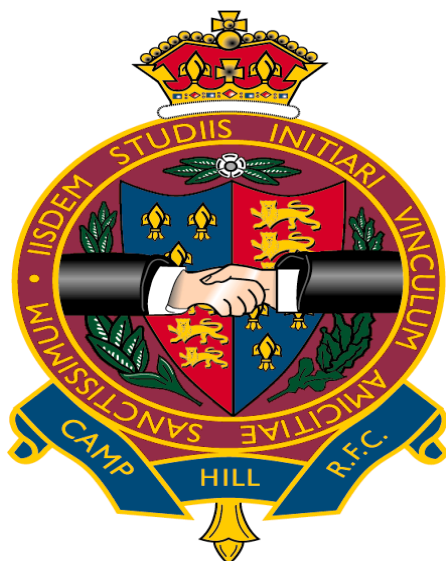


CAMP HILL RUGBY CLUB Ltd



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CELEBRATING YEARS

Annual Report
Season 2018/2019
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Officers and Committees for 2018/2019

Directors

President*	Martin Garrod
Chairman*	David Maiden
Vice Chairman*	Martyn Powis

Board - in addition to those marked*

Secretary	Karen Gibbons
Head of Finance	Jon McDermott
Head of Playing Affairs	Simon Tansley
Ladies Representative	Karen Gibbons
Minis and Juniors Representative	Eugene McDaid
Head of Facilities	Neil Coy
Chief Operating Officer	Nigel Busby
Club Safeguarding Officer	Deb Coles
Board Members	Paul Moore

Senior Teams

1st XV	Mitch Lee
2nd XV	Luke Coutanche
3rd XV	Russell Baker
Veterans XV	Danny Ingram
Ladies XV	N/A
Colts XV	N/A
Ladies Touch Team	Emma Thompson-O'Dowd
Mixed Touch Team	Russ Baker

Captain

Senior Coaching and Management Team

Chairman of Playing Affairs	Simon Tansley
Men's Fixture Secretary	Jim Looney
1st XV Head Coach	Stephen Halbert
1st XV Manager	Will Marshall-Murray; Paul Moore
2nd XV Manager	Chris Trivett
3rd XV Manager	John Perrigo
Ladies Head Coach	N/A
Ladies Fixture Secretary	N/A
Press Officer	Steve Terrace

Ladies Rugby Committee

Ladies Chair	N/A
Finance	N/A
Playing Affairs	N/A
Publicity	N/A

Touch Rugby Team Coaching and Management Teams

Heads of Touch Rugby	Emma Thomson-O'Dowd; Will Marshall-Murray
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Ladies Touch Rugby

Head Coach	Alex Thompson
Assistant Coach	Darren Court
Manager	Leanne Ashworth

Mixed Touch Rugby

Team Manager	Mark DuRose
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Mini and Junior Committee

Chairman	Eugene McDaid
Vice Chair	Deb Coles
Safeguarding Officer	Deb Coles
Fixture Secretary	Martin Lupton
Committee Member	Jon McDermott
Committee Member	Simon Tansley
Committee Member	Eddie Halliday
Committee Member	Paul Keane

President's Forward 2019

The season of 2018-19 has felt like a time to look backwards as well as forwards. A generation seems to have passed, as we said goodbye to Ken Birrell and Dave Bancroft this year, so soon after our farewells to Graham Scutt during the previous one. David Phillips also died this season; he was more cricket than rugby, but his support for the team and his friendship with Ken and Graham make him part of that passing generation. These men set remarkable examples of service; they are so sorely missed.

Another great servant of the Club, Dave Maiden, is also stepping down from his role as Chairman. With 13 seasons under his belt, Dave has served in that role for longer than anyone else in the Club's history. Thank you, Dave, for all you have done. Thank you too, Mary, for the amazing way you have been part of Dave's work at the Club. 'Long-suffering' doesn't come close!

Rather neatly, the final backwards look felt as much a part of the present (and future) of the Club as it felt nostalgic. The tremendous hard work organising the dinner to celebrate 125 years of Camp Hill Rugby Club bore rich fruit; members past and present (and therefore future) gathered in truly remarkable numbers, for a celebratory bash at the Forest of Arden Country Club on 11th May 2019. The whole evening spoke of a great past and a great future.

The dinner wasn't the only reference this season to those 125 years of history. On the second Saturday in October 1893, Camp Hill Old Edwardians Rugby Football Club played its first fixture – against Aston Old Edwardians – and won 13-0. 125 years later, on the second Saturday in October 2018, veterans from the same two clubs met again; once again Camp Hill was victorious.

What of the immediate past – 2018-19? The 1st XV can be pleased with their 4th place finish in the league, given the recent retirement of a number of key players and the depletion caused by injuries; runners up in the North Midlands Shield was also no mean achievement.

But it's more the strength in so many sections of the Club, which needs to be recognised and that's where I find myself starting to look forward, with such pride and optimism. Once again, the Club put out at least three senior teams most weekends, at a time when other local teams are often struggling to field more than one. I mentioned the Ladies' touch-rugby team last year; I salute them again this year. They and the Mixed touch-rugby players, continue to grow in numbers. But they'll have to go it some to catch the Minis and Juniors; there are now more than 300 boys and girls from Micros to Under 16s.

For obvious reasons, I am always delighted to see any new ties to the school. Whilst it is an open Club, its history is a rich one, and there are more links than just the Club name and the President's day job.

This season, the School's Year 9 team played the Club's Under 14 team. Three players – Vernon Kenworthy, Jobe Simpson and Toby Taylor – were eligible for both teams (and played for the school). The return of the Camp Hill Colts next season should give a number of boys from the School a chance to represent the Club; Jobe's brother Alex, Max Amarilli and Luke Hemmings, for example.

Congratulations to Jobe Simpson; chosen to receive the Victor Saville award from Camp Hill RFC for the 2018-2019 season; this award goes to the person who has done most to foster links, between the School and the Club.

Another new link is the appointment of Ian Briggs as assistant/backs coach at the Club; I remember watching Ian play for the School a disconcertingly large number of years ago.

Celebrating an illustrious past; building a strong present; planning for a healthy future. 2018-19 has certainly proved to be a pivotal year in the Club's story.

Martin Garrod
President
2018 - 19

Chairman's Report

It was a season of consolidation, insofar as the Club was trying to consistently field 3 or 4 teams, with varying levels of success.

The 1st team were competitive in most matches and finished 4th in Midlands 2 West (North) and were Runners Up in the North Midlands Shield Final.

Other teams' performances are covered in detail in their respective reports.

