

Welcome

This is the tenth in our series of revamped Newsletters. It reviews the 2012/13 season and looks forward to the next.

It is rather truncated, for, as briefly explained in the Spring, the opportunities to compile the information appropriate for inclusion have diminished because of work commitments. Future news may be sent more frequently and in smaller batches: all is under review, including wider access to the Club website for members, VPs and friends via log-in arrangement.

The hope was that the delay in the despatch of two Newsletters this season would be partially offset by the reporting now available on the website. Whilst at present the site does not adequately deal with the interests of the Vice Presidents and Friends of the Club, the match reports do provide a clear picture of the health of the Club. The report that followed the Mens' 1st XI's loss to Surbiton in the HA Cup Final in Wakefield is replicated in this newsletter to give you a flavour (with apologies to those who will already have read it elsewhere).

Memorial Match

This season's match was held on Sunday 9 September 2012 at Paddington Recreation Ground but regrettably no further details have been relayed although another excellent get-together was enjoyed by all the participants and spectators. The fixture for next season has already been arranged and further details will be supplied at the start of the season.

Richard Clarke

With great sadness we have to report the death of Richard Clarke in the spring.

Colin Greenhalgh recounts that he was a splendid person, very loyal to the club and one of the prime movers in the revival of our fortunes after the decline when, for circumstances beyond our control, we fetched up playing at Victoria Park, and then a less than satisfactory Hornsey C.C.

He remembered the 1st XI's game immediately after Richard joined, when he turned out in a club shirt, but wearing brown-and-yellow hooped socks. Philip Conway (Colin thinks) sent him scurrying back into the pavilion to get properly dressed. He suspects that one gesture was the trigger that persuaded Richard this was a club worth playing for and, ultimately, of course, worth captaining towards better times.

in recent years, Richard was heavily involved with the LX Club and the World Grand Masters (over 60s). It was he who masterminded the wonderful WGMA European Cup last summer in his Oxford Hawks Club; Our understanding is that Richard was Chairman of the Organising Committee and he and his wife Sarah put an enormous amount of time into the organisation - which produced a result that was greatly appreciated by everyone and declared our best-ever event.

Vice Presidents and Friends' Annual Dinner

This year's Dinner at the East India Club on Saturday 8 September 2012 preceded the Memorial match, somewhat as an experiment. There was no significant increase in numbers of those attending but special mention must be made of Richard and Melinda James, who travelled down from Liverpool on the day and returned on Saturday night/Sunday morning.

Dan Fox kindly reported on his adventures with the Great Britain squad at the Olympic Games, modestly ignoring his debut goal against Argentina and his part in the remarkable 3-3 draw with Australia on the noisy Sunday night that will live long in the memory. It was certainly an unforgettable experience to play before so many vociferous fans.

Our thanks, as ever, are owed to Alan Kurtz for arranging matters with the East India Club and to Nick Coleman for putting the event together on what might be the final occasion for him. There has been serious debate about future arrangements. A different approach might well result for future years. We shall report upon any changes as and when any proposals are clearer.

[Middlesex Cricket Club](#)

The Club has arranged a "sporting players -2- players" membership offer with Middlesex Cricket Club under which members of HWHC are able to become affiliated members of Middlesex at privileged rates with immediate effect.

The offer entitles HWHC members

- access to all Middlesex CC home games, the majority of which are played at Lords. This covers 20/20 matches, 40 over matches as well as all county championship games
- use of the members areas at all games - this includes the Lords pavilion (dress code applies) as well as the related stands alongside the pavilion
- all rights of full membership including the newsletters etc (soft copy only) other than the right to attend and vote at the AGM
- priority right to apply for all England matches at Lord's ahead of the ballot being opened for the general public. (Although this does not guarantee the right to buy tickets, it does increase the likelihood of applications being successful)

The cost of membership is an annual fee of £100, payable by direct debit; renewable annually, provided membership of HWHC remains current.

Any application for membership needs to state that you are a member of HWHC and that you are applying for the sporting club membership. You will need to name the Club's current President, Richard Sykes, as a reference, as he will need to confirm to Middlesex that you are a member of HWHC.

[International News](#)

Following the Olympic Games, Dan Fox decided to continue his hockey career with the Great Britain Performance Squad and to be available for selection for England. Others decided to call it a day or to postpone international hockey following exhausting run up to the Games. For this last season squad member and fellow Olympian, Iain Mackay joined the club from Reading but decided to concentrate on a non-hockey career and therefore made no appearances for England or Great Britain. Iain's storming performance in the Cup Final in Wakefield may have been his best for Hampstead.

Recently Dan's tours have taken him to Hong Kong for international five aside hockey in staggering heat and again in Australia. Most recently he travelled to Malaysia for the World Hockey League, in which Great Britain secured a bronze medal. Dan converted a short corner with a rasping drive in the 5-0 defeat of Japan. In Malaysia the problem was more one of intense smog that caused the squad to move further north for a while in search of better air.

