

NEWSLETTER

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No more wondering what to do on a Sunday morning, no more comfy lie-ins because it's the start of the new Hockey season – Hooray! I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and that you managed to get some sun somewhere! This newsletter provides a few reminders of what happens during the season and introduces some new things for this year. Firstly we would like to welcome the children and parents who are visiting the club for the first time and hope you find the club friendly and helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to any of the coaches or to the "Youth Development Officer" Guy Windsor-Lewis who will be around at most of the sessions during the first few weeks of the season. Please note that there is lots of information about the club at the Wildcats website including fixtures and registration forms www.wallingfordhc.co.uk/wildcats.

New for this season is a brand new hockey pitch which will be officially opened this Sunday (14th Sept). There is a full day planned from 9:30 through to 4pm with GB Ex Goalkeeper Simon Mason and SODC visiting during the course of the day. A big thanks goes out to the New pitch organising committee - Jerry Unsworth, John Atkins, Sam Abrey, Fon leigh, John Philips. Also thanks to Steve Brown, Richard Knight and Mc Ardles the supplier of the pitch. Please note that U6, U8 and U10 sessions will be as normal but the U12 session will not start until the 21st September.

Registration Please register your child with Wallingford Hockey Club as soon as you can. Registration forms will be available at training sessions and can be downloaded from the website. The cost for the season is £45.00 for the first child, £35.00 for the second and £25.00 for any more children. Please make cheques payable to "Wallingford Hockey Club". Please include the parents email address on the registration form as we send out information regarding fixtures and events on a regular basis.

PARENTS! Would you like to help by assisting the coaches during training sessions or even becoming a coach yourself? If you are interested then please either talk to one of the coaches directly or email Guy Windsor Lewis at guy@windsorlewis.com. Please note that nearly all the present coaches and helpers have started off as parents watching from the sidelines! Also we would like parent representatives to join the Wildcats committee for all age groups U6,10,12.

Training Sessions

Under 6's and Under 8's	(Under 8 years on Sept 1 st 2008)	Sun 9:30 - 10.45
Under 10's	(Under 10 years on Sept 1 st , 2008)	Sun 10.30 - 11.45
Under 12's	(Under 12 years on Sept 1 st 2008)	Sun 11:30 - 1:00
Under 13s, 14's & U15s	(Under 16 years on Sept 1 st , 2008)	Wed 6.00 - 7.30

Please try to arrive 10 minutes before the session starts and take care when warming up on the pitch. Hockey is not to be played before the actual start of the session unless supervised by a coach or a designated helper. Hockey shinpads and gumshields are highly recommended. Hockey sticks and balls will be provided during the session. There will be breaks during training so please bring a drink. Also remember to wrap up warm during the winter months i.e. lots of layers with hat and gloves.

Dates for your Diary

Season starts:	14th Sept 2008	New Year start:	11th Jan 2009
Last session of 2008:	14th Dec 2008	Last Training session:	5th April 2009

Fixtures

Here are some of the first fixtures for the season. Details can change so please check with your coach or the Wildcats website on a regular basis. Times of fixtures normally follow with the age group training session times but again please check with your coach.

21 st Sep	U14 Girls	Oxford Hawks	Away (10:30)
21 st Sep	U14 Boys	Witney Warriors	Home (1:15)
21 st Sept	U16 Girls	Rover Oxford	Home (2:45)
28 th Sep	U14 Girls	Rover Oxford	Home (1:15)
28 th Sep	U14 Boys	Rover Oxford	Away (tbc)
28 th Sept	U16 Girls	Oxford Hawks	Away (10:30)
28 th Sept	U8, U10 and U12 Mixed	City of Oxford	Home