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**CHRIS EDS** Club Chairman

WELCOME

**Happy Half Season Greetings!**

**It's that time when we take a break at Christmas, the half-way point of our season, even if it has come a week or two early with this cold weather putting paid to the last games and training sessions of 2022.**

It's a good time to reflect on what has happened so far, to see how we are doing as a club and also to find out if we are offering our membership what they want from their club.

**On reflection:**

- Our leading senior teams across the ladies and men's are competing in the top tier of hockey outside the national league, for the first time in our club's history, following the men's successful promotion last year - our ladies are enjoying their second season at this level.
- Other senior teams are experiencing the challenge of new leagues too, having won promotion last year. And although in some sides the results aren't going in our favour yet, they continue to push in training and matches to get the right result. Here's to the second half of the season showing our hard work pay off.
- Our junior teams are getting more match-play each week and the work behind the scenes to make this happen has been immense.
- We've seen the successful launch of new club kit with nearly £10,000 of kit purchased across the club! We have maintained continuity with the old design, so no club member is pushed to make an immediate change of kit.

As we move towards the second half of the season we have spoken at length these past few months within the committee about what our next steps should be and have been challenging ourselves with these questions: How do we compete, how do we attract new players, young and old, and how do we make hockey accessible to all in Aldershot, Farnham and the surrounding areas and make us the club of choice?

When you have been successful, as we have been over the past few years of my chairmanship and before, you want to maintain that level: But it's not easy and if it could be done overnight then every club would be doing so. So, over the next few months the committee will be reaching out to the members with our vision. They will be asking you what you are looking for from the club and how we can continue to drive our club forward. We want to understand how we can continue to be the best we can be, with the assets we have available (and want to be working toward) with the aim of giving you all, as members, the most enjoyment in playing for Aldershot & Farnham.

If you want to help in anyway please do reach out to me, our Vice Chair Mark Edgley, or Junior Chair Gillian Lamb.

Otherwise, please enjoy the festive break and I hope Santa brings you some nice new hockey presents. See you on the pitches in 2023!

**Eds** Club Chairman

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# MENS 1s XI MID-SEASON REPORT



## South East Men's Premier Division 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Old Georgians 2	10	9	1	0	35	9	26	28
2	Holcombe 2	8	7	0	1	33	12	21	21
3	Tunbridge Wells	10	6	1	3	32	15	17	19
4	Sevenoaks 2	10	5	3	2	25	17	8	18
5	Woking	10	5	2	3	20	18	2	17
6	Aldershot & Farnham 1	10	4	2	4	22	17	5	14
7	Horsham	10	4	1	5	18	25	-7	13
8	Blackheath & Elthamians 1	9	3	2	4	15	16	-1	11
9	Eastbourne	10	3	0	7	19	51	-32	9
10	Lewes	10	2	1	7	17	29	-12	7
11	Canterbury 2	9	1	2	6	13	26	-13	5
12	Sittingbourne	10	1	1	8	13	27	-14	4

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**After 5 incredible promotions in 6 years, a feat probably unprecedented, we find ourselves 1 league below the big boys of the National League. How proud the club should be of such a monumental achievement; well done us!**

But this is now a very different ball game. The physicality, quality and fitness levels of our new opponents has been both a revelation and an awakening for my players, some of whom could only have ever dreamed of playing at this level.

But let's get down to the nitty gritty! In the first 20 mins of our first game we didn't know what had hit us. All our opponent's qualities were suddenly in our face, making us look like second class passengers. However, the way we responded, adapted and overcame a 2-0 deficit was very rewarding; I was very proud of my team and the way we conducted ourselves at this new level.

With 4 victories on the bounce, we found ourselves at dizzy heights: top of the league! Realty then hit with 3 of the toughest games the club has ever faced, against sides whose 1's play Premier League (top 10 in the Country). All their 2's would be regularly training with and maybe played for them - the enormity of our task ahead was clear. The next 3 games all ended in defeat. In truth we should have won 1, probably could have got a second but weren't quite good enough for the 3rd. But it was a pleasure to play in and, bizarrely, defeat was OK: competing at this level was what all the promotions were about.

Then the following week - the less I say about that game the better! Moving on, a disappointing draw ensued, with many missed chances in open play. We must get better at this - we can no longer rely on corners: the level of opposition goalkeepers is equal to our own!

So, we sit comfortably mid-table. In my honest opinion we are playing a league within a league. There is a clear top 3-4, then another group of 4 including ourselves, then a lower 4. My aim is for us to finish top of the middle league or even break into the lower part of the top. This will be a tough ask. We will not shy away from our training or our intensity, desire and commitment be allowed to diminish. I will keep pushing the players to improve: we will maintain fitness levels even through the Xmas period and hit the 2nd half with a passion for success that will surpass opponents. When they drop off, we will step up and continue fighting to the end!!!

I would like to say an enormous thanks to my players. The league we are playing in now requires an adaptive approach, youngsters in our opponents are not visible and we have 4 under 17 players who are very much part of the set up. My senior players are back at a place where they are visibly enjoying playing again and with some quality new recruits training has been able to go up a couple of notches. I appreciate your efforts, commitment and dedication in helping me try to be the best we can be. If this level turns out to be it, then so be it... But that's not me, is it?!

