

WARWICK HOCKEY CLUB

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The 'W' (10/15)

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WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING AT WARWICK!



Hi All

Welcome back – existing, new members and parents alike – to a new and exciting season (2015/16) at **Warwick Hockey Club.** Here's the latest edition of **The 'W'** to walk you through some of the fun!

It's been a memorable Summer with the Ladies Summer League Team winning their league and the two Men's teams coming close to podium places. The **AGM** on 5 June saw some new faces join the committee, namely – **Tim Williams-Ellis** and **Harriet McCormick** taking over from **Pam Dalton** and **Seb Fleet** as Social Secretaries, **Nick Anscomb** as Men's 4th Team Captain and **Sharon Hayden** as the Ladies equivalent. **Liz Holding** became our Sports Club Rep., **Kirstin Bryce** our Welfare and DBS Officer and **David Bryce** our Lead Coach for both the Ladies and Men's sections! He's been a busy boy!

Club Day on 5 September was a more orderly affair this year with inter Club Men's and Ladies sides playing each other. There was however no shortage of burgers, sausages and gelato ice cream to bolster our energy and loads of laughs on the bungee run too! Thanks to everyone who attended (over 100 of us!) – organisers and players alike – a top day!

On the Sunday – **The 3rd Warwickshire Cup** – saw our Men's 1s narrowly beaten by Cov. & N.W. on penalty dribbles. Last year's winners were then beaten to the silverware in the last seconds of the final, by **Stratford**.

Café Rouge Leamington Spa Sponsorship Deal

The biggest and most significant news of the Summer was the sponsorship deal with Café Rouge Leamington Spa who very generously agreed to sponsor some new branded training tops for all our senior members! They have been a very supportive partner with us all receiving, an exclusive 25% off discount card to use in their Leamington Spa restaurant. N.B. this offer expires on 15 November when their Christmas Menu is launched. Please see the reverse for that information and some offers too! That leads me nicely on to the Training Tops. We have had a fantastic response to this offer (162 of us signed up!) and they will be with us in the next three weeks. In order for you to receive your top for FREE, you must if you haven't already, either have paid your subs in full or started your standing order of payments by 7pm on Saturday 7th November. If you are unsure of your financial position, then please contact David Harris (Treasurer) who will answer any questions regarding payments. When the garments arrive your Captain will give you your top and in return you are to give him/her £2.00 – payment for your branded on initials.

Availability?

At present we are having difficulties identifying who is available to play on Saturdays? Can I encourage you to go onto the website to complete your Annual Declaration and also **your availability** for the coming weeks. Simply, login, go to: **Player Zone – Annual Declaration/My Availability**. If you do not pay your subs, you will not be selected to play and you won't receive you training top for FREE. It will cost late payers £25.00.

What's Going On?

Battle Of The Teams – Saturday 31st October, Clubhouse – 7pm for 7.30pm

Tim and Harriet are organising this year's Battle of the Teams. There will be a Halloween theme, with loads of ghoulish fun! It's a 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, with the Rugby World Cup Final shown on the TV screens too. Please email your Captain back by the end of Monday (26th) to let him/her know if you can attend. We don't want the Men's 1s winning again, do we?

Fireworks Night - Friday 6th November, Clubhouse - 6.30pm (Gates Open) for 7.30pm (Fireworks Start)

Fun for all the family. Get your tickets from **your Captain** (Adults/Over 14s – £5.00, Under 14s Free) before the day please. There will be food available, a raffle and bar is open until late. There are three **volunteering opportunities** – help out on: the gate, in the bar and/or selling raffle tickets. Please contact your Captain or **Liz Holding**.

Junior Tournament - Sunday 8th November, Warwick School Astro pitches - Time TBA

The Club is organising a Warwickshire Junior Tournament on Sunday 8th November. We are looking for volunteers to help with: umpiring, manage teams, general helpers (barbecue, signing in), tea/coffee makers and sellers. Also, if you are a Junior parent can your child play in any of these teams: U10, U12 and U14s? All are mixed. Please contact Angela Briggs ASAP!

Clubhouse Painting – Sunday 29th November, Clubhouse 10.00am

One of our responsibilities as being part of Warwick Sports Club is to help renovate some of the facilities. We will be painting the changing rooms on **Sunday 29th November at 10.00am**. Please contact **Liz Holding** if you are a budding Picasso or a DIY-er!

Casino Night - Sunday 5th December, Clubhouse 7pm for 7.30pm

The final, Club social night of the year will be Casino Night at the Clubhouse on Saturday 5th December. For tickets, please ask your Captain, Tim or Harriet. Christmas canapés and drinks will be flowing – chips away!

Finally...

Congratulations to all those who attended the recent Boys and Girls JDC course at Warwick – good luck with the assessments! Well done to **Sally Rankin** who has already been selected for HiPAC. Thank you to all those who have completed a volunteering opportunity, especially those who have umpired. Please keep stepping forward – many whistles make light work! We are also looking to recruit **Men's/Ladies Goalkeepers** and have/train up more **Umpires**. **Parents/Guardians** of Badgers and lower Ladies (3s/4s) and Men's (4s/5s) sides, we would like your help driving our players to games too, please? If you would like to contribute in any way, please email: **Steve Chidlow, Secretary (sjchidlow@btinternet.com)**.

Have fun and exercise...socialise...energise!

Nick Herd, Chairman



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