



Timperley Hockey Club

Blue Notes

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Welcome

Welcome to our second issue of Blue Notes our newsletter. With so much work being done over the summer to prepare for the new season, on and off the pitch, it was great to see so many of you at the Club over our opening weekend – 5th / 6th September.

The Men's first team kicked off the weekend with a win in the Cheshire Cup against Chester, we fielded 8 sides for Men's and Ladies friendlies to dust off the cobwebs and the with Timperley Cricket 1st XI winning promotion to the Cheshire Premiership for the first time to inspire us all the mood was set for our first social of the season! With the sport out of the way, we had a great turnout of 100+ for our Hoggy Social. With the @Timperley_hog taking centre stage and Pat Marsden's band – The Scoobies there was a bit of something for everyone!

Sunday was the Academy's day to get their season rolling and we had over 150 young players down to register and held a mini Beaver tournament in the afternoon to cap off the weekend.

So what next

HOCKEY HOCKEY HOCKEY

The men and ladies have both looked at how they organise their coaching over the summer. We've had good numbers down so far with over 60 ladies down at Wednesday training to experience Mike and Jamie's new common approach to help to build a 'Timperley' style of play across all five teams.

The men have also made some changes to the general coaching session to improve the approach for all players not involved in 1s / 2s training. So make sure you get down and give it a go Tuesday 7.00pm – 8.00pm if you're in the Men's 3 – 6s.

The Academy is also investing in development of the coaches and held a pre season workshop led by Jon Bell, bringing his experience of playing and coaching for England.

Ladies League games start on 12th September for the 3s, 4s and 5s and the Men and other Ladies teams start league games on 19th September. Badger, Beaver and Vixen games are also under way on a Saturday. Academy tournaments will start from 20th September.

We hope teams will also share match updates, photos and even videos on their team areas on the THC website



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

- **Mon 14th September** – Final day to order kit on line
- **Wed 16th September 8pm** – Dentist at Club for Mouth guard collection
- **Thurs 1st October** – Deadline for payment of TSC Subs and entry to the October Golden Ticket Draw
- **Sat 3rd October 6.15pm** TSC EGM to approve hockey merger Rule changes
- **Sat 3rd October from 7.00pm**– our next hockey social
- **12th or 19th December** – Xmas social
- **23rd January** – Burns Night social
- **19th March** – St Patrick's Day / end of season social

Sign up to join <http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com/> and set your account profile setting to receive 'Weekly Updates' to keep up to date with what's on and all the club news.

ACADEMY NEWS

We had a fantastic turnout for the Academy Registration Day on 6th September with over 150 young players down to sign up to play their hockey at Timperley. Any players aged 5 to 16 years (Reception to school year 11) who haven't re-registered or new players need to come down on a Sunday morning in September to complete the admin.

There's a new Academy Handbook packed with information about what's on offer and how the Academy is organised. Download a copy from the website [Academy Parent and Player Handbook 2015-16](#)

Any parents or players who'd like to get involved in supporting running the Academy, helping with coaching or running one of our 17 teams please contact Jo Nicholson or one of the team.



Beavers Mini Tournament 5th Sept

CLUB WEBSITE NOW MOBILE!

Pitchero who host our website have now completed work so that the site is accessible on all mobile devices so it just got easier to keep up with all the latest news and information. So take a look at the improvement and sign up to www.timperleyhockeyclub.com



HOGGEY ROAST

We had a great turnout for our first social of the season with over 100 making it down to the club to enjoy a crackling spread from Kerri our new caterer! The @Timperley_Hog got ready to party with his own twitter account tracking his day as it hotted up with him ending the evening in pieces!



Jo Nicholson tested everyone's hockey brains with a missing link Quiz, the Academy girls raised an amazing £200 on the raffle all ready to tee us up for Mr Marsden and The Scoobies who based out some fine tunes to entice some interesting shapes to be cut on the dance floor!



