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# The Martyr

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Welcome to the start of the new season, a season that holds promise, excitement and some new challenges for us to conquer. Our membership is healthy but could do with some fresh blood to keep the momentum up and to this end you will have seen that we have advertised locally in the hope of attracting new members both young and not so young.

### Club Administration and Finance

Critical to maintaining our future hockey at an affordable level will be our ability to obtain additional sponsorships and funding from external sources. Integral to our success in these areas will be the Social and Sponsorship Committees and I am pleased to welcome Jeff Woollatt into the Commercial Secretary role, to be assisted by Haylee Adams as Social Secretary. They will both require help and support from all members, both in terms of personal time and effort and attendance at Club functions - I ask you all for this help.

I take this opportunity to ask you all to pay your Annual Subscriptions and Match Fees on time and in the correct amount, let's help Rob Logan and your respective Captains rather than hindering them.

Please welcome two new members to the Main Committee this year, Chris Howells and Ali Twidale as Men's and Ladies Club Reps respectively, if you have anything to say please talk to these guys as they are your independent voice on the Committee.

You will notice a change behind the Bar this year as under the direction of the Bar Committee, Pat Blyth has agreed to take over management of the Bar.

### The County Ground and Sawyers Hall

It was agreed at the AGM that our next major project will be the renovation or rebuild of the Club House, your Committee will be progressing this project in conjunction with the County Ground over the coming months. In arriving at this decision it is recognised that there is a need for a second Astro turf pitch with secure tenure. Simon Hughes and I have agreed to investigate whether other options to secure a second Astro are available elsewhere within the local area.

### Playing Matters

Welcome to Leslie Reynolds as the new Ladies' Club Captain and welcome back for a second year Arthur Pelling, as Men's Club Captain. Good luck to you both and your respective Captains for what could be a telling season. The Youth Section continues under the chairmanship of Jan Lilley and continued progression in bringing on our young talent is the prime objective here. With the Academy XI's under the leadership of Tim and Pat again the playing future of the Club remains bright indeed.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT CONTINUED FROM OVER...

Despite some unforeseen summer hiccups on the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI coaching front, Paul Johnson [Coaching Chairman] has once again put together an enviable Coaching Plan for the coming season; please make use of the coaching available.

### The Future of Hockey

Going forward we all need to be cognisant of England Hockey's proposed plans for the future development of hockey in England. After much consultation with the Hockey Community they have reissued their paper entitled, 'A Single System for Hockey' [refer the England Hockey web site]. I recommend that you read the paper and recommendations. Yes, there are some challenges for us as a Club to overcome but also some far reaching opportunities to 1) expand our membership, 2) raise the level at which the Club currently plays and 3) be able to offer the highest level of Coaching and Umpiring available. Watch this space.

Finally, welcome back, I'll see you all at training I trust! Wishing you all an enjoyable season, both on and off the field.

*Kim -Club Chairman*

We are pleased that the local law firm Wortley Byers has agreed to sponsor the County Ground Club for a period of 5 years. Wortley Byers are keen to support the local community and acted as the CGC's solicitors when we purchased the ground. We are very appreciative of their support.



**Wortley Byers**

The business minded law firm

## Men's Club Captain

The new season is fast approaching; those of you who have not played during the summer need to brush off the cobwebs and find out where you left your stick and astros and get to training as soon as possible. The club is committed to providing the best quality coaching possible, so let's make full use of it!

There are new faces on the men's selection committee this year – good luck to them and to those who have agreed to remain in charge for another season. The full line up for this season is as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> XL	Demi Vassiliou
2 <sup>nd</sup> XL	Ian Anderson
3 <sup>rd</sup> XL	Paul Hewitt
4 <sup>th</sup> XL	Rob Logan
5 <sup>th</sup> XL	Mark Nicholas
6 <sup>th</sup> XL/Acad	Tim Gingell
7 <sup>th</sup> XL	Alan Killen
Vets	Gordon Wilson

On to financial matters, please ensure that you read the clubs policy relating to annual membership subscriptions and match fees and ensure that all fees are handed to Rob Logan in a timely manner.

We still need to get more members to take their level 1 umpiring course. If you are interested in taking the course please contact Paul at [Paulhewitt75@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Paulhewitt75@yahoo.co.uk)

Finally, I hope that you are all looking forward to the new season, enjoy what is left of the summer.

