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Thanks very much for all your contributions....please kept them coming in! If you don't contribute we will make it up!!!!

Cheers, The Editors

2nd Team Triumph in Cup

It's been five years since the Ladies 2nd XI Cheshire Cup has been won by Deeside....finally we have reclaimed it from Poynton.

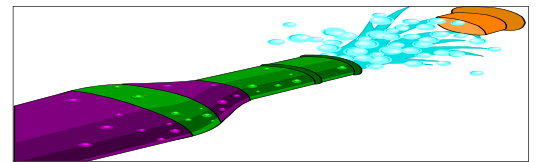
Underdogs on paper, we began the final in a confident mood and, with the strongest squad possible (well more than the usual 11!), made a promising start.

We took the lead through a Sally Bell strike, and remained ahead until the break. A motivating half time team talk helped us to increase the lead (again by a goal from Sally Bell) and Poynton looked rattled. Competent performances in midfield from Roe, Su and Wendy stopped Poynton from building any dangerous attacking play. However being a generous team we did allow

them a consolation goal from a short corner strike.

Everyone in the squad gave 110% - it truly was a great team performance. Percy Pig (team mascot) enjoyed the day and celebrated (with skipper) late into the night. Thanks to all the supporters who braved the cold to cheer us on.

The team were: Ruth Willis, Julie Hassall, Sarah Chalmers, Rachel Kirk, Anne Allwood, Roe Symms, Su Baird, Alice Whalley, Wendy Mason, Karen Leach, Sally Bell, Sally Meekins, Kate Etherington and Amanda Shorrock. See a photo of the beautiful ladies in



Men's 3rd XI Report

Of the team who won promotion last year, only 4 have been playing regularly for the 3's. The whole midfield went to the 1st or 2nds, and age/injury/new children/better jobs accounts for the rest!

It is a great credit to the team therefore to have racked up enough points by Christmas to allow us to use the 3's as a development team through which to bring several of the Badgers to get them used to the challenge of the senior game. Ben Lamont, William Wilson, Stuart McIntyre, Tom May and Alistair McAuliffe

have all done rather well.

They have been helped a lot by the experienced (or old) players Ray, Diggle, Hudson, Griff, Winners, Guy Harland and Steve Cooper. And also new lads Mitch Clark and Nick Peel who left a little part of himself up in Lancaster! Only 2 people are always boasting about scoring (Gooders and Griff), but the whole team, while a lot different to last year's, have worked hard and been a lot of fun. And all thank Brian and Howard for stopping them from getting it all wrong!

President's storytime!!!

Back to the sixties.....

Club members will have noticed a framed display headed BREDA – CHRISTMAS 1969 in the Roger Taylor drinking corner. In the late sixties a Dutchman, George Pinjenburg, played in the Mens 1st XI. His contact with his home club Breda resulted in 1st team captain Bill Whittle taking a side over to Breda to compete in their annual Christmas Festival (repeated 2 years later).

The display in the club features a local press report on the Tournament translated by our current resident Dick Heinrich! Highlights of the tournament were

- 1) The hospitality of the hosts
- 2) The efforts of Dutch women to get their hands on the bowler hats worn by the Ramblers at all times when not actually performing on the pitch.
- 3) The inability of Ramblers to actually pay for any drinks when it was learnt that the father of the keeper, Geoff Edwards, had been a paratrooper at Arnhem
- 4) Basil Williams dropping 16 glasses of beer at the festival dance.

The hockey was almost irrelevant.....

Congratulations to **Will Mumme-Young** on getting a reserve place in the England U18 Squad.....Marvelous effort!!

The Up and Coming Crop.....

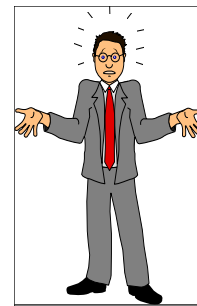
Cheshire County 7-aside Championships

The club had an outstanding day on Sunday 6th March in the Cheshire County Boy's Junior Championships.

We won the U11's for the second year running and were runners up in the U13's.

At U13 level we entered 2 sides, Deeside A and Deeside B. They both won their groups, the outstanding result being that of the B side who beat Alderley Edge 3-0. Winning their groups put A and B into the semi-finals and they were drawn against each other. What a contest!! At the end of full time it was 2-2. The A team goals were scored by Martin Lear and the B team goals by Adam Dunbaran and George Cope. It went to strokes and the decisive moment was a top class stick save of B team keeper Jamie Halliman, high to his right off an excellent stroke of his 'friend' Josh Guy. That put the B squad into the final against Bowdon. At full time it was 0-0 and Bowdon won the penalty shoot out.

What a display by both sets of Ramblers boys. The place in the final means that Ramblers U13's as well as Bowdon go to represent Cheshire in the North Championships at Durham on April 17th. The U11's victory also means they will go to Durham as well. What a trip that's going to be!!



Chesh makes an all important decision!

I've got two BIG ones.....' Roe Symms proudly discusses her assets.

He's only gone and done it!!!

Rumour has it the international man of mystery, known to many blokes and every living woman (and some non-living women) has only gone and done it. The sod busting community will never be the same. Fathers are unlocking their daughter's doors and letting their girl's party again. The social police no longer patrol the roads of Tilston as it is now a safe and free sweet-talking environment. You've probably guessed it.....

