



# Reigate Priory Hockey Club

March 2010

Edition 2



By now you will all have been playing in your new shirts and while it's great to have a new piece of kit it was also important for the club to stay current and fresh. The roll-out of our new image beginning with the new shirts was achieved by securing a three year sponsorship with Watson Wyatt and we knew that we had to offer shirts to all members free of charge following the years individual members buying their own club kit and we are very happy to do so. This also supports our ambition to drive more value into our subscription.

Although the costs of running the club continue to rise, within a broader turnover of over 70K we remain in a healthy position. We have increased our coaching across all levels of the club and now run training from Tuesday to Friday. We have secured GB & England keeper, Simon Mason at the club, four times a year for specific goalkeeping coaching in association with the Grammar School, and our colts section goes from strength to strength.

The administrative burden of the club is ever increasing and we all hope the government see sense and halts the new legislation on child protection which could all but quash any amateur club from filling the gap left by the schools and local authorities to provide young people with sport in the borough. It is this that I and some of the committee are most concerned about. We are a large and successful club totally self supported and without support from our governing body or regional support structure. In fact our association, coaching and astro fees continue to rise well over the £30K-a-season mark which provides the community with a much needed service.

We will continue to work harder to try and gain acknowledgment of where Reigate Priory sits within the delivery of sport to both young and old alike.

Socially, the club continues to be a place like no other. We really do have a remarkable home and I'd struggle to think of a better clubhouse. We are always busy and never close early. Teams easily mingle and show each other support, are interested in each others performance and this in turn develops the sense of club spirit which we all are so proud of. Long may it continue - not least at The Big One on the 20th March with the culmination of the 6 nations, fireworks and the return of Brendan from Ireland - a night not to be missed!

Dave Tharp

The following members of the committee will be stepping down at the end of this season from their voluntary positions – might you be interested in taking their place? If you might be, please have a chat to the person stepping down for more info:

- Mens team secretary: Ben 'Freshy' Van Pelt
- Ladies team secretary: Rachel Bate
- Bar manager: Calvin Bunyan
- Social Secretaries: Lucy Ryder and Jez Grey
- Hockey teas: Andy Tharp

#### First Aid Courses:

First aid courses are available – if you would be interested please speak to Pippa Funnell

#### Upcoming Events:

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	– The Big One
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	–Presidents Day Match
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	– Golf Day – Dinner and Dance

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#### Training times:

All Ladies Sides	- Tuesday	7.30pm – 9.00pm
Mens 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	- Wednesday	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Mens Club Side	- Thursday	7.30pm – 9.00pm

Contact: Rachel Bate	07887 941352
Contact: Matt 'Lenny' Bennett	07769 653503
Contact: Ben Van Pelt	07891 573104

Colts U14 Boys	- Thursday	6.00pm – 7.00pm
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## Level 1 Umpiring Course:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Kenley Hockey Club.

For more info please download the forms from the club website or speak to Janet Slater

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend:

The Big One is fast approaching. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March sees one of the largest club socials organised to date. After the success of the recent Race Night this evening promises to be a great event.

The day starts with a triple header of 6 Nations Rugby, starting with Wales v Italy at 2.30pm. This is followed by Ireland v Scotland at 5.00pm.

Fireworks are then scheduled for 7.00pm which will be followed by France v England, which kicks off at 7.45pm.

The evening concludes with Brendan from Ireland.

Over-night camping facilities are then available for the Presidents Mixed Hockey Match on the Sunday, with push back scheduled for 12.30 on the grass pitch outside the club.

## Word Search:

How many hockey related words can you find?

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## Player Profile:

**Name:** Jez Gray

**Position:** Marauding Left Half

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Other sports played:** being a PE teacher I would have to answer everything. Although I'm predominantly a very graceful trampolinist

**Sporting hero:** Mike Miller who holds the world squatting record of 553kg or 1220lb. I'm a few kilos away from achieving that! Either him or Robbo, has achieved lots too - 15 spontaneously sipped Spitfires spectacularly sunk suddenly in six hundred and sixty six seconds (I think I may have just spontaneously added to the game One Hand there).

**Favourite song before a game:** - N.W.A. Straight outta Compton

**Favourite drink:** I've recently become a fan of the pomme picard, a delightful blend of the captain and apple juice. One thing you couldn't live without - oxygen

**Football or rugby:** rugby

**Curry or Chinese** - both

**Random fact about you:** I have ethyl subservient narcolepsy disorder

**Tour statistics:** a modest 5 tours under my belt



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The new EHTV show which is online now (go to [www.Englandhockey.co.uk](http://www.Englandhockey.co.uk) to find out) is being produced on a weekly basis throughout the season.

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