

Welcome

This is the fourteenth in our series of revamped Newsletters. It reviews the forthcoming season and looks back to the outbreak of World War 1, on which the Club was forced, as were virtually all its opponents, to cease playing and close for the duration and in which six club members tragically lost their lives.

Memorial Match

A reminder that the Club's memorial match is to be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 7 September 2014 at Paddington Recreation Ground. As the Carlton Tavern is now undergoing development and the clubhouse has had to move, the post-match conviviality will be enjoyed at the Paddington Sports Club in Castellain Mansions, on virtually the opposite side of PRG – a venue probably in most readers' recollections? If not, details are set out below.

We shall salute the memories of those players and members sadly lost to us and in many cases in their prime.



International News

We congratulate Dan Fox on his bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow (and the complimentary remarks from TV commentator analyst Sean Kerly). In the bronze medal match, won 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out, he again encountered Andy Hayward, New Zealand's midfielder/defender and short corner expert, who has joined H&W for the forthcoming season (more on this below).



Two other summer recruits, James Simpson and goalkeeper Harry Gibson were representing England Under-21 Men, who secured a dramatic bronze medal in the EuroHockey Junior Nations Championship in Belgium. With time ticking down, England were awarded a penalty corner which was scored with a straight flick by Luke Taylor to send the game into a shoot-out. Goals from Taylor, David Goodfield, Sam French and finally Ed Horler helped England win 4-3.

Against the run of play Belgium took the lead after 20 minutes when Tom de Groote scored from a rebound after the initial shot had been well saved, but England battled on and continued to cause problems for the hosts. England launched a lot of attacks at their rivals, who sat back and defended before launching counter attacks.

It looked like their solitary goal would prove decisive, but England took Harry Gibson off, with two and a half minutes remaining in place of a kicking back. On the stroke of the hooter, David Goodfield penetrated the circle before the ball hit a Belgian foot. From the resulting penalty corner, Luke Taylor converted the chance in overtime, to force the shootout.

Harry then won the Goalkeeper of the Championship award and was delighted by the absence of any short corner goals conceded by the England defence throughout the whole tournament



Club News

Probably the most significant summer event has been the return of the club to the Paddington Sports Club that the club adopted on its arrival at Paddington Recreation Ground in the mid 1980's. This has arisen because the Carlton Tavern is undergoing redevelopment. It is still hoped to be able to return in 18 months, or so. As some readers will recollect, it is advisable to reach the Sports Club on foot and not to park cars there, as space is limited and pre-allocated.

Address

(Entrance next to Bon Appetit Delicatessen)
Castellain Road, Maida Vale, London W9 1HQ

Opening times

Monday to Saturday, 7.00am to 11.00pm
Sunday, 8.00am to 10.00pm

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0207 286 4515

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The Main Clubhouse bar and lounge is the focal point of PS. It offers seating for up to 100 either eating or drinking. In the summer the French windows can be opened up to offer immediate access to the grounds and outdoor space where any action on the main court can be seen.

The restaurant is open every lunchtime and evening up until 2100h (Sundays until 1730h) and offers a great range of traditional Thai food, original English cuisine and a range of coffee and cakes if something lighter is preferred

There is a snooker room adjacent to the main club house and boasts a full size table in excellent condition for the use of PSC members.

The clubhouse has two large flat screen TVs and shows all the major sporting events, such as Champions League matches and all major tennis tournaments

Junior Camp

Richard Smith, who is recuperating from his long term knee injury, organised a highly successful three day summer camp at PRG for aspiring local hockey players and was supported by other club members



H&W's U16 and U14 boys and U16, U14 and U12 girls currently play in the Home Counties Leagues.

Web Site

The club's website has been revamped over the summer, requiring considerable effort and attention from Graham Boles and Johnny Witt. If you visit, you will see that there is to be a members' section requiring a log in. This is intended to provide more exclusive access and to enable members to record changes of their own details for ease of communication, as well as to provide news, details of social events, fund raising initiatives and match reports and the like – and may yet include back copies of these Newsletters. More on this is to follow from the Club Chairman.

Alumni

Plans have now been published of suggested arrangements for improved communication with past players, non-playing members and Friends of HWHC (and any number of varieties of these terms).

They include an invitation to take up "Past-player Membership". The Club has been thinking about how it communicates with our former teammates and the simple answer is that not enough is done. Many former players suggest that whilst they may keep in touch with a few old Hampstead colleagues (and sometimes check the website to find out how the teams are faring), they do not hear much from the Club.

Wishing therefore to change that, the club will be offering an opportunity for our *alumni* to stay involved, meet former teammates, attend new social events and keep right up to date with what's happening at HWHC.

Past-player Membership is to cost only £80 per year. And in return, there will be, amongst other things, a smart HWHC Alumni tie for men and equivalent for women, access to the members only section of the club website (keeping you updated with news, social events, fundraising, match reports and the like) an invitation to attend the Vice Presidents' Dinner (for a small additional payment), membership of Middlesex CCC at reduced rates, drinks and refreshments at an annual "Old Joiners" reception in the City and a regular newsletter.

Maintaining the links with the club's past is seen as an important part of securing its future and it is hoped that everyone affected will consider re-joining. It takes a considerable effort to keep the Club going, as few will need reminding.

Women's Hockey Outlook

Stephen Menzies, the coach of the Women's 1st XI has kindly provided an insight to the new season.

HWHC Women are going from strength to strength...thirty one years old this year, seven teams taking the field each weekend and genuine candidates to get promotion to the National League. Last year was a mixture of real highs and lows, most notably our first appearance in a HA Cup final - a first in hockey (and football!) with no team in the third tier ever having reached their national cup final and the undoubted low of a coming within four minutes of being promoted to the National League, before losing to what was a pretty poor umpiring decision, but we are not dwelling on that, well perhaps a little!

This year we will have up to seven new faces in the Women's squad and a range of nationalities, and an expectation that this will be our year. Promotion is a very realistic target, but we also want to develop links with universities around the country, and have Loughborough University on our radar.

We recognise that as a club we attract a high number of university graduates, making their way to London for careers, but we have never formally sought to strengthen our links with universities. With a number of 'Luffbra' alumni in our squad now, we want to develop these links and see it as an opportunity, alongside promotion to the National League to have the pick of young players coming to London.