A big thank you to:

- Pat and his mates for doing entertaining for us free of charge in exchange for beer and food
- Elysia, Libby, Alex, Siobhan and Lilly from the Academy for selling £200 of raffle tickets
- Kerri for the crackling food
- The brewery for the 'Black Sheep' and two Rugby League Final tickets (won by Dan Vernon)
- The bar staff for keeping up with the drinks consumption especially from the cricket lads
- Everyone who came along



The @Timperley_hog in pieces – not more piggy parties for him

NEXT CLUB SOCIAL – 3rd OCTOBER

After the success of the Hoggey Roast we want to keep going with our second social of the season on Saturday 3rd October after the EGM. We'd planned a Bierfest but with time gobbled up by the hog oast and getting sorted for the season we're having a quick re-think on the format for the night. More updates soon but save the date as we know it's the people that make any 'do' so watch this space for details!

CLUB KIT ORDERS

SilverFX on line THC kit order deadline – Monday 14th September for delivery by 26th October. See the full range on line and check out the 'bundles' if buying a number of core items. Follow the link on the THC website home page or go to: <http://www.silverfx.info/acatalog/timperley-hockey-club>.



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 late October for early December delivery. Men's shirt numbers available from Malcolm Tucker

THC Blue Socks can be purchased for £6.50 from the Academy, Men or Ladies and don't need to be ordered on line.

FANCY WINNING £50* ?



If you play senior hockey and pay your Timperley Sports Club annual Subscription by 1st

October you'll be entered into our final 'Golden Ticket' draw to take place at the Social on 3rd October.

Congratulations to **Justin Willing** who won the first 'Golden Ticket' Draw for those who paid their subs by 5th September. Everyone who paid early – apart from Justin will be entered into the October Draw

****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!***

Club subscriptions are due by the 1st October so the Golden Ticket Draw is simply a way of us giving something back to recognise all the volunteer time saved by not having to chase up subs for many months ! Payments are easy to make over the bar by debit card or cash or pay on line. Ask your captain for details. More details on subs can be found later in this edition of Blue Notes.

If you're not a playing member remember you can join as a Social member. Details of subs are set out later in this edition of Blue Notes



..BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MERGER ?

We're nearly there with the formal side of bringing together the Men's, Ladies and Academy. The Timperley Sports Club Executive Committee have been supportive and helpful and have put forward proposed changes to the TSC Rules to enable the formation of one hockey section to happen – but only if we gain the

agreement of the TSC membership at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting. This is where we need your help!

We need as many hockey members as possible to attend the TSC EGM on Saturday 3rd October at 18:15 and the joint committee is recommending that you vote in favour of the Rule changes.

These changes are driven our request to merge so let's help complete the formal side of the process. The EGM shouldn't take long and will be followed by our next social event as an incentive to get down to the Club and attend.

Full details of the proposals, agenda and notice of the meeting are on the website [TSC EGM - 3rd October 18:15 full details](#) and you should have received an emailed copy too !



We've had a few questions about what the merger means in terms of anniversaries and our history. As one of the first men's hockey clubs in the North we're really proud of our long history and will still want to be able to celebrate those key dates.

For those that don't know Men's hockey was first played at Timperley in 1886 so we've our 130th anniversary of that coming up in the 2016-17 season. Ladies hockey came to Timperley around 1922-3 after no longer being welcome at a local club on South Downs Road....so nothing new there then ! So we'll be celebrating 100 years of ladies hockey at Timperley in 2022 ! If you've never had a look round the photos on the clubhouse walls take a few minutes to take in those early days of hockey at Stockport Road.



The core joint committee will continue to oversee the start of the season until the Rule changes are agreed and we can formally elect the new single section Hockey Committee

| Core Joint Committee | |
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| 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 | Alex Morley |
| 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 |

We need to get more people involved helping to run hockey so if you can help in any way, or have new or different ideas about how we could improve what we do let your captain know.