Former Club Chairman Richard Chapman has also been representing Wales in the over 60's championships and was looking forward to the final against England the outcome of which has been hard to find and therefore cannot be reported at present.

On 13 July former Mens' 1st team player Andy Cornick, who now coaches and plays at Oxted, won his 100th cap for Wales and our congratulations go out to him. Andy remains Hampstead's second highest goal scoring in the National League rankings.

EHA Cup

The Mens' 1st XI succeeded again in reaching the EHA Cup Final, which was held this season at Wakefield Hockey Club on their blue artificial surface.

This followed a roller coaster ride in the preliminary rounds that included losing a 4-0 lead at Fareham but able to come away with a 5-3 win, a 4-0 away win at National League ranking Birmingham University, that threw up a fixture against Belper, also of the National League and a hard fought game ended with a 3-2 win to Hampstead but not before many nervous moments for the spectators

This led to an away win in the quarter finals in Nottingham against runaway league leaders (and cup holders) Beeston (by a score of 4-3). More was to follow in the semi-final and a penalty shoot-out win over Cannock, who previously had won convincingly 4-0 on their last league visit to PRG.

By all accounts the final went the way of earlier Hampstead appearances. They opened the scoring early on and were then pegged back to 1-1 despite waves of attacks the Surbiton goalkeeper pulled off a fantastic save when Hampstead could have taken the lead and as in earlier days the opposition then went and scored at the other end and on this occasion secured the win with a third goal, much to the disappointment of everyone involved

Round	Result
1.	Bye
2.	Fareham 5-3
3.	University of Birmingham 4-0
4.	Belper 3-2
5.	Beeston 4-3
6.	Cannock 2-2
Final	Surbiton 1-3

The team's report on the day's events (which is replicated from the website and other social media) is set out below.

There are endless clichés for cup finals, a simple one being that all that has gone before counts for nothing and its 70 minutes between heartbreak and glory. As the players assigned with the task of bringing a first national trophy success to Hampstead gathered at King's Cross on Saturday morning they were collectively struck by a montage of their cup run this year to the Home and Away soundtrack; nearly throwing away a 4 goal lead on a dire Sunday in Fareham, having 3 players present 20 minutes before push back away at Birmingham (including said 3 players sheepishly asking the opposition to borrow a ball) before a confident 4-0 win, a last gasp Andrew Smith winner at home to Belper, knocking out the holders, Beeston, on their own turf and the late drama and shootout victory over Cannock at home paved Hampstead's way to the final.

The team were low on conversation topics due to a distinct lack of fashion disasters for the day or recent off the pitch misdemeanours but made do with an insight into Macca's book, The 4 hour body. In summary, this completely unreferenced book bestowed upon the reader the secrets of not only becoming superhuman in terms of physique but also in the bedroom. Unfortunately for Macca the train journey was only 2 hours long, so as he was unable to complete his transformation he gave the more inexperienced members of the team (guesses welcome) advice on how to improve their sexual prowess, complete with diagrams. Dangerous Dave was particularly keen to get his hands on the book, hoping it would boost his chances of claiming the Carlton's fabled Golden Stick during his last two nights on English soil.

During the seminar Dave Cooper chose to take a nap as he felt his transformation to superhuman was accomplished many years ago, he said his "record" spoke for itself. Conversation flowed

seamlessly throughout the team as they continually tweeted and retweeted each other as opposed to having face-to-face chats. The Hampstead cause was receiving support from sources as prestigious as Fergus Kavanagh (sponsored by EDGE hockey, do you have the EDGE?) and Exeter University, showing support to their alumni taking part in the final such as Toby Roche. Mike Dodd, also of Exeter, did not make the cut for the tweet.

As the train arrived in Wakefield the team were to receive a harsh surprise. Instead of a convoy of limousines to take them to the ground, a train station lacking basic amenities such as an M&S greeted them and there were derelict buildings as far as the eye could see. Hamilton, being in his element, suggested the team take in the sights and sounds of Wakefield and walk to the ground. Everyone else felt uneasy and hid anything of value such as jewellery, mobile phones and shoelaces. Coops was advised to ditch his stroller at risk of standing out but he said boldly, "I'm a city toff and everyone should learn to love me for it", whereas Macca felt very uneasy that he had not seen or touched a BMW since arriving.

A brisk walk through the city centre revealed an overwhelming number of pound stores and a lack of basic high street stores. Eventually the team made it to the ground and were barraged by the media upon stepping foot within it. Thea, who had returned bronzed from Antigua, promptly supplied the team with their passes so they could enter the players' lounge away from the common folk.

