



## MEETING REPORT

MEETING	Annual General Meeting
LOCATION	Keynsham Scout Hut
DATE	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
PRESENT	Katherine Janes, Richard May, James Clarke, Debbie Weids, Tim Cummins, Toby Weids, Charlene Fleck, Dan Sawyer, James Stockall, Will Harris, Andy Tymkow, Tim Sears, Gareth Brown, Sarah Clifford, Kelly Evans, Jamie Wiggins, Claire Jones, Gemma Winsely, Heather Pillinger, Karen Tape, Becky Cottrell, Dionne Dickens, Jemima Murray, Jessica Murray, Rose Side, Joyce Pickard, Christine Chubb, Dionne Dickens, Martha Scott, Elissa Britton, James Collins & Donna Caddick.
APOLOGIES	Gemma Wookey, Lisa Crookes

DISCUSSED	WHO	
<p><b>ACTION POINTS:</b></p> <p><b>Meeting started at 4:15pm</b></p> <p><b>1. APOLOGIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (See above)</li> </ul> <p><b>2. APPROVAL OF 2014 MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All approved by Tim Sears</li> <li>• All action points have been completed</li> </ul> <p><b>3. CLUB REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair's Report - Katherine Janes (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Treasurer's Report - James Clarke (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report- Becky Cottrell (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report - Toby Weids (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report - Rose Side (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report - James Wiggins (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Report - Gemma Winsley (See Appendix)</li> <li>• Mixed Team Report - Tim Sears (See Appendix)</li> </ul> <p><b>4. MEMBERS PROPOSALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the treasurers report the Annual Membership is to stay the same (£47, £92 &amp; £137). Proposed by James Clarke / Seconded by Will Harris</li> <li>• Match fees are also to stay the same at (£7.50/£5.50) Proposed by James Clarke/Seconded by Tim Cummins</li> <li>• Lifetime membership awarded to Charlene Fleck to Keynsham Hockey Club</li> </ul> <p><b>5. RESULTS OF MEMBERS SURVEY DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally everyone is pretty happy (49% said great, 47% said ok, 4% terrible)</li> </ul>		

- Happy with the food provided by KCC (8% say exquisite & 83% said its fine) so we will continue to be staying there for teas.
- We have taken all the feedback into account and from this feedback we have actioned the position within the club of a social secretary from the results.
- Comments were generally around that if people were unhappy with the season it was because lack of players/goalie etc which is understandable but we are trying to do something about that with pushing the junior academy and also the back to hockey initiative and have gained new members through this and advertising and producing signs and posters to give out is all ways of taking feedback on board and trying to turn this around.
- We believe we are and so do the members that we are a value for money hockey club- as we are still one of the cheapest around.
- Training – overall how satisfied are you with training (15% Very satisfied, 57% satisfied, 26% unsatisfied & 2% very unsatisfied)

#### **6. MIXED TRAINING SESSIONS DISCUSSION**

- How beneficial is mixed training - only 40% said excellent. (This season was alternate weeks for single sex training and then mixed training 7-9pm).
- Need to decide what to do about mixed training...
- KT said she enjoyed it but perhaps we could ease it in over the season. 2 hours was too long and she only wants to stay for and 1.5 hour but this is possible so good. Pointed out that the more novice ladies could find this intimidating and may be put off by mixed training sessions.
- RS said doing mixed training hasn't been detrimental to the sides as they have done better this season than any other!
- Suggestions given for different training options:
  - Split men and women for the first hour and then mix it together for the second hour.
  - Warm up women with women/men with men & then mix
  - Swapping men & ladies training times around either at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season.
  - General consensus was to keep separate training for the first half of the season and then merge to mixed when players are more confident

#### **ACTIONS FROM DISCUSSION**

- No decision made as KJ will take comments on board and will speak to Andy and will have the decision communicated out this with regards to training.

#### **7. LADIES TRAINING SURVEY DISCUSSION**

- The above in regards to mixed training sessions also may change in regards to what was discussed next:
- In the ladies training survey 63% of players say they don't even attempt to go to training – why? Reasons included to do with the coaching.
- Issues: Basic training is not being addressed (3<sup>rd</sup> team players, novice/new players not knowing basics such as stopping/hitting a ball and these issues are not addressed. Training is good but is everyone being looked after? Higher AND lower skilled players are missing out – can we get more coaches?
- Ideas & options centred on having a separate coach for the ladies section:
  - Could captains be teaching the novices?
  - Can we promote players who want to be coaches within the club?
  - Coach needs to make a conscious effort as a coach to step things up for all involved.
  - We need a coach to improve ladies game play
  - It depends what we expect from a coach – The ladies want a coach who goes with the team to matches and bring into training what went wrong in the game.
  - RS gave an example of how Jaspers advertised for a coach, got lots of level 3 applicants, shorted listed and interviewed them and recruited 3. 1<sup>st</sup> team have 2 coaches which alternate and they get paid £15 per hour. These coaches watch their games and have a commitment to hockey and their first team have now been promoted to the

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premiership.

