



The Dartford HC Chronicle

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Comment from the Editor

Happy New Year to you all!

Welcome to the New Year edition of the Dartford Chronicle! I hope you all had a very good Christmas and have recharged your batteries ready for the second half of the season. There are exciting times ahead with both the first and the second team pushing for promotion. Fingers crossed for both teams. We have had some injuries over the season and so I would like to wish those members all the best for the rest of the season, especially Sam Craig who suffered a serious knee injury. Well 2012 is with us and lots to look forward to: The new home kit; social events to attend (see below) and we can't forget the Olympics (especially the Hockey) to look forward to. Courtesy of Sharon Flynn we have tickets that you could win at the End of Season do. **AND** an especially exciting time for Katie Selvey-Clinton, with the new baby expected at the end of March (and yes - we did have words re the timing!) We wish her and her family all the very best. Also congratulations to Nichola Hunt on her recent engagement.

Mandy ☺



Team Reports for the Season so far

1st team report: The 1's have had a great start to the season with some fantastic results, only losing two matches (both unfortunately to Gore Court who annoyingly have conceded to others in the league!). The goal difference is a healthy 13, showing great defence. The ever reliable strong back line (with the 'you're not getting past me - oops did I get in the way?!?!' attitude) has been supported by Debs playing a blinder in goal, and Keeley, a solid replacement when needed. Defence will only get us so far as to win we also need to score goals. This season we have been hitting the backboards much more consistently. In fact there is a real battle between Ali (11 goals) and Becki (12) for top scorer. Ali says she doesn't mind who scores as long as we win but.... A few of the rest of us have also scored (Gen, Mandy (2), Lou (2), Kirsty and Trudi) to make a very promising 30 total. We are currently in equal second at the turn of the season. Thanks to the 2's (Vicki Godfrey and Keeley Wiggett) for their help on occasions and the understanding of their Captain Caroline.

Division 2		P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Folkestone Optimist Ladies 2s	12	8	3	1	27	9	18	27
2	Cliftonville Ladies 2nd XI	12	6	4	2	39	23	16	22
3	Dartford Ladies 1s	12	6	4	2	30	17	13	22
4	Gore Court Ladies' 2s	11	6	1	4	25	26	-1	19
5	Old Williamsons Ladies 2nd XI	12	5	3	4	23	16	7	18

Unfortunately due to pressure of work Lou has had to step down from the Captains role after (how many?) years. The 1's would like to thank Lou for her hard work over the years, her **demanding** Captaincy getting us where we are today... up the Pub drinking red wine! And thanks to Gen for stepping into the breach... Good luck with that (and you think it's a temporary role?!?!). ☺

Division5		P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1	Sevenoaks Ladies 6's	11	8	2	1	36	8	28	26
2	Dartford Ladies 2s	11	7	3	1	29	11	18	24
3	Faversham Ladies	11	7	2	2	40	14	26	23
4	Herne Bay Ladies 2nd XI	11	7	1	3	35	19	16	22
5	Kings Alleyns Ladies 3rd XI	10	4	2	4	17	16	1	14
6	Cliftonville Ladies 3rd XI	10	4	2	4	19	19	0	14
7	Bromley and Beckenham Womens 5s	11	4	0	7	15	21	-6	12
8	Holcombe Ladies 5's	9	3	2	4	11	18	-7	11
9	Gravesend Ladies 4s	11	2	2	7	12	35	-23	8
10	Burnt Ash (Bexley) Ladies 5th	10	2	0	8	7	28	-21	6
11	Dartford Ladies 3s	11	2	0	9	10	42	-32	6