Once again, great work by Steve Halbert and players at all levels as we managed, at times, to field 4 teams, and could have managed more had we been able to find the opposition to play. In this respect, we are almost the only Club to do this in the North Midlands and are the envy of most clubs we play that struggle to get 2 teams out on a regular basis.

After an absence of a couple of seasons, the Ladies section is looking to rebuild and plans will be put in place during the close season to make this happen.

The relatively new Touch Rugby section continues to grow and be successful. The Ladies Touch Rugby team is proving to be a force to be reckoned with in the Midlands Touch League; whilst the Mixed Touch Rugby is showing signs of emulating the Ladies.

Mini & Junior rugby continues to make a considerable input and their association with Wasps continues to everyone's advantage.

The Club House continues to be improved as we accumulate more funds. A great number of people have put a lot of effort into these projects and we owe them a big vote of thanks.

Clubman of the Year was awarded to Stuart Ruff in recognition of his contribution.

Again, we offer a huge vote of thanks to our Sponsors, without whom we would struggle to survive.

The Shirley Beer and Cider Festival continues to thrive and the hosting of it supports the Club; although this year's festival has not taken place at the time of going to press.

As usual, a big vote of thanks to all who served on the various Committees in the Club. Thank you for your support.

Thanks to all our volunteers at all levels & sections. Without you all we would not be able to function as an amateur community rugby club.

This season has been our 125th year of continuous rugby, of which the past 90 years have been at our ground in Haslucks Green Road. Our milestone season was rounded off with our 125th Anniversary and Gala Dinner. It was a great celebration both of the Club's history and future and it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Finally, as I hand over the reins, it has been a pleasure and an honour for Mary and me to make whatever contribution we have been able to make to CHRCL.

Dave Maiden

Chairman 2006 - 2019

Rugby and Club Awards

Senior Men - Rugby Awards

Club Colours	Mark Lisle; Jan-Erik Anderson
1st XV Player of the Year	Mark Lisle
2nd XV Player of the Year	Anthony Davis
3rd XV Player of the Year	Juan Ortega Alcantara
Dave Hawkins Memorial Award	Not Awarded
<i>Colts XV Player of the Year</i>	
TF Rogers Award	Matt Nightingale
<i>Most improved senior male player</i>	
2nd XV Most Improved Player of the Year	Ben Brogden
2nd XV Players' of the Year	Thomas Fleming
3rd XV Captain's Player of the Year	Andy Blakemore
3rd XV Managers Player of the Year	Juan Ortega Alcantara
<i>John Perrigo Award</i>	
Pete Graham Memorial Award	Steven Halbert
<i>Supporters 1st XV player of the year</i>	

Senior Ladies - Rugby Awards

Ladies 1st XV Player of the Year	Not awarded
Laura Wicks Award	Not awarded
<i>Most improved senior Ladies 1st XV player</i>	
Den Hogan Memorial Award	Not awarded
<i>The individual who has done most to support Ladies rugby</i>	
The Fox Award	Not awarded
<i>Best newcomer</i>	
Coach's Player of the Year	Not awarded
Ladies Colours	Not awarded
Life Member	Not awarded
Hall of Fame	Not awarded

Touch - Rugby Awards

Ladies Touch Rugby Player's Player	Sarah Kealy
Ladies Touch Rugby Most Improved Player	Ray Brown

Club Awards

Clubman of the Year	Stuart Ruff
Victor Saville Award	Jobe Simpson
<i>The individual who has done most to foster links between the Club and Camp Hill School</i>	

Mini and Junior Rugby Awards

The Lindsay Brent Cup	Not awarded
<i>Under 12s player of the year</i>	
The Wally Edwards Trophy	Not awarded
<i>The Mini and Junior team that has made the most significant progress</i>	
Tom Ulliott Award	Not awarded
<i>Under 17s players' player of the year</i>	

Representative Honours

Senior Men's Rugby

Greater Birmingham

Mitch Lee

North Midlands

Mitch Lee; Steve Leach

Touch Rugby

Regional Touch Rugby - Wildcats

Emma Thomson-O'Dowd; Maggs Rees

England Over 35s

Maggs Rees

Junior Rugby

Worcester U15s

Tyler Westwood

Greater Birmingham - U15s

Tyler Westwood; Lewis Whyte

Will Taylor; George Lanham

Greater Birmingham - U16s

Oran Lupton

A View from the Touchline

P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff
29	20	2	7	1024	618	408

Although the Club didn't win any silverware, most spectators would consider it a successful season with plenty of entertaining rugby to enjoy. There was certainly no hangover from the relegation of the previous season as the Club, for the first time in living memory, won their first five games.

The first game, a cup match against former coach Kevin Venus's Veseyans was a stroll in the sunshine; Camps scoring nine tries in a 65-0 win with Dan Robinson registering the first hat trick of the season; it wasn't the last.

The start of the league season, however, looked particularly tough with visits to Wolverhampton, relegated with us last season, and Crewe and Nantwich. Two hard-fought victories resulted and, after a low-key cup victory over Sils, another high-flying team was defeated when visitors Leek were beaten 23-21.

The first bump in the road came with the visit to Ludlow who absorbed everything that Camps could throw at them in the early stages and were then clinical with their finishing when they got on top. The future champions won by 41-7.

There was no shortage of entertainment in the next two home games, however, as Evesham were dispatched by 47-24 and Newcastle (Staffs) were similarly beaten 47-21. On both occasions we ran in 7 tries with the evergreen, Barney Edwards scoring a hat trick against Evesham.

The following week saw our first ever league visit to Spartans who, at that time, were top of the league. It was a scrappy performance but we at least came away with something as Barney scored in the last minutes and converted with the final kick of the match to gain a 17 all draw.

Stafford were the next team to be on the end of a rousing home performance with Mark Lisle scoring a hat trick of tries in the 67-10 win.

Long Eaton were brushed aside in the Intermediate Cup by another strong home performance by 39-24 to raise hopes of a possible Twickenham appearance but the next two weekends were a stark reality check.

The trip to Tamworth is often difficult as the home side, which eventually finished runners-up, play a pragmatic style of rugby and know how to play on that big sloping pitch. Camps never recovered from going down 12-0 against the run of play and, although they had all the possession in the second half against the elements they were only able to cross the line once courtesy of Mark Lisle as they suffered a second league defeat 17-8

The following week, the visitors were Kidderminster Carolians in the Intermediate Cup and a large crowd was hopeful of making further cup progress. Although we scored five tries ourselves, the visitors were clinical in their finishing and ran out 62-33 winners to end those Twickenham dreams.