While the players relaxed and steadied themselves for the rigours ahead, Dan Fox was outside handing out signed pictures to his several adoring fans (all related). His conversation for the day began with how the Olympic smurf turf played in comparison and later moved onto his first class batting average being better than Brian Lara's, interest was shown in neither of these topics. The team also met up with their physio for the day, Mike, who stepped in for Kels as he was away on holiday. Kels booked this holiday back in February as he thought there was "no way in hell that we'd make it to the final." (Kellaway 2013)

As 4.00pm approached, the fans could be heard pouring into the ground, which was at full capacity for the occasion. The Surbiton barmy army arrived by the coach load clad in onesies with well-designed signs. In contrast the Hampstead contingent gracefully entered the stadium in their club blazers. Nerves were beginning to take hold in the Hampstead dressing room as the pre game talks began,

Neil Hamilton cracked first when he realised he'd forgotten his shorts and resigned himself to playing in his underwear. At times like these you require a man of passion, wisdom and integrity to boost the hearts of the players. Unfortunately HWHC possess no such men so we usually get Will Naylor to say a few words.

However, the albino assassin was not present this weekend and the duty was to fall upon Captain Tobias Cornelius Roche, who usually makes his speeches sound passionate by adding in a lot of swears. Just when the cause was destined to be doomed to Roche's ramblings, none other than Will Naylor appeared via SKYPE in the team dressing room. It could have been the pressures of Vegas or perhaps the emotion of retirement but tears poured down his cheeks as he opened his heart to the team. The tears were in such abundance that he twice had to rehydrate as he told the team just how much a cup win would mean to the council, the club and to him.

As the teams proceeded down the tunnel on to the pitch they were met by the cacophonous atmosphere of Wakefield stadium filled to bursting point. The atmosphere would have made that of the Bernabeu seem like a cemetery. The cheers of family, friends and various lovers greeted each player's name. The announcer struggled with the ethnically diverse squad list of Hampstead, mispronouncing the tricky names quite comically, such as Jamie Edington.

With the words of Will Naylor still ringing in their ears, Hampstead started very strongly. A free hit on the half way line saw Roche deliver a deliberate and perfectly weighted, lofted ball to Scott (pronounced Scaaaat) Cooper in the right hand corner. Unfortunately the pass was neither deliberate nor well weighted and could have very easily been taken off Scott's head.

However, this did not deter Scott who brought the ball down with a touch as soft, gentle and caressing as Casanova himself before sliding a cross into Dangerous Dave. Dave then proceeded to remove the irony associated to his nickname by lofting the ball over the advancing keeper with his first touch.

Dave has been frustrated at the lack of mention his playing ability has received in recent match reports and asked me to include the following quote, "Dave Edmonds has been the heartbeat of HWHC since his arrival, his contributions both on and off the pitch will go down in history and any player that played alongside him should consider themselves to be very privileged" (Edmonds 2013).

The Surbiton fans looked on with grim faces as the HWHC faithful danced in jubilation. Hampstead's good start was undone just 10 minutes later as Surbiton successfully converted a short corner. This rejuvenated their fans who took a particular liking to Chris Bowen, who denied claims he has signed a 3 figure contract with Surbiton.

Things then went from bad to worse as Surbiton went 2-1 up just 5 minutes later. The remainder of the half saw more chances for Surbiton who were kept at bay by some great saves by Scanlon and last ditch defending by Doddsy, who showed Exeter what they missed out on by putting his body on the line.

A passionate and assertive half time team talk by Rolly boosted Hampstead going into the second half. They dominated proceedings and had several chances to get back in the game, most notably a Mackay shot that would have looped over the keeper had it not been for a fantastic save. Only one team was playing hockey at this stage, as Hampstead applied more pressure, Surbiton were relying on big hitting from the back to get them out of trouble. Eventually though with 5 minutes left on the clock Hampstead's efforts were to take a massive blow as a Surbiton player picked up the ball unmarked in the Hampstead D and rifled home a toma. The game ended 3-1 and Hampstead were left with a harsh dose of cup final heartbreak yet again.

However, the lads and Roche picked themselves up and commiserated in true Hampstead fashion. Communication has often been a weak point in Hampstead's season and this was exemplified by two groups both going off to purchase booze for the journey home. What resulted was 150 odd beers between a carriage of 25 people.

Win or lose, we're on the booze and what ensued was something of the sorts that, carriage E on the 20.16 from Wakefield to London, had never seen before. MC parsnips had a fresh set of challengers for his rap battle championship belt. From the mean streets of Egham it was MC P M\$ney and fresh faced compatriot MC Shezdawg, who is in fact old enough to drink, he just looked 12 on the day because he had shaved that morning.

Tensions ran high as the beats were dropped and the lyrics spat but MC parsnips saw off the challengers in style to retain his belt. Gapper continued to highlight his problems as a chronic alcoholic as he poured various drinks into himself and those within arm's reach of him as chants of OHHH DANI MALGOSA echoed through the carriage to commemorate the little Catalan's (not Spaniard's) last game for HWHC before heading back home.

