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WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB 98th AGM and AWARDS CEREMONY 2017/18

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HAVE FUN WITH US...

Our diary of social events for the coming season 2018/19 are as follows:

Saturday 8th September 2018, 12.30pm – 6pm

Club Day (Warwick School Pitches)

Other social events for the coming season will be published in due course.

If you have any questions about any social events,
please feel comfortable in contacting our two

Social Secretaries – **Izzy Hurst, Harriet McCormick, Tristan Euridge** and **Phil Foster**.

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WELCOME from Acting Chairman & President: Nick Herd

Welcome everyone to the Warwick Hockey Club 2018 AGM.

It truly has been an amazing year for our Club and one that will stick in the memory ad infinitum. I suggested at our End of Season Dinner, which by the way was a great success with delicious food, a fun atmosphere, in a modern airy venue, filled with people who are great company, have crazy banter, can party a lot and certainly know how to use and abuse a photo booth!

Back to the memory bit – this year is a culmination of some amazing efforts and events that we have staged, since the London Olympics in 2012. We have been lucky enough to attract the likes of: Sally Walton, Anna Turney, Hannah Macleod and Anna Toman who have come to visit us, show off their skills on pitch. Off pitch – give out medals, share their experiences of how they made it to their respective international sporting teams and play on the world stage at the very highest level. They described how when they wanted their prized goal that they had to make sacrifices and change their habits, as well as live on the edge a little, take a few risks; never really knowing what the outcome would be. However, like most determined and driven people, they all seem to have come back from disappointment and adversity and shone through.

And so to us. We, I feel are extremely privileged to play our hockey in an environment that is second to none. The facilities at Warwick School are top draw and guess what? They are going to get even better over the next few years, with another astro being laid in front of the King's High Pavilion and that facility too will be transformed into a state of the art, double storey sports pavilion. Without a doubt, great vision and investment, propelling us and the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation towards being one of the best hockey venues in the country.

All the more reason for us to recognise what we have here and celebrate it! Hoorah! We have a castle (so the Vets keep enforcing before each game) and now a World Record which commemorates our gratitude towards: Warwick School, King's High, Warwick, our local community, other clubs and our hockey playing friends and family. Job done and thank you to all those who helped: set up, run, officiate, support and ultimately participate in our joint 'thank you'. We are officially amazing and World Record Holders of: 'The Most Players In A Hockey Exhibition Match' (now 367). Special gratitude and praise go to my team who delivered the prize; for their dedication, strength of mind and strategic planning – Kirstin Bryce, Steve Chidlow, Chris Langley, David Lomas and Greg Wade. The official celebration is still to come to fruition, but I'll leave it at that for now!

This season started with the World Record challenge and then seemingly got harder, with Dan Honey-Smith stepping down as Chairman, the fluctuating weather conditions and availability of players from week to week. But we all coped admirably well, stuck to our guns and completed a very memorable season: overall all teams are higher than they were last season (bar the M5s), no team was relegated (thanks to Open Leagues in the Men's section next season). On average we scored more goals and conceded less, with very notable performances from: M2s (highest league position in the Club), W4s (avoiding relegation in their last game), U18 Girls (getting to the quarter finals in the Tier 2 Cup Competition), but my personal heroes are the U18 Boys (who narrowly missed out on a Final in the National Plate, being beaten by a well rehearsed short corner routine by Canterbury). Well done to every team and player. We've all had our ups and downs and emerged the other side to become stronger people. Sadly, we are losing many youngsters at the top of both the Women's and Men's sections this year – we wish you all well in your new endeavours, but ask of you two things: keep playing hockey and come back and see us soon!

For the remainers, please keep your eyes peeled for new talent at any age, but especially graduate superstars!

The 'fun machine' was in full working order too – off the field our social activities were superbly planned and thought out, bringing extra vitality, sociability and enjoyability to all those who participated. Thanks to: Izzy Hurst, Harriet McCormick, Tim Williams-Ellis and Tristan Euridge for making it happen.

Finally, thank you to all on Committee, all Captains, Coaches, Umpires, Sponsors and Supporters for keeping the cogs moving and making the atmosphere in the Club positive, coherent and inclusive for all. Our next challenge is in two years time – 2020 – when we will be one hundred years old! I lay down my gauntlet to each and everyone of us – "Help us fly our Warwick Hockey Club flag high above the rest, and be strong and giving to our local community". So, rise up and make yourself known, we encourage your input.

We have a Castle and a World Record, but there's way more FUN to be had at Warwick, when you're on board!

WOMEN'S 1st TEAM

Midlands Region Feeder West (4th) • Captain: Helen Simpson/Kirstin Bryce

Played 16 games • Won 8 • Drawn 4 • Lost 4 • For 40 • Against 21 • Goal difference +19
Player of the Year: Lucy McEvoy • Top Goal Scorer: Kirstin Bryce • Most Improved Player: Lizzy Pocknell

The Women's 1st team finished 4th in the Midlands Feeder West League this year – a great result for the team who, as ever, battled with availability and mass changes in personnel on a week to week basis. We had a slow start, but a strong season overall under the guidance of coach, Dave Bryce.

One of the best things about this year was to see the development of so many of our younger players. Lucy McEvoy led the way with her selection for the England School's Games Team and the team were often found marvelling at her extraordinary runs around the opposition's defence. Emily Ingall-Tombs and Katie Rankin were also consistent sources of strength in our defence. Newcomers, Lizzy Pocknell and Louisa Briggs quickly showed us why they deserved a permanent place in our squad. Lucy, Emily, Louisa and Lys Mildenstein will all be very sorely missed as they head-off for University next year.

