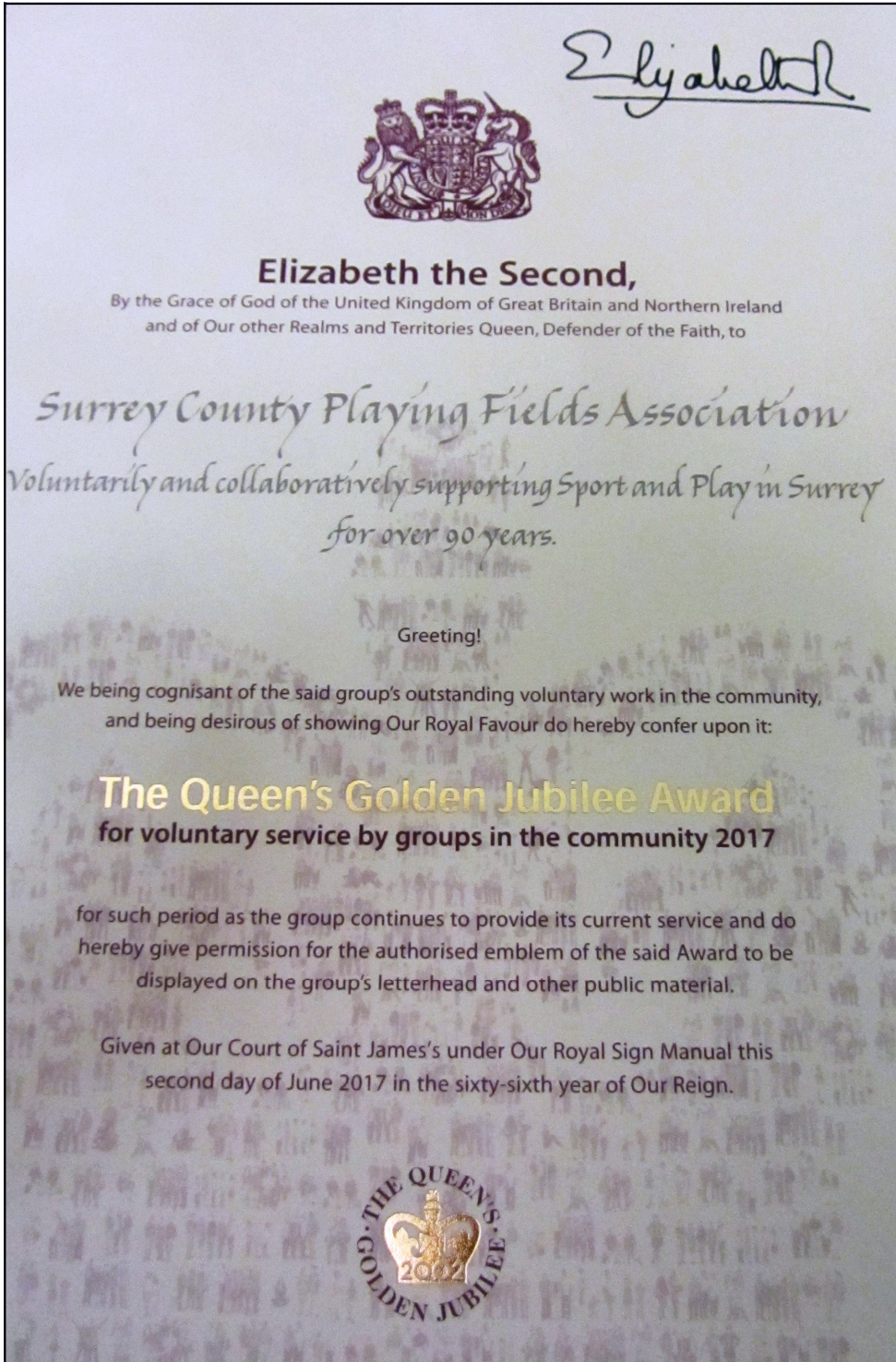


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For sports help throughout Surrey
Affiliated to the National Playing Fields Association

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Details are in our Annual Report.

We thank them all.

