

Editorial



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Please continue to send your articles and jokes to us. The final Scoop will be out for the Annual Dinner—dates yet to be confirmed

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Two weeks of severe winter weather and disruption of the league programme make for an interesting couple of weekends ahead when we will be required to work overtime!

For those who are not aware, this means we will be playing postponed league games on Sundays as well as our regular games on Saturdays. This tongue in cheek comment is directed at a growing group of our younger players who conjure up the slightest excuse to be unavailable—for some strange reason when they discover the games are away –or not at a convenient time to suit their domestic arrangements.

This situation makes it tremendously difficult for captains who still have to put out teams from the players still available come Friday evening. From your teams sake, please sort out your domestic priorities and ensure you are available for games when you tell your Captains you are.

There should be no shortage of players for the 4th round of the Vintage Cup to be played at St Mary's this weekend. Chesterfield have made it through to the 4th round and face Cannock Men's. In recognition of this achievement, and it also being St Valentines day, the humour in this issue takes a sly look at old age and old fashioned romance.

Congrats to **Andy Battye** for **Player of Month** for February, and **Chris Gilson**, **Junior Player of the Month**.

Les.

If you are easily offended — please read no further !!!

1st Team Match Reports

31ST JANUARY 2009

MANSFIELD 1 – 2 CHESTERFIELD (AWAY)

In previous meetings, we have had a 100% record against local rivals Mansfield and two early goals and some Herculean defending kept that record intact, whilst putting Mansfield right in the relegation mire.

The home side went all out for victory, throwing plenty of men forward and putting our back four under constant pressure, but this did mean there was plenty of space in behind their midfield in which to break. After a couple of missed chances from counter attacks, Charlie Grant got the ball in the left corner and his sharp turn induced a shocking tackle and produced a penalty corner that enabled Chesterfield to open the deadlock. Pat Evans had an initial shot saved but the rebound went straight back to him and he found Adam Bointon in front of goal who then hit the post, but Rob Anderson was on hand to score.



Almost immediately, Jamie Hartley then gifted the opposition an equalizer when he attempted a cross field pass across the top of the circle only for it to be intercepted by their centre forward who gleefully smacked the ball into the roof of the net.

It didn't take long for us to regain the lead from a free hit near the base line just outside the circle. Pat Evans drifted to the top of the circle unmarked and Bointon picked him out to coolly bury the ball into the bottom left.

It seemed unlikely from this point on that there would be no more goals but some great defending at both ends saw that few further chances were created in the game.

The visitors should have extended their lead on the counter attack but the Mansfield defenders kept producing some fantastic last ditch tackles, while at the other end the back four limited the home side to scraps. The most likely source of an equalizer was from a penalty corner but Mansfield wasted their chances and then didn't help themselves by getting a couple of players sent off allowing Chesterfield to calm the game down and secure all three points.

Adam Bointon

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50 - Your eyes won't get much worse.

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1st Team Match Reports

25TH JANUARY 2009

CHESTERFIELD 3 – 1 KHALSA (HOME)

Two games in two days against two of the top four was always going to be tough and the 15 man squad was put to the test after Macca, Jonno and Boz all had to leave the field in the first half due to injury, but we produced an excellent performance and fully deserved the victory.

Khalsa were always going to be a threat going forward, with probably the best forwards in the league, but the home side took their first chance of the game after Charlie Grant found Bointon in the circle and his shot across the goal was turned in at the far post by Lee Welsby.

The visitor's quality was evident but their work rate could not match that of Chesterfields, who defended with quality and looked threatening on the break. Khalsa's biggest threat came from penalty corners and after defending the first few well, the home defence finally conceded a soft shot from the left that Josh Brocklehurst felt he could have done better at the post.

It didn't take long for the home side to regain the lead from a penalty corner that was slipped to Beardo and his shot found the large gap between the 'keeper's legs.

In the second half, Chesterfield dealt really well with the aerial threat with all defenders bringing down the overhead ball with ease. A piece of magic by Joe Scott down the right saw him drift past a couple of players and put Bointon through, who combined with Beardo to stab the ball past the 'keeper, allowing Bointon to tap the ball into the net from close range.

That goal gave Chesterfield some breathing room and while Khalsa still looked threatening, their efforts eventually waned when more chances from penalty corners were missed.

Adam Bointon

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied, "Arthritis."

Are you in the '100 Club'? - You should be, you've everything to win!

1st Team Match Reports

17TH JANUARY 2009

NORTH STAFFORD 1- 1 CHESTERFIELD (AWAY)

Chesterfield travelled to North Stafford after a long winter break and was forced to battle hard for a well earned point. North Stafford got off to the best of starts scoring with their first attack when their centre forward deflected a cross from the right into the top corner.

The visitors got straight back into the game and began to dominate possession but missed two golden chances when John Beardsley mis-controlled a cross from the right in front of goal and then Pat Evans had a shot squeeze under the keeper but couldn't react before the defender cleared it off the line.