But, it wasn't all about the young, Kirstin Bryce was our top goal scorer this year, despite only playing half a season, pipping Lucy to the post (ha!)...and Mo, Izzy and Becky supplied their invaluable charisma and motivation to the side each week. Later in the season, when availability was waning, Angela Briggs dusted off her first team kit and stepped up to the mark, for which we are extremely grateful to both her and the 2nd team.

Our congratulations also to Becky Callan (Weaver) who recently got married and to Mel Best on the imminent arrival of their baby – both of which we look forward to welcoming back to the squad next year. Thanks and goodbye to Chloe Hobson, Emma Miller and Kate Linford all of which are off to pastures new (yes, you're right that's now seven people I've said are leaving!!)

Finally, we can't report on the season without mentioning our fabulous supporters team. Decked out with their own kit, refreshments, administration skills and plenty of cheering – we will really miss them next year!! Although, perhaps not when Lys' Dad shouts – "come off ref!"

Next season will be a challenging one, losing so many players, but the depth of talented players in the Club should provide a foundation upon which the team can regroup and go from strength to strength in 2018/19.

WOMEN'S 2nd TEAM

Midlands Division 2 (3rd) • Captain: Angela Briggs

Played 18 games • Won 11 • Drawn 3 • Lost 4 • For 53 • Against 22 • Goal difference +31
Player of the Year: Katie Joint • Top Goal Scorer: Nicki Breeds • Most Improved Player: Becky Morgan

The season started well with training going well under the watchful eye of our coach – Ian Best who stepped in after we were unable to secure a coach for the Women's section. Some injuries early on, meant we did not start the season with a settled team. We welcomed Katie Joint to our ranks who fell in love with team mascot Bernard (thank god for that, no one else had to look after the dog ever again!) Katie fitted in really well and her endless energy has proved incredibly useful. A couple of our players are also grateful for the use of her sofa after a night out.

Unfortunately, at Christmas we lost our coach, this was far from ideal and there was no obvious replacement made available. This was not my decision and resulted in a more difficult time ahead, as I had lost my main sounding board for who we should move up or down and made my job on a Saturday, even more difficult.

The second half of our season came with even more challenges with a number of players stepping up into the W1s we had to utilise more players from below. A bit more running around meant I still managed to make most W2s games to do the subbing and yelling from the sidelines, but thanks must go to all members of the W2s team who at times had to take on the match sheet job, and entertaining our opposition.

We have seen our youngsters progress well this season with Louisa and Charlotte both playing W1s regularly – congratulations to you both. Imogen Griffin has moved up into the W2s and has made the step up very well.

Socially, the W2s have supported the Club well with good performances at 'Battle Of The Teams', at the quiz and at the End of Season Dinner. We look forward to next season.

WOMEN'S 3rd TEAM

Midlands Division 3 (7th) • Captain: Hannah Wishart

Played 18 games • Won 6 • Drawn 3 • Lost 9 • For 32 • Against 45 • Goal difference -13
Player of the Year: Natalie Lewis • Top Goal Scorer: Hannah Wishart • Most Improved Player: Maddie Haywood

The W3s had quite a season, winning six of our games. We always played our best and worked well together. We had some amazing goals, from reverse strikes from Liv Kelly to some great runs from Hannah Wishart and Vicky Allison. We must also not forget the amazing saves from the defence and the keepers we have had to rope in (including Widge)! Thank you to our amazing captain, Hannah, who managed to organise all our games each week, we couldn't have done it without her.

We have had to say goodbye to Maddie Lewis and Beth Hall, who are off to university next year, but we hope to see them again soon! With Nat Lewis winning 'Player of the Year' and Maddie Haywood claiming 'Most Improved', it was such a fun season, despite losing a few games, we were always the better-looking team!

WOMEN'S 4th TEAM

Midlands Division 4 (8th) • Captain: Liz Gilchrist/Kiki Sadler

Played 18 games • Won 4 • Drawn 4 • Lost 10 • For 25 • Against 48 • Goal difference -23
Player of the Year: Georgina McCunn • Top Goal Scorer: Martha Curran
Most Improved Player: Alice Higginson

Women's 4s Avoid Relegation in Final Match of the Season.

The last game was played three weeks after the scheduled 'End of Season', and the 2-0 victory ensured survival in Division 4 of the WWHL. This was just reward for the team's hard working play throughout the season and testimony to the exceptional team spirit, as promoted by the two captains, Liz Gilchrist and latterly, Kiki Sadler. The team's best performances were all against the Division's best sides, but resulting in losses by the odd goal.

A number of ex-Badgers joined the squad, and all did exceptionally well in their first season of senior hockey. Notably Ruby Kitchingman ended the season in the W3s, and Martha Curran, Georgina McCunn, Millie Kilsby and Caitlin Mason should have bright futures in the Club. The stability in defence improved as the season developed with new players joining, in particular Dr. Izzy Lane.

Player of the Year was awarded to Georgina McCunn, who utilised her short-hurdling speed in the midfield to great effect. Top goal-scorer was Martha Curran and 'Most Improved Player' went to Alice Higginson, after stopping many opponent's attacks with her individual style of tackling. The team spirit eventually secured Divisional survival, and the W4s players should move forward whilst playing with W3s during the Summer League B Team Programme over the next three months.

WOMEN'S U18s TEAM

Manager: Kirstin Bryce

Player of the Year: Emily Ingall-Tombs

The Women's U18 team had their best season yet after a successful cup run, reaching the quarter finals of the Tier 2 Competition. First round saw them defeat Towcester, away from home, followed by a fantastic home win over Sutton Coldfield, 5-2. Next came, Worcester, where a well drilled Warwick team knocked them out leaving them to face Bath Buccaneers, a National League side, in the quarter finals. Despite an impressive performance from the girls they were out-played by a stronger team, losing 5-1. Well done to all and thanks to Emily-Ingall Tombs and Lys Mildenstein for helping to co-ordinate the team.

