



# Timperley Hockey Club Blue Notes

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## Welcome

Welcome to first Blue Notes update for all involved with Timperley Hockey Club. With the proposed merger of the Men's, Ladies' and Academy progressing at a pace we wanted to get our first joint communication out to share what's planned for the new season and how we're working to make hockey at Timperley even better for all involved!

As well as setting up the new committee structure, getting coaching and playing teams in place for the season we've also been planning social events and improved ways to keep everyone up to date with what's happening at your club.

## #HOCKEYFEST2015

Along with over 300 other clubs we're taking part in England Hockey's #HockeyFest2015 to start the season with a bang. It's all about raising the profile of hockey and this year promoting the playing and social side of the sport to welcome back current players, families and supporters but also attract new players.

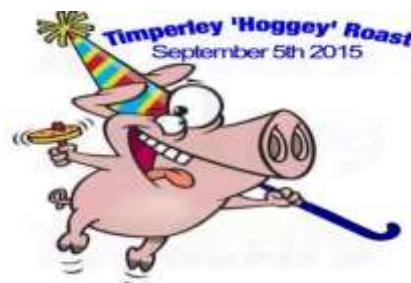
On **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** we have senior friendly warm up matches and the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> in Cheshire Cup action followed by a club social open to all involved with Timperley in

the evening – find out more about the Hoggey Roast below! If you know anyone interested in playing hockey or getting back into the sport this is an ideal day to invite them down to the club.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September** is the Academy Registration Day from 10:00am and a planned Beaver Tournament in the afternoon when we will be welcoming back over 180 young players to the club. Players aged 5 – 16 can sign up for the Academy.

## HOGGEY ROAST SOCIAL – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 18:30

Whether you're playing home, away, spectating or just fancy a night out join us for our first social event of the season – Timperley's own Hoggey Roast, live band and chance to win some cracking prizes!



The evening is **free to attend** and if you want to eat our very own Hog roasted on site with all the trimmings **tickets for food are £10.....**



Help make it a season to remember on and off the pitch and get involved in what's planned for the season!

- **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> August** - Car Boot Sale fund-raising
- **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> September** – early Subs payment deadline to go in the Golden Ticket Draw
- **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> September** – start the season and Hoggey Roast Social
- **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Academy Registration Day
- **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> September** – kit order deadline
- **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Deadline for payment of TSC Subs and entry to the October Golden Ticket Draw
- **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – TSC EGM to approve hockey merger Rule changes
- **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Timperley's own 'Oktober Bierfest' Social
- **12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Xmas social
- **23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Burns Night social
- **19<sup>th</sup> March** – St Patrick's Day / end of season social

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## HOGGEY ROAST continued

Make sure you get your ticket in advance from behind the bar and make sure you keep your receipt so you can exchange it for food on the night.

Later in the evening we've **live music** and welcome back our very own Pat Marsden and band to entertain us! band. Big thanks to Pat for arranging to do this for beers and hog roast !

We'll also have a '**beer offer**' on the night and two tickets for the plus **two tickets for the Rugby League Grand Final**. Best of all if you pay your TSC subscription by 5<sup>th</sup> September you have the **chance to win £50** on your club bar card – more details below.

So whether you fancy an early evening family night out or a full on late session the evening has something for everyone. Cricket, Lacrosse and Social members are welcome too !

## ACADEMY REGISTRATION DAY – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 10:00

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September** is the day we welcome back our young players and families our Registration Day that kicks off the season for those aged 5 to 16 years (Reception to school year 11).



This is also the day for new players to come down to sign up so if you know of any young people interested in hockey do invite them to come down to register – and we also offer two free taster sessions for new players.

All returning can new players can come down from 10:00am to:

- Register and pay subs
- Find out more about the plans for the season
- Meet the coaches
- Order THC Kit

- Order a custom fit mouthguard
- Coaching sessions will run from 11:00am – 12:30pm.

More details will be sent to academy parents nearer the time with details of fees and coaching times.

## CLUB KIT ORDERS

### SilverFX will be at the club

10:00am – 1:00pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September to take kit orders so this is an ideal chance to get down to see samples of items and check out bargains they may have for shoes, sticks, shin pads and hockey accessories.



New orders must be placed on 6<sup>th</sup> September or **on-line by 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Our bespoke kit is made to order in batches so make sure you don't miss the deadline as the next order cut off will be in Mid October.

**THC Socks** can be purchased for £6.50 on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept or from the Academy, Men or Ladies and don't need to be ordered on line.

See the full range of kit option by the link on the THC website home page or go direct. Check out the deals on bundles if buying a number of core items.

