

# Bowdon Club Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Bowdon Club Newsletter.

In this edition we are bringing you some information from each of the sections and a club development update from Jim Taylor. We also want to know if you'd like to be involved in a catering sub-committee. The purpose of which will be to look at the kitchen facilities and the long term club

requirements with regards to in house catering.

If there is any news or information you wish to share with the rest of the club please contact Joanne in the club office or any of the Club's Executive Committee (please see contact information on the last page) and we'll look to include it in the next newsletter.



## Club Developments

### Altrincham Prep School

The boys from Altrincham Prep School already use the Club's main playing field for cricket in the summer and our squash courts and synthetic pitch occasionally.

The Club and the School are currently in discussions to arrive at a more permanent arrangement. The School now wishes to book the main field in both the summer and winter on weekdays and also half the synthetic

pitch for certain hours.

We look forward to finalising these arrangements which are good for both the Club and the School and fit in with the overall strategy of providing more sport in the area, particularly the young.

### Public Consultation Exercise

The Consultation Exercise held at The Bowdon Church of England School on February 11, showing the pro-

posed developments, was very well attended.

Of the 240 people registered the majority welcomed the plans because they provide more sport for the area and because of the positive effect on future health of local people.

However, there were inevitably objections, reservations and suggestions, which we are looking at carefully to see if any modifications can be made.

## Catering Development

There have been many people commenting on the catering facilities at the club over recent months and years. Whilst it has been looked at in the past, no definitive action has been taken.

We would like to set up a Catering Committee to assess the club's requirement, prepare a feasibility study and look at the costing involved.

If you would like to be part of this project then please

contact David Bellin on 0161 9291291 or email [david@bellin.co.uk](mailto:david@bellin.co.uk).

The catering facilities are vital to the future success of the club. Any help would be a great benefit.

## Cricket

Newcomers for next season include Mike Chapman, who is studying economics at Manchester University, and Joe Cooper who already plays hockey for Bowdon.

The 1st XI will be captained by Carl Hey (see photograph) who has obtained captaincy experience through the Lancashire age groups, Durham University and more recently at Northern Cricket Club, where he acted as vice captain for a number of years.

The 2nd XI will continue to be skippered by Paul Sinclair and the 3rd XI by Sean Walters.

Zoe Phillips will be leading our Ladies Team again.

Some Bowdon Junior boys have been recommended for the final stages of county trials - 3 at under 11; 1 at under 13; 1 at under 14 and 3 at under 15. Also one Junior girl has reached the final stages at under 13.

Matthew Tully continues to make advancement in the Junior County scene.

Thanks to the endeavours of Keith Teasdale and Bruce McDougall, the ECB have given a substantial grant and made a loan towards our new out-



*Men's 1st XI Captain: Carl Hey*

door nets. It is hoped that these will be completed by the end of May.

## Hockey

The 2009/10 season, just finished, proved difficult for both the Men's and Women's First Teams, but for different reasons. The women's team lost no less than eight from their successful squad of 2008/09 and found the first half of the season testing to say the least. The second half of the season proved better and team performances improved. A final position of eighth kept Bowdon out of the play off places but with more rebuilding needed for next season. International honours were gained by Sally Walton, Sam Quek and Kirsty MacKay.

The men became the Premier League draw specialists but tended to lose their way in the final stages of vital games. Against this season's champions Reading at home they leaked two goals in the last five minutes as Reading forced a draw and lost the



*Alistair Brogdon - photographed with the European Cup*

away fixture conceding a goal in the last two minutes. The team is still very much work in progress and was also placed eighth just above the play off place.

International honours were gained by Simon Egerton (England Indoor and Outdoor) and Alistair Brogdon

(photographed with the European Cup) who was a member of the England team that won the European Cup and were placed fourth in the World Cup.

The women are already in the Indoor Premier League and the men joined them in the

## Hockey - Continued

Men's Indoor Premier League. Bowdon are the only English club to have their teams in the Indoor and Outdoor Premier Leagues.

Below first team the men's second and third teams won

their leagues and the Women's fourth team won their Cheshire League. All other teams held their league positions, the exception being the men's eighth team who were relegated.

The junior section gained more members over the season and successfully competed in the England Hockey Indoor and Outdoor championships.

## Squash

Bowdon's Junior team has progressed to reach the quarter final stage of the national club championships. This is a fantastic achievement and shows Bowdon as one of the top clubs in the country. Bowdon will play mighty Pontefract in the semi finals. Pontefract are strong favourites with some fantastic home players plus all of the Indian junior national team based at the club!!

Pontefract are big favourites to win the competition but the tie is at Bowdon so you never know!! Date will be out shortly - all support appreciated.

Bowdon Ladies Vets (see photograph) had a fantastic win to get to the National Finals weekend by beating Wolverhampton in a tense and dramatic match. Bowdon went behind when Bowdon's No 1 Di Parums who played excellently ran out of legs against Wolverhampton's British No 2 (over 35) going down 3 games to 1. That left Bowdon



*Ladies Vets: Top - Di Parums, Left - Polly Woodward, Right - Jane Law*

needing to win the next two ties to get through to the finals. Polly Woodward showed her usual fight and fitness to win 3 games to 1 and set the match up to be the winner takes all in the final match. Jane Law, now vice president of the club, and extremely classy squash player stepped up and showed no signs of nerves to beat a very willing opponent in a tough 3 games.

Great achievements by both teams and lets hope they can

both go all the way in the competition.

The prestigious English junior open was recently held in Nottingham. The gold status tournament features the countries leading juniors and Bowdon was well represented by Jacob Robinson (boys u17), Jessica Davis (girls u15) and Leon Bowers (boys u13). This trio of athletes played well and finished strongly over a gruelling three days.

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