BADGERS (TWO TEAMS)

Managers: David Lomas & Paul Williams

Players of the Year: Rajan Hayer & Jonathan Masters
Top Goal Scorers: William Allen, Thomas Ward, Rajan Hayer
Most Improved Players: Amelia Stevens & Connor Fernandez

Badgers was definitely a game of two halves this year. We have seen many previous Badgers players progress into the senior sides with just as many younger players stepping up from Juniors to the challenge of full scale matches. So with 37 players in the squad, we made the switch from one Badger's team to two this year. This seemed like an obvious thing to do, to get more people into matches rather than waiting to be subbed on.

We started well, but unfortunately, as the season progressed, the weather had both a direct and indirect impact with some matches being cancelled and others clashing with the backlog of school and senior matches, meaning fewer players were available and it became difficult to get two full sides out each week.

Towards the end of the season, we seemed to be OK again, but with usually only nine or 10 players regularly available per team, it did mean we were at full stretch. So, we've made the decision to go back to a single team again next season, since we don't yet have many new younger players to bring up into the Badgers squad, and will lose a few more due to age and moving on to senior sides.

The split in Men's and Women's training between Tuesday and Wednesday means the Badgers rarely get to train together now, and we did try some ad-hoc Wednesday sessions for 'Badgers' training. We aimed for this to coincide with Greg Wade being available, and it worked reasonably well for those who could make it, but of course we'd expect more of the girls than the boys to be free for that slot. I would really like to get more consistent squad training for Badgers, so they get to know each other better, practice set piece routines, and generally be more consistent when playing together as a team. With only one side to organise, I'm hoping this might be easier next season, and I will survey the players to find out if there is a preferred day/time which might suit, and get those in the diary earlier.

JUNIORS

Co-ordinators: Liz Holding, David Lomas and Paul Williams

Another season of joint effort from Liz Holding, Dave Lomas and Paul Williams coaching on Wednesdays and attending tournaments at weekends has seen a slightly more mixed season for the Juniors than the previous year. Attendance at training remained strong but, with only three senior coaches this season, we haven't been able to invite as many new starters as we would have liked.

The weather has had a big impact forcing the cancellation of half the tournaments planned for the season and leading to another chilly, and at times white, home tournament. Our reduced numbers meant that at times we have struggled to get out full teams in all age groups. However, we have still managed to put in some good performances.

The U12 Boys were unlucky not to progress in the In2Hockey Tournament in the face of strong competition from other Warwickshire sides. For the first time we were able to field a full Girls U12s side complete with keeper. The strength in the boys section at this age was demonstrated as four Warwick players were selected for the Warwickshire County U13s side who dominated and won the Midlands County Tournament without dropping a single point to any other county.

Thanks go to all the helpers who have turned up every week to assist the coaches. Many of them will be off to university next season so thank you and good luck to: Emily Ingall-Tombs, Alyssa Mildenstein, Beth Hall, Henry Curran, Lucy McEvoy, Ally Keays, Katie Rankin, and Louise Colley.



MEN'S 1st TEAM

1st Team League Midlands 1 (3rd) • Captain: Tim Williams-Ellis

Played 22 games • Won 11 • Drawn 5 • Lost 6 • For 58 • Against 44 • Goal difference +14 • 38 Points
Player of the Year: Ollie Hobbs • Top Scorer: Martyn Stickley • Most Improved Player: Ben Cooper

Warwick M1s started the season with great hopes after a successful first season in Division 1 the year before. On top of the already strong squad Matt Leatherdale and Gaz Armstrong joined the Club as well as the long awaited return of Ant Baxter after missing three seasons due to reoccurring injuries. On top of this Warwick M1s also had a very strong year of Juniors that could provide fitness and flair to compromise some of the more experienced players in the team. It was fair to say that Warwick had their eyes on promotion and a return to the Midlands Prem.

As the season commenced Warwick plans of promotion were soon set back after only one win from their first four games left them 2nd from bottom in the league. It was clear that this year was going to be far more competitive than first expected. The last of these was a loss to Hampton, Warwick's local rivals, that at one point had the Warwick team reduced to eight men. This was a real turning point for Warwick who knew they had thrown away too many points due to poor discipline on the pitch. With four games until they played Boots at the top of the league a target of four from four and no yellow cards was set. This would have been achieved if it wasn't for a head first sliding tackle from the seasons 'Wall of Shame' winner – James Tickle that saw him sent off for the last five minutes of the game against Sutton Coldfield.

With Warwick now in 3rd place, the game against Boots who were unbeaten at the top of the league was lined up to be a good battle. Unfortunately, with Warwick not taking their chances in the first half they found themselves trailing 3-0 at half time. It took until they were 5-0 for Warwick to finally start their fightback. By this point it was too little, too late as the game finished 5-3. However, with a few rearranged fixtures and some matches around Christmas played in the snow, at the half way point they were sat in 3rd place still with their eyes on a promotion spot.

The second half of the season was tight and Warwick began to close the gap on the promotion spots. However, a few too many draws cost them and with a loss to Northampton Saints on the last game of the season they finished in 3rd position. Overall, in a very competitive league Warwick M1s can be pleased with another successful season where everyone stepped up and gave it their all. This resulted in 10 players of the squad getting a 'Player of the Season' vote which spoke volumes of what a team effort the season had been. Ollie Hobbs won 'Player of the Season', narrowly followed by Gaz Armstrong Warwick's overseas signing. Martyn Stickley also managed another season scoring 20+ goals.

