

# Members Handbook 2014-15





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# Welcome

## to the new Season 2014-2015

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to Worcester Hockey Club and to the latest edition of our club handbook. The club continues to grow and once again we have 8 Men's teams, 5 Women's and this year 3 Badgers teams. I am particularly pleased about the increased number of Badgers teams as this will enable girls to play alongside boys at Badger level for the first time.

As you will see from elsewhere in this handbook the club has also brought in two new coaches to lead our Men's and Women's sections, and I am delighted to welcome James Hayward and Elliot Foweraker. Please give them your support. I must take this opportunity to thank all those who work behind the scenes to make the club such a successful one. The club would not be here without your efforts so my thanks for the time and work you give us all. Thanks also to our sponsors who help produce this handbook, and to McDonalds for their continued support for the club.

So, a new season is here and we can all look forward to Saturday and a game of hockey. I would like to wish all Captains, players, coaches and managers the very best of luck.



Remember the badge on your shirt, play with pride, and uphold the good name of our club. Enjoy your season.

*Pete Pedrick, Chairman*



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*With many thanks to Ron Lane (former President & Secretary) who collated the early Club history.*

### The Early Days

The inspiration to form a hockey club in Worcester came initially from the officers stationed at Norton Barracks. They had a team but no one to play against regularly so they approached W.E.Wyatt of Worcester who picked up this suggestion with enthusiasm and WHC came into being. These very early days were not without considerable difficulties due mainly to a paucity of members and a scarcity of teams to play. However slowly but surely other new clubs were formed at Pershore, Leominster, Bridgnorth and Kidderminster so something approaching a proper fixture list was established. Finding a suitable home ground also proved problematic until 1902 when WHC became established at the old county ground at Boughton – an excellent venue. Here the Club prospered and soon a second and third team came into being.

### Post 1914-1918 War

Following a state of suspended animation during the war, the Club was restarted in September 1919. Whilst the membership held up once the ground at Boughton was no longer available a period of unsatisfactory ground arrangements ensued with the Club at one point being in danger of folding. Happily survival was achieved by securing the use of a pitch at Perdiswell.

### Post 1939-1945 War

After a war-time lapse the Club was again reformed though finding a secure, suitable home ground proved as difficult as ever and it was not until 1962-63 that agreement was reached with the Old Elizabethans' Association to use their cricket ground at Perdiswell on a regular basis. This brought a period of welcome stability. By the time I joined the Club in 1968 there were four men's sides. Two years later we had grown to six teams. In 1979 the Worcester Ladies Hockey Club joined with us.

1983 saw a major development for the Club when we joined forces with a cricket club and a shooting club to become Worcester Norton Sports Club with pitches and a clubhouse located – would you believe at Norton Barracks. A return home indeed! The Club continued to thrive there for the next 20 years but the advent of artificial grass surfaces meant that a change of venue was necessary so we had to sever our connection with WNSC and with the support of Worcester City Council we established ourselves at the Nunnery Wood Sports Complex for the next seven years. This period of stability came to an end when the decision was taken to close the bar - which was primarily our after match tea facility- but we continue to use the pitches here alongside our use of the facilities at the University with whom we now have very welcome close links.

As I have recorded before and I make no apology for this repetition, we are well established as one of the major clubs in Worcestershire. Secretly, many of us believe we are the major club. At the AGM in May Andy Waters reflected upon his twelve years as our Chairman by noting the 'staggering growth' in the stature of WHC from 6 Men's sides and 2 Women's sides playing every week in 2002 to the forthcoming season when we will be fielding 8 Men's teams, 5 Women's teams and note - 3 Badger sides every Saturday. An enormous achievement! Also at the AGM Andy stepped down from the role of Chairman, so once again I wish to take this opportunity, both personally and on behalf of the whole Club, of extending to him our warmest thanks for all his commitment and efforts over the past 12 years. Andy will remain on the committee as Vice-Chair with Peter Pedrick taking over as Chairman - so an equally warm welcome to Peter in his new role. As many of you will know Peter does have a very strong commitment to WHC through his previous role as 1st team manager, but he is also a man of many parts. By profession an I.T. expert, also a connoisseur of champagne (see p15) and a qualified taster/judge of saki! What delights await us at committee meetings?

