



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our latest newsletter with plenty of updates about what's going on, in and around the club,

Path to the pitch

As you can see the path hasn't been completed yet! Progress with the project has been a little frustrating! After securing funding to do the project we sort confirmation around planning for our landlords. Unfortunately, however, having been told verbally we wouldn't need planning and then asked for that in writing the planners then changed their mind and have said we do need planning permission. We are currently starting this process meaning we won't be able to proceed with the path until early 2023 now. Apologies for the delay with this project, and we ask for your continued patience with us whilst we sort this,

Bonfire Evening

The other week we were treated to yet another fantastic Bonfire and Firework evening at Sheepwash Farm. We would like to publicly thank Rob and Victoria Gray and the many helpers for their efforts in putting the evening on and for supporting so many local groups





Your club needs you.....

As with all clubs, we are run by volunteers, without whom we wouldn't be able to function. Could you spare a hour or two a week, do you want to help develop Lichfield Hockey Club over the coming year?

We are currently looking for a new treasurer, you don't need to have a financial background so if you feel you can help please get in touch via chair@lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk



Talent Centre Application

The club continues its application to become an England Hockey Talent Centre, we currently have members completing the online modules required before our application is completed. The club is also looking at the potential for it to apply to become a Talent Academy (aimed at 15-18 year olds). Both opportunities would see the club become an even greater focus point for junior development across the region.

New Container at the pitch

I'm sure you will have noticed the new container at the pitch. This will house a small kitchen area, hopefully enabling us to provide some drinks for spectators, and also some additional storage space for training equipment etc.

Commonwealth Games legacy

Following the Commonwealth games the club was given the opportunity to bid for some for the equipment used. We have been successful with this bid thanks to Dave Willenbruch and will be looking forward to collecting the items soon.

Alongside this we have also been invited to bid for some funding to Commonwealth Games legacy funding to set up additional afterschool coaching in local schools. We will be exploring this over the coming weeks and putting the bid in.

Primary coaching



Linked with the above we are already starting to explore options to get into local primary schools to run sessions and get more youngsters into hockey. As such we are looking for any members who may be able to give up a few hours one afternoon on occasions to go into primary schools to either lead or support sessions. If you are interested in helping out please get in touch via info@lichfieldhockeyclub.co.uk





Lichfield twinning event visit

A few years ago the City of Lichfield was planning to visit Limburg for a twinning event with hockey included - mixed age, gender and ability. Because of travel restrictions that had to be cancelled but is on again for next June.

If any members would be interested in being part of a visit to represent our club and our City can you please get in contact with Dave Richards on davandsylv@aol.com

This is just an expression of interest at this stage and will allow Dave to keep you informed of plans once more information comes to light.

Masters Hockey Trials

Masters hockey continues to grow across the Country and region and the dates are out for the national selection trials. For those 35+ amongst us, the **England Master trials** schedule is shown to the right as well as the contact for the teams.

We would encourage any member who would like to challenge themselves further to consider putting themselves forward for the trial.

For those of you no wanting to trial for the national teams but still wanting to give Masters representative hockey ago, more information will come out soon about the regional trials for the **Midlands Masters teams**, once we have it we will share it through our newsletter and social media.

Linked to Masters hockey, the club is planning a **summer Masters tournament** at the club, Tony Wilmot os leading the group looking at this, more information to follow soon.

England Masters' Trial Information for the International Season 2023.

The initial trial dates for England Masters' age groups are outlined in the chart below. Players may be recommended by their Area but anyone who does not represent an area can apply for a trial by contacting the EH Lead for their age group.

For more information on International Masters' please contact masters@englandhockey.co.uk

Squad	Women	Venue	Notes
035	27/11 & 29/01 & 26/02	tbc	All Areas
040	27/11 & 26/02 & 12/03 & 23/04	TBD	All Areas
045	27/11 & 04/12 & 22/01 & 26/02 & 12/03 & 23/04	TBD	All Areas
050	27/11 & 04/12 & 22/01 & 26/02 & 12/03 & 23/04	TBD	All Areas
055	04/12 & 22/01	Warwick School	All Areas
060	06/11 & 4/12 & 22/01	Hampton in Arden HC	All Areas
065	20/11 & 11/12 & 29/01	Hampton in Arden HC	All Areas
070	20/11 & 15/01 & 26/02	Hampton in Arden HC	All Areas

Squad	Men	Venue	
035	04/12 & 22/01 & 29/01	Worcester International Hockey Centre	
040	06/11 & 27/11 & 08/01	Solihull School	All Areas
045	06/11 & 27/11	TBD	6 th North 27 th South
050/055/060	22/01	Bilton Grange Rugby	NW/NE/M/E
050/055/060	19/02	Bradfield College	SE/SC/L/W
050/055/060	12/03 & 23/04	Bilton Grange Rugby	Final Trials
065	27/11 & 11/12 & 08/01	17 th at Worcester Int Centre	
070	23/11 & 18/01	Olton HC	All Areas
075	26/10 & 16/11	Reading HC / Telford HC	All areas
080	10/01 & 09/02	Olton and West Warks HC	All Areas

To register for a trial, or if you would like further information, please contact the EH Lead for your group.

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Date for your Diary

AWARDS NIGHT 2022/2023

SATURDAY 1st APRIL 2023

7:30pm start

Old Equipment recycling

If you have any old equipment you no longer need or use please feel free to drop them into the club and we will try to recycle them within the membership. Items such as sticks are really useful to have for new members or juniors who have outgrown their current stick. Likewise with playing kit, if you've outgrown your current kit and have no use for the smaller kit please let us know as we can look to reuse with new members.

Christmas food donations

We will be supporting a local charity this Christmas with trying to create 65 hampers for people struggling in the local area. Steph is overseeing this for us so if you are able to give something from the list below, please drop it into the club.

Mince pies, Tinned custard, Biscuits, Crisps or pringles, Cheese (cream cheese) crackers, Chocolate/sweets, Orange juice or squash, Tinned potatoes and veg, Tinned meat, Pasta in sauce, pot noodles / super noodles, Tea, coffee, sugar hot chocolate, Tinned soup/ cuppa soup, Extras - Christmas hat and cracker.

Club Stats

To finish the newsletter I thought I'd keep you stats fans happy.

We are 8 games into the league season and so far the club has scored 223 league goals and these have been shared between 93 different people.

We have had 9 hat-tricks so far, all of these have come from 3 of our teams (Men's 2s, Women's 3s and Women's 6s). 2 players have had a brace of hattricks, Helen Miller (W3s) and Jon Goodwin (M2s) whilst the most goals scored by one player in a game so far is 6, from Adey Gilbert in the men's 2s v Solihull Blossomfield 1s.

The most goals the club has scored in one weekend is 42, across 14 games, that being this weekend.