As the team arrived back in London, security separated them from the gathered paparazzi and led them to a high roller's club in the area. Details of what followed must be kept under wraps for the professional, social and political implications they would have.

A great night for all but it did not mask the disappointment of finishing second in the Cup yet again. Emotions ran high throughout the night as players reflected on what could have been but are ready to set the record straight next season.

Hampstead bid farewell to Dave Edmonds and Dani Malgosa who return to their respective home countries, both of them now being able to speak fluent English after their experience. They have both had a massive impact on and off the pitch and will be missed. The 1s would also like to say a massive thanks to all those who came to support on Saturday and those who have also been there Home and Away throughout the season. Stay classy over the break and we'll see you at pre season.

[EHL Premier League](#)

The most recent season was Hampstead's tenth consecutive in the Premier Division, which as has been mentioned previously, is a worthwhile achievement in its own right, as there are only four other clubs that can say the same.

The squad was coached this year by Chris Rowoholt, supported by Tom Kavanagh, who played as well. This followed Todd Williams decision after the previous Cup Final to move to another club and that took him to Surbiton, where he has enjoyed considerable success with second place in the league and, as pointed out above, a Cup Final win (but not one from which he took unqualified satisfaction, given the opponents!).

Hampstead ended in eighth place in the League following two excellent wins in March when the final three places in the league were up for grabs, involving Southgate and Brooklands MU, the latter being automatically relegated and the former eliminated in the end of season play-offs with the winner of the three Regional National Leagues.

In the first half of the season, one highlight was the 3-2 win at Loughborough University which unusually saw the last 10 minutes of the game postponed by 90 minutes to attend to what appeared to be a serious neck injury to Hampstead's Glenn Webster. He had to lie on the pitch until he could be attended to by paramedics, who eventually found a body board and drove their ambulance to the pitch side. This all resulted in an evening's entertainment at Leicester Royal Infirmary but without serious mishap when it all ended happily. Two further invaluable goals from Will Naylor secured the points for Hampstead.

In the second half of the season, the 1-1 draw at Beeston, the eventual league winners by some distance, was very pleasing. Probably the win against Cannock (which was described as akin to a dog fight) reduced the pressure on the team and enabled it to pull away into relative safety, particularly following the final win against Loughborough and with other results falling Hampstead's way.

[EHL Premier League 2012/13](#)

[Results](#)

The results were as follows:

Hampstead 3 Reading 7
Southgate 1 Hampstead 2
Hampstead 1 Beeston 5
Brooklands 1 Hampstead 3
Hampstead 1 East Grinstead 1
Canterbury 6 Hampstead 1

Hampstead 0 Cannock 4
 Hampstead 2 Surbiton 2
 Loughborough Univ 2 Hampstead 3
 Reading 3 Hampstead 3
 Beeston 1 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 2 Southgate 4
 Hampstead 2 Brooklands 1
 East Grinstead 1 Hampstead 0
 Hampstead 0 Canterbury 3
 Cannock 1 Hampstead 2
 Surbiton 3 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 3 Loughborough Univ 2

EHL Premier League 2012/13

Table

Beeston	43 pts
Surbiton	32
Canterbury	30
Reading	29
East Grinstead	29
Cannock	24
Hampstead & Westminster	22
Loughborough Univ	20
Southgate	14
Brooklands MU	13

Points' Success Ratios

Beeston	1/6
Surbiton	1/6
Canterbury	0/6
East Grinstead	1/6
Cannock	3/6
Loughborough	6/6
Southgate	3/6
Brooklands MU	6/6

Next Season

Players

News has already escaped that for next season Dan Fox has decided to join Holcombe to further his participation in the Great Britain Performance Squad and many will be saddened to see him leave. We wish him all the best of fortune and would like to think that there is a course of white and two blues blood still in his veins. He joins Barry Middleton, the GB skipper, with the Kent side, who narrowly missed out on promotion to the Premier League last season and evidently do not want to repeat the experience.

Dan has been instrumental in encouraging Richard Smith to join Hampstead for the forthcoming season. Richard is a regular player and goal scorer for England and GB.

He made his international debut in 2009. He has accumulated 87 caps, winning gold and bronze at the Euros in 2009 and 2011 and, like Dan, silver at the Champion's Trophy in 2010. He also represented GB at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

His international experience and contribution to the side is a signal of intent from the club, as it looks to challenge for European hockey in the forthcoming season and attract players of similar calibre.

Richard has now returned from Malaysia with the England squad competing in the World Hockey League and will meet up with his new team mates for pre-season training. He scored a number of significant goals in the pool matches and helped to guarantee England's place at next year's World Cup with the bronze medal finish.

Richard began his career at City of Portsmouth before joining Guilford. His studies took him to Loughborough where he established himself as a top Premier League performer, earning his England call up in the process, and then spent last season playing in Belgium for Royal Racing Club. Predominantly a defender, Richard also has an eye for goal, notching up 15 international strikes. His drag flicks will be of great benefit to the HWHC short corner artillery.