You will all appreciate that for a club of our size and ambition, it is crucial to have an effective and integrated coaching structure that meets the need of members of all 3 sections. Hence the decision to appoint a Head of Club Coaching – James Hayward; with a brief to create such a structure and to take specific responsibility for the Men's elite squad. Alongside him Elliott Foweraker has been appointed as Head Coach for the Women's Section, with Paul Merrell continuing as Head Coach for the Junior Section. A warm welcome to Paul and Elliot (see p21).

The plan to explore with a partner the development of a hockey centre with 2 artificial grass pitches and a clubhouse continues. Such a project is not only a major and complex undertaking but inevitably a very expensive one. I understand that there a willingness to proceed from both parties but all the issues involved have to be negotiated very carefully...

So watch this space as they say!

As a Club we are constantly in need of members and others to volunteer to help in a host of ways in the running of the Club and as the chairman in his introduction has indicated, a big thank you to the many of you who so do. How many of you have noticed that the Club logo on the front cover of this handbook has been redrawn? Many thanks Ben Martin - a small but insignificant improvement.

**Robin Brighton, President**





# Team Results

Team	League	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals for	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points	League Position
Men's 1st X1	Midlands 1	22	13	2	7	65	39	+26	38	4th
Men's 2nd X1	Midlands 1	22	8	3	11	65	58	+7	27	8th
Men's 3rd X1	West Midlands Prem.	20	12	1	7	62	34	+28	37	5th
Men's 4th X1	Central League West Midlands Prem.	22	2	2	18	40	102	-62	8	Relegated
Men's 5th X1	Central League	22	9	6	7	61	54	7	33	8th
Men's 6th X1	Central League South West 1	20	7	3	10	44	40	+4	34	6th
Sevemers	Central league South West 2	20	13	1	6	69	33	+36	40	3rd
Men's 8th X1	Central league South West 2	20	10	8	2	38	33	+5	32	5th
Ladies's 1st X1	Midlands 1	18	1	4	13	18	54	-36	7	Relegated
Ladies's 2nd X1	Worcestershire Division 1	18	8	1	9	37	39	-2	25	6th
Ladies's 3rd X1	Worcestershire Division 2	18	6	1	11	22	41	-19	19	7th
Ladies's 4th X1	Worcestershire Division 3	18	1	1	16	10	65	-52	4	Relegated
Ladies's 5th X1	Worcestershire Division 3	18	3	0	15	11	48	-37	9	10th
Badgers Pippins	Conference League	22	17	2	3	72	15			
Badgers Potters	Conference League	23	17	2	4	70	26			

## Junior Section

### Report précis from Mary Travers - presented to the AGM May 28th 2014

This has been another great season for our junior teams, with the u14 and u12 girls reaching the national finals. Also, the u18 girls had a good run in the EH knock-out competition, the girls u16s qualified for the regional finals, and our girls u10s represented Worcestershire in the regional finals. While not quite matching the successes of the girls, our boys teams consolidated the improvements made in the 2012-13 season and they competed well at u12, u14 and u16 level in county and regional events. Our membership has grown to 266 (177 girls and 89 boys). As always, these successes have been built on the dedication and enthusiasm of a fantastic band of administrators, coaches, managers and helpers.

At international level, Dan Ferrier has played for Wales u16s and now been selected for the u18s. A number of our members have been selected for the Junior Regional Performance Centres (JR-PCs) – including C.Stanley, S.Langstone, A.Scott, R.Simons, P.Kavanagh, J.Apps, K.Barnes, K. Dunn-Massey, K.Cupper, S.Ellis, I.Heath, E.Garland, C.Hurley, N.Ralph, G.Cupper, L.Edwards, R. Pedlingham, M.Parsons & L.Walton. The club's website will be updated when JRPC u15 & u16 final selection lists have been announced; And many of our juniors have progressed through the Junior Development Centres (JDCs) to the Junior Academy Centres (JACs) (County level).

We could not have sustained this level of activity in junior hockey without the great response we've had from the club's senior players, parents, grandparents and others who have coached, managed and umpired at locations far and wide. Very special thanks go to Catherine Hurley (Club Junior Administrator, manager Girls U14s & numerous other roles), and to Paul Merrell (Junior

Head Coach and coach for the U14 girls, again not to mention all his other coaching roles). They have held the junior section together again this year and have been ably assisted by Julie Deller who has done a wonderful job in assisting Catherine with junior administration, especially the vital task of registering the young players who attend Sunday morning coaching.

