



# Timperley Hockey Club

## Blue Notes

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## 2015-16 season ends on high and a busy summer ahead!

On and off the pitch we closed off the league season with the Ladies 1's doing the double with promotion to the National League and winning the Cheshire Cup, promotion for our Ladies 3's, Mens 1's runners up in the Cheshire Cup Final and a cracking Dinner Dance raising over £1500!

A big thank you to everyone involved on and off the pitch during the season for all your support.

In this month's Blue Notes we look forward to what's coming up and ways to get involved. We're planning a special 'End of Season Review' edition of BlueNotes for the AGM to share all the on pitch news from the 2015-16 season.

## FANCY SOME MIXED HOCKEY ?

Join us at 2pm on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** for a new addition to the club - an afternoons mixed hockey for THC players (aged 14+), friends & families !

This is a great opportunity to round off the season and meet people from other

teams and enjoy some good old fashioned social hockey ! If you'd like to join us please leave a message on facebook or email

[timperleyhc@gmail.com](mailto:timperleyhc@gmail.com) . Alex Morley, Mens club captain will be sorting the teams out in advance so let us know asap if you'd like to play. If you know of any potential new players or people who want to get back into hockey bring them along too!

Normal match fese (£10 or £5) will be charged to cover prizes and a special Chilli and all the trimmings after the game at 5.30pm before the review of the season and AGM from 6pm.



## HOCKEY REVIEW OF THE SEASON AND AGM

Join us for our first AGM since our merger on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** from 6pm. Following the Food after the Mixed hockey, we'll be kicking off with the chance to see a video review of the season and the chance to enjoy some of those special moments to remember! We'll also have the short video's we used to support our entries into the 2016 EH Hockey Awards.

Do try and attend and find out more about THC and our plans for next season. Everyone is welcome and they'll be the opportunity to ask the committees questions and feed in ideas.

## GET INVOLVED – HELP TAKE US FORWARD AS A CLUB

Since merging we've been looking at how we organise and make hockey happen at THC. We've a small core committee and a number of other roles that work together in smaller groups to support making things happen!

We'll be electing the core committee and supporting roles at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> April – we've had a great response from members volunteering to stand again (see details later in BlueNotes) and would like to thank for doing so.

We still have some vacancies to fill and are looking for: Vice Chair (male); Secretary; Fund-raising Co-ordinator; Social Rep (Male) and Ground & Equipment Co-ordinator. To find out more about the roles, or how to get involved please contact Shelagh Entwisle or the current committee.

We are also looking for a number of roles to support the Academy, support work on comms, a webmaster and parent managers

Like all community based clubs we exist and run because of the time and commitment of our volunteers. Without volunteers there would be no hockey so do have a think about how you could lend a hand and make what we do even better for 2016-17 season !

## ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



Thanks to everyone who supported the dinner dance on 12<sup>th</sup> March – with a packed clubhouse we had a great night and raised over £1500! Big thanks to go Amy Cunningham, Clair Horan, Clare Kenny and Sophie Robinson for getting the night organised and to our host and compare for the night – Dave 'boom boom' Howarth (from cricket).



## ENGLAND HOCKEY

Another piece of fantastic news was Ben Nicholson's selection for the England Hockey Under 16 squad – congratulations to Ben and family. Ben played in Rotterdam over the Easter holidays against the Dutch and has more games and training sessions coming up over the next few months.

Congratulations also to all academy players making their JAC Greater Manchester debuts in March and all JAC players hoping for selection for the Junior Regional Performance Centre's over the summer.

We've also got a few of our older members playing for North Vets and you never know we may get even more England Vets selected to join Sarah Impey and John Donnelly !

Look out for more on pitch news in the Review of the Season !



## SUMMER HOCKEY



Summer hockey leagues at Timberley kick off in May with ten weeks of good social hockey and the chance to get some early match fitness in !

The THC men's team will be pitched at players of 1/2/3 standard with games being arranged for 3/4/5/6's players on Friday evenings later in the summer. The ladies Timberley teams will be open to all players.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Mens 11 a side League starts

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – Ladies 7 a side League starts

We're also using the leagues as an opportunity for anyone wanting to 'give umpiring a go' or get some practice in to umpire and our umpire developers Nick and Malcolm will come along to give you support and feedback. If interested contact Kieran Jeffrey whose sorting the umpiring out or email [timperleyhc@gmail.com](mailto:timperleyhc@gmail.com)

## ACADEMY PRESENTATION DAY

The Academy will be holding their end of season presentations and last Sunday session of the season on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – more details will be sent out inviting all academy players and families to the final session and celebrate another successful season.



## PLAYERS WANTED !

Why not help us grow our membership and ensure we can continue to field 6 mens, 5 ladies, 2 Vets and 17 Academy teams ! Recommendation and word of worth are a great way to get new players along to the THC. We're looking

for new players of all standards so do help put the word out.

## PLAYERS WANTED

Do you know anyone you work, socially or at school with who plays or has played in the past ? Or any students returning from University – or any Friends, family or contacts coming to Uni in Manchester looking to play at a top level (mens or ladies) ? If so, help promote THC as an option to them and invite them down to pre-season or summer activities / games.

## HAVE YOUR SAY-SURVEY!

Please take a few minutes to share what you think about hockey in the EH Club Survey and help THC too. We will get a bespoke report based on all the THC replies if we get enough people responding. So do give it a go !

