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Blackheath & Old Elthamians H.C.
Old Members Association

Apparently the current Membership communicate entirely by the electric mail and there is little requirement for a printed Fixture Card. So for those of you who are not in regular contact with the Club but who wish to know what is going on, I have reproduced the usual information.

2012/2013 Season

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Secretary: Robert Hughes

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Fixture Secretary: Richard Cleall

Team Secretary: Adrian Graham

We have now decamped from Rubens Street – although we still maintain our interest and our involvement with the Joint Club – and we are established at our new base: The College Meadow Sports Ground, which is now part of Eltham College in Mottingham. Those of you who remember arriving at Marvels Lane to play matches against City of London about 35 years ago may well recognize the recently refurbished pavilion pictured here. What you won't have seen is the excellent Astro Pitch and suite of changing rooms which we are now enjoying. We also have the benefit of a solid influx of new Members and the coaching skills of Edd Thorogood and Alex Fermor-Dunman.



I had the great pleasure of turning up there on Saturday 22nd September to watch pre-season friendlies in which the 3rds won 2-0, the 2nds lost narrowly 1-2 and the 1st XI demolished HSBC 4-1. Our day was further cheered by the arrival of The Heathens returning from their 4-0 victory. All was splendidly organised with large, well-organised squads of players giving their all; and with Ed and Alex our highly-charged coaching and management team leaping about energetically, obscuring the spectator's view! Optimism and enthusiasm filled the air and we all went home happy.

The First and Second XIs run as an Elite Squad

Manager: Edd Thorogood

First XI Fixtures

Captain: Mark Ison
V-Capt. Robert Hughes

Second XI Fixtures

Captain: Derwyn Baillie/Matt Wilde

Third XI Fixtures

Captain: Danny Lewis

29 th Sept	Lewes	Away
6 th Oct	Holcombe	Home
13 th Oct	Mid Sussex	Away
20 th Oct	Canterbury Pilgrims	Home
27 th Oct	Horsham	Home
3 rd Nov	Burnt Ash	Away
10 th Nov	Cliftonville	Home
17 th Nov	Canterbury	Away
24 th Nov	Sevenoaks	Home
1 st Dec	Ashford	Away
8 th Dec	Crawley	Home
12 th Jan	Lewes	Home
19 th Jan	Holcombe	Away
26 th Jan	Mid Sussex	Home
2 nd Feb	Canterbury Pilgrims	Away
9 th Feb	Horsham	Away
16 th Feb	Burnt Ash	Home
23 rd Feb	Cliftonville	Away
2 nd Mar	Canterbury	Home
9 th Mar	Sevenoaks	Away
16 th Mar	Ashford	Home
23 rd Mar	Crawley	Away

29 th Sept	Burnt Ash 3	Home
6 th Oct	Gravesham	Away
13 th Oct	Herne Bay	Home
20 th Oct	BBHC	Away
27 th Oct	Gore Court	Away
3 rd Nov	Holcombe	Home
10 th Nov	Burnt Ash 2	Away
17 th Nov	Anchorians	Home
24 th Nov	Ashford	Away
1 st Dec	Tun Wells	Home
8 th Dec	New Beccs	Away
12 th Jan	Burnt Ash 3	Away
19 th Jan	Gravesham	Home
26 th Jan	Herne Bay	Away
2 nd Feb	BBHC	Home
9 th Feb	Gore Court	Home
16 th Feb	Holcombe	Away
23 rd Feb	Burnt Ash 2	Home
2 nd Mar	Anchorians	Away
9 th Mar	Ashford	Home
16 th Mar	Tun Wells	Away
23 rd Mar	New Beccs	Home

29 th Sept	Sutton Valence	Away
6 th Oct	Herne Bay	Home
13 th Oct	Canterbury Millers	Away
20 th Oct	Cliftonville	Home
27 th Oct	BBHC	Away
3 rd Nov	Old Bordenians	Home
10 th Nov	Sevenoaks	Away
17 th Nov	Folkestone	Home
24 th Nov	G Anchorians	Home
1 st Dec	Deal	Away
8 th Dec	Ashford	Home
12 th Jan	Sutton Valence	Home
19 th Jan	Herne Bay	Away
26 th Jan	Canterbury Millers	Home
2 nd Feb	Cliftonville	Away
9 th Feb	BBHC	Home
16 th Feb	Old Bordenians	Away
23 rd Feb	Sevenoaks	Home
2 nd Mar	Folkestone	Away
9 th Mar	G Anchorians	Away
16 th Mar	Deal	Home
23 rd Mar	Ashford	Away

Heathens Fixtures

Captain: Martin Harris

Fifth XI Fixtures

Captain: Ross Higginson

Veterans Fixtures

Captain: Steve Gilbert

29 th Sept	Sutton Valence	Home
6 th Oct	Holcombe	Away
13 th Oct	Cliftonville	Home
20 th Oct	Folkestone	Away
27 th Oct	Cobdown	Home
3 rd Nov	Maidstone 5	Away
10 th Nov	Sevenoaks	Home
17 th Nov	N Beccs	Away
24 th Nov	G Anchorians	Away
1 st Dec	Marden Russets	Home
8 th Dec	Maidstone 4	Away
12 th Jan	Sutton Valence	Away
19 th Jan	Holcombe	Home
26 th Jan	Cliftonville	Away
2 nd Feb	Folkestone	Home
9 th Feb	Cobdown	Away
16 th Feb	Maidstone 5	Home
23 rd Feb	Sevenoaks	Away
2 nd Mar	N Beccs	Home
9 th Mar	G Anchorians	Home
16 th Mar	Marden Russets	Away
23 rd Mar	Maidstone 4	Home