We have a strong base to develop from, as a section we are working incredibly hard to provide a wide range of playing opportunities to our women, from beginner through to elite level and we have a clear ambition on how we will get there!

Women's South League Division 1

The Women's' 1st XI fixture list has also been released

20.09.14 Staines (a) 1200h
27.09.14 Teddington (h) 1200h
04.10.14 Tulse Hill & Dulwich (a) 1200h
11.10.14 Woking (h) 1330h
18.10.14 Southgate (a) 1330h
25.10.14 Havant (h) 1200h
08.11.14 Oxford University (a) 1230h
15.11.14 Reading 1A (h) 1200h
22.11.14 Staines (a) 1300h
29.11.14 Barnes (h) 1330h

24.01.15 Teddington (a) 1330h
31.01.15 Tulse Hill & Dulwich (h) 1330h
07.02.15 Woking (a) 1300h
14.02.15 Southgate (h) 1200h
28.02.15 Havant (a) [tba]
07.03.15 Oxford University (h) 1200h
14.03.15 Reading 1A (a) 1300h
21.03.15 Staines (h) 1330h

EHL Men's Premier League

The promoted teams this season are Southgate and Brooklands MU (now coached by a former H&W player and youth co-ordinator, John Bell, who played prominently for Brooklands as the League's leading scorer in 1998 that led to an England cap). Last season Southgate memorably held off the challenge of Holcombe (now scurrilously dubbed by some as *Voldemort HC*), who responded with seismic summer activity in the transfer market, recruiting a further four current England players, including goalkeeper George Pinner.



Fixtures

13.09.14 Wimbledon (h) 1500h
21.09.14 Canterbury (h) 1400h
27.09.14 Cannock (h) 1400h
05.10.14 Beeston (a) 1245h
11.10.14 Surbiton (a) 1700h
19.10.14 East Grinstead (h) 1400h

25.10.14 Reading (a) 1630h
09.11.14 Southgate (h) 1400h
15.11.14 Brooklands MU (h) 1400h
23.11.14 Cannock (a) [tba]
29.11.14 East Grinstead (a) 1800h
INDOOR WINTER BREAK
08.02.15 Canterbury (a) 1245h
15.02.15 Beeston (h) 1400h
22.02.15 Brooklands MU (a) [tba]
28.02.15 Reading (h) 1400h
01.03.15 Southgate (a) 1430h
08.03.15 Surbiton (h) 1400h
15.03.15 Wimbledon (a) 1400h

Player News

Andy Hayward, the short corner conversion expert, has joined H&W for the forthcoming season. He was prominent for New Zealand in the 2014 World Cup in Holland, with two hat-tricks and again in the Commonwealth Games, with, amongst others, a successful strike against England goalkeeper George Pinner in the play-off match but not enough to deny England their bronze medal. He is renowned for taking corners with the speed and force of a train.



Andy has won more than 170 caps for New Zealand and up to May of this year had scored 64 goals. He is aged 29 and hails from Kawakawa, a small town in Northland on the north tip of New Zealand. It is known for the Hundertwasser Toilets on the main street of the town, one of few toilet blocks seen as an international work of art and a tourist attraction in its own right. His former club was Howick Pakuranga.

Pau Freixa Sureda

A free scoring forward/midfielder and former Spain U21 player, Pau Freixa has joined from Atlètic Terrassa in Spain and was on hand immediately with a goal in the pre-season weekend in Loughborough on the bank holiday weekend.



Other recruits over the summer have been the notable pair joining from Reading, **Harry Slater** and **Nick Page**, both quality and Premier League experienced players (and significant feathers in the HWHC cap).. Harry has also represented England A. Nick is a strong defender. Each now works in the City and commuting to hockey is made far easier. Reading's non-participation in this season's EuroHockey League (the significance of which was covered in an earlier Newsletter) has also had a part to play.

Rich Hildreth, who represented Canada in the Commonwealth Games, will also be returning for this season

England U18 and U21 players **James Simpson** and **Harry Gibson** have signed up from Olton & West Warwicks and Loughborough Students (via Millfield) respectively. James is a forward and Harry a goalkeeper, commented upon earlier. James will be studying at King's College London.

Other recruits include **Matthew Botha** from Royal Antwerp, a South African forward, who is on the edge of the national squad and **Jake Bullock** from National League side, Belper, who will be studying at UCL.

Late but big news has been the decision of recent Great Britain and England player, **Richard Alexander**, to join H&W this season from Wimbledon. Richard will need little introduction given his status in the game (and his murine connectivity by nickname). He may recollect a past trip to PRG when playing for Harlestone Magpies that ended prematurely with a visit to A&E at St Mary's...

Apologies to any that may have been omitted inadvertently.

Coaching Appointment

Another key appointment over the summer has been that of Michael Johnson as coach. Michael won 168 caps for England and Great Britain and competed in two Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 and Athens four years later. He played for Cannock and with them won the Premier League title on seven occasions between 1996 and 2006. He is likely to have played for Cannock at PRG when they won the Westminster Challenge in 2001, the Cup, seen below, being presented by Peter Boizot.



He was previously coach to Olton and West Warwicks and achieved promotion with them in his first year as coach. He has also coached and played at Cannock and last season was an Assistant Coach with Leicester Tigers Women's team that was successful in Europe.

Michael has already been on active duty, so to speak, seen below at Loughborough in pre-season on the Bank holiday weekend.



Two Halves or Four Quarters?

The England Hockey League Committee has decided not to introduce the FIH rule relating to matches being played in 4 sessions of 15 minutes' duration in the Women's and Men's League for the forthcoming season. Further discussion is to be had for its application to the end of season League semi-finals and final, currently played to EuroHockey League requirements that have 4 x 17½ minutes sessions. The decision in England mirrors that taken for the season by the Dutch and German League administrators.

Indoor Rules

The FIH recently announced changes to the Rules of Indoor Hockey. Although the actual introduction date for these changes is 1 January 2015, England Hockey will apply them to its entire indoor programme for the 2014-15 season.

Most notably, the number of times a team may substitute a goalkeeper off the pitch will now be limited to two per game, as opposed to the previous unlimited number.