Cup progress was made the following week as a league and cup "double header" at Telford ended in another comfortable victory and another hat trick this time from Number 8 Steven Leach.

A pre-Christmas trip to Veseyans was notable for an excellent Christmas Lunch, a visit from King Cayman and a 36-7 victory.

Our own Christmas Party, the following week, was even more enjoyable entertaining our old friends from Walsall along with dignitaries from North Midlands. The only downside was dragging yourself outside in foul weather to watch an attritional game. Camps prevailed, just, thanks to a try from Steven Leach, which broke a 3-3 deadlock.

Unfortunately, the start of the New Year was not kind and four consecutive league games without a win effectively put an end to any promotion hopes. Camps were rather taken by surprise by a determined Crewe and Nantwich team who avenged their narrow defeat earlier in the season with a hard-earned 37-28 win and the following week were involved in a high scoring entertaining game at Leek. Unfortunately, when it seemed we had done enough to win the game, Leek snatched victory with the last play of the game.

Following a comfortable semi-final win over Evesham in the North Midlands Shield, which guaranteed a final appearance in the 125th season, Ludlow were the visitors to The Shrine. The league leaders and eventual champions again proved too good despite a strong Camps performance and ran out 38-22 winners.

The following week, despite scoring six tries, Camps could only come away from an improved Newcastle side with a 34 all draw.

It wasn't until 16 the February that Camps managed their first league win of the year. The game against Spartans was preceded by a minute's silence for Club stalwart Dave Bancroft who died the previous week and the contest proved a fitting memorial Camps prevailed by 27-20 in an entertaining game, which could have gone either way.

After victory at relegation-threatened Stafford, it was back to Haslucks Green Road for a game against promotion-chasing Tamworth. Camps raced out to a 17-point lead were pegged back to go in at half-time only 22-17 ahead but defended brilliantly in the second half and eventually won by 27-23. It was probably the best all round performance of the season against strong opposition and certainly one of the most enjoyable.

Two weeks later the visitors were Telford who were pointless at the bottom of the table and, having been promoted the previous season only to lose a number of their better players, were struggling to fulfill their fixtures. Unfortunately, they came up against a side who were happy to throw the ball about in perfect conditions and Camps recorded their biggest ever victory in terms of points and tries. 129-0 contained 21 tries for the home side including six for Steven Leach, who enjoyed a tremendous second half of the season, and a hat trick for winger Alex O'Malley making his first team debut from the bench. Second row Shawn Lindeque, a consistent figure in the pack throughout the season scored his first (and second) try for the Club. The difference in ability was obvious but I suppose that's how records are broken and you have to enjoy them when they come.

The third meeting with Veseyans went the same way as the other two and, although they were much improved from the start of the season, the margin was still 44-10, with Camps scoring another six tries including one from the now prolific Lindeque.

The end of the season looked challenging with the final two league games at Walsall and then home to promotion-chasing Wolverhampton followed by the North Midlands Shield final. The trip to Walsall was a pleasure, as ever and a Jolly Boys' outing meant there was plenty of support on the touchline. Camps' first experience of Walsall's artificial pitch produced an entertaining game with Camps winning at the death with a try from Alex O'Malley.

With Wolverhampton and Tamworth both winning that meant that Camps could no longer reach second spot but there was still the prospect of a home game against Wolverhampton in front of a large crowd on Chairman's Day.

The day and the game were a fitting climax to the league season and, if it is his last Chairman's Day, a fine testament to Dave 'Skin' Maiden. A superb all-round performance blew the opposition away as Camps scored another six tries in a 44-10 victory. As a result Tamworth overtook Wolves for second spot although they were beaten by Kidderminster in the play-offs so will remain at our level for next season.

The final game of this memorable 125th season was the North Midlands Shield final which, unfortunately for the players, followed the Anniversary Dinner. Having given their all during the season they deserved more than anybody to enjoy the celebrations but the impending final made that difficult.

Up against a rampant Kidderminster side, Camps had plenty of possession and played with passion throughout but were undone by the speed and clinical finishing of the Kidderminster backs. It wasn't the climax we wanted but the players could all hold their heads high after a great performance in difficult conditions against classy opponents.

Coach Halbey and Mark Lisle made the most appearances with 27 each, the latter having his most productive season with 13 tries.

Skipper Mitch Lee and Ryan Large played in 25 games

Steven Leach was top try scorer with 19 in 18 games whilst Barney Edwards was just two tries back Briggsy topped the points scoring with 267, including 8 tries.

No surprise then that all of these individuals had support in the Spectators Player of the Year voting.

It was player/coach Stephen Halbert who came out top with the ever reliable and popular Dan O'Grady once again the runner-up.

We were treated to a total of 146 tries during the, season with 4 tries or more in 19 of the games. At least one try was scored in every game.

A very enjoyable season and plenty to look forward to come September.

Steve Terrace
Publicity Officer
2018 - 19

Head of Playing Affairs Report

As a brief overview, the year has been one of consolidation for the Senior Men's section, occasional glimmers of hope of a re-emergent Ladies section, continued growth for the Minis and Juniors (M&J) and the continued success story that is Touch Rugby at the Club, both Mixed and Ladies only.

You'll find the more exciting details of these sections' achievements in their reports. However, what is clear is that no other Club in the area caters so successfully in such numbers and for such a wide range of existing or potential rugby players as we do at Camp Hill.

Our members, and especially our volunteer members, make it that our M&J section is the number 1 choice for unaffiliated rugby parents to send their kids; it's why players from other clubs leave their own clubs and come to drink here on occasion; it's why other clubs looking to develop want to link with us; it's why certain playing sections can almost double in paying numbers within a year; it's why premiership team, Wasps, after more than 4 years of working together, still refer to us as 'their favourite community partner club' despite intense competition from other clubs.

Looking forward on the playing front, we are delighted to retain the services of Steve 'Halby' Halbert for another year as men's lead coach. He reckons he will just be plain old coach Halbert. But we shall see how long it is before he reverts back again to player/coach Halbert! Halby is ably assisted by the official appointment to the coaching team of Ian Briggs, a familiar face taking on the role now of assistant/backups coach. We wish him luck, especially as Halby has child number 2 on the way!

A special mention, must go to the characters behind the continued growth of two of our sections:

Firstly, the M&Js. Where the leadership and enthusiasm of the past 3 M&J chairs (Nigel Busby, Warren Taylor and Eugene McDaid), their committees and the parents, have left the section in rude health. The M&J rebuild has truly been a project that has taken 10 years to come to fruition. Getting good people involved and, wherever possible, keeping them involved should be the blueprint for developing any section of any club. The number of senior players becoming parents can only help further the rugby nous in this section. But the current mix of coaches, managers, committee, and event organisers etc. show that all our parent volunteers are equally important.