Coaching

There is also news of a change on the coaching front for next season, when Tom Kavanagh will take sole charge. Chris Rowolht has decided to resume a coaching post at West Hampstead Hockey Club.

Teams

The teams gaining promotion to the Premier League next season are Wimbledon and Sheffield Hallam who replace Brooklands MU and Southgate. So, little will change radically on the itinerary front.

Men's Indoor 2012

The Men's 1st XI's rapid introduction to indoor top level hockey achieved last winter came into focus at this year's rounds of matches. As may be recalled, the team secured promotion to Division One.

After a hectic fortnight at Lilleshall in January, and two losses in the first two games, the squad went from strength to strength and did not lose another game and therefore ended in third place.

This season's League table was as follows:

Holcombe	22 pts
Sevenoaks	21
Hampstead & Westminster	18
Brooklands MU	13
Southgate	10
Bourneville	9
Havant	7
Harleston Magpies	6
St Albans	0

Elsewhere on the Pitch

Women's 1st XI

South Clubs Division One

This will probably rank as one of the most frustrating for the Women's 1st XI, who had led for all the season until the final game, which was held after the regular season had ended as a result of a postponement. East Grinstead secured a win that brought with it first place in the league by a single point and this when the team in third place had only won 32 points (15 fewer than Hampstead).

The winners of the league gain automatic promotion to the Premier League and this was therefore another cruel end to the season that promised so much with the two thirds elapsed. The loss to Maidenhead on the 2 March by a score of 3-2 that was preceded immediately by a 3-3 draw against East Grinstead probably sealed the fate of the team, although some might point to the scoreless draw against Havant some four weeks earlier until when all the results were going Hampstead's way. This included significant wins against Reading 1A, Southgate and Guildford.

The League Division 1 table was therefore

East Grinstead	46 pts
Hampstead & Westminster	45
Maidenhead	32
Reading 1A	26
Woking	24
Epsom	23
Teddington	22
Southgate	20
Havant	10
Guildford	9

Women's 2nd XI
South Division 3A

The Women's 2's ended in sixth position in the league, in which the women's 3's also played (and ended in last but one spot).

The league standings were as follows:

Eastcote 1	52 pts
PHC Chiswick 1	40
Wallingford 1	34
Whitney 1	33
Sonning 1	32
Hampstead & Westminster 2	27
Staines 2	22
Milton Keynes 1	20
Oxford 2	19
Hampstead & Westminster 3	17
Southgate 2	16

Women's 3rd
South Division 3A

Newly promoted, the women's 3's struggled a little, as the league table above indicates.

4th XI's
Middlesex Premier Division

The women's 4's had a storming season and were only pipped to the league title on goal difference by West Hampstead, who scored 28 more goals and therefore were winners.

The league standing were as follows:

West Hampstead 1	52 pts
Hampstead & Westminster 4	52
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 1	43
Eastcote 2	39
Staines 3	33

Southgate 3	30
Hendon & Mill Hill	26
Harrow 1	23
Ashford 1	22
Teddington 3	17
West Hampstead 2	13

Women's 5th XI

Middlesex League One

The league standing were as follows:

PHC Chiswick 2	56 pts
Hampstead & Westminster 5	52
Indian Gymkhana 1	49
West Hampstead 3	46
British Airways Hayes 1	40
PHC Chiswick 3	32
Eastcote 3	25
Staines 4	19
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 2	18
West Hampstead 4	12
Teddington 4	10

Women's 6th XI

Middlesex League Division 2

The league standing were as follows:

Hendon & Mill Hill	46 pts
Southgate 4	43
NPL 1	37
Hampstead & Westminster 6	35
PHC Chiswick 4	31
Imperial College Medics 1	28
Old Uxonians 1	20
British Airways Hayes 2	11
Staines 5	5
University of London 1	0 (withdrew)

Women's 7th XI

Middlesex League 3

The league standing were as follows:

Indian Gymkhana 2	60 pts
Southgate 5	50
Hampstead & Westminster 7	47
PHC Chiswick 5	40
West Hampstead 5	35
Harrow 2	32
PHC Chiswick 6	25
Eastcote 4	23
Ashford 3	23
West Hampstead 6	12
Winchmore Hill & Enfield	11
Hendon & Mill Hill 3	8

Men's Section

This was not a spectacular year overall, when compared with the successes of the recent past.

Men's 2nd XI

London League Premier

However, the Men's 2's surpassed even themselves with a convincing winning of the London League Premier Division by five points and then a resounding 7-2 win in the League Cup Final on 20 April against Surbiton, a game that saw almost as many goals as yellow cards and in which Hampstead put its proverbial foot on the gas in the second half and walked away with the win.

