

Frys News

Frys Hockey Club
Wellsway School Keynsham

Message from the Chairman

What a fantastic start to the season so far! There's so much going on, the clubs 1st team are busy getting paperwork together, we've got a junior training course running, a new coach, two matches for our under 15 team and all teams are showing strong performances on the pitch.

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Apologies for the gap in newsletters, but as you may be aware Sarah and I are now proud parents to Phoebe and so our time on hockey work is a little bit different now, but we're still getting on with it, even with Phoebe on my lap – who says men can't multi-task? On a more serious note it is due to the fantastic opportunities that sport and more importantly to Keynsham sport founded at Fry's that people meet and life moves on, so it is with these thoughts in mind I would like to offer our support and wishes to all the staff at the factory following the recent announcements, there are many of us who have strong links with Fry's and are saddened to hear the news.

Thanks to all of you who attended the EGM and agreed the 3 year development plan, we've now put on a number of things in the club that we're already progressing, there's more detail on the achievements since the EGM later in the newsletter, but if there's anything you'd like to help with let one of the committee know.

Key points:

- Only come training if you intend to take part.

- Ensure you call your captain every week to confirm availability.

We've just applied for a £1500 grant from the Bath Half Marathon Fund and should hear the response just before Christmas, this is to provide equipment for the ever growing number of juniors who are now becoming part of the club. Lou Bale and I are soon to be meeting with Wellsway to see how we can impact their new status as a specialist sports college, we are sure there are many positives for the hockey club from this development.

Please take time to read all the articles in this newsletter, there is some very important information which needs to be understood by everyone to ensure that we all know what is going on.

See you on the pitch

James

Executive Committee Meetings

November 12th
January 14th
March 3rd

It is your responsibility as a player to let your captain know you're available. Ensure you call your captain every week to let them know if you can play, otherwise it will be assumed you are not available for selection.

Training

We now have Andy Rhys-Jones as our new Senior Club Coach, Andy has fantastic experience of playing hockey at national and international standard and is a level 3 coach who has taken both Redland and Robinsons to National Finals. We're very lucky to have secured his services for both the club and the men's team!

Andy is also helping our other club coaches in their development. If you've not been to training recently then it really is time to come along, Andy is trying to help us all develop a strong, fast moving winning style of hockey, by coming training you'll be helping you, your team and the whole club play so much better.

Please note - if you come training, then you are there to train. If you choose to sit in dugouts or not take part then you will be asked to leave. Captains, coaches and senior players will be enforcing this. If you cannot train due to injury but want to support the session, by ball collecting etcetera then please do so, but if you are in any way distracting the session you will be asked to leave. Training is not a social event, that is for off the pitch, we invest money in the coaches and concentration must be kept as high as possible during the session. Other off pitch activities must be just that, team selection, availability etc.

Development plan update

Under 15's team now playing.

Coaches;

Level 3 one Andy Rhys-Jones

Level 2 none [Doug Whiteside to start the next course]

Level 1 nine Lou Bale, Gemma Wookey, James Clifford, Ashley Harris, Dan Page, Doug Whiteside, Rich May*, Jo Sands, Kerri Mcgarva.

Umpires = eleven;

Lou Bale, Carol Auger, Rose Side, James Clifford, Claire Jones, Ashley Harris~, Kirsten Fleck~ Kerri Mcgarva~ Charlene Fleck, Ian Martin, Sally Palmer

**Not funded by Fry's*

~Part qualified

Two news articles in BS31 Magazine – more to follow

£1500 grant applied for, to support the junior section.

We have the details of many courses which are taking place throughout the year, we'll do our best to ensure you find out about them. If you would like to take part please contact a member of the executive committee.

In order to comply with current legislation we have to carry out CRB checks on members who are in a position to be in contact with young people. Sarah will soon be in touch with the people we feel are required to go through this check.

Fixtures secretary—change to post

Sally Curnow, who was elected as fixtures secretary at the beginning of the season, has unfortunately decided to leave the Club. Karen Tape has volunteered to pick up this post and is our contact for fixtures at the moment.