We are also indebted to a great number of skilled and organised coaches and managers who have guided our teams and/or helped run our Sunday morning and other coaching sessions. To name but a few, Nick Fielden (u12s girls), George Ellis (u16s girls), Claire & Simon Lane (u10s girls), Jean & Barrie Roberts, James Morgan (u9s girls), Mike Stobbs, Jo Tolley, Emily Horsley, Lucy Merrett, Tiona Bowyer, Sarah Baggs, Phil Preston, Jeremy Butterfield, Pete Hood, Rob Bonham, Jane Ralph, Sarah Waddington, James Gerrish and Brett Pittam have given great service to the junior players. Megan Stigant, Chris & Matt Woods and Katie Barnes have been outstanding as junior helpers, along with Alice Bonham, Charlotte Hurley, Jess & Dan Ferrier and other young players. Again this season, Andy Hadley, Paul Merrell, Paul Simons and Mike Stobbs have given very generously of their time to coach the badgers and older boys.

So many thanks to all of you,  
**Mary Travers, Junior Section Co-ordinator**





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## WHC MENS FIXTURES 2014-2015

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Team League Division	Mens 1st XI 1st Team League Midlands 1	Mens 2nd XI 2nd Team League West Midlands Premier	Mens 3rd XI 3rd Team League Midlands 1	Mens 4th XI Central League West Midlands Premier	Mens 5th XI Central League West Midlands Premier	Mens 6th XI Central League South West 1	Severnians Central League South West 2	Mens 8th XI Central League South West 2
27-Sep-14	Stratford (H) (F)	Old Wulfs 1 (A) (F)	Old Wulfs 2 (H) (F)	Old Wulfs 3 (A) (F)	Droitwich 3 (H) (F)	Ludlow 3 (A) (F)	Old Wulfs 4 (H) (F)	Old Wulfs 5 (A) (F)
4-Oct-14	Telford & Wrekin (H)	Stratford (A)	Khalsa (H)	Stourport 4 (H)	Bridgnorth 4 (A)	Sutton Coldfield 6 (A)	Bromsgrove 4 (A)	Old Silhillians 4 (H)
11-Oct-14	Edgbaston (A)	Edgbaston (H)	Harborne (A)	Old Halesonians 4 (A)	Lichfield 4 (H)	Stratford 4 (H)	Edgbaston 8 (H)	Stratford 5 (A)
18-Oct-14	Coventry & N.Warwick (H)	Harborne (A)	Bridgnorth (H)	No Fixture ()	Olton & West Warwick 4 (A)	Stourport 5 (A)	Hampton-in-Arden 4 (A)	No Fixture ()
25-Oct-14	Bridgnorth (A)	Bridgnorth (H)	Belper (A)	Cannock 5 (A)	Edgbaston 6 (H)	Bournville 4 (H)	Worcester 8 (H)	Worcester 7 (A)
1-Nov-14	Chesterfield (H)	Bournville (A)	Burton (H)	Edgbaston 5 (H)	Sutton Coldfield 5 (A)	No Fixture ()	Kings Heath Pickwick 4 (A)	Olton & West Warwick 6 (H)
8-Nov-14	Burton (A)	Aldridge & Walsall (H)	Warwick University (A)	Sutton Coldfield 5 (H)	Stourport 4 (A)	Olton & West Warwick 5 (H)	Old Silhillians 4 (H)	Sutton Coldfield 9 (A)