In addition, the breaking at a penalty corner regulation, which has been successfully used at international tournaments, is introduced as a full rule. An attacker who breaks into the circle early or any defender who crosses the back-line early is to be sent beyond the centre-line.

Also a limit of 105cm has been placed on the length of a hockey stick

NOW Pensions Men's Cup

The draw for the NOW: Pensions Men's knockout competition has been announced. Ties are regionalised at this stage of the competition. Conference North sides Sheffield Hallam and Doncaster have been paired. In the South, Conference West meets Conference East as Fareham play host to Brighton. Holders Cannock have been handed a home tie with Bromsgrove. Last season's runners-up, Brooklands MU will start their campaign at home against Ben Rhydding. Marlow, who knocked out Premier Division side Canterbury last season face more of the same as they travel to Surbiton.

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Beeston v Stafford

Belper v Leicester

Blueharts v West Herts

Boots v Bournville

Bourne Deeping v Chelmsford

Bowdon v Preston

Brooklands MU v Ben Rhydding

Cannock v Bromsgrove

Canterbury v Purley Walcountians

Chichester Priory Park v Sevenoaks

Didsbury Northern v Alderley Edge

Fareham v Brighton and Hove

Hampton-in-Arden v Berkswell & Balsall Common

Holcombe v Lewes

Indian Gymkhana v Crawley

Lincoln Roses v Deeside Ramblers

Milton Keynes v Havant

Newark v Rugby & East Warwickshire

Old Loughtonians v St. Albans

Oxford Hawks v Hampstead and Westminster

Plymouth Marjon v Team Bath Buccaneers

Ramgarhia HC Southall v Reading

Sheffield Hallam v Doncaster

Somerset Gryphons v Truro

Southgate v Burnt Ash (Bexley)

Surbiton v Marlow
Taunton Vale v Robinson's
Teddington v Henley
University of Birmingham v Barford Tigers
University of Cambridge v Long Sutton
West Bridgford v Melton
Wisbech Town v City of Peterborough or Norwich City

On hearing of the draw, Men's 1's captain Toby Roche was very disconsolate. Oxford Hawks was his home club as youngster and there appears not to be a post or job in the Club not fulfilled by a member of the family. His brother Kieran, who played recently for H&W, is now the Hawks' 1st XI captain. Nothing but a win will now count!

Interview

The National League matchday programme interview of 15 or so years ago continues its revival for the Newsletter. For this edition we managed to elicit some printable answers in discussion with Will Naylor, doyen of National League goalscorers and now leading in that department for Hampstead, taking a sizeable lead over Will Nurse. Will (Naylor) is a solicitor and once said to be on the verge of retiring from first team hockey or so he claimed, following the arrival of daughter Isabelle, only to appear Methuselah-like, eager for just one more goal. Not bad for someone who started out as a defender?



How old were you when you first took up hockey?

Three, the stick I used is still too big for me

In your first competitive game, which teams were involved and what was the score?

The first game I recall was for Durlston Court against Millfield....we parked the bus and narrowly lost. I was made for HWHC.

In what position did you play on the pitch?

Forward

Of which hockey clubs have you been a member?

Bournemouth HC 1994-2001, Loughborough Students 2001-2005, H&WHC 2005-present.

Which Hampstead teams have you played for?

1s only, I couldn't get in the 2s

Who is the best player you have played alongside in your team?

There have been some many, Hanus, Fronk perhaps... Simon Towns is the best player I have played with at HWHC. He was a class above anyone in the League when he joined. The best player I have ever played alongside is Glenn Kirkham.

Which was the best game in which you played for Hampstead?

Beating Reading 4-3 at home in 2006 (I think) was particularly satisfying. At the time they were one of the best teams in Europe and we won in the last minute. However, the Cup semi-final win against Beeston in 2012 was the best game I have played in. They were the league champions and we won 4-3 with a last minute winner. The final was a different story...

Which opposing team do you most look forward to playing?

Cannock, the journey, the weather (generally)...What's not to love?

Which opposing team do you most admire?

The 2s. I have played against them every pre-season for nine seasons and only ever managed a draw...In terms of the Premier League, East Grinstead are always a class act and play a decent brand of attacking hockey.

Who is the best opponent you have faced?

Kwan Browne in 2012. He singlehandedly took Canterbury to the play offs and we did not tackle him in either fixture, home or away. He is also the best indoor player I have ever played against. He is also a good bloke and coached Canterbury into playing decent expansive hockey.

Who is the best hockey player you have seen in action?

I once had the pleasure of seeing Neil Hamilton in the changing rooms downstairs in the Carlton.

Which is the best hockey game you have watched?

England 2 Netherlands 9...I am still trying to get my money back from Foxy

Which rule of hockey would you discard if you were able to do so?

Get rid of long corners. They are of little advantage to the attacking team

What is the most amusing incident you have witnessed on a hockey pitch?

There have been many, for example:-

No shirts (on countless occasions)

Ambo using the TD's Sunday Times as shinpads...

Gavin "dropping" the Player of the Season award

Keiran "Typical Hampstead" Roche...

But one in particular sticks in my mind. We were drawing 1-1 with Reading, away at Reading. The ball was crossed and, with the goalie out of the picture, Jonty Clarke shot into an unguarded net. However, our Captain Fantastic, Dan Fox, dived to stop it. Sadly the ball smashed into his nether regions. There was then a 15 minute wait whilst Fox lay spread-eagled in the goalmouth. After a thorough going over from Thea, he eventually got to his feet...to be given a yellow card for a deliberate foul and a stroke was awarded. Jonty duly converted it and we lost 2-1...

What was the last item of hockey kit that you acquired?

A mini hockey stick for my daughter, Isabelle.

Which other sports take your interest?

Cricket (I was a lower order nurdler (think John Crawley)), Golf and Skateboarding

Which team's football result do you look for first?

Southampton FC

From yesteryear

120 years ago

A Committee Meeting was convened at 63 Broadhurst Gardens on 5 September 1894.

Present: M Besch in the Chair; H R Lipscombe, W S Hale, Alec Reid, C D McMillin, J N Brown.

The circular [to members, *below*] as drawn up was approved. The list of season's fixtures was also approved.