Sadly, the final saw the retirements from the team of captain Jimmy Marsom, stalwart goal scorer Ian Hammond (who reached 100 goals for the Club in the course of the season) and Nigel Land who is moving to Perth in Western Australia after many seasons with the Club at 1st XI level (the majority of those in the National League) and representative honours with the England over 40's team.

The final league standings were as follows:

Hampstead & Westminster	56 pts
Southgate	51
Surbiton	48
Reading	39
Wimbledon	38
Spencer	30
East Grinstead	30
Canterbury	26
Bromley & Beckenham	24
Indian Gymkhana	16
Old Loughtonians	12
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	6

Men's 3rd

London League Division 1

Teddington 2	55 pts
Richmond 2	52
Spencer 2	40
Guildford 2	38
Hampstead & Westminster 3	29
St Albans 2	26
London Wayfarers	25
Wimbledon 3	24
Bromley & Beckenham 3	24
Surbiton 3	23
Oxford University 2	22
Wimbledon 4	15

Zak Hond XI

London League Division 2

Oxted 2	58 pts
Southgate 3	46
Spencer 4	37
Reading 2A	35

Hampstead & Westminster Zak Hond 31

Guildford 3	28
Oxford University 3	27
Richmond 3	27
Indian Gymkhana 3	27
Old Loughtonians Foresters	26
Richmond Griffins	23
Kings Alleyns	3

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Mens' 4th XI and 5th XIs*London League Division 3*

Southgate 4	48 pts
Tulse Hill & Dulwich 3	42
Bromley & Beckenham 4	37
PHC Chiswick	35
Spencer 5	33
Teddington Saplings	33
London Wayfarers 3	25
Surbiton 4	19
Hampstead & Westminster 5	19
St Albans 3	9
Southgate Tumblers	3
East Grinstead 3	0 (withdrew)

Men's 6th XI*London League Division 4*

London Wayfarers Vikings	42 pts
Spencer 6	40
Spencer Spitfires	40
Hampstead & Westminster 6	36
London Wayfarers 4	32
Richmond Lions	25
Wimbledon 5	24
Reading Refills	22
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Tornados	20
PHC Chiswick 3	20
Reading 3	11

Hammers XI

London League Division 6 East

Thirsts' XI

London League Division 6 East

London Wayfarers Centurions	46 pts
Richmond Deerstalkers	39
Hampstead & Westminster Hammers	33
Old Loughtonians Academy	25
Hampstead & Westminster Thirsts	23
Old Loughtonians 5	18
PHC Chiswick 5	11
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Rpyals	8
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Saracens	4

Men's Spaniards XI
London League Division 6 West

Spencer Titans	33 pts
Southgate 5	30
Indian Gymkhana 4	23
London Wayfarers Outlaws	19
PHC Chiswick 4	17
Hampstead & Westminster Spaniards	16
Wimbledon 6	13
Richmond Redoubtables	1
Reading Rascals	0 (withdrew)

Men's Veterans
London Veterans League 2

Maidenhead	53 pts
Reading Redsox	47
Basingstoke	40
Hampstead & Westminster Vets	36
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	28
Old Cranleighians Barnstormers	25
East Grinstead	24
Wimbledon Masters	16
HAC Vets	15
Tring	13
St Albans Praetorians	6

Men's Super Veterans XI
London Supervets League

Indian Gymkhana	21 pts
Bromley & Beckenham Ravens	15
Chelmsford	12
St Albans Centurions	12
Southgate Magnums	10
Tring	6
Old Loughtonians	4
Hampstead & Westminster Supervets	3

[From yesteryear](#)
110 years ago

Treasurer's Account 1902/3 Season

Some of the heads of expenditure may well raise eyebrows today? In those days the Club was running a surplus equal to its income from the preceding season!

Expenditure

Rent of Ground	£19	0	0
Testimonial to W H O Field	£2	2	0
Southern Counties HA	£0	10	0
Middlesex County HA	£1	1	0

Baines & Scarbrook (printing)	£12	17	0
Postage and Stationery	£3	19	3
Telegrams, Messengers etc	£3	14	3
Visitors' Teas and Waiter	£7	17	0
Ground Boy (8 weeks at 2/6)	£3	10	0
Lemons	£0	12	0
Painting hockey balls	£1	16	0
Expenses of Tour	£2	10	0
Expenses at Stanmore	£0	8	0
Hockey Balls	£0	16	0
Washing	£2	0	9
Present to Groundsman	£1	0	0
Balance to hand	<u>£36</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	£99	15	5

100 years ago

1st XI results for the season 1912/13

Hampstead 4 Hawks 0
 Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 4
 Bromley 0 Hampstead 0
 Blackheath 1 Hampstead 2
 Oxford Univ 2 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 2 Cambridge Univ 4
 Surbiton 1 Hampstead 10
 Beckenham 5 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 3 Staines 0
 Teddington 1 Hampstead 3
 Southgate 1 Hampstead 5
 Hampstead 2 Royal Engineers 2

Hampstead 3 Bromley 0
 Hampstead 7 East Sheen 0
 Hampstead 4 Blackheath 1
 Hampstead 5 Teddington 0
 Cambridge Univ 2 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 3 Southgate 3
 Hampstead 4 Beckenham 0
 Hawks 5 Hampstead 2

[GF = 76 GA = 29]

AGM

This was held on Saturday 6 September 1913 "held after the annual cricket match with Hampstead Cricket Club, in which the Hampstead Hockey Club were defeated".