MEN'S 2nd TEAM

2nd Team League West Midlands Premier (2nd) • Captain: Tom Selby

Played 22 games • Won 15 • Drawn 3 • Lost 4 • For: 81 • Against: 28 • Goal difference +53 • 48 Points
Player of the Year: John MacDonald • Top Goal Scorer: Andrew Dellow • Most Improved Player: Archie Gale

2017/18 was a great season for the M2s, finishing second in the league, narrowly missing out on the title by a couple of points. We also welcomed Ben, Max and JT to the Club who settled in well. Archie moved up from the M3s, and earned 'Most Improved Player' for his consistently strong performances.

Goals weren't in short supply, we scored 81 over the league season. Andrew Dellow scored most with 19, and John MacDonald scored 17. Greg Bowler scored a reverse stick screamer at a waterlogged Stone; JMac had a few classics too: a solo dribble from D edge to goal line against Finchfield, and some unstoppable volleys.

At the back, we conceded 28 goals, the fewest in the league, thanks to the long arms of Ben Cowan, picking aerials out of the air with ease. Bowler, Gale, Balfour, Euridge, Spencer and Murray all tackled, passed and counterattacked strongly all season.

Most highlights of the season came from Dellow, leaving his new kit on the train within hours of getting it, having it eventually returned a few days later by the station manager. After a short corner Gale threw his face mask over the fence at Stone. Spencer was told off by the umpires for swearing almost on a weekly basis. Greg and Tristan's bromance grows stronger by the day.

2018/19 will be a challenge, but we played some excellent fast-paced hockey for much of the 17/18 season so we will look to carry this into the new league.

MEN'S 3rd TEAM

3rd Team League Midlands Premier (9th) • Captain: Chris Langley

Played 22 games • Won 7 • Drawn 1 • Lost 14 • For 35 • Against 72 • Goal difference -37 • 22 Points
Player of the Year: Tom English • Top Goal Scorer: Nick Baker • Most Improved: Freddie Herd & Charlie Perkins

Promoted into the top tier for Midlands 3s teams, known to some as the 'League of Death' our realistic goal was survival to stay up, and so we did, and we played some great hockey along the way. The three university sides, plus Beeston and Cannock were always going to be tough, but we stood up to the test and only lost heavily in one game. It was great to give new upcoming players the chance to play such a high standard of hockey. Tom English joined us from Warwick School and became a key player in our defensive line up, Freddie Herd and Charlie Perkins came up from lower teams and established themselves as regulars for us. Josh Cooper and Ed Hare also came up to play in several matches for us and did really well. Our more experienced players helped gel the team play and brought tactical nous that was invaluable. Consistent availability was a struggle this season, made tougher by losing seven regulars from last season, but on the positive side it was great to have Ian Best come back to hockey for a few games, and Shep, Bakes and Em played a big part in great performances in key games when they could make it. Our defensive performance was generally strong, but we struggled to score goals particularly with John Kane deciding to move away part way through the season and with Bakes not being as regularly available as last season we were less of a threat with short corners, when we got one. However, we did play some great hockey and we finished our season very strongly with three wins that lifted us well clear of the bottom three and close to the middle pack of the league. The penultimate game away at Lichfield was particularly pleasing with a great team performance with only 11 players earning a 3-2 win, despite Stroppy spending 10 minutes in the sin bin!!!

We say farewell to a few U18s who will be heading off to University or other exciting opportunities, Elliot Hobbs and Henry Curren in particular. We wish you well and hope you come along to join us on occasions when you are around next season, which will be interesting with the new 'Open League' structure coming in. We will almost certainly face a good number of new opponents including I imagine some 2s and possibly even 1s sides.

Over the season eight of us played half or more of our league matches, with 34 more players playing one or more matches for us, which corresponds to the challenge of consistency across the season. Thank you to all of you. I would also like to thank Stroppy in particular, not only did he produce some superb defensive performances for us, but also stepped in as captain when I was away, much appreciated!

MEN'S 4th TEAM

Central League West Midlands Premier (4th) • Captain: Claudio Cardellino

Played 20 games • Won 11 • Drawn 4 • Lost 5 • For 52 • Against 38 • Goal difference +14 • Points 37
Player of the Year: Toby Arnold • Top Scorer: John Sawdon • Most Improved: Ed Hare

I decided to pick up the gauntlet that was handed down by Nick Ancomb and the first thing I did was take five to six players from the M5s and promote them up. These along with the players that were there already added a little more strength and old fashioned gamesmanship to the squad.

A slow start to the season saw us pick up only four points from the first four matches, but eventually we got into a decent stride and picked up five straight wins, which put us in with a shout for promotion.

The away form was exceptional with a 100% record in league and friendlies. That finally fell away at Barford Tigers with only a couple of matches remaining.

We reached the dizzy heights of 2nd place, but dropped too many points in the last four matches and had to settle for equal third – 4th on goal difference.

The three teams ahead of us Olton, Edgbaston and Harborne were always going to be tough to stay with, but we did for most of the season.

The squad was excellent throughout the season at times fielding mainly a veterans squad with the exception of: Josh Cooper, Luca Cardellino and Ed Hare. They competed brilliantly against younger and faster teams, but experience counted in matches that were close.

Matches that were being lost the previous season were being turned into draws or victories, which meant from finishing a point from relegation in 16/17 the M4s team became very tough to play against.

'Player of the Season' – Toby Arnold, 'Most Improved' – Ed Hare and 'Top Goalscorer' – John Sawdon, but in fairness the whole squad deserved to be praised for their attitude all season.