Hampstead Hockey Club

Dear Sir

After due consideration, the Committee of the Hockey Section of Hampstead Cricket Club have come to the conclusion that it would be useless to attempt to carry out a list of fixtures at the Cricket Ground next winter, owing to the wet conditions of the turf.

An excellent ground has therefore been obtained at Elms Farm Acton at a rent of £10 for the season, with dressing accommodation at the George and Dragon adjoining. All matches will now be played regardless of the weather.

This decision of the Committee was placed before the General Meeting of the Cricket Club on the 12th April, and after considerable discussion it was deemed advisable for the Hockey Section to secede from the Cricket Club and to form a separate club under the name of the "Hampstead Hockey Club," the Cricket Club kindly allowing the fresh Club to retain the use of its present colours.

It has been found necessary, in order to cover the expenses of rent and other outlay incidental to the removal to Acton, to raise the Subscription to £1 1s. Honorary members will be admitted at a Subscription of 5s.

A General Meeting of the Hockey Club was held at the "Eyre Arms Hotel" on the 13th April when a new set of Rules was drawn up and officers and Committee were elected for the ensuing season.

Mr A Russell-Parker was unanimously elected President; Mr H R Lipscombe Secretary and First Team Captain; Mr J G Q Besch Treasurer and Second Team Captain and the following to form the Committee – Mr J N Brown, A C Dunn, W S Hale C D D McMillin E L Marsden Alec Reid and J C Toller.

I shall be very glad to hear from you at your early convenience whether you will continue your Membership, or, if not already a Member your propose [sic] to become an Active or Honorary member.

I hope to publish very shortly a List of Members in the Book of Rules

Yours truly

***H R LIPSCOMBE
Hon Secretary***

110 Broadhurst Gardens
South Hampstead.

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB – Season 1894-95¹

FIRST TEAM

1894

Oct 6 *Practice*

¹ This fixture list is marked contrast to the 1893-4 season, when, under the auspices of Hampstead Cricket Club as its Hockey Section, there were 15 fixtures, against Willesden, Addiscombe, Pinner, Shooters Hill, Grecians, Staines (*home fixture only*), Kensington Park and Ealing; home matches being played at Hampstead

Oct 13 Willesden (a)
Oct 20 Bromley (h)²
Oct 27 Tulse Hill (h)
Nov 3 Ilford Park (a)
Nov 10 Grecians (a)
Nov 17 West Ealing (h)
Nov 24 Hampton Wick (a)
Dec 1 Ealing (h)
Dec 8 Kensington Park (a)
Dec 15 Grecians (h)
Dec 2 Teddington (h)
Dec 26 Willesden (h)
Dec 29 Croydon (a)

1895

Jan 3 Southgate (a)
Jan 12 Ilford Park (h)
Jan 19 Hampton Wick (h)
Jan 26 Ealing (a)
Feb 2 Tulse Hill (a)
Feb 9 Kensington Park (h)³
Feb 16 Bromley (a)
Feb 23 Willesden (h)
Mar 2 Croydon (h)
Mar 8
Mar 16 Ealing (h)
Mar 23 Merton (h)
Mar 30 Teddington (a)

110 years ago

At the Annual Meeting held at the Constitutional Club, Hampstead on 10 September 1904, it was (amongst other things) proposed by Mr Ravor and seconded by Mr Wheeler that the club should have another ground [but] not exceeding £15 and the Secretary was requested to write about a ground at Cricklewood.

Election of Officers

President	S S Pawling ⁴
Vice President	J G Q Besch
Captain	R A Hill
2 nd XI Captain	W G Ravor
3 rd XI Captain	E L Warren
4 th XI Captain	J G Staple
Secretary	J T Ash

105 years ago

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Constitutional Club Hampstead on 11 September 1909.

Present: Mr R A Hill (in the chair) F W Orr, C D McMillin, C M Carey, L J Marcus, S H Shoveller,

² Home matches were now played at Acton

³ Played on Wormwood Scrubs

⁴ Another in the long line of Hampstead CC members to play hockey, Sydney Pawling first represented Hampstead CC, primarily as a bowler in 1887 and played for a further 20 years. He was renowned for a terrifying run and action, looking as if at the moment of delivery, he was about to launch his not inconsiderable bulk at the batsman too. He was known as "Skipper" and invariably captained the side. He played for Middlesex as well. He is recorded as the President of Hampstead CC in 1901

G Logan, C H Eiloart R E Eiloart N B Dearle, R Leigh Ibbs, J T Ash. W G Ravenor, J Greig and E L Marsden.

The balance sheet was discussed and Mr McMillin informed the meeting that since the Statement of Account has been printed, he had received five guineas of unpaid subscriptions and had deducted one sovereign for the Hon Sec's out of pocket payments, thus having £3-4-0 more in hand than appeared on the printed statement. The unpaid subscriptions were gone into and it was resolved to write off a considerable number as being practically impossible to collect and to make further strenuous efforts to collect the remainder.

The accounts were then passed without further discussion and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr McMillin.

It was decided to re-engage James Sanders as ground-boy and to give the captain of the 1st XI and the Hon Sec a free hand with regard to purchasing new balls when it seemed to them necessary or desirable.

The fixture list for 1909-10 was approved.

Mr F W Orr resigned the captaincy after having skippered the club most ably and successfully for three seasons. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to him for his valuable services. Mr E L Marsden resigned the hon. secretaryship and a vote of thanks to him was inadvertently omitted.

The officers of the club for the season 1909-10 were elected.

At a committee meeting held immediately after the general meeting Baron von Bissing⁵, proposed by G F Farmiloe and seconded by E L Marsden was elected a member of the club.

WIMBLEDON v. HAMPSTEAD

At Wimbledon on Saturday⁶, Hampstead followed up their victory over Beckenham⁷ with a good win against Wimbledon by 6 goals to 2. For the first 30 minutes the home team kept their opponents at bay, thanks to a fine display of goalkeeping by F W Colman, but at length the Hampstead attack prevailed and Shoveller opened the scoring with a fine shot. Before half time Hampstead's lead had been increased to 2 goals, despite some good play by the home team. Half-time Hampstead 2; Wimbledon 0.