*Arthur*



## YOUTH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The new season is almost upon us, so I thought I would remind you all that youth training starts again on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2006 from 10am-12pm. The coaches and I cannot wait to see how much everyone has improved over the summer months!! The Youth coaches have attended Brentwood Festival of Sport and St Peter's Fete during the summer promoting Hockey to Brentwood.

This season we plan to do more stick skills and even the odd bleep test as well as the monthly White Knights Tournaments!

Fees have increased slightly this year to £35.00 (with a free shirt still included for new members). One last thing, training times for Under 6's will be limited to 1 hour (10am-11am) on Sundays this year.

Good luck for the upcoming season and don't stop that dribbling in the living room, remember practice counts!

*JAN LILLEY*

*CHAIRMAN – YOUTH SECTION*

# Ladies' Club Captain's Report

Well it's almost that time of year again, a new season is just around the corner and I would like to welcome everybody, old and new players alike.

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break; and for those of you who have been playing throughout this summer at least you can now look forward to playing in some cooler weather..... So put down your tennis rackets, cricket bats, sun tan lotion et al - hockey's back (actually not too sure it ever goes away).

This is my first season as club captain, so it may take me a little time in settling down to my new role but if you have any questions, views, or just fancy a chat, you will normally find me propping up/or holding onto the bar. (pints of cider are extremely welcome !!!).

Before we start the season for real, the ladies 1's will again participate in the Plum Tournament, all support most welcome. The matches will be played at either Chelmsford or Redbridge on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, look out for details.

Squad selection games will take place during the early part of September, everybody should try and attend, so come on down, bring a couple of tinnies and catch up with everyone, oh and play some hockey as well. I'm sure a few drinks in the bar afterwards will go down a treat.

We have a couple of new captains as well this year, Andrea (Ickle) Allen in the 1's and Sue Mitchell in the 3's, please give them all your support. We are also very fortunate in that Sue Warden has agreed to become Manager of the 3's, her main task being to guide the youngsters coming through from the academy side but she will hopefully oversee and help us older ones.

The 2's are once again being led by Lisa Watson ably assisted by Nicky Iles. After flirting with relegation last season, they produced some excellent hockey in the final few weeks to finish mid-table.

Elaine Brimson and Mandy Weber are again looking after the 5's (hopefully they will have their little book of emergency numbers to help fill the gaps).

Our Academy side have been confirmed as promoted into division 3, once again being looked after by Pat Jennings. (If you see them walking across to the school, the expression mother duck and the ducklings comes to mind ... you have to see it !!!).



So, onto the groans:

We are still in need for a 4<sup>th</sup> team captain and vice, and unless someone comes forward we could well be reduced to 5 instead of 6 sides before the season starts.

**Think Now !!  
Your club needs you !!!**

New players, old, young, good, bad, indifferent, - we need people, please put the word out, drag your friends to training, entice them into the bar, bribe them!! whatever!! we need PLAYERS

Availability - yes, that awful word - every team last year suffered from player availability problems. Please make sure you inform your respective captains as soon as possible dates you are not available.

We also have a vacancy for the ladies umpire co-ordinator, if no one steps forward, each respective captain will then be responsible for arranging their own umpires - you've been warned. !!

Finally - discipline and before anybody says it, yes that means me as well. The ladies managed to notch up quite a few green and the odd yellow card last season. We are a nice friendly club - let's keep it that way.

Here's to a good season, Good Luck to everybody, but most of all ENJOY !!!!

*Les...  
Ladies Club Captain (Doh !!)*

# NOTICES

## Annual Membership Subscriptions & Match Fees – Club Policy 2006-2007

Due to a small but significant minority of club members not paying their annual membership subscriptions and match fees in recent years the Committee has decided to rigorously enforce the Subs policy for the coming season.

The Committee feels that in the interests of the vast majority of members, who pay up on time and in full, it has become necessary to enforce the following policy:

ANY members with arrears from previous years will be excluded from the selection process for the new season until those arrears are settled in full, or, in the case of hardship, a suitable repayment method has been agreed with the Treasurer (Rob Logan) to settle arrears (together with the current season's fees) before March 2007.

ALL members must pay their subscriptions for 2006-7 BEFORE 31st October 2006 (or have submitted forms to pay via the Standing Order method) to

remain eligible for selection after that date.

Members that feel they can only afford a reduced rate due to hardship MUST FIRST discuss this with either their captains or Club Captain, who will take the decision to committee for agreement. Hardship cases will always be sympathetically considered on an individual basis, but must be agreed with the Club Chairman and Treasurer. Until such cases are agreed it is assumed the full membership/match fee is still payable. Such cases will always be dealt with in strictest confidence.

