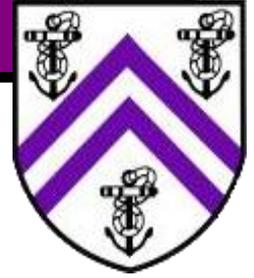


# GillinghamAnchors Hockey Club

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## A Season of Success – On and Off The Pitch

“The club has enjoyed a much more successful season on the pitch with most sides nearer the top of their tables than the bottom. Pride of place at present are the men's 1st XI who have already secured promotion,” writes *Chairman Trevor Shave*.

“The end of an era saw Keith Hopkins step down from his role as Junior Training Co-ordinator after a marathon 22 years. We are incredibly grateful to his unswerving devotion and no doubt he will remain heavily involved in the club.

The social calendar has been very well supported with in excess of £2,500 raised across band nights, quiz evenings and the children's hugely successful cake bake. The Annual Dinner takes place on the 20th April so if you haven't booked your ticket yet, you need to be quick!

There is a full programme of events planned for the summer including family fun days, ladies league and mixed tournament. More details to follow via the website.

We have much to be proud this of this season but we cannot rest on our laurels. There is our Clubs 1st accreditation to finalise and the challenge to secure funding for a new pitch. These are vital to ensure the future of the club and will remain our top priorities.”

### Key Diary Dates

- 16 April** Ladies summer league starts
- 20 April** Annual Dinner & Dance (Village Hotel, Maidstone)
- 1 May** Fitness sessions with Richard Brewer
- 12 May** Summer Family Funday games for all ages begin
- 24-27 May** Chester hockey tour
- 22 June** Mixed tournament at Anchs
- 24-26 Aug** Mixed Masters Tournament at Canterbury



### Newsflash



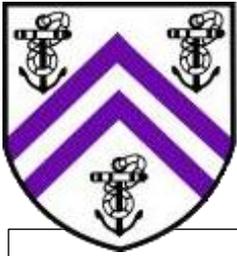
*Club stalwart Keith Hopkins* is stepping down after 22 years as Junior Training Co-ordinator. Nigel McDonald takes over from September.

*Youth section success* has seen Harry McDonald represent Kent this year while Joel Divers, Luc Debont and Christian Nasillo represented Medway.

*Flying the flag* – Anchs hosted the primary school league over three weeks in March with seven local schools bringing squads of 10 kids. Thanks to all who came and assisted. Meanwhile, the club also stepped in at short notice to host a JAC tournament in March. It was great to see the event well supported and to see Kent U16s drawing with Berkshire and beating Middlesex.

*Net result* - the next newsletter will have the season's leading goalscorers so check your captain has kept up-to-date with the weekly scorers.

Check out the new look website - [www.gahc.co.uk](http://www.gahc.co.uk)  
You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter



# CAPTAINS AND CLUB POSTS – AGM update

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

**Annual subs for 2013/14:**

Senior members £130, students/junior members £30

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

**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

Summer League – Sharon Goodall

## HOCKEY AND FITNESS

**Summer "Family Fundays"** - start on the **12th May** and will run every other week until the beginning of August. These aren't skills sessions, just one big game for the whole family to enjoy.

**Fitness training** – these one hour sessions start on **1st May** at **7.30pm**. Led by Richard Brewer, a fee of **£2** is payable on the evening.

**Mixed tournament** – **22 June, 11am to 5pm**. Number of teams to be confirmed but please offer your assistance to Sarah Webb and come along to enjoy the fun.

## **BUNS, RUNS AND FUN**

**Annual Dinner & Dance** – contact Heather Shave asap if you want a ticket (£35) to join us at The Village Hotel on 20 April.

**Fundraisers** this season have been fantastically well supported and we are aiming for more of the same – plus a few new events – to keep up the social side while collecting cash to replace the astro. This year we have enjoyed:

- Kids fun run and cake sale - £310 (plus £310 for Comic Relief).
- Quiz night courtesy of the Frenchs - £500
- Band night x 2 with The Fecks - £1,200
- ARRS 10k wobble in January - £400

**Gary Jackson** is running the London Marathon in April, support him and follow his challenge via his blog - see [www.gahc.co.uk](http://www.gahc.co.uk)

**Calling all tourers** – contact King Sad (aka Jacko) if you wish to join the boys and girls on their annual trip to Chester at the end of May.

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