As usual, many thanks to our sponsors who have been in no small part instrumental through their very generous financial contribution to the continual success of the club, it is very much appreciated!

**Yours in Sport and Fitness**

**Ian Jennings (Jenno) MBE**

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**JENNO**



# LADIES 1s XI MID-SEASON REPORT



## South East Women's Premier Division 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Old Georgians 1	10	9	1	0	57	7	50	28
2	Sevenoaks 2	10	8	1	1	30	7	23	25
3	Brighton & Hove 1	11	8	1	2	29	19	10	25
4	Oxted 1	10	5	1	4	23	26	-3	16
5	Woking 1	10	4	3	3	26	17	9	15
6	Epsom 1	11	4	3	4	16	16	0	15
7	Folkestone Optimist 1	10	4	1	5	18	23	-5	13
8	Bromley & Beckenham 1	10	3	2	5	15	29	-14	11
9	Canterbury 2	10	2	3	5	15	25	-10	9
10	Eastbourne 1	10	2	1	7	9	22	-13	7
11	Aldershot & Farnham 1	10	1	2	7	7	21	-14	5
12	Maidstone 1	10	1	1	8	11	44	-33	4

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Now Canterbury is not a great away trip, but for the first game it's brutal. Especially as the confidence we built in a good pre-season was shattered in the first 15 seconds of the game. From our push back, they stole the ball and thumped themselves 1-0 up. The first time I got to see the character of this group of players was in the second half. We dominated the second half, playing some great hockey, but the deficit was too much to overhaul. A game with mixed feelings, the theme of this part of the season.

The next few games were also brutal. Sevenoaks - a game we should have won but narrowly lost 1-0. Woking - the best start yet, we looked amazing, then conceded 1 goal and looked defeated. 3-1L Newly promoted Oxted - who had come off three unbeaten years until this year - our worst performance of the season so far. 2-0L

But then came Old Georgians. Most players would be terrified of a team who had been demolishing opposition and had scored 28 goals in 4 games. Not this group: we were up for this game, defended brilliantly and even looked threatening in the first half, though ended 1-0 down. Unfortunately, we couldn't hang on and ended up conceding 3 goals in the final 10 minutes. But it was a team performance to be proud of, against a team that will win the league and currently have scored 57 goals in 10 games, 5-0L.

That 60-minute performance kick-started our belief that we can compete with anybody, which we proved in the next game, winning our first game against Epsom 1-0 with brilliant performances all round. The next 2 games were the games with the most mixed feelings, 2 games where we were the much better team, but struggled to score and lost, 2-1L and 1-0L.

Massively frustrated but motivated by the good performances, we went away to Brighton: WHAT A GAME! It was very competitive, until a deflected ball made its way into the circle and somehow popped out in front of goal. 1-0 down.

A motivating halftime talk from the girls was enough to get us playing well again. Somehow a contested shot was deflected into the air and looped into the top corner. 2-0 down. We were playing 2nd in the league and only conceded 'lucky' goals, I guessed it wasn't our day... But this bunch refused to take it, started to dominate the game and Brighton couldn't handle us - a great PC goal 2-1. We went again with 1 minute to go... not a problem. We still believed and in the last play of the game we score a great well worked goal to achieve a 2-2 finish. Proud was an understatement, we had just dominated the 2nd team in the league.

We carried this on and another draw against a good Brombecks team left us with 5 points in the last 5 games, a massive improvement.

It's been a ride! I couldn't have asked for a better bunch to do it with, we have had our fair share of issues and each time we come out the other end stronger. I don't know about anyone else but I for one can't wait for the 2nd half of the season, and to really put our stamp on the league.

**Hope everyone has a great Christmas!**

**Matt Aldrich**



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# PROFILES



**MATT**

**Position:**  
Coach

**Shirt number:** Used to love 39 when I played

**Joined the club:** First time about 2015/16, rejoined this season!

**Hopes for the season:** To maintain league status and turn all our good performances into points

**Favourite hockey player:**  
Luciana Aymar/Teun de Nooijer - best players I've ever seen

**Why do you play Hockey:**  
I just love the game. The skill expression and speed are the main points that I love.

**Favourite song to warm up to:**  
Escape with the Clouds - Boxplot

**Favourite pre match food:** Has to be some form of overnight oats if it's a morning/ midday game, used to swear by that.

**Favourite food:**  
Some form of teriyaki, salmon or chicken.

**What puts a smile on your face:**  
People having a good time, not taking themselves too seriously and making jokes! Hockey-wise it's the feeling of a job well done, when the ladies smash a performance and come out the other end of the game with a result they deserve.

