

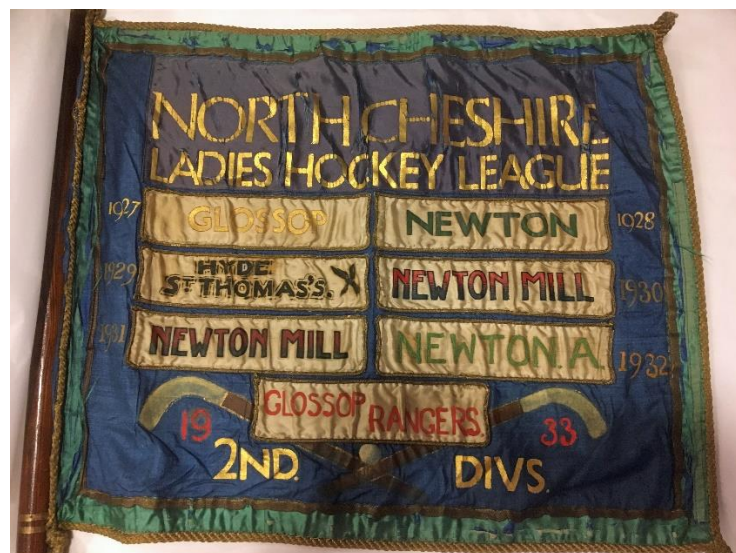
#### THM STORY CONTINUES....

What a journey The Hockey Museum has been on over the last year! Last July we were told by Woking Borough Council that we were going to need to move premises in September as our building was due for redevelopment. Twelve months later and as we prepare to open our latest exhibition on Olympic Park as part of the Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup, the Museum can now boast it is up and running in new premises, it has been awarded the Museum Accreditation (the Arts Council gold standard for UK Museums), we have our first in-house exhibition and published our first book (see image right) and the business of running a hockey museum and archive continues with new and exciting collections arriving every week. To find out more about all these stories read on .....

#### OUR NEW HOME

From very humble beginnings in Woking back in 2011 in a draughty warehouse, The Hockey Museum now has a splendid town centre home with lots of space and an exhibition hall. Just 100 yards from Woking Station and close to the town centre car parks, coupled with

Woking's proximity to the motorway network THM is now very accessible. The premises have six large windows but strong sunlight streaming into a museum is not desirable, so we have designed six mural banners to go in these windows and they have made a stunning addition to the street scene. You cannot miss them, and they are encouraging many non-hockey people into the museum to see what is going on.



#### A REMARKABLE FIND

Back in May we received a tip-off that there were two hockey flags in an antiques shop in Matlock in Derbyshire. We contacted our local volunteer Mark Evans and asked him to investigate. Mark is conducting a study on the Women's Hockey Leagues that have existed in the north of England since the 1900s and by an amazing coincidence these flags were from such a league. They were from Division B of the North Cheshire Ladies Hockey League in Cheshire, which of course suggests that at some time there must have been an A Division? Although Mark has uncovered information on over twenty different leagues this one was new to him. His researches continue and one day we hope to produce a publication on this fascinating piece of hockey's history. Most post-war hockey players are completely unaware that such a strong league movement ever existed. Indeed, during the 1930s the English Ladies Hockey Leagues Association had more members than the England hockey's official governing body.

#### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT – BECOME A FRIEND

To continue our good work and to achieve our ambitions we really need your help - Join up as a Friend of THM. See details in the Friends leaflet or go to 'Support Us' at [www.hockeymuseum.net](http://www.hockeymuseum.net)





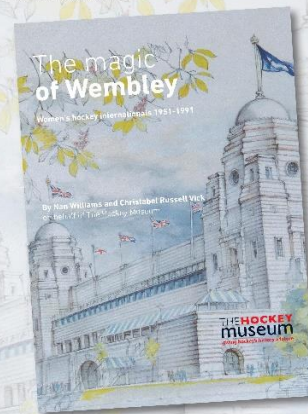
## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> XI EXHIBITION AT THM IN WOKING

THM now has a permanent exhibition at its new home in Woking, Surrey. When 'modern hockey' began in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, no substitutes were allowed, and teams could only field eleven players. Over time the best team in a club or at international level, became known as the 'First Eleven' or '1<sup>st</sup> XI' – this is where this exhibition takes its name.