15-Nov-14	South Nottingham (H)	Barford Tigers (A)	Barford Tigers (H)	Bridgnorth 4 (A)	Old Halesonians 4 (H)	Edgbaston 7 (A)	Stratford 5 (A)	Bromsgrove 4 (H)
22-Nov-14	Old Silhillians (A)	Warwick (H)	Beeston (A)	Lichfield 4 (H)	Worcester 6 (A) (F)	Worcester 5 (H)	No Fixture ()	Edgbaston 8 (A)
29-Nov-14	Stone (H)	Stourport (A)	Stourport (H)	Olton & West Warwick 4 (A)	Cannock 5 (H)	Solihull Blossomfield 4 (A)	Old Halesonians 5 (A)	Hampton-in-Arden 4 (H)
6-Dec-14	Stourport (A)	Old Halesonians (H)	Warwick (H)	Edgbaston 6 (H)	Edgbaston 5 (A)	Harborne 5 (A)	Olton & West Warwick 6 (A)	Old Halesonians 5 (H)
13-Dec-14	Old Halesonians (H)	North Stafford (A)	Olton & West Warwick (A)	Worcester 5 (A)	Worcester 4 (H)	Warwick 4 (H)	Sutton Coldfield 9 (H)	Kings Heath Pickwick 4 (A)
10-Jan-15	Lichfield (H) (F)	Lichfield 2 (H) (F)	Lichfield 3 (A) (F)	Lichfield 4 (A) (F)	Redditch 3 (H) (F)	Lichfield 5 (A) (F)	Lichfield 6 (H) (F)	Hampton in Arden 5 (H) (F)
17-Jan-15	Telford & Wrekin (A)	Stratford (H)	Khalsa (A)	Stourport 4 (A)	Bridgnorth 4 (H)	Sutton Coldfield 6 (H)	Bromsgrove 4 (H)	Old Silhillians 4 (A)
24-Jan-15	Edgbaston (H)	Edgbaston (A)	Harborne (H)	Old Halesonians 4 (H)	Lichfield 4 (A)	Stratford 4 (A)	Edgbaston 8 (A)	Stratford 5 (H)
31-Jan-15	Coventry & N.Warwick (A)	Harborne (H)	Bridgnorth (A)	No Fixture ()	Olton & West Warwick 4 (H)	Stourport 5 (H)	Hampton-in-Arden 4 (H)	No Fixture ()
7-Feb-15	Bridgnorth (H)	Bridgnorth (A)	Belper (H)	Cannock 5 (H)	Edgbaston 6 (A)	Bournville 4 (A)	Worcester 8 (A)	Worcester 7 (H)
14-Feb-15	Chesterfield (A)	Bournville (H)	Burton (A)	Edgbaston 5 (A)	Sutton Coldfield 5 (H)	No Fixture ()	Kings Heath Pickwick 4 (H)	Olton & West Warwick 6 (A)
21-Feb-15	Burton (H)	Aldridge & Walsall (A)	Warwick University (H)	Sutton Coldfield 5 (A)	Stourport 4 (H)	Olton & West Warwick 5 (A)	Old Silhillians 4 (A)	Sutton Coldfield 9 (H)
28-Feb-15	South Nottingham (A)	Barford Tigers (H)	Barford Tigers (A)	Bridgnorth 4 (H)	Old Halesonians 4 (A)	Edgbaston 7 (H)	Stratford 5 (H)	Bromsgrove 4 (A)
7-Mar-15	Old Silhillians (H)	Warwick (A)	Beeston (H)	Lichfield 4 (A)	Worcester 6 (H) (F)	Worcester 5 (A) (F)	No Fixture ()	Edgbaston 8 (H)
14-Mar-15	Stone (A)	Stourport (H)	Stourport (A)	Olton & West Warwick 4 (H)	Cannock 5 (A)	Solihull Blossomfield 4 (H)	Old Halesonians 5 (H)	Hampton-in-Arden 4 (A)
21-Mar-15	Stourport (H)	Old Halesonians (A)	Warwick (A)	Edgbaston 6 (A)	Edgbaston 5 (H)	Harborne 5 (H)	Olton & West Warwick 6 (H)	Old Halesonians 5 (A)
28-Mar-15	Old Halesonians (A)	North Stafford (H)	Olton & West Warwick (H)	Worcester 5 (H)	Worcester 4 (A)	Warwick 4 (A)	Sutton Coldfield 9 (A)	Kings Heath Pickwick 4 (H)