**Best party trick:** I can clap my hands with my eyes closed... No, unfortunately party tricks are not my strong point!



**PATRICK**

**Position:**  
Forward

**Shirt number:** 2

**Previous Clubs:**  
Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club

**How long have you been at the club?:**  
3 months - since September 2022

**How would Jenno describe you hockey style in 5 words?** Quick, Room for Improvement, Chances

**What is your greatest achievement?**  
Playing for Wales

**What would be the first thing you do if you won the lottery?** Buy a house

**What is an interesting fact about yourself?**  
I've been skydiving

**Favourite meal?** Chicken teriyaki

**Hockey stick make?** Y1

**Do you have any prematch routines?**  
Always eat a big breakfast

**If you could have any 3 people round for dinner, who would they be?** Lee Mack, Jordan Peterson and Elon Musk

**Name your guilty pleasure?**  
Binge watching netflix

**What is your favourite training session?**  
3v2's

**Skill best known for? (hockey and/or otherwise)** Right to left drag



**POPPY**

**Position:**  
Defence

**Shirt number:** 12

**Joined the club:** 2022

**Hopes for the season:** Winning matches and trying to avoid my poltergeist!

**Funniest memory playing hockey:**  
Thinking Tammy had texted me a new posh word pronounced 'ballash' turns out it was ball-ache.

**Why do you play Hockey:**  
Its fun and competitive.

**Favourite song to warm up to:**  
Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes.

**Do you have any pre match superstitions or rituals?:** Some good tunes are a must!

**Favourite pre match food:** Anything!

**Favourite food:**  
Anything!!

**What puts a smile on your face:**  
Matt shouting goal time.

**Best party trick:** Trying to avoid getting DOD and failing miserably.



**CONNOR**

**Position:**  
Right half

**Shirt number:** 13

**Previous Clubs:** Fleet and Ewshot Hockey Club and Guilford Hockey Club.

**How long have you been at the club?:**  
33 months - since September 2022

**How would Jenno describe your hockey style in 5 words?:** Fast but Rash

**What is your greatest achievement?:**  
Playing for Aldershot and Farnham M1s

**What would be the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?:**  
Buy my first car

**What is an interesting fact about yourself?**  
My favourite football player when I was younger was Kieran Gibbs.

**Favourite meal?:** Butter Chicken.

**If you could have any 3 people round for dinner, who would they be?:**  
Gary Barlow, My mum and my Neighbour Richard because they both love him.

**What is your favourite training session?:**  
Wednesday's because they are more match focussed

**Skill best known for - hockey and/or otherwise?:** Speed

**Name your guilty pleasure?:** Maccies



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## TEARS & TANTRUMS

## LADIES 1st XI

New season, new team, new coach but some familiar tears and tantrums!



However, there is **much** to improve: understanding that the word 'down' is related to the score not emotions, bringing astros, skorts, goalie helmet and safety pins to training and/or matches, picking up plastic bags on the move, keeping hold of balloons, joke telling, getting in the right car, putting lids on water bottles before shaking them, hugging on a night out, avoiding knocking into each other in the warmup, cooking chips, understanding bouncy castle attire, using plastic cutlery, understanding who takes the pushback, literacy 'ballash' (Poppy), staying on our feet (Poppy), avoiding head injuries (Poppy) especially when you're two hours away from home, oh and defeating, aka winning.

It's a been a tough first half of the season, mainly for Matt, but he's impressed us with his curious vocabulary, the octaves he can reach when having to shout, his dancing on the spot whilst dodging hockey balls moves, but mainly in his ability to see the positives in us.

Despite not gaining as many points as we would like we have still found plenty to celebrate both in some positive performances on the pitch and in some off pitch quality time.

Birthday celebrations for Lucy and Ella, a new team mascot, and a memorable trip to blustery Brighton where spirits were high as new moves were revealed and futures were predicted.

With a spicy first half of the season coming to an end, we are enjoying playing hockey and failing better every time: summed up nicely by Matt, "The best 5-0 (loss) I've ever seen".



Fear not though for "now we are **actually** playing hockey" so there's "100%" more "goal time" to come. ●

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## TEARS & TANTRUMS

## MENS 1st XI

### Contract Negotiations... Away Games?

Pre-season saw several new players signed just before the transfer window closed... and pre-season fitness had concluded. The biggest news was an internal contract that saw James Treadsoftly re-sign for the season. On Friday 15th July it was reported that James had stated "I'm out and I am a man who never U-Turns". Jenno was hard at work and on Tuesday 19th July his registration papers were submitted to the reliable England Hockey GMS website. It has been a great boost to have James in the squad and we are hoping that he may be available for an away game in the second half of the season.



### Making Tackles, Telling Lies, And Baking Cakes

Connor has had an action-packed start to the season, a series of highs and lows, as he develops into a formidable right defender.

Week seven of the season saw Connor take part in a team training session for the first time, he had previously opted to train alone or just with Kev, a lot of hard work ticked off. To celebrate his inclusion Connor asked his parents to make match teas for the team, great work from the Wilkinsons, and a cake was also included with the meal. When asked if he had baked the cake, Connor unfortunately told a series of intricate lies to try and convince

the team that he had. Punishment ensued and he is now baking a cake once a month for the rest of the season.

### Talk from the Terrace is Boiling Over

The chairwoman of the Shots' fan society has recently aired her frustrations to the media. Lauren Herring was quoted, on an unofficial social media platform, to have stated the following:

"I'm surprised that the Asset Harbour sponsored G&T gazebo has yet to be installed at Heath End. My frustration is amplified by the match officials persecuting my husband. I would have more patience if we were just scoring more goals."



