

# Timperley Hockey Academy Newsletter



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER EDITION

## Seasons greetings !

Welcome to our festive newsletter ! Lots has been going on at the Academy over the last few months and there are now even more ways to find all the latest news !

Our new website has gone live! Have a look at all the new team areas, academy information and events. Please take a look and register / set up your profile at <http://timperleyhockeyclub.com/> See more details later in the newsletter !

Keep in touch with everything that's happening at Timperley Hockey Club, including if training / matches through the website or social media

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TimperleyHC/>

<https://twitter.com/TimperleyHockey>

## FESTIVE PARENTS v KIDS GAMES - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December !

Parent's v Kids games are one of the highlights of the season! Join us on Saturday 21st December for a festive version! Festive fancy dress welcome and we'll be forming mixed age group teams to take on the coaches and parents - all welcome!

Then join the family festivities in the clubhouse – see posters for more details and read more later in the newsletter.



## Dates for your diary:

### Sunday's Training

Final session: Sunday 15th Dec  
Restarts: Sunday 5th Jan

### Tuesday Training

Final session: Tues 10th Dec  
Restarts: Tuesday 7th Jan

### TSC Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday 21st December (from 2.00pm)

### Festive Parents v Kid games

Saturday 21st December  
2.00pm – 3.30pm

### Silver FX Delivery

18<sup>th</sup> December



## Every little helps!

As Christmas rapidly approaches Timperley Hockey Academy would like to invite everyone to the **Timperley Sports Club Christmas Extravaganza** which promises to be full of festive fun for all of the family on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. It's also a great way to support the club and raise funds to help development the our facilities.

Join us for the **Parents v Kids Academy festive fancy dress matches** 2.00pm - 3.30pm.

Parents - dust off those shin pads, trainers and festive loose clothing to take on our all star academy teams! We've got sticks you can borrow and we can give you a quick lesson on the basics! All ages welcome from cubs to badgers, coaches, young leaders and parents

There will be lots going on before and after the hockey so pop into the clubhouse for activities for kids (and big kids!) including:

- Make your own decoration
- Face painting
- and Santa's Grotto
- Colouring competition
- Sweets stall
- Crepe stall
- Gingerbread

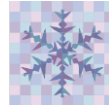
Later in the afternoon we will be serving Christmas drinks such as Bailey's hot chocolate, mulled wine and hot toddies. Festive snacks like Bratwurst, crepes and maybe even some cakes will be on offer. There will also be a seasonal guest ale on tap for the weekend too!

The **Annual Timperley Sports Club Grand Christmas Draw** will be drawn at **7.00pm**. This is a major fund-raiser so please make every effort to sell the tickets given to Academy players and return tickets to the bar no later than 5pm on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

With a top prize of **£500 CASH** and the legendary Drinks Hamper (donated by the ladies hockey section) and lots more, its well worth buying a ticket, all welcome to stay for the draw.

Senior Captains will let older Academy players playing in the senior teams know about the senior / socials Christmas Party - DJ, Christmas songs and we might even play some games. A prize will be given to the best Christmas jumper on show.

Parents are welcome too. Look out for posters at the club and more details on the website



## Seasonal weather !

### Cancellation procedure

The weather has already claimed a few games and training sessions. We play and train through all weathers and only cancel training or matches if the astro-turf is frozen, covered in snow or flooded!

If we need to cancel training we will post an update on the website: <http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com/> on the club Twitter account [@timperleyhockey](https://twitter.com/timperleyhockey) and on the club Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TimperleyHC/> and if possible send an email alert too!

Please check before you travel or if in doubt telephone the club on 0161 980 4397. The bar staff will know if the pitches are not fit to use.

For matches team managers will send a Teamer Cancellation or text to info of cancellations

## NEW WEBSITE !

[www.timperleyhockeyclub.com](http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com)

Help us keep the new website up to date with all the news and match reports from Academy games and tournaments. We're looking for players (or parents) to write up match reports and bring their team pages to life! We can upload photo's, videos and documents as well as match reports and news items. Send content to:

[philmarsh7796@gmail.com](mailto:philmarsh7796@gmail.com)

The Academy pages of the site are maintained by Philip Marsh, Sophie Robinson and Shelagh Entwisle who are responsible for moderating content and helping keep the site up to date.