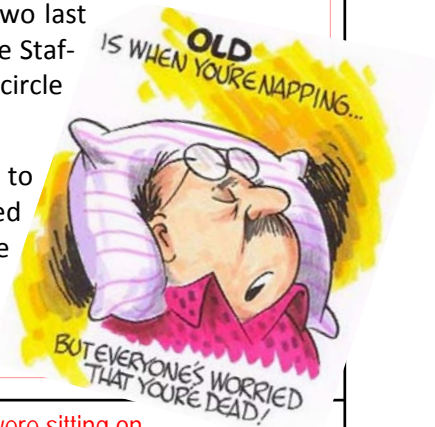
Matt Lloyd in goal was forced into action making a terrific double save from close range to prevent the home side from doubling their lead.



The second half proved to be a tense midfield battle with few chances at both ends but when a player from each side was sin binned, the game opened up. Matt Lloyd again made two last ditch saves, the best of which came after the Stafford centre forward beat two players in the circle and struck a fierce shot from 8 yards out.

Then with ten minutes to go, the ball came to Jamie Hartley just inside the 25, and he picked out Beardsley at the right post to deflect the ball into the bottom left.

Adam Bointon



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!? Like a newborn baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.."

Race Night, March 7th 2009 at Brampton Manor – be there!

1st Team Match Reports

24TH JANUARY 2009

CHESTERFIELD 3 – 3 NORTHAMPTON SAINTS (HOME)

In the reverse fixture, Northampton Saints capitalized on probably the worse display of hockey by Chesterfield in a long time, coming away 7 nil winners, and it seemed as if that was fresh in the visitors minds as they appeared to rock up thinking they would simply cruise to victory. Nothing could have been further from the truth as the home side dominated the game, but simple mistakes almost cost them all the points, and it took a bit of magic from Beardo to rescue a point in the last minute.

Chesterfield got out of the blocks with a perfect start, putting the visitors defence under immediate pressure and an interception of a poor pass outside the circle allowed Bobby (Anderson) to slide in Beardo to coolly slot the ball past the oncoming 'keeper into the bottom right.



The home side continued to pressure and force errors, but a defensive mistake conceded a penalty corner and Northampton scored from their first chance of the game, when a poor drag out and a pulled shot fell to their forward on the left post to put the ball into the net.

Despite continued pressure and possession and a clear stroke for a backstick in the circle being missed by the umpire, Chesterfield went 2 – 1 down just before half time when an innocuous forward ball was misjudged by Josh Brocklehurst who left it for Matt Lloyd to deal with, but this allowed the Northampton centre forward to nip in and get to the ball first, leaving an empty net for his team mate to score.

The game turned into a battle of attrition in the second half, but the home side continued to force the issue, while the visitors continued to create little. Again, Chesterfield were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty stroke after Charlie Grant was brought down by a tackle from behind right in front of goal, preventing a scoring opportunity. It took until the last 15 minutes for Chesterfield to find the equaliser they deserved, and it came from a penalty corner strike by Beardo which was deflected by a defender, standing on the line, into his own net.

Then with two minutes to go, Northampton thought they had sneaked victory when a poor tackle by Jamie gifted them a penalty corner which they converted in a similar fashion to their first.

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50 - Kidnappers are not very interested in you.

Have you any team photos for Scoop?

1st Team Match Reports

Chesterfield were forced to throw everyone forward to look for an equaliser and it came after Joe Scott got pushed from behind in the circle and won a penalty corner on the stroke of the final whistle. Everyone stood around the circle, but it was left to Beardo to squeeze the ball into the bottom left that the goalkeeper could only turn into his own net.

Northampton were clearly upset after the game, with the umpires (which was rich seeing as they had been awarded the best of the decisions) and their own performance, so much so that they failed to leave their changing room and didn't show up in the clubhouse after the game. They may have beaten us 7 nil in the opposite fixture, but at least we turned up after the game – very poor form.

Adam Bointon

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair.

"Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?" he asks.

"Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asks.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?"

He says, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?" she asks.

Irritated, he says, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!"

Then he toddles in to the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

"Where's my toast?"

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50—No one expects you to run--anywhere.

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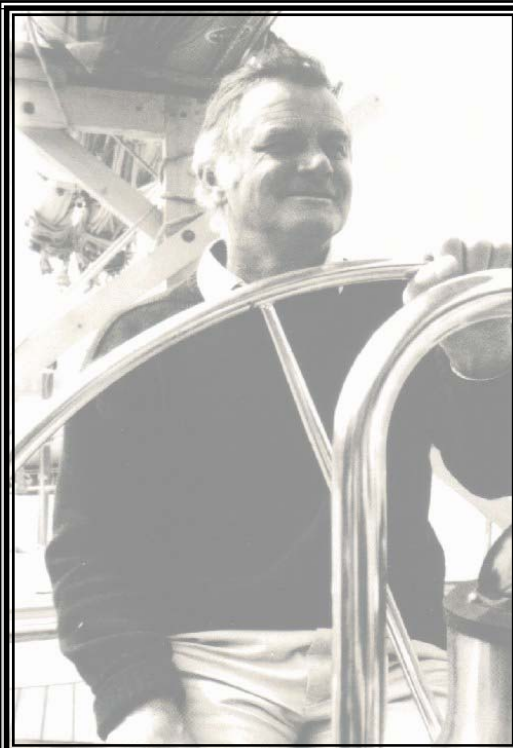
David Alan Gregory 1935-2009

On Thursday 4 February, Peter Heavey telephoned to give me the sad news that our old friend and hockey chum had died at his home on the Isle of Skye on the 20th January 2009, aged 73.