2nd team report: Once again the 2nds are fighting to get out of Division 5 and have been battling hard again this half of the season with promotion in mind. From our games played in the first half of the season we have won 7, drawn 3 and only lost 1 (which was against Sevenoaks - currently top of the league). So, we have had some fantastic results and are currently sitting 2nd in the league-could this be our season? Although at times we have struggled with players and an umpire, we have managed to get a full team out each week - thanks to the 1sts & 3rds for your assistance when we really needed it to maintain our points. A special mention must go to our Captain Caroline, who has really been biting the bullet for the team with umpiring and playing out of position. We are really coming together as a team and there are some great partnerships which are working well and generating lots of goals within the team. The Twins are linking up well and Jacquie has been playing great balls to both Jane & Sam B. There is also an unstoppable partnership between Keeley & Vicky. In total we have scored 29 league goals - top goal scorer is Keeley (14) followed by Jane (6). Our midfield & defence have also played a key part in our success with Sarah, Sharon & Pat all scoring goals and restricting our goal difference as we have only let in 11 goals. Considering we have lost Sam C due to injury this is a brilliant performance - we wish you a speedy recovery Sam & we hope to hear you supporting us again in the 2nd half of the season. We have a big challenge ahead of us for the latter half of the season with a tough opposition on our first game back - Happy New Year Sevenoaks! - Let the battle commence. Well played Dartford 2's; let's keep up the good work and get out of this league.

Sharon Flynn ☺

3rd Team Report: Sadly we are propping up the bottom of division 5 equal points with Burnt Ash. As always, the teams we play against are generally on the way up and we have had some crushing defeats. But our spirit remains undaunted. I have been fortunate this year so far to have had a good number of players to draw on and certainly the younger members of the team are showing superb promise. We welcomed Keeley into our squad as Goal Keeper - no offence to Julie who did us proud last season but who I know prefers to play on the pitch. Our forward line is looking stronger by the week - and it is only a matter of time before the goals start to flow. My thanks to all the team for their commitment and to the 1st and 2nd team players, who have umpired for us.

IF courtesy of Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your balance when all about you
Opposition players try to trip you up,
If you can trust yourself to take that free hit too,
And not to muck it up,
If you can run for 20 minutes (or even 10)
And not collapse in a breathless state
You are welcome in the 3rd team then.

If you can suffer knocks and blows
And still refrain from swearing,
And when outplayed by those
Whose skills are far superior,
Not resort to fouling.

If you can carry on when goals are scored against you.
Even when the tally gets to 10, (sorry Keeley)
If you can suffer seldom winning matches
But still enjoy the excitement of the game.
If you can cheer on your team mates with your laughter
And never moan or make them feel dismayed
Then you are welcome in the 3rd team
Well played !!

*If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!*
(really Rudyard Kipling)

Then you are truly welcome in the 3rd team
And your reward will surely be
The warmth of friends and kindly words
Served up with cake and tea.
Courtesy of Ophelia
A queen among cake makers!

And so to all my 3rd team players
I say well done to each and every one.
Your efforts haven't gone unnoticed
Your camaraderie is next to none.
I'd ask you all to raise a glass to welcome the New Year in.
And If fate may also take a hand - lets seal it with a win!

Cathy Clinton 😊



The new home kit will be with us soon we hope.... Watch this space!

Membership:

Many of us still need to complete a **membership form** with contact details and emergency phone numbers. The emergency numbers and any medical information will be held by the team Captains. We have had a few incidences where this has been needed and used which has really highlighted the need to ensure it is up to date. So please help your Captains by downloading it from the Website and bringing the completed form to your next match. Any problems with obtaining the form talk to your Captain or ask Kirsty Payne

Website <http://www.dartfordhockeyclub.co.uk>

To keep Dartford Hockey club as the first option for searches, please keep visiting the site. The **Facebook group** has proved to be a great success so if you are on Facebook then please join the Group. New to this season are the match reports posted there. The ensuing comments and discussions are quite entertaining. Well done Kirsty - keep up the good work. If there is anything you would like to put on the website or the Facebook group please let Kirsty know.

Email: contact@dartfordhockeyclub.co.uk

2011/2012 social fixtures

Saturday 21 January 2012 - Quiz night at Hesketh Park

Saturday 31 March 2012 - End of Season Social

Wednesday 25 April 2012 - AGM

Quiz Night

Always a good night and usually well supported - this year we hope for the same. At the AGM the club agreed to support Becki McWhinnie with her fundraising for an expedition to Namibia, where she will be involved in Community work as well as trekking in the country. Becki will be helping to organise the event so please support both her and the club at this event.

Format as normal:

- Teams of up to 6,
- £10 per person includes Fish and Chips or £5 without. (Food must be ordered before the night).
- At Hesketh Park.