### Gillet or Quarter Zip

Power forward Jonny Groves made his fashion feelings very clear. It was put to the group that we would be sporting a post-game gillet for the 2022 - 23 season. During a formal team meeting Jonny flexed his seniority, the decision was reversed immediately by coach Ian Jennings.

### Octoberfest

The Pickled Herring, a potential new sponsor for next season, graciously hosted a gathering for some German beers. The night was possibly too much of a success, leaving fans' favourite Phil Rushmere in a bit of a pickle, the beers are surprisingly stronger than the German showing at Qatar 2022. ●



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# MID-SEASON REPORT MENS 2s

Mens 2s League Table on page 19

**Mens 2s started the season in a higher league, thanks to a back door promotion coming late after the season finished last year.**

Everyone knew we deserved it and that it would be a hard task, but it was one we looked forward to.

We started the season with some old faces leaving and new ones replacing them. The first couple of games were hard fought battles but we achieved the three points.



Then we ran into the early league leaders, who were a strong and formidable opponent, unfortunately we didn't achieve the win we wanted, but we played the game to a good standard and intensity. This run continued for a few games, a simple mistake or slip or attention was all that split the sides.

We have finished the year strong with five wins and sit mid-table, hoping to carry on the momentum after the break. ●



# MID-SEASON REPORT LADIES 2s

Ladies 2s League Table on page 19

**The Ladies 2s have ended the first half of the season in 8th position in the league.**

We started the season with a new coach, a new captain and some new squad members... and then to complicate it even more... a new formation was introduced. It has taken us a while to adapt to the new formation, but with perseverance and words of encouragement from Eds it really seems to be coming together.

In this first half of the season our results have often not reflected the actual match (although I like to think the 9-0 win against Epsom definitely reflected our play on that day!!!). We have drawn some tight matches, but come off the pitch feeling pleased with how we played and more importantly players had enjoyed the game. We had a bit of dip during



November when we lost 3 matches, but the last few matches we have played some much stronger hockey, supporting each other and playing better as a team.

Eds has been instrumental in keeping a positive attitude amongst us all and the team spirit has been brilliant. His presence on the sideline on match days has been much appreciated.

So our objectives for the second half of the season are to get a win from some of those "close" matches; manage to get the opposition to come back for teas (our teas are really not that bad!!) and to keep listening to our Coach!!

So now a chance to put our feet up, eat & drink far too much and then come back ready for action in January! ●



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# MID-SEASON REPORT MENS 3s

Mens 3s League Table on page 20

**It was a tough start to the season for the Mens 3's and after a postponed game we head into 2023 due to face the in-form team of 2022, the M4.**

A back-and-forth game the first time round resulted in the 4s winning and our season starting on the back foot. But we have recovered well since then: despite some weeks of really tight availability across the club costing games that, upon reflection, we should have won, we are still in touch with the top teams.

With strong availability and in hope of getting our full-strength team out regularly we are still confident that the M3's will battle back its way to promotion places before the end of the season.

Onwards and upwards (and fingers crossed for a better result in the M4 return fixture!) ●



# MID-SEASON REPORT LADIES 3s

Ladies 3s League Table on page 20

**Build it and they will come...**

**So said, I believe, Kevin Costner, in Field of Dreams - and building it we are!**

This season Ladies 3s, helmed by Andy "Kevin Costner" Chadwick, have had, let's say, a ropey start to the season - we've won one game and failed to deliver with the rest, (enough said about the results the better.)



**What has happened is:**

The building of an amazing defence, who pivot more than we have ever done

We've brought in fresh legs

We've got new fast forwards

We've mixed up the midfield

We've learnt new angles

We've upped our marking game (and it's showing)

We've focused on tracking back (and it's showing)

We're building on resilience and continued attack

The goals are coming ...

So onwards and upwards for this newly formed crew! ●



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# MID-SEASON REPORT MENS 4s

Mens 4s League Table on page 20

**Following an amazing second half of the season last year, the M4's gained promotion to South-East Mens Div 3 for the 22/23 season.**

After a thrilling 6-6 opening fixture (not so thrilling for stand-in keeper Nick!) we then won four straight games in a row to send us to the top of the league early on. Only a late equaliser from fellow high-fliers Purley stopped our winning run. However, two further decent wins followed which enabled us to retain our place at the top and meant that the team had now managed to go a whole calendar year without defeat!



Availability issues and a decent opposition finally caused us to lose our first game of the season away to Purley Walcountians, but a hard fought 2-2 draw against another top side, Reigate, means that we go into the final game of this half season just one point off the top, with everything still to play for.

Excellent team spirit, good passing hockey and some big performances from our younger players, have ensured that we are more than a match for any side in this league. Bring on next year! Played 10, Won 6, Drawn 3, lost 1. ●



# MID-SEASON REPORT LADIES 4s

Ladies 4s League Table on page 20

**This is a team with oodles of camaraderie and teamwork and an attitude full of grit and determination!**

The team have experienced more than the usual beginning of season changes to the squad. The defence, midfield and upfront not once having the same combination of players has meant that despite strong individual efforts, we have lost out to very organised teams who train and play regularly together. However, this has not stopped us having fun and we are finally starting to play some great team hockey with a draw against Surrey Spartans.