MEN'S 5th TEAM

Central League South South West 1 (11th) • Captain: Ian MacDonald

Played 20 games • Won 1 • Drawn 2 • Lost 17 • For 40 • Against 81 • Goal difference -41 • Points 5
Player of the Year: Joe Brennan • Top Scorer: Josh Davies • Most Improved Player: Harry Menashe

Well, not the best season for the M5s in terms of results, having won only one match and drawn two finishing bottom of the SW1 League. However, that is offset by the team scoring three more goals than we did last year and having a way better goal difference than the two teams above us. Obviously, we let in too many goals to get the results we deserved (I cannot count the number of times I received the comments from the opposition "I don't understand how you are bottom of the table", but it's a lot!). But hey, those who played (and there were many of them) enjoyed the vast majority of the games we played and, even when the score-line was well against us, we made the opposition play hard for the full 70 minutes to stop us scoring. Positive, if a bit ungracious, hockey!

The M5s had a radically changed side to last season losing seven of its regular players to University and the M4s. That combined with playing nearly 40 different players with massive changes to the team week on week, meant that we never really played smoothly as a team. In goal, Joe Brennan – our 'Player of the Season' – returned from many years away from the game and played in every one of our games – without him the goals conceded would have been far more, and we certainly kept him busy! Lots of new players – mostly young, but some older ones including, Dave Kelly – a new convert to the sport. Josh Davies was our top scorer with seven goals with Wilbur close behind despite only playing a handful of games for us. Lots of potential and it was great to see Ed Briggs playing in the same team as his dad, Barney along with the return of Andy Griffin and the Menashe brothers (supported by their parents) making their debut season and playing so well.

Captain's highlights included his yellow card (the only card the team had all season) for having 12 players on the pitch (we did score) – Phil Holding's fault, the captain maintains, when Phil came on at half time and nobody came off. Other high points(?) included making BT regret giving unlimited texts as most weeks involved so many, to get 11 people to commit only to end up with 15+ on Saturday!

Next season with a new league set up I am confident the M5s will get better results, more in line with the effort and spirit put in and the goals scored! But, we do need a more stable team with commitment by more players to play more regularly for the team. And we did win the Club Quiz so we have the brains!!

MIXED TEAM

National Cup Competition • Captain: Tim Williams-Ellis

Player of the Year: Emily Ingall-Tombs

Warwick Mixed team enjoyed a good run in the Cup this year making it through to the 4th round. They started their campaign strongly with an 11-2 win over Hampton away, that included an impressive five goals from JT. The second round was against Worcester at home. Worcester arrived looking keen with 16 players, two coaches, a bus of supporters and a dog! However, Warwick let the hockey do the talking and the ball barely left Worcester's half for the first 35 minutes. Worcester fought back well in the second half, but Warwick were too good and closed out the game comfortably thanks to some good saves from John MacDonald in goal.

The 3rd game fell during half term and Warwick only managed to pull together a team of 10 players to go away to Olton who were the team who knocked them out of the Cup the year before. However, with a dominating performance in the first half, Warwick found themselves 2-0 up at half time. Some tiring legs and a few people suffering from the hockey social, the night before, allowed Olton to get back into the game and at full time the score was 2-2 which meant it all came down to flicks. Andrew Westrope was overjoyed when their 3rd flick went over the bar and Emma Miller stepped up to put the winning flick away calmly sending Warwick through to the 3rd round.

The 4th round also wasn't arrange at the best of times for Warwick as their 'End of Season' do was the night before. Some tired eyes and sore heads turned up at Edgbaston, but it was Warwick who scored first. Edgbaston came back at Warwick and scored the next two. Warwick weren't done yet though, George Holding saving his first goal of the season to bring Warwick level – and what a goal it was! That meant it all came down to flicks again, but sadly this time Warwick didn't come out on top. Well done to Emily Ingall-Tombs for getting player of the season.

MEN'S U18s TEAM **Manager: Chris Langley**

Played in the U18 EHB Plate • Semi Finalists • Player of the Year: Dan Murray

In the initial round we were drawn away against a strong Bedford team with the match being scheduled in the October half-term. Warwick were missing a few key players, travelling with a small squad. We competed well but lost 1-4 on the day, which placed us into the Tier 2 draw.

Our next game was drawn at home against St Neots, this time Warwick had their full strength squad, which proved overwhelming for the visitors. Our lads put on a most impressive and clinical performance running out 12-0 winners.

For Round 2 we were drawn against Cannock, but they could not get a full side out so we were progressed into Round 3, where we were drawn at home against a strong Oxford Hawks side. What a battle of talent and determination this proved to be with the score fluctuating from Hawks going 2 up to Warwick getting level then going ahead, then Hawks came back again. In the final minutes Warwick's determination and skill earned them the winner making the final score 7-6 in a thrilling game to watch.

For Round 4 (last 8 teams involved) Warwick were drawn at home again, this time against Norwich, a very strong club. Warwick was again at full strength and another tense, skillful, and thrilling match took place. Warwick went one down early on but, finding their form, forced themselves back into the game getting to two goals before half-time. Early in the second half Warwick scored again, Olli Hobbs earning himself a hat-trick, but Norwich stepped up the pressure to force one and then a second goal late on, making it 3-3 at full time. So to penalty flicks, which all came down to the last flick with captain Dan Murray, who scored making Warwick the winners, through to the semi-finals. All our lads can be very proud of their attitude and effort, we never gave up and the result was deserved, George Holding had a brilliant game in midfield, deceptive and confident on the ball, earning POTM.

Our Semi-final match was again, at home, against Canterbury, one of the country's biggest clubs. A close fought match between two teams playing with different tactical strengths. Warwick's all round quality was all about team moves and good possession, several good scoring chances were created, but not quite taken. Whereas Canterbury focused their game around winning short corners to rely on an impressive drag flick routine, which proved the main difference. Canterbury ran out 4-1 winners to go to the final. But we must be very proud of this very talented squad and the furthest any Warwick Junior team has progressed in an EHB competition (as far as I know anyway).

