

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

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Dear Vice-President/Hon. Member,

This is your end-season Newsletter (end winter-season that is because, as you probably know, there is a considerable fixture list on Summer evenings - mostly Wednesdays at Hornsey - nowadays). Enclosed with this note is your notice and agenda for the A.G.M. on Wednesday 18th April. As usual you would be very welcome to attend - it looks as if it could be quite a lively agenda! I shall be there myself - regretfully I shall be on the Norfolk Broads on holiday - but you would undoubtedly be able to meet up with several old friends.

Not a great deal of new news to tell you. The Oxford University Occasionals and Cambridge University Wanderers had a successful game on our ground, as I wrote to you about, despite a slippery surface caused by overnight hail followed by early-morning frost.

The result was an honourable 1-1 draw, Cambridge helped by our Groundsman - Don Nute - who acted as a stand-in goalkeeper for 20 mins. or so and kept the Oxford forwards at bay. The afternoon's game at Lords produced a very favourable result (1-0 to Oxford). The party which we organised for the teams in the evening was alright though, given more time to plan, we ought to be able to find more spacious and salubrious premises.

The 1st XI has redeemed itself just a little at the very end of the season and with two League wins (Wimbledon and Mid. Surrey) to add to their considerable number of draws they have just lifted themselves off the foot of the table with one game - Teddington - to come. I think they have achieved one all-time record - something like 30 games played in the season, the weather having been relatively kind this year. Now they look forward to next year - and to getting our second new pitch in action during the next season or two.

There is another function coming up which may interest you. Our first Smart Dinner / Dance - at least in current memory - to be held on Friday 11th May, at Plantation House, Mincing Lane. Tickets are £6.00 double and, if you would like to come, or make up a party, they are obtainable from David Ratcliffe, 4 Rockfield Ave., N.10 (01-883 8803). David tells me that any small prizes to go into the Tambora would also be very welcome.

Have a good Summer. Please don't hesitate to come along to any of the above-mentioned functions. Yours, Colin Greenhalgh.