

**Key points:**

- Subs due 1st Sept
- Training starts 16th August
- Selection matches are 2nd & 9th September (TBC)
- Season Starts 23rd September

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**Donna's wedding**

Congratulations to Donna and Caz who tied the knot earlier this year.



# Frys News

Frys Hockey Club–Wellsway School Keynsham

## Message from the Chairman

As I sat down to write this I heard that one of our longest serving players has unfortunately been involved in a car accident, so firstly I would like to wish Charlene a speedy recovery and we look forward to hearing those gentle words of encouragement from the pitch side again very soon. On with the business of the club, I am getting word that there may be some major developments on the cards in terms of local hockey clubs, as yet I don't have full details, but will keep you all up to date when I have spoken to the regional hockey development officer. On a national level England Hockey have reported back on the consultation about a new structure for the sport which amongst other elements hopes to encourage development of young players towards higher levels and a new club/schools structure. There is a concern for Clubs like Fry's that we may not be able to field teams due to rules on eligibility of playing due to age, Overall the scheme does seem to be very positive and there will be more opportunity and support to certain clubs, who are linked with schools and moving in the direction EH would like. I believe that we are going in the right direction, although there may be some changes over the next two years which we'll need to adapt to. In terms of age restriction, there is no clear decision yet, however some alternatives, which seem practical are being discussed and it looks like U14's may not be able to play in adult leagues from 2008. Personally this seems acceptable, there are obviously physical issues which affect young people. EH is in talks with the various leagues across the country to plan in junior fixtures to support the new scheme in the next couple of years. For the full, very wordy documents see [www.fryshockey.co.uk](http://www.fryshockey.co.uk). On the pitch over the summer the men have been running two teams, joining with Long Ashton who many of you know have long links with Fry's, both teams had a mixed summer, but hopefully it has kept us all ticking over! For the younger players this was a fantastic way to experience competitive hockey. The ladies took part in our own tournament organised by Louisa, which has been fantastic, both in terms of spirit and finance to the club, so I would like to personally thank Louisa for her efforts with this. Lookout inside for more details.

With the season not too far away, can I ask you all to play hockey with a sporting attitude in mind and make sure you and your club mates have a great time, win, lose or draw.

See you on the pitch!

*James*

## Working party

So far we have had the grand total of 0 volunteers for the working party that will investigate whether the Club will remain affiliated to Fry's next season. Although this is disappointing, we recognise that many people may feel they don't have time to be involved in this. It really shouldn't take up that much time for individuals, if there are group of people working together, as tasks can be shared out. There are some major developments underway in local hockey and we really need the club to be in the strongest position possible, so please take an interest in YOUR club.

We are looking for a good cross section of people from the Club, please contact Sarah Dyer by 30 October if you are interested.

## Match fees

Throughout the season you may find that you move between teams for various reasons. Please can you make sure that you pay your match fees to the captain of the team you played for on that day. This helps us to avoid confusion about who has paid what and where

### L1 umpires course - October

This year's Level 1 Umpiring Course will be held in October 2006. The course will consist of two sessions 10am – 4pm on 1st & 8th October. These theory sessions will be followed by practical coaching during the rest of the season. Practical assessments will take place during the Avon County Women's Hockey Umpires Association summer league in 2006. This course will equip you and give you the qualification to be able to umpire league matches.

If you are interested in joining the course then please contact Sarah Dyer for a registration form. It's always good for us to have more umpires so that the workload can be shared around. You also get the added benefit of going through all the rules of hockey, which is a great refresher! If you think you might be interested why not talk to one of our existing umpires and ask them what they thought of the course.

All Club  
members are  
required to  
return a  
completed  
Personal  
Information  
Form

### Fixtures

This year there will a fixtures card published in the first week of September .

This will contain the fixtures for the whole club.

Many thanks to Dan Page who is pulling this together.

## Summer League

A big thank you to Louisa Pillinger, on behalf of everyone who has played Summer League, for organising such a successful league. I think everyone who has played would agree that it was a lot of fun despite some matches being played in searing heat!

We've raised a massive amount of money for the club by hosting the league, which is great news.

Louisa has volunteered to organise this again for next year, and both BAC and Westberries are keen to be involved again, along with other local clubs who have heard about our league. So next year may be bigger and better still!

There will be an award ceremony after the last match on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 8.30pm in the New Inn** skittle alley – Some of you will be contacted to help organise a buffet so we hope to see you all there!

If you are coming, please lend a hand afterwards to help clear up, then we get the skittle alley for free!

## Competitions

Throughout the hockey season there are many opportunities for teams to enter competitions, whether it's under 18's, veterans or others. If anyone wants to enter a team for a competition please go ahead and arrange it – you don't need permission from the Club! If any entrance fees need paying, contact Heather, who will provide a cheque in advance of subs collected at the competition. Usual competition subs are £4 per person.

## Training Reminder

Training started on 16<sup>th</sup> August. As a reminder, it takes place at Wellsway School every Wednesday at the following times;

Women: 6.30 – 8pm

Men: 7.30 – 9pm

In the short term, coaching will be provided by James Clifford (Level 1 coach) with support from the captains while we source a new Level 2 coach.

If you are unable to attend selection matches, please let one of the captains know.

## Kit

Reminder, if you joined the club last Season or before, as a full member, then your shirt & socks is yours. Should you need any more or are a new member the cost is £20 for a shirt and socks. Please let your captain know your requirements—who will then contact James Evans

Subs are due by 1<sup>st</sup> September, along with your personal information form. If you have any problems meeting this payment date please contact Heather Pillinger to discuss alternative arrangements. Cheques should be made payable to

### **Fry's Hockey Club.**

Adults: £55

U18's: £25

**Note:** You will not be able to play any matches for the club (excluding summer league) until your subs are paid. If you do not pay by 1<sup>st</sup> September, then a £5 penalty may be added to the cost for every extra month it takes you to pay.

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## Your committee members

**Chairman:** James Clifford 07795270301/ 0117 9322906

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**Vice Chairman:** James Evans,

**Treasurer:** Heather Pillinger

**Club secretary:** Sarah Dyer, 07786 952736

Fixtures secretary; Sally Curnow

Chair of Selection: Charlene Fleck

1<sup>st</sup> team captain: Lisa Yandell

1st team vice captain: Gemma Wookey

2<sup>nd</sup> team captain: Louise Bale

2nd team vice captain: Kim McNeil

3<sup>rd</sup> team captain: Louisa Pillinger

3rd team vice captains: Jo Sands

4<sup>th</sup> team captain: Janet Wyatt-Sugg

U18's captain: Kirsten Fleck

Mens captain: Andy Crookes

Mens vice captain: Dan Page

Mens Fixtures: Martin Moore

Mixed captains: Sally Palmer

Welfare officers: Joyce Pickard, Charlene Fleck, Doug Whiteside

### IMPORTANT MEETINGS

**Thursday 27th July—Captains & Full Committee**

Thursday 14th September—Committee

Thursday 16th November—Committee

Thursday 15th February—Committee

Saturday 21st April—AGM

There may be other meetings announced during the year, they will be announced with as much notice as possible and will use up as little of your valuable time as is realistic