## Sunday Training and matches – important information

With over **170 players** now registered with the Academy, Sunday's are now very busy often with a number of matches, tournaments and training!

To help manage logistics with our band of coaches/managers, and ensure players do not play for excessive periods, we have introduced a new policy:

***- that if academy players are participating in either tournaments or matches on a Sunday they must not attend Sunday training as well.***

This applies to all age groups from under 10 to under 16's.

## Welcome to our new Coaches, Parents Managers, Umpires and Young Leaders

Thanks go to all our new volunteers and helpers who have joined the team this season! To run 16 age group teams and 3 hours of training per week we are totally reliant on a whole band of people giving up their time to enable so many young players to enjoy the sport.

Last season we had a guest coach Michael Hoare who plays for England and this season we have Michal our resident Polish International adding to all the local talents on hand !

## YOUNG LEADERS

We'd also like to thank all the Young Leaders who are helping with Sunday and Tuesday training and also tournaments and matches including: Ross; Sam; Natalie I; Victoria W; Katrina; Grace; Leah; Jack; Eleanor; Alfie; Tim, Laura, Alec, Laura



## CHRISTMAS QUIZ QUESTION

**How many current, and past, hockey internationals are currently playing for Timperley HC ?**

**Answers will be revealed on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> December**

## Child Welfare Officers

The Academy has two Child Welfare Officers who are the first point of contact should any player, parent or coach have any concerns affecting a player. We follow guidelines set out by England Hockey and details can be found in the Handbook

<http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com/a/academy-information-35084.html>

Please make sure any concerns are raised with our CWO's

- Sophie Robinson
- Sarah Marsh

This could be about any issue, behaviour, health matters or general queries. It's also important that parents make the CWO aware of any health or related issues that may require the coaches to be aware and take any special action etc.



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## Lost property!!

We continue to collect a lot of items of lost property each week after training and matches. Most is not labelled and parents must be spending quite a lot money on all the items we find - from sticks and stock bags to hoodies to shin guards and jackets along with the odd mouth guard!

So if your child has lost any kit please ask one of the team or look in the following places:

- In the main bar area, in the storage area near the pool table, just go behind the screen and have a good look !
- In the academy store - ask the coaches or admin team on a Sunday
- More expensive or valuable items (including some sticks) may also be handed in over the bar so ask there too

Please help us to help you by labelling all items! Even initials on stick help trace the owner! All the new kit has a space for a 'name' to be written on inside on the labels too!

## MATCH UPDATES



## Greater Manchester Junior Hockey League

We have entered ten teams in the boys and girls 7 a side leagues this season and this has meant more players than ever have had the chance to play in this competition, played once a month.

Result and league positions are updated after each tournament on fixtures live so see how the teams are doing or if you play write up a match report for the website

## Badgers and Beavers

Both teams have had some really good games this season, with the badgers having their best start for a number of years

Welcome and thanks to Ruth Maddocks and Andrew Foster who have taken over the beaver's team. There are now over 45 players that fall in the beaver age group and Ruth and Andrew are trying their best to balance retaining a core of experienced players and introduce newer players to the 11 a side



## England Hockey National Competitions

This season we have entered an Under 16 and 14 boys and girls teams in the national club championships. Played over a group stage this is a fantastic opportunity for players to gain valuable competitive experience. So far over 50 players have played in the EH games. *See the website for all the results, match reports and team photos*

- The **boys Under 16's** have played all their game and won 2, drew one and lost one and are now waiting for other matches to be played to see if they will qualify for the North Regional finals in March.
- The **girls Under 16's** made a flying start with three wins and then met a tough opposition in Bowdon and lost their fourth match. They too will have to wait for other matches after their final match to see if they also qualify for the Regional Finals.
- The **girls Under 14's** have had some tough opposition and struggled to find their form but have two games to play and are working hard as a team and show great promise for the future.
- The **boys Under 14's** have won their first two games and have two to play and if they continue to deliver the quality of hockey shown this season should also progress to the North Regional Finals.