- If we want to take the club forward we need to do what is best for the future of this club.
- For cos benefit purposes we could just get 1 coach across all ladies 3 teams
- Independent coach will help with selection (other clubs do not make captains do selection decisions - it is the coach.)
- Need to get ladies back to training first to make the cost worthwhile so could say if you commit we will consider getting a ladies coach
- Andy could help academy, then new players coaching, then mens coaching.
- Got to pay attention to mens second team as well as they don't want to be side-lined.

#### **ACTIONS FROM DISCUSSION**

1. Action to take this forward. KJ to have a meeting with Andy to discuss and propose the ideas and get his point of view
2. RS to confirm how much these coaches are paid and if we are looking at £600 1.5 hours commitment throughout the year which we could do with the funds we have available.
3. Currently need a better avenue of providing requests for training to Andy – RM to get Andy a coach email address so we can email in requests
4. Any delay will mean a delay on possibly getting a ladies coach for next season so we need to make a decision asap.

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#### **8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- **Chair – Katherine Janes** / Nominated by HP / Seconded by TC
- **Vice Chair – Richard May** / Nominated by HP / Seconded by DW
- **Treasurer – James Clarke** / Nominated by TW / Seconded by JE
- **Secretary – Debbie Weids** / Nominated by TW / Seconded by JE
- **Finance Offer – Tim Cummins** / Nominated by TW / Seconded by JE
- **Media Officer – Karen Tape** Nominated by RS / Seconded by TS
- **Men's Fixtures Secretary – Toby Weids** / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by AT
- **Ladies Fixtures Secretary – Gemma Wookey** / Nominated by GB / Seconded by JE (Elissa Britton apprentice for fixtures secretary to help Gem and learn the ropes - Nominated by RM / Seconded by KJ)
- **Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain – Becky Cottrell** / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by WH
- **Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Vice Captain – Elissa Britton** / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by WH
- **Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain – Jess Murray** / Nominated by KT / Seconded by JE
- **Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Vice Captain – Claire Jones** / Nominated by DW / Seconded by RS
- **Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain – Vacant**
- **Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Vice Captain – Vacant**
- **Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain – Toby Weids** / Nominated by WH / Seconded by JS
- **Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Vice Captain – Danny Voisey** / Nominated by JS / Seconded by TW
- **Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain – Vacant**
- **Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Vice Captain – Vacant**
- **Mixed Team Captain Men – Jem Murray** / Nominated by TS / Seconded by DW
- **Mixed Team Vice Captain – Jess Murray** / Nominated by JM / Seconded by JC
- **Club Welfare Officers Male – James Evans** / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by TC
- **Club Welfare Officer Female – Karen Tape** / Nominated by TS / Seconded by SC
- **Kit Officer – Will Harris** / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by TS
- **Media Officer – Karen Tape** / Nominated by RM / Seconded by

JE

- **Social Secretaries – Kelly Evans/Jess Murray/Lissa Britton /**  
Nominated by / Seconded by DW

- Start the idea of having apprentices for each position, if possible, so that people can learn the ropes and take over from current committee members in the future

**9. AOB**

- TC – Captains when doing sub money. Change up any monies - do not hand in bags of 5ps/Make sure you have the full players name/add up totals/Generally reduce the amount of money hand in.
- Captains to chase all remaining IOUS
- Point rose that the sub books are tricky to fill in. Point noted and anyway a new look for subs should be coming...
- Please can the website be updated for events
- KJ to organise a committee meeting about moving to fixtures live as of next season (Move everything on line).
- KJ Order new league book for women's team.
- Tournament at the beginning of the season need to change dates from the August bank holiday to maybe mid-September. KJ to email out a survey monkey to find the best dates for everyone.

**Meeting ended at 6:20pm**

END OF ACTION REPORT

Prepared by: Debbie Weids

**Captains**

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# **APPENDIX**

## **Chair's report**

Firstly what an amazing first season Keynsham Hockey Club has had!