Touch rugby: well what a story! The passion and determination of those involved to coach and lead the growth of the Ladies touch team over the years has been fantastic to see. We hope that a realisation of the planned re-emergence of women's and girls' rugby in future seasons will also feed into this; but Alex, Leanne, Emma and co have shown that, regardless, their team continues to attract new players to Camps and to the game.

More recently, the tireless enthusiasm of Will Marshall-Murray and his merry band of Mixed touch rugby advocates has resonated with many contact rugby players both old and young. It has also provided an opportunity for parents to play alongside and against their kids. Any who are no longer content to stand and watch on the side-lines should really give the Ladies and/or the Mixed touch rugby teams a go.

With rugby now played or coached on most days of the week and across all months of the year, there is an all-round vibrancy to Camp Hill that is unprecedented in its 125 year history. I hope you feel proud of the part you play in making it so.

Simon Tansley
Head of Playing Affairs
2018 - 19

Club Coach's Report

With relegation from Midlands 1 last season, the selection committee and I were looking to push for promotion.

Unfortunately, the loss of between 12 - 20 regular first and second team players due to retirement, university and work commitments made this target difficult to achieve.

The first team started the season excellently, going eleven games unbeaten in the Cup and League. But, for those games, we were unable to select the same eighteen players and this was the trend for the whole season.

Continuity became more of an issue as the season progressed and it became more of a problem between December and January, when players' unavailability hit the whole playing side of the Club hard. As a result, we had difficulty securing a win.

The last three months of the season were more generous. We went six games unbeaten and got to the North Midlands shield final with the match sadly falling the day after the 125th Anniversary Dinner.

This season as a whole has been very difficult in terms of player availability and games we should have won we failed to do so. I have used players from across all three teams, which is a credit to Russ Baker and Chris Trivett as, on many occasions, I have taken players on a Friday night and even a Saturday morning, which disrupted all teams. But, in their capable hands, they resolved the issues.

This year in the league we have played 22 won 15 drawn 2 and lost 5.

Congratulations to Jan-Erik Anderson and Mark Lisle on the award of their Club Colours and to Mark on being awarded Player of the Year.

My thanks too, to Captain Mitch and Physios, Ed Knight and Chantelle Spoor for your support.

Next season there is a new coaching structure in place, an increase in fringe players and a push on commitment to training.

Stephen Halbert

Club Coach

2018 - 19

Season 2018/19

Date Sat.	Opponent	L/C/F	Venue	Result			W/L/D
01/09/2018	Veseyans	C	H	65	-	0	W
08/09/2018	Wolverhampton	L1	A	10	-	24	W
15/09/2018	Crewe & Nantwich	L2	A	25	-	27	W
22/09/2018	Silhillians	C1	H	16	-	10	W
29/09/2018	Leek	L3	H	23		21	W
	VPS Day				-		
06/10/2018	Ludlow	L4	A	41	-	7	L
13/10/2018	Evesham	C2	A	24	-	47	W
20/10/2018	Newcastle Under Lyme	L5	H	47	-	21	W
27/10/2018	Spartans	L6	A	17	-	17	D
03/11/2018	Stafford	L7	H	67	-	10	W
10/11/2018	Long Eaton	C3	H	39	-	27	W
17/11/2018	Tamworth	L8	A	17	-	8	L
24/11/2018	Kidderminster	CQF	H	33	-	62	L
01/12/2018	Telford	CQF/L9	A	7	-	55	W
08/12/2018	Veseyans	L10	A	7	-	36	W
15/12/2018	Walsall	L11	H	10		3	W
	Blind Monkey Cup				-		
22/12/2018					-		
26/12/2018	Boxing Day	F	H		-		
29/12/2018					-		
05/01/2019	Crewe & Nantwich	L12	H	28	-	37	L
12/01/2019	Leek	L13	A	36	-	33	L
19/01/2019	Evesham	CSF	H	34	-	19	W
26/01/2019	Ludlow	L14	H	22	-	38	L
02/02/2019					-		
09/02/2019	Newcastle Under Lyme	L15	A	34	-	34	D
16/02/2019	Spartans	L16	H	27	-	20	W
23/02/2019					-		
02/03/2019	Stafford	L17	A	11	-	25	W
09/03/2019	Tamworth	L18	H	27	-	23	W
16/03/2019					-		
23/03/2019	Telford	L19	H	129	-	0	W
30/03/2019	Veseyans	L20	H	44	-	10	W
06/04/2019	Walsall	L21	A	24		27	W
	Blind Monkey Cup				-		
13/04/2019	Wolverhampton	L22	H	47		19	W
	Chairman's Day				-		
12/05/2019	Kidderminster	CF	NMS	26	-	48	L

Camp Hill 1st XV

Season 2018/19 - Midlands Division - Midlands 2 West (North)

<u>P</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Pl</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Diff</u>	<u>Try Bonus*</u>	<u>Losing Bonus**</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Ludlow	22	18	0	4	880	318	562	19	4	95
2	Tamworth	22	17	1	4	594	421	173	12	2	84
3	Wolverhampton	22	16	0	6	661	400	261	14	2	80
4	Camp Hill	22	15	2	5	764	431	333	13	1	78
5	Leek	22	13	3	6	602	488	114	13	2	75
6	Crewe & Nantwich	22	13	2	7	640	390	250	9	3	68
7	Newcastle (Staffs)	22	9	1	12	585	500	85	10	5	53
8	Walsall	22	8	0	14	555	550	5	7	5	44
9	Spartans (Midlands)	22	7	2	13	494	562	-68	9	2	43
10	Stafford	22	5	1	16	390	628	-238	6	4	32
11	Veseyans	22	4	0	18	404	663	-259	5	6	27
12	Telford Hornet	22	1	0	21	152	1370	-1218	1	0	4

* 5 or more tries

** Within 15 or less

1st XV Report

P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	L Pts
29	20	2	7	1024	618	408	78

As the 125th Anniversary, I personally would have loved to have won some silverware this season. However, we did manage to break a couple of records!

We set ourselves two very optimistic targets for this season, those being a promotion and a cup win. Unfortunately, Ludlow was too strong a team to knock off the top spot and Kidderminster got the better of us in the two cups. This said, I couldn't have asked for more from the lads.

The support we received this season was amazing and we as a squad would like to thank each and every one of you who has taken the time to come down and watch the teams.

We would also like to thank the committee for their continued support.