F=Friendly



## WHC WOMENS FIXTURES 2014-2015

Team League Division	Womens 1st XI Midland League Division 2	Womens 2nd XI Worcestershire League Division 1	Womens 3rd XI Worcestershire League Division 2	Womens 4th XI Worcestershire League Division 3	Womens 5th XI Worcestershire League Division 3
20-Sep-14	Bournville (A) (F)	Pershore 1 (H)	Bromsgrove 3 (A)	Worcester 5 (H)	Worcester 4 (A)
27-Sep-14	Newark (H)	Pershore 1 (A)	Kings Heath Pickwick 1 (A)	Worcester 5 (A)	Worcester 4 (H)
4-Oct-14	Uttoxeter (A)	Harborne 4 (H)	Kings Heath Pickwick 1 (H)	Droitwich Spa 2 (A)	
11-Oct-14	Stourport 2 (A)	Evesham & Badsey 1 (A)	Bromsgrove 3 (H)	Ludlow 1 (H)	Harborne 5 (A)
18-Oct-14	Solihull Blossomfield (H)	Stourport 3 (H)	Droitwich Spa 1 (A)	Redditch 2 (A)	Old Halesonians 2 (H)
25-Oct-14	Leek (A)	Harborne 3 (A)	Kidderminster 1 (A)	Barford Tigers 2 (H)	Kings Heath Pickwick 2 (A)
1-Nov-14					
8-Nov-14	Tamworth (H)	Tenbury 1 (H)	Bromsgrove 2 (H)	Kings Heath Pickwick 2 (A)	Stourport 6 (A)
15-Nov-14	Boots 2 (A)	Bromsgrove 1 (H)	Old Halesonians 1 (H)	Bromsgrove 4 (A)	Droitwich Spa 2 (H)
22-Nov-14	Birmingham Uni 3 (H)	Redditch 1 (A)	Bournville 2 (A)		Ludlow 1 (A)
29-Nov-14	Beeston 3 (A)	Barford Tigers 1 (A)	Stourport 4 (H)	Harborne 5 (A)	Redditch 2 (H)
6-Dec-14		Harborne 4 (A)	Old Halesonians 1 (A)	Old Halesonians 2 (H)	Barford Tigers 2 (A)
13-Dec-14				Stourport 6 (H)	Bromsgrove 4 (A)
17-Jan-15	Cannock 2 (H) (F)		Kidderminster (A) (F)	Stourport 6 (A)	Bromsgrove 4 (H)
24-Jan-15	Newark (A)	Barford Tigers 1 (H)	Bournville 2 (H)	Droitwich Spa 2 (H)	
31-Jan-15	Uttoxeter (H)	Evesham & Badsey 1 (H)	Stourport 5 (H)	Ludlow 1 (A)	Harborne 5 (H)
7-Feb-15	Stourport 2 (H)	Stourport 3 (A)	Droitwich Spa 1 (H)	Redditch 2 (H)	Old Halesonians 2 (A)
14-Feb-15	Solihull Blossomfield (A)				
21-Feb-15	Leek (H)			Barford Tigers 2 (A)	Kings Heath Pickwick 2 (H)
28-Feb-15	Tamworth (A)	Harborne 3 (H)	Bromsgrove 2 (A)	Kings Heath Pickwick 2 (H)	Stourport 6 (H)
7-Mar-15	Boots 2 (H)	Tenbury 1 (A)	Kidderminster 1 (H)	Bromsgrove 4 (H)	Droitwich Spa 2 (A)
14-Mar-15	Birmingham Uni 3 (A)	Bromsgrove 1 (A)	Stourport 5 (A)		Ludlow 1 (H)
21-Mar-15	Beeston 3 (H)	Redditch 1 (H)	Stourport 4 (A)	Harborne 5 (H)	Redditch 2 (A)
28-Mar-15				Old Halesonians 2 (A)	Barford Tigers 2 (H)
4-Apr-15					
11-Apr-15					

