

Timperley Hockey Club Blue Notes

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Let the festivities begin!

This year's *Christmas Extravaganza* has even more to offer everyone involved at Timperley from our youngest to oldest members! So let's get a big hockey turnout on Saturday 19th December



CHRISTMAS FOOD FACE PAINTING COLOUBING COMPETITION **DECORATE A BISCUIT**

CHRISTMAS FOOD MULLED WINE GUEST ALES OTHER CHRISTMAS STALLS

SANTA'S GROTTO AND PHOTOGRAPHS

2 pm - Christmas stalls open 3pm - Santa arrives from the North Pole

5pm - Santa goes home

6pm - Stalls Close

6:30pm - 200 club with £250 snowball

7:30pm - Grand Christmas Draw (£200 on the night prize)

8:00pm - Five piece band, XLS. rock the clubhouse!

Everyone is welcome and bring family, partners and friends. As well as the festive indoor activities there will also be a Beaver Game and Academy Parents v Kids games in the afternoon.

Drop in for a mulled wine and festive bite to eat from Kerri's festive menu or leave the car at home and make a day of it!



Santa previous visiting the Academy Parents v Kids Match

Let's see some Christmas jumpers as possible and take a peak if you dare at what Secret Santa is bringing for some of the senior teams!

There is no charge for the evening social and the Club has paid for the band so we need a good turn out to help cover the costs through a good bar take ! Thanks to Dave Howarth and team for all their work to get the festive events organised.

SPLASHING THE CASH!

There are even more reasons to be in the Club in the early part of the evening with this year's Christmas Draw having a new £200 Cash Prize that can only be won by someone who is in the Clubhouse at the time of the Draw. So make sure you buy yourself plenty of Xmas Draw tickets and are in the club when the Draw is made at 7.30pm.

With the £400 cash first prize as well as a range of Hampers and other prizes make sure you dig those tickets out of your hockey bag and get selling!

The Christmas Draw is one of the Club's main funders and all members are asked to try and sell a minimum of two books of tickets. More tickets are available from behind the bar. With poor weather for the Car Boot sales this year we raised less money so its really important we have a major push on tickets sales this year. With some of the hockey goals needing replacement in 2016 we need to boost our fund-raising so please help by selling lots of tickets.

HOCKEY HAMPERS – DONATIONS NEEDED

This year the combined hockey section is donating a number of themed hampers as Christmas Draw Prizes. Jo Nicholson will be taking all our donations and making up into some fantastic hampers brimming over with goodies.

We need your contributions to fill our three themed hampers with:

- Booze / Drinks
- Chocolate items
- Pamper items

A small donation from everyone can help us create some cracking hampers!



Donations to be left with: team captains; Sunday Admin team or in the boxes in the committee room. If you have other

items that might make suitable prizes or donations from companies please drop an email to timperleyhc@gmail.com with their details or let Dave Howarth or any of the hockey Committee know.

...£250 SNOWBALL PRIZE

Even more reason's to be at the Club on the 19^{th} December as we have the monthly 200 Club Draw and as well as the regular cash prizes including a £100 first prize. The Snowball prize that can only be won by someone who is in the Clubhouse when the Draw is made.



The 200 Club is a monthly draw based on members buying one or more numbers in the Draw. Most members have signed up to a monthly £4 Standing Order – or you can pay on the night of the monthly Draw. Standing Order / Joining Forms are available from the Bar.

For every hockey player / parents signing up, and staying a member the Hockey Section benefits from a reduction in its Club Fund-raising Levy so this is a great way to give little and often that makes a big difference to the Club. So why not buy a number in the 19th December for a chance to win some extra cash at Christmas

GIVE HOCKEY A GO

Our first two 'Give hockey a go' sessions for Academy parents and friends have gone well and we've four more sessions planned for the New Year:

- Sunday 17th January
- Sunday 31st January
- Sunday 21st February
- Sunday 6th March

Sessions run from 11.05am – 12.05pm on the Blue Pitch
If you know of anyone that may be interested drop an email to timperleyhc@gmail.com with their details or ask them to pop down to the club when the Sunday sessions.

WINTER WEATHER

Don't forget as the weather gets more wintery to check for updates or with captains to see if games/training are on.

Captain's Corner

Helen Cue - Ladies Club Captain

In the run up to the Christmas break we're still on target against the strategy we agreed at the start of the season for each team:

1s North Prem – 2ND P11: W7 D3 L1 2s North Div 2 – 5TH P12: W6 D1 L5 3s Ches. Div 3 – 2ND P12 W11 D0 L1 4s Ches. Div 3 7th P12: W4 D1 L7 5s Ches Div 4 7th P12 W4 D3 L5

There have been some hard decisions and all, especially the captains, are thanked for understanding and working to the overall strategy and direction rather than simply looking at one team.

We've a Captains and Coaches meeting on **Monday 14th December**. Captains have been collecting in feedback on how things are going so far and if you want any areas considering please feedback to captains or to me directly to take into that meeting

Umpiring - or the limited number of female umpires - remains a concern. The ladies teams are exposed with very few player umpires. If any umpire were delayed getting to the 3s and 4s games we would have to concede the game.

Each team ideally needs two qualified or candidate umpires. I urge any senior experienced players to do the online course over the holidays and let me know when you have completed so we can get you hooked into the umpire development process.

DIARY DATES

- Sun 13th December last Sunday Academy training before Xmas
- w/c 14th December last academy and senior training before Xmas
- 19th December Xmas Extravaganza
- w/c 4th January mid week academy & senior training restarts
- Sun 10th January –Academy training

Captain's Corner

Alex Morley – Men's Club Captain

Availability continues to be a challenge and we need everyone to try and help get the word out there to find people that have played hockey before – at any level – or just fancy giving hockey a go. We'll be distributing fliers to in the local area early in the New Year and finalising more 'Give Hockey a Go' Sessions'

So here's how we stand

1s:11 th	P12	W2	D2	L8	
2s:8 th	P12	W4	D2	L6	
3s:5 th	P12	W6	D2	L4	
4s:9 th	P12	W3	D1	L8	
5s:9 th	P11	W4	D0	L7	
6s	friendlies				

On the upside the 1's are in the Semi Final of the Cheshire Cup at home on Sunday 13th December v Neston so lets get a good crowd down and the 2's won their EH 2's Plate match v Didsbury on flicks and are drawn away against Liverpool Sefton in the next round on Sunday 14th February.

Seasons Greetings and a taster for 2016 ...

The new Hockey Committee wish all members and their families best wishes for the festive season and best wishes for the New Year.

2016 is our 130th Anniversary - this blast from the past is from our Centenary in 1986 and created some great reminiscing from current and past members on facebook. Find out more on www.facebook.com/Timperleyhockey



If you've any ideas about how to mark 130 years of hockey at Timperley please email timperleyhc@gmail.com