



The Outcasts
75th Anniversary
1934-2009



The Sunday, Summer & Festival
Organ of Blackheath Hockey Club



THE OUTCASTS

Patron: His Worship The Mayor of Catford



President: John Bartlett

Immediate Past President: Ian Robertson

Chief Pariah: Jonathan Davis

Quartermaster: Richard Higginson

Non-playing Captain: Peter Ellsworth

Council of Pariahs:

David Maltman, Richard Cleall, Gareth Hurlbut, The Great Glendini, Tony Johnson, Patrick Sullivan, Alistair Streak,

Fines Mistress: Megan Davis

Chief Sneak: Owen Davis

Our Founder: R.K.Keller M.C. Life
 Member Blackheath H. C. Kent
 President 1968-1970



The Outcasts were founded in 1934 to attend the Worthing Easter Festival. Roy Keller was the Organiser and Captain and thought up the name. According to legend and Jimmy James, after one Saturday evening's revels, Roy was travelling home down the Old Kent Road on a number 10 tram, when the name 'Outcasts' came to him. Relieved at having solved this problem he dozed off to be woken at 3.00 am by the cleaning lady in the tram depot. Roy offered her the flowers he had bought as a peace offering for his wife Esme. The cleaning lady refused the flowers and ushered Roy on his way home to Charlton.

Roy also created and was the First Captain of the Fifth XI in 1957. Roy was the archetype of the social hockey player. I remember as a very young player one Easter, being swept in his wake into The Assembly Rooms at Worthing where he demanded loudly that the party should be shown to "Mr. Keller's Table". He was known and loved everywhere.



As hockey re-established itself after the First War, long before the advent of Leagues and Cups, the Saturday afternoon Game was the showpiece event for Clubs. By the thirties 'Social' Hockey in the form of Sunday friendlies and end-of-season Festivals started to develop. This was enjoyed by the more sociable members often with invitation players. Blackheath have always been to the fore when it comes to social hockey and a Sunday and Festival side was formed.

The practice of the early Outcast teams was always to select the Sunday side from those in the bar on a Saturday night. This has always resulted in a good mix from all sections of the Club. The team was seldom short, and sometimes had too many. Roy once enlisted the services of a Royal Artilleryman, who played in goal wearing a dark suit, bowler hat and pads, and smoked a cigar throughout the game. In the Thirties, the Outcasts regular Sunday lunchtime watering hole was The Crown on Blackheath. After Roy, Paddy Sloane took over the captaincy of The Outcasts, aided by among others, Jeff Hynds.

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Paddy Sloane and Peter Clarke in their usual post-match position – leaning on a bar near an attractive girl.



Paddy Sloan on his 80th Birthday Golf Day



In 1955 Ian Robertson assumed the crown and built up the fixture list until there was a game every Sunday, and started our long association with Thanet. Ian also started a summer evening hockey programme. He sometimes had difficulty counting to eleven, particularly during festivals. I well remember an Easter Saturday when Ian, thinking we were short, recruited David Frost of OKs; then thought he had 12 and stood me down; and then discovered he had Jo Aguiar playing left half and inside left, and demanded to know why I wasn't on the pitch, all in the space of 5 minutes.



Ian Robertson organising - Members who have toured with The Thane will recognise the pose.....



....but you might not have known about his career in Cabaret.

Around 1972, age, infirmity and a state of general disorganisation encouraged Ian to hand over to me. During the Seventies, The Outcasts played a comprehensive Sunday and Summer programme and started visiting The Medway Festival. Subsequently management has been shared by David Maltman, Richard Cleall, Conrad De Souza and many more.



*Richard Cleall of whom it
has been said....*



*An Outcast Team of the early post-war period.
The pagoda tells us that it was away to
Mohicans. Blackett, Blake, Sloan, Mash, ?, Wright,
Stuart, Angear, Robbins, Keller, Hadyn-Jones*

Worthing The first Festival attended by The Outcasts was at Worthing during Easter 1934. The atmosphere of these Festivals has not changed - in the Thirties, Roy encouraged Herbert Sears to drive his baby Austin into the saloon bar of The George, where it was placed on a table.