The year started as it always does with Summer League, we all donned our new kit with pride and played with immense team spirit. For the first time since organising the ladies summer league we actually went on to win it! Let's hope we have the same success this year. I must thank Claire Jones for organising the Women's tournament again; it's a task that starts way back in the year, communicating with clubs and players to ensure it all runs smoothly.

The season went along without any hiccups really, yes the ladies section was short of players which I appreciate is frustrating but it was amazing to see such high club spirit even when the numbers were against us, thank you to those who were so flexible by switching teams quickly at the last minute. I'm sure the captains will go into their own successes in their reports so I'm not going to steal your thunder!

I'd like to take to opportunity to thank all of the umpires, we do get a bit a stick but we also give it just as bad. It's a big ask for someone to give up their morning or afternoon, their teas with their team or the warm-up before their own match, so thank you from everyone in the club.

England Hockey have taken a particular interest in our club since we became independent, I have even received an email from them saying that they were looking through our website and found our newsletter, they said they were mighty impressed and congratulated us on its production. I can't take the credit for this, it was Karen's flare and creativity that produced the slick publication you all saw, although I haven't told her this I'm hoping this will be a regular feature throughout the season.

England hockey were also keen to help us regenerate the junior side of the club. As I'm sure you are aware junior members are the future of any club and so it is vital that there is a system in place to progress them into the senior section. England Hockey and Wesport granted us some money to start a Satellite club or Keynsham Hockey Academy as we like to call it. I never imagined it would be as successful as it has been! Some of you might have seen them running around the pitch with enthusiasm and excitement on a Wednesday evening before our sessions, they even begged me for in to continue into the Summer. The system has already worked as we have three of them playing their first official match for Keynsham this coming Tuesday. Andy has had patience of a saint during the Academy sessions, on some occasions barely getting a word in edgeways, but has planned sessions to keep them entertained and coming back each week, a massive thank you must go to him to this achievement. He also came up with the idea of a "Bring a Parent to Hockey" session. So we plugged this and advertised it amongst the Academy members and I have to say I was a little emotional as I walked down the steps to the pitch on that evening to see at least 45 people all giving hockey ago!

That evening has linked it brilliantly to the "Back to Hockey" sessions we are running through May and June, again England Hockey have supported us in starting these sessions to encourage Ladies into hockey, it is in partnership with Sport England's "This Girls Can" campaign which you might have seen on TV, look out for our posters around the Keynsham area and please spread the word. There is talk of a "Back to Hockey" course for the men's section in the Autumn, so don't worry I haven't forgotten you!

This year saw the newly appointed Social secretaries, Kelly, Jess and Lissa. I'm sure you'll agree they did an amazing job organising the presentation a few weeks ago, it was so lovely to do something different and everyone scrubbed up quite nicely. Photos of the event are now on our Facebook and Flickr pages for you to copy and download as you wish. They have some more events and activities planned for the year which I'm sure they will notify you of in due course.

I mentioned briefly earlier our new kit. Will has done amazingly – sourcing and negotiating with suppliers, making sure everyone has the right size they ordered ready for their matches, returning items and getting replacements when we moaned. I have received lots of complementary comments from members of our club and other clubs too on how smart we look, sometimes these don't always gets back to the right person so I'd like to say Will you've done a fantastic job, thank you.

You may have gathered that we have been trying to introduce new sessions, courses to attract new members – these are advertised mainly locally through the power of social media and word of

mouth. Lisa kindly offered to design some posters advertising the club, I don't think she quite realised what she was taking on, I have to admit I think I was a pain to work with, never quite sure if I was happy and she designed countless posters before the ones you see around were produced! Thank you Lisa and I'm sorry for being a pain! Speaking of which I have some posters here, so if you have anywhere at work or anywhere you could display one that would be fab.

Thank you to all your captains and vice captains, each week throughout the season they work so hard to ensure that the teams are organised, prepared and raring to go. It takes up a fair bit of someone's week to chase people for availability so I do ask all members again to reply to messages as soon as you can to help your captain.

So summer league starts again next week, the 2 ladies teams and the men's team are playing so good luck to everyone, hope you don't ache too much after a reasonable break. Thank you to Will and James Wiggins for stepping up to mark to captain the men through the Summer League and to Sarah Clifford for joining me again in running the two ladies teams. It's always a boost to have supporters on the side-line when you play so please keep an eye out on the website and if you are available to pop down to the pitch and give a cheer it's always appreciated.