There were obviously some negatives during the season; such as the Leek away game and Tamworth away. However, the positives massively outweigh the negatives. The team's performances against the top 4 sides showed that we deserved a higher league position. Playing Ludlow away from home was a different kettle of fish. However, the performances against Tamworth and Wolverhampton towards the end of the season showed that the team really clicked.

The Crewe & Nantwich game away from home at the beginning of the season threw a lot of obstacles in our way, such as Luke 'Tadpole' Coutanche being cowardly punched from behind and having to go off with a serious head injury. Usually it would be a straight forward substitution from the replacement front row player... but when the replacement front row player is still on the motorway and doesn't arrive at the ground until 15 minutes after the final whistle, it left us a little snookered.

Fortunately for us, this revealed one of Stephen 'Halby' Halbert's hidden talents... loose head prop. The team lifted their performance and we came away with a win.

The Tamworth, Wolverhampton and Leek home games showed what we were really capable of; including the record breaking 129-0 vs Telford at home with Steve Leach scoring 6 tries in the process.

Some individuals really impressed this season, Mark Lisle has shown that he is capable of playing more or less anywhere that he is asked to play, and Steven Leach showed his class, both for Camp Hill and North Midlands. George Wilkinson was another individual who shone. With the departure of Lewis Beaty at the beginning of the season, we tried to fill the 10 shirt with a number of players. However, George's communication and distribution allowed us to play the patterns we wanted to play, so making the first team 10 shirt his own.

I would like to finish by congratulating Steve Leach on another appearance for North Midlands and Stephen Halbert for his excellent playing career. I am looking forward to another season with Stephen in a more dedicated coaching role. However, I wouldn't throw the boots away just yet, though. I think we may need you to help us out in the front row from time to time!

Last but not least I would also like to thank and congratulate Dave 'Skin' Maiden on his Chairmanship and driving the Club to the position it is in today. Also thanks especially to Mary, who has supported him throughout this time.

Work has already started for next season. Again we will set ourselves challenging goals to ensure that we push ourselves to the next level and give the supporters something to really cheer for. We are looking very strong with players returning from studies and a number of players coming in from other clubs. I can't wait to see the club field another Colts team that will be managed by Alex Richmond.

Some very exciting times for the club, which is only positive.

Mitch Lee

1st XV Captain

2018 - 19

2nd XV Report

The season has been an unsettled one.

Despite the changes in leadership, including managers and captains, there were some strong performances and performers.

The first few months of the season, up to the New Year and without any official management, saw players drift off and numbers drop off. But through the remaining months, and with the help and support of numerous 3rd team players, the team grew in structure, a continuity of players increased and results started to turn around

Entering the New Year, our first game was a narrow win at Sutton Coldfield, which preceded a run of close wins and losses, culminating in a win against Birmingham Moseley to put us in a semi-final plate game against Bromsgrove.

The team always played with huge effort and competed well, often against some very good opposition; this despite the lack of attendance in numbers at any training session, which is required to regularly win. This was to tell near the end of the season when results dropped off.

Going forward, we now have a core of leaders and players who hope to build a regular squad, with support from the first team so increasing links with them.

We look forward to gearing up to the new season in order that the new Development team can hit the ground running.

Chris Trivett

2nd XV Manager

2018 - 19

3rd XV Report

This season has definitely been a season of 2 halves.

It began with a bang. The Annual Memorial game, now Memorial Day, was attended by a brilliant numbers of players, young and old. On this day, we remembered everybody we have lost over the 125 years of our Club. But close to our heart was playing in the 10th memorial game for our friend and 3rd team regular, Tom Ulliott. That day brought 3rd team regulars from over the years back together on the pitch.

Unfortunately, after that, the 3rd team struggled to get a regular team out before Christmas. Due to a number of players being frequently unavailable, we often had to make the tough decision to cancel games and support the 2s. This meant 3rd team regulars, such as Juan 'Spanish John' Ortega Alcantara, Steve Ulliott and Dave 'Chef Dave', were playing in the 2s. The main thing was that every player who made themselves available got game time. When we did manage to get 3 teams out before Christmas, we won more than we lost!

After Christmas there was a change. Better player numbers meant we regularly put 3 teams out. January 5th saw a comfortable victory over Handsworth, 47-0, followed by close defeats to Erdington and Five Ways 1st team. We were back to our best and competing against regular 1st teamers.

The highlight of the season came on the 12th January when we travelled to Aston Old Eds. Turning up with 16 players, 13 of whom were forwards, we came out convincing 46-24 winners. An injury to our full back, Stuart Leyshon, brought on our one and only sub - the versatile Jack Fleming. With front row in the centre and back row on the wing, it was definitely a sight to behold. With an estimated combined weight of 300 stone, it was possibly the heaviest ever team in Camp Hill history!

Special mention goes to Ade Melhuish, who played the most 80 minute games this season and also competed against 1st team front row players and taught them a lesson.

This season's awards go to the following:

- Player of the year 'Spanish John'
- The Perrigo award 'Spanish John'
- Captain's Player of the season Andy Blakemore

And finally, Simon 'Bloxy' Bloxham was outstanding

Russ Baker

3rd XV Captain

2018 - 19

Ladies Touch Rugby Report

As our season runs directly opposite to the contact season, this report is something of a midterm review but what a fantastic review it is! It's been a season of some exciting changes and some great new additions already.

In January, we welcomed a new assistant coach, Darren Court, who's brought knowledge and enthusiasm to the team and it is clearly paying dividends as training numbers are greater than ever.

October was the end of our 2017-2018 season and saw us achieve a respectable 2nd in our very competitive league. The opposition are getting better which meant we had to get better, too!

November saw our End of Season do and our Players' Player and Most Improved Player Awards. The former was presented to Sarah Kealy and the latter to Ray Brown. Sarah's dynamic defence, enthusiasm, commitment and determination all helped us to win many a match. Ray was a mid-season addition, who picked up the game like a natural. Her natural athleticism meant she was strong in defence and dangerous in attack. Her family has recently relocated to Ireland and we will miss her.

After our usual winter break, we launched our very successful taster sessions in January. We gave new players the opportunity to give touch rugby a go for free for four weeks. Our retention rate was over 90% and we gained a large numbers of fantastic new players as well as some returners.

May saw us hold our annual tournament and again it was a huge success. Thanks to all who supported it. The weather didn't disappoint and, for the first time in our history, we were able to put out two strong teams. Many of these players were completely new to the sport in January and they held their own in the tournament. Camp Hill Maroons won their pool and Camp Hill Blues came second. In a competitive tournament, the Maroons came third overall and the Blues came sixth.