<http://www.silverfx.info/acatalog/timperley-hockey-club.html#.VcTfbPIVhBd>

## FANCY WINNING £50\* ?

### Pay your Timperley Sports Club annual Subscription by 5<sup>th</sup> September

and you'll be entered into our 'Golden Ticket' draw to take place at the Hoggey Roast on 5<sup>th</sup> September. There'll be two prizes to be won so what better reason to get your subs paid early.

\*The £50 Golden Ticket' draw is open to members aged 18 + and the £50 prize will be loaded onto your TSC bar card to spend at your leisure!



If you've paid your subs early but are unlucky on 5<sup>th</sup> September you'll get another chance to win in the next 'Golden Ticket' draw taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October for all members who've paid by that date.

More details on subs can be found later in this edition of Blue Notes.

## ..BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HOCKEY ?

Pre season training is well under way for the Men, Ladies and Under 14/16 Academy players. There's something on for all members and pre season is an ideal opportunity to invite new players down to the club so do help spread the word!

If not training why not pop down to the club to catch up with folks during August and support those putting the work in pre season, or join those too old or injured in the bar!

### August training times are:

Mon	Academy Under 14 / 16 boys & girls	6.30 – 8.00
Tues	Men fitness (open to all) Mens 1's / 2's	7.00-8.00
		8.00 -10.00
Wed	Ladies (open to all)	7.00-9.00
Sat	Mens 1's / 2's	10.00-12noon
	Ladies (open to all)	10.00-12noon

The men and ladies have friendlies coming up and league and academy fixtures starting on 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> September. Fixture details can be accessed by following the link for all teams from the THC website <http://w.fixtureslive.com/club/830/teams/Timperley>

Check out dates and times will be loaded over the next few weeks so

make sure you don't miss out on all those key league dates coming up.

The **new role of Club Captain** for the Men (tbc) and Ladies (Helen Cue) will be working with team captains and our coaches to finalise plans for the new season, selection, training and all things hockey. Jo Nicholson **Academy Co-ordinator** (Jo Nicholson) is working with the team to get ready for the new season too.

## KEEP IN TOUCH with what's happening at the club

As part of the merger we want to improve our member communications and have been working over the summer to bring all the contact details together so we can keep more people in touch and up to date.

We've been working on updating the [www.timperleyhockeyclub.com](http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com) and using the Pitchero system its built on to help us get timely information and news out to everyone.

To do this we need you to help us by going to the website and joining as a club member, or accepting the invite we've sent you via Pitchero. We'll be mailing details of how to do this to you shortly. Thanks to everyone that's already registered and opted into receiving updates.

You can also keep in touch by following:

- The club Twitter account [@timperleyhockey](https://twitter.com/timperleyhockey)
- and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TimperleyHC/>

## MERGER UPDATE

Good progress has been made over the summer on the proposed merger of the Men's, Ladies and Academy hockey at Timperley.

An interim joint hockey committee is in place (see details below) and are working through the practicalities for the new season and to formally

merge the sections. We're working through the 'Blueprint' document produced in April and there are still lots of ways you can get involved and help take the club forward and the roles set out in the 'Blueprint' available on the website. the website [http://files.pitchero.com/clubs/29653/thcblueprint-finalversiondraft1\\_139659.pdf](http://files.pitchero.com/clubs/29653/thcblueprint-finalversiondraft1_139659.pdf)

To formalise the merger we need members to agree to some changes to the Timperley Sports Club Rules. Subject to agreement of the TSC Executive Committee, the plan is to hold a **TSC Extraordinary General Meeting** to agree the Rule changes on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. The new merged hockey section can then formally elect its new Committee.

Prior to this the interim joint hockey committee will be taking forward all the key activities prior to the EGM and their next full meeting is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

All the activity relating to playing, coaching and selection etc will be organised through the new role of **Men's Club Captain (TBC)** and **Ladies Club Captain (Helen Cue)** who will be working with the team captains to make sure all the on-pitch plans and arrangements are in place. The Academy coaches, parents managers and support team will be working with the new **Academy Co-ordinator (Jo Nicholson)**.

We will then be formally electing the new Hockey Section committee to be responsible for the sections development and management as part of Timperley Sports Club. The new committee will pick up all the key management aspects for hockey covering the men, ladies and academy.

