

### 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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### Keynsham Music Festival

Sadly we couldn't attend this event, due to a number of prior engagements, meaning we missed out on a fundraising opportunity. In order to ensure that we can continue to grow as a club fundraising will become more important.

Although it feels like hard work, if we all put in an hour or so at an event the day will pass very quickly and you'll probably have quite a lot of fun in the process.

**If you have any ideas for fundraising or anywhere we can go to build awareness and gain members please contact Sarah Dyer**

# Frys News

Frys Hockey Club - Wellsway School Keynsham

## Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the first newsletter I've had to write for the whole club... I hope you're all having a good summer and enjoying the various summer leagues you are competing in. Following some fantastic performances last season it's time to start building on them and ensuring we've got a strong hockey club to offer the local community and improve our own skills, while at the same time enjoying the fantastic social side that makes Fry's a truly friendly club.

Off the pitch we have a very important season. I will be continuing the work started by Jo and the previous committee to ensure we have Bronze accreditation from England Hockey, hopefully by Christmas. I will shortly be in contact with Sheridan, our local hockey activator, to further develop the work that started last year. This could see a vast number of new younger members joining the club, or at least get an introduction to hockey. We will also be having an in depth discussion about the future of the club, but more of that inside.

To carry out this kind of development work takes more than just a few of us. The club, along with other funding pots, are more than happy to support people to develop their hockey knowledge in order to help the club. Last year 3 people qualified as coaches and those who went on the umpiring courses are gradually becoming qualified. If you are interested in any kind of personal development like this please let me know, there will be courses in the autumn and if we can send people on them it would be great.

I hope you find the information in the newsletter of interest, but don't forget it's yours so send us stories, pics, and any articles that you would like to share with the club and we'll see if we can fit them in!

If at any time you have any questions or comments for me, please get in touch with me at the earliest opportunity, let's make the forthcoming season even more successful than the last. See you on the pitch!

*James*

## Subs–due 1st September!!

All subs are due by **1<sup>st</sup> September**. As a reminder they are:  
 Adults: £55 (£10 of this is affiliation fees due to Fry's)  
 U18's: £25

Cheques should be made payable to Fry's Hockey Club and sent to Heather Pillinger at 12 Lacock Drive, Barrs Court, Bristol, BS30 7HD

Please can your try and pay by cheque, as this makes it easier for us to keep track of who has paid. If you are unable to pay by cheque, then just let us know, we will of course accept cash!!

**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. If you have any difficulties in meeting this payment please contact one of the committee to discuss alternatives in complete confidence.

It is very important that we have the money by this date as the majority of the bills are due in September

### Personal Information Form

With this newsletter is a personal information form.

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

**All members** are required to complete this form and return it with your subs. It is important for us to have this information for a number of reasons. We want to ensure that our contact details for all members are up to date, but also, in light of the number of under 18 members we have, and certain incidents which happened on the pitch last year, we need to have emergency contacts for all of you.

Captains of all the teams will have the detailed list containing all the information for all members for emergency use only, and this will be held in confidence.

A more basic contact list of names, addresses, phone numbers and email will be available to all Club members for ease of contacting each other throughout the season. If you do not wish your information to be on this form please ensure you tick the box on the form, although this will make contact with you and your captains very difficult.

### The future of the club

As discussed at the AGM, we will be investigating our options around whether we should remain affiliated to Fry's in the future. There are many reasons for this, however the committee feel the whole club must be given a chance to air their views.

This is a big decision for our Club, with the potential to have a significant impact on what we do in the future. Therefore, we have decided not to rush this decision. A working party is to be established to explore and document all the information surrounding the subject.

This information will be passed to all members for consideration prior to the next AGM, or an EGM should a decision be required before next April, where we will discuss this further, and be in a position to take a vote on the future course of action. The working group needs to be made up of a good mixture of people, with different lengths of service and experience within the Club.

If you have a particular interest in being a part of this working group, please contact Sarah Dyer.

Keynsham Town Council have given us a grant of £425 to spend on new equipment

## Training

Training is one of the most important aspects of hockey. It helps you to improve your skills and fitness, as well as providing an opportunity to get to know your fellow team and club members – making it much easier when playing together on a Saturday, and moving through the teams.

We ask all members to attend training, but do recognise that this is not always possible for everyone due to work or family commitments. If you are unable to attend either regularly, or at all, please can you advise your captain so that we understand – rather than just assuming you might be having a lazy night in front of the telly!

Training will continue to take place on Wednesday's at Wellsway School. Times are:

Women: 6.30 – 8pm

Men: 7.30 – 9pm

Becky won't be back with us for the next season as she's now moved away from the area. We are currently working on finding someone to help us and wish Becky the best of luck and thank her for all of last seasons work with us

## Selection Matches / Season start

### Selection matches - women

These are likely to be 2nd & 9th September, to allow the teams some space for friendlies before the season starts.

These matches take place at the start of each season and give the captains the opportunity to see everyone play prior to selection for the first games. If you are unable to attend, please let the captain of the last team you played for know by phone / text (contact details are at the end of this newsletter).

### Selection matches – men

There are no selection matches for the men as we only have one team! The performances during summer league will be used to inform the captains.

### Season start dates:

Now confirmed as 23rd September.

## Christmas do

I know it's early, but Christmas will be upon us quicker than you can say 'Ho, ho, ho' and Gemma and Karen have volunteered to be our social organisers again after the fabulous job they did last year.

The aim this year is to do something that the whole club can attend, men, women, and under 18's. The proposal is to go to a dinner and dance type evening at The Town & Country Club, where transport to and from the venue will be arranged for those who want it. Initial prices are looking at roughly £20 per person.

Please let Gemma or Karen know if you are interested as we will probably need to book early – thanks!

More details will follow soon.....

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



Website

Lisa has been working hard over the summer updating our website, lets make use of this facility, it's looking fab and can probably answer a lot of your questions!

[www.fryshockey.co.uk](http://www.fryshockey.co.uk)

The Code of Conduct for the Club is being worked on, and once written will be available on the Club website for all existing and potential members to view. If you do not have internet access then please request a copy from Sarah Dyer.

Alongside this, a formal Complaints Procedure is being developed and documented, as discussed at the AGM. Charlene Fleck, Joyce Pickard, and Doug Whiteside are working on this as part of their roles as welfare officers. Once the procedure is complete it will be available to all members.

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## Your committee members

Chairman: James Clifford 07795270301/ 0117 9322906

Email: [james.clifford@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:james.clifford@southglos.gov.uk) - Please use FHC to start your subject line

James has been with the Club for a number of years having been signed up as Mixed team goalie at the tender age of 19! James spent last year setting up and captaining the Men's team, with great success, having previously captained the Mixed team.

Vice Chairman: James Evans,

James started with the Mixed team several years ago, stepping in when the team was short. After a brief spell helping to run the team with his wife, Kelly, he spent last season being vice captain of the Men's team.

Treasurer: Heather Pillinger

Heather has been playing hockey for a number of years, and is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> season as treasurer for Fry's.

Club secretary: Sarah Dyer, 07786 952736

Sarah previously held roles as vice captain of the Mixed team, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> team, before taking up this new post of Club Secretary. Sarah won't be around much at the start of the season as she is getting married – to James Clifford, and will be Sarah Clifford after September – try not to get too confused!!

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/:Laura Withey

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

### 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