



**Blackheath & Old Elthamians H.C.**  
**Old Members Association**

I have just returned from a very satisfactory day for the Club. The First XI did a very competent job on Horsham, winning 5-2; the Seconds beat Gore Court 4-0, which was the same score by which I watched the Thirds beat BBHC; The Heathens won 4-3; The Vets beat Tunbridge Wells 7-0 and only the Fifth XI lost their game but received the glowing compliments and appreciation of their opponents who had just suffered a Club bereavement. The fact that we are running a regular 6<sup>th</sup> Team this year is an improvement on last year when we were only able to field 5 teams.

**League Results so far this Season**

29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Lewes	Away	Won 3-1
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holcombe	Home	Lost 0-1
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mid Sussex	Away	Lost 1-3
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Canterbury Pilgrims	Home	Lost 2-4
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Horsham	Home	Won 5-2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Burnt Ash	Away	Drew 2-2
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cliftonville	Home	Lost 1-2

Just as we thought it had been conclusively proved that I was a Jonah as far as the First XI were concerned, last Saturday they lost against Cliftonville when I wasn't present. Previously, I had missed the Lewes match - which they won - but then watched the subsequent 3 matches which they lost. On the 27<sup>th</sup> October I was with the Thirds at BBHC and didn't get back to College Meadow till half time when the Firsts were 3-0 up. Within 10 minutes they had conceded 2 goals and Mark Ison had missed a stroke. I immediately left and went to watch the Veterans on their nearby grass pitch. On the completion of both games I was delighted to find that the Firsts had popped in another 3 goals during my absence. They then proceeded to draw with Burnt Ash who previously had a 100% record and I was concerned that my presence at future First XI matches might not be appreciated as it seemed to adversely affect their results. However, they have since succumbed to Cliftonville so it is obviously not my presence that is the deciding factor-.

Our other teams continue to prosper with the 5<sup>th</sup> XI top of their League and all the other sides doing well.

We are settling into our new Home at College Meadow thanks to some sterling work by our hard working Committee tirelessly led by our Club Captain - Matt Wilde. Adrian and the Team Captains have managed the playing side very efficiently, and I must also mention the work done by our Club Secretary Rob Hughes and particularly our Treasurer Ravi Wick, who in addition to raking in the subs has been very diligent in setting up and organising the bar and catering. To quote an old fool: "You've all done very well"





Two pictures produced by Mike Harries of A Blackheath H.C. Children's Christmas Party about 1976.

Entries invited as to the identity of the clowns.



A picture from the Day on The Heath on May 12<sup>th</sup> taken when the players were being briefed on the rules; All Saints Church and The England Hockey Roadshow in the background