Those members still in the Club that were privileged to know and play with David, will no doubt immediately recall to mind his infectious smile, calm demeanour, unassuming presence and jovial camaraderie. He was a popular Club member and friend to all. He particularly loved his hockey, which for him was a much welcomed

relaxation from his otherwise very busy business life at Bolehill Quarry, Wingerworth.

Unfortunately, having passed on my fixture cards, I cannot exactly recall the date when he joined CHC but it was the week immediately following our 2nd XI fixture against Derwent 2nd XI, played at Cromford Meadows during the 1962-63 season. I shall never forget that particular match against the 'old enemy', for two reasons, firstly we won, always a pleasing experience and secondly, I first met and recruited David from them - a somewhat double whammy. On that day David had played centre forward for the opposition and although it soon became clear that he was a potential threat to us, his team mates were never allowed to give him the service he needed to enable him to exploit his undoubted hockey prowess.

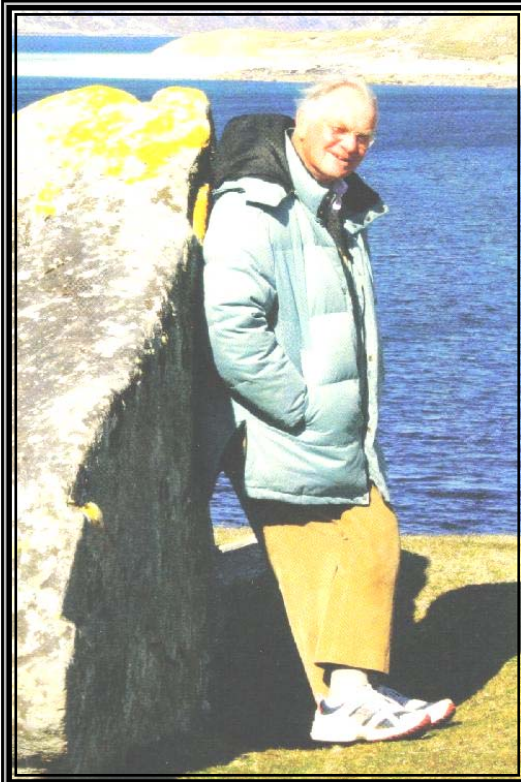


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David Alan Gregory 1935-2009

After the game and shower we all made our way to the Matlock Bath Hotel for refreshments and beer. Chatting in the bar with David, it was apparent that he was not particularly enamoured with their particular set-up. Additionally, he also mentioned that he lived at Wingerworth, literally on our doorstep. With little ceremony and unabashed candour he was then invited to come and join us with the certainty of a guaranteed game the following week. The rest is history, as he did just that, playing for us in his green and red quartered shirt for one more week before exchanging it for our old style green and white quartered one.

Initially, we did not enjoy his services for too long in our forward



line before he was required by the 1st XI, as a replacement right back, playing alongside David Buck for a long period before he eventually returned to us on a regular basis. However, by season 1966-67 he was a regular and much valued member of the 2nd XI. Later still he and Peter Heavey enjoyed a very successful partnership and understanding as a safe and reliable pair of full backs.

David certainly touched and enriched our lives and the Club was a much better place because of him. He was a friend to all and many of us were on the receiving end of his generosity and many kindnesses.

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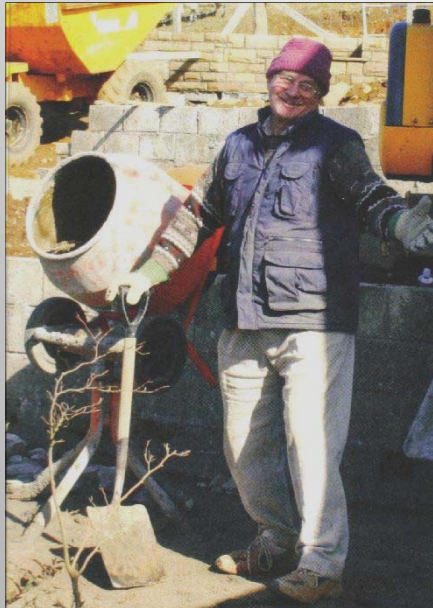
After a long, hard and fruitful working life, where he had expanded his family business, he retired and spent three years of his life sailing in Mediterranean waters, during which time Peter Heavey spent a never to be forgotten six weeks with him.

It was particularly fitting that the Club was well represented at the Celebration of his Life and Cremation on 6 February by some of his former team mates viz.: David Buck with wife Jan, Dick Chappell, Peter Heavey with wife Eva, Gary McCormick, Graham Oldfield with wife Carol, Nick Roberts, Bill Wheeler and myself.

David, a Humanist, certainly lived his life according to his beliefs and will be sorely missed.

May he Rest in Peace.

Ron Presswood



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Do you have a fond memory to share with our readers?

Humour



An old lady was standing at the rail of the cruise ship holding her hat so that it wouldn't blow away in the wind. A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this wind?" "Yes, I know," said the lady. "But I need my hands to hold onto my hat." "But madam, he said, "you must know that you're derriere is exposed!"?? The woman looked down, then back up at the man and said, "Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old, but I just bought this hat yesterday!"