The committee as always have been dedicated and committed to the club, I couldn't ask for a more helpful and supportive group of people. I have to say I have thoroughly enjoyed being chair this season, yes there have been days or even weeks where it's been hard and I've moaned about it – sorry Tim, but I'm proud to sit here in front of you, a club that I believe has so much potential to grow and expand. I wish you all the luck in the coming season and thank you.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Keynsham Hockey Club Accounts for the season ended 31 March 2015**

I am pleased to present the finance report for the Keynsham Hockey Club for the season and year end 31 March 2015.

Overall, it is good to continue to report that the club made a small surplus/profit in the year of £1,870 and now has a cumulative surplus of funds of £4,842 to carry forward into next season.

Total income for the year was £22,625 which is around £500 higher than last year and in line with the budget set for the year. The increase over the prior year was mainly due to the very generous donations from the Council at £915 and also the New Inn of £250 as well as the financial support of £1,000 from Wesport for setting up the Junior Academy.

Membership continues to remain strong at over 100 members this year resulting in an income of £5,893 which is similar to the prior year and reflects an average membership cost of £57 per member which is an indication of how many junior members we now have in the club which is encouraging for the future of the club.

You may recall that we were holding some of the proceeds of the ladies summer league separate to the club while we moved away from the Fry Club membership. These monies were slightly higher than anticipated at £4,200 although the cost of running the summer league comes out of this. The running of the ladies summer league is a very important contributor to the finances of the club and means that we can maintain relatively low membership and match fees to remain as inclusive as we can to our members.

As mentioned we have set up Junior Academy during the year and this has meant we no longer run the Junior Link club. Where as in previous years the income from the junior link was reported in the membership line I have now split this out separately.

Match fees were around £1,500 lower than in the prior year which appears to be a reflection of the increased level of juniors supporting the club and perhaps playing many matches with fewer subs or players than in previous years. However, it would help Tim and I enormously if these fees can always be handed over promptly. Trying to reconcile some of the amounts received is difficult enough without trying to recall this weeks or months before.

Total expenditure during the year was £20,775. The main element of cost will always be pitch hire and this totalled £12,487 which was exactly in line with the budget. Other key costs are the coaching fees which overall reduced from the prior year due to the phasing out of the junior link and phasing in of the Academy.

Insurance was lower than last year at £1,078 as the broker, Perkins Slade in conjunction with England Hockey had renegotiated its cover on a better deal.

Kit purchases were a major expense this year as we re-kitted the club with the new Keynsham uniform although this was helped by the sponsorship of the council, the New Inn and also the surplus we knew we had carried from last year.

Since the club is now on a stronger financial footing it is also pleasing to report that it is now possible to do some nice to haves with that surplus. Things like the presentation night as well as the ability to advertise and get banners made and displayed all add to the sense of being a club and part of the community and I would always advocate that we continue to run the club on these lines to ensure this remains possible, which brings me onto the proposed budget for the coming season.

Proposed budget for the year assumes the following:

1. Membership fees remain as they were at £47 junior, £92 senior and £137 for family
2. Match fees remain at £7.5 for seniors and £5.5 for juniors
3. 10 teams including Keynsham teams in ladies summer league at £385
4. Pitch hire increases by 5%
5. Spend £1000 on presentation night and admin

6. Spend £1000 net on equipment
7. We continue to receive teas free of charge
8. Successful at claiming sponsorship from the Council at £500

This would bring in a small profit of £269 for the year although there should be contingencies that may increase this such as sponsorship from the New Inn, increase in the number of members through increased profile, increase in the sponsorship from the Council. However, if we have to pay for teas then I would suggest we review this later in the year and it may then be necessary to increase match fees by 50pence to cover this.



## **Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report**

The season started as many others with a lack of players and a few disappointing results and not too far in we were unfortunate to lose Gemma to injury in one of our games. Although player numbers have been a struggle all season and the majority of our games since Christmas have been played without a keeper we never let this get us down and with fighting spirit we have finished in our highest ever league position of 3rd which I am extremely pleased with, and think as a team we can be extremely proud of.

Just makes you wonder what we could do with 11 players every week!

There have been many highs to this season, just a few Katherines cramp dance during the Mendip game, a bizarre ending to the Nailsea game when the flood lights were turned off yet they wanted to carry on and our biggest win of the season 8-0 against Firebrands. My personal highlight has to be coming from 3-1 down to win 4-3 against a very frustrated Mendip side with only 10 players. All in all this season we have played 18, won 11, drawn 1 and lost 6 scoring 54 goals. Top goal scorer this year was Katherine with 14, Lisa was not far behind with 11.

