



# SNAPSHOT

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## Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of **Sils Snapshot** – your regular look at what is happening at Old Silhillians Hockey Club (OSHC).

The aim of the newsletter is to share information, encourage inter-action, and generally generate more of a social atmosphere for everyone involved in OSHC. *Obviously, it would be great if people could print these newsletters off, and leave them lying around in places that might help us to recruit new members – whether playing, social, or supporting.*

**Snapshot** will look to provide news on Club Developments, Social Events, on the pitch and off the pitch performance and also a way for members to learn a bit more about what goes on with the running of the club. Please read on in this edition for:

A Message from your Chairman, Social Events in planning for the Year, Some new developments being discussed for the Clubhouse and more besides.....



Newsletter for  
Old Silhillians  
Hockey Club

## NEWS

Summer League has almost come to an end with the Men's side enjoying their usual mix of banter and a large amount of success, and the Ladies side, whilst perhaps not getting quite as good results as the Men, have had enjoyable and encouraging performances. Check out Match Reports for some of the matches on the Club site – [www.SilsHockey.co.uk](http://www.SilsHockey.co.uk)

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July the club had its Nominated Officer visit as part of the ClubsFirst accreditation process – a HUGE THANK YOU to those of you who dragged yourself out of bed on a Sunday morning to help us prove to England Hockey that we provide coaching in a safe and friendly environment. Within the next week or two it should be confirmed that we are the **FIRST HOCKEY CLUB IN WARWICKSHIRE** to get re-accredited with ClubsFirst (the Sport England benchmark for good practise within a sports club).

The club would still like to hear from anyone who is keen on playing **Badgers** hockey this year – looking for 10-13 year old boys looking to play full 11-a-side matches on a Sunday afternoon. Please contact the Chairman ([Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk)) if you know anyone that might be interested. It would also be great if we could get some parental support – lifts, managing from the side, collecting match fees etc.

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### View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman



Welcome back to **Snapshot**, I hope you found the first edition helpful, and that this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition also provides some useful information.

In my update this edition, I want to touch on some of the more Social aspects of the club, namely the Silz Festival, Club Socials and a couple of other ideas we have come up with.....

Starting with the first of these, the Silz Festival is our annual Mixed Hockey Festival which raises the majority of our funds for the year (outside of subs and match fees). If it were not for the money we make from the Festival, your annual subs would DOUBLE, so it is vital that the event continues to run smoothly to ensure teams keep coming back. As usual **WE REALLY NEED**

**YOUR HELP!** This festival welcomes around 400 people to the club for the weekend, and at present the whole thing is managed by about 5 people – so we are DESPERATE for more assistance. Please contact me on [Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk) or 07900 884100 if you can spare a few hours to assist with some very simple jobs. As with all our pleas for help, you DO NOT need any knowledge of hockey to help, so parents and kids, you are more than welcome to come along and join in.

Regarding forthcoming Social Events, news will appear on the Club Website – [www.SilsHockey.co.uk](http://www.SilsHockey.co.uk), but dates and events to look out for our the **Club Weekend (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September)** where we will have inter-club matches, the first Junior Training session of the year, and some other events looking to try and get more people involved at the club, or just paying their subs on time! We are hoping to get a BBQ and other things (Bouncy Castle?) on site for the Club weekend, but keep an eye on the website for confirmation closer to the date.

Further Social events to look out for are the “Battle of the Teams” – an evening of friendly competition between all of the teams e.g. Men’s 1sts – 4<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 1sts & 2nds, Vets and even invites to the Rugby club, Football Club and possibly even Bloss; and don’t worry, the challenges will be specifically designed to not be tailored towards the quickest, fittest and strongest. There will of course be the annual quiz supporting Meningitis Research, and this year, this charity will also benefit from an evening of FIRE-WALKING, again keep an eye on the website for more details. We are also looking to run a few other Social events throughout the year, but this should be a taster for you for what the first couple of months of the season have in store for you.