The full advertised subscription rate (see below) is always payable irrespective of the number of games played during the season.

Match fees - the full advertised rate (see below) is payable. Only in agreed cases of hardship (see above) is a reduced rate acceptable. There is no unemployed or part time student reduction in match fees.

We appreciate that the vast majority of members already abide by the club policy, and it is in the interests of the majority that this policy is to be enforced.

You should receive a standing order form and instructions on how to pay your subscription in the post. If you haven't got a copy, they are available on the website: [www.brentwoodhockey.com](http://www.brentwoodhockey.com). Please return them to either Jacqueline Johnson or Rob Logan before the start of the new season.

The committee have recommended the following changes to subscriptions and match fees for the coming season:

### Subscriptions:

Social, Umpires, VP	£20
Full Adult playing	£120
Student ( <i>U18 and Full time students with an NUS or college card</i> )	£50
Family (2 adults + U18s)	£280

Mini Hockey full season inclusive	£35
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### Match Fees:

Men and Ladies XIs	£ 9
U18	£ 4
Full time Student ( <i>with NUS or college card</i> )	£ 6
Mixed, Indoor, Summer league	£ 6
	(U18 £4)

## PERSONAL INSURANCE

Members should note that the Club does not provide any insurance against personal injury. Members are strongly advised that they should take out their own insurance for this purpose.

Joining the Club to play, train, umpire, coach, or watch Hockey is taken as acceptance of the Club's insurance position and the Club takes NO responsibility for any injury incurred as a result.

### CHANGE OF NUMBER

Please note that the club administrator now has a new mobile number : 07903 740216.

Email remains the most efficient way of contacting me during office hours.

# UMPIRES

We have new rules coming into this season for umpires. We now must have at least two qualified umpires for each team we enter into the league. We do not have enough umpires to fulfil this commitment at club level, though we have more than enough in the pool (therefore unable to umpire Brentwood teams) to meet the league requirement. Could all members who are qualified umpires let me or Jacqueline Johnson know asap (including indicating their level of qualification) as we need to ensure we've got a list together for the league before the season starts.

We have been very lucky in recent years to be able to count on the commitment of some very dedicated individuals who continue to support us by umpiring the games, but we must plan for the future as well and can't assume we'll continue to rely on the same people. It's a real cliché, but you can't play without umpires, but to add to that you can't fully understand the game of hockey unless you're an umpire too, and yes, you DO make friends, not enemies! Plus there's the (free) beer and after-match debates about what happened in the game!

There will be opportunities to get qualified this season, and team captains will have targets to meet for getting players to do the course, so put yourself forward. Whatever level of hockey you play or umpire, I can

guarantee you you'll be a better player for it - and that's without Wednesday night training! The next umpiring course is on October 22nd from 9:30 to 4:30 at Essex Uni. Details from Jo Davey.

One last thing, I am looking for someone else to help with umpire co-ordination this season (allocating umpires to club games - 3's down to 6's), as I will also be captaining the Men's 3's. It's challenging but extremely rewarding (you get to tell umpires 'where to go!!) and a great way to get to know people throughout the club and beyond. For helping out with umpire co-ordination, contact me on 07792 727990, email paulhewitt75@yahoo.co.uk .

Have a great season!

Fish

## YOUR MARTYR NEEDS YOU

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of *The Martyr*, your efforts are appreciated as always.

PLEASE NOTE THAT the deadline for the next edition is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

We welcome submissions from ALL members of the club. Please email or send your contributions to the addresses on the front page.

# Coaches Corner

Training and coaching this year will have some changes to previous years.

The schedule for coaching for the coming season is as follows:

Ladies:

1<sup>st</sup> Team squad  
Monday 8pm -10pm  
Brentwood School

Youth  
Tuesday 7pm – 8pm  
Sawyers Hall

Rest of Club  
Tuesday  
8pm-10pm Sawyers Hall

Men:

Youth  
Wednesday 7pm – 8pm  
Sawyers Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Team and Club  
Wednesday 8pm -10pm  
Sawyers Hall

The main change here is the Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> team moving to Monday nights. There are two reasons for this. The first is to enable them to secure the services of a new coach and the second is to increase the amount of space available for the rest of the ladies, and therefore increase the quality of training received by all.

ALL training is planned to start in the first full week of September so please turn up and train hard!