We have also had an incredible fifteen debuts this season in our tournaments as well as numerous debut tries. As I write this, we are currently third in our league.

Outside of our league, we have to congratulate Emma Thompson-O'Dowd, Jo Dolan and Maggs Rees-Smith on their selection for the England over 35s' training squad. Massive congratulations, too, to Maggs who went on to represent England at the world cup in Malaysia and came home with a bronze medal! We're super proud of you all!

Overall a great season to date with so much more to come. Please continue to spread the word about us. We welcome all girls and ladies from 13+, regardless of fitness and rugby experiences, each Monday night 7pm to 8pm.

Leanne Ashworth

Team Manager

2018 - 19

Mixed Touch Rugby Report

After our first Camp Hill Mixed Touch session in May 2018, we have now completed one full year. We had a fairly ad-hoc set of games during the Summer of 2018 with numbers peaking at 60-70 people on a few occasions. That number settled down to 20-30 over the winter months.

We participated in a mini league with Sils, Aston, Erdington and Yardley & District, which helped raise our standards and helped us actually learn the rules of Touch. We played several fixtures against Banbury who, like Sils, took an active part in our development as a team.

We carried on playing throughout the winter on the Astroturf at Solihull School which helped accelerate our progress and development. We are looking forward to being able to use the new portable floodlights in order to continue to train at Camp Hill this year.

In 2019, we arranged fixtures against local teams including Harborne, Warwick, Touch Rugby Coventry and Midland Barbarians. We also entered the National Development Touch League in Chester where we lost 5 games but drew one against Derby; the team was primarily made up of U15 players.

We recently won the Wasps Touch tournament by winning all of our games against some tough, experienced opposition.

The Summer League has so far been successful, encouraging more people to play, especially parents and coaches, brothers and sisters who may not have been interested in contact rugby. We are attracting circa 120-130 players, plus spectators! We are also charging £10 per player for this so we will have the income to cover the purchase of new equipment, tournament entry where applicable etc.

We have started additional training sessions on Tuesdays for more social players and Thursdays for our squad. Thursday training has the aim of getting our squad into a position where we can win some games in the DTS League and aim to complete properly in the league next year.

We have DTS league fixtures coming up at Norwich, Cheltenham and Derby.

We have also had 10 Juniors selected to go through to the next stage of the Regional Touch Trials. The Wildcats U15 Team will play in a national tournament in August and the best players will be invited to England selection camps. It is an aim of our section to try and get members of our junior and senior squads representing regionally and nationally.

Finally, we have created an association with St Basils, in which we will help train some of their youth homeless and staff on Tuesdays and hopefully organise a big sleep out event at the end of August. This is carrying on from the fixtures we have played with the Worcester Homeless team over the last year.

Will Marshall-Murray
Co Head of Touch Rugby
2018 - 19

Minis & Juniors Chairman's Report

The 2018/19 Season has now come to a close and, as I reflect on all that has happened, it makes me feel extremely proud to be part of an amazing Club and to work with such great children, parents, coaches, team managers and volunteers. We are lucky to have such a great culture within the section and this is created by everyone having the same ethos and doing what they can to make the Club a fun, safe and sociable environment to enjoy rugby.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the coaches and team managers for giving up their time and energy to turn up on Sunday mornings, and during the week no matter what the weather, to provide the opportunity for children to enjoy rugby.

We continue set up training sessions for coaches for their personal development and to give them the best tools possible to create fun a productive session for the players.

This season we have seen an increase in players joining to the 350 mark and an influx of new coaches taking the numbers up to 65. We have held and attended numerous events: Bonfire, Quizzes, Christmas Party, Wasps Takeover day, Training courses for coaches, Festivals, Tours, Wasps Coach Class, School Events, Charity evenings, Community projects, Fundraisers and the 125th Ball. All this, created and run by volunteers, makes it even more impressive. I would personally like to thank every one of you who gives up their time and energy to make this happen. Without you this Club would not be what it is today. With so much going on we are always looking for volunteers to help, so if you are interested or would like to do even more to support Camp Hill, please let us know.

Our own Mini festival saw 850 children turn up to play and we had teams from Hoylake and Watford along with great support from local clubs. Feedback from all that attended was extremely positive and the atmosphere was definitely in the true spirit of Camp Hill.

As part of looking at continuous improvements we have created a survey to get feedback from players, parents and coaches and this will be published at the start of next season.

As a section we believe in Rugby's core values TREDS – Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship. All Coaches, Team Managers, Players and Parents should follow this and if you see anyone from the section be it player, parent or coach not promoting and acting to these core values, please remind them that this is how we are at Camp Hill and how the spirit of Rugby should be played.

This year there is a new regulation called the half game rule and this is mandatory for all age groups, this is to make sure everyone in a match day squad gets to play at least half the game time available. We already promoted this last season and we will continue to do so in the future.

It was great to see each Mini age group on tour at Burnham on Sea at the end of the season win at least one award associated with TREDS. I'd like to congratulate all the players for promoting the core values when representing Camp Hill RFC.

The U13s and U14s also had a successful season and tour in Minehead at the Tigers Challenge Festival playing teams from all over the country. This theme continues with the U15s also having an extremely successful season, and we wish them all the best as they move up to U16's this season.

The successful U16s move up to Colts so we now have squads from micros to Colts, a first for a few years. This is testament to the great work the Team Managers and Coaches put in each week and the environment they create on which to play rugby.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to M&J Committee Members who always strive to move the section forward and steer the ever-growing section in the right direction. They put in hours of unseen work to ensure things run smoothly.

We move into next season with an ever growing family and much to look forward to. As a section, we want to continuously improve and innovate and are always open to ideas and suggestions. So if you feel you can help us on our journey then please do get in touch.

Eugene McDaid
Minis and Juniors Chairman
2018 - 19

School 1st XV Report

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20	8	0	12	529	570

Captain: Will Lyons

Vice-Captain: Josh Hall

Player of the Season: Kamil Khan

Most Improved Player: Tommy Ransbotyn

An opening fixture against Bablake, which saw us lose 47-45, set the tone for a frustrating set of results over the 2018-19 season. In attack the team performed superbly scoring 79 tries over 20 games. Unfortunately, in defence the team performed less than superbly, conceding 100 tries. So it will be tackling practice for the 2019-20 pre-season if that is allowed under the RFU regulations these days.

The season certainly had its highlights however and all of the Camp Hill fraternity, will be pleased to learn of our resounding 48-0 victory over King Edward VI Aston. A win at Trinity Road is always pleasurable and this was our most convincing in some time.