Whilst not having a coach (he's been mining in Africa) more recently has been difficult, this has resulted in players taking on the responsibility of both Captain and coach (Captain is out due to a knee injury). This has meant that half time is a combination of the captain's comments, but also useful inputs from the whole team about their respective areas. This has meant that inter-player communication and feedback has improved along with our team spirit and camaraderie. Fun has been had: in traffic on the M25 (and Maccy's), at the quiz night, plus Annabel's teas analysis and Grace being, well, Grace, (ask her about the difference between a horse and a bus.

Onwards to the New Year and our first win! ●



# MID-SEASON REPORT MENS 5s

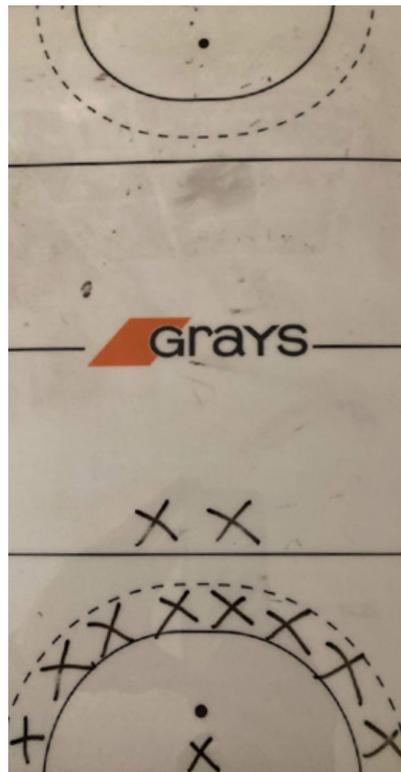
Mens 5s League Table on page 21

**After relegation last year we were looking forward to some more competitive fixtures this year.**

Our first match was close, but we were rusty and could not finish our chances so lost 2-1. October was a disaster with three heavy defeats punctuated by injuries and absences that meant we had no subs to share the load. It turned out that those 3 losses were against 1st, 3rd and 4th in a two paced league, so we felt confident going into November. Our confidence did not go unfounded as we finished the month unbeaten with 2 wins and a draw.

December's only match was away to the 2nd placed team and our November confidence continued until just before half time with a shock lead. Sadly, the form book was restored with a couple of streaky goals but our heads were still high. We have games in hand against 2 of the bottom 3, due to postponements, and are currently mid table but looking forward to continuing our momentum into Jan.

Pics are formation vs top of table Cranleigh and match vs Sanderstead Cats ●



# MID-SEASON REPORT LADIES 5s

Ladies 5s League Table on page 21

**Since last season the AFHC Ladies 5's have gone from strength to strength, moving into the Christmas break sitting at the top of the league - with an impressive goal difference too!**

Unfortunately, our last match before the break was cancelled due to the icy weather, but luckily match cancellations have been further and fewer between than last season and we have managed to capitalise successfully on the positive momentum as a result.

The squad has a good mixture of those of us who have been in the squad for a long while alongside some wonderful new additions who have helped us to build on past successes. Tatum has brought her own particular brand of determination, grit and dribbling ability and Martha, Leyna, Ivy and Ellie have all kept us speedy

in the middle. Dani and Jess have helped us to maintain a solid wall at the back, frustrating the first 4 opponents of the season with four wins: our best start to a season since the team was formed.

With an impressive 5 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses and a plus 19 goal difference we are all excited to see the rest of the season play out. The top of the table is tight with 4 points between us and those in 4th, so we will have to repeat our very satisfying 9-0 win against local rivals Fleet & Ewshott, as well as doing much better against the newly formed AFHC L6s, who frustrated us with a 0-1 loss, to give ourselves a chance. But we are motivated by the challenge and will be working hard with the wonderful Dave to make the most of the opportunity.

Onwards and upwards Ladies 5s! Maybe, just maybe, this is our year? ●



# MID-SEASON REPORT MENS 6s

Mens 6s League Table on page 21

**The Men's 6 team is a development squad made up a hearty mix of boisterous and enthusiastic teenagers and sufficiently cunning, but generally injured and smelling of deep heat, older members of the club.**

This year we have had Will H in goal, who has made the brave step up from the U14s to men's hockey, alongside Tom K & Tom B all of whom have adjusted really well to adult hockey and are fearless playing against adults and other youngsters alike.

Our older youngsters Archie, Alfie, and Alex have provided sterling service in mid field, with Alex currently being our top scorer.

As for us senior members a memo has gone out to James to not use his face mask to tackle the opposition on short corners...I asked my son for the high light of this half of the season and being a typical teenager, the response was that the teas were good.

Unfortunately, we are still chasing that elusive win which hopefully we will get it in the next half of the season.