The Outcasts at Worthing Early 50s

*Barlow, Poole, Dickinson, Keller, Sears, Pike, Clarke, Wright,
Mash, Stewart, Sloane, Angear, Williams, Fuller,
Goodwin, King, Blake, Mellor,*



Jim Fuller remembered an Easter Festival just after the Last War when he was sharing a bed with Arthur Garrish. They awoke to find a Hoover, switched on, in bed between them. The top kitty master of all time must be Trevor Holmes who, in 1971, commandeered a tea urn at The Hairy Goats Hotel, had it filled with bitter, and sold it to other Teams who could not get to the very small, undermanned, bar. The Outcasts kitty ran into profit that year.



Worthing - Same tent, same era

Back Sears, Barlow, Blake, ?, ?, ?, Mackay, Fuller, Pasley,
Seated Stewart, King, Sloane, Robbins, Poole, ***Front:*** ?, Keller, James,

The sociability was not confined to members of Blackheath, apart from Guest Players, firm friendships were formed with members of other Clubs, notably The Hairy Goats (Maidenhead), Scorpions (Old Kingstonians), Bohemians (Tulse Hill), Strollers (Surbiton), Accidentals (Hendon) and Furness. Not forgetting The Members of Worthing H.C. who provided the annual venue for our revels. The Outcasts have interrupted Festival Matches with clouds of bubbles, a panel of judges assessing the performance, and a pantomime horse.



Mike Cooke & JB entertain in the bar of The Sussex Pad around 1972. Sunday night was our traditional 'At Home' over The Easter Festival.

Easter Sunday Lunchtime The Thane serves up Champagne and Oysters in The Lounge at The Sussex Pad to Brian Bennet and Chris Glenny.



Worthing 1975 – Thomas, Egan, Mustaq, Smith, Maltman, Glenny Bartlett, Robertson, Harrington, Cobb, Rutherford, Snashall.



Worthing 74 *The Outcast Pantomime Horse being introduced to the teams, Easter Sat pm – Main Pitch Outcasts v Hairy Goats*



Worthing 1984

*Flynn, Imtiaz, Snashall, Critchlow, Bartlett, Polu, Rehling S.
De Souza, Conrad, Tommy, Chunny, Cobb, Williams; Hopkins.*



Worthing 1985 Mens & Ladies Teams

Standing: Neil Bartlett, Jenny Titmus, Alison & Peter Brown, Brown D. JB, Vardy, Gainey, Rehling B. Custance Baker, Rehling S. Cobb, Elliott, Judith Krone, Sue Cleall, Janet Gainey, Jerry; **Kneeling:** Conrad, Sujit, Cant, Snashall, Chunny, Nankevell, Cobb twins, Krone, Carol Elliott



Worthing 1986 Mens & Ladies Teams

Back: Constantine, Cooper, Rehling S.; **Centre:** Hopkins, Carol, ?, ?, Elliott, ?, Snashall, Wasim, JB, Conrad, ?, Veronica, Cobb; **Front:** Lorna, Pam, ?, ?, Inez, Jerry, Cobb twins, Bartlett N.



Thanet Festival takes place over the last weekend in April. During the 70s we had a run of eight years staying at the Curzon when we were unbeaten, and Danny Deveney scored every year. Thanet was noted for constant, horizontal rain, driving in from The North Sea, and has had few more memorable sights than Ian Robertson playing full-back in oilskins, or Richard Cleall playing an entire game in a pink bunny costume.