F=Friendly

## WHC BADGERS FIXTURES 2014-2015

Badgers Pippins Badgers Conference South	Badgers Potters Badgers Conference South	Badgers Pumas Badgers Conference North
Lichfield (A) (F)	Lichfield (H) (F)	Cheltenham (A) (F)
TBC () (F)	TBC () (F)	Kings Heath Pickwick (H)
Olton & West Warwick (A)	Redditch (H)	Old Halesonians (H)
Solihull Blossomfield (H)	Coventry & North Warwick (A)	Barford Tigers (A)
Hampton in Arden (A)	Stourport (H)	Sutton Coldfield (H)
Worcester Potters (H)	Worcester Pippins (A)	Old Wulfrunians (A)
Bromsgrove (A)	Yardley (H)	Bournville (H)
Redditch (H)	Leamington Spa (A)	West Bromwich (A)
Coventry & North Warwick (A)	Olton & West Warwick (H)	Wolverhampton (H)
Stourport (H)	Solihull Blossomfield (A)	Lichfield (A)
Evesham (A)	Hampton in Arden (H)	Kingswinford (H)
Yardley (A)	Evesham (H)	Streetly (A)
Leamington Spa (H)	Bromsgrove (A)	Wednesbury (H)
Olton & West Warwick (H)	Redditch (A)	Old Halesonians (A)
Solihull Blossomfield (A)	Coventry & North Warwick (H)	Barford Tigers (H)
Hampton in Arden (H)	Sutton Coldfield (A)	Stourport (A)
Worcester Potters (A)	Worcester Pippins (H)	Old Wulfrunians (H)
Bromsgrove (H)	Yardley (A)	Bournville (A)
Redditch (A)	Leamington Spa (H)	West Bromwich (H)
Coventry & North Warwick (H)	Olton & West Warwick (A)	Wolverhampton (A)
Stourport (A)	Solihull Blossomfield (H)	Lichfield (H)
Evesham (H)	Hampton in Arden (A)	Kingswinford (A)
Yardley (H)	Evesham (A)	Streetly (H)
Leamington Spa (A)	Bromsgrove (H)	Wednesbury (A)
	Edgbaston (H)	
Lichfield (H) (F)	Lichfield (A) (F)	Gloucester (H) (F)

## Pitches & Training

### Pitch No1. University of Worcester

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**Directions:** Leave M5 at Junction 7. Follow signs to Worcester West/Malvern (left, down hill). Continue over next four roundabouts towards Hereford/Bromyard (following University signs). At last roundabout take 3rd exit into Worcester, continue over all traffic lights until in St Johns centre. Take left turn after Co-op (Henwick road). Go over railway level crossing and continue to end of road (1.25 mile). Campus on left as road bends. Main car park on right. Pitch next to car park.



### Pitch No2. Nunnery Wood Sports Complex

Spetchley Road, Worcester WR5 2NL Tel 01905 357842

**Directions:** Leave M5 at Junction 7, take A44 towards Worcester approx 1 mile at end of dual carriageway fork sharp right at Oak Apple Pub. N.W.S.C. is 200 yards on left.

### Pitch No. 3: Worcester Royal Grammar School

Grange Lane, Claines, Worcester WR3 7RR

**Directions:** Take A38 North out of Worcester towards Droitwich. Approximately two miles from City Centre at entrance to Fernhill Heath turn left into Grange Lane.

### Training takes place at University of Worcester

**Club Session Men:** Thurs Evening 6.30-8.00pm **Women:** Tues Evening 6.30-8.00pm

**Elite Session Men:** Thurs Evening 8.00-9.30pm **Women:** Tues Evening 8.00-9.30pm

(by Invitation)

*N.B. Training times at the University can be subject to change throughout the season. Please ensure you check training times via WHC website or with your team captain.*

### Junior Training takes place at Nunnery Wood Sports Complex

9.15-10.45am **U10's** (as at 1/9/14 Y1-Y5) 10.30-12.00 **U13-10** (as at 1/9/14 Y6-Y9)

Sunday mornings commencing 7th September 2014

All members of the club are expected to be familiar with the Code of Conduct for all Junior and Senior Players. In addition the disciplinary code which came into effect last season.

### Disciplinary Code

- Punishment for red cards would be as per the league rules.
- Yellow cards. If a player receives 3 yellow cards in a season she/he faces a 2 match ban. This applies only to league games.
- This can be appealed through the disciplinary sub-committee comprising of Peter Pedrick, Paul Simons and Nicola Gerrett.



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## Meet the captains!