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Surrey County Council
Surrey County Football Association
Surrey County Rugby Football Union
Surrey Sports Board
Surrey Community Action

Active Surrey
Surrey County Lawn Tennis Association
Surrey Cricket Foundation
Surrey County Athletic Association

We are grateful for their support and wise counsel

QUEENS AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE



At the AGM of Surrey Playing Fields held at the Reigate Council Chambers on Thursday 30th November the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, our President Michael More-Molyneux, in the company of his deputy Bill Biddell presented the Queens Award for Voluntary Service to the Charity. The certificate presented in addition to the award is shown on the front page of this newsletter. In accepting the award Secretary Jim Faulker responded as follows:

“On behalf of the Surrey Playing Fields Association, I am very pleased and slightly humbled to accept this award.

It is most pleasing to see so many people here who have contributed to the success of the Association.

In addition to the current Trustees, the members of the Advisory Committee and our Borough Development Officers, we have volunteers from our recent past in this room.

Both our Vice-Presidents Geoff Dunn and Bill Braid are here, together with our last Director David Gill & a recently retired Trustee Paul Garber. There are also several people who used to be on our Advisory Committee.

We thank you, together with the past volunteers who are unable to be here tonight, for all the work you have done in growing this organisation. We trust that we can continue to live up to the honour you have given us and be of service to people in Surrey.

Finally, I was warned about the weight of the trophy and am very relieved to have finished without dropping it!”

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 30TH NOVEMBER 2017

At the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Playing Fields the accounts to 31st March 2017 were duly approved and trustees for the new year adopted. There are still two vacancies for trustees, namely a Director to replace David Gill and a Planner to replace Paul Garber. Anyone who is interested in fulfilling these roles is encouraged to apply.

We also had a n interesting and informative talk by Geoff Webb, the CEO of the Institute of Groundsmen.

This was the last event organised by our long standing secretary Jim Faulkner and in recognition his incredible service the trustees of SPF were delighted to offer him the role of Patron of the charity and even more delighted that he was pleased to accept.



New Patron Jim Faulkner with President Michael More-Molyneux and Chairman Gerry Ceaser

Chairman Gerry's tribute to Jim:-

"It was in the late 1950's that Jim first got involved in Sport when at the age of 14 he became Team Secretary for the Colts Section of a cricket club that held its committee meetings in the pub that his Father ran in Caterham. He was subsequently elected to the main Club Committee and shortly after he became aware of Surrey Playing Fields.

In the 1960s he moved to Warlingham Cricket Club to improve his game where he went on to become both Secretary and then Chairman of the Club. During the 1970's and 80's he was part of Tandridge Sports Council and at the same time helped to reorganize youth cricket in Surrey.

In 1982 he became the Cricket representative on the Surrey County Playing Fields Association and following the death of the then Secretary Peter Inskip he became Hon. General Secretary a post he still holds.

He received an National Playing Fields Associations President's Certificate from the Duke of Edinburgh in 1998. This is awarded for outstanding work on behalf of the Playing Fields Movement. In this year's Birthdays Honours Jim was awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to sport and the community.

He is still actively involved in Sport in the County but now his competitive sport is now limited to playing in Division 4 of the Guildford Table Tennis league..

Jim has made an enormous contribution to the success of Surrey Playing Fields over the years and he has helped numerous clubs and individuals over the years. The Trustees, in recognition of this contribution wish to mark his retirement by appointing him as the Patron of the Surrey Playing Fields, This is the highest honour we can bestow on an individual so Jim please come forward and receive your Patrons certificate"

Gerry Ceaser - Chairman - Surrey Playing Fields

MEMORIES OF A SECRETARIAL MAN

For the first time that I can remember Surrey Playing Fields does not have a Trustee recruited from Warlingham Sports Club. When I became Honorary Secretary, Bill Young and Paul Garber were Trustees. Over the years we were joined by Mike Wightwick as Treasurer. Why was it that one Club contributed so many volunteers to Surrey Playing Fields? In 1952 Sir Ambrose Keevil became Chairman of the Surrey Playing Fields Association and soon afterwards became President of Warlingham Sports Club. He recruited volunteers from that Club and this included Bill Young, who was a later Secretary of the Club.