Thanet early 60s

Blythe, Harben, Mockett, Palmer, Driver, Angear J., ?, Albert Angear (umpire) David Hardwick, Van der Linde, Ian Robertson, Danny Deveney,

Many people's favourite memory of Thanet was the year we took over the Truman's promotional caravan done out with fitted carpets, settees, heating and free beer while everyone else made do with a draughty beer tent. At both Festivals we have been excellently served by the local hotels and their proprietors. At Worthing the Brunswick, Sussex Pad, Granville and Eardley, and at Thanet Saint Benets, The Curzon and the Beachcomber.



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Thanet 1974



*Gourlay, Maltman, Bowen, Sargent, Leamouth, Tringham, Hiscock, Robertson
Arnett, Bates, Dunne, Bartlett, Robertson S.*

Thanet 1976?



*Holmes, Gourlay, Robertson, Bates, Maltman, Arnett, Mortimer, Taylor
Robertson S., Flynn, Hallworth, Deveney, Dunne, Bartlett*

Thanet 1989



*Pryor, Wilson, Bartlett, Constantine, Higginson, Hurlbut,
Merritt, Mitchell, Macnamara, Ravi Wick, Budresh, Seneka*

*Thanet 1991*

*Custance Baker, Seneka, Wilson, Brown, Rehling, Gibbs, Bartlett,
Watson, Cooper, Hurlbut
Constantine J, Turnbull, Conrad, Merritt, Aislyn.*

The Outcasts 5thXI Tour has occupied our Easters & Summers since the early 90s and allowed members old and new to gather with their families and enjoy each others company. The success of these events is due to the labours of Jonathon Davis and Richard Higginson aided by Messrs. Johnson, Hurlbut, Sullivan, Ulyett, Ellsworth and Streek. At the Isle of Wight in 2001 we had our biggest turnout ever - 26 players, tour party of 57, kit bill over £2000!





Easter 2003 - Weston-Super-Mare

Team Photo just before the game in which Glendini – the pseudo Mayor of Catford - stayed on the pitch for 70 minutes rather than be unfrocked by the Chairman of the Weston-Super-Mare Council **also** 3 generations of Higginson



Club Captain Andy B tackles in Jersey in 2004 watched closely by Steve Howells



Club President Miller on Jug Duty on the Isle of Wight in 2001.



*Easter Monday 2008 - Bury St. Edmunds. Fines Mistress and Chief Sneak threaten Gareth – he still copped it **and** Greeting a new player whose membership only lasted until the thaw*





Tour Dinner - Bury St. Edmunds, Easter 2008



Outcast 50th Anniversary Tournament 2nd Oct 1984 Outcasts VetsXI and Invitation Vets XI

Back Row: David Turner (*Worthing*), Bob Taylor (*Tulse Hill*) Con David (*Surbiton*)
David Hayter, John Bartlett, Danny Deveney, Ian Robertson, Peter Machin, Ken New,
John Harrington, Trevor Holmes, Brian Brown, Arthur Hammond (*Old Kingstonians*),
Colin Couves, Joe Aguiar.

Kneeling: Jair Veerasingh (*Hendon*), Cliff Hall (*Bexleyheath*), Jim Hawkes (*Worthing*),
Richard Dobinson (*Tulse Hill*) Peter Saville (*Worthing*) Gerry Beasley (*Worthing*), David
Frost (*Old Kingstonians*), Charles Angear (*Blackheath & Maidstone*), Keith Potter
(*Tulse Hill*).



The Founding Fathers



The First Outcasts Dinner in 1934 at The Cheshire Cheese in The Strand

Standing against Curtains:

Tom Auker, Gerald Oakley, Jack Paul, Bill Fry, Maurice Robson, Herbert Sears

Standing:

Guy Fitch, Roy Keller.

Sitting behind Table:

Arthur Pasley, Joe Halliwell, Alex Butler, Robin Henderson, Pat Rosenhill.

Sitting Left:

John Robbins, Yorath Bonner, Albert Angear, Tony Barrett.

Sitting Right:

Alex Griffiths, John Gibson, Bertie Sant.

In the Loo when the picture was being taken:

Jimmy (Colonel Cecil Hugh) James.