I would like to thank everyone who has played for the 1st team this season 23 of you in total.

Special thanks go to Meg who played some weeks when really not well just so we didn't go short, Lissa for taking on a position she hadn't played before, to Rachel who has come into the team and done a great job of filling the gap left by Jenny in midfield.

Also a thanks goes to those of you who helped the 2nds out when needed and those from the 2nds and 3rds who have helped us out. And finally to my vice captain Lisa for her help with selection and on Saturdays. I hope that you have all had as memorable of a season as I have.

I would also like to thank everyone who has given up their time to umpire for us this season, Rose, Rich, Dan George, Tim Sears, James Clarke, Simon Haycocks, hope I haven't missed any one!

And a final thank you to the committee for all the hard work behind the scenes that makes this all possible.

## **Men's 1st Team Report**

What a fantastic season we had this year starting with an unbelievable run of 8 wins in row. That run ended in an unfortunate loss to ISCA at home by the odd goal, but as with the spirit of this team we bounced straight back the next week and won the last 2 games before the Christmas break. We had a very tricky return to the league after Christmas where we had an extremely difficult away game to Wootton Bassett which unfortunately ended in our second loss, but yet again we bounced back immediately with a victory again the next week. That determination was a theme throughout our season where we had some of the toughest games we have ever played and in most cases we came out on top, often by just by knuckling down and battling hard to get the result; this was best illustrated by the fact we had the second best defence in the league.

The second half of the season was tougher than first and ultimately the season did end with a small amount of disappointment as we narrowly missed out on promotion finishing 3rd by just 2 points; however I have to say the level of hockey that was played throughout the season was by far the best I have ever seen and we certainly took a huge step forward in that respect, so I have to say a big thank you to ARJ for his coaching which has been a massive part of that. I couldn't ask for any more commitment from the guys this season- we had people swapping shifts at work, giving up tickets to events and many of the 2nd team stepping in at the last minute to play at a moments notice.

Another big thank you has to go to all the people that made themselves available to umpire for us this season to make our home games possible, especially Katherine and Rose who between them umpired a majority of our games. I also have to thank the committee for keeping the club going, especially through the transition into Keynsham Hockey Club and finally my vice captain James Stockall who so often stayed after training to finalise the team for the coming weekend.

I have every confidence that we can continue the progress we have made over the last few years, finish a place higher than this year and gain that promotion next season.

## **Ladies' 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Team Report**

What a season, with the help of Jess Murray it's been an honour and a pleasure to captain the second team to league victory.

It has been amazing in many ways, we've had a total of 31 members playing for the 2nds and even if someone only may have played once or twice their contribution has always been valued, there has been some amazing commitment, people playing when they are ill or injured, or pregnant, people changing shifts and making sometime quite tricky childcare arrangements to play, so a massive thanks to all of you.

We had 17 different players scoring some amazing goals, from the players in defence to mid fielders and the forwards, Claire Jones was the highest scorer with 34 and then Jess Murray with 17, but every goal was important.

We scored 59 goals at home and 37 goals away, we only conceded 7 goals at home and 7 away games, and this was without a goal keeper for a lot of the season, so we scored a total of 96 goals and conceded only 14 which I think is a wonderful performance from everyone.

Jess and I would like to thank Bec, Lisa, Sarah and Gemma for all their support and hard work, Selection has been very interesting and some weeks nearly impossible to get teams out, and for a lot of the games the teams went out without a full squad, there was always a fear and a dread if your phone started ringing at 7 in the morning as you knew there were going to be problems before the game, sometimes still trying to sort things out just before a game. But I think we worked well together.

I think a massive than you needs to go to Katherine and Rich for what from the outside seemed a very smooth transition from Frys to Keynsham hockey club, but which was probably incredibly fraught, and thank you both for your continued hard work.

I would like to thank all the umpires for their willingness and commitment to umpire our games, I know how time consuming it is often having to travel straight after your game or charging back from an away game, a special thanks to Paul who has also helped at home games as well as away games.

Finally I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has made this a very special season for me.

