

## 2011/12 Pre-Season Newsletter – August 2011

*“The Boys are Back in Town, The Boys are Back in Town...”* (Phil Lynott, Thin Lizzy 1976)

**STOP PRESS: Grow your own club day Sat 03/09.** Your club needs YOU please please come down and help spruce up the club, play hockey and eat bbq food see **THE WEBSITE**.

### Next Season

Ben Lamb will be the Junior Boys section Head Coach for 2011/12. This is excellent news. Ben has a long association with the club which started with the juniors, took him away to the Mens 1<sup>st</sup> XI and now we have him back where he is happiest developing junior *Hockstars* of tomorrow – of which you are one.

Ben will work with members of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI, parent coaches and coaching assistants and hopefully a specialist GK coach to deliver the best junior hockey in the county at U14, U16 & U18 year groups.

This season we will re-introduce Fastrak, based on the successful 10 session programme run at the end of last season. This will be by invitation from Ben Lamb.

A first for the coming season is a Badgers team open to lads up to school year 10 (U15) in a team of 9 lads and 2 adults. The Badgers will play in the West Midlands league on Saturdays throughout the season.

Training, England Hockey competitions and friendly matches will be based on **school year** groups – this is a change from last season where year groups were by calendar year.

### Training & Fees

Training starts week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September – not long now. We will structure training like this:

#### General Training for ALL, including goalies.

**Thursdays at St Benedict's School, Darley Abbey, Derby**

**U14 : 6.30 - 8.00pm**

**U16/18 : 8.00 – 9.30pm**

8 Sept – 24 Nov, fees **£40** (£44 if paid after end Sept) - 11 sessions (no training 27<sup>th</sup> Oct)

26 Jan – 29 Mar, fees **£30** (£36 if not paid before half term) - 9 sessions (no training 16<sup>th</sup> Feb)

**Presentation Evening : Friday 30 March**

#### Fastrak , all ages by invitation.

Led by James Blackwell and James Cozens, and a specialist goalie coach.

**Tuesdays at Belper, 6.30 – 8.00pm**

6 Sept – 8 Nov, fees **£25** (£27) - 9 sessions (no training 25<sup>th</sup> Oct)

24 Jan – 28 Mar, fees **£25** (£27) - 9 sessions (no training 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

#### INDOOR - proposed, depending on level of interest.

**Tuesdays at Repton,**

**U14 : 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

**U16/18 : 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

15 Nov – 24 Jan, fees **£25** (£27) - 9 sessions.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Belper Hockey Club Boys Section' and brought to your **first** training session.

All players should complete a new registration form at the beginning of the season.

Junior match fees will be £5.

Boys who play regularly for the Men's teams will be expected to become members of Belper Men's Hockey Club – senior team captains will collect this membership.

All players must also become members of Belper Meadows Sports Club (You only need to do this once). This is really a formality and no cost is involved for juniors, but it allows use of the Clubhouse facilities.

### **Junior Boys Management & Coaching Team**

Chair & Fixtures – Jason Franklin, Tel: 07584 422570; [franklinx4@btintrenet.com](mailto:franklinx4@btintrenet.com)

Secretary – Judy Hooker, Tel: 07746 487045; [nigel@nhooker.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:nigel@nhooker.wanadoo.co.uk)

Treasurer – Jerry Sharp

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U14 Coach – Paul Cahill, Tel: 07807 969451; [cahill@uwclub.net](mailto:cahill@uwclub.net)

U16 Manager – Judy Hooker, Tel: 07746 487045; [nigel@nhooker.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:nigel@nhooker.wanadoo.co.uk)

U16 Development Team Manager– Ruth Darby, Tel: tbc, [darbyfive@gmail.com](mailto:darbyfive@gmail.com)

U16 Coach – Ben Lamb, Tel: 07786 853502; [ben-lamb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ben-lamb@tiscali.co.uk)

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Badgers Manager – Melanie Collier, Tel 07762 551487; [melaniejcollier@msn.com](mailto:melaniejcollier@msn.com)

Welfare Officer – Sally Cozens, Tel: 07946 577115; [neillcozens@btinternet.com](mailto:neillcozens@btinternet.com)

### **Outdoor**

Badgers is an important part of the sections plans to develop you as club hockey players, and to play in the Men's section's senior teams. It is vital you support this initiative.

The Junior Boys will enter U14, U16 & U18 in the EH outdoor competitions and U16 & U18 in the EH Indoor competitions.

We are looking into entering an East Midlands development league for lads up to U16, likely to be played on Wednesday night. Watch this space.

Friendly fixtures will be arranged as frequently as possible.

### **Indoor**

From mid November to mid January we will train indoors – we will gauge interest in this once the season is under way. This will attract an additional cost for hiring of facilities. We will seek to arrange friendly competitions at U14 and enter U16 & U18 in the EH Indoor competition. U18 will also compete in local league arranged through Trent College.

### **Single System**

The EH Single System starts with JDC very soon and has been subject to a separate circulation. There are a number of centres and dates throughout the Derbys area. To progress to JAC (County), Region (JRPC) and England (NAGS) you need to take part in the Single System. However there is no pressure from this club to do so – you will get excellent training and development opportunities at Belper if you choose not to enter. Remember Belper Mens 1<sup>st</sup> XI play in the England Hockey League.

### **Tours**

We are taking two teams (U14/U16) to Bath in October half term.

We have entered a U16 team in the Valkenswaard International Easter Hockey Festival in Holland in 2012.

We are looking into an up to U16 tour to Norfolk also at Easter.

## **Communication**

Communication with team members will primarily be by email from the team managers. However there are times when we need to contact you as a matter of urgency i.e. to cancel training or move venue at short notice. This will be notified by **FACEBOOK**.

Our Facebook page is **Belper Hockey Club – Junior Boys**. Please check the page on training days any cancellation/movement etc will be notified no less than *one hour* before training.

We will also use TWITTER as means of promoting the section. Twitter Tweets can be sent as a txt to your mobile. Follow us **@BelperHCJnrBoys**.

## **Junior Club Kit**

We will supply playing shirts for match days. We want to encourage all our lads when playing for Belper HC to wear team shorts, and socks (red home / white away). Our club shorts, as well as other new club kit, are available from [www.crickethockeydirect.co.uk/teamwear/club-kit/belper-h-c](http://www.crickethockeydirect.co.uk/teamwear/club-kit/belper-h-c) . The deadline for your first order is **Sunday 11th September**, for delivery end of September. We are a team, we train as a team, we play as a team, let's look like a team. Socks will be available from the club in due course.

## **Fun & Fundraising**

On Sat 10 December we will be raising money for the section with a bag packing DAY at Morrisons, Belper – we will need all of your support for half an hour throughout the day.

We will have a Paintball session in November and take a group to the SuperSixes, at Wembley Arena in January.

Not long now lads. We have a lot we can achieve this season personally and as a Section. Watch the Website [www.belperhc.co.uk](http://www.belperhc.co.uk) , Watch FB. If you have any queries please contact us. We are the NAILERS **Step Up Never Give Up Enjoy It**.