If anyone else wants to take up this post then please contact one of the executive committee and we will then hold a Club vote on the position. However, if no-one else comes forward then Karen will remain in the post until the end of the season.

Competition time

Could you create a 'brand' for Fry's? One of the tasks in the development plan is to give us a logo, so would you like a go at creating one for us. Please email entries to jamesclifford601@btinternet.com, or if you're a non computer artist then post it to 61 Ferndale Avenue, Longwell Green, Bristol, BS30 9XT by 20th December 2007 and then the Executive Committee will draw up a short list for members to vote on. What's the prize I hear you ask – we'll make sure you receive the very first kit produced that features the new logo in a presentation case when we launch it.

Join the gym for less!

Club members now have the chance to benefit from reduced price membership at Longwell Green Leisure Centre. As long as we get more than 10 members you can join on an Active Total membership for £24.75 as an individual (£40.75 a couple) per month.

This entitles you to the gym and swimming pool at Longwell Green - plus fitness classes, as well as the gym and swimming at the other leisure centres in South Gloucestershire (Kingswood, Bradley Stoke, Yate and Thornbury). This discount is around £10 a month cheaper than the advertised price to members of the public. If you're interested please contact Karen Tape who will co-ordinate for us.

A perfect way to keep fit when you're not on the pitch.



Match funding

Does your company offer matched funding for charities or groups you belong to? Some companies will match fund up to £500 raised by club members, ask around you could find your club some much needed cash for very little work!

Website

Have you visited www.fryshockey.co.uk lately – it's now under the control of Richard May, with some support later in the year from Lilly Curnow, and has become a fantastic resource. Whilst I know not all of you have internet access, we will use it for quick updates of information, so do try and check it out if possible. But don't worry all the current information is in this newsletter

Reminder to captains – please email match reports and scores to webmaster@fryshockey.co.uk (or phone Rich) so he can keep the site as accurate as possible.

Juniors at Yate

On Sunday 14th October 11 under 15 girls represented Fry's in a junior tournament – they lost both games 2 – 0 playing strong teams. There was fantastic efforts from everyone involved especially considering there has only been four training sessions before this event. Over the season there will be three more tournaments and we'll be hoping for improved results.

A massive thanks to Charlene, Lou and Jo for getting the team organised, Kirsten for umpiring and all the parents who supported the team.

What's on

Freddie Mercury tribute night

The Fry's Football section have invited Hockey Club members to a Freddie Mercury Tribute and Disco on Saturday 10th November from 8pm. Tickets cost £7.50 including buffet. All welcome, including under 18's. [We'll confirm who to get the tickets from as soon as possible]

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party is going to be at Fry Club on **Saturday 8th December 2007**. Tickets cost £27 each to include a three course meal and a disco. Final payment needs to be with Katherine Hemming by Saturday 10th November. At time of going to print there are a few tickets remaining please contact Katherine as soon as possible. Please note the dress code for the evening is smart.

Reunion Event

Coming up in 2008 – more details to follow

Your committee members

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Vice Chairman: Louise Bale 07976 976859

Treasurer: Laura Withey 07795 088422

Club secretary: Sarah Clifford, 07786 952736

Fixtures secretary: Karen Tape 07810 293071

Kit Master: James Evans 07810 803336

1st team captain: Sally Palmer 07901 521252

1st team vice captain: Kathryn Hemming 07809 153533

2nd team captain: Kim McNeil 07825 178752

2nd team vice captain: Rose Side 07895 192548

3rd team captain: Jo Sands 07880 737307

3rd team vice captain: Lilly Curnow 07837 909241

4th team captain: Sarah Bowers 07690 342275

4th team vice captain: Sophie Burgess 07932 315117

U18's captain: Kirsten Fleck 07786 402555

Mens captain: Dan Page 07884 186220

Mens vice captain: Glen Jennings 07917 104465

Mens Fixtures: Martin Moore

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Anything to add for the next newsletter email
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