## CLUB SURVEY

Results from our last TSC and THC surveys a couple of years ago fed into a number of changes including the coffee machine, Wi-Fi, changes to the catering option and introducing more socials and social hockey. So do take this chance to share your views in a short survey !

## 130 YEARS OLD !

Timperley Hockey Club was founded in 1886 and next season marks our 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We're one of the oldest hockey clubs in the county and we're looking for ideas to celebrate this milestone in our history – let us know what you'd like to do to mark the occasion. The hair do's and GK protection have changed a little since our centenary season in 1986 but how many players can you recognise ! We'll be sharing more about our history next season!





## CAR BOOT SALES – HOCKEY FUND-RAISERS

It's that time of year when all of local life descends on the club from 5.30am! It's also time for two of our biggest fund-raisers for the year with the two car boots sales to be run by hockey on:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August**



We would like every player or family to volunteer for up to two hours at one of our two car boot sales to spread the load and make this an easy way to hopefully raise over £3,000 towards the cost of running hockey at THC.

We have to pay out over £6000 before we even hit a hockey ball just to cover the basics like affiliation and league fees - so fund-raisers like this are essential to keep subs and match fees at reasonable rates.

So please save the date and sign up over coming weeks to do a shift !

## TIMPERLEY SPORTS CLUB – AGM

Hockey is one of the three sports sections that make up Timperley Sports Club and the 130<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm**



Anyone involved with the hockey or the Club is welcome to attend, but only members can Vote. TSC runs all the facilities that we benefit from – the pitches, bar and clubhouse so it's really

important hockey also supports the running of the club. As a Community Amateur Sports Club everything we do is for the benefit of the club and members and any surpluses are invested back into the Club.

## PRE SEASON AND COACHING PLANS

Caroline Small, our Hockey Development Co-ordinator has been working hard with the Men, Ladies and Academy to create a single coaching structure for us to roll from the summer. This brings all the coaching and training options we offer for all ages / genders, and in the local community, together into one document and we'll be sharing at the AGM.

Coaches for next season are also being finalised. Pre-season training for senior players will start in July to give plenty of time to get match fit. More information and dates will be available at the AGM.

## ELECTION OF THC OFFICERS

Current nominations and vacancies for THC roles to be elected at the AGM.

| POSITION                    | CURRENT ROLE HOLDER | NOMINEE           | PROPOSED          | SECONDED          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| CHAIR                       | Shelagh Entwistle   | Shelagh Entwistle | Helen Cue         | Malcolm Tucker    |
| VICE-CHAIR                  | Vacant              |                   |                   |                   |
| TREASURER                   | Stuart Nicholson    | Malcolm Tucker    | Caroline Small    | Helen Cue         |
| SECRETARY                   | Malcolm Tucker      |                   |                   |                   |
| LADIES CLUB CAPTAIN         | Helen Cue           | Helen Cue         | Shelagh Entwistle | Caroline Small    |
| MENS CLUB CAPTAIN           | Alex Morley         | Alex Morley       | Malcolm Tucker    |                   |
| ACADEMY CO-ORDINATOR        | Jo Nicholson        | Jo Nicholson      | Shelagh Entwistle | Alex Morley       |
| DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR    | Caroline Small      | Caroline Small    | Shelagh Entwistle | Malcolm Tucker    |
| FIXTURE SECRETARY           | Hannah Ascott       | Hannah Ascott     | Malcolm Tucker    | Shelagh Entwistle |
| UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR         | Kieran Jeffery      | Kieran Jeffery    | Malcolm Tucker    | Alex Morley       |
| COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR | Jackie Lord         | Jackie Lord       | Shelagh Entwistle | Malcolm Tucker    |
| MEMBERSHIP & SUBS SECRETARY | Jenny Hartley       | Jenny Hartley     | Malcolm Tucker    | Shelagh Entwistle |
| CHILD WELFARE OFFICER       | Steph Ashworth      | Steph Ashworth    | Malcolm Tucker    | Caroline Small    |
| WOMENS SOCIAL REP           | Amy Cunningham      | Amy Cunningham    | Helen Cue         | Shelagh Entwistle |
| MENS SOCIAL REP             | Vacant              |                   |                   |                   |
| FUNDRAISING CO-ORD          | Vacant              |                   |                   |                   |
| GRD & EQUIPMENT CO-ORD      | Vacant              |                   |                   |                   |

Team Captains and Vice Captains will also be appointed and the Mens and Ladies Club Captains will co-ordinate the process. To share some of the workload we are very keen to identify Vice

Captains for all our senior teams this season. If any supporters or parents would be interested in being team managers to help run the match day administration this would be great – please let Helen Cue or Alex Morley know if interested



### AGM AGENDA

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 6.00pm**  
**Timperley Sports Club**

1. Welcome from the Chair,
  - Review of Season and future plans
2. Academy Report
3. Ladies Club Captain Report - Review of Season
4. Mens Club Captain Report - Review of Season
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Hockey Development Update
7. Election of Officers for the 2016-17 season
8. Outstanding Awards
9. Any Other Business

## .....AND LASTLY.....

We sadly lost our former Club President and Patron, Stan Johnson in March. Stan – The King – was very much Mr Timperley playing Cricket and Hockey, and will be fondly remembered by many across the North West sporting community. The Club has set up a fund in conjunction with Stan's family to enable his memory to be remembered in a fitting way at the Club. If you wish to donate there is a collection box on the bar.



RIP Stan from all at THC.