

Parent volunteers and umpires

Each of our academy teams is supported by a parent manager who works with the coach to make sure everything runs smoothly in terms of team admin. Without parent managers it wouldn't be possible to run as many teams and it's a great first role to take up to help and there's lots of help on hand to show you the ropes. We're recruiting now for next season so do speak to one of the team if you'd be interested in getting involved or sharing a role.

We've very lucky to have a small growing band of home grown umpires and thank those parents, coaches and young leaders that help us with umpiring matches. As we all know 'no umpire - no game' so we remind all players of getting into the habit to shake hands with the umpires at the end of each game and simply thank them - irrespective of the result or how the games gone. We also have a band of parents who also help out with Sunday registration and at tournaments and all are thanked for their contribution.

Academy Committee

Behind all the elements of the academy sits a very small committee of eight, four have been on the committee for seven seasons and in total the current group has been involved for a cumulative total of 44 seasons! Without the commitment and patience of Ruth Brown, Pippa Ravenscroft, Mike Innes, Sarah and Phil Marsh, Tricia Booth and Jo Nicholson I certainly could not have continued to be Chair this season whilst we find someone to take on the role. I would like to thank Pippa and Mike who are standing down after being involved from the early days of the committee in 2008, when David Hardern stood down from the Academy. Pippa took on running Sunday morning registration and to so many is the face of Timperley Academy as the meet and greeter to virtually all our new players and families. Dealing with feedback, questions, forms and fees, Pippa has taken it all in her stride and also recruited many of our parent volunteers - even recruiting Mike Innes her husband to the fold and taking on the data base responsibilities on the Committee. What people may now know is that Mike and Pippa very much act as the voice of parents on the Committee, challenge and probe not just what we do but why and how and have made an outstanding contribution to the Academy we have today. Both are thanked for all they've done and we look forward to continuing to seeing them at the Club as they have very much become a part of our hockey family.

I would also like to personally thank Jo Nicholson who has shared much of the responsibility with me during the season and without her commitment and focus on developing the coaching with Duncan we would not have been able to achieve as much this season. Jo was also recently made an Honorary Life Member of Timperley Sports Club to recognise her outstanding contribution to the Club over the last 20 years. Tricia Booth has been a rock on the finances and her expert management of the finances gives us choices and options to invest in more pitch time and improving what we can offer. Sarah Marsh has been a star handling the kits orders and of course our Child Welfare Officer and provides invaluable input on this important area. Phil Marsh continues as a young member to throw himself into new challenges and is thanked for all his help on communications. Finally, Ruth Brown has kept us in order as Secretary for seven seasons with her no nonsense approach to getting things done. Thank you to all on behalf of everyone at the Academy.

Next season

Plans are already in hand for next season and we are actively looking to recruit new volunteers to help junior hockey at Timperley grow and thrive. Please do think about how you could contribute and help out, please don't leave it to others!

As well as parent managers we also need an Academy Co-ordinator (chair) Fixture Secretary, Academy Data Base Co-ordinator, a Young Leader Co-ordinator as well other support roles for Sunday Registration. If you're interested please contact us on Timperleyhockey@gmail.com or catch up with one of the team at presentation day.

We are also working with the Mens and Ladies hockey sections to consider creating a single hockey section. If agreed, the academy co-ordinator will be part of the combined committee and be able to work closely with the men and ladies on the overall development of the hockey at Timperley. The Academy is very central to the proposed approach with specific roles to ensure the junior hockey continues to grow and thrive. This is an exciting phase for the Academy and we will keep you updated on plans.

Coaches

An enormous gratitude of thanks goes to our coaching team who commit week in week out in all weather to coach and support teams and players to develop. The team has grown to over 25 made up of senior players, parents and young leaders and are led by Duncan Rudge, our Head Coach, and Jo Nicholson who leads on player development and works between the coaching team and Academy Committee. We have made changes to the programme this season and these are now bedding in and all involved are thanked for their support and for embracing new ways of doing things. Please take time to pass your personal thanks onto our coaches. I would particularly like to thank Matthew Curnow who stood down from coaching the Badgers and Under 18 boys during the season. Matt started coaching the under 9's in 2006 and has moved through all the age groups and given up his Saturdays to run both the Beavers and Badgers since 2008 and been a constant in enabling a full Saturday fixture list to be run. Matt was recently elected as a Vice President of the Men's Hockey Section to recognise his contribution to hockey at Timperley. We wish Matt well and it's good to see him playing again for the Men's teams and supporting the boys playing in the senior sides.