Ed Blake is getting married.

If anyone knows of a big enough function room to

fit inside all those people who know Ed or just want to be there to aid the best mans speech and seek revenge please see the groom to be. Those of you wanting to come on the stag do and shoot pellets at the groom you had better get in line now – they're cueing from Dorchester currently.

Congratulations to Claire and Edward.

P.S Claire, you left your white stick in the girls changing room last week!

Strange but true....2 of our most loved indoor hockey boys were overheard in the Little Oak discussing hair conditioners and itchy scalp....Oh dear!!

Pig in Agony

Hello my trotters, Auntie Piglet here!

I spent a season at Chester but did not feel truly valued, I now find myself at Ramblers HQ and I am here to help. Having settled into the Pigsty, I can see many issues which need resolving. I am here as a shoulder (of pork) to cry on or as an ear to bend.

Dear Auntie Piglet,

I am a little concerned that my team are running low on sympathy when players become injured. In a recent game against Durham I was unfortunate enough to be hit by the ball. When looking for some sympathy from my team mates all I received was a comment from the opposition, "Mummy Symms, are you O.K?"

Auntie Piglet says.....You should be thankful that the reply wasn't, "Granny Symms, are you

O.K?" Be grateful that someone cares!

Dear Auntie Piglet,

I have recently looked at the club funds for money raised for Operation Pigsty. I am very concerned as a youngster that if we don't continue to raise money I won't be able to experience the new showers and have my first pint in the new bar....HELP!

Auntie Piglet says.....There are organised events planned for the near future such as your youngsters disco on the 16th April. You need to continue to encourage all players (old and young) to support all fundraising activities.



Any problems...place in the envelope in the clubhouse and Auntie will sort you out!

Lost and Found

1) LOST - Several ladies players (allegedly injured)

FOUND - The afore mentioned 'incapacitated' players laying horizontal on a physio couch, receiving 'treatment'.

2) LOST - Several teams found themselves in a losing position at the club's recent quiz night. FOUND - A team using skulduggery and cheating techniques to achieve success and win a cheap bottle of wine.....(Gooders)

3) LOST - The last 29 years of a well known

men's 2nd team player.

FOUND - The big three - O (March 17th)

4) LOST - School holidays

FOUND - Escape route from Verdin High School (Congratulations on the new job Nicky!)

5) LOST - One old goalie kit bought during school days (a long time ago!)

FOUND - One brand new goalie kit purchased for £80 in India (Cheap but expensive 3 week holiday!!?)

Please report any lost property to the editors, via the envelope in the clubhouse....cheers!

Lonely (Flirty) Piglet

For all those young (or old) piglets, seeking for that one special trotter to share their pigsty with or those of you needing flirting advice our experts are here to help.....

1) Having problems finding an umpire for your Saturday matches? This is not the case for Ladies 2nd team skipper who has found out that batting her eyelashes and flashing a.....smile seems to do the trick!

2) Is beige your colour? It seems that way for one senior member of the club. Whilst entertaining the opposition this particular lady seemed extremely enamoured with the oppo's coach. Dressed from head to toe in beige....mmmm nice! As he made for the door he was stopped in his tracks on numerous occasions by this flirty trotter. You wouldn't mind but her daughter is coached by this wonder in beige!!



Find true romance among your fellow trotters.

The Publication formerly known as 'THE PIGLET'

Operation Pigsty

Men's 3rd XI Quiz.....

Having 'won' the big quiz the Mens 3s have written their own quiz (how arrogant can they be!!!)

- 1) Which one of the following has not got engaged this season
 - a) Prince Charles
 - b) Ed Blake
 - c) Weasley Bollard?
- 2) Which former 3rd team star got injured at a step-class (whatever that is)?
- 3) Which former 3rd team legend, and now C- - -man, has been seen at yoga with his legs in the air?

Answers on a self adressed postcard.....

[Http://drhc.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk](http://drhc.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk)

Report so far... ..

Auction of Promises.....A fantastic night was had by all and a great deal of dosh was raised...somewhere in the region of £5500. £1000 of that will be donated to the McMillan Nurses. We would like to thank all those people who generously donated promises and thanks also to all those lovely people who attended and bid for the promises! Can we also take this opportunity to thank Dilys and Amy for all theirs efforts in organising the event. A superb effort – Well done!!! Some of us however, are a little confused/worried by Mr Anderson's purchases....babysitting!!!?

28th January saw the first ever Deeside Ramblers Quiz Night. It was a fantastic occasion which saw twelve teams battling to claim the title of being the most intelligent piglets in the region! Frighteningly the scratch team that Mr Goodyer cobbled together won on the night (they do say 6 brains and Gooders are better than the official 5!) No hard feelings.....Well done. Wannabe standup comedian Mike Delaney (allegedly related to the ladies 1st team captain) hosted the evening which raised £450. Thanks for all your support. Watch this space for the next opportunity to show off your intelligence.....or lack of it in some cases!



The new Pigsty??!

Forthcoming Events

The Club is 60 this year.....

No bus passes but a big celebration...get it in your diary.....**FRIDAY 20th MAY 2005.** A dinner at Portal Golf Club and lets make it a good one. More de-

tails from the old firm of Goodyer, Diggle and Linton. **BE THERE!!**

Players Meeting 14th April at the Club. An opportunity to review the season and celebrate team suc-