Jonno

# PRE- SEASON TEAM REPORTS

## Men's 2nd XI

Some of you may have been resting those weary bones, others may have been on tour or playing summer league - it matters not as it is now time to dust off those running shoes, replace any old kit, and get ready for the season ahead. Brentwood 2nd XI, with the heavy weight leadership of Ian Anderson and Richard Trett, aim build a side with a mix of talent enthusiasm and the desire to win.

There is a long and sometimes painful challenge ahead in a very tough league. Volunteers wishing to accept this challenge should be willing to battle every Saturday, and seek guidance from experienced warriors on Wednesday evenings (come rain or snow).

Our initial aim this year will be to start the season in the same fashion as last battling hard for every point and playing good quality hockey to impress the masses that turn up to watch and dispel the myth of the "jinxed club captain." Hopefully we will see the return of the "old" regular heroes mixed with our newly discovered talent from last year, and even the return the past battlers, to face the challenges that division 3SE throw at us this year. Last year we managed to W8 D2 L12 F34 A64, lets make our challenge to beat this record and enjoy the season ahead.

*Ian Anderson*

## Men's 3rd XI

It's all change for the men's 3rd XI this season, with a new management team at the helm for the new campaign, though I'm sure there'll be a few familiar names on the team sheet. Matt Gough and I have a tough act to follow thanks to the sterling efforts of Gary and John for the last couple of years.

We've got some tasty games this year - renewing our friendships with Havering, two trips to Colchester HC (but no 'crack-of-dawn' pushbacks against students) and we still get to travel to the delightful surrounds of Wapping.

As always, this will be a tough league with some very tight games where fitness may well prove to be the difference, but it's a league we should look to win - we are one of the strongest teams in our league. Added to which, we are supporting the 1st team 'squad' in that the next step up from us is the 2nd XI. It's therefore very important to see as many of you aspiring 2's and 3's players at training as possible, starting before the friendlies in September. We may well also have some tactical surprises up our sleeves - so expect a couple of blackboard sessions for the friendlies!

*Fish*

## LADIES' Academy

Congratulations on the promotion to Division 3, we all

look forward to playing some more challenging opposition next season. All young players need to keep fit over the summer and be ready to attend training in September with Tim to ensure we are ready for the start of the league. Commitment to playing is important and therefore I will need to know how regularly you can play and what your school commitments so that we can be prepared.

This newsletter will give you information about trials and when to attend, so let's see as many of you as possible at this session.

If any of you need to get in touch then contact me on my email, which is: [pjennings.abbs-cross.havering@lgfl.net](mailto:pjennings.abbs-cross.havering@lgfl.net) or my mobile is: 07759932244. When we start the season it would be great if all communication could be through emails, so I could send out team news, arrangements for travelling each week this way and avoid telephoning.

Look forward to seeing you in September.

Pat Jennings

### Parking at the Club

Please note that your subscription only entitles you to park at the club when you are playing sport there. That means not on weekdays and not for shopping. The clubs derive revenue from letting many of the spaces during the week and the few that are left are for the tennis players using the club. Beware as the use of wheel clamps is often under discussion!

# TOUR NEWS

## Things I Must Remember and Why.....

1. Never say "I've got a hockey free weekend" Why – Someone will always find you some hockey to play somewhere!
2. If it's a weekend tournament a tent and sleeping bag are always useful. Why – Not everyone likes to share!
3. Phil Wright really does like dressing up – in 'keeping gear – especially when it's hot. Why – Rather him than me!
4. When the right back becomes an attacking right forward it's important to remind him of his defensive duties! Why – The three players that counter attack really do give the lone defender something to think about!!
5. Never underestimate the power of a Dave Hancock shot at goal. Why – Even the best 'keepers can be taken by surprise!
6. Southgate Hockey Club has cloned Jon Shaw! Why – No matter who we played he was on the opposing team!
7. If Kim Hanson asks for the ball in the 'D' give it to him. Why – The after glare is really quite frightening!
8. Tim G will punish any umpire who dares to officiate without shoes on!! Why – Hot weather can encourage flimsy foot ware!

9. As a centre forward it's best to be alert at all times! Why - Tim G can aerial a ball from one D to the other (mini pitch that is!)

10. Jonno is a class act as a centre forward. Why – Anyone who can receive an aerial and score a goal on the half volley in a final should consider his future position!

11. Kim is very competitive and hates to be out done. Why – He can score goals on the volley into the top right hand corner - also in the final!