FIXTURES WATCH

With 6 Men's, 5 Ladies, 17 Academy, 2 Veterans (or Master's as England Hockey like to call them now) and a planned mixed team there's never a shortage of teams to play, watch, umpire or help out with at the Club!

Senior fixtures are now loaded onto the website accessible by Team. Or follow the quick link on the home page to the most up to date details of games, times, venues and directions on Fixtures Live [Fixtures for All Timperley Teams](#)

Ladies 3s,4s and 5s were defeated in their league games on 12th September. All Men's and Ladies teams will be in league action from 19th September. The Men's 1s are in the Cheshire Cup Semi Final after beating Alderley Edge on flicks after a 4-4 thriller !



This year's England Hockey National Championships get under way in October and we've entered teams at all levels and ages. We've Academy teams taking part from Under10 – 16. Boys and Girls Under 18 teams, Men's 2nd XI and the Ladies 1st XI. The older members have made some tactical decisions based on the age profile of players and this year the Men will be competing in the Over 50's Master competitions and the Ladies in the Over 45's.

For those a little younger we've also entered the Mixed completion for the first time so contact Sophie or Wes is you're interested in playing.

We've had some great EH days at the club back in the day so do keep a look out for the fixtures and get down to create the roar and humour of the old 'blue army' support of days gone by!

You can keep in touch by following signing up for the website and:

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



TRAINING TIMES

Training is now fully in swing with some good early turnouts so keep the commitment and get on down to the Club!

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| Mon | Academy Under 14 / 16 boys & girls (sch. years 8 – 11) | 6.30 – 8.00 |
| Tues | Academy HPG(girls) | 6.00 -7.00 |
| | Academy HPG(boys) | 7.00 - 8.00 |
| | Men's general session (open to all) | 7.00 – 8.00 |
| | Mens 1's / 2's | 8.00 -10.00 |
| Wed | Ladies (group a) | 6.45 – 8.00 |
| | Ladies (group b) *warmup | (7.30*) 8.00 – 9.30pm |
| Sun | Academy Cub's Under10/12/14s | 11.00-12noon 11.30-12noon |

Players will be invited to sessions in italics

SUBS AND FEES

TSC Membership fees are due by 1st October and the easiest way is to pay over the bar by cash or debit card. Academy Subs and Fees should be paid via the Academy Admin team on a Sunday morning. TSC membership subs go towards the running costs of the clubhouse, ground, pitch maintenance etc and not to what we do on the pitch.

Match fees, Academy Fees and Fundraising help us fund what we do on the hockey front and over the next few weeks we'll be paying over £6,000 in various England Hockey and League Affiliation Fees. So do remember that the captain, player or parent collecting your match fees has a thankless job in asking for money each week so please make it as easy for them as possible!

Match fees for this season are:

- Seniors - £10
- Under 18's (snr games) - £5
- Academy matches - £3

TSC membership subscriptions for the 2015-16 seasons are:

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| 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 1st October

This season we'd like to encourage as many parents, supporters and club users to sign up as social members to support the club and benefit from the TSC Bar Card that works like a top up card for use over the bar. The added benefit is you will gain a member uplift of 10% of whatever you put on the card. So top up by £20 and you'll have £22 credited to your card. We hope it will also make people feel far more part of the Club.

HOCKEY RULES CHANGES

Still struggling to get your head around the new Rules ? Take a look at the guidelines on the Rule changes on the website and there are some good updates out there. Follow this link for video clips to help translate the Rules into practice !

[New Rules in a nutshell \(with videos\)!](#)

MOUTH GUARD ORDERS / COLLECTION

If you were one of the 29 academy and senior players who had a mouth guard fitted on 5th September, the dentist will be bringing them down for collection (and to check they fit OK) on Wednesday 16th September at 8.00pm. Please make sure you come down to collect your new mouth guard as we cannot take delivery of them for you – you must collect it yourself !