**Have a good Xmas**

**Will, 6th team captain. ●**



# MID-SEASON REPORT LADIES 6s

Ladies 6s League Table on page 21

**Beginning as a mere twinkle in the eyes of the coaches at AFHC, the ladies 6s was formed due to the high demand for places last year in the already established ladies' teams.**

At the start of the season, there was some uncertainty around numbers, and it was unclear if an extra squad could be fulfilled, but a team was established nonetheless, comprised of mainly 'Back to Hockey' players, a few supporting 5s players, and some juniors ready to dip their toes into adult hockey.

Our first league game was against Woking away. Off we trotted with a bare 11 to be faced with a team that had been relegated the season before and were keen to prove themselves and move back up...and prove themselves they did, with a 7-0 win! In the very kind and balanced words of coach Malc "we weren't quite organised!"



Fast forward 2 months, and we found ourselves up against Woking once again only this time with a discernible difference; not only were we organised, but we'd also made huge progress, had gained some players, and had established a fantastic team rapport. With a few wins under our belts, we were confident going into the game and were ready to work hard against a side that we knew would be out to prove themselves once again. Team spirit and positivity prevailed, and we came away with a hard fought and very well deserved 1-0 win. What a triumph, and what a contrast! - Woking were both surprised and exhausted!

As well as huge appreciation for what the team has achieved in such a short time, a big thanks must go to Malcolm Turner for his consistent and unwavering support, with an extended thanks to Dave James for working tirelessly (particularly in the early days) to assist in ensuring that the 6s had enough players to be viable. Their hard work has resulted in bringing together a great group of people who have fast become an established squad and one to be rivalled in the league - let's keep smashing it ladies 6s! ●



# JUNIORS MID-SEASON REPORT



**The first half of the 2022/23 season has been a very busy and exciting one. Training has been going on weekly across the age groups with our U8s, U10s, U12s, U14s and wonderful junior goalkeepers out training every Sunday led by our amazing coaches. The U8s worked on their push passing and their ball carrying skills, while the U10s learned all about ball and bodies and developed their tackling. The older age groups worked on their ball speed, switching the ball and game position. The junior goalkeepers, a developing and exciting group of talented young players worked hard on their skills every week, joining their age groups every so often to work on integrating these skills into games.**

They soon put these skills to the test in age-group matches. Juniors across the age-groups have taken part in a series of matches throughout this first part of the season. Our U8s and U10s took part in monthly festivals against local teams including Basingstoke, Yateley, Fleet, Camberley and Alton. While the youngest players were just experiencing their first taste of competitive hockey, the U10s were embracing the experience, romping their way through some of their matches and learning the value of playing different positions.

Our U12 boys and girls play in the Hampshire league. This has been a tough

challenge, especially for our girls, many of whom are new to the U12 age group this year. They have faced some tough matches but are seeing their results improve every time. The boys' team which contains a number of older, more experienced boys has had a better time of it and are sitting fourth in the league with two games in hand. This group of boys has demonstrated their flexibility, as many have played up in the U14 boys' team as well. This team competes in Surrey and has also had a good season so far, albeit with fewer fixtures.

Our U14 girls have had a difficult season so far. Most of the senior team in this

age group moved into U16s this season leaving just a handful of experienced players to complement the raft of younger U12s who moved into this age group this season. For many of these younger players this has been their first experience of 11-a-side hockey and although we have two teams in this age group, a Tier 2 side and a development team, results have been mixed. Coach Brett has seen improvements week on week, however, and a highlight was beating Epsom U14s (a team coached and led by our Ladies first XI coach, Matt – not that we were pleased Matt!). Nonetheless both girls U14 teams are sitting mid table.

In the U16 girls' age group, there is an abundance of players and new coach Andy has had his hands full selecting girls for matches, often taking 16 to a game. Arranging matches has been a challenge in the South-East structure and the Tier One matches have taken place against the best teams in the South-East, which has led to some difficult results. Despite this, the girls have put in considerable effort and in the Tier Three league are sitting in second place.

In addition to our normal age group training, we offer specialist focused

training for players who want to develop their hockey further. This takes place via Academy sessions and Elite training during the week run by Ian Jennings MBE, our Men's first XI coach. Academy sessions are for those young players (aged eleven and up) who want to train intensively on skills and have an attitude centred on improvement. Elite is for older invited players only and offers a more challenging format. For more information on either of these sessions, please get in touch with me on [juniors@afhockey.com](mailto:juniors@afhockey.com).

As we go into the half season break, I want to emphasise that none of this would have been possible without the efforts of our wonderful volunteer coaches who run training week in and week out and also the efforts of our first XI players who turn out every weekend to help coach the U12s and U14s and act as role models to these aspirational young players. I can't thank them all enough for their efforts, which makes such a difference. Here's hoping they have a well-deserved rest over Christmas (and the parents too) and we shall see everyone again in the New Year!

**Gillian Lamb**  
AFHC Junior Chair ●

# 2023 SUMMER CREW REQUIRED

Opportunity For College Leavers & University Returners  
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Speak to Chris Boot from the Mens 1st XI or check out the website

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Max Lake - AFHC Mens 2s  
I spent a year working with Academy Marquees during my gap year before University. I spent most weeks on site rigging premium marquee structures for weddings and corporate events, the teamwork involved made the time enjoyable. As my experience developed I was given the responsibility of leading a small team. Days can sometimes be long ..... but its good for the bank balance.