The following members have taken on the interim joint roles prior to the formalities being completed:



Core Committee	
Chair	Mark Andrews
Vice Chair (and Comms)	Shelagh Entwisle
Secretary	Malcolm Tucker
Development Co-ordinator	Caroline Small
Treasurer (Co-ordinator)	Stuart Nicholson
Men's Club Captain	TBC
Ladies Club Captain	Helen Cue
Academy Co-ordinator	Jo Nicholson
Other Roles	
Membership & Sub Secretary	Jenny Hartley - with Rob Judd (academy database).
Fixture Secretary	Hannah Ascott - with Kieran Jeffrey (men) & Shelagh Entwisle (academy)
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Ruth Maddocks
Child Welfare Officer	Steph Ashworth - with Ruth Brown (DBS liaison)
Umpire Co-ordinator	Kieran Jeffrey
Vacant Roles	
-Comms Co-ord. -Website Admin -Ground Rep -Fund-raising Sec - Merchandising & Kit Co-ord - Social Sec -Young Leader Co-ord	Find about more about the roles on the web or talk to interim role holders to find out more

The Men, Ladies and Academy have all prepared budgets for the coming season and shown how their income plans meet their planned expenditure. We have a single view of all the budgets and for the season 2015-16 will continue to manage finances against each of these budgets rather than a single combined budget. We've been able to make some decisions to simplify things and including on match fees and the current Treasurers will work together to manage the merging of finances later in the season.

## SUBS AND FEES

The way we do Subs and Fees can be confusing if you're not aware of how things are run.



Timperley Hockey is a section of Timperley Sports Club a member owned and run not for profit club. All members pay a subscription to TSC and this goes towards the costs of running the clubhouse, facilities, pitches and pitch maintenance. Our Subs are competitive for the area especially as we are the only local club with two pitches on site.

### TSC membership subscriptions for the 2015-16 season are:

Playing members	
Senior	£150
Student (18 and over) in full time education	£75
Senior Unemployed	£75
Junior (Under 18)	£55
Social members	
Senior (18 and over) voting	£45
Senior (18 and over) non voting	£22
Senior Citizen (65 & over) voting	£22
Joint Social voting	£75
Sport & Social Country member discount	(£25)

Life social rates are also available

TSC Hockey Subs are set by the TSC AGM are due by 1<sup>st</sup> October

### Hockey Fees

The hockey fees collected go towards funding all the things that make hockey possible at the Club. Our combined hockey affiliations and entry fees come to £6,000. We have coaches costs to cover, teas, equipment, umpires, training courses and much more.

Match fees provide a major source of income and for senior hockey this season the mens and ladies will use the same fee structure:

- Seniors - £10 per match
- Under 18's - £5 per match

This is an increase for the ladies but there will be no Ladies section fee this season, and this has been reviewed and agreed by the Ladies

Committee and Treasurer. 😊

The Academy will continue to charge an Academy fee based on age and lower match fee.

We appreciate that collecting money is always a thankless task but we do

feel the club offers good value for excellent playing facilities, and we are continuing to invest more in coaching for all levels / ages.

Team and Club captains can provide more information about how to pay and don't forget this years 'Golden Ticket' draws for early payers and the chance to win £50 credit on your TSC bar card.

Academy TSC Subs and Fees will continue to be collected at the Academy Registration Day and on Sunday mornings (in September). More details will be sent to Academy parents prior to Registration Day.

### FUND-RAISING AND SPONSORSHIP

We're always looking for sponsorship opportunities and fund-raising ideas and if this is something that you enjoy we want to set up a small fund-raising group to work with the Fund-Raising and Social Secretary. So if you're interested let Mark Andrews or Helen Cue know.



The Men are looking for match day sponsorship (£50 a game) so if your business or you would like to support us please contact Matt Horan.

We've got a **Car Boot Sale** men's hockey fund-raiser on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August** so we need volunteers to help run the event.

Fund-raising will be important as the next major TSC development project is planned for 2018 when the ATP pitches will need replacing so its never to early to start fund-raising !

Find out more in the next newsletter about the TSC 200 Club as a way to support fund-raising for £4 a month.



### HOCKEY ON TV

England Hockey is working hard to get more hockey on TV. With the HockeyEuro's in London 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August coverage of all the England and Scotland matches will be available via the BBC red button or online.



At the moment England Hockey have to contribute towards the cost whilst audience numbers grow. So help put more of EH's money back into hockey by tuning in and helping boost the audience figures ! Don't forget we pay a hefty affiliation fee to EH so indirectly it helps clubs too ! To get more money into the sport we need more TV and media coverage so do your bit over the summer !

Check out the match schedule and why not pop down to the club to watch – we're trying to sort the technical bits out on getting games on the TV's !

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/hockey/33616830>

### HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

If you're not aware they have been a few Rule Changes over the summer – could be exciting for some players and teams as green cards now involve two minutes off the pitch and the long corner now ! That before worrying about aerial balls or 5 meter rules !

We've loaded up guidelines on the Rule changes on the website and there are some good updates out there – this one includes video clips to help translate the Rules into practice !

<http://www.sportplan.net/drills/Hockey/present/rules/#/>

So time for all players to brush up on the Rule changes pre-season!