Bill was Mr. Playing Fields for many years and it was only when I wrote an obituary for our records that I understood his skills in recruiting volunteers, including his daughter. Bill had a large company in London and many of those working with the Association worked in the city, so it was therefore sensible to hold our executive meetings there. We met at the East India Club and, when we had finished, had dinner afterwards. It was in the relaxed atmosphere of the meal that we often considered how changes in the outside world affected our work.

During the next few years the volunteers were changing to people employed in Surrey, so we moved the venue for the meetings to a company in Sutton owned by our Chairman. Later we moved various venues in Leatherhead; initially we met in a hotel and the tradition of eating after the meeting continued. As people moved into a more rushed life style they wanted to go home after the meeting, so we stopped looking for venues with catering.

During these years we were running with a revolving loan from Surrey County Council, working closely with the National Playing Fields Association and undertaking several projects on behalf of Councils which would now be undertaken by Council staff. An example of this was to provide a booklet for school leavers which gave details of good quality sports clubs. Traditionally our Chairman was also Chairman of the County Council. We also provided a Trustee for National Playing Fields; this has continued up until last year when Paul Garber retired from our organisation, although he remains a Trustee of NPFA.

Before I became Secretary there was little office equipment around. We used Surrey Community Action to maintain lists and produce addressed envelopes when we needed to circulate information. We also had someone to organise the Annual General Meeting. This was held at County Hall, as we were working so closely with Surrey County Council.

We also had a brilliant man, who we used to tease that he was the Squire of Crockham Hill, to produce our Annual Report, which was our main publicity document. David Richardson was also a Trustee at National Playing Fields.

When I started, Diana used a typewriter to produce the minutes and we had a very basic photocopier. A little later, like many IT managers who said they would not use Amstrad equipment, I bought a basic word processor for use at home. This made it much easier to produce the paperwork we needed.

We worked closely with National Playing Fields, although I had a concern about them coming into Surrey and not telling us – it confused several projects. Prior to the campaign to secure fields as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, there were only a few secured fields in the county. NPFA used to inspect the fields every few years and we accompanied them. The idea was that we met the field owners on the site, looked at any problems and helped to resolve them. One field in Copthorne was not recognised by its owners as a King George V field. When we advised the Parish Council that an inspection was due to take place, the Clerk locked the gates. Living in the village, I knew another way in used by the locals. All the senior people from NPFA went through this entrance; including the Chairman and the Chief Executive. We carried out a full inspection and sent a report to the Council. About twenty years later, this field was voted the best field in the country. On another inspection in the north of the county, we were greeted by the Chairman of the Council who proudly showed us their new graffiti wall. He was slightly taken aback when Mr. Jean Wenger, then a Director of NPFA, pointed out that some of the entries, written in youth slang, showed where to obtain drugs locally.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee gave us the chance to work with Fields in Trust (the then trading name of NPFA) to secure the future of many playing fields. In Surrey we inspected the fields which had been nominated and provided reports and photographs for FIT to see if the fields should be placed in Trust. Prior to the inspections, Dame Sarah Goad had introduced the scheme to many landowners and we made presentations all over the county. About 80 fields were inspected and just under 50 were placed in Trust. We are currently near the completion of trying to secure land under the Centenary Fields project, which commemorates the end of the first World War.

Over the years we brought our administration in house; we were no longer dependent on Surrey Community Action, although we still maintained a good relationship with them. They ran a Best Kept Village Competition with several categories. One of the categories was Best Kept Village Cricket Club. As they did not have the expertise, they asked Surrey Playing Fields to do the judging. We had senior members of good cricket clubs as well as two people involved in the County Club on the inspection team. For many years the prize was a bench for the ground. We also told clubs about the problems we found and advised them on how to resolve them – this included pointing them towards sources of funding. Watching Ken Ohlson from Sutton CC, Dennis Jacobs from Avorians and Geoff Dunn from Abinger discuss the needs of village sides compared with those of top championship sides was an experience I would not have missed. SCPFA stopped running this competition because improved training had brought most grounds up to the standards required. We still work with the County Governing bodies of Sport to ensure grounds are improved. NPFA used to undertake ground inspections and provide good reports for clubs to use as a basis for improvement. We used to arrange for a number to take place in a short time and cover the cost of the studies. NPFA no longer do this; some governing bodies provide an inspection function. Although these are good, I believe that there is still a role for SPF in this area.