As a final note, can I encourage you all to Register on the Club Website – [www.SilsHockey.co.uk](http://www.SilsHockey.co.uk), and start using the Forums on there to share your ideas about the club – what we might do to progress, what social events you might want to see, questions you have for the committee etc. **Oh – AND SEE YOU ALL AT THE SILZ FESTIVAL!!!! (27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August at the Club)**

**Don’t Forget the Annual Silz Festival – the club would LOVE some support for running this event; remember if it were not for the Festival, your subs would be DOUBLE what they are!**

**The Festival runs 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August so PLEASE come along, show your support, and GET INVOLVED.**



**Interested in giving something back to the club? You don’t have to be a player to help – we are always looking for Umpires, Committee Members, or purely helpers at events. Currently the WHOLE CLUB is run by no more than about 7 volunteers (+ Captains).....**

Please Contact us to express an interest.

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# OSHC Juniors



**Club Welfare Officer:**

**Steve Tabb**

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**Sunday Mornings**

**10.30am – 12.00pm**

**Silhillians Sports Club**



**Juniors Co-ordinator:**

**Lucy Steele**

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Each edition, there will be specific articles dedicated to the Junior Section at the club – this will highlight upcoming events, remind people of Welfare Contacts, and identify what to expect from the Juniors in the next few weeks

## Sunday Mornings

Kick off once again on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. We will have our usual training session, plus a few of the Committee members up at the club to answer any questions you have, try and encourage some of you to take a little bit more of an active involvement and also take Registration Forms / Subscriptions of those of you who are organised enough to have everything ready for the first week!

## Young Leaders

Are you interested in getting more involved in sport? Did you know that many schools and Universities look favourably upon people who have Young Leader qualifications? Most importantly, do you want to have some fun with your friends? Email Louise (The Course organiser) on [Louise\\_Hirons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Louise_Hirons@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like more details about the Young Leader training being run at the club in October.

## ClubsFirst

OSHC is days away from being re-accredited with ClubsFirst (the England Hockey Board version of the Club Mark standard). This means we are nationally recognised as operating best practice and providing a safe and open environment for all (and in particular juniors) to participate. PLEASE check out the website [www.Silshockey.co.uk](http://www.Silshockey.co.uk) and click on the ClubsFirst logo to read all the associated literature e.g. Codes of Conduct, Welfare etc.

## Junior Development Centres (JDCs)

.....are kicking off at the end of August. These are a great opportunity for Development for the slightly older juniors (12 years upwards). Those of you who are little young it would be worth speaking to someone at the club about how you can get involved in future years when you are old enough.

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### Ruth Dovey

Ruth is in her second spell with the club, having originally moved down to be with her now husband, fellow Sil, Mark Dovey, Ruth went off to play Midlands hockey with Bournville before returning to the Sils last season, and is now **Ladies Club Captain** and perhaps more importantly, new Mum to baby Hannah.



### What are the main aims of the Ladies section this year?

1. Top 3 finish for both teams
2. Much improved attendance at training!
3. Development of the talented youngsters in the club
4. Recruitment of new players – ESPECIALLY GOALKEEPERS!

### What do you see as the area/s that require most improvement at the club?

I think it is important for the future of the club that both sections continue to grow and we all need to play our part in recruiting players

### What is your favourite hockey memory?

Meeting my husband on a hockey pitch in Blackpool (Mark made me say that!)

Check out future Editions of Snapshot for more details of the club's development plans and an early season run-through of plans for the year.

**Watch this space for some other announcements which could have a MAJOR impact upon the Clubhouse and Grounds.....**

### Cross Sports Day

Another initiative we are looking at for the start of next season is a Cross-Sports Day (on the 5<sup>th</sup> September); as you will know, there are a variety of sports played by the Juniors at the Sils, and we are working with the Football and Rugby sections to organise a day where all the players get to try out each others' sports – so if you fancy giving 5-a-side football or touch-rugby a go, **with your fellow hockey players** (so that you do not feel out of your depth) then keep an eye on the website for more details – [www.SilsHockey.co.uk](http://www.SilsHockey.co.uk)

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