

Welcome to the November issue of the CHC newsletter. It's been a busy and exciting month, with plenty to celebrate across the club.



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our first Club Day of the season. It was fantastic to see so many people there, and we're already looking forward to Reunion Day in the spring. In the meantime, please do come along and support us each week, at Balcarras or Cheltenham College – everyone is always welcome.

The committee continues to work hard behind the scenes, and I'm very grateful for all their time and effort. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of wins over the next couple of weekends as we round off the year on a high!

Katie Dewhurst (Ron), CHC President

Christmas Social – 5th December



Come and join us next week at The Bayshill for our CHC Christmas social!

- 🎅 Dress in your finest Christmas headgear
- 🔞 Over 18s only
- ⏰ 7pm
- 📍 The Bayshill, Cheltenham
- 📲 Sign up on Teamo

Fixtures this Weekend



A busy weekend for our teams is coming up! We would love to see you on the sidelines.

Saturday Home Games at Balcarras:

- 11:00 | W3s vs Newest & Ross
- 12:30 | W2s vs Bristol Firebrands
- 14:00 | M1s vs University of Bristol
- 15:30 | M4s vs Wotton-under-Edge
- 13:00 (Bournside) | W5s vs Newest & Ross

Sunday Home Games at Cheltenham College:

- 12:30 | Wednesdays vs City of Bath O35s

Thanks for Attending our Club Day



A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Autumn Club Day at Balcarras. It was brilliant to see so many current and former members, families and friends enjoying a great day of hockey and catching up with the CHC community. We really appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you all again at Reunion Day in the spring!

We had a photo booth at the event, and had some fun showing what year we joined CHC. Here are some of our old timers. Gilly won with 1966! See the album here.







From the Academy



Much has happened in the Academy since our last contribution to the newsletter in September.

Junior International Selections. First of all, congratulations to 3 players on being selected for England national training squads: Freddie Hill (U18), Chris Byrne (U16 – 2nd year) and previous player, Freya Fletcher (U16).

U16 Boys' A Team. The U16Boys' A team have had a brilliant first half to the season. They have won all 5 of their matches in Junior Super League Zone C to top the table and qualify for one of the 4 Super League National pools after Christmas. To achieve this, they have beaten Stourport, Rugby & EW, Khalsa Leamington, Old Silhillians and Sutton Coldfield scoring 19 goals and only conceding 3 goals.



U16G Cobras (Girls' A team). Building on last year's success in the Super League Vase, the team has steadily improved its performance. They were unlucky to play the strongest team, Trojans, in their first game losing 1-0. There was a frustrating 3-3 draw with Isca that was won on a penalty shoot-out but wins against Winchester, TBB and most recently Clifton Robinsons leave them 2nd in Super League Pool D. Unless Clifton Robinsons beat Trojans 4-0 away from home, then like the boys, they will also qualify for one of the 4 Super League National pools after Christmas.



U16 Leopards (Boys' B team). The West Tier 2 league has been decimated by team withdrawals from Gloucester, Keynsham and Lansdown. The Leopards only managed to have their first fixture against TBB last Sunday, which ended in a competitive 4-4 draw. Well done to all who participated.

U16 Cheetahs (Girls' B team). There has been a significant turnover in players since last year's very successful season. As the season has progressed, team spirit is growing and performances are improving. A draw with Wotton last Sunday was a good outcome after 3 losses by 2 goals. Sadly, the team has been knocked out of the National Championships following losses to Oxford and TBB. The team look forward to 2 matches in the Avon Junior Hockey League before Christmas.



U18 Girls. The U18G drew with Oxford Hawks 1-1 in the first round of the National Championships and then sadly lost on a penalty shoot-out. They were due to play Olton & WW in the first round of the Shield but the opposition withdrew, so the next round is on Sun 17 Jan at home against Wotton.

U18 Boys. The U18B travelled to Rugby & EW where they drew 2-2 but won the penalty shoot-out. Sadly, their next fixture was away at Ashmoor, which they chose not to play due to the distance.

Junior Contribution to Senior Teams. Academy players also make significant contributions to the senior teams. Three boys have played for the M1s and four girls for the W1s. Many more play across the lower teams. Well done!

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Phil Robson, Academy Club Captain
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From the Women's Section



The W1s sit 7th with two games remaining before the Christmas break. Two wins could see them move into the top four – a great opportunity to finish the first half of the season strongly.

The W2s are currently 5th, also with two games to play before Christmas. Two wins could lift them into the top three. The W3s are finding their feet in their new league and currently sit 10th. If results go their way over the final two games before Christmas, they could climb to 8th.

The W4s and W5s are both sitting proudly at the top of their respective leagues in 1st place. The 4s are also on course for a second promotion in three seasons – a fantastic achievement!



W1s photos | W2s photos | W3s photos | W4s photos | W5s photos

Women's Masters
The O35s play their third-round cup match this Sunday at 11:30am at Cheltenham College. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch. A win would take them into the fourth round of the top-tier cup competition. The O45s lost to a very strong Taunton Vale side but put in a valiant performance. They now move into the Trophy and will play their third-round match in the new year.

The Mixed team's second-round match is also not until the new year.

Tegan Lodde, Women's Club Captain

From the Men's Section



The M1s have enjoyed an excellent first half of the season and head into the final two matches before the winter break sitting 4th in the table, with a record of three wins, three draws and one defeat. Consistent performances and several strong victories have kept them firmly in the promotion conversation. Positive results before the break could see them close the gap on the teams above and strengthen their challenge heading into January.

The M2s have had a challenging campaign so far and currently sit 10th after one win from their opening seven matches.

Despite some difficult results, the squad continues to compete hard, and the final two fixtures before the winter break provide an important opportunity to build momentum and reduce the gap to the teams above.

The M3s have produced a strong first half of the season and currently sit 3rd, having won four of their eight matches. A number of convincing victories have demonstrated the side's quality, and with two games remaining before the Christmas break they have an opportunity to push further up a tightly contested table.

The M4s have made a strong start and sit 4th, with games in hand over all three sides above them. They remain unbeaten, with three wins and two draws so far. It's been a pleasure to see so many of our academy stars helping them pick up valuable points.



Men's 1s photos | Men's 2s photos | Men's 3s photos | Men's 4s photos coming soon!

Come and support the men's sides in the next few weeks:

Sat 28 Nov:

- M1s vs Bristol Uni – 2:00pm
- M4s vs Wotton-under-Edge – 3:30pm

Sat 5 Dec:

- M2s vs Devizes – 3:30pm
- M3s vs Bourton – 12:30pm

Harry Brookes, Men's Club Captain

Blast from the Past

How about these photos of CHC players from the turn of the century, sent to the club from a local historian!





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CHC has been in partnership with Cheltenham College since 2023, as one of our main facility providers. CHC enjoys training at College on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and plays matches there on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit Cheltenham College

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Thank you for your continued support. If you have any feedback for the club, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Warm regards, the CHC team

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