-85	1

Premier League

The teams in the Premier League this season are

Bowdon Hightown
Buckingham
Canterbury
Clifton Robinsons
East Grinstead
Holcombe
Leicester
Slough
Surbiton
University of Birmingham

National League Conferences

These are the teams competing this season in the three Conferences.

Investec Conference East	Investec Conference North	Investec Conference West
Barnes	Beeston	Cannock
Bedford	Ben Ryhdding	Gloucester City
Cambridge City	Brooklands Poynton	Isca University
Chelmsford	Durham University	Olton & West Warwick
Hampstead & Westminster	Fylde	Oxford Hawks
Harleston Magpies	Liverpool Sefton	Reading
Sevenoaks	Loughborough Students	Stourport
Southgate	Sutton Coldfield	Swansea City
St Albans	Timperley	Team Bath Buccs
Wimbledon	Wakefield	Trojans

The Club's other teams will play in the following Leagues:-

2nd XI South Division 2
3rd XI South Division 3A
4th XI Middlesex Premier
5th XI Middlesex Division 1
6th XI Middlesex Division 1
7th XI Middlesex Division 3

League games commence on 23 September.

85 years ago

17 September.1932

At the Committee Meeting held at the Station Hotel immediately after the General Meeting, Mr C T A Wilkinson¹⁰, who has been a playing member of the Club for 21 years and has retired from active play was unanimously elected as a Honorary Member. He has kindly consented to continue to represent the Club at the Surrey County HA¹¹.

A letter from the Southern Counties Hockey Umpires Association, dated 1 September 1932, was read suggesting that the Umpires' expenses be pooled instead of each side paying their own umpire's expenses. It was agreed that we should fall in line with the proposal. The Hon Sec was asked to write to the Association to this effect.

65 Years Ago

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P B Edwards explained that the Hall School had a long-established contract with Hampstead Cricket Club regarding use of the ground for football matches. It was inevitable that to some extent the football area would overlap the hockey area. It was proposed by G F Walker and seconded by R L Milsted that the Hampstead Cricket Club be asked to ensure that as far as possible the siting of the holes for the football goalposts should not conflict with the playing area of the hockey pitch. If convenient could these be sited behind the hockey goal posts? Carried.

The meeting then elected the following officers of the Club for the ensuing season

President	S S Pawling
Vice President	H B Hayman
Captain 1 st XI	S H Shoveller
Voice Captain 1 st XI	C H Eiloart
Captain 2 nd XI	R Paton (<i>or C Trusler</i>)
Captain 3 rd XI	W H Watson (<i>or G M Hodgson</i>)
Manager 4 th XI	A C Eiloart
Hon Treasurer	R P Tatham
Hon Secretary	C H Eiloart

Committee J T Ash, J H Bennett, R S Challands, N B Dearle, R E Eiloart, W E Green, R Leigh Ibbes, G Logan, F W Orr and C T A Wilkinson.

Alternatives were proposed for the captaincies of the 2nd and 3rd XIs because Messrs Paton and Watson were not present at the meeting and had not been previously approached with a view to ascertaining the willingness to carry out the apparently onerous duties of the respective positions.

20 Years Ago

The Men's 1st XI were warming up for the first match of the season after re-admission to the National League. The Squad for the Oxford University game was:-

Dan Williams, Rob Thompson, Rob Turner, Rob Bloomer Rob Carter, Steve Dodson, David Grady, Jack Galliford, Nigel Land, Lindsay Troy, Clive Felton, Rupert Wood, Andy Thompson, Graeme Rigby and Charlie Brougham

In her contemporary Bulletin, Rosemary Warne added, "Well done the England LX Team, which hosted an International Tournament in Canterbury in June. Guy Mayers (Spaniards) was one of the team that successfully played against such countries as France, Holland and Australia. The squad met again in Peterborough on 6 September 1997 when Peter Boizot arranged a vintage weekend at the Great Northern Hotel."

Next edition

All being well, this will cover the first half of the new season to its winter break. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to mail@velwell.eclipse.co.uk.

¹⁰ Gold Medal winner at the Antwerp Games in 1920 and former captain of Surrey County Cricket Club

¹¹ Query why the Club would then be affiliated to Surrey, save for the location of its ground and clubhouse

¹² The Club had only recently re-established itself after World War 2 at Lymington Road, where it had played its home matches in the 1890's and this is an example of some of the teething problems encountered at the time.