SHELAGH ENTWISLE



The time has come to wrap up yet another hugely successful season here at Timperley Hockey Academy! We hope that you will enjoy the presentations day and awards and celebrate with us as we round off one of the most successful years for the Academy.

Firstly, may we take time to say a huge thank you to all of our coaches, team managers, committee members, young leaders, umpires and parents who have made the season possible, without their support we would not be able to run such a large hockey programme at Timperley.

An updated edition of the Season Review, along with details of Award Winners will be posted on the website shortly. www.timperleyhockeyclub.com

2014-2015 season highlights

- Over 200 players participated in the Academy programme during the season.
- Over 3500 volunteer hours - without our volunteer's time there would be no academy!
- 17 different teams - this year we added a new Vixens team to the Saturday fixtures for U14 Girls
- Over 250 matches played.
- 8 mini tournaments for our Under 10's and 12's teams.
- 8 teams took part in England Hockey competitions, with the Boys under 16 reaching the Regional Finals, narrowly missing a place at the National Finals.
- Continued flow of players representing Greater Manchester JAC across all ages.
- 3 boys selected for U15 North (HiPac) and 2 for the UK Lions (U14 invitational touring team).
- 40 Academy players selected to play senior hockey at Timperley - 5 making Men's 1st XI debuts.
- Additional pitch time / space added to Academy coaching programme.

A season in review ...

Find out what our teams and coaching groups have been up to this season, with thanks to our coaches and team managers for the reports.

A word from the head coach **DUNCAN RUDGE**

In my role as Head Coach I have been aiming to give opportunities to our young players to learn the skills that are in the scheme of work based around the England Hockey single system. The Coaches have adapted well to our new structure and the introduction of rotating groups and speed, agility, quickness programs. The High Performance Group (HPG) for 13 - 16 year olds are making sound progress and we have had some new players joining this group to improve our standards at the top end of performance. It is great to see so many young players participating in training on a Sunday and Monday and thanks to all the parents for supporting the club. I am looking forward to a small break from Hockey, but will then be involved with the England Single System as lead coach for JRPC boys U15s at Manchester over the summer. Please enjoy the off season break!!

Once again the Cubs have amazed us with what they have achieved this season. We've had a great mix of very young players and slightly older players who were new to hockey, and have regularly had around 15 children out on a Sunday morning - in all weathers! Many thanks to parents for bringing them along (or was it bribery and coercion some weeks?!) and for enduring some very cold, wet mornings as well. Following suggestions from new Head Coach Duncan Rudge we introduced some new skills to this group, as well as all the traditional skills of passing, travelling with the ball, tackling etc., and the children have picked them up really well. If your child talks about 'roll-outs' in their sleep then sorry, it's our fault! This is an important skill in the modern game though and to have picked it up at such an early stage will really help them progress in the future. Many of them will be able to move up to the next group next season so good luck to those who do. We'll miss you!

The Cubs couldn't make as much progress as they do without lots of help. I therefore extend my immense thanks yet again to Dan Caborn for his invaluable support and coaching when I couldn't be there, and to parent helpers Mark Andrews, Robert Judd, Alex Woods and Neil Hornby for their equally appreciated help.

Under 10's girls JO ROBINSON



This season has been a really successful year for our under 10s/Rabbits. We've had a great mixture of our more experienced young players who have been playing in this age group for a couple of years now to others who have only recently joined or have moved up from the cubs. All players have had lots of match play this season either at our early morning mini-tournaments, GMIHL with some even starting to play 11 a-side in the Beavers. The Cheshire Cup allowed our girls and boys teams to really show how much they have learnt this season and both did very well - the boys lost in the semi-finals to the team who went on to win and the girls beat Bowdon on penalties in the 3rd place play off.

Under 10 Boys DAN HIGGIN

It's been a good season for the u10 boys' team who continue to develop each week at training. They continue to excel in the Timperley mini tournaments. With still a young side they competed fantastically at the Cheshire mini's getting knocked out 1-0 in the semi's to a very strong team the eventual winners Deeside. On a couple of occasions they entered the U11s GMIHL tournament where they held their own and only lost once. Thanks must go to Adam Roberts, for organising things off the pitch. A special thanks to Ryan Guest who has been just fantastic helping coach. Also to Jo Robinson and Duncan Rudge for leading the sessions.