Jamie Finlayson - AFHC Mens 2s  
During my summer break from University I worked for Academy Furniture Hire. The early starts were good to get me up and out of the house, I enjoyed the high tempo active work too, the event sector is high paced so the day would pass by really quickly. I volunteered for a few night shifts which were paid at time and a half. Flexibility with the shifts was a bonus, it meant I could plan my summer conveniently.



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# LEAGUE TABLES

## MENS 1s

### South East Men's Premier Division 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Old Georgians 2	10	9	1	0	35	9	26	28
2	Holcombe 2	8	7	0	1	33	12	21	21
3	Tunbridge Wells	10	6	1	3	32	15	17	19
4	Sevenoaks 2	10	5	3	2	25	17	8	18
5	Woking	10	5	2	3	20	18	2	17
6	Aldershot & Farnham 1	10	4	2	4	22	17	5	14
7	Horsham	10	4	1	5	18	25	-7	13
8	Blackheath & Elthamians 1	9	3	2	4	15	16	-1	11
9	Eastbourne	10	3	0	7	19	51	-32	9
10	Lewes	10	2	1	7	17	29	-12	7
11	Canterbury 2	9	1	2	6	13	26	-13	5
12	Sittingbourne	10	1	1	8	13	27	-14	4

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## LADIES 1s

### South East Women's Premier Division 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Old Georgians 1	10	9	1	0	57	7	50	28
2	Sevenoaks 2	10	8	1	1	30	7	23	25
3	Brighton & Hove 1	11	8	1	2	29	19	10	25
4	Oxted 1	10	5	1	4	23	26	-3	16
5	Woking 1	10	4	3	3	26	17	9	15
6	Epsom 1	11	4	3	4	16	16	0	15
7	Folkestone Optimist 1	10	4	1	5	18	23	-5	13
8	Bromley & Beckenham 1	10	3	2	5	15	29	-14	11
9	Canterbury 2	10	2	3	5	15	25	-10	9
10	Eastbourne 1	10	2	1	7	9	22	-13	7
11	Aldershot & Farnham 1	10	1	2	7	7	21	-14	5
12	Maidstone 1	10	1	1	8	11	44	-33	4

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## MENS 2s

### South East Men's Division 1 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Old Georgians 3	10	10	0	0	58	11	47	30
2	Guildford M3	11	9	1	1	47	12	35	28
3	Camberley & Farnborough	10	6	3	1	22	10	12	21
4	Reigate Priory 2	10	6	2	2	36	20	16	20
5	Woking 2	10	5	0	5	25	18	7	15
6	Fleet & Ewshot	10	5	0	5	29	25	4	15
7	Aldershot & Farnham 2	10	5	0	5	26	22	4	15
8	Sunbury & Walton Hawks 2	11	4	1	6	16	38	-22	13
9	Trinity 1	10	4	0	6	30	31	-1	12
10	Croydon & Old Whitgiftian 2	11	3	0	8	15	40	-25	9
11	Addiscombe	11	0	2	9	15	53	-38	2
12	Oxted 4	10	0	1	9	14	53	-39	1

## LADIES 2s

### South East Women's Division 1 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Guildford 3	10	8	1	1	32	10	22	25
2	Purley Walcountians 1	10	7	2	1	25	6	19	23
3	Camberley & Farnborough 1	10	6	3	1	24	16	8	21
4	Team Surrey Spartans 1	11	5	4	2	33	11	22	19
5	Woking 3	10	5	3	2	19	9	10	18
6	Fleet & Ewshot 1	10	5	2	3	26	14	12	17
7	Guildford 4	10	4	2	4	26	18	8	14
8	Reigate Priory 2	11	4	1	6	19	20	-1	13
9	Aldershot & Farnham 2	10	3	3	4	17	13	4	12
10	Croydon & Old Whitgiftian 1	10	1	2	7	6	26	-20	5
11	Epsom 3	10	1	1	8	8	38	-30	4
12	Kenley 1	10	0	0	10	3	57	-54	0

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# LEAGUE TABLES

## MENS 3s

### South East Men's Division 3 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Purley 1	10	6	4	0	27	13	14	22
2	Sanderstead 1	9	6	1	2	38	17	21	19
3	Reigate Priory 4	9	5	3	1	27	11	16	18
4	Aldershot & Farnham Cannons	9	5	3	1	33	22	11	18
5	Woking 4	9	5	1	3	37	19	18	16
6	Aldershot & Farnham 3	9	5	0	4	30	23	7	15
7	Purley Walcountians 3	9	3	3	3	19	21	-2	12
8	Fleet & Ewshot 2	9	2	1	6	24	35	-11	7
9	Team Surrey Spartans 2	9	1	1	7	15	29	-14	4
10	Oxted Outlaws	9	1	2	6	8	33	-25	4
11	Old Reigatian 2	9	1	1	7	15	50	-35	4

