

# GillinghamAnchors Hockey Club

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## A New Season, A New Start

“We’ve got lots of exciting ideas and are hoping that our youngsters will really enjoy the new season,” says **Nigel McDonald**, who takes up the position of **Junior Training Co-ordinator** this season.

“Firstly I’d like to say a massive thanks to Keith Hopkins as he has done such a fantastic job with the juniors over so many years and handed this role over to me in such a good shape. Keith and daughter Laura continue to be involved in junior training, offering invaluable support.

“We’ve got lots of exciting ideas this year about how we develop the training and the youth section and hopefully get a few of the parents involved too as we realise how crucial new players are to the future of the club.”

For more information about the junior section, email Nigel at [anchorsihc@gmail.com](mailto:anchorsihc@gmail.com)

Junior training costs just £1 and equipment can be provided. The coaches are nationally accredited and CRB checked.

Anchs members can help spread the good wording by supplying their local schools with flyers and posters. Contact Richard Brewer for more info.

## Key Diary Dates

**16 Nov** Band Night – tickets £10 (Sarah Webb for details)

**26 Dec** Boxing Day game – 11am start, (Gemma Smith for more details)

**1 Jan** ARRS Wobble Fun Run – 5k or 10k. (Gemma Smith for more details)

**25 Jan** Quiz Night (Sarah Webb for more)

**29 March** AGM and Band Night

**27 April** Annual Dinner & Dance at The Village Hotel, Maidstone. (Heather Shave)  
*Look out for posters at the club.*



## Newsflash



**Annual subs** are due and will increase if you haven’t made any payment by 31 Oct! Before that date, you pay:

Senior members £120, students/junior members £30. See Treasurer Gary Jackson for details or to set up a standing order.

**Match fees** £8 seniors, £4 students/juniors.

Prices have been held at this level for several years but are crucial to the club’s future – **IF YOU PLAY, PAY!!**

**Club Sixes** – Seven teams took part with players ranging from 6 to 60. The final was won by Laura Hopkins team and included Andrew white, Mark O’Brien, Keith Walter, Danny Bungay and Emma Gurdler.

Website [www.gahc.co.uk](http://www.gahc.co.uk)

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# CAPTAINS AND CLUB POSTS

Chairman – Trevor Shave  
Treasurer – Gary Jackson  
Club Secretary – Linda Mcintosh  
Fixture Secretary – Emma Strangleman  
Pitch Bookings – Jo Slaughter  
Social Co-ordinator – Sarah Webb  
Merchandising Officer – Jackie Gray  
Junior Training Officer – Nigel McDonald  
Child Welfare Officer – Kerry Searle  
Anchorians Association Rep – Trevor Shave  
Webmaster – Chris Verrall  
Volunteer Co-ordinator – Richard Brewer

**Men's Club Captain** – Richard Brewer

1<sup>st</sup> XI – Mike Lindley

2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Neil Byrne

3<sup>rd</sup> XI – Chris Billingham

4<sup>th</sup> XI – Neil Dixon

5<sup>th</sup> XI -

**Ladies Club Captain** – Ann Hopkins

1<sup>st</sup> XI – Laura Hopkins

2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Heather Shave

3<sup>rd</sup> XI – Cheryl McMillan

## AWARD WINNERS

KEITH HOPKINS MOST IMPROVED YOUNG MENS PLAYER –  
**Harry Banfield**

ROY THOMSON MOST IMPROVED YOUNG LADY PLAYER –  
**Ayshe Tilki**

JOHN BLOOR YOUNG LADIES PLAYER – **Abby Atkinson**

JERSEY TROPHY MENS U21 PLAYER – **Tom Banfield**

ADRIAN KEARNEY TEAM LEAGUE PERFORMANCE –  
**Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

MALCOLM BATCHELOR LEAGUE PERFORMANCE – **Chris Lack**

RON ASHDOWN INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT – **Jackie Gray**

PHIL BIGGS CLUB PERSON – **Laura Hopkins**

LES PHILLIPS CLUB PERSONALITY – **Emma Strangleman**

CHAIRMAN AWARD OVERALL CONTRIBUTION – **Sarah Webb**

MARTIN BANFIELD TROPHY VETERAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR –  
**Gary Jackson**

## Other info

**Training** is now underway.  
Men's and ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI train on  
Tuesdays from 8pm to 9.30pm and  
the whole club is invited to training  
on Thursdays from 8pm to 9.30pm.  
Fitness training is on Wednesdays  
from 8pm to 9pm.

### **Please promote GAHC!**

Please make sure we are known  
about in the local community.

Get involved and:

- Put up posters in shops/community centres (see Richard Brewer)
- Ask your school to give out flyers (downloads on the website)
- Write a match report. Newspaper email addresses from Gemma Smith

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