

What an amazing first year the National Hockey Museum (NHM) has had. From our official opening at the beginning of 2012 so much has happened; ► we set ourselves up as a Trust ► developed the NHM website, logo & brand image ► organised and ran two exhibitions and a very successful official launch in October ► gained two satellite sites at Bath University Library & Cannock HC ► achieved Charitable status ► and received our first major donation. Along the way, we also acquired boxes and boxes of hockey memorabilia. From donations of a couple of items, to scrapbooks, to the receipt of a number of very large and significant collections. You can read more about a couple of these collections later in the newsletter. All items have been very gratefully received.

Despite all this progress, we realise that we've only scratched the surface so far – both in terms of finding all the hockey memorabilia that is out there... to putting structures and processes in place to get the museum fully operational. This will be no 'one season' job! Little of this could have been achieved without the support of our growing band of hard working

volunteers. They have washed and painted walls, built shelves, moved boxes, acquired furniture as well as the more usual museum jobs. More about them below. As many hockey friends have shown an interest in the continuing development of the NHM, we plan to issue regular newsletters during the year – this is the first. If you have any suggestions or feedback on this first edition, please contact us. Also follow news and other announcements on the NHM website.

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Sally Munday, the England CEO, speaking at NHM Launch with Katie Dodd, NHM Chair and former England International



Mayor & Mayoress of Woking cutting the cake at the NHM Launch

NEW COLLECTIONS

Recently arrived Marjorie Pollard's Collection : At last, Mike Smith, the NHM Curator, has been persuaded to sort out all the boxes from the Mercian loft and the Marjorie Pollard Collection arrived at Butts Rd the other week. This was given to Mike by Joyce Whitehead (former women's hockey correspondent and editor of Hockey Field) after Marjorie's death in 1982. Marjorie played hockey for England in the 1920/30s as well as editing Hockey Field from 1946-70. There are some amazing photos (see left), reports, cuttings and other items that the NHM team are now beginning to sort through.

A promised collection.... We have been in discussion with Geoff Dunn about placing significant Surbiton HC records with the NHM. Surbiton is one of the oldest clubs in existence and the collection includes the first minute book from 1874 and a scrapbook relating to Molesey HC, one of the original clubs set up but no longer in existence.



Thought to be a photo of the first England Ladies Team in 1896

WOMEN'S INDOOR HOCKEY

One of our volunteers, Joan Wall, has agreed to start work on recording the history of this relatively new form of the game. Joan was herself a full international in the 1950s, going on to become a long serving England Indoor Selector from 1980 when the first England Indoor team was selected. She would love to hear from anyone who has programmes, trophies, cuttings, photos and most importantly memories of the early days; joanfwall@hotmail.com Some of us remember back to the days of playing indoor at Hanwell Community Centre with outdoor sticks that we had to cover with socks!

HOCKEY FIELD MAGAZINES

A number of the volunteers spent many days sorting through piles of all the different hockey magazines that had arrived at Butts Rd. Now catalogued, we know we have a full set of 'Hockey Field' at both Bath Library and Woking but we would like to complete another set and are just missing all the editions from the 1934/5, 35/6, 36/7, 37/8 and 38/9 seasons. Can anyone help? We will advertise gaps in other magazine collections on the website and in future newsletters.

FIH SUPPORT

The President of the International Hockey Federation, Leandro Negre, approached two of our Trustees at the recent Hockey Writers Club Awards Lunch to ask if he could visit the Museum in April. This is very exciting news and we hope will lead to greater links with the FIH.

THE NHM VOLUNTEERS

In the last year a growing number of volunteers have joined the Trustees in supporting the work of the Museum. The premises at Butts Rd are now regularly occupied on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with a selection of people beavering away. Rowena Shepherd and Marcus Wardle have been supporting Mike with booking-in and beginning to catalogue all items, Judy Smith has been cataloguing all the books in the library (over 1000 at the last count), David Sumpter is sorting the many postcards and stamps that have been acquired, Joan Wall is pulling together club histories and Audrey Hughes is in charge of pin badges. Others who have given their time to the museum are Gerald Dare (building and repairs), Nan Williams (Wembley archive), Mike and Sarah Waite, Oz and Fred Harris at Cannock HC, Alan Thorpe, Liz Rowley, Alan Walker, Lynn Morgan, Shirley Winson and Doreen Brown. We thank them all.

Do you fancy getting involved? There are lots of different roles so if you like to join us get in touch through the website

www.hockeymuseum.org



Marcus Wardle booking items into Museum



Judy Smith in the Library

ENQUIRIES OF THE NHM

We are now receiving an increasing number of enquiries from people who are seeking information about relatives or friends or seeking more information about an event or match. One recent enquiry was from Charles Foster, a journalist living in Ireland who is writing an article about his grandmother, Aileen Maltby (1895-1967). She played hockey for England in the 1920s and her first match was against Ireland in Dublin in 1923, during a very unstable period in Irish history. Charles subsequently remembers going to Wembley with his grandmother in the early 1960s to see Ireland play and wanted to confirm the date. Pat Rowley, NHM Trustee and hockey correspondent, has been able to confirm that Ireland did play England at Wembley in 1961 (4-2) and he was also able to give him information on all their other Wembley visits. Nan Williams, one of our volunteers, is now going to visit Lizzie Richmond, the archivist at Bath University Library, to search the AEWHA records for information about the 1923 match and the plans made for the England party to travel to Dublin at a time of heightened security. Charles is delighted with all the information he has received so far.



Audrey Hughes & Rowena Shepherd with some of the pin badges

JULIA GILL

Following the very sad death of Julia Gill at the end of last year, her husband Bob, has very kindly donated all her umpiring memorabilia to the museum – a great collection of her uniforms, medals and ‘outfits’ from various Tournaments including the Seoul and Athens Olympics, Melbourne and Manchester Commonwealth Games. A wonderful way to start our archive of hockey umpiring. If any other umpires want a home for their kit, whistles, cards, records please get in touch.



Julia Gill

OLD CINE-FILM OF HOCKEY MATCHES

The Museum has received a number of old tins with cine-film of what we think are matches dating back to the 1930s. These include rolls from the Mary Russell Vick and Marjorie Pollard's Collections. Mike felt that these could be very valuable so we needed to find out how we should be storing them even if we didn't have the resources to process them at this stage. He has had some very helpful discussions with the British Film institute who have agreed to advise us and he is sending them a list of what we think is included and they will see if any are of specific interest to them. There must be other collections of old cine-film of hockey games, so if you hear of any please contact Mike. judyismith61@btinternet.com

THOSE 'WOW' MOMENTS.....

The opening of a box to find original club minute books, the finding of an album with fascinating photos.... Mike Smith says that hardly a week goes by without something amazing turning up at Butts Road. Mike calls them his "Wow moments" and he has given me a couple of recent examples; the receipt of a letter from the Lawn Tennis Museum that enclosed a copy of a patent application for a hockey stick submitted by Slazenger in 1957 – accepted but never enforced! Another find: Derek Day (former Olympian) has given the NHM three albums – one of his early days, one of the Olympics but the fascinating one is of the GB Tour to South Africa during the apartheid era. In future, we plan to put a selection of these 'Wow moments' on the website.

PLANS FOR 2013

We already know we have a busy year ahead of us. We've started the process of submitting a Heritage Lottery bid and this will require a fair amount of work to get to the final submission stage but the Trustees feel that this source of funding is critical to being able to move the Museum forward. We also have plans for another Open Day sometime in late spring and an exhibition linked in with a big international event on the cards at Chiswick in June. Watch the website for dates when confirmed.