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Chapel Gate update

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Welcome to your round-up of news and information from across Chapel Gate.

With spring in the air we're now gearing up ready for the cricket season and the rollers are out on the squares. Watching pitches and astros full of players young and old brings the place to life!

After a full winter run of sport across the site, we can't wait to see you enjoy the new and improved facilities in the warmer days.

Helen Palmer
Head of Sport & Culture

Squash

It's been great to be back at the club and playing with no Covid-19 restrictions. We now have the individual leagues, team matches and open sessions back running smoothly. In the local county leagues we entered four squash and four racketball teams, all of whom performed well reaching mid-table or better, with our men's racketball first team winning Dorset Division 1.

The club is also very proud of Gemma Barber and Tony Webb who were selected to play for England in their respective age groups in The Home International. Gemma played and won both her matches in Ireland which helped England retain their title. Tony will be joining his fellow team mates in Nottingham on the 14 and 15 May and we would all like to wish him the very best of luck.

Whilst we await the summer club leagues we are running our club championships, so plenty of competitive squash and racketball to be enjoyed.



Bournemouth Sports football section

2021-22 season

The youth section consolidated the progress it has achieved over recent years. All 17 teams continue to develop their skills and enjoyment of the game. The U12s and U13s won their division and many teams enjoyed extended runs in their cup competitions. The girls U11 team capped a successful first season by progressing to the final of the Dorset Plate competition.

The ladies section continues to make remarkable progress. The first team finished runners-up in the Southern Region Premier Division and has been promoted to Tier 5 of the Women's football pyramid. The reserves finished

in fourth place in Hampshire Division 1 following back-to-back promotions in their first two seasons.

The men's first team, under new management, finished in fourth place in the Dorset Premier League, undefeated from mid-January to the end of the season, winning 14 and drawing 1 of their final 15 games. Phoenix finished mid-table in Dorset Division 1, having been promoted two divisions at the end of the 2020/21 season. The Lions finished in next to last place in Dorset Division 3, recovering well from a difficult opening few months.



Thank you to our leaving staff

At the end of February, we said goodbye to Neil Bibby and wish him luck with his new ventures

Bill Devine is also retiring after years of service to the site, and we are grateful for his time spent here. And finally, we say goodbye to our Head Groundsmen Derek Tapper, who can still be found with a hockey stick in his hand! Derek, thanks for 35 years of outstanding contribution across the site.



Bournemouth Hockey Club

The 2021/22 season saw several important changes for Bournemouth Hockey Club; a new league structure introduced by England Hockey, a return to two pitches at Chapel Gate and the new players across all squads as we at last returned to a full season of hockey.

The opening of the new astroturf pitch ready for the start of the 2021/22 season has meant that after several years playing many 'home' games at different venues it was great to have all teams back home at Chapel Gate.

The new EH league structure saw teams being allocated to their new leagues based on previous seasons comparative results. For the ladies especially, this meant joining leagues with many unknown club oppositions, so there

were questions around whether we were at the right level. Results across the squads were mixed but all teams appearing to be at the correct level with the ladies 2nd and 3rd teams and the men's 5th team just missing out on promotion.

For the first time since 2019 we were able to hold our end of season awards at Chapel Gate – thanks to Ricky and his team for a great evening.

Congratulations to Sam Bury who was selected for the England over-45s team, Els Pybus who was selected for the English universities team, and to Lenny Murphy, Sheona Craig, Jim Davenport and Kean Fotherby who were selected represent regional teams in the Masters' regional tournaments this summer.

We meet... Sue James, Finance Officer

"I am the Office Administrator at Chapel Gate. Since July 2019, I've been dealing with bookings and work closely with all members of the team to ensure the smooth running of the site. My favourite thing about working for BU is the variety of things we get to do, and the different people you meet.

"I love to go for walks with my husband of 37 years, Phil, and our dog Frank. We go to various spots across Dorset, and it is always fun to discover new areas in the county. I have two boys: Luke who lives in Australia, and Marc who lives in England, but I am still waiting for grandchildren from them both!"



National campaign commemorating refugees comes to Chapel Gate.

A native oak tree was planted at Chapel Gate as a part of a national campaign to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Association of Jewish Refugees (AJR). The event took place earlier this year, celebrating Holocaust Memorial Day.

The AJR is a national charity providing social and welfare services to Holocaust refugees and survivors in the UK. The event was part of the 80 trees for 80 years campaign, which will see 80 trees planted across Britain to honour people and places that symbolise the contribution made by refugees who escaped from Nazi Europe.

Professor John Vinney, Vice-Chancellor of Bournemouth University, also spoke at the event, helping to plant the tree. He said, "We are delighted to be able to provide a site for this tree, something that we will take good care of as it grows, and to be able to commemorate this important day together. I am proud that this tree will act as a permanent reminder of the contribution that the Jewish community has made to Bournemouth, Dorset and the UK, and a place of remembrance for many years to come."

The tree is planted at the site's entrance, among the 65 acres of green space.

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