29 th Sept		
6 th Oct	Burnt Ash	Home
13 th Oct	N.Beccs	Away
20 th Oct	O.Williams.	Home
27 th Oct	G.Anchorians	Away
3 rd Nov	Cobdown	Home
10 th Nov	Ashford	Home
17 th Nov	Maidstone	Away
24 th Nov	Gore Court	Home
1 st Dec	Holcombe	Away
8 th Dec	Tonbridge	Home
12 th Jan	Holcombe	Home
19 th Jan	Tonbridge	Away
26 th Jan	Burnt Ash	Away
2 nd Feb	N.Beccs	Home
9 th Feb	O.Williams.	Away
16 th Feb	G.Anchorians	Home
23 rd Feb	Cobdown	Away
2 nd Mar	Ashford	Away
9 th Mar	Maidstone	Home
16 th Mar	Gore Court	Away
23 rd Mar	Holcombe	Home

6 th Oct	Kenley Trnmnt.	Away
13 th Oct	Wallington	Home
20 th Oct	Addiscombe	Away
27 th Oct	Tun Wells	Home
3 rd Nov	Burnt Ash	Away
10 th Nov	Purley	Home
17 th Nov	Kenley	Away
24 th Nov	W.Masonians	Away
1 st Dec	Wallington	Away
8 th Dec	Addiscombe	Home
15 th Dec	Tun Wells	Away
12 th Jan	Burnt Ash	Home
19 th Jan	Purley	Away
26 th Jan	Kenley	Home
2 nd Feb	W.Masonians	Home
9 th Feb	Wallington	Home
16 th Feb	Addiscombe	Away
23 rd Feb	Tun Wells	Home
2 nd Mar	Burnt Ash	Away
9 th Mar	Purley	Home
16 th Mar	Kenley	Away
23 rd Mar	W.Masonians	Home

Head Coach: Alex Fermor-Dunman

Coaches: Mark Ison, Rob Hughes,

Brian Silvester Smith Vice-President

26.4.1942 – 26.09.2012

Brian died suddenly on Wednesday 26th at his home in Sale, Cheshire, from a heart attack



Worthing Festival 1974

150th Anniversary
Dinner April 2012



Brian Smith, in his prime, was a middle of The Club hockey player; a 10 Handicap golfer; and could tell you the value of your crib hand before you had laid it down. He joined Blackheath as a schoolboy; captained the Extra 3rds; and could mend clocks and watches. He was a regular in The Outcasts - except once, after a particularly heavy Saturday night, when Brian failed to appear the following Sunday and we played one short. On investigation it transpired that Brian had slept through the entire Sunday and not woken until the Monday morning. Many Outcast tourists who retired to bed before midnight would find themselves being woken in the early hours to find Brian brushing their teeth.

While guesting for Hampton-in-Arden on a trip to Guernsey he was given a clergyman's dog-collar by the tour organiser – The Reverend Joe Evans – which Brian wore subsequently on all Outcast tours to the extent that many of the teams we played were convinced he was in holy orders. He took confessions at the Worthing Festival and while wearing it on one trip to Maidenhead we stopped off to buy the Sunday Papers, whereupon Brian, pointing to the magazines on the top shelf, said to the newsagent " *I don't think you should be displaying those on the Sabbath..... the're ****ing disgusting*"

He joined Blackheath while still at school and well remembered being "looked after" by the older members, John Webber and Brian Fransella who gave him lifts to matches and propped him against his front door when they delivered him home in the evening. When I first knew Brian, he lived just off Bromley High Street and on Saturday mornings there was great competition between my wife and Jean Robertson to see who could park in his driveway first for the weekly visit to Safeways.

As a hockey player Brian was in the "vigorous" class; his tackling was of the stick breaking variety and were he playing under today's conditions he would have attracted a large number of yellow cards. However, we were then playing on grass, before cards and disciplinary procedures were necessary and when umpires knew their place. As long as Brian tackled in the general area of the ball he was satisfied – although our opponents were not universally happy with having their sticks knocked out of their hands, but Brian would apologise cheerily and blame it on his shocking eyesight. This took a toll on his own equipment and he got through two or three sticks every season.

Brian was always one of the last to bed "*we'll just have one for the road!*" was a regularly heard comment and generally it wasn't only one! "*Young Flynn – you're not going to lead me astray again are you? Shall we just have one for the road?*" It is a fitting epitaph. However, Brian took a very responsible view of drink driving; coming back from one away game he dropped his car off at his house and took the bus to the Club so that he could have a few drinks. The problem was that he forgot he had left his car at home and spent the evening on soft drinks, even refusing several offers of a lift home as he "had his car",

I have been on hockey tours, golf tours and sailing holidays with Brian and he was always the same cheerful giving person, who brightened every event. On one occasion he was especially pleased to be invited on a sailing weekend by Ian Robertson, but not quite so delighted to discover that this involved us spending most of the first day lying underneath the boat scraping its bottom. He was even less pleased when we came out of the pub that evening to find that the tide had gone out, and there wasn't enough water to float the dinghy. He had to wade through foot deep mud to get back on board.

He was a genial soul, generous of his time and his affection, and in Jacqueline Maltman he found the perfect soul-mate and they married in 1978. Brian worked for The Royal Artillery R & D Establishment and was based at Sevenoaks until 1979 when his job moved to Cheshire. Brian and Jacqueline moved to Sale; produced Elizabeth, Allison and Alistair; and he joined the Bowls Club. Sale is very conveniently placed about half way between London and Glasgow and the Bartlett Family have regularly enjoyed their hospitality on our journeys north.

Brian has maintained a close contact with the Club through the years, he was one of the seven Members who attended both the Centenary and 150th Dinners. You don't meet many people like Brian in life and we are all the poorer for it - we will miss his humour, and his companionship.