**Helen Barnes**

Captain Women 1st X1



**Toni Aplin**

Captain Women 2nd X1



**Lucy Chick**

Captain Women 3rd X1



**Georgie Ballard**

Captain Women 4th X1



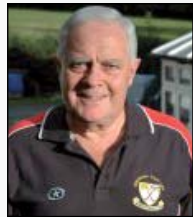
**Amy Lister**

Captain Women 5th X1



**Louisa Pillinger**

Manager Women 1st X1



**Barrie Roberts**

Badgers Co-ordinator



**Adrian Shipley**

Manager - Badgers Pumas



**Jeremy Butterfield**

Manager - Badgers Pippins



**Rob Bonham**

Manager - Badgers Potters

*Junior's Managers*

## ... another winning season!



**Rob Ridell**

Captain Men 1st X1



**Richard Scott**

Captain Men 2nd X1



**York Senior**

Captain Men 3rd X1



**Nat Garfield**

Captain Men 4th X1



**Paul Simons**

Captain Men 5th X1



**Steve Neal**

Captain Men 6th X1



**Tom Waters**

Captain Men 7th X1



**Dan Grainger**

Captain Men 8th X1



**Mark Stanley**

Manager Men 1st X1



**Reg Sharratt**

Manager Veterans

## Meet the Junior coaches !



*Paul Merrell*  
Head Coach



*Jane Ralph*



*Andy Hadley*



*Nick Fielden*



*Philip Preston*



*Paul Simons*



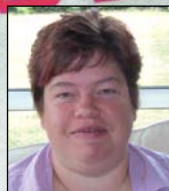
*Lucy Merrett*



*Mary Travers*



*George Ellis*



*Catherine Hurley*



*James Gerrish*

## Worcester Hockey Club Committee



*Robin Brighton*  
President



*Andy Hadley*  
Men's Representative



*Peter Pedrick*  
Chairman



*Lucy Merrett*  
Women's Representative



*Andy Waters*  
Vice Chairman



*Nicola Gerrett*  
Secretary - Women



*Paul Simons*  
Secretary



*Mary Travers*  
Junior Section Co-ordinator



*Andrew Howie*  
Treasurer



*Catherine Hurley*  
Junior Section Administrator



*John Ranscombe*  
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*Dean Ferrier*  
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## Welcome new coaches

### Head of Club Coaching



*James Hayward*

I am James Hayward, the new Head of Club Coaching and will be specially responsible for the Men's 1st team. A little bit about me. I guess sport is in the blood, there is not much I haven't had a go at over the years. Hockey-wise, I can only blame my maths teacher in school who got me into playing for West Bromwich Stags many moons ago. As for coaching it began with wanting to become a PE teacher so I thought coaching would also help. I have worked my way through my levels gaining my Level Three ten years ago. I have coached at many levels and in the past 3 years I locked my stick away to coach Harbourne Ladies 1st Team and last season Streetly Men 1st Team.

As the Head of Club Coaching, as well as my 1st Team commitment, I am here to support and develop coaching throughout the club. With my Coach Education experience I am here to help and encourage you current coaches to develop further and other club members to become coaches. I like to think I am approachable at anytime but that said it depends on how the 1st team men are performing !!

### Head Coach Women's Section



*Elliot Foweraker*

A warm welcome to Elliot who returns to WHC in this new role with specific responsibility for the Women's elite squad. Elliot did play for our Men's 1st X1 in 2012-2013 before moving on to play at national league level with Olton and West Warwick. Elliot is now a Level 2 coach working towards Level 3 qualification. He has a wide range of experience coaching juniors and seniors, men and women in the Midlands, the South West and also abroad to local, regional and national standards. For England Hockey he has worked at ever tier of the Single System.

Currently he is the lead coach for Gloucestershire U13 and U15 Boys JDC; the U15 Boys and Girls JAC as well as leading the U18 Girls JRPC Birmingham. Last year he was appointed a Tier 2 Head Coach for the U18 Mercia Lynx Boys who went on to win the Futures Cup. Currently he is employed at Cheltenham Ladies College as a qualified PE teacher and performance hockey coach.

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Congratulations to Jean Roberts upon being elected a Vice President at the AGM in May. A richly deserved honour in recognition of all the many roles Jean has held over the past 30 years of service to the Club.



Many Congratulations! Dan Ferrier  
Awarded Outstanding Junior of the Year  
Good Luck as you enter University Sept'14



CONGRATULATIONS  
to all teams and players  
2013-14 Season

U14 Boys EH Championships



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Don't Forget:

Annual End of Season Dinner  
- March 2015

AGM - May 2015 (TBC)

Junior Presentation Evening  
- May 2015 (TBC)

Please attend & support your Club!

**NOTE: Worcester Hockey Club  
insurance does not cover personal  
accident. We advise players to take  
out their own each season.**



Bag Packing for March Tour 2014



Adults v Juniors  
on Tour



German Hockey Tour - Prize Giving Day, May 2014

Help for Heros Squad, June 2013



U14 National Championship Finals  
Well done girls reaching the finals!



U12 National Championship Finals  
Another well done girls reaching the finals!

