

Gillingham Anchorians Hockey Juniors



Youth Section Newsletter

March 2016

An update message from Anchs Chairman Gary Jackson

"We will soon be the proud owners of a brand new astro that is purpose-built for hockey use! We're now hoping to be back on it by the weekend of 12th March which is great. I would just like to thank everyone for all their support and efforts over the past two years in making this happen - we really couldn't have done it without you! The Club spirit has shone through and we will soon be reaping the rewards for all that hard work."



Very many **congratulations** to the following for being selected to represent Kent – George Shrubsole (under 17s), Darcie Antrim (under 13s) and Jacob Dunn (under 15s). We're very **proud** of all our juniors!!

"You may now also be aware that we are discussing a merger with Old Williamsons Hockey Club which is based at Rochester Maths School. The Anchs Committee firmly believes that this is the way forward to ensure the long-term future of hockey in Gillingham and to continue providing a hockey facility to the local community and local schools.

We want to capitalise on the laying of our new pitch and the recent improvements to the clubhouse, so the time seems perfect to merge with OWs which is a like-minded club with a family-friendly ethos. With competition from other sports and from neighbouring hockey clubs, there are some real benefits in having a larger club with a larger playing membership which will then be strengthened even more as our growing junior section feeds new players into the senior sides.

If you have any thoughts on this or the future of the junior section, please talk to me or **Nigel** and you are welcome to attend our **Annual General Meeting** on **Thursday 31 March** at the Clubhouse.

"I'm looking forward to joining you all soon to celebrate the new pitch, past successes and future fun together!"

IT'S A DATE!!

Juniors' Awards Night Party (Fri 11 March) from 6.30pm.
Tickets are £10 per child. Food, fun and games with awards and a disco.

First Hit Competition Draw £5 per ticket for your chance to be THE FIRST to play on the new astro on 12 March AND be a VIP at the official opening.

Annual Dinner & Dance (Saturday 23 April) from 6pm at The Village Hotel, Maidstone. Tickets £40. Parents and Saturday players welcome.

Official Pitch Opening (Saturday 7 May) - a number of games for all ages to celebrate the new astro. BBQ during the day & finishing with a disco. Details on all these events from Truffs and Gem or go to the website/Facebook.

Family Fun Games
Some Sunday training in April, to be followed by mixed matches for all ages. For all the latest info, www.gahc.co.uk