A Doctor was addressing a large audience in Tampa. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous, and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have, or will, eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?" After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake."

A couple both into their 80s, go to a sex therapist's office
The doctor asks, 'What can I do for you?'
The man says, 'Will you watch us have sexual intercourse?'
The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he is so amazed that such an elderly couple is asking for sexual advice that he agrees. When the couple finishes, the doctor says, 'There's absolutely nothing wrong with the way you have intercourse.' He thanks them for coming, wishes them good luck, charges them £50, and says goodbye.
The next week, however, the couple returns and asks the sex therapist to watch again. The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but agrees. This happens several weeks in a row. The couple makes an appointment, has intercourse with no problems, pays the doctor, then leaves.
Finally, after 5 or 6 weeks of this routine, the doctor says, 'I'm sorry, but I have to ask. Just what are you trying to find out?' The old man says, 'We're not trying to find out anything. She's married and we can't go to her house. I'm married and we can't go to my house. Travelodge charge £93. The Hilton charges £139. We do it here for £50, and I get £43 back from Bupa.'

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(Old Age) Humour



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A man was telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but its state of the art. It's perfect."
"Really," answered the neighbour. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty."

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 7th March 2009 - Brampton Manor

. Details to follow.—and speak to Mac

Put this date in your Diary Now!!!!

I married a Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.


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4th Team Match Report

20TH DECEMBER 2008

BARTON 1 – 2 CHESTERFIELD (AWAY)

The last league game before Christmas, and one which should already have been played but for a frozen pitch, forcing its cancellation after five minutes play two weeks ago.

Those who made the long trek to Uttoxeter felt we would have won that day so it was important we  took the points in this rearranged fixture. And the fourths started really well dominating play for long periods on a very wet day. Phil Paleyman dictated affairs from the back with his strong hit outs finding their targets and forcing the opposition back.

We really did seem to camp in their half but just couldn't apply the finishing touch to get a goal – although several good saves were forced out of their keeper who was having a fine game. Tom Weaver deflecting one just over the bar after being played through by Brendan Molloy.

So, all square at half time, although the fourths clearly deserved to be going into the break one if not two goals up.

At the restart it was much of the same Chesterfield domination. Sean Blackham-Hayler having an excellent game doing much of the donkey work at right middle and allowing the forwards to range forward and cause the opposition trouble.

But as always the curse of the sporting cliché hit and against the run of play we found ourselves one down when Barton's only attack of the second half saw a deflected shot sneak in.

So one down but I always felt we would come back as Barton tired; and just minutes later, a short corner was won after some good attacking play from Brendan and Tom Weaver. Mick Rowan accurately found Phil whose clean hit slammed into the right corner.

My wife and I are inseparable.

In fact, last week it took four state troopers and a dog to separate us.

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4th Team Match Report



That seemed to break Barton as they failed to find a way through our defence. A defence which worked really well today – not giving the ball away, finding the midfield and marking their attackers out of the game. Well-done Les and co.

Our winner came like the first from a short and again Phil was the man to drive the ball home for a deserved win from what was for me our best performance of the season.

On a personal note I finally managed to come through a game without injury so hopefully this bodes well for 2009. We've got some must win games coming up if we want to stay in this division but judging by this performance we are easily capable of it.

M a r t i n

Bernard, a 70-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25 year- old blonde who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm. She hangs onto Bernard's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club are all aghast. At the very first chance, they corner him and ask, "Bernard, how did you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bernard replies, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!" They're amazed, but continue to ask. "So, how did you persuade her to marry you?" "I lied about my age," Bernard replies "What, did you tell her you were only 50?" Bernard smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."

**Three old guys are out walking.
First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"
Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"
Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."**


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4th Team Match Report

13TH DECEMBER 2008

CHESTERFIELD 1— 6 BURTON 4TH (HOME)

The weather forecast for Saturday was not good! Rain.. .. rain and more rain; and rain it did! All game; and the game turned out to be very much a soggy affair as far as Chesterfield were concerned. From the first whistle we started with an attitude, which continued throughout the game. Maybe it was the rain, but I think it might have more to do with little boys playing a mans' game.

For the first time this season, we had the luxury of 12 players for this home game. Some players could only manage home games and we accommodated them. On  paper we had a strong team and could give the opposition (currently in the promotion zone) a good run for their money. We started off the attack and took the game to Burton for the opening 10 minutes – but were unable to make the closure, we had no outlet on our right wing – he wasn't there – he was playing left wing and he certainly had no intention of following his captain's instructions – or anyone else's for that matter!

They scored their first goal on a counter attack with a very soft defensive error gifting the visitors their first. 5 minutes later, a repeat occurrence put Burton 2-up. When the third goal was scored a short while later, Tom in goal announced he was ill. He was not good and announced that he was about to be sick. We stopped the game as we didn't want him 'heaving' into his helmet! Pale and blue around the lips, visibly shaking from the cold, and displaying all the symptoms of the onset of a bout of flu, Tom returned to take his place in nets after a ten minute halt. The home defence rallied around Tom and were grateful he was determined to stick it out with us. Was it three or 4 at half time – I don't recall!!