The exhibition aims to introduce visitors to the wealth and variety of material in the Museum's collections, it comprises eleven objects that offer a brief but tantalising insight into hockey. They represent a truly global sport, covering all eras and levels, from playing to administration, from early club hockey to the modern day international game. Exhibits include - digitised cine film from international matches and coaching videos from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, Mitton Challenge Shield (ladies league trophy from 1920s), oral history recordings from people who participated in the Olympics and a Subbuteo hockey pitch.

Each object is accompanied by supporting stories and additional display items that tell the wider stories about each exhibit. The exhibition is not just for adults as here at THM we are passionate about engaging with young people. There are special signs on the wall panels so you can discover hockey's fascinating history with your child(ren). Come and visit us.

For 41 years women hockey players saw the original Wembley Stadium as a highlight of their playing career. Discover the magic of the Wembley era through the pages of this remarkable book.

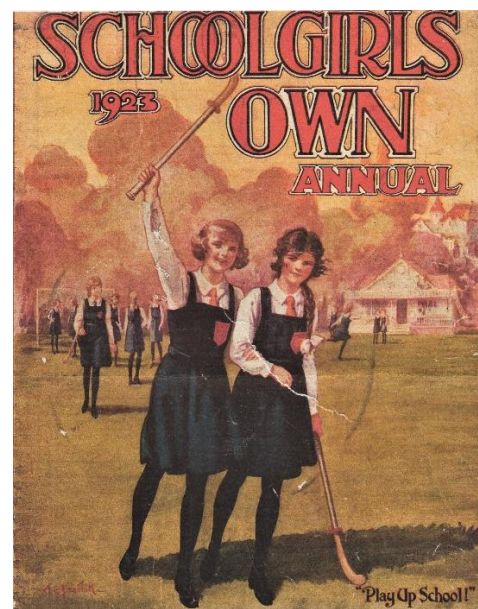


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## MOPS V TAILS – A HOCKEY TALE FOR CHILDREN

These beautiful illustrations above are from one of the books in THM Library. The title of this 1907 original book is 'Mops versus Tails – the great match' and was written by the acclaimed children's author and illustrator of the time, Kathleen Ainslie. Children's books about hockey are rare although we do have a recent publication from Germany – 'The Hockey Kids' by Sabine Hahn. What we do have in the museum are many girls annuals from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century with hockey illustrations on the front cover but no references to hockey inside. The image shown is from the 1923 Schoolgirls Own Annual.



## SPLENDID TROPHIES

Over the past couple of years, a considerable amount of material, including a large collection of trophies, has come to THM from Cannock HC. It was rescued from the old Milton Keynes stadium by Laurie Alcock, affectionately known as "Mr Cannock". Had Laurie not saved it, the cabinets and artefacts would have been lost to hockey but the museum now has both. We are still working our way through cataloguing the trophies but the accompanying photos show two of the gems that we have found. One was presented to The Hockey Association in 1962 by the Indian Air Force hockey team on the occasion of their visit to the UK. We know that at least one more of these exists with the Royal Navy Hockey Association and we suspect that the Army and the RAF also received one during the visit. If you have any information on this trip do please let us know. The other trophy was presented to The Hockey Association on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1936 by the Dutch Hockey Association. It is a quite beautiful windmill with full sails all made from silver. Sadly, it was very battered and the moving parts didn't! So we approached a well know hockey enthusiast and former GB Women's Manager, Chris Pickett, for help. Chris owns Pickett and Pursers, the renowned jewellers in Petersfield and they have kindly restored it to its former glory. Thank you, Chris, for saving one of our finest possessions.

