

As this June Newsletter goes to press, our Curator, Mike Smith, and a band of regular THM Volunteers are beavering away in the Woking office packing up this year's exhibition items to go on display at the Men's and Women's Champions Trophy Events on Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park 10th – 26th June. Mike and the team have planned a number of new displays as well as popular items such as the old fashioned sticks, GK equipment, the magazine browsing table. There will also be a selection of clothing and a display of footwear from across the 20th century. This year we have invited Kingston Grammar School, one of the oldest hockey playing schools, to put on a display of their history in the marquee. With Rio just a few weeks away, there will also be Olympic themed displays and a full set of medals. The spectacular 60m timeline from last year (see photo) has been updated for the CT event as well as the video loop we will be showing in the Marquee. Hopefully, there will be something to interest all our visitors.



HOCKEY TIMELINE AT LEE VALLEY

The Museum continues to develop with over 620 collections now registered and enquiries coming in at a rate of about 4 a week – see some of the interesting examples below. Our new Collections Manager, Karen Clark, has made a huge difference to the organisation and working of the Museum itself. As Mike Smith comments, "With Karen's support and guidance, the volunteers have been able to make big inroads into the backlog of collections and the inputting of items onto Modes, the Museum software being used. We can now start to look at the digitisation of magazines, archives and photos and some of other planned projects that will bring the wealth of information in our archives to life and make it available to a wider audience". The Museum is now open to visitors on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month but appointments can be made to visit on most weekdays.

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A RIO THEME TO THE 'ART IN HOCKEY' ENTRIES

From a bumper batch of entries in THM's schools' art competition, the winners have been chosen. The competition, supported by The National Hockey Foundation, invited children to design their own piece of two-dimensional artwork about the sport of hockey, using South American influences.

GB stars Helen Richardson-Walsh and George Pinner along with Ben Rea (The National Hockey Foundation) had the enjoyable but challenging task of selecting the winners.

The winner and highly commended entries will be on show in THM Marquee at the 2016 Champions Trophy 10th – 26th June and can be viewed on THM website at www.hockeymuseum.net/education.



ALICE, age 10, THE HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL (SURREY)

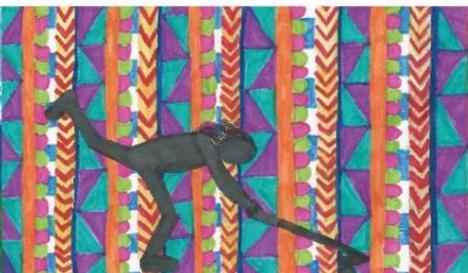


JAY, age 10, TEMPLE MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL (KENT)

THE HOCKEY museum SELECTION OF ENTRIES FROM THE HOCKEY MUSEUM'S THE ART OF HOCKEY COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UK

FINN, age 5, FOXHILLS INFANT SCHOOL (HAMPSHIRE)

VICTORIA, age 11, HOLLYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL (COUNTY DOWN)



WHERE WILL YOUR ENQUIRY LEAD?

THM recently received a fascinating enquiry from Steve Beattie asking about the playing record of his mother, Monica Thompson. We receive many enquiries from people who think they have parents or grandparents who played international hockey - sadly many do not turn out to be correct. But in this case, Monica did play for England in 1957, being awarded 4 caps in matches against Wales (6-0), Ireland (2-0), Scotland (3-1) and Netherlands (1-0) and scoring 7 goals. Her most impressive feat was to score 5 goals on her debut in the match against Wales. As far as we can determine, this is the best goal tally for any England debutant since the start of England international matches in 1896. A real claim to fame!

This was not the only interesting fact about the Thompson family who originated from Gloucestershire. After trawling through old Hockey Field magazines we found that there were three Thompson sisters – Monica, Heather and Rita and all were selected for the England A or B squads in 1957. Heather was featured as an up and coming star but sadly didn't appear to go on to play a full international but Rita did go on to play for England in 1959 and gained 10 caps. A very talented family.