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50-You sing along with elevator music.

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4th Team Match Report

The individual efforts of our 'lone wanderer' were none the less having a negative effect on the whole team. Halftime and it was an opportunity to get sorted – and after a “toys out of the pram demonstration” (to coin a regular and very apt phrase (on this occasion) from Mac), some positional changes were made.

We started all the better for this, for as long as the rearranged formation held. It wasn't long before our 'lone wanderer' did what he was proving best at. To compound our situation, we were not long into the second half when a ball deflected off the opponents stick and hit our centre midfielder Tom Weaver on his eyebrow. The blood flow held off for all of two minutes – and Tom valiantly persevered, but when the blood gushed –Tom had to go off. *(A personal apology from me to Tom –I didn't have a First Aid Box to hand).*



With our sub option now out of the frame, we had to persevere with our 'Wanderer'. Version 3 of the team formation was hurriedly implemented – centred on trying to cater for the personal requirements of our 'lone wanderer' and in an effort to get him to play a team game. Burton not surprisingly took advantage of our situation scored more to take their tally to 6. During a rare team effort, not long before the final whistle, Phil pulled one back to make the final score 1 – 6.

As you may have concluded readers, this was a very negative and frustrating game for the home team and the stronger team won on the day. There were however many positives to take away. Foremost, the team, having realised that our 'lone wanderer' was intent on playing his own game, made a determined effort to make up for these inadequacies. We worked harder, covered more of the pitch. Players were

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50

Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

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Humour



MY LIVING WILL

Last night, my friend and I were sitting in the living room, and I said to her, 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.'

She got up, unplugged the computer, and threw out my wine.

She's such a bitch.....

An elderly couple, who were both widowed, had been going out with each other for a long time. Urged on by their friends, they decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding, they went out to dinner and had a long conversation regarding how their marriage might work.

They discussed finances, living arrangements and so on. Finally, the old gentleman decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

"How do you feel about sex?" he asked, rather trustingly.

"Well," she said, responding very carefully, "I'd have to say, I would like it infrequently."

The old gentleman sat quietly for a moment, then, looking over his glasses, he casually asked,

"Is that one word or two words?"

An older man approached an attractive younger woman at a shopping mall.

"Excuse me; I can't seem to find my wife. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?"

The woman, feeling a bit of compassion for the old fellow, said, "Of course, sir. Do you know where your wife might be?"

"I have no idea, but every time I talk to a woman with tits like yours, she seems to appear out of nowhere."

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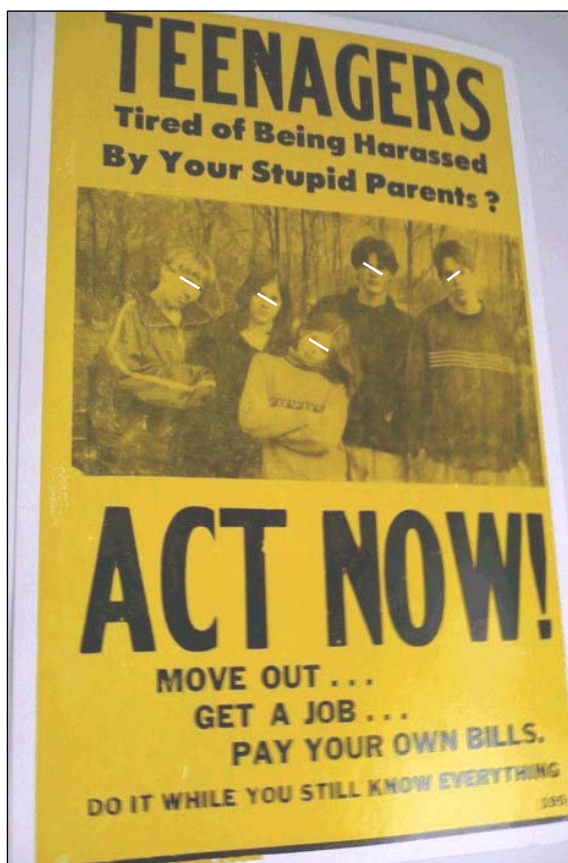
4th Team Match Report

asked to play out of their usual positions –and in the main - they liked it. Tom Walters in goal had his own battle – to contain his shivering and to keep the contents of his stomach where they belonged. Thanks Tom.

A good compliment of both visitors and home players returned to Brampton Manor for post match refreshments. The opposition thoroughly appreciated the good food and range of beers available, and I was very pleased to see that they had sorted the drivers roles before they started, because they enjoyed one or two bevy's.

I had another success! Mick Rowan treated me to a very enjoyable pint of Thwaites 'Bomber'

Les Hawketts



Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90%. It's called a Wedding Cake.

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4th Team Match Report

17TH JANUARY 2009

CHESTERFIELD 1—1 BEESTON VII (HOME)

Now if the fourths' first game of the season was anything to go by this was going to be a very difficult game. Back in September Beeston beat us at their place by the small margin of 15 goals to nil. But straight from the push back it was plain to see this encounter would be a very different affair.

Beeston (with the exception of two players) had a completely different team out. Straight away this meant the fourths had much more possession and control of the ball. An early attack saw the ball just skid past their post after some good work from Brendan Molloy. Next a short corner hit found Mick Rowan who hit the post as he tried to deflect it in. Chesterfield were really bossing things against a capable and youthful team.