Congratulations to all players involved in the Greater Manchester or East Cheshire England Hockey Single System programme at IDC, JAC, JRPC and HiPac. Each year the standard continues to improve and it is a credit to the hard work of those players involved and their commitment to the extra training and matches to develop through the single system.

It is fantastic to see Timperley players involved and progressing. Players are currently waiting to hear if they have been selected for the Junior Regional Performance Centres (JRPC) to be run over the summer months. Last summer we had a club record of nine players selected for JRPC and congratulations go to Ben Jones, Ben Nicholson and Lewis Rogers who were also selected for the Under 15 North (HiPac) teams in the autumn.

Congratulations also to Sophie Robinson who completed her first season as Greater Manchester Under 14 Girls JAC coach, and to Duncan Rudge following his appointment as Under 15 Boys JRPC Coach.

Ben Nicholson and Ben Entwisle represented Tensworth (North West) in a UK wide tournament last summer and were selected from this to join the UK Lions (an Under 14 invitational touring team).

Volunteers

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the running of the academy, and with the unification of the men's, ladies, and Academy, we are in the need for more than ever. We ask for very little time and can help if you feel stuck or confused. If you would like to help, please contact us today, or email us at: timperleyhockey@gmail.com

Girls JAC	Boys JAC
Lucy Reeves	Ben Entwisle
Alex Mulligan	Alex McBride
Elysia Zolomy	Ben Jones
Hannah Currie	Ben Nicholson
Libby Innes	Josh Reeves
Gara Bass	Matthew Booth
Siobhan Driscoll	Lewis Rogers
Ellie Heathcock	Bilal Chaudry
Olivia Ashworth	Jack Entwisle
Annie Williams	Rory Maddocks

Thanks to all those that make it possible

Running such a large and varied hockey programme wouldn't be possible without the commitment of so many volunteers - some give an hour here or there others give many hours week in week out. I know that without every single contribution, large and small, that we couldn't run the academy. The hours contributed now far exceed 3500 and on behalf of all players and parents I would like to thank everyone who has contributed. It really does make a difference and without the input of time from people like yourselves there would be no club hockey or sports clubs providing such a wonderful environment where players can grow and become part of a wider sporting community.

There are four main groups of people to thank:

Young Leaders

We encourage older players from aged 13 to get involved in umpiring, supporting coaches at training or with teams and at tournaments. This year we've have a number of year 9 and above players taking up this challenge and giving up time to give something back and help others - thank you to you all. Next season we are hoping to develop the personal development side of things working with the young leaders to understand what they want to get out of the experience. It's also really important that we grow great role models for our younger players too.

This year has seen another huge year full of fantastic commitment from a wide range of people of all ages. Because of that, we would like to take the time to thank, and congratulate, all our volunteer umpires and young leaders.

Tim Small

Tim Small has worked hard throughout the season, and achieved his Level 1 Umpiring award, he now helps to umpire regularly and it is fantastic to see how far he has come in such a short space of time. We would like to thank Tim for all his hard work – even if the weather isn't the best for umpiring sometimes!

Mike Innes

As already mentioned in this report, Mike Innes is always determined to help umpire (even you deserve a rest Mike, take one!) and has helped to support the teams with umpiring throughout the season. Mike is yet another volunteer that has come so far, and progressed well through the umpiring qualification. Many thanks Mike! ☺

Young Leaders

Our young leaders have been superb this season, helping with the running of tournaments, the marshalling of cars, coaching, and umpiring. Even if it is very early sometimes. We say this a lot, but honestly? We'd be struggling without our team of young leaders – so thank you! (and I'll see you at 8am next Sunday!)

Phil Marsh

Phil Marsh has been progressing his umpiring this year, and has earned the prestigious North Young Umpires Most Promising Umpire award for his hard work and dedication to the umpiring of hockey. He now umpires regularly with the North Young Umpires Promising panel working towards his level 2 umpiring award.

Phil Marsh also coaches regularly and runs a dedicated training session for goalkeepers. This fantastic training session is unique to Timperley, and helps our players to progress through goalkeeping into county and beyond. If you would like to try goalkeeping, feel free to let him know!

"Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Timperley Sports Club Volunteer of the year 2015



At the club AGM on Thursday 30th April 2015 Shelagh was presented with the 'Timperley Sports Club Volunteer of the Year award'. Shelagh has worked tirelessly for the club for many years, not only this last year. She has held various roles within the club, including Club Chairman. In more recent years, she has steered the hockey academy to various successes, not least doubling the number of junior hockey players we have on our books today. This year she has been instrumental in working closely with members of the senior hockey sections in putting forward suggestions and a potential new structure for a 'joint' hockey section, merging the lady's and men's hockey sections to help create a more streamlined and united section. Our congratulations and thanks go to Shelagh for all her hard work in leading the hockey academy and for making it the success it is today!

Timperley again hosted our own mini tournaments at the crack of dawn on a Sunday 9-11am throughout the season. Deeside, Macclesfield, Wilmslow, Triton, Bowdon and Alderley Edge all travelled over to enjoy fun, competitive hockey. Unfortunately, the weather got the better of us for a couple of the u12 tournaments which we struggled to reschedule with the back log of senior games we had to fit in!

A huge thank you goes to:

- All the parents for dragging themselves and their children down in the depths of winter
- To our parent managers;
 - Adam Roberts, Anna Guest, Jeannette Watson and Saf Reza
- To our young leaders;
 - Cara and Sinead Quigley, Charlotte Jones, Lily Hill, Kate Buttrum, Siobhan Driscoll, Georgia Giles, Katrina Giles and Phil Marsh *just to their parents for the lot down!*
- And to the coaches who managed the sides;
 - Jo Reinken, Dan Higgin, Dan Cahern, Ryan Guest, Mark Andrews, Léonnie Molloy, Jim McAll and Woody

GMIHL SHELAGH ENTWISLE

GMIHL is a development league based on a 7 a side format and has been a major part of the Academy's programme to develop players and give them match experience. This season following the closure of Belle Vue the tournaments moved to Timperley, and will hopefully continue to be run from the Club in 2015-16 season. Each age group plays once a month and teams accumulate points throughout the season. This year we entered eight teams into the leagues and played over 130 matches. Well done to all those that played and a big thank you to all the coaches, the young and older umpires, and the loyal band of parents supporters! Special mention to the Girls Under 15's who were runners up in their league and Boys Under 15 who came third.

Under 11 Girls GMIHL Jo NICHOLSON

Firstly a few 'Thank you's' to:

- Parent manager Nicola Lord for her very efficient organisational skills
- To Léonnie for her coaching and umpiring expertise
- And last but not least to all the u11 girls and their parents for braving the Belle Vue weather!

Sooooo....moving onto the actual hockey, we entered two girls teams into this tournament this season to try and ensure some developmental hockey for all players in this age group as we've got a large group of girls. Throughout the season we had a mix of results but all the girls seemed to enjoy themselves, continued to build on their core hockey skills and showed great skill in devouring boxes of chocolates bought for them to keep a spring in their step!! Unfortunately we couldn't always field two teams because of player availability which is sometimes the way and so we didn't finish as high up the table as we would have liked but there's always next year....!

Under 13 Boys – GMIHL

The GMIHL mini-tournaments at ice station Belle Vue have always provided an excellent opportunity for young players to gain some essential match experience – and this year has been no exception with the vast majority of the under 13 boy's squad being completely new to competitive hockey. As the season progressed the quality, understanding and standard of hockey improved greatly and while the results ultimately rarely reflected the effort and commitment put in there is little doubt that a quality foundation has been established for future campaigns... Paul Walsh is to be thanked for some inspired coaching and I would also like to thank those who blew their whistles in an official capacity as and when requested. Next season bodes well for the boys and I look forward to witnessing the 'All Stars' shining even brighter.

TIM SCOPES

Under 13 girls GMIHL LÉONNE MOLLOY

The annual "Belle Vue" tournaments offer young players the opportunity of regular competitive hockey, albeit on a smaller scale. The focus being on developing not only the players but also young leaders. This season saw a relatively new squad of players eligible to this age group. Therefore, this year we were able to give a lot of girls experience at these tournaments, and for some this was their first taste of competitive hockey. Unfortunately, we were rarely able to field the same selection of players at successive tournaments we feel that in the latter half of the season, when the tournaments were rehoused at Timperley performances, with the weather, started to pick up! The U13 girls had weathered the early season storm, and started to gel as a side and put into practice what they focus on in coaching. Sport is often driven by results, but I personally feel at this age group, player development and enjoyment is paramount! The final round of the season saw the girls take the leading points score on the day with some outstanding team work, and well executed team goals. The tenacity and enthusiasm from the group is infectious. Huge thank you to the girls for all their efforts, parents etc. for their continued support and taxi duties, Aileen as team manager, Woody as Assistant Coach, and the young leaders who have assisted with umpiring along the way. Congratulations to all involved!

