



Welcome to the March edition of the CHC newsletter. A huge thank you to our fantastic sponsors for their continued support – you'll find them listed below.

CHC is a Charity!



As we head into the final stage of the season, it's an incredibly exciting time for the club. I'm delighted to share that our application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) has been accepted, meaning CHC is now officially a registered charity. This is a huge milestone for the club and opens up new opportunities to support our long-term development both on and off the pitch. The committee would like to express our sincere thanks to Lloyd Griffiths for leading us through this complex process.

March is set to be one of our busiest months of the year. There are plenty of home fixtures coming up. Please do come down and support the teams – it makes a huge difference and it's always great to see the clubhouse buzzing. We're also looking forward to our upcoming Reunion Day, so please spread the word and help us make it a fantastic occasion for past and present members. More below.

There are plenty of other exciting events on the horizon too. Early bird tickets for the Dinner Dance are now available, and you can also sign up for our first club tour in a while – something we hope will become a brilliant new tradition.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who continues to support the club, whether through playing, volunteering, spectating, or helping behind the scenes. Your support is what makes CHC such a special community.

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**Katie Dewhurst (Ron), CHC President**

## Please vote for us!



We're incredibly proud to share that Cheltenham Hockey Club has been shortlisted for Sports Team/Club of the Year in the SoGlos Awards!

This recognition is for the whole CHC family. Our volunteers, coaches, members and supporters give so much to keep the club running and growing! Please vote for us **before March 29!**

[VOTE HERE](#)

## Join us for Reunion Day



Our annual Vice Presidents Day has traditionally been an event for VPs and Patrons, but this year we're excited to give it a new name and open it up to the wider CHC community. On Saturday 28th March we'll be welcoming back VPs, Patrons, and **all past players** to the Balcarras Pavilion for an afternoon of hockey, memories and catching up with old teammates.

The day begins with a welcome and buffet at 12:30, followed by two great fixtures with the W1s taking on Marlow at 14:00 and the Men's 2s facing Stroud at 15:30. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, and we'll also have club archives on display – a great chance to take a trip down memory lane.

We'd love to see as many people there as possible, so please help spread the word, and we hope to see you there too. Past members and VPs are asked to RSVP to [secretary@chelthockey.org](mailto:secretary@chelthockey.org) so we can cater for everyone.

## Easter Kids Camp



Our team of fabulous coaches will, once again, be hosting a three-day kids camp at CLC from April 8-10. This is a fantastic introduction to CHC for young players and a great fundraiser for the club. Please let your friends and relatives know. Any child signing up for all three days - before March 15 – will get a free camp t-shirt! [Register here](#)

## Dinner Dance - Grab Your Early Bird Ticket



We're delighted to announce that tickets for this year's Dinner Dance are now on sale. Join us for a fantastic evening of great food, awards, music and dancing as we celebrate the season together.

 **Early Bird Offer – just £40 (via Teamo)**

 **DoubleTree by Hilton, Charlton Kings**

 **Saturday 25th April**

We're hosting the event in a bigger venue this year, so there's plenty of space for partners, supporters, parents, umpires, Vice Presidents and former players to come along. Make sure you book during March to secure the discounted early bird rate. Head to Teamo to sign up and make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be a brilliant night.

## A note from our sponsors, rockwealth



rockwealth are proud to sponsor the CHC U16 boys' hockey team; a partnership that reflects values at the heart of both sport and financial planning: discipline, resilience and long-term thinking.

Hockey teaches young people far more than technical skill. It builds teamwork, commitment and the confidence that comes from steady progress. Success on the pitch rarely happens overnight; it is the result of consistent training, clear goals and support from coaches, family and community. The same principles apply to building financial security and a fulfilling life.

As Olympic gold medallist Alex Danson once said, "Success is not just about winning medals; it's about becoming the best version of yourself." That sentiment captures what sport at this level is truly about - growth, character and striving for continual improvement.

By supporting grassroots hockey, we are investing in more than a team. We are backing ambition, resilience and the confidence to pursue goals with purpose. These are the same principles that guide our advice to clients every day. Because whether on the pitch or in financial planning, our priority is your prosperity. [www.rock-wealth.co.uk](http://www.rock-wealth.co.uk).

## International Honours



Huge congrats to our very own Ellie Thomson. Who has been selected for Project 2011 – an EASTER 6 NATIONS tournament for U15s – in the Netherlands. She will compete against Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland and USA, and is a fantastic opportunity for to be exposed to junior international hockey. Well done!

We also send our best wishes to some of our more senior members who have recently been selected to represent their respective International Masters teams – a fantastic achievement and a testament to the strength and longevity of hockey at Cheltenham.

We wish them all the very best as they prepare for two major competitions in the coming months: the Indoor World Cup in Nottingham at the end of March, followed by the Outdoor 4 Nations and World Cup competitions this summer. Representing your country on the world stage is a huge honour, and the whole club will be cheering them on.

- Charli Roberts - WO35 England Outdoor
- Alex Hay - MO45 England Outdoor
- Simon Padley - MO45 Wales Outdoor Player and Coach
- Rachel Chicken - WO50 England Indoor



## CHC Festival

CHC is heading to the North Wilts Summer Sixes Festival from 10–12 July 2026, and we're hoping to enter both men's and women's teams.

Join us for a weekend of plenty of hockey, camping, and a big Saturday night social. This is also a brilliant chance to spend time with your mates and get to know people from across the club.