The poor support given to the Dinner last season and the resulting loss was discussed and some doubt expressed as to whether the whole should be dropped or not. It was finally agreed to leave the decision to the committee for whose guidance the following recommendations were passed

- That the tickets be sold for 5/-
- That longer notice be given
- That the circular should mention that junior members will be welcome
- That the captains of the teams be asked to speak to their respective sides about the matter

Officer Appointments

President: H B Hayman
Vice President: R A Hill
1st XI Captain: S H Shoveller
2nd XI Captain: R Paton
3rd XI Captain: H P Davis
Hon. Treasurer R P Latham
Hon Secretary C H Eiloart

55 years ago

Annual General Meeting

held on 11 April 1958 at the RNVR Club, 3 Hill Street, London W1.

The Treasurer presented a statement of accounts showing an excess of expenditure over income of £32-9-2. He said that donations had been received from the President, the Vice President and a number of past playing members.

The Treasurer suggested that the subscription for 1958/59 should be raised to £4-4-0 for full members and £2-2-0 for junior members. It was proposed by Mr Kay and seconded by Mr Pecker that the full member subscription should be raised to £4-4-0 and this was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr S N Elgar.

Annual Report

Mr Kay presented his report and gave the club record:

1 st X1	P22	W13	D6	L4	For 55	Against 27
2 nd XI	P21	W5	D4	L12	For 39	Against 65
3 rd Xi	P18	W4	D1	L13	For 22	Against 58

Probably the most notable achievement was the draw with Hounslow (1-1). Mr Kay congratulated the honours received:

R A Downard (Wales)
W N Livingstone and I S Burnett (Wales)
J F Deegan (Combined Services)
P D Bell (Buckinghamshire)

It was noted that the 1st XI had won the Barnard Cup.

Mr Kay advised that the Committee was unanimous in its decision not to go to the Mid Surrey ground and the club would again be at Boston Manor for the following season. Improvements to the facilities at West Ealing were being made.

AOB

Mr Potter said that the club should have as its objective the raising of six weekly sides playing on a ground where the facilities would be available.

Mr Greenhalgh hoped that something could be done about recruiting good college players in the coming season. He also suggested that the Committee should consider the possibility of running five teams in 1958/59.

30 years ago

31 October 1982

	1 st XI	2 nd XI	3 rd XI	4 th XI	5 th XI	6 th XI	Vets
Maidenhead	1 - 0	1 - 1	0 - 3	1 - 2	0 - 3	2 - 1	2 - 0
Cambridge Uni	Cancelled						

The 1st XI were expecting a tough match against Maidenhead but it didn't materialise and Hampstead should really have won by more. Plenty of chances were created but the forwards could not score; the solitary goal was scored by Guest.

The 2nd XI were in arrears from an early Maidenhead short-corner but they eventually took control of the midfield and equalised shortly afterwards. An exquisite through pass from Borrett, at a "set piece", put Delaney through for a superbly taken goal. The second half saw Hampstead tire and they were thankful to settle with one point.

The 3rd XI found it difficult to adjust to the Market Road Astro turf, whereas Maidenhead settled down very quickly. Maidenhead played good, short passes and were too strong for Hampstead.

The 4th XI, playing on a Maidenhead cow pasture, dominated the first half of the game and took the lead with a Goodwin goal. The opposition equalised soon after half-time when the 4th's defence left the ball to each other! Maidenhead increased their attacks and a slack defence let in the winner when no real danger existed.

The 5th XI suffered their third successive defeat after being in control of the first half. A lucky goal was scored by Maidenhead early in the second half and after this the 5's lost their control of the game.

The 6th XI, with goals from Davey and Bamford, beat Maidenhead in a hard but fair game. The winning goal was scored five minutes from the end.

The Vets, also playing on an appalling pitch, beat a *brute force and speed* approach with skill. Shaw and Boizot played well, with both goals coming from Schroeder.

INDOOR RESULTS

Rank Xerox National KO

British Airways	Harrow	Staines
4 - 2	4 - 3	7 - 4

Hampstead's problems were mainly internal, with continual bickering between the players in all three games. Wilmot harangued the team after the second match and in the night's final everyone was quiet for the first half. Hampstead took a 3 - 1 lead and looked safe until Dixon was given the yellow card in the second half for verbal abuse of the umpire. Staines levelled the scoring at 4 - 4 in this period. For the last few minutes, Hampstead again played hockey and the Staines revival was stopped with three more goals.