Our link with Surrey Community Action meant that we worked with them in another area. Sport Relief commissioned them to distribute funds allocated to Surrey. They needed assistance from an organisation which understood local sporting needs. They chose Surrey Playing Fields and the Hon. Secretary sat on their Committee which allocated the funds for several years. When Comic Relief took over from Sport Relief, the responsibility for allocation was handed to the Community Foundation for Surrey. The Hon. Secretary continued to sit on the allocation committee and was later joined by Eli Karlicka-Cook from Active Surrey.

National Playing Fields gradually cut back their role until they renamed themselves Fields in Trust and mainly concentrated on securing playing fields. This left a vacuum on advice for county organisations who need to share knowledge and skills. The County Playing Field Associations banded together to form an organisation. They did receive a lottery grant supported through NPFA and this allowed them to achieve a few things. There was a national conference every year. There was a common newsletter with each county having a page of its own information. There was, and still is, a website giving contacts for all the counties. At one stage the Counties Association was having trouble organizing a conference. Surrey took over and ran the event by themselves and held it at Surrey University. Our then Director, Robin Elsdon-Dew, found a major sponsor and we organised the speakers, accommodation and dinner. The sponsor we found was the Sports and Play Contractors Association (SAPCA). They have provided major support to the Counties since then.

SPF have continued to work with SAPCA up to the present. They hold a number of exhibitions each year where their members have stands and they include seminars which have subjects close to our work. SPF have taken a free stand which they have provided. We publicise our work, that of the other Counties, and used to hand out brochures on behalf of the NPFA. Some of our members have spoken at the seminars.

One area that has changed significantly is Children's Play. We provided money for a Surrey Play Council and they looked after that activity in the county. Their chairman sat on our committee. The idea was that there were people with specialist knowledge who could contribute but had little interest in maintenance of fields or sport. Several other counties considered that children's play and not sport was their main job. Under Giles Brandreth, NPFA encouraged this until the Duke of Edinburgh reminded them of the contents of their Royal Charter. There was also a movement to remove all risk from the use of play equipment, which resulted in many anodyne play areas which youngsters did not wish to use. We brought play back to the main committee and consult experts when we need advice.

A great strength of the organisation is its ability to evolve to meet changing circumstances. When Active Surrey was formed there was a confusion on how its role clashed with SPF. We have formalised a working partnership with them and it has proved fruitful. We must remember that our objectives are not the same and that their guidelines will change as Sport England has to serve its political masters.

I remember playing fields being the centre for unstructured play and for sport. There used to be large crowds attending local football, cricket and rugby matches. There were not as many other attractions as now and there was more community spirit. Parents were less concerned about unsupervised play and children returning home muddy. These days the same areas are being used for: park runs, outdoor exercise classes and young peoples' supervised sport. It is important that we keep abreast of these ideas if we are to retain a healthy population; always remember there needs to be an area for leisure which is not expensive.

When the Association was formed, it stressed the need for playing fields for all ages. Now with all the additional housing in Surrey, we need to ensure that there are sufficient fields in suitable locations. We used to have a Planning Officer who looked after all planning items. These days our Borough Development Officers look at local issues and we are advertising for a Planning Officer to deal with strategic issues.

When I started, all the records of the Association were in paper format. There were many box files which held reference books. Much of my time was spent stuffing papers into envelopes and posting them. If you needed to deal with people, you spoke on a telephone and often met to discuss items. I arrived with a very basic computer which allowed me to improve our administration. I did not have to use external organisations to send out information; but we still had to post most things. We started using FAX, emails and quite powerful computers before most voluntary organisations. Early introduction of digital cameras allowed me to provide presentations to outside organisations. It made us more efficient, but I still miss meeting people for a chat and something to eat whilst we looked at a problem from different angles.

What has remained the same, is that SPF is blessed with many skilled volunteers who give significant time to making it such a success.

Jim Faulkner



Geoff Dunn, Denham Earl, Robin Elsdon- Dew, Dennis Jacobs at a Best Kept Cricket Ground inspection.



The previous and current Chief Executives of FIT working with us in Guildford



Surrey winning an Award at the Counties Conference Sponsored by SAPCA 2014



Area Development Officer Meeting - 2012
Geoff Perkins, Robin Elsdon-Dew, Jim Faulkner, Geoff Dunn, Mike Clark

FAQ'S ON THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM SPF

How do I apply to SPF for financial help?