Wimbledon started strongly after the interval, going right away from the bully-off. Ruisman scored for them with a very good shot, but Hampstead retaliated almost immediately adding a third goal as the result of a very fine effort by Logan. For the remainder of the game, Hampstead were continually pressing, and further goals were added by Logan, Shoveller and Gresswell. Just before the finish Ruisman again got through for Wimbledon, and a pleasant game ended in a win for Hampstead by 6 goals to 2.

⁵ From a reply by Sir George Cave, then Home Secretary, to a Parliamentary question reported in Hansard on 11 April 1918, Mr. Walter von Bissing, who was a half-brother of the late German Governor of Belgium and was naturalised in England in 1906, was interned on 20 September 1915. In the latter part of 1917, he was in a serious state of health, and his case was referred to an independent medical practitioner, who advised that further internment would be likely to have fatal results. His case was also referred to the Advisory Committee, who advised that von Bissing might be released "under proper conditions without any risk to the public safety or the defence of the realm". His release was sanctioned, first to a nursing home, where he underwent an operation and afterwards to the Isle of Man. His residence there was subject to strict conditions, including a restriction, without permission, on communicating "directly or indirectly, with any alien or with any person outside the Isle of Man". Letters and telegrams written and received by him and his household were censored and they were not allowed the use of a telephone.

⁶ 9 October 1909 (reproduced from an unknown contemporary periodical)

⁷ Beckenham 2 Hampstead 3; 2 October 1909

For the winners Bennett was in great form at the back, and Green was the best of the halves. Of the forwards. Logan was by far the best. Shoveller not being quite at his best. For Wimbledon, Colman gave a great display in goal, despite being beaten six times, and Parkin at half got through an immense amount of work. Ruisman, a Dutchman, was easily the best of the forwards and should prove a great acquisition for the Wimbledon team.

Hampstead - R A Hill, E L Marsden and J H Bennett; W E Green, F W Orr and C H Eiloart; L Shoveller, T H Gresswell, S H Shoveller, G Logan and R E Eiloart
Wimbledon – F W Colman; J M Ambrose and C W Sheppard; J C Fox, R T Parkin and C P Ogden; Rev D Salmon, C F McGrath, A G Plante, D Ruisman and L Ward

At a subsequent Committee meeting held on 16 October 1909 in the pavilion at Bromley at which E L Marsden, S H Shoveller, F W Orr, G Logan R E and C H Eiloart were present, the following were elected to the club:- P W *[illegible]* and C P Josceleyne, each proposed by P T Langton, seconded by J L Marcus. The Committee then split up but happened to meet again by chance at a public house in the vicinity of Sundridge Park Station and there elected F F Bennett as a member of the club, after being proposed by C H Eiloart and seconded by S H Shoveller.⁸

100 years ago

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the Constitutional Club, Hampstead on Wednesday September 16th 1914.

The following were present

R Leigh Ibbs (in the Chair)
R P Tatham
F R Eiloart
N B Dearle
J H Bennett

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read approved and signed.

The Hon Treasurer's accounts for the season 1913-14 were duly passed.

The season is one absolutely unprecedented in the history of the Club

In consequence of the country being in a state of war with Germany and owing to the fact that nearly all the members of the Club without, and some with, family ties were serving their country either in Lord Kitchener's Army, or in the Territorials or in some other equally useful capacity, it was found to be impossible to carry out the fixture list; and therefore all matches for the season were cancelled and all clubs and individuals were notified to that effect.

The following officers were elected for the season:-

President	H B Hayman ⁹
Vice President	R A Hill
Captain 1 st XI	S H Shoveller
Vice-Captain 1 st XI	C H Eiloart
Captain 2 nd XI	R Paton
Captain 3 rd XI	H P Davis
Hon Treasurer	R P Tatham
Hon Secretary	J H Bennett

⁸ The next two Committee meetings (4 December 1909 and 18 December 1909) are recorded as having been held "in the train".

⁹ A former skipper of the 1st XI and another talented Hampstead CC cricketer, also a scratch golfer and fine squash player. He was a batsman who scored very quickly, frequently playing in the air and was renowned for hitting sixes.

The total cost of the present to Gerald Logan earlier in the season ie 24 April 1914 was £6-4-3, only £5 of which was actually received. The retiring Hon Secretary was therefore out of pocket to the extent of £1-4-3.

The members present decided that the balance should be made up between them.

The Committee for the present season was then elected as follows:

N B Dearle	F W Orr
R E Eiloart	C T A Wilkinson
R Leigh Ibbs	C Spooner
G F Farmiloe	C H Eiloart

The Hon Sec was instructed to make the best terms possible with the Directors of the Athletic Association at Richmond with regard to the ground for the present season, the Club not requiring the use of it, yet wishing to become tenants again, when normal conditions were resumed.

The question of members' subscriptions was then discussed. It was decided that no subscription should at present be asked for but that the matter should stand over till the Hon. Sec.'s negotiations with the Directors of the Richmond Athletic Association had been completed and that if necessary the matter should later be dealt with by the Committee.

No vote of thanks to the Chairman was purposed but this was obviously an oversight and is much regretted. The meeting then terminated.

Since the General meeting the present Hon. Sec.'s attention has been called to the fact that no vote of thanks was proposed for the services of the retiring Hon. Sec. Mr C H Eiloart has served the Club for a long time with the most conspicuous success. He is serving his country in the Royal Army Medical Corps - he and his brother R E having enlisted as privates¹⁰. It is to be hoped that this oversight and that in the previous paragraph be remedied at the next meeting.

90 years ago

At the Annual General Meeting on 5 September 1924 the following officers were elected for the forthcoming season

President	F E Eiloart
Vice Presidents	A B Osmond S H Shoveller
1 st XI Captain	J H Bennett
Vice-Captain	A C Eiloart
2 nd XI Captain	J H P Walker
Vice-Captain	J H Sly
3 rd XI Captain	F St J Brady
Vice-Captain	F R Coles
Hon Treasurer	A C Eiloart
Hon Secretary	W Mostyn Wyatt
Committee Members	C T A Wilkinson H C Allen J A Hattrell E F Trotman E E Bullen and S V Hicks

Mr St J Brady mentioned that there was a certain amount of discontent manifest among members because of vacation members coming into the various sides at certain time keeping regular players out.