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## MENS 4s

### South East Men's Division 3 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Purley 1	10	6	4	0	27	13	14	22
2	Sanderstead 1	9	6	1	2	38	17	21	19
3	Reigate Priory 4	9	5	3	1	27	11	16	18
4	Aldershot & Farnham Cannons	9	5	3	1	33	22	11	18
5	Woking 4	9	5	1	3	37	19	18	16
6	Aldershot & Farnham 3	9	5	0	4	30	23	7	15
7	Purley Walcountians 3	9	3	3	3	19	21	-2	12
8	Fleet & Ewshot 2	9	2	1	6	24	35	-11	7
9	Team Surrey Spartans 2	9	1	1	7	15	29	-14	4
10	Oxted Outlaws	9	1	2	6	8	33	-25	4
11	Old Reigatian 2	9	1	1	7	15	50	-35	4

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## LADIES 3s

### South East Women's Division 2 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Chertsey Thames Valley 1	9	8	0	1	39	6	33	24
2	Guildford 5	9	7	1	1	21	7	14	22
3	Woking 4	9	7	0	2	35	11	24	21
4	Oxted 2	9	5	2	2	25	9	16	17
5	Leatherhead 1	9	4	2	3	21	18	3	14
6	Cranleigh 1	9	4	0	5	15	17	-2	11
7	Addiscombe 1	9	2	1	6	14	36	-22	7
8	Epsom 4	9	2	0	7	14	34	-20	6
9	Reigate Priory 3	9	2	0	7	10	31	-21	6
10	Aldershot & Farnham 3	9	1	0	8	3	28	-25	3

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## LADIES 4s

### South East Women's Division 3 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Old Georgians 3	9	9	0	0	66	2	64	27
2	Fleet & Ewshot 2	9	6	1	2	31	17	14	19
3	Team Surrey Spartans 2	9	5	2	2	23	17	6	17
4	Woking 5	9	5	2	2	20	15	5	17
5	Horley 1	9	3	3	3	28	28	0	12
6	Camberley & Farnborough 2	9	3	2	4	13	21	-8	11
7	Oxted 3	9	2	3	4	14	22	-8	9
8	Royal Holloway 1	9	2	3	4	13	26	-13	9
9	Reigate Priory 4	9	0	2	7	9	37	-28	2
10	Aldershot & Farnham 4	9	0	2	7	13	45	-32	2

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# LEAGUE TABLES

## MENS 5s

### South East Men's Division 5 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Cranleigh 1	9	9	0	0	59	6	53	27
2	Addiscombe 2	9	8	0	1	41	9	32	24
3	Royal Holloway 1	9	7	0	2	46	16	30	21
4	Purley Walcountians 4	9	5	2	2	28	17	11	17
5	Sanderstead Cats	10	5	2	3	18	16	2	17
6	Woking 6	9	3	2	4	15	20	-5	11
7	Fleet & Ewshot 3	9	3	1	5	16	25	-9	10
8	<b>Aldershot &amp; Farnham 5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>7</b>
9	Horley 3	9	2	0	7	22	35	-13	6
10	Epsom 7	8	0	2	6	10	45	-35	2
11	Kenley 3	9	0	0	9	3	58	-55	0

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## LADIES 5s

### South East Women's Division 5 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	<b>Aldershot &amp; Farnham 5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>
2	Woking 6	9	5	0	4	36	19	17	15
3	Aldershot & Farnham 6	8	5	0	3	10	14	-4	15
4	Purley 1	7	5	0	2	25	10	15	14
5	Epsom 6	9	3	1	5	21	20	1	10
6	Addiscombe 2	8	3	0	5	13	20	-7	7
7	Fleet & Ewshot Phoenix	7	1	0	6	2	43	-41	3
8	Kenley 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2

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## MENS 6s

### South East Men's Division 6 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Guildford M Cavaliers X	9	7	0	2	38	10	28	21
2	Woking 7	9	6	1	2	33	17	16	19
3	Guildford M Cavaliers Y	7	5	0	2	30	7	23	15
4	Addiscombe 3	7	5	0	2	22	12	10	15
5	Croydon & Old Whitgiftian Rustlers	8	5	0	3	20	20	0	14
6	Fleet & Ewshot 4	9	3	1	5	15	27	-12	10
7	Old Reigatian 3	8	3	0	5	10	26	-16	8
8	Reigate Priory 6	8	2	1	5	21	22	-1	7
9	Camberley & Farnborough 4	7	2	1	4	8	21	-13	7
10	<b>Aldershot &amp; Farnham 6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-1</b>

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## LADIES 6s

### South East Women's Division 5 Oaks 2022-2023

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Aldershot & Farnham 5	8	5	1	2	28	9	19	16
2	Woking 6	9	5	0	4	36	19	17	15
3	<b>Aldershot &amp; Farnham 6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>15</b>
4	Purley 1	7	5	0	2	25	10	15	14
5	Epsom 6	9	3	1	5	21	20	1	10
6	Addiscombe 2	8	3	0	5	13	20	-7	7
7	Fleet & Ewshot Phoenix	7	1	0	6	2	43	-41	3
8	Kenley 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2

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