On average SPF give out in grants, or lend in loans, about £150,000 per year but how can I access that for my project?

The first step is usually to contact the local Borough Development Officer. These key people are the front line of our organisation and represent a variety of sporting interests and related expertise. They will have a range of proficiencies that may or may not be relevant to your project. If they do not have experience in the aspect you are seeking they will probably know someone who does. There is a list of these Officers, with contact details, on the website and on the last page of this newsletter.

What level of funding is available?

Grants are usually for amounts up to £1,000 and are not repayable. Grants are there to enable projects to start or perhaps to enable or increase activity and participation. Grant aid is always intended to be a help and it is not intended for SPA to be the sole funder, so joint funding with the applicant is much preferred to share any risk.

Loans are usually for larger projects and can be for up to £40,000 with repayments over a maximum of 10 years. The declared rate of interest payable on a loan is 5%, with the first repayment due a year after drawdown, and with the amount of interest owing reducing as the capital decreases, the actual rate is below 3%. This compares very favourably with all other commercial loans that may otherwise be available. Clubs have the option of repaying loans early, should their financial circumstances change. The loans must be guaranteed by suitable people identified by the borrower.

Normally no guarantor would be expected to guarantee more than £5,000. It is the interest received from these loans that pays for the grants.

Who can apply?

We only fund member organisations but any club or sports/play/health organisation can join. We restrict our activities to within the Surrey County Boundary. Although the Loans may appear irrelevant for the larger projects, e.g. an artificial grass pitch or a clubhouse, they can be invaluable in easing the path towards the support from others as the process is quite straightforward and can be done fairly quickly. This can make conversations with other prospective funders easier as they are not being asked to be the first funders, with all that means as a risk, but just adding to the financial pot.

What kind of project would be considered for financial help?

We prefer projects that try to increase active participation, especially if aimed at the wider population, under-represented groups or the very old or young. Equipment or physical accommodation, both new or refurbishments (especially if access is improved) will all be considered. Some coaching courses may be considered where they demonstrate improved capacity.

What would not be considered for financial help?

It is policy not to consider revenue funding or any kind of running costs. We do not fund retrospectively so any potential finding must be offered before any spending on the project is undertaken. It is sport and activity that SPF is mainly interested in promoting. Some complementary facilities may be nice but may not be supported if they don't increase activity.

When can I apply?

You can apply at any time but the schedule of meetings to consider requests occurs every other month on the "odd" months of Jan, March, May, July, September and November. The paperwork for each meeting must arrive before the Trustees meet in the first two weeks and is usually sent in by the BDO who is invited to attend that meeting. This gives the Trustees time for proper consideration and to chase any further questions before making a recommendation to the Executive Meeting that takes place during the last two weeks of that month and which formally makes the decision. Anything that misses the first meeting is unlikely to be considered for a further two months.

What happens then?

The BDO will keep you informed as to progress and any need for further information. When the minutes of the Executive Meeting are available and on receipt of a relevant order or invoice that at least covers the costs of the grant, the Treasurer will make the agreed payment.

Do Bursary applications follow the same pattern?

No. These are intended for Young people (10-20 yrs old) to encourage them to get involved in Sports Coaching (Coach Bursaries) or assist their Sporting achievements (Athlete Bursaries). For the Coach Bursaries 50% of the costs of a relevant Coaching Course is available up to £250 providing there is also at least equivalent support from the Club. Up to £250 is also available to help with costs for youngsters at County standard, or above. SPF will support a maximum of 3 Bursaries per club per year. These applications do not have to go through the formal Grants and Loans system but are usually handled far quicker. Applications should be sent to Barry Hitchcock, County Development Officer.

SURREY SPORTS AWARDS 2017



Surrey Playing Fields are strong and regular supporters of the Surrey Sports Awards sponsoring the category :- “The Young Volunteer of the Year” in all the local awards (see below) and also the County finals. This year’s winner was Isaac Walker from Farnham Boxing Club seen here receiving his award from Chairman Gerry Ceaser.