¹⁰ It is distressing to record that C H Eiloart was one of six members of the Club who later lost their lives in World War One, G F Farmiloe, named as a Committee member at this meeting, being another.

The Chairman suggested that if it was felt that there was any hardship next Christmas the three captains should collaborate so that such hardship was shared as equitably as possible between the three XIs

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed unanimously

At the Committee meeting held immediately after the AGM, the following were elected as members:-

Major R A D Brooks DSO

C S W Marcon¹¹

H E Blake

Sir John Hanham Bt¹²

The following, not being personally known to two members, were invited to play in practice games:-

L R Miller

L L Barnard¹³

Capt N P Proctor

Minutes of a Committee Meeting October 1924

A letter was received by the Captain of the 3rd XI from Mr C Brooks, asking if he was likely to get a game fairly regularly – if not he would join Wimbledon. Messrs Walker and Brady also stated that several other members seemed upset that they did not get a game each Saturday. After discussion, the Hon Sec was instructed to write a suitable letter to Mr Brooks explaining the position and it was decided that no hard and fast rule could be made that members should stand down in rotation but the team selection must be left to the discretion of the Captains of the XI's with the proviso that the 1st XI captain must always chose the strongest possible XI.

80 years ago

At the Annual General Meeting on 22 September 1934 the following officers were elected for the forthcoming season

President	F E Eiloart
Vice Presidents	A B Osmond S H Shoveller A C Eiloart J H Bennett F W Orr and E E Trotman
1 st XI Captain	R L Milsted
Vice-Captain	O G Jones
2 nd XI Captain	F Parsons
Vice-Captain	J C Sankey
3 rd XI Captain	F Adams
Vice-Captain	D Sabey
4 th XI Captain	J H Hayward

¹¹ Shortly after the 1920 Olympic Games in which he won a gold medal in the same team as Stanley Shoveller, Cyril Wilkinson and Jack Bennett, Sholto Marcon's application for membership of Hampstead was rejected 'because he couldn't be available regularly'. By this meeting, some considerable time on, he was finally elected and went on to collect 20 England caps. He has been described as 'probably the greatest inside-left who ever played for England', with an exceptional sense of 'position' and excellent ball control. These qualities found expression in his exploitation of the through pass, of which he was an acknowledged master. Apart from being such a fine performer himself, he was also a very talented coach (at Cranleigh, where he taught until he took Holy Orders in 1936) and a keen writer on the game. (An example of his hockey writing appears below)

¹² Sir John Ludlow Hanham Bt was the tenth holder of the baronetcy created in 1667. He was educated at Winchester College and Madgalen College Oxford. He became a Captain in the Grenadier Guards and was wounded in World War 2. He was called to the Bar in 1926 (Inner Temple) and appointed as Apparitor General (ie sealer and record keeper) to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Between 1930 and 1932, he was ADC to his uncle Viscount Bledisloe, the Governor General of New Zealand. He died on 30 April 1955, aged 57.

¹³ The future provider of the Loving Cup, in memory of his wife, donated to the club in 1937.

Vice-Captain	E C Harman
Hon Treasurer	D R Nolans
Hon Secretary	W Mostyn Wyatt

The question was raised by Mr Sankey as to whether we should [pay] the Groundsman a gratuity at the end of each season and he also suggested that a "First Aid" box should be kept in the Changing Rooms. It was decided that the Committee should settle the matter at their next meeting¹⁴.

Getting Ready for the Season

Hampstead's Trial Game

by C S W Marcon¹⁵

This is the time of year when summer and winter games can be played on the same day. But on Saturday the cricket stumps which I saw erected on a well-known pitch near Thames Ditton were not likely to be disturbed by any ball, as the rain was coming down in torrents. It had little effect however on football and hockey grounds, and at Richmond to the accompaniment of cries of, "Wasps! Wasps!" from an adjoining ground where the London Scottish lost by the odd point, Hampstead HC played their second trial match prior to opening the season against Dulwich next Saturday.

As I saw the familiar – to me especially familiar – blue and white shirts, my thoughts turned to the pre-war days when S H Shoveller was in his prime. With "Shove" in the attack, partnered by G Logan and with the support of such players as C H and R E Eiloart, J H Bennett and G F Farniloe, the Hampstead side must have been a terror to most London teams

Certainly at Oxford round about 1909 whenever SHS was seen leading his men on to the old Varsity ground near South Parks Road, one knew the fight would be especially grim and if the 'varsity centre half failed to shadow his famous opponent, all would be lost.

The ground was very hard below the half inch of moist soil occasioned by the rain and owing to the dry summer, some bare patches were to be seen, though the ball ran well. I might mention that the indefatigable honorary secretary, M M Wyatt told me that it is hoped to acquire shortly an adjoining ground for the use of the second eleven.

Two Serious Losses

The players seemed very fit but it was a pity that few of the old first eleven members were able to turn out. I understand, however, that most of them will be available this season, the two most serious losses, perhaps, being B Trimmer, the goalkeeper and J F Alston, the old Cambridge outside left.. The latter, I hear, has joined Bromley, though this rumour was not confirmed. If it is true, it will mean the Kent team should be especially strong. To replace Trimmer, Hampstead hope to have the services of H E Ascoli, now down from Oxford, while Alston's place will probably be filled by D F Kerr, a Cambridge Wanderer and a new recruit.

In Saturday's game, Colours' forwards were far the better line and were well led by J C Sankey. Kerr did well on the left wing and is a fast runner. Closer ball control and the abolition of the reversed stick centre will help to improve his game. Sanders, an old Lawrentian, and left half supported Kerr closely and demonstrated the value of the cross pass to the right.

On the Whites' side, captain R L Milsted, who played for the Rest v England last year, turned out and set a good example to some of the younger members of the club by his tackling, positioning

¹⁴ It was later decided by the Committee on 11 October 1934 that the Club should give the Groundsman a gratuity in addition to the money paid to him each Saturday ("out of which he purchased lemons"). 15/- was to be paid at once for 1933/34 and a similar amount at the end of the season. It was also agreed to purchase a First Aid Box "costing no more than 7/6".