Please let your Captains know your numbers.

End of Season Social



As we cannot afford a repeat of last year where so few people committed to coming, the club lost money; we want your opinion to arrange the event you want. We also need to know if you want to have this as a family night, with partners or just club members. The options we propose are:

- **Dinner dance at Swanley** - £30-35 per head, includes meal and a disco.
- **Buffet night at Hesketh Park** - £10-15 per head, includes a basic buffet and venue, entertainment is up to you to suggest (karaoke, Wii competitions, talent show etc). This is a lot of effort for the committee to do and will depend on the numbers attending. If we have less than 25 attending, this is not financially viable.
- **Restaurant meal** - £? Depends on type of restaurant. Please make suggestions of restaurant and preferences for type of food, approximate cost and area.

The night will also include the raffle for the Olympics hockey tickets, more details closer to the time.

Please give your comments to your captains or direct to Kirsty littlemisstizi99@ntlworld.com.

New Umpires:



You may have noticed that the new umpires have been *taking control* of several of the 2's and 3's matches. They have been doing really well and are to be congratulated and thanked for their time and efforts. Some are ready to take that final assessment and join the ranks of '**The qualified**'!!!

Good luck with your matches Ladies. Hope we aren't giving you too much trouble...

Training



Training will once again be every Monday from 7.30pm until 9pm. The new coach - Kevin has proved a success and numbers have been very encouraging this year. But the more the merrier and it will help your team on Saturday. It is not fitness based but rather skills and ideas/moves to use in the games. Even if you can't make it for the whole time come along late or leave early. Training starts again on Monday 9th January 2012. Make coming along a New Year's Resolution but one you won't break!

Is the New Year going to be your year? If you're a Dragon it will be.... Check out your Chinese zodiac characteristics.

I wish you all the best for 2012 and hope you are successful in all your ventures whether hockey related or not.

Mandy ☺



"The only diet shake I recommend is the shake your booty makes when you exercise."



The Chinese Zodiac

Who are you compatible with and who should you avoid? Guess which members are what and then see if you are right. Which make the best hockey players? I'm not sure on that one but I think we have a few Horses in our midst... Which year were you born in? But remember the Chinese New Year starts in February...

Rabbit - 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999



Talented, honest and gentle, yet sometimes can be indecisive and passive. Compatible with a sheep or a boar, the rooster is your opposite.

Rooster - 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005



Reliable, independent and devoted to work. Enjoy hearing praises but do not take criticism too well. Snake and ox are friends, stay away from rabbit.

Dragon - 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000

Passionate and helpful, yet stubborn, possess high quality and potential for great accomplishment. Good with a monkey or rat but stay away from dog.

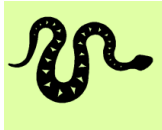


Dog - 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006

Honest, and with integrity, full of sense of justice and always stand up for friends. It is your drawback to trust others easily. Seek a horse or tiger but avoid dragons.



Snake - 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001



Agile, adaptable but high tempered. Is able to get along with everyone. The rooster and ox are your best friends but avoid the boar.

Pig - 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007



Self-confident, full of vigour and determination. Fit in leadership role effortlessly but not very flexible in thinking. Avoid other boars but wed a rabbit or a sheep.

Horse - 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002

Strong, enthusiastic, good at socialising and generous with money. Marry a tiger or a dog but never a rat.



Rat - 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008

Swift and intelligent, adaptable to new environments. Willing to trust people and tend to be cheated easily. Seek a dragon or a monkey, least compatible with horse.



Sheep - 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003

Refined and loyal, persevering and patient, rather timid and prefer to work step by step. Compatible with boar and rabbit, but avoid the ox.



Ox - 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009

Inspiring, bright and patient, but egotistic. Can be happy, even by yourself. Marry a snake or a rooster and make an outstanding parent. Sheep will bring trouble.



Monkey - 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004



Intelligent, quick-witted and adaptable, yet impatient and restless, and enjoy being in the limelight. Seek a dragon or rat for good but never a tiger.

Tiger - 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010

Determined, aggressive and selfish, having craving for success. Horse and dog are companions but not Monkey.