Isaac joined Farnham Boxing Club when it opened in April 2015. Isaac always shows dedication and his attendance is outstanding. One such example given by his club:-

“18 months ago Isaac arrived early; consequently he arrived during a ‘Mini Junior’ session. The 5-8 year olds are a lively bunch who thrive from having helpers to correct technique, focus them during shadow boxing, and even entertain them during skipping. Isaac was instantly drawn and gave them tremendous support. From that week Isaac arrived early, ready to coach the Mini Juniors. Completing training at 9pm on Friday and returning 2:30 am Saturday! He is a talented boxer, able to transfer these skills to coaching. He is patient, professional, and speaks to the boxers on their level whilst maintaining a sense of authority (a skill that many adults struggle with). He coaches the ‘Mini’s’ once, and Juniors 3 times a week. All whilst completing his own training 4 times a week- What an inspiration!”

Well done Isaac, a well deserved winner.

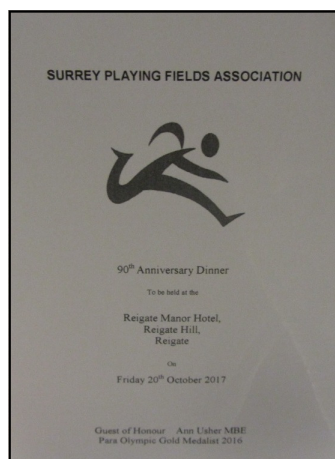
SPELTHORNE YOUNG SPORTS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ellie Frost from Strode’s College was presented with her award by Shirley Winson, SPF Borough Development Officer, in the company of the Mayor of Spelthorne Councillor Vivienne Leighton.

This award is presented to the young person who has given up their free time to volunteer in sport. The winner also



goes forward to the County wide finals. A keen table tennis player Ellie gives up numerous hours in volunteering at various sports events including being an assistant coach at the Surrey Youth Games. She was also the assistant coach for Surrey Sports Week and helps out every Saturday morning at Ashford Table tennis Club.



90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER



On Friday 29th October some 60 trustees, volunteers, friends and supporters of Surrey Playing Fields gathered at the Reigate Manor Hotel to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Charity.

President Michael More Molyneux in welcoming everyone to the event thanked the present and past volunteers, trustees and supporters for all that they had done over the years to protect the playing fields of Surrey thus helping the young (and not so young!) people to have access to so many and varied sporting facilities.

Chairman Gerry Ceaser then gave a brief run down of the history of SPF before introducing the speaker for the evening, Anne Dickens MBE, who gave an amazing ,inspirational talk.

Anne was born in Scotland and now lives in Surrey. She is a physiotherapist by profession. She competed as an endurance mountain biker until she ruptured a disc in her back in 2011, which resulted in permanent nerve damage in her right leg. Anne then became a volunteer Games Maker at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, where she met a canoeing coach who invited her to try out for the Great Britain para-canoeing team. She had to overcome seasickness when she first took up the sport! Amazingly in her first year of competition, Anne won gold at the 2013 European Championships and silver at the World Championships. In 2014 she successfully defended her European Championship title and won her first World Championship gold. In 2015 she won a third successive European Championship title and won the silver medal in the World Championships. At the 2016 World Championships she won gold. Anne then won gold in the KL3 class at the 2016 summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, the first Paralympics to feature canoeing events. Anne was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire in the 2017 New Year Honours for services to canoeing.

She happily answered many questions from a most impressed audience.

The final part of the evening was a presentation made to the retiring and incredible secretary of so many years, Jim Faulkner and his strongly supportive wife Diana, for their fantastic contribution to the charity over the years,

Many thanks were given to Chairman Gerry Ceaser for organising such a splendid evening.

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST POPULAR TEAM SPORTS IN THE UK?

David Gill, former Director of the Surrey Playing Fields highlights a 2017 study by Pitchero, based on Sport England's Participation data outside school times, which showed the following:-

1. Football

We'll kick off with football, which has a weekly participation of 1,844,900 over 16's according to Sport England. Football has a long history and remains the most popular team sport in the UK.

It doesn't really come as a surprise as there are around 10 tier league systems in England alone which include professional and semi-professional clubs. If you add to that all the Sunday and other friendly and competition leagues, that's a lot of football. Plus, in terms of encouragement, the Premier League is not only the biggest sports viewing league in the UK, but around the world.