¹⁵ See note 11 above. The newspaper source is unidentified.

and passing. The backs were recruits from a school eleven and when they have learnt to be much quicker on the ball they should be useful.

So far as next Saturday's game is concerned, Hampstead will probably call up H E Ascoli S Fickling, A E Legett R L Milsted B M Bird O G Jones A G Hardie C A Hinds Howell J G Chappell I M Milsted D F Kerr. It is hoped that by next March there will be more "W"s on the fixture card and not so many "D"s as last season when 12 games were drawn.

60 years ago

Minutes of a Committee Meeting October 1954

The Secretary laid before the Committee a letter received from the Treasurer to which was attached a letter from the Hampstead Cricket Club, which requested the payment of £17 2s 0d in respect of hockey balls purchased by the Cricket Club in the 1953-54 season. Upon discussion it was decided that the Hockey Club could not accept liability for this amount. All subscriptions up to the present season had been paid direct by members to the Cricket Club and therefore *ipso facto* the hockey section had no funds whereby to meet ordinary seasonal expenditure, such as hockey balls.

Mr Stafford stated that the Cricket Club did not put this interpretation on the original agreement made between the Cricket and Hockey club and it was the feeling of the Cricket Club that hockey balls was [sic] an item of capital expenditure and therefore should be met by the Hockey Club direct

After further discussion, it was still the opinion of the majority of the committee that the Hockey Club was not liable. However, it was well appreciated what efforts had been made by the Cricket Club in assisting to get the Hockey Club re-established and in view of this, the Hockey Club were prepared, without prejudice, to make a contribution towards the sum concerned. Mr Stafford said that he would convey the opinions of Committee to the Cricket Club.

50 years ago

Minutes of a Committee Meeting October 1964

The Secretary reported on further correspondence and conversations with Surrey CCC and a visit to the Oval¹⁶. The outcome of these was that one full-sized and only slightly small pitch could be made available from the beginning of October to about mid –February, probably with no Sundays. After some discussion it was agreed to make an offer for these facilities, subject to finding a suitable third pitch and accommodation for March and it was agreed to suggest the figure of £250. It was hoped that, anyway, in due course the agreement could be reasonably long-term. It was agreed to look around at other grounds in the meantime and the following sub-Committee was appointed to do so, namely Messrs Brooks (Chairman) Lowden Bermingham and Greenhalgh,

45 years ago

Minutes of a Committee Meeting September 1969

Ground Improvements

The Secretary reported on the outcome of discussions between himself and Mr Clarke and representatives of the Hornsey Club. The groundsman was resolutely opposed to the necessity of renewing the mole drainage this autumn and could not see his way to doing it himself at economic cost. It was, therefore, agreed to accept this advice providing the groundsman would continue to explore economic mole drainage for next year and thereafter.

¹⁶ These arrangements were necessitated by notice given to the club to quit the Hornsey ground at the end of the 1964/65 season. The chances of getting a reasonably drained ground within miles of the Hampstead vicinity seemed slight but Colin Greenhalgh, in his capacity as Secretary, had approached Surrey CCC and they had indicated their approval, in principle, to playing at the Oval from 1965/66. In the meantime attempts were being made to discover the rent paid by Corinthian Casuals who had been playing football on the Oval at the time.

The Hornsey Club had requested us to assist with the cost (estimated to be £40) of fertilising the ground this autumn. It was agreed that we could not accede to this request bearing in mind the Hornsey Club's contractual obligation to provide adequate hockey pitches. However it was agreed that we would, in lieu, make every effort to purchase the self-propelled spiker which the groundsman still felt would be very valuable, even if this required somewhat more than the £100 limit we had previously set

Officers

Mr Boizot had expressed reluctance to captain the 6th XI if previous officers were going to be upset. He was therefore prevailed upon not to withdraw and it was agreed that Mr R H Tom should be asked to vice-captain the team. Mr Conway would not be available to take over as fixture Secretary. Mr Chaumeton had, therefore, been prevailed upon to continue for the rest of the season and had nobly agreed.

London League

27 September 1969 saw the inaugural London League match between Hounslow and Hampstead. Here are two different outlooks on the game, from Desmond Eager of the Sunday Telegraph and from the Guardian.

Spirited start to the League

Guardian correspondent 29 September 1969

Hounslow 7 Hampstead 1

One of the fears most frequently expressed by opponents of League hockey is that it would lead to tough, if not positively rough play. It may be too soon to pass judgment on the evidence of this first match in the new London League but I saw nothing which exceeded the normal rigour of the game in this encounter between Hounslow and Hampstead at Hounslow.

It could be argued that a side which wins 7-1 as Hounslow did here has no reason to get hot under the collar and that as it takes two sides to make a quarrel, there was no occasion for friction. Hounslow's forward line included two internationals, Corby and Langhorne, and the others were all players of county class or better. Not many clubs can say as much. Corby was perhaps not quite so elusive and challenging as usual. He may have been thinking of the squash rackets final he had to play in the evening and which, incidentally, he won.

At all events he was content to scheme opportunities for others and those others took their chances to a man: centre forward McManus, who scored the first two goals and the last; Langhorne, who took two; and Grimmer and Smith, with one goal each, Grimmer from a penalty stroke.

Hampstead might have had a goal in the first quarter-of-an-hour if their attack mounting only four forwards had been as closely integrated as their defence. I had the impression they do not clearly understand the possibilities of the 4-2-3-1 formation which they have adopted.

But there was no doubt at all that Hampstead were inspired by a fine resolution and it earned them the last word in the shape of the last goal of the game, scored by Spicer from a penalty corner. If they hold on to that spirit they should know better days.

Gay Hounslow notch up historical seven

Desmond Eager Sunday Telegraph 28 September 1969

History was made at Hounslow when the first match in the new London Hockey League provided two points and plenty of goals to the home side.

Hounslow were far too strong and skilful. It was interesting, too, that there was no easing up by either side. Perhaps it was the thought that goal difference at the end of the season might mean the difference between Division One and Division Two.

McManus got both goals in the first half. Both came from the wings; the first a short centre by Smith and the second a long one from Grimmer. This was a splendid effort by McManus who flung himself full length to get to the ball.

The Hampstead defence seemed to be Ratcliffe alone. He made a number of fine saves to keep the score within bounds at half-time.