But as so often happens – and completely against the run of play – Beeston's skilful centre forward scored a great individual goal when play broke down in their half and we were caught on the break.

That seemed to bring Beeston more into the game and only good work between the posts from Tom Walters kept the deficit to just one goal at the break.

After the turnaround it really was much the same from the fourths as we pushed forward looking for the equalizer. We moved the ball well from the back with powerful hitting out from sweeper James Kay (and some excellent defending) but although we moved the ball well down both wings the fourths' problems seem to come around the opponents D. We're just not scoring even when we work a good position – something for us to work on for the rest of the season.

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50

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4th Team Match Report

To underline this, our equalizer finally came from individual excellence from Ashley Higginbottom taking the ball in our half all the way into the D. It looked like the chance had gone when his deflected shot headed wide only for Alex Frazer to pop up on the corner and force the ball home. Not bad for a bloke who left the contents of his stomach on the astro in the first half!

Towards the final whistle Beeston tired and we might have scored again but for our lack of potency in front of goal again denying us all the points. That being said Beeston were very dangerous on the counter attack and could have taken the points but for some robust defending.

So probably a fair result but if nothing else it showed how far the fourths have come since the beginning of the season against a side chasing promotion. To return to that 15-0 thrashing; perhaps a question should be asked of how fair it is for a team to field two such different sides just a couple of months apart?

Martin

A group of Americans were travelling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lively hillside where many goats were grazing. "These" she explained "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?" A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"

24TH JANUARY 2009

MANSFIELD 1 - 2 CHESTERFIELD (AWAY)

Now it 's said if you still manage to win when you're not playing well then that's the sign of a good team. Well that's really all that can be said about this game. After pulling off such a good performance against Beeston last week, it was amaz-

In the beginning, God created the earth and rested. Then God created Man and rested. Then God created Woman. Since then, neither God nor Man has rested.

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ing to see what a difference seven days had made. With the game on/off then on again it was a delayed start on a hard and icy pitch which actually played reasonably well in the end.

However we seemed to have left our brains in our boots when play started. We did actually start well with an early goal for once after I got the ball down the right and crossed to Brendan from the touch line. His shot was saved only to fall to Andy Hodgson who struck home from the left wing.

I have to say it was all downhill from there against definitely the weakest team we have played all season. We simply could not keep the ball or execute the simplest of passes to our own men. At one point we seemed to have forgotten which way we were playing. Also we seemed obsessed with playing everything down the left and their midfield simply picked us off or we lost the ball and were quickly hit on the break. At times from right wing I and Mick Rowan were redundant despite being in acres of space. Our defence, which has looked so solid recently, also seemed jittery – perhaps a change of personnel was responsible for this.



Anyway it came as no surprise when after hitting Mansfield 's post in a rare attack they went all the way down the other end to score a very soft equaliser.

Thankfully the half-time whistle came shortly afterwards.

I must admit I said some harsh words at the break but simply because I knew we should be winning and easily, and that their defence if we ever got the ball into their half, was weak.

After the break it has to be said things did improve as players began to think about what they were doing rather than just giving the ball away. The play down both wings was more even and Les, Len, Andrew (Fisher) and Mick

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends. .

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looked more comfortable in defence. We also got the ball moving from dead ball situations quickly which helped. Mansfield didn't really look like scoring and although we were getting into better positions we didn't get many shots off. So it was with some relief that after scrambling in their D the ball fell to Andy Hodgson again who pushed the ball in from a couple of yards out. This seemed to break Mansfield whose heads went down. And that's how it finished. I don't think anybody covered themselves in glory in this match but the result was an important one as it probably keeps us clear from relegation!



To add to an uncomfortable afternoon the showers were cold and the beer bloody freezing. Still at least we came away with the points.....

Martin Fisher

The local news station was interviewing an 84 year old lady because she had just remarried—for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 84, and then asked her about her new husband's occupation. "he's a funeral director," she answered. He then asked her if she would tell him a little bit about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all these years. After a little while, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, later on a preacher when in her 60's, and now, in her 80's, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. "Easy son," she smiled. I married one for the money..... two for the show,.....three to get ready, And four to go!!



PERKS OF BEING OVER 50.—Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

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31ST JANUARY 2009

CHESTERFIELD 2 - 9 BELPER VII (HOME)

This was always going to be a tough game after Belper beat us convincingly at their place earlier in the season. We knew we would once again be facing three very fast and skilful players running at us from the midfield and this proved to be the case.

Almost from the off they came at us at speed and we were quickly under pressure. It would be difficult to criticise our defence as by and large they did a good job, but again a change of personnel meant their attackers were at times unmarked.

The first goal came within five minutes and they scored at regular intervals after that. Not one of these goals was through teamwork though; all were excellent bits of individual skill from the three players we knew would cause problems. Take two of these three away (and they really belonged in a much higher team) and we would have won this game. I doubt Belper VII will keep them in the side and although they will get promoted this year I think they'll soon be back down.

Worthy of mention was an excellent flick save from Tom (or is it Ginge the hoody?) in goal, who for me improves with every game.