A big part of this popularity has been driven over the years by the Football Association, one of the oldest governing bodies in the world. The FA was the first governing body to promote football all over the world. It's known worldwide as the People's Game and it's watched by millions, played by millions and it'll no doubt stay like that for a long time.

2. Rugby Union

Rugby, though well behind football, is a growing and popular team sport which shouldn't come as too much of a shock, with a significant increase of 7.21% in national participation over the last 10 years, and there are an above-average number of rugby clubs in Surrey, many with substantial youth sections.

The game is now very popular across the UK with all 4 British countries having a strong national side. The game is played in over 100 countries across 6 continents and our own annual Six Nations tournament, and the Autumn Internationals, has many of its matches showing on terrestrial television.

The rugby 'Headquarters' at Twickenham, and one of the country's top club sides, Harlequins, are on the periphery of Surrey. Although it falls behind Union in participation numbers, Rugby League, with its northern support base, is still up there as one of the top team sports.

3. Netball

With impressive attendances at international matches, big sponsorship names, broadcast deals and record membership numbers, netball still continues to be the most popular women's team sport in the UK. Sport England revealed at the end of 2016 that over 180,000 people aged 16+ were taking to the court at least once a week, which is the highest figure in over 10 years.

The significant jump in numbers could be due to a major television deal signed in 2006, broadcasting the netball Superleague on Sky Sports thereby raising its profile.

There's also been in recent years the launch of Walking Netball, a variation of netball aimed at all ages. This has encouraged people to play a slower version of the game, but still following the original rules. Netball and Football led the way with 'walking variations', appealing to a wider range of people in local communities.

4. Cricket

Cricket is still played in many towns and villages across the UK and is an especially popular sport in Surrey. Many of the game's origins come from the Surrey/Hampshire region. Cricket used to be just behind football in terms of the most popular UK sports, but has fallen lower down the order slightly in the last decade. However England is still known as the 'home of cricket' and the game is played on a weekly basis by 158,500 people.

Cricket's popularity in the UK is exceeded by quite a few other commonwealth countries. In India, for example, the game is huge by comparison and it holds its superstars in more or less the same light as the UK does its footballers. With the governing body (ECB) planned changes to the game coming into force in 2020, including showing some 20/20 cricket back on to terrestrial television and England women's World Cup win, the participation numbers for this famous English game are predicted to rise again.

The Oval Cricket Ground, the home of Surrey County Cricket Club and regular England international matches, is one of the most historic and iconic sports grounds in the world.

5. Hockey

Field hockey is a sport that many people played at school but may not have taken further. However over the years, and particularly since the success of the GB women's hockey team in the Rio Olympics 2016, there has been a major boost in awareness of and participation in the sport.

The 'Back to Hockey' scheme was set up by the governing body (England Hockey) to get people re-involved with hockey. Whether you are new to the game or you've had a break and are looking to return there are opportunities up and down the country for any standard of player; something that other sports can learn from.

With initiatives like this there has been a rise in the level of participation in hockey and 92,700 people are taking to the pitch on a weekly basis. It is a very popular activity on the artificial turf pitches of Surrey and many of the top hockey clubs in the country are based in the county or on this side of London.

HOW A BURSARY CAN HELP

A little while ago we were delighted to grant Elmbridge Phoenix Swimming Club's Maddie Harris a bursary. Maddie has had a fantastic year of swimming, competing in events up and down the country. Most recently at the National Junior Championships in Sunderland, where Maddie took home 3 Golds and 1 Silver medal, smashing her Personal Best times in 100 Breast Stroke, 100 Back Stroke, 50 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle.

Well done Maddie!



Surrey Playing Field Contacts

We have a contact for each council area in Surrey. We have one officer who looks after county wide projects; he can also put you in touch with the officer who is appropriate for your request. The details are shown below:

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECRETARY

We are delighted that at our recent AGM on November 30th we welcomed Heather Dean as our new secretary. Heather has replaced Jim Faulkner who has retired after many, many years in this role. Please see pages 3 to 6 of this newsletter for further details.



Heather was previously the BDO for Guildford having been heavily involved in sport in general and cricket in particular - see the July 2016 Newsletter for further information

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