The pressure had been so great that it was perhaps no surprise when the Hounslow forwards had a field day in the second half.

But the goal rush did not start for 15 minutes. Then Grimmer converted a penalty stroke. The fourth goal, a solo effort by Smith, was followed quickly by two goals from Langhorne and McManus completing his hat-trick. Just on time, Hampstead were awarded a short corner and Spicer saw to it that they did not come away empty-handed.

Hounslow: P M Morgan; M J Harris. F H V Scott; W Morris, J D Martin, M R Kittrell; J Grimmer, C J Langhorne, D Mc Manus M WS Corby W T Smith

Hampstead: D Ratcliffe; R Seedher, N Souley; M Spicer R Cake R Clarke; S Lunn, D Randall, G Phillips, S Oliver, D Jennings

Umpires: D Hall and C E Moody

40 years ago

The Club's Emeritus President Peter Boizot was preparing for his second general election for the Liberal Party in the constituency of Peterborough. After the first that followed the three year term of the Edward Heath government, the Labour party were in a minority government, so a second election was called within nine months.

February 1974

[82.32% turnout]

Sir Harmar Nicholls (Conservative)	20,353 (39.55%)
Michael Ward (Labour)	20,331 (39.51%)
Peter J Boizot (Liberal)	10,772

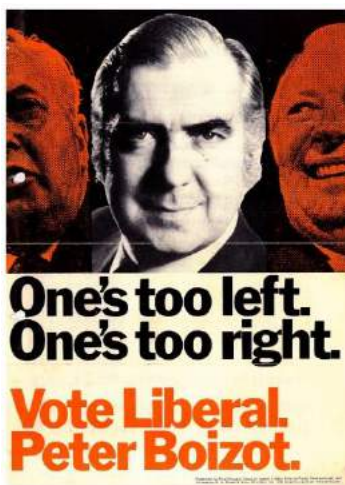
Conservative majority of 22

October 1974

[77.87% turnout]

Michael Ward (Labour)	21,820 (44.45%)
Sir Harmar Nicholls (Conservative)	19,972 (40.68%)
Peter J Boizot (Liberal)	7,302 (14.87%)

Labour majority 1,848



25 years ago

From the Hampstead & Highgate Express

[Cambridge Univ 0 Hampstead 2](#)

Early season League activity saw two well taken first-half goals as Hampstead killed off Cambridge University's challenge in the Pizza Express League match. "Definitely one of our better performances," said a happy Mike Hick: "an early goal helped us settle down and control the game."

Hampstead went ahead in the fifth minute when Dave Dixon's powerful shot took a deflection off a stick and flew into the net.

Cambridge put together their best spell as half-time approached. Hampstead's goalkeeper Mike Quirke made a great save at a short corner to preserve his team's lead. But a goal a minute before half-time by Paul Wilkinson finished off Cambridge.

[20 years ago](#)

Arrangements were in hand for a H&W Centenary Tournament between 16th and 18th September, covering three categories, Veterans, Super Veterans and 1st XIs.

For the Veterans, there were eight teams in two pools of four, with two matches of 25 minutes each way, played on Saturday and Sunday. In Pool A were H&W, Icen Rex, Liverpool Sefton and Llamas. In Pool B were Maidenhead, de Alster, Travellers and Dulwich Vagrants.

For the Super Veterans, four teams were invited, H&W Spaniards (as the team then was) Leominster, Puritans and Liars, to play three 25 minutes each way games against each other. Puritans could only attend on the one day so had to play three matches on the same day

The Men's 1st XI played a triangular tournament against Whitchurch and Anchorians and on the Sunday a single match against Whitchurch. The Women's 1st XI had a fixture on each day of the weekend.

Hampstead was available on the Friday evening (courtesy of Nigel Fletcher) as a welcoming party and on Saturday for the main entertainment, arrangements were made to take over the Groucho Club in Dean Street for the evening for 250 people, operating a running buffet. Through Peter Boizot's auspices, the Laurie Chescoe Jazz Band were retained. All at an equivalent cost of £30 per head!

[15 years ago](#)

Hampstead open their new season in the English Hockey League Men's Division Two with a long trip to play newly promoted Formby on Sunday 26th September at 1.00pm.

The team has been in extended pre-season training under new player coach Soma Singh, former Great Britain and England player, who joined in the close season from Southgate. It won the abbreviated Hampstead & Westminster Challenge earlier in September, beating both Surbiton and Indian Gymkhana, both of whom play in higher divisions in the English League.

The team is hoping to be at full strength for Sunday's clash under the captaincy this season of Rob Turner. The line-up includes a number of new faces, among them South African Craig Carolan and England under 21 player Matt Hetherington, who has joined from St Albans. Another former England under 21 player Tom Matthews has also joined from Oxford University.

Much is hoped for from other new comers Simon Moffatt and Bruno Solaun, a Spaniard who has come to London to study.

Last season's player coach Rob Thompson has been persuaded to play for another season and is eager to add to his current tally of 139 National League goals (and fifth in the All Time League standings). Dan Williams has also declined to quit and although unavailable for the first game, has worked his way into the squad, probably to play at the back of the defence.

The close season highlight however was the England under 21 cap awarded to Mike Williamson, who went on to play matches against Holland, Germany, Poland and South Korea.

Sunday's Squad

Steve Dodson (GK)	Alex Garbe (GK)
Rob Turner	Phil Meakin
Dallas Watts	Nigel Land
Soma Singh	Mike Williamson
Matt Hetherington	Tom Matthews
Simon Moffat	Craig Carolan
Bruno Solaun	Rob Thompson
Jon Mayer	Matt Taber

Competition Answer

National League rules demand that any blood spilt on the pitch is eradicated as quickly as possible. Here in last season's game at Cannock, there was a minor event but the match official seized the rare opportunity to make his mark. He demanded that the offending fluid (which was not that significant) be removed.

All that was appropriate appeared to be the contents of a water bottle, applied as skipper Toby Roche (to the right of the official and the umpire) and Oliver Didham (to the left of the Cannock player) observe.

In case of query here, Hampstead were playing in Cannock's alternative white shirts (of varying vintages, it was alleged), this being a double header weekend, well away from home.



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