National schools under 14 finals. SHELASH ENTWISLE

Four Timperley boys had the opportunity to play the new national hockey centre at Lee Valley in the Olympic Park, London in April. Playing in the England Hockey National Schools Under 14 finals for Altrincham Grammar Schools for Boys they came up against strong opposition including Repton the overall winners.

Congratulations to Ben Entwisle, Luke Holland, Ben Nicholson and Harry Whittaker for flying the flag for Timperley at the finals and being crowned North of England Champions.



Beavers

This has been a very difficult season for the Beavers on many levels. The list of issues includes a virtually new squad from last season; a very young and inexperienced squad; a number of away games cancelled that has affected development of the team; inconsistent coaching support, to name but a few. Despite all of these challenges the players have always tried their very best on the pitch and have been willing to listen and learn, despite hardly winning a game all season. But this will stand all of them in good stead for next year when they will be stronger and fitter as individuals and more familiar with one another and their roles within the team.

As adults, we the coaches and parents need to provide a more stable and consistent platform to enable the team to play home and away come what may, with organised coaching on the side-line.

Finally we would like to say "thank you" to all the players and parents for their support and enthusiasm this season and please could all parents consider if they would be willing to be a parent manager for the Beavers next season, as any additional help would be gratefully received.

ANDREW AND RUTH

Badgers

Many of last season's badgers moved on to play for the men's teams leaving those younger players as this seasons older and experienced players. It also meant the start of a new squad. For these players, this season has been a learning curve with many lessons learnt along the way. The first few weeks they were like rabbits startled in the headlights, as they adapted to the pace and the speed of decision making demanded by the game at this level. Once they had come to terms with this, each week we asked them to concentrate on a certain area that would help their game either individually or as a team to which they always tried to do. After Xmas the girls became more involved which only added to the strength of the squad and in some cases were our secret weapon. As the opposition have been all boys they didn't seem very impressed with this fact, but soon changed their minds 5 mins into the games when the girls gave back as good as they got! Over the season they have grown; their confidence, giving of 100%, support for one another, never giving up, adapting to game situations and playing of different positions has all helped to make them the team they have become and they have done it together. The games against Brooklands and Oxton showed this. Results haven't always gone our way, but they have got better and many later games only had a goal in it!! I am so proud of what they have achieved, from where they started to where they are now. Next season is one to look forward to and they could be a team to be reckoned with as they continue to grow and develop together.

Thanks to parents for their support on the side-line, transport and 'Tilly-sitting' and the support from my 2 wingmen Tim and Alun.

A great example being Lauren McCall, who was asked to play Centre Forward, scoring her first goal within the first couple of minutes of being given the position! Jim McCall's little celebration dance on the side-line made it all worthwhile!

It has been a great chance for all the girls to grow in confidence and it is something that has been evident, not just in the games, but in training as well. Each of them is becoming more comfortable in their own abilities to utilise the whole pitch and, as a result of having more space and time on the ball, they have all rapidly improved in skill level.

The final game of the Vixens season was actually a Timperley vs Timperley event with Shelagh kindly taking over as coach for one of the teams. It was a highly enjoyable event for all involved, including Mike Innes and Phil Marsh as umpires, and it gave the girls a great opportunity to show off everything they had learned over the season to a full crowd of family and friends.

Another great aspect to this team was the support shown by the more experienced players to their younger team-mates. Instead of taking over and running the game between themselves, the two or three experienced players on the team would hold the ball until their team-mate had placed themselves in the correct position before passing it on and then acting as a supporting player (both in terms of position and in terms of offering verbal advice and encouragement) to allow for the team as a whole to improve and grow.

I fully expect the girls who have been involved with the Vixens team to go on to play an integral role in their future teams within Timperley and have loved watching each of them develop aspects of their characters throughout the season as well as their skill and confidence levels. They are certainly proof that Timperley has a very bright future ahead!

SHAILIN BRIGGS

Inaugural Vixens match - September 2014



Under 14 Girls – EH Championships

First of all I want to say a massive thank you to those who have been a constant support to both the team and I this year. Pippa and Eileen have kept us organised and removed any stress related to arranging the fixtures and getting the information out by Teamer (I could not have functioned this season without them!). Mike Innes has spent another season as Umpire for us no matter what the weather, imparting advice and key learning points to the girls from his view as to the rules and regulations of the game. Mike Marsh for his support as a coach throughout the season allowing me to focus on the game at hand and providing a fuller perspective at the half-time and full-time synopsis. And, last but not least, the incredible supporters on the side-lines. It's been fantastic to have so many people attending the games and I know that the girls have appreciated it.