THE HOCKEY POSTCARD

The Museum is continually finding new pieces of hockey art. Some are sent in by hockey players from around the world but THM's Art expert, Mike Barford, is always on the lookout for items. This delightfully hand painted postcard from around the beginning of the 20th century was recently acquired by Mike for the Museum. We have many other great examples of this sort of hockey art.



CHISWICK LHC - AMAZING CLUB ARCHIVES

THM recently received a fascinating collection of archive material from Chiswick Ladies HC, one of the oldest clubs founded in 1896 (see photo above from that year). There are some absolute treasures from the Club's early days – photographs and fixture cards, team sheets, rules, account books, membership lists. Normal memorabilia you may think, but the age and condition of many of the items are outstanding. The hand written Minute books run from 1896 to 1945 (yes, through the war years). The full story of this collection will appear soon on THM website.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HOCKEY'S INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE?

THM and the International Hockey Federation are currently undertaking a study to find out what is known about hockey's worldwide heritage, what archive material exists and where the hockey history knowledge can be found. Justine Reilly Consultants are leading this work for us and a survey questionnaire is available for you to have your say; <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HockeysInternationalHeritage>. Tell us what you know. For more information, go to the International Focus page of THM website. To date, Justine has had responses from over 100 respondents in 20 different countries. The study findings will be available in the autumn.

A 14TH CENTURY ROYAL PROCLAMATION – NO HOCKEY!

One of our Volunteers recently visited Bodiam Castle in Sussex and found a fascinating notice that reported on King Edward III's attempts to curtail what he thought were 'unruly games' that distracted men from their archery practice (compulsory for men between 8-50). The translation of the Royal Proclamation issued in 1363 states "... we ordain that you prohibit under penalty of imprisonment all and sundry from such stone, wood and iron throwing; handball, football, or hockey; coursing and cock-fighting, or other such idle games." So maybe hockey is an older game than we all thought? The National Football Museum confirmed that proclamations of this sort were issued at that time but it has been our own Mike Barford who used research carried out by the Society for International Hockey Research, and discovered that the actual words that appear in the original Latin proclamations were 'Canibucam' or 'Cambuca' - a game played with sticks and a ball. THM and the International Hockey Federation (FIH) are planning a research initiative that hopes to pull together an authoritative 'history of world hockey' that will, I'm sure, establish whether we can claim games such as Cambuca to be early forms of the sport we know.

HOCKIVE FACT

Most players know that a hockey stick has to pass through a 2 inch ring - or 52mm in modern parlance. However, this was not always the case as in the very early days of hockey the width allowed was 2 ½ inches. This was reduced to the current size on the 19th September 1887. Not many people know that!



A MARATHON EFFORT

THM Education Officer, Jon Rye, ran in his fifth official London Marathon this April and chose to raise funds for The Hockey Museum. Jon's marathon effort not only saw him beat his personal best by 17 minutes, finishing in 4hrs 20mins, but he also raised over £3,000. Truly a great effort! If you are thinking about undertaking a charity fundraising event, why not raise funds for The Hockey Museum - we can help set up a Virgin Money Giving Fundraising Page and promote your efforts to our Friends, Volunteers and Supporters.



THE RIDDLE OF THE NAUTICAL CLOCK VETERANS CUP?

We were recently contacted by Jeanette Bokacz to help piece together the playing history of The Wearys HC, a ladies team who have played regularly in the English 'Veterans Cup' competition since its inauguration in 1989 when they were the first winners. With the help of Stephen Barlow in the EH Competitions Office, we have been able to find most of the competition results for Jeanette and put her in contact with Bournemouth HC, who were the last winners of the Veterans Cup (see photo). The plaque is in fact a very unique 'Nautical Clock' which has been inscribed with all the winners. Sue Sherwood from Bournemouth HC has been a mine of information on the Veterans tournament but she does not know the origins of this Trophy, so if anyone has any information, please get in touch.