See fixtures live for all the results and league tables

Boys under 16: <http://w.fixtureslive.com/team/44223/fixtures/Timperley-Boys-U16>

Girls under 16: <http://w.fixtureslive.com/team/44224/fixtures/Timperley-Girls-U16>

Girls under 14: <http://w.fixtureslive.com/team/54468/fixtures/Timperley-Girls-U14>

Boys under 14: <http://w.fixtureslive.com/team/54468/fixtures/Timperley-Boys-U14>

**DON'T FORGET [WWW.FIXTURESLIVE.COM](http://WWW.FIXTURESLIVE.COM) HAS ALL TIMPERLEY HC FIXTURES, VENUES, TIMES AND DIRECTIONS TO AWAY PITCHES THAT GIVE A LOT MORE DETAIL AND LOCAL KNOWLEDGE THAT SAT NAVS OFTEN GIVE YOU !**

## Who's who and how to get involved?

As well as our team of coaches, umpires and young leaders we also have a committee that keeps all the administrative elements of the Academy ticking over.

We meet once a month for about an hour and welcome any new members to get involved and learn the ropes!

We welcome parents to shadow or *buddy* existing committee members/ volunteers to get a feel for the role and any guidance needed. Or it may be you have skills to offer that you feel may be useful to the Academy. We're always looking for new ideas!

Next Spring Shelagh Entwisle will be stepping down as Chair after **six seasons** so we're looking at our structure and roles we need for the future. The next six months provide an ideal opportunity for anyone interested to get involved and find out more, wither for the role or chair or any other role.

**CONTACT :** [thc.academy@btinternet.com](mailto:thc.academy@btinternet.com)

Committee member	Role
Shelagh Entwisle	Chair Person
Ruth Brown	Secretary
Philip Marsh	Communications
Sarah Marsh	Merchandising
Jo Nicholson	Timperley Tournament Co-coordinator
Tricia Booth	Treasurer
Angela George	Ladies Hockey Section Representative
Pippa Ravenscroft	Sunday Morning Admin Coordinator
Sophie Robinson	Coaching group coordinator
Mike Innes	Parent Representative
<b><u>Vacancy</u></b>	Fixtures secretary/Club mark coordinator

Team	Coach	Manager/Support
Under 10 Boys	Jo Robinson/ Dan Higgin	Adam Roberts
Under 10 Girls	Jo Robinson/ Dan Higgin	Mrs Guest
Under 11 Boys	Jim McCall	Helen Wakefield
Under 11 Girls	Jo Nicholson	Safiya Reza
Under 12 Boys	Jim McCall	TBC
Under 12 Girls	Jo Nicholson	Aileen James
Under 13 Boys	Joe Higson	Jane Whittaker
Under 13 Girls	Leonnice Molloy	Pippa Ravenscroft
Under 14 Boys	Joe Higson	Jane Whitaker
Under 14 Girls	Shiarn Briggs	Steph Ashworth
Under 15 Boys	Matt Horan	Matt Curnow
Under 15 Girls	Jay Mortimer	Paula Quigley
Under 16 Boys	Matt Horan	Matt Curnow
Under 16 Girls	Sophie Robinson	Stephen Mulligan
Beavers (mixed)	Andy Foster/ Ruth Maddocks Claire Taylor/Steph Ashworth	

**Finally, we wish all players, parents, coaches and supporters as very happy Christmas and New Year**

**AND DON'T FORGET.....**

### **Sunday's Training**

No training on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> December.

Restarts Sunday 5th Jan

### **Tuesday Training**

No training on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> December

Restarts Tuesday 7th Jan

### **Festive Parents v Kid games**

Saturday 21st December 2.00pm – 3.30pm

### **Silver FX Delivery**

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