7 November 1982

	1 st XI	2 nd XI	3 rd XI	4 th XI	5 th XI	6 th XI	Vets
Hawks	1 - 1	1 - 0	0 - 1	2 - 3	2 - 0	2 - 3	Hayes 3 - 3

The 1st XI's match should have been one of the easier games of the season but they found it difficult to settle and panicked in midfield quite often. Hawks opened the scoring in the first half

and Dixon had a goal disallowed for dangerous play. Hampstead also had a large number of short-corners, which they could not convert and Smith had two good shots saved. Chapman saved the match by converting a penalty flick with six minutes to go.

The 2nd XI had the majority of the play but could not convert their chances into goals. The short-corner problem still persists and Edyvean was called upon to make two or three good saves from Hawks' breakaways. The game was won for Hampstead when Borrett scored 12 minutes from the end after a good move down the right flank also involving Kok, Flack and Jones. Catley and Banting were both very sound in defence.

The 3rd XI suffered their fourth defeat, although most of the match was spent in the Hawks half. Quite a few chances were created by Hampstead but they were unable to score. Benson and McIlwaine played well.

The 4th XI had control of the first half, with some fine work by Barnes. Hale scored from a short-corner (could he be promoted?) and Hampstead never looked in trouble. The second half saw Hawks come into the game more and sloppy defence let their forwards break away and score two goals. Goodwin dubiously equalised and then another Hawks break away lost the match for us.

The 5th XI were exuberant after their win, both goals coming from Gregory. I do not think there was anyone at Hawks who was not talked through the first goal, which was into the roof of the net. Hawks were awarded a penalty flick before Hampstead had scored but Graham stared -out the player who took it and the ball went wide.

The 6th XI were unlucky to lose, especially after fighting back from 2 - 0 down. Holman and Bamford scored the goals to bring the score to 2 - 2. Hawks scored their third goal with only five minutes to go.

The Vets also had to fight back from 2 - 0 down within 20 minutes. At half-time the score was 2 - 2 and they dominated the second half, eventually taking the lead. Goals came from Schroeder (2) and Henderson (1). Hayes were a hard, uncompromising side though and equalised with the last hit of the match. Stan Elgar in goal played well.

Spaniards v Gerrards Cross - Cancelled.

Team Records	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1 st XI	9	7	1	1	18	6	83.3
2 nd XI	8	3	3	2	6	3	56.3
3 rd XI	7	2	1	4	6	12	35.7
4 th XI	7	3	2	2	15	12	57.2
5 th XI	7	3	0	4	6	8	42.9
6 th XI	6	2	2	2	14	13	50.0
Vets	5	4	1	0	24	6	90.0

[10 Years Ago](#)
[EHL Premier League](#)

It is interesting to note the teams still in the Premier League a decade further on.

Fixtures Sunday 6th October 2002

Hampstead & Westminster	v	Loughborough Students
Reading	v	Canterbury

St. Albans	v	Guildford
Surbiton	v	Doncaster
Teddington	v	Cannock

League Structure

At the time the National League was divided into three ranking Leagues, with no regional differentiation – on the basis that it was a true national League. Progression from the play offs was into Division Two and then Division One to the Premier. There was considerable pressure at the time to increase the size of the Premier League as the following report indicates..

It was also clear that Hampstead's clear preference for Saturday play that was thought to have been abandoned for Sunday fixtures that coincided with the first national sponsorship was in a large minority, as other more established National League clubs favoured the opportunity for crowd (and income) generation and reduced pressure on pitch allocation.

Maurice Kittrel was instrumental in canvassing a change to the League structure. He agreed to act as a catalyst and canvas the opinion of the National League Clubs. He reported that several clubs over the last few years had asked the EHA to consider a change from the current 10 – 10 - 12 format to three leagues of twelve 12- 12- 12. This proposal was based on the principal premise that it would spread the opportunity of 'League Competition' over a wider geographical area, which in itself would be good for hockey.

Opinions expressed by many clubs during the season was that change was wanted now, and not subject to any further delay or prevarication of the EHA. It was therefore proposed that a revised league 12 – 12 – 12 format is introduced for the 2002 season in accordance with the following

1. The National league will consist of three Divisions. – Premier – 1st Division & 2nd Division.
2. The teams forming the leagues will be determined by those clubs who are current members of the league.
3. There will be no demotions from any of the three leagues.
4. The top two teams in the First Division will be automatically appointed to the Premier Division.
5. The top four teams in the Second Division will be promoted to the First Division.
6. The top four teams from the Regional Play-off's competition will be promoted to the Second Division.
7. At the end of the 2002/2003 season promotion & relegation will be determined on the basis: which applies this season.

Next Letter

Unless arrangements are totally re-vamped, the next edition will hopefully report the start of the season in September 2013.

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