



Blackheath & Old Elthamians H.C.
Old Members Association

Our First Season at Eltham has been entirely successful. Every Team in the Club scored more or as many goals as they conceded; The Heathens and 5th XIs were Champions and the 3XI second in their Leagues; the Youth team won the Under 12 Tournament at Reigate; we have our own 1861 Beer; and we finished the Season with an excellent Dinner at The Bromley Court and a highly motivated AGM.

All praise must go to our Committee and particularly Matt Wilde who has led The Club with panache and enthusiasm. Also to Ravi Wick and Rob Hughes who have managed the move to College Meadow. We must thank The Headmaster and College staff for making the transition so painless and particularly commend Dennis, who has done everything to make us feel welcome.

At the AGM Steve Miller stepped down from The Presidency and David Maltman was universally and deservedly elected in his place. "Young Miller" has an enviable record of service within The Club having served as President for 5 years, following his 8 years as Club Captain and previous roles as Team Secretary and Team Captain. Also at the AGM Andy B was presented with a framed Club shirt to mark his years of service to the Club as he will no longer be making the trek from Sussex.

1st XI Results since Last Newsletter

16 th Feb	Burnt Ash	Home	Lost 1-2				
23 rd Feb	Cliftonville	Away	Lost 2-3	16 th March	Ashford	Home	Won 5-2
2 nd March	Canterbury	Home	Drew 3-3	6 th April	Holcombe	Away	Won 4-1
9 th March	Sevenoaks	Away	Lost 2-3	20 th April	Crawley	Away	Lost 2-3

Played 22, Won 8, Drawn 4, Lost 10, Goals For: 56 Goals Against: 56.

These results have got us to 6th place in the League. We must applaud Alex and Edd for their commitment in organising – and on occasion playing – thus consolidating our position.

Second XI Played: 22 Won: 10 Drew: 2 Lost: 10 Goals for: 55 Goals against: 44 The Seconds also finished in 6th place in their League which was the result of an excellent turnaround in the second half of the season, as results before Christmas were not good.

Third XI Played: 22 Won: 13 Drew: 6 Lost 3 Goals For: 61 Goals Against: 21 An excellent Season achieving 2nd place in their League.

Heathens Played: 22 Won: 13 Drew: 4 Lost: 5 Goals For: 60 Goals Against: 28 **Champions**
Kent Open Div 1

Fifth XI Played: 18 Won: 12 Drew: 1 Lost: 5 Goals For: 53 Goals Against: 21 **Champions** Kent
Open Div 4

Veterans Played: 10 Won: 4 Drew: 0 Lost: 6 Goals For: 34 Goals Against: 23 The weather has affected the number of games played but we have managed to keep the aging limbs going.

These are excellent results - and great praise must go to Team Management and Captains for getting their squads organised and achieving our strongest set of results taking the Club as a whole.

Old Members Lunch 16-3-13

Standing: Tony Johnson, David Maltman, Mike Spencer, Brad Rehling, David Hayter, Paul Whitney;

Seated: Colin Couves, Joe Aguiar, Ken New, John Harrington, JB



Photographer:
Eleanor Harrington,

We were joined later by Richard and Sue Dawbarn, and Tim Flynn. Messrs Cleall, Snashall, Gilbert, and Gainey arrived for tea after their Veterans match with Wimbledon, and also members of the other teams playing.

This was a day to bottle and put on the top shelf of wonderful memories. Thanks to the catering skills of John Harrington and Dave Maltman we were excellently fed and watered and we had the added bonus of watching the First XI achieve a fine win over Ashford 5-2 thanks to another Mike Lawrence hat-trick.

This space was supposed to contain a picture of the successful outing described below – but as I have been waiting 3 months for Shadwell to supply an appropriate photo –or indeed any photo at all! – I have decided to publish without it before last season's closing newsletter becomes next seasons first.

The Outcasts Easter Tour to Bristol was another roaring success. We played 3 and won 3.
March 29th v Westbury Won 3-2 Higginson A (2), Couves A,
March 30th v Cippenham Won 5-2 Higginson A (3), Davis O, Redman S,
March 31st v City of Bath Won 3-1 Higginson A (2), Russell W

This was the 21st Tour, which began as a 5th XI reunion, it then became an Old Outcasts and their sons tour and it has now developed into an Old Outcasts, Sons, Daughters and Grandsons Tour. A total of 56 plus 2 babies In the Party with 26 of those being described as players – some fitting the description more loosely than others.

See You Next Season JB