12. No matter what happens on day one Brentwood Vets never give up. Why – Revitalised and additional players on day two force a place in the final but eventually lose out to Southgate (or was that a celebrity squad) for the second year!

My final thought of the Southgate Sixes Festival is.... cuckoos are industrious birds but really shouldn't wear busy shirts!!

*Jo Davey*

## SOCIAL DIARY

At the time of going to press, no details of the planned social calendar for the coming season were available. Please keep your eyes open for future announcements giving full details of up coming social events.

As soon as I have any further details to circulate, I will email all those on the distribution lists.

## CHELMSFORD CHARITY TOURNAMENT 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2006

Brentwood Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team were invited to play in this years charity hockey tournament at Chelmer park, and this was also Demi Vassiliou's first official outing as the new captain - replacing the war horse Ian Forbes after many years of fine and dedicated captaincy.

The event was held over one day, with 2 leagues playing in a knock out format and the winners of each group going straight to the final. Brentwood fielded a young side with the exception of the 2 vets (myself and Neil Hurrell), and on a very hot day all their youth and energy was required.

The first match set the tone for the day and we played a fluid fast moving game which lead to a comfortable win. We then went on to win all our group games and conceded only a couple of goals. This meant that we were to play Maldon in the final at the end of the day. This was our toughest game and after going 1 down at half time we fought back to finish 2-1 winners and left with the cup.

What must be mentioned here is that all of our squad doubled up to help out other teams who did not have a full team and therefore played for most of the day which shows the level and depth of the fitness of this squad now.

*Jonno*

# Brentwood Hockey Club

## 2006 – 2007 Opening Fixtures

Men's Fixtures September 2006							
	1st Team - East ML Div 1	2nd Team - East ML Div 3SE	3rd Team - East ML Div 5SE	4th Team - East ML Div 6SE	5th Team - East ML Div 7SE	The Academy - East ML Div 9SE	6th Team - East ML Div 9SE
	Opposition	Opposition	Opposition	Opposition	Opposition	Opposition	Opposition
<b>2nd Sept</b>	Crostyx 1s Away	Intraclub Games Home 14.00	Intraclub Games Home 14.00	Intraclub Games Home 14.00	Intraclub Games Home 14.00	Intraclub Games Home 14.00	Intraclub Games Home 14.00
<b>9th Sept</b>	Broxbourne 2s Away	Broxbourne 3s Home	Broxbourne 4s Away	Broxbourne 5s Home	Broxbourne 6s Away	Broxbourne 7s Home	No Game
<b>16th Sept</b>	Plum Trophy Chelmsford/ Redbridge (continues on 17th)	Upminster/Romford Away 12.30	Upminster 3s Away	ODFs Away 13.00	Upminster 4s Home	Friendly tbc	Friendly tbc
<b>23rd Sept - League</b>	City of Peterborough 2s Home	Braintree 1 Away	East London 2 Away	Romford 2 Home	Harlow 2 Home	Thurrock 3 Home	Saffron Walden 6 Away
<b>30th Sept - League</b>	Cambridge Uni 2s Away	Romford 1 Home	Havering 3 Home	Havering 4 Away	East Suffolk Vets 1 Away	O.L. Woodsmen 1 Away	Harlow 3 Home

### Ladies' Fixtures September / October 2006

	1st Team - East Women's League 1S	2nd XI - Women Essex Premier	3rd XI - Women Essex Div. 1	Academy -Women Essex Div. 3	4th XI - Women Essex Div. 4	5th XI -Women Essex Div. 4	
<b>23rd Sept</b>	Burnt Ash Away	Havering Home	Havering 2 Away	Havering 4 Home	Southend & Benfleet 3 Away	Havering 5 Home	
<b>30th Sept</b>	Bishops Stortford 1 Home	Maldon & Little Baddow Home	Southend & Benfleet Away	Havering 3 Home	Havering 5 Away	Southend & Benfleet 3 Home	
<b>7th Oct</b>	Colchester 1 Home	Basilton Away	Redbridge & Ilford Home	Redbridge & Ilford 2 Away	Brentwood 5	Brentwood 4	
<b>14th Oct</b>	Southend Ladies 1 Away	Dunmow Home	Upminster 2 Away	Oakway Home	Romford Away	Witham 2 Home	
<b>21st Oct</b>	Wapping 1 Home	Old De Ferrians Away	Wapping 3 Home	Essex County Council Away	Waltham Forest 3 Home	Upminster 4 Home	