The second half of the season was fairly busy and certainly enjoyable despite chalking up just four wins from ten fixtures. The wins were all memorable – who can remember the last time we beat Adams' Grammar School? And even some of the defeats felt quite good. We certainly gave King's Worcester a run for their money in the game that served as a warm up to their cup final. They went on to win the cup having learnt some valuable lessons in King's Heath.

The highlight of Spring Term rugby is, of course, the senior tour. This year we were not facing the Beast from the East and so the trip down to Devon and Cornwall was most pleasant – we even managed a trip to the beach for an hour (or fifteen minutes if you wanted to wait in the queue for the one working toilet in Paignton).

Having missed out on a tour last year, the boys were in fine spirits and keen to do well on the park; and they certainly lived up to expectations winning two out of three and scoring some fantastic tries.

Matt Haddon was crowned player of the tour, cementing this award with a man-of-the-match performance against Withycombe RFC on the final full day. Ed Dempsey got the try of the tour, again against Withycombe. This took his try tally for the season up to five and his 'yards made' up to seven. It was a real delight to see the Year 13 boys especially, enjoying their tour and doing themselves proud in their final outings in School colours. The other highlight was playing against Devonport High School at the Plymouth Albion ground. The fact that Kamil Khan dotted down a try in the last play of the game to secure a 27-24 win, made it all the sweeter. This happened to be his 55th 1st XV try; a nice one to end on and one that secured his Player of the Season award.

Will Lyons has quite simply been a superb captain this year. His leadership and presence on the field and off it has been an inspiration to those around him and the younger squad members have benefited enormously from his example. He has been ably assisted by Josh Hall, who has deputised on a number of occasions and has played a significant leading role this year.

All in all, a great end to an enjoyable season and farewell to a good number of Camp Hill rugby stalwarts. I do hope that some of them find their way down to Haslucks Green Road via a degree in Rocket Science or Brain Surgery. They know that they will always be welcomed with open arms.

AJC

Andrew Caves
Coach
2018-19

CAMP HILL RUGBY CLUB LTD

As the way, the Club manages the accounts has changes this season. The use of Xero, makes it difficult to compare line by line with the previous systems but this will be available for reporting next season. So a comparison can be made for this year, the report that was included in last season's Annual Report, has again be included below.

Enclosed for the end of financial year 2018-19 is DRAFT PnL and Balance Sheet, as at the time the Annual Report went to print, the accounts had not been subject to the accountants or auditors examination.

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th April 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CAPITAL ACCOUNT		
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
As at 30th April 2017	55,643	45,087
Profit / (Loss) for the Year	12,849	10,556
As at 30th April 2018	68,492	55,643
 INTEREST FREE LOANS	 14,033	 15,501
 TOTAL CAPITAL	 <u><u>82,525</u></u>	 <u><u>71,144</u></u>
 FIXED ASSETS		
Pavilion and Drive	15,221	16,976
Ground Maintenance	2,522	1,302
Furniture , Fixtures and Fittings	5,654	4,174
Pitch & Fence (2009)	4,183	7,420
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	27,580	29,872
 STOCK	 5,570	 3,912
 CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors and Prepayments	3,466	5,617
Cash at Bank - Current A/c's	77,339	68,789
- Deposit A/c's	7,542	4,467
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	88,347	78,873
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	(38,972)	(41,513)
 TOTAL NET ASSETS	 <u><u>82,525</u></u>	 <u><u>71,144</u></u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR Y/E 30th APRIL 2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2018</u> £	<u>2017</u> £
Bar & Shop Profit	49,251	59,666
Grants & Gift Aid	7,677	9,634
Playing Members Subs & Match fees	32,434	21,024
Non Playing Members Subs & Donations	8,168	9,275
Advertising and Sponsorship	13,017	12,085
Fundraising	7,696	5,096
Sundry Income - Incl Programmes	2,375	5,002
TOTAL INCOME	120,618	121,782
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Ground Expenses	14,022	14,053
Repairs and Maintenance	27,190	42,132
Administration costs	11,181	7,727
Playing Expenses	47,776	38,749
Depreciation	7,600	8,566
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	107,769	111,227
PROFIT / (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	12,849	10,555

Balance Sheet

Camp Hill Rugby Club Ltd

As at 30 April 2019

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Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets	26,274.62
Total Fixed Assets	26,274.62

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand	93,155.51
Prepayments and accrued income	
Bar Stock	5,359.66
Total Prepayments and accrued income	5,359.66
Accounts Receivable	2,779.50
Total Current Assets	101,294.67

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	12,081.74
Accruals	21,280.72
Rounding	(21.23)
Suspense	28.00
VAT	(341.61)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	33,027.62

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	68,267.05
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	94,541.67
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Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

Loan	300.00
Rugby Foundation Loan	7,565.00
Tours & Trips Account	3,252.53
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11,117.53

Net Assets	83,424.14
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	14,932.64
Retained Earnings	68,491.50
Total Capital and Reserves	83,424.14

Profit and Loss - All Club

Camp Hill Rugby Club Ltd

For the year ended 30 April 2019

18/19

Income

Bar	156,326
Membership	30,731
Fund Raising	50,498
Club	29,128
Total Income	266,683

Total Club Income	266,683
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Cost of Goods (Mostly Bar)

Cost of Saleable Goods	121,835
Total Cost of Goods (Mostly Bar)	121,835

Club Expenditure

Main Club Costs	20,686
Facilities Costs	61,604
Playing Affairs	48,263
Total Club Expenditure	130,553

Total Club Expenditure	252,388
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Operating Profit	14,295
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Birrell, Kenneth Peter

4th June 1929 – 5th June 2018

Ken was born in Birmingham and attended Colmore Road School in Kings Heath before passing his 11+ exam to win a place at King Edward VI Camp Hill Boys where he started in September 1940 but in November of that year, he was evacuated to Lichfield where he stayed at the Bishop's Palace.

Ken excelled in both Rugby and Cricket at Camp Hill and features extensively on the School honours boards. On leaving at age 17 Ken joined the Midland Bank Trust Company where he worked until taking early retirement in 1986 at the age of 57. His two years of national service saw him in the Royal Navy. He boasted that in his two years, he served on more ships than the 34 years of combined Navy service given by his son and son in law.

Ken's prowess on both Rugby and Cricket fields was well known throughout the Midlands. He played flanker in a time when the role of the back row forward was evolving into the one that we recognise now. Ken was a pioneer, being one of the very first flankers in the Midlands to play in the modern way. MJK Smith, who played both Cricket and Rugby for England said of Ken 'If he tackled you once, you made sure that you were never caught in possession again'.