So about 6-0 down at half time but importantly heads did not drop. We were actually playing some good hockey and other than the break away goals had some decent possession.

After the break we upped our game as the wings came into it more. This led to Chris scoring after some excellent decoy runs created space for him to hit the ball home. Belper retaliated in the same way as be-

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In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.

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fore the break but were tiring and we looked – at times – the better team. Mick had a good game on the right and our defence-looked solid thanks to the Battyes.



Our second goal came from a breakaway after Belper over committed. One on one with the goalie I manage to slot it home for my first of the season – I thought I'd lost the ability to score – as apparently did our defence who were odds on me missing. Sorry to disappoint boys!

We finished strongly and despite the scoreline thought we had a good game and would have challenged most other teams in this league. I don't think the result is that import as Belper will beat virtually every other side in this division so nothing lost league table wise.

Martin

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, surely I can't look that old? Well... You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dds diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, grey-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School

'Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang,' he gleamed with pride.

'When did you graduate?' I asked.

He answered, 'in 1975. Why do you ask?'

'You were in my class!', I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly, Old, Bald, Wrinkled, Fat ass, Grey-haired, Decrepit

Son-of-a-bitch asked:

'what did you teach ???.'

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50- You can live without sex but not your glasses.

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Junior Schools Hockey Tournament for Boys

Six teams from four local schools competed in the Chesterfield Junior Schools Hockey Tournament for Boys on January 14th. The Tournament was run by Chesterfield Hockey Club on the artificial turf pitch at St. Mary's School in Newbold. For this year's tournament, the weather stayed fine and over 70 youngsters and their parents enjoyed an excellent series of matches.

Each of the six teams played each other team and the final result was:

Winners: Holymoorside 1
Runners-up: Brockwell
 (equal on points with Brampton 1, but awarded 2nd place on the basis of the result with Brampton 1)

	Brampton 1	Brampton 2	Brockwell	Holymoorside1	Holymoorside2	William Rhodes	Points Total
Brampton 1		1-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	8
Brampton 2	1-1		0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	5
Brockwell	1-0	0-0		0-1	1-0	0-0	8
Holymoorside 1	1-1	1-1	1-0		1-0	1-1	9
Holymoorside 2	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1		0-0	2
William Rhodes	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0		4

The tournament was the culmination of a series of sessions given by coaches from Chesterfield Hockey Club to youngsters from these and other local schools.

A similar tournament for girls will be held at the end of March.

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50 - People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

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Junior Schools Hockey Tournament for Boys



JOHN NASH PRESENTING THE RUNNERS-UP AWARD TO BROCKWELL



JOHN NASH WITH THE WINNERS

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**PERKS OF BEING OVER 50 -
People call at 9 pm and ask, " Did I wake you ???? "**

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5th Team Match Report

17TH JANUARY 2009

BURTON 6S 11 – 1 CHESTERFIELD (AWAY)

This was not a very good start to the second half of the season. On Monday night I had a full team plus 3 subs. By Saturday morning I had lost 4 players including my goalkeeper who decided to go and play in a football tournament – how inconsiderate!



Burton are in the top two and it showed early doors that they meant business. Olly White volunteered to step into the breach and despite his best efforts they were quickly into our ribs. They were the stronger from the start. Saying that though I must stress that our youngsters did not stop running and I was quite proud of the way they did not let their chins go down. We made inroads into their half but our inexperience gave the ball away only for it to come back at us in spades.

It would have been more but Olly actually made quite a few good saves. 6-0 at half time. We did not give up and gave them a couple of scares, which made them sit up and think. We managed to get one back with the help of 'young' Dudley who seems to be in the right place at the right time to force the goal into their net.

Well played everyone and thanks again to Olly for stepping in. He was heard to mumble at the end of the game "Never again".

Mae McCran

An 80-year-old man goes for a physical. All of his tests come back with normal results. The doctor says, "George, everything looks great. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with God?"

George replies, "God and I are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it so when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, poof! The light goes on. When I'm done, poof! The light goes off." "Wow, that's incredible," the doctor says. A little later in the day, the

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doctor calls George's wife. "Ethel," he says, "George is doing fine! But I had to call you because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and poof! The light goes on in the bathroom, and when he's done, poof! The light goes off?"

"Oh my God!" Ethel exclaims. "He's peeing in the fridge again!"

24TH JANUARY 2009

CHESTERFIELD 1 – 0 BELPER 8S (HOME)



This was a typical Chesterfield v Belper encounter, played in the true spirit of the game. It was our chance to do the double over them after our win at theirs. We played some lovely hockey and the youngsters all excelled in this match. The passing and moving were sweet together with the running off the ball. The ball was moved with grace from one end of the pitch to the other and it could have been anyone's game.

It was 0-0 at half time and we were very pleased how the afternoon was shaping. Chris Gilson, who had returned to the net from that "other game" last week, was outstanding, pulling off some lovely saves, both in the goal and sliding out. We continued with the pressure in the second half, and young Ben Frazier popped up in the circle to put the ball past the onrushing keeper and into the goal.

We came out of this game I think worthy winners. Well played everyone.

Mac McCran

A very old couple that have been married forever are sitting on the porch one night. Suddenly, the old woman reaches over and smacks her husband, knocking him off the porch and into the bushes.