Thank you to all the parents, Club members and friends who have come along to cheer us on, we appreciated your support.

MEN'S VETS TEAM **Captain: Claudio Cardellino**

Player of the Year: Jamie Hamment • Top Scorer: Chris Sampson

Sometimes in life you have a moment when something happens to turn things around and this is what happened, the moment I received an email from Jamie Hamment. The Vets are always looking for younger players, although it's over 35s most of the squad are 50+ and although we compete we really could do with some younger legs.

Jamie (ex Southgate and Cheltenham) and only 36 was the answer, the 'Hockey Gods' have sent us a gift. OK, I'm over egging it a bit, but when the opposition are asking us to tell him, not to drag flick anymore you get the picture.

The season was yet again a good one with more victories, than defeats. Although only a handful of matches were played after Christmas due to the weather and clubs not fulfilling their fixtures.

'Top Goalscorer', Chris Sampson with Jamie Hamment a close second.

Next season will be my 16th as Veterans Captain...16th!

MEN'S SUMMER LEAGUE **Organiser: Claudio Cardellino**

Two Men's squads Wafwotam and Dynamo.

This season Dynamo won the regional Warwickshire League, with Wafwotam finishing 4th.

Dynamo, then played in the promotion play offs, but sensibly lost, avoiding promotion into the Premier Division, where it isn't so much fun and the travelling is worse. Also, a massive thank you to the umpires for helping during the winter and summer. This year's Summer League starts on Monday 14th May.

SOCIAL

Organisers: Harriet McCormick, Izzy Hurst, Tim Williams-Ellis & Tristan Euridge

This season we hosted five socials and the infamous 'End of the Season' awards bash! Setting an early president for competitive socials, we started with a twist on the classic 'Battle of the Teams'. This year's theme was the Olympic Games. There was a great turn out, all teams clad in their chosen countries native attire. The competition was fierce, as you would expect from such a fine group of athletes, but in the end it was M2s that arose triumphant.

A debut of the Clubs new card machine was trialled at the 'Fish and Chips' social, finally removing the excuse of "no cash", that many of us use when trying to dodge a round! The social itself went well with everyone finishing the night well fed and in good spirits.

Up next was the Christmas Party and the Club did a fantastic job of displacing some of the best/worst Christmas jumpers in Warwickshire. It was a great opportunity to have a final catch up before Christmas with members of the Club and play festive games like, "Pin The Tail on Rudolf!"

We then had another packed out clubhouse in January for the 'Curry & Quiz Night'. Amongst some classic pub quiz team names was: 'Hello my name is Tristan, I will shave my beard off if you sleep with me' – read out by the man himself on several occasions. It was a close fought affair, but the eventual winners were – 'Hapless Chancers'.

In February, we held the Club's annual charity raising event, this year's being a 'Sponsored Race Night'. Special mention to all those who helped find sponsors and prizes and to all those who bid! We raised a total of £1,286.50 for our nominated charity – Teenage Cancer Trust and for the Club. Well done all!

Finally, this years 'End of Season' do was played on home ground, being held at Warwick School in their lovely pavilion complex. After some good food and many drinks, awards were handed out to the highest achievers within the Club. 'Clubman of the Year', was won by Tim Williams-Ellis, whilst 'Team of the Year', went to M1s for their efforts both on and off the pitch. There were also many more well deserved awards handed out on the night.

Next up for Warwick Hockey Club this year is the return of the epic – Milton Keynes Tour. Last year was truly one of the best weekends of most of our lives and there is still time to join us this year if you hurry! If you are interested come and speak to one of us or our Tour Secretary – Stevie Gibson.

UMPIRES

Organiser: Phil Foster & Dan Honey-Smith • Umpire of the Season: Lynsey Archer

Once again this year has been a challenge with Phil Foster in control in the first half and Dan Honey-Smith being orchestrated in the second half. Thank you to them and to all the umpires, captains and committee members for their continued support and patience. This isn't a 'hard' job, it's one for an organised and gregarious person. We have those personalities in the Club, so please step forward and take the challenge!

KIT

Organiser: Ant Baxter

Our relationship with Akuma has continued this year and some improvements were made to the ordering process. The changes to the bundles helped to simplify the pricing arrangements and the website updates seemed to help with communication to members. The addition of the gilets and softshell jackets attracted a reasonable number of orders, as always, any suggestions for new items are welcome. Akuma have relocated their manufacturing to a new larger facility now, so we will continue to monitor the quality we receive to ensure there are no problems with the new systems. I will be stepping down this year to focus on other commitments, but am handing over to Stevie Gibson who has kindly volunteered. Thanks Stevie!

TEAS

Organiser: Nick Anscomb

Once again an important aspect for all teams after our matches are the Teas and we must thank Anna Marie Heelis for providing us with these when she was available. A few hiccups were had due to illness and slightly more postponements due to the weather, but the reliable 'chippy' fall-back option always went down well! Also, big thanks to those who helped stand in behind the bar when called upon and for helping serve/clear away the food and captains for organising teas when needed at short notice.

TOUR TO MILTON KEYNES Captain/Organiser: Tim Williams-Ellis

Warwick hadn't had a tour for a few years so there was a lot of making up to do this year and boy did we do that! Warwick sent their two finest touring teams, 'Gin and Bear It' and 'Double Gin and Bear It', to Milton Keynes for a very sunny weekend of snake bites, hydration funnels, sun burn with a little bit of hockey thrown in too. Neither team brought home any silverware, so we've had to arrange a return to Milton Keynes this year. Bring your sun cream this year Stevie!

