



**Welcome to the final issue of the CHC newsletter this season. A huge thank you to our fantastic sponsors for their continued support – you'll find them listed below.**



As another season comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a memorable and hard-fought year for the club, and to thank everyone who has played a part along the way.

From players and coaches to volunteers, supporters, officials, and committee members, the club continues to thrive because of the time, energy, and commitment so many people give week in and week out.

So much of what keeps the club running happens quietly behind the scenes, and it's important to recognise the huge contribution made by those who step forward to help whenever needed.

While there has been plenty to celebrate this season, sport can also bring disappointment, and not every team had the season they hoped for. We were all hugely disappointed for the W1s following their relegation from the National League despite their tremendous effort, resilience, and commitment throughout the year. They represented the club brilliantly in difficult circumstances, and I know they will come back stronger than ever next season.

On a more positive note, congratulations to TEAM OF THE YEAR the W3s on a thoroughly deserved promotion after an excellent season. To all of our other teams across the club, congratulations on another strong season. Every squad has contributed to the spirit, culture, and success of the club in their own way, and every effort has been valued.

Our season finale was perfectly rounded off with a brilliant Dinner Dance. It was fantastic to see so many members together celebrating the season, reflecting on the year's achievements, and enjoying a well-earned evening together. Thank you to everyone involved in organising such a successful event.

Finally, thank you once again to everyone who has supported the club this season in any capacity. Whether you played, coached, umpired, volunteered, sponsored, supported from the sidelines, or helped out in the clubhouse, every contribution has mattered and helped make this another successful and enjoyable year for the club.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all again next season.

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

## Dinner Dance



A huge thank you to everyone who attended this year's Dinner Dance and helped make it such a fantastic evening.

It was great to see so many members, supporters, parents, umpires, and former players coming together to celebrate the season.

The new venue at the DoubleTree by Hilton was a great success, providing the perfect setting for an evening of awards, food, music, and dancing. Congratulations again to all of our award winners, and thank you to everyone who helped organise such a memorable night for the club.

- [View the award winners](#)
- [View the photos](#) curtesy of the fabulous Amy Trapnell

## AGM



Our Annual General Meeting takes place online, on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. This is a really important opportunity for you to hear from our President and Treasurer, and to vote in new members of the committee. Please sign up on Teamo, and join us if you can!

To nominate yourself or someone else for a role, please email [secretary@chelthockey.org](mailto:secretary@chelthockey.org).

## Summer league



Summer league is well underway. We play in two mixed leagues over in Gloucester, that cater for all standards. We also offer 6-aside hockey for the women at Cheltenham College in the Hockey Fever league. Sign up to the fixtures via your Teamo calendar.

## Masters News



A huge well done to CHC legends Jonny Bryan and Matt Dixon who won Gold with England Men's O40s in Glasgow last weekend, at the 4 Nations.

News from the West, congratulations go to Tegan Lodde who represented the West for the second time, at the O35s regional Masters tournament. Hats off that she came back for our Dinner Dance, midway between her 7 games that weekend!

Good luck to Alex Hay and Simon Padley (West Men's O45s) and to Rachel Chicken (West Women's O50s) in their regional Masters tournaments, this coming weekend.

## From the Men's Section



The M1s finished 3rd in West Prem, ultimately losing out after coming out on the wrong side of some tight fixtures. The boys are looking ahead to next season aiming for promotion back to National League hockey.

A tough first half of the season saw the M2s struggling for points at Christmas. However, a superb second half of the season with no defeats at home led them to a strong 4th placed finish.

The M3s had a steady season with a number of senior debuts and some fantastic results mixed in with some frustrating dropped points, seeing them finish 5th in a strong division.

All 3 men's sides look ahead to a season under new captaincy and aiming for continued success on and off the pitch.

**Harry Brookes, Men's Club Captain**

## From the Women's Section



A busy season with 7 women's squads across league and cup games! Our W1s were sadly relegated from national league after 7 years, on the final day of the season, but the girls are raring for next season and promotion back. Our W2s once again had a strong finish in Div 1 North finishing 8th and avoiding the league restructure where 4 teams will be relegated from their league!

Our W3s left it to the last game of the season to secure promotion, winning their last game! After 10 seasons of near misses, the team are super excited for the new challenges and opposition they will face. Well done to the girls for being voted Team of the Year and to their coach, Charli Roberts, for being voted Coach of the Year. Brilliant!

Our W4s fabulously finished third, fresh from last season's promotion. Our W5s Dev side finished mid-table having fielded a team for most of their games. It was fabulous to give so many players their club debuts!

Our WO45s had their first ever cup run, combining with players from Blockley and Shipton, managing 3 cup games, before being knocked out by Bretforten. Our WO35s made it to the last 16 in the top tier of their cup run, being knocked out by Clifton Robinsons AGAIN.

👊 we don't run into them next season.

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**Tegan Lodde, Women's Club Captain**



## From the Academy



The Academy had one of its most successful seasons ever. The U18 Girls were West Indoor Champions and thus qualified for the National Indoor Finals where they acquitted themselves well. The U16 Boys had a great season back in Tier 1 coming second in their Supra League Regional Zone. In one of the National pools they lost 2-0 to Wimbledon, the eventual winners, while beating Reading and losing to Southgate. They reached the semi-final of the Supra League Shield losing to Canterbury on a shoot-out.

The U16 Girls A team, the Cobras, was a young team with 15 of the 20 regular players being Year 10. Teamwork and team spirit led to a superb finale where they won the Tier 1 Supra League Vase against Old Cranleighans. It took a little while for the team to find its feet in the first part of the season, but the experience gained was used to good effect in the second half leading to a very close defeat against Stourport in the Plate and then 4 consecutive wins to take their title. The West Indoor was a learning experience and a target for improved performance next year.



A report on the U16 Girls B team, the Cheetahs, appeared in last month's newsletter. In summary, they won the Tier 2 West League, the U16G Avon Junior League and were Tier 2 Quarterfinalists in the National Championships.

A Badgers (U12-U16) team in conjunction with CJHC also played in the Bristol Badgers League.

Successful End of Season functions were held for the boys and girls on 8 May when medals and awards were handed out. Award winners can be found [here](#).



Looking ahead to next season, there is plenty of talent remaining in the U16 age group and more joining while others move up to U18.

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**Phil Robson, Academy Club Captain**

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## Keep in touch

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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