He crawls back up and asks, 'What was that for?'

She says, 'For having a little pecker.'

He sits there quietly a moment, then smacks her, sending her off the other side of the porch and into the bushes.

She crawls back and says, 'What was that for?'

He says, 'For knowing there was more than one size!'

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RACE NIGHT

CHESTERFIELD
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AT

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League Tables

(1st XI) Midlands Premier League 2008/09									
	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.	Points
1	Harborne	14	12	0	2	66	32	34	36
2	Coventry & N Warwick	14	11	1	2	44	20	24	34
3	Khalsa	14	7	4	3	42	36	6	25
4	Northampton Saints	14	7	2	5	47	38	9	23
5	Chesterfield	14	7	2	5	26	31	-5	23
6	West Bridgford	14	5	3	6	45	39	6	18
7	North Stafford	14	4	4	6	32	36	-4	16
8	Lichfield	14	4	3	7	36	41	-5	15
9	Olton & West Warwick	14	4	3	7	21	33	-12	15
10	Mansfield	14	4	1	9	30	43	-13	13
11	Sikh Union	14	3	3	8	34	47	-13	12
12	Worcester	14	2	2	10	35	62	-27	8

(2nd XI) East Midlands Premier 2008/09									
	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.	Points
1	Northampton Saints	13	9	1	3	56	23	33	28
2	Chesterfield	13	8	4	1	22	12	10	28
3	Khalsa	12	8	0	4	27	17	10	24
4	Jaguar Coventry	12	6	5	1	42	29	13	23
5	Players	13	6	3	4	34	31	3	21
6	Leicester	12	5	1	6	27	30	-3	16
7	Hampton in Arden	13	5	1	7	33	38	-5	16
8	Coalville	13	4	2	7	21	30	-9	14
9	Coventry & N Warwick	12	4	0	8	28	33	-5	12
10	Mansfield	12	3	3	6	17	30	-13	9*
11	Sikh Union	13	0	2	11	13	47	-34	2

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(3rd XI) East Midlands Premier Division 2008/09									
	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.	Points
1	Sutton Coldfield	13	12	0	1	51	23	28	36
2	Jaguar Coventry	13	10	0	3	47	20	27	30
3	Rugby & E Warwick	13	9	1	3	29	12	17	28
4	Nottingham	12	8	1	3	39	22	17	25
5	Burton	13	7	1	5	32	25	7	22
6	Loughborough Town	12	6	2	4	45	20	25	20
7	Lichfield	12	5	1	6	37	32	5	16
8	Northampton Saints	13	3	1	9	21	36	-15	10
9	Chesterfield	12	3	0	9	17	44	-27	9
10	North Notts	13	2	1	10	16	40	-24	7
11	Mansfield	12	0	0	12	5	65	-60	0

(4th XI) North East Division 1 2008/09									
	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.	Points
1	Burton IV	13	11	1	1	66	18	48	34
2	Beeston VII	13	10	2	1	55	11	44	32
3	Belper VII	12	10	1	1	64	17	47	31
4	South Nottingham IV	12	7	3	2	45	18	27	24
5	Chesterfield IV	13	5	1	7	16	57	-41	16
6	Players IV	12	5	0	7	21	43	-22	15
7	Burton V	13	4	1	8	27	32	-5	13
8	Mansfield IV	13	4	0	9	22	66	-44	12
9	Barton IV	13	3	1	9	17	33	-16	10
10	Belper VI	13	3	0	10	28	41	-13	9
11	Nottingham V	13	2	2	9	27	52	-25	8

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(5th XI) North East Division Two 2008/09									
	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Diff.	Points
1	Derby Asterdale IV	11	11	0	0	59	5	54	33
2	North Notts V	11	7	2	2	30	20	10	23
3	West Bridgford VIII	11	6	2	3	26	24	2	20
4	Beeston VIII	11	6	1	4	43	26	17	19
5	Burton VI	10	5	2	3	35	19	16	17
6	West Bridgford IX	10	3	4	3	14	18	-4	13
7	Chesterfield V	10	2	1	7	7	33	-26	7
8	Derby Asterdale V	11	1	1	9	4	41	-37	4
9	Belper VIII	11	0	1	10	8	40	-32	1

LEADING SCORERS 2008/09

(League) Goalscorers as at January 2009

1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI
Beardsley 9	Fearn 3	Fearn 2	White 3	Cessford 1
Bointon 7	Cowley 2	Phillips 2	Palfreyman 1	Palfreyman 3
Anderson 4	Bexton 2	Tann 3	Molloy 2	Walker 1
McCormick 1	Higginbottom 1	Swift 1	Cessford 1	Frazier 1
Park 2	Scott 2	Kay 2	Nash 4	
Welseby 1	Neale-Eyre 1	Young 2	ANO 3	1
	Bryan 1	Markus 1	ANO 2	1
	ANO 1	ANO 1	Frazier 1	1
	Adams 1		Hodgson A	
	Bloxham 4		ANO 1	1
	Young 1			

Leading Scorers	Goals
Beardsley	9
Bointon	7
Fearn	5
Cessford	5
Anderson	4
Kay	4
Bloxham	4
Palfreyman	4
Young	4

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