In terms of the team, the girls have once again surpassed themselves this year. We have been unfortunate to have mainly triangular games and required to play the consecutive games each time. Despite coming off the pitch exhausted each time, they never stopped working hard for each other, making the opposing team fight for every point. There were a couple of occasions where one of the girls had to come off the pitch through sheer exhaustion and was in tears; not because of how tired they were, but because they couldn't carry on and help the team! It was very frustrating for the girls not to win every match as they certainly deserved to do so. In fact, after each game, no matter what the score was, I had the opposing team's coach come over to me and state that they were so impressed with the team; not just the determination and hard work they put it, but the level of skill and teamwork they showed. After a game at Chester, the opposing coach even interrupted the team photo to tell the girls himself. For me personally, I've left every game with a smile and a feeling of pride about how they have played.

In addition to the level of praise the girls receive as a team, I have also been told numerous times about how impressed people are with them when they are playing in the Women's league. The common themes are, "they never give up!", "they listen and take on board everything that is being said to them" and "they are incredible!" What coach wouldn't be proud of these girls when hearing statements like that!

SHAILIN BRIGGS

Under 15 Girls GMIHL

The season has seen the U15 girls achieve second place the highest position since entering into the GMIHL. They narrowly missed first place by 3 points!

The girls have developed considerably from the start of the season. They showed maturity and progression pulling together as a team. Most of the girls were already playing together in the ladies section, this helped with continuity of the team. We always encouraged new players into the team.

So the season started back in September, lovely sunny day which is very unusual at Belle Vue as most of you know. We had a good start with a Great win seeing five players score goals in the first game. This gave the girls confidence in the next two games which both ended in a draw.

We continued throughout the tournaments to progress and become a well-structured team this shows in the league results. The girls always gave 100% effort even when the weather was typical of Belle Vue! On the last day of the tournament we knew it was going to be a very close race to first place. We saved our best performance of the season till last playing in sunshine/rain and hailstones. Team spirit was very high we had played some fantastic hockey.

These girls always showed what Timperley is all about supporting each other, encouragement, praise and enjoyment. I have had the opportunity and privilege to coach/manage these girls in the U15s and Ladies section. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch these girls play and develop throughout the season. I wish you all the very best for next season. Well done on your achievement.

I would like to thank Clare Taylor and the parents for your support this season it has been fully appreciated.

ANGELA GEORGE



Under 16 Boys – EH Championships

This seasons EH campaign ended undefeated for the boys, with a strong set of displays in the Group stages including a tense 2-2 draw with local rivals Bowdon. Qualifying as top of their league the team were drawn in the Regional finals against Deeside, City of York and Bacchanalians from the Isle of Man. Based on experience gained last season the boys knew that with only one team to qualify for the National Finals that they had to make a strong start winning their early games. With a 1-1 draw against both York and Bacchanalians despite plenty of opportunities the boys couldn't snatch the elusive goal needed to gain the wins needed going into the final game.

Having experience rain, sun, hail, sun and gales during the day the boys took on Deeside in the final game and showed great team spirit and determination to give the loyal band of frozen spectators an exciting game of free flowing hockey. Ben Nicholson converted a penalty stroke in the first half and with great defending in the second half the boys came out 1-0 winners. We wish Deeside all the best for the Finals.

Thanks go to Steve Bolton who coached the team this season, Kerry Reeves parent manager and all the parents and umpires who have helped with the team. With nine of the squad still eligible to play Under 16's next season the team will be able to build on this seasons experience and come back focused and determined to build on the solid foundations developed this year.

SHELAGH ENTWISLE



Vixens Under 13/14 Girls

This was the inaugural year for the Vixens and it has certainly been interesting for all involved. Without really know what it was going to be like, Pippa has done a fabulous job of choosing the right level of experience and skill to match the opposition and ensure that the game was relatively equal.

Most of the girls on this team had not had experience of full pitch hockey before so it provided a great opportunity for them to find out what it was like to play in an 11-a-side match while trying out new positions within the team. I have been extremely impressed at the willingness of the girls to try a new position and some of them have been surprised at how well they have done in a position they would never have considered before.