Ken received numerous representative honours; Birmingham Combined Old Boys, Greater Birmingham and, most notably, North Midlands. At that time, many years before the advent of league rugby, the County Championship was the premier competition in English rugby.

Ken remained utterly loyal to Camp Hill, playing for Camp Hill Old Edwardians Rugby and Cricket Clubs; rugby from 1945 to 1959 and cricket well into his 50s. He also played for Moseley during this time, when Moseley were one of the country's leading clubs, but he was always drawn back to his maroon and blue roots.

Many men, having been offered early retirement, would see that as an opportunity to slow down. Not Birrell. He became the archetypal committee man, serving numerous clubs and committees, all associated with rugby, cricket and, of course, his beloved Camp Hill.

He served as Chairman of both Camp Hill and Moseley rugby clubs. He was President of North Midlands Rugby and served for many years on the committees of Camp Hill Old Edwardians and Moseley Ashfield Cricket Clubs. The roles he enjoyed most were those which allowed him direct involvement with players – he was a player at his core.

Ken was at the heart of moves to take Camp Hill Old Edwardians RFC into the 'open' era. Many had realised that the future of a club whose only players were those who were pupils or masters of a single school was limited. At the second attempt, the AGM voted to remove this restriction in readiness for the 1971/72 season along with changing the Club's name to simply Camp Hill RFC. It took only a few seasons for this change to bear fruit, coupled with some very astute player recruitment.

Ken served as a Governor of Camp Hill School for 25 years and was the irresistible driving force behind the resurrection of the Old Boys Association which has sadly faltered since he stepped down.

Ken married Penny in 1957 and so they were married for more than 60 years. Ken never learned to drive so Penny, along with a handful of dear friends, acted as his chauffeur, ferrying him to endless fixtures and meetings. Penny was extraordinarily supportive of Ken over their 60 years together and she, along with their children Martin, Scott & Tracy became faces almost as well known as Ken's at both rugby and cricket clubs. Ken & Penny had seven grandchildren; Tom, Elliott, Toby, George, Charlie, Henry and Ollie. Penny described Ken as her 'best boy'.

Ken's funeral was testament to his influence and reputation in Midlands sport with dozens of players and administrators paying their respects to a man that did so much to allow them to play and enjoy sport. Ken was professional in every sense of the word except one – he never received a penny in payment for his countless hours of work for institutions that he loved.

Some years ago, Paul, Bolton, well known and respected sports journalist, wrote an article about Ken with the headline 'Ken Birrell, the last of a dying breed'.

There is a very small handful of individuals, who stand head and shoulders above all others in the history of our Club. Ken Birrell is, without doubt, a shining light in the 125 year long Camp Hill story.

Personal Reflections

My first contact with Ken was in 1975. I had started playing rugby again at Camp Hill School after a break of a year or two, when a school pal (Tim Delaney) told me to expect a call from a bloke from the Old Boys rugby club. I think he had a hotline to George Cookson for likely recruits.

Sure enough, the call came to our home telephone (decades before mobiles) and my Mum took a message from Mr Birrell. "Tell Martin that he's in the 4th team, meeting at the Horseshoes pub in Hall Green at one o'clock on Saturday"; and so it began. Straight from a School match on the number 11 bus to 'The Shoes'.

In the years that followed the Club becoming 'open', playing strength was enhanced by new players and this came to fruition at the turn of the decade. Around half of the great side that won the 1980 North Midlands Cup were only eligible to play for us as an open club: Downs, Stewart, Hughes, Hobbs, Gethins, Fenney and, of course, skipper Dickie Williams.

These players were welcomed by Ken into Camp Hill and he was, in great part, responsible for an attitude that it's what you do for Camp Hill on the pitch that counts – not where you went to school. That 'philosophy' allowed Camp Hill to thrive and grow and it formed a cornerstone of my beliefs as I took on positions of responsibility in our club. As Chairman of the Mini & Junior section and then as Club Chairman, I always did my very best to ensure that everybody who wanted to get involved was made welcome and encouraged to take a full part at Camp Hill; players, parents, helpers.

Throughout my Chairmanship, Ken often offered a guiding hand. He was never afraid to steer or criticise (albeit constructively) and I benefitted enormously from this guidance.

I am privileged to have been counted amongst Ken's friends and to have followed in a handful of his very large footsteps.

Crutch

Martin Crutchley

Chairman 2000 - 2006

Bancroft, David W

29th December 1931 – 10th February 2019

David joined Camp Hill Old Edwardians RFC on 1st September 1952 after meeting club members through work.

David looked after the pitches for over 20 years. He was the only one who could get the elderly tractor to work! He was also the only one who could open the safe in the cellar using a screw driver.

David was made a life member in 2003, in recognition of his long service to the Club. He was also a regular 'Easter Tourist' when it was considered adequate to go mainly to Devon or Cornwall.

After retirement he was always available to drive any mini bus we happened to hire.

He was a regular 'luncher' at home matches until quite recently and would watch the games with John Ronnie. He will be sadly missed at home matches by club members.

I knew Dave for most of his association with the Club. He was Camp Hill through and through.

Our condolences to David's family.

Dave Maiden

Phillips, David W.

12 August 1928 – 8th March 2019

Born on 12th August 1928, David started at Camp Hill School in 1939 and he first joined the Old Boys rugby and Cricket Clubs in 1951.

He played a little rugby but his strengths were more administrative and financial.

He was the Club's Auditor in 1966-67 and Club Treasurer in the early 70s.

David was a leading light at Camp Hill Old Edwardians Cricket Club, serving on the committee from 1970 to 1993.

He was Vice Chairman of the Club in 1973 and 1974, before becoming Chairman for the following three years. He served as Vice Chairman in 1978 and 1979 and then again in 1982 and 83. In the 1985 and 1986 seasons, he was the Club Treasurer.

When the Club looked as if it might not make it to the Centenary season, David stepped up as Chairman again in 1992 and carried on as Vice Chairman for the Centenary season that followed.

He was elected a Life Member of the Cricket Club in 1991.

He hosted the Cricket Club Committee meetings for years and was involved hugely in the day to day running of the Club.

Whether it be obtaining a marquee for the barbeque or finding somebody to clear the ditches or cut back the trees, Dave was the man to arrange it.

David Phillips was one of several of his generation who were Camp Hill Old Edwardians through and through. The dedication of the likes of David, Ken Birrell, Graham Scutt and Dave Bancroft is unlikely to be seen again.

David died on the 8th March 2019.

Steve Terrace