All the details and sign-up info are [here](#). To book your spot, just pay your deposit on Teamo!

## From the Men's Section



**The M1s** continue to put pressure on top of the table Bristol Firebrands despite a mixed set of results. Some long trips including a visit to Truro in the last month shows the resolve this side have shown despite some frustrating results. They're away again this weekend to play Firebrands in what could be a title winning game for them. The boys are up for the fight and are keen to ensure they have to wait to earn that trophy. A massive thanks to Mike Cupper and Ben Marsden who's coaching so far this season has helped to keep the performance squads in the and around the top of the table.

**The M2s** faced their first defeat of 2026 in February but bounced back with a resounding 9-0 win last weekend to continue their impressive post Christmas form. They're up to 6th and looking to build on their position with some key games against the sides in and around them over the next few weeks.

**The M3s** have faced some tough games the last few weeks but have continued to show resolve and that the depth of our squads is incredible. They have a trip to Stroud and a home game against Leominster to look forward to in the next few weeks.

It's been a tough season at times for all 3 of our sides on the pitch this year so any support you can offer over the coming weekends at Balcarras or Cheltenham College will be greatly appreciated.

### March Home Fixtures:

- 14/3 M2 vs Evesham (2pm @Balcarras)
- 14/3 U16 boys vs Southgate (3pm @Cheltenham College)
- 21/3 M3 vs Leominster (12:30pm @Balcarras)
- 21/3 M1 vs ISCA (5pm @Cheltenham College)
- 28/3 M2 vs Stroud (3:30pm @Balcarras)

**The mixed team** travelled to Bridgnorth for the next round of the trophy. CHC eased into what became a very open game with chances for both sides, with some fantastic defensive actions to keep the score at 0-0. No breakthrough could be found by either side and we headed to a shootout. 5 players stepped forward with a mixture of confidence and nerves. A superb performance from Hermione and Arwen, and more key saves by Sam Cathie, meant that CHC progressed with a 2-1 shootout win! We now look forward to the last 16 in April having received a bye in the next round!



## From the Women's Section



The **W1s** sit in an uncomfortable 9<sup>th</sup> position in the league, and with just three league games to go, they are putting everything into these final games, to ensure safety at the end of the season. Their final home game coincides with Reunion Day on March 28<sup>th</sup>, so please come along and support them!

The **W2s** are in a comfortable 8<sup>th</sup> position, having pulled off a wonderful 5-2 win away at Lansdown last weekend. With 4 games to go, the team has found an excellent run of form, playing some exciting hockey and finally being rewarded with the results they deserve.

The **W3s** are in a tremendously exciting top of the table battle, currently sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Just 2 points behind Leominster who they play this coming Saturday. We are all rooting for them to win the league!

The **W4s** sit in 4<sup>th</sup> position, just 3 points behind the league leaders, so they also have everything to play for in these final matches of the season. Go girls!

The mighty **W5s** have had a great inaugural season, sitting comfortably in 7<sup>th</sup> position. We are incredibly proud of these girls and the performances they put in at training and during matches.

## From the Academy



All of our Academy teams have been in action around the half term break. In addition, this weekend 32 Academy players represented the 8 senior teams in their Saturday fixtures. We are also starting to welcome the next generation with U14s starting to attend some of our U16 sessions. A couple of girls joining the Club as 16-year-olds also came to train over half term.

The **U16 Boys** bounced back from their loss against Wimbledon by beating Reading, 3-2 with an end of time PC. To qualify for the National Finals, they play Southgate at 3pm at Cheltenham College on Sun 15 Mar; please come along to support.



The **U18 Girls** travelled to Marlow to play their National Championships Plate QF. Unfortunately, the squad was somewhat depleted for a variety of reasons, but four of our 14-year-olds played up and the whole squad turned in a very dogged performance in front of a hostile crowd. The game ended 2-2 but they lost on a penalty shootout.



The **U16 Girls Cobras** travelled to Alderley Edge to play their Supra League Vase match. They won 7-1 in convincing style with some excellent goals including hat tricks from Eva and Freya. EH now require them to undertake a 10 hour round trip to Northumberland next Sunday to play their QF.



The **U16 Girls Cheetahs** played their third Avon Junior Hockey League match last Sun. This provided an opportunity for some of our U16 girls to play their first match. They played with lots of spirit winning 12-2, thus proving how much depth there is in the Club. Scorers were Neve (4), Chloe (2), Phoebe (4), Charlotte and Amy. They currently lie 2nd in the Table with two matches to play.



Finally, our **mixed Badgers team** played North Somerset, playing with great gusto to win 6-0 with goals from Archie, Oscar H, Oscar C, Ethan and Brock.

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Phil Robson, Academy Club Captain

Stop Press!

Congratulations to CHC ex player, Gwyn Williams, who has been announced as manager of the Welsh Men through to World Cup. We wish him well! [Read more](#)

Here's a nice interview with CHC ex player, Amy Hughes on Instagram. [Watch now!](#)

We are absolutely delighted for Emily S, one of our Academy players, who became the schools U16G T2 Cup winners today with Kings School Worcester. Well done Emily!

Upcoming fixtures

Bring the noise to Balcarras! We hope to see you at a home game soon. All fixtures can be viewed on the [CHC website](#).

Club sponsors

A huge thank you to our club sponsors this season. Read more about our sponsors, [here](#).



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. See you next season!

Warm regards,

The CHC team

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