SPORTS CLUB Representative: Liz Holding

I think we kept up a good relationship with the Sports Club, so that any issues and questions could be sorted out amicably and quickly. I attended a committee meeting every month, liaised with hockey committee and helped out with a few Sports Club issues.

Organising the bar cover has been difficult and time consuming, but ultimately I believe has been a success. It has certainly taken a lot of hassle away from the captains. The training took a while, but we now have two regular trained staff, who are available next season. We also have a better bar key system, thanks to Dom.

Because previously bar cover has been sporadic I think we have lost a lot of people who might have come back if they knew the bar was open. It has also cost the Sports Club when the bar cover hasn't paid for itself. If we agree to do it again next year then we need support from teams to come back regularly.

Possible suggestion that teas next season are pizzas, which the bar staff could put in to cook for teams, saving food prep costs and food waste (no need to cook until team plans are confirmed). Maybe, there could also be a decent coffee machine which they could operate as well?

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER 2018 David Bryce

I'm not sure why it's taken so long to recognise David Bryce as a Warwick Hockey Club Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, but unfortunately it has. I suppose the only consolation is that, "all good things come to those who wait!" So, the Bryce family are now fully kitted up with accolades – Kirstin with a Guinness World Record and David with this.

But there's more... and deservedly so for a man who is: a true stalwart of the Club, always driving forward for results, asking the difficult questions, working hard; delivering on behalf of other people, for his family and for the Club. He's always there in the background if you need him and has no problem with leading or making difficult decisions, or at least he doesn't show it!

David or 'Brycey', as we affectionately know him, joined Warwick Hockey Club in 2004 when him and Kirstin returned from travelling. He has played in the M1s since then and was part of the 'Invincibles Team' who went a whole season undefeated!

He met Kirstin before this at Uni, where they played in the Mixed team together. The night he was presented with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' – Saturday 24th March – at the 'End of Season' dinner, was his tenth wedding anniversary! As Kirstin, put it, "how romantic!"

He's a bit of a natural sportsman – when he was younger he played a lot of football, cricket and tennis. A father of a friend of his, encouraged him to give hockey a go when he was 13 and by 19 he was part of the England Development Squad! He is currently in the England Over 35s squad who won the Home Nations Competition last year.

He started coaching after he joined Warwick Hockey Club and now holds coaching positions at England Performance Centres and has also done HiPAC as well.

Brycey, many congratulations on this achievement, you're a doer, an achiever and hero to many of us!

WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB 97th AGM 2016/17 MINUTES

Saturday 6th May 2017 – 6.00pm

Attendees

Apologies

Minutes of the 2016/17 AGM

Chairman's Report (Booklet)

Captains' Reports & Awards (Booklet)

Other Reports (Booklet)

Treasurer's Report (Booklet)

Key Points:

- The Club has had a good financial year; however there was a deficit.
- Large numbers of subscription fees remain unpaid.
- No increase of fees is being proposed.

Financial Statements Questions

Election of Officers

- Dan Honey-Smith was voted in as Club Chairman and other volunteers were requested for certain posts where incumbents had resigned.
- The list was largely completed during the meeting leaving a few to be appointed once the season had started.

Any Other Business

- Now that the Warwick School Astro pitches have been relaid plans are afoot to attempt a Guinness World Record on Saturday 16th September/Club Day, by way of recognising our gratefulness for the facilities we share at Warwick School with the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation and the wider hockey playing community across the Midlands.

Meeting Opened – 7.00pm

Meeting Closed – 7.45pm

Awards Ceremony and BBQ



WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS 2017/18

Executive

	Position
President	Nick Herd
Chairman	Dan Honey-Smith (Resigned)/Nick Herd (Acting)
Secretary	Hannah Wishart
Treasurer	David Harris
Ladies' Membership Secretary	Pam Dalton
Men's Membership Secretary	Dave Harris

Administrative

Clubs First Co-ordinator	Dom Simpson & Steve Chidlow
Disciplinary & Welfare Officer	Kirstin Bryce, Paul Williams & James Allison
Junior Co-ordinator	Liz Holding, David Lomas & Paul Williams
Kit Secretary	Ant Baxter
Tour Secretary	Tim Williams-Ellis & Stevie Gibson
Pitch Co-ordinator	Steve Lycett
Communications Co-ordinator	Tom Selby
Sports Club Representative	Liz Holding
Umpire Co-ordinator	Phil Foster & Dan Honey-Smith
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Rob Pomfret
Club Development Co-ordinator	Emlyn Evans
Webmaster – Content & Structure	Chris Langley
Webmaster – Administration	Paul Williams

Ladies' Section

Ladies' 1st/2nd Coach	David Bryce
Ladies' 3rd/4th Coach	Dan Honey-Smith
Ladies' 1st Team Captain	Becky Weaver
Ladies' 2nd Team Captain	Angela Briggs
Ladies' 3rd Team Captain	Hannah Wishart
Ladies' 4th Team Captain	Liz Gilchrist/Kiki Sadler
Ladies' Fixture Secretary	Steve Chidlow
Ladies' League Representative	Marije Tunncliffe
Ladies' Social & Section Representative	Harriet McCormick & Izzy Hurst
Mixed Team Captain	Tim Williams-Ellis

Men's Section

Men's 1st/2nd Coach	David Bryce
Men's 3rd/4th/5th Coach	By Rotation
Men's 1st Team Captain	Tim Williams-Ellis
Men's 2nd Team Captain	Tom Selby
Men's 3rd Team Captain	Chris Langley
Men's 4th Team Captain	Claudio Cardellino
Men's 5th Team Captain	Ian MacDonald
Men's Vets Team Captain	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Fixture Secretary	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Social & Section Representative	Tim Williams-Ellis & Tristan Euridge

WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB AWARD WINNERS 2016/17 and 2017/18

Club Awards	Recipient 2016/17	Recipient 2017/18
Zoe Hartley Team of the Year	Men's 3rd Team	Men's 1st Team
Clubman of the Year	Marije Tunnicliffe	Tim Williams-Ellis
KHVIII Junior Member of the Year	Alyssa Mildenstein	Lucy McEvoy
KHVIII Umpire of the Year	Marije Tunnicliffe	Lynsey Archer
Men's Section		
U18 Player of the Year	Dan Murray	Dan Murray
1st Team Player of the Year	James Barrett	Ollie Hobbs
1st Team Top Goal Scorer	Martyn Stickley	Martyn Stickley
1st Team Most Improved Player	Jack Bennett	Ben Cooper
2nd Team Player of the Year	John MacDonald	John MacDonald
2nd Team Top Goal Scorer	Andrew Dellow	Andrew Dellow
2nd Team Most Improved Player	Ben Cooper	Archie Gale
3rd Team Player of the Year	Nick Baker	Tom English
3rd Team Top Goal Scorer	Nick Baker	Nick Baker
3rd Team Most Improved Player	Archie Gale	Charlie Perkins/Freddie Herd
4th Team Player of the Year	Rob Bligh	Toby Arnold
4th Team Top Goal Scorer	John Sawdon	John Sawdon
4th Team Most Improved Player	Giles Clayson	Ed Hare
5th Team Player of the Year	Josh Cooper	Joe Brennan
5th Team Top Goal Scorer	Josh Cooper	Josh Davies
5th Team Most Improved Player	Will Astley	Harry Menashe
Vets Team Player of the Year	Chris Langley	Jamie Hamment
Vets Team Top Goal Scorer	John Kane	Chris Sampson
Women's Section		
U18 Player of the Year	Lucy McEvoy	Emily Ingall-Tombs
1st Team Player of the Year	Becky Weaver	Lucy McEvoy
1st Team Top Goal Scorer	Lucy McEvoy	Kirstin Bryce
1st Team Most Improved Player	Katie Rankin	Lizzy Pocknell
2nd Team Player of the Year	Louisa Briggs	Katie Joint
2nd Team Top Goal Scorer	Angela Briggs	Nicki Breeds
2nd Team Most Improved Player	Charlotte Silvester	Becky Morgan
3rd Team Player of the Year	Susie Richardson	Natalie Lewis
3rd Team Top Goal Scorer	Hannah Wishart	Hannah Wishart
3rd Team Most Improved Player	Talei Dunn	Maddie Haywood
4th Team Player of the Year	Olivia Ray	Georgina McCunn
4th Team Top Goal Scorer	Olivia Ray	Martha Curran
4th Team Most Improved Player	Alice Higginson	Alice Higginson
5th Team Player of the Year		
Others		
Lifetime Achievement Award	Dom Simpson	David Bryce
Mixed Player of the Year	Katie Rankin	Emily Ingall-Tombs
Junior U10 Player of the Year	Taz Williams	Mae Reeves
Junior U12 Player of the Year	Oliver Kilsby	Lara Convey & Sammy Duxbury
Junior U14 Player of the Year	Stan Brocklebank	Olivia Creed & Ben Holding
Badgers Team Top Goal Scorer	Imogen Griffin/Harry Menashe	William Allen, Thomas Ward, Rajan Hayer
Badgers Team Player of the Year	Imogen Griffin	Rajan Hayer & Jonathan Masters
Badgers Team Most Improved Player	Imogen Griffin	Amelia Stevens & Connor Fernandez

WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2018/19

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Sports Club Representative	Liz Holding
Umpire Co-ordinator	Liz Holding
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Nick Herd (Acting)
Club Development Co-ordinator	TBA
Recruitment Co-ordinator	TBA
Webmaster – Content & Structure	Chris Langley & Stevie Gibson
Webmaster – Administration	Paul Williams
Teas Co-ordinator	Katie Joint

Women's Section

Women's 1st/2nd Coach	David Bryce & Andy Hadley
Women's 3rd/4th Coach	TBA
Women's 1st Team Captain	Kirstin Bryce & TBA
Women's 2nd Team Captain	Angela Briggs
Women's 3rd Team Captain	Hannah Wishart
Women's 4th Team Captain	Liz Gilchrist/Kiki Sadler
Women's Fixture Secretary	Steve Chidlow
Women's League Representative	Marjie Tunncliffe
Women's Social & Section Representative	Izzy Hurst & Harriet McCormick
Mixed Team Captain	Gaz Armstrong

Men's Section

Men's 1st/2nd Coach	David Bryce+
Men's 3rd/4th/5th Coach	TBA
Men's 1st Team Captain	Tim Williams-Ellis
Men's 2nd Team Captain	Tom Selby
Men's 3rd Team Captain	Chris Langley
Men's 4th Team Captain	Claudio Cardellino
Men's 5th Team Captain	Ian MacDonald
Men's Vets Team Captain	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Fixture Secretary	Claudio Cardellino
Men's Social & Section Representative	Tristan Euridge & Phil Foster

Juniors' Section

Junior Co-ordinators	Liz Holding, David Lomas & Paul Williams
Badgers Managers	David Lomas & Paul Williams
U8s Coach	Paul Williams
U10s Coaches	TBA
U12s Coaches	TBA
U14s Coaches	TBA
Goalkeeper Coach	Paul & Ali Williams
Girls U18 Manager & Coach	TBA
Boys U16 Manager & Coach	TBA
Girls U14 Manager & Coach	TBA
Boys U14 Manager	TBA
U8s, U10s, U12s Managers	TBA

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