## **Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Report**

The first and foremost point to make is that the 2nds achieved their goal of retaining their position in West Central 2 after earning promotion last year. This has not been an easy task in a competitive league which, at the midway point had only 6 points separating 4<sup>th</sup> from 10<sup>th</sup>. The greatest accomplishment of the 2nds, however, lies in the spirit with which they tackled the challenge. There was a long streak of narrow losses that were characterised by strong, dominant play and lots of late pressure. The fact that the team remained motivated through 8 consecutive losses to end the season on a short run of 3 games undefeated is testament to this fact. As I have said, the season was not without its challenges. This season saw the departure of a number of the men's squad, including a core that helped achieve our success last season. This meant that the 2nds ended up reinforcing the 1sts and drawing on a number of younger players. It also meant that three players had to deputise as keeper, for which I'd like to thank Elliot Derrick and Brook McAllister. A changing roster of players left people across the pitch covering positions they wouldn't normally play and, for the most part, this was done with minimal complaint. In spite of all these challenges the 2nds managed to develop their game into a more patient style of hockey that was needed to succeed at this higher level. There were also a great number of players that supported the 1<sup>st</sup> team through out the season and I would expect them to challenge for places next season. Another success has to be scoring in every game and whilst I'm happy to claim being the team's top scorer, with 21, these goals are always as a result of team effort and determination. Our record this season was 6 wins, 2 draws and 14 loses with 51 goals scored and 72 against.

The 2s have a lot to be proud of and a good basis to build on, I'm sure they will be a strong team next year that will be able to compete with the best in our league. It has been an honour to lead them but a special thanks must go to Dan Sawyer, whose ceaseless efforts off the pitch helped me no end. It would be easy to thank everyone for supporting the team, the men's squad and the wider club throughout the season. The last thanks has to go to the umpires for supporting us and all those who drove this season.

## **Ladies' 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Report**

The 2014/15 season did not start well for the ladies section with a shortage of players affecting all three teams. Despite best endeavours, the third team's first match against Knowle had to be cancelled as all available players stepped in to help field the first and second teams, with everyone displaying true club spirit. Thankfully things improved slightly and this was the first and only match that the third team had to forfeit!

Although we managed two draws, a much desired win eluded us this year, despite exceptional team effort and brilliant goals from Cara, Marney, Liz and Lou. Our biggest hinderance (similarly to the firsts and seconds) was unfortunately player numbers with the third team playing more than half of our games with less than 11 players. Inevitably the loses were numerous, with the biggest defeat being 11-0 away to west wilts. However this was an exception to the norm as the team fought hard to keep opposition goals to a minimum, even taking it in turns to play in goal or go kicking back as required.

Both Sarah and I have been extremely proud to have captained the thirds this season. Despite the difficulties the team has always gone out and given their all whether we had 13 players in the team or 8. We've gained Deb, Liz, Maddy and temporarily Nikki, saw the return of Katy May and Joyce this season and even had a guest appearance from Alice Murray for a couple of games.

No matter the result, the thirds always display exceptional team spirit, create a supportive environment in which to develop and make playing hockey fun! So a massive thank to everyone who's played for us this season, we wouldn't have a team without you!

And finally a big thank you to all of the committee, other captains, umpires and coach who have helped to make our first season as Keynsham Ladies III team possible. Here's to a successful second season as KHC.

## **Mixed Team Report**

Captain: Tim Sears

Vice captain: Jemima Murray

The 2014/15 season was definitely a successful season for the mixed team.

We had a total of around 35 different people who played for the team at some point this season. To all of those people I would like to say thank you.

Mixed hockey doesn't happen without the players willing to turn up after a hard Saturday's league game and do it all again. once again, thanks!

The highest goal scorer was me! (yay!) Just one of over 10 different goal scorers over the season.

We only cancelled a handful of games, which is a win in itself, some of which were due to the other team failing to field a team.

We even won a game or two! But most importantly for me, every game was played in the true mixed spirit of fun and fair play.

As the majority of the club know by now, at the presentation the Player's Player award was given to India Higgins. She has shown great commitment and superb application of her ever increasing skill set.

The Captains Choice award was given to Jem and Jess Murray for their unrivalled commitment and never failing and bring smiles to the hockey pitch (whatever the weather).

An additional thanks has to go to Jem Murray, my Vice Captain for picking up the slack when I was disorganised/out of the country.

A continued thanks goes out to all those who volunteered to umpire for us. It's a crucial part of making the games happen and everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

I hope that all of those that have played have enjoyed mixed, and that all of those that haven't, can find the time next season to join in.

**Tim Sears**

Mixed Team Captain