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## Code of Conduct for all Junior and Senior Players

As a playing member of Worcester Hockey Club, the Club expects that you will:

- learn the rules of hockey and play within them;
- remember that the safety and welfare of all players, officials and supporters is of paramount importance;
- support the Club's efforts to develop an open, caring and safe environment in which all adults and young people can enjoy hockey and make friends;
- abide by the Club Rules, Equity Statement and other policies/codes of practice as required;
- discourage unfair play and arguing with officials;
- set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all, including the opposition;
- publicly accept officials' judgements;
- keep to agreed timings for training and matches and inform the team manager / captain / coach as appropriate if you are unable to attend on time;
- pay the appropriate membership and match fees on time;
- wear suitable kit for training and match sessions as agreed with the team manager / captain / coach and ensure that gum shields (juniors) shin guards and suitable footwear are worn at all training and match sessions;
- use correct and proper language at all times;
- set a good example in post-match hospitality;
- help to ensure that Junior members do not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind or smoke cigarettes whilst on club premises or representing the club at competitions;
- never punish or belittle other players for losing or for making mistakes, and
- never force anyone to take part in sport.



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## Child Protection Policy



### Worcester Hockey Club believes that:

- the safety and welfare of children should always be of paramount importance, whatever the circumstances;
- the rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected;
- a child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse;
- everyone with a role in working with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse, and
- special care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or ability makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.

### Worcester Hockey Club:

- has therefore adopted 'England Hockey's Policy on Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey' to ensure that the safety and welfare of children in the Club's care or custody is always the primary consideration;
- has a nominated Club Welfare Officers (Robin Brighton and Becca Bramhall) to assist in implementing and developing the Club's Child Protection Policy;
- is committed to providing an environment where children can learn about, participate in and enjoy hockey free from harassment or abuse;
- accepts moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their well-being and protect them from abuse;
- will respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures;
- is committed to recruiting, training and supervising employees and volunteers to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse, and protect themselves against false allegations;
- requires staff and volunteers to adopt and abide by the Club's Child Protection Policy, Health and Safety guidelines, Club Rules and relevant Codes of Conduct, and
- will carry out regular monitoring and review of its Child Protection Policy to ensure the delivery of best practice.



## Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers and Spectators

As a parent or carer of a Junior Member of Worcester Hockey Club, the Club requests that you:

- encourage your child to learn the rules of hockey and play within them;
- support your child's involvement and help him/her to enjoy the game;
- support the Club's efforts to develop an open, caring and safe environment in which all children can enjoy hockey and make friends;
- discourage unfair play and arguing with officials;
- help your child to recognise good performance, not just results;
- set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all, including the opposition;
- publicly accept officials' judgements;
- use correct and proper language at all times;
- never punish or belittle a child for losing or for making mistakes, and
- never force your child to take part in sport.

The Club requests that all spectators at junior coaching sessions or matches / tournaments should abide by the above Code of Conduct.

## Code of Equity and Behaviour

Worcester Hockey Club has formally adopted this code formulated by England Hockey. Thus all members are expected to respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and to treat everyone equally within the context of their sport regardless of age, ability, gender, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status. Members are encouraged to read the full version of this on the England Hockey website.

The Club Welfare Officers have copies of **Proud to Protect - England Hockey's Policy on Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Hockey**. Extracts from this document form an important part of this handbook and if anyone would like to look at the complete version please get in touch.



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## Policy on Anti-Bullying

Worcester Hockey Club adopts England Hockey's Anti-Bullying Policy and is committed to creating and maintaining an environment in which all young people involved in hockey are free from bullying. Bullying is anything that is done with the intention of hurting or intimidating, frightening or upsetting another person. Bullying can take many forms:-

<b>Emotional</b>	persistently being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting, threatening
<b>Physical</b>	pushing, kicking, hitting , punching or any use of violence.
<b>Racist</b>	racial taunts or language, graffiti, gestures.
<b>Sexual</b>	unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments.
<b>Homophobic</b>	because of, or focusing on the issue of sexuality
<b>Verbal</b>	name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing

It should be noted that bullying may not only occur through face to face contact. Increasingly, bullying may occur through other forms of communication e.g. internet, email and text messaging.

The Club wishes to promote a **TELLING** culture and anyone who knows, or suspects that bullying is happening must take the matter seriously and report his/her concerns to an officer of the Club.



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