



## WELCOME TO THE NEW 2016-17 SEASON!

**Welcome to another season of Sonningness.** This season we have new COACHES, new PLAYERS, and new COMMITTEE members. So first of all, to those whom are new; **WELCOME to Sonning**, I would say "I hope you enjoy it here", but I'm afraid there is no hope for you... I'm certain you will enjoy it, so much so that instead I will say; "welcome to the beginning of the rest of your hockey life!" ☺ As for those of you who are returning members, I look forward to once again seeing your happy, smiling faces up at the Club.

Another 'new' for this season is the **update to our home PLAYING SHIRTS** in response to feedback from many of you that the fabric on the old ones wasn't up to our high Sonning HC standards! Firstly, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who completed the Kit Survey over the summer, **it's your Club and your views are important.** There was a really good response rate, which is fantastic. There was some interest in all three of the pattern designs, but the clear majority across all sections went with the style which most closely matches what we currently have. However, there was a clear divide on the collar... Ladies, you overwhelmingly voted for a fold-down collar; whereas Chaps, you voted for a crew-neck. Naturally, after many consultations with Vivienne Westwood, that is exactly what will be available. The **new shirts are available through our kit partner [Hawkinsport](#).**

Neil 'Percy' Pursell has been building on the good work started by Matt 'Poults' Poulton last season with **fundraising** for the club and has secured the support of four sponsors. I would like to use this opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** to [Trend Micro](#), [DML Marketing](#), [Sellwood Wealth Management](#), and [Outbound](#) for sponsoring our Club, it's great to have you on board. You will see their logos on our Bar Shirts and Training Jackets as well as on the club website. If you would like to buy a bar shirt and/or jacket please speak to Neil.

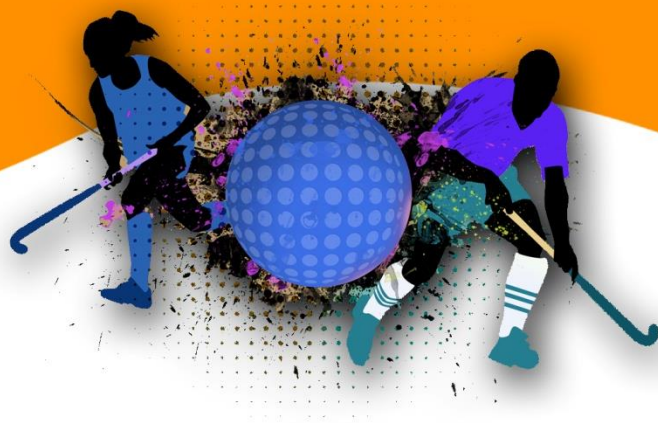
On the topic of fundraising **please support the club** by using [easyfundraising](#). It's **TOTALLY FREE!** All you have to do is register as a supporter of Sonning HC, download the browser add-on, and the when you visit participating retailers just click the green button at the top of the screen and that retailer will make a small donation to the Club at no cost to you. **It's that EASY!** We will also be bringing back the very successful 100 Club... keep an eye out for future details and how to participate.

Finally, our fantastic Social Secretary's Neil 'Percy' Pursell and Sarah 'Chezza' Parry have an **awesome calendar of SOCIALS** lined-up for us this season, details have already been posted via the [Sonning Facebook Group](#), but don't worry if you are not a 'Facebooker', details are below as well as will be shortly available on the website. Get the dates in your diary, put in your request for a pass with your other half, book a babysitter, and get working on your banter...!

Good luck to everyone for the season! If you see me at the club, please come and say hello.

Sonning Love,  
Oliver 'Wadders' Waddington

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## CLUB OFFICERS 2016-17

**Chairman** – Oliver 'Wadders' Waddington

**Secretary** – Steve Workman

**Treasurer** – Gemma Waddington

**Asst Treasurer** – Chrissi Allan

**Men's Club Captain** – Adam 'Mac' McCarthy

**Men's Vice CC** – Alasdair Allan

**Ladies' Club Captain** – Rose Scales

**Ladies' Vice CC** – Claire McEwen

**Colts Sub Committee** – Anthony Oke; Annie Oke  
& Alison Denham

**Webmaster** – Kristin 'Coops' Cooper

**Fixture Secretary** – Chris 'Radar' O'Hagan

**Main Club Rep** – Ian 'Galley' Gallagher

**President** – Eddie Butler

**Umpire Co-ordinator** – Chad 'Boz' Bosman

**Membership Secretary** – Sam 'JT' Terry

**PR Officer** – Lynne Goddard

**Welfare Officer** – Ned Squire

**Communications** – Gemma Waddington

**Social Secretaries** – Sarah 'Chezza' Parry & Neil  
'Percy' Pursell

## TEAM CAPTAINS 2016-17

### Ladies

L1 Captain – Mai-Po Wan

L2 Captain – Ruth Purdy

L3 Captain – Jordy Swanborough

L4 Captain – Louise Palk

L5 Captain – Christy Eyles Goldsmith

LV Captain – Sue Hicks

Men's Mixed Captain – James Ford

Ladies' Mixed Captain – TBC *(Please get in touch with Claire, Rose, or Wadders if you are interested)*

### Men

M1 Captain – Jon 'Sharpy' Sharp

M2 Captain – Colm Hanlon

M3 Captain – Chris 'Stoney' Stone

M4 Captain – Jon 'JJ' Jessop

M5 Captain – Ben Berryman

M6 Captain – Ash 'Masher' Churchill

M7 Captain – Andy Staig

To get in touch with the committee please go to our website: <http://www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk/contact/>



## SOCIALS 2016-17

- ❖ 5th November: Sonning Bonfire Night extravaganza
- ❖ 20th November: Pie-off vs Bicester for Hockey 4 Heroes
- ❖ 10th December: Christmas bash
- ❖ 7th January: Chezza's Cheap Night Out - Curry & Quiz RETOX
- ❖ 4th February: Blind Date - followed by a school disco
- ❖ 4th March: I'm a Sonning Celebrity Get Me Out of Here
- ❖ 1st April: Easter Egg Hunt - with breakfast
- ❖ 22nd April: End of Season Dinner & Awards Night (*Club photo during the day*)
- ❖ 6th May: Wine & cheese evening
- ❖ 3rd June: Sonning Sports Day with BBQ/Picnic







## OTHER INFO

### GEOFF WICKENS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of former long standing player, captain, committee member, and all around Sonning HC LEGEND Geoff Wickens. Geoff's contribution to the club was exceptional and his legacy lives on through everyone who knew him.

### CUP GAMES

We have entered a number of teams into competitive knock-out tournaments this season, so put these dates in your diary and come along to support home games where you can:

Men's 1s – 16<sup>th</sup> October vs Addiscombe (Away)

Ladies' 1s – 30<sup>th</sup> October vs Wallingford (Away)

Ladies' Over 35s – 16<sup>th</sup> October vs Epsom (Away)

### WEBSITE

For all our new members out there, **please sign up to our website:** [www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk). All communications come directly from the website regarding selections, updates and news. Please ensure you select the option to allow us to use your email address for any comms.

### AVAILABILITY

Don't forget to update your availability on the website, for as much of the season as you can, and remember to keep it up to date if things change. If this is not completed you may not be selected for games as captains may assume you are unavailable.

### SHC CODE OF CONDUCT

A reminder of our Code of Conduct, which we expect all our members to abide by at all times: <http://www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk/a/sonning-hockey-club-code-of-conduct-44840.html>

**GOOD LUCK FOR THE SEASON 'NINGERS! #COTN**

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