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Welcome to the final newsletter of 2009.

Dates for your diary

A reminder that the last training before Christmas will be on Sunday 20th December at 11am. Under 9's training finishes a week earlier on the 13th December.

Festive Celebrations Sunday 13th December

U7 training and fun games 11am -12pm followed by a visit from Father Christmas.

Under 9 upwards, parents v kids games.

Badgers parents v kids 1pm push back.

Please sign up on the notice board if you would like to play in any of the parents v kids games or let a member of the committee know in advance.

An invitation to all parents to join us for mulled wine and mince pies in the clubhouse from 12pm - 1pm



Training for academy players resumes on Sunday 10th January 2010 at the usual time. Please try to get to the club by 10.50 am to give you time to sign in.

Match reports

Congratulations to Angela George's U14 Boys who have been playing in the England Hockey Tournament round robins.

Matches played 18th October

Timperley v Southport 3 - 0
Timperley v Bolton 8 - 0

Match played on 1st Nov

Timperley v Bowdon 2 - 3

They have qualified for next round played on 11th April 2010

Under 16 girls EH Plate

Rutland Girls U16's 2 Timperley Girls U16's 4

Having been unceremoniously dumped out of the cup after a heavy defeat in the 1st round to Slazenger of Wakefield, Timperley faced a first round plate draw against Rutland in Leicestershire, away, of course. It's fair to say that after 3 hours on the bus, the coaches and manger learnt more about teenage girls and their flights of fancy than after watching a boxed set of Hollyoaks DVDs.

It was enough to make your hair curl. Mothers, lock up your daughters!

Playing at the prestigious Uppingham public school our girls made a tentative start and needed time to settle. Timperley soon regained their composure, though and Cath Tunney had a strong shot forced wide for a penalty corner after 10 minutes. Ellis Calcutt converted with an excellent strike and Timperley were soon on top. Cath Tunney was in the action again and after a cross from the left wing, put away cleanly for the second. The away crowd was buzzing; well, Ellis' mum and dad at least and Timperley went into the break oozing confidence. Early into the second half Emma (the goal machine) Massey went on a magnificent solo run and slotted past the keeper. All was well until a momentary lapse in concentration and the awfully nice young ladies of Rutland sneaked one past Vicky Entwistle in goal, whose lip resembled a budgie perch after discovering she had won the goalkeeper lottery this week! Emma sealed the game with another fine solo effort before Rutland managed a consolation second at the end of the game.

Another great team performance by Timperley takes us to Matlock for the next round

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Matlock Baileans girls U16's 2 Timperley Girls U16's 6

A second away fixture in a row meant a trip to deepest, darkest Derbyshire for the girls and their adoring fans (3 mums, a dad and a granny). Our early arrival was thwarted somewhat by the 20 mile detour directed by Barbara Clift's Sat Nav. Father Christmas is getting her a road map, far more reliable.

So.... on to the game. Timperley, fielding a strong team started well, only to go 1-0 down after 15 minutes. Undeterred, the girls battled well and pushed forward with some great attacking moves. Their positivity was soon rewarded with a great solo goal from 'the Massey'. One minute later and Emma struck again after a through ball to go 2-1 up. Matlock were awarded a penalty corner after 25 minutes and although lifted in to the goal, it was allowed. Back to 2-2. The crowd chewed nails nervously until Emma (2) and Cath Tunney (1) put three glorious goals away inside 5 minutes to take the score to 5-2 at half time.

Matlock came out fighting at the start of the second half and were awarded a series of penalty corners after footwork by the Timperley defence that Ronaldo would have been proud of. It wasn't to be Matlock's day, however and Timperley rounded things off when

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Emma Massey finally escaped her man-marker in the 55th minute to score her fifth of the match. Imagine how good she'd be if she didn't keep going to parties and only sleeping for one and a half hours the night before a game.

A magnificent team performance takes us to the third round and a home fixture on Valentine's Day.

Well done girls!

Under 16 boys EH Cup

Congratulations to the boys under 16 team who have reached the 4th round of the national cup. Having been given a bye in the first round, they beat South Cheshire boys in round two and Wakefield boys in the third round and now face a home fixture against Sheffield Hallam boys on 14th February.

Badgers

The Badgers' team goes from strength to strength and have only lost 2 games in 11 this season; a remarkable achievement considering the age profile of some of the opposition teams (some of who have beards!). Our team is a mixed team of largely year 9 boys and girls. They often face teams made up 16 year old boys. All credit to Allan Smith and the capable coaches. Read the entertaining match reports on the website:

<http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com/TeamDetails.aspx?q=19>

Under 11's Belle Vue Sunday 8th November 2009

This was our first Greater Manchester Junior League fixture of the season and the team made an excellent undefeated start. With 9 teams competing in this round of the league we came 4th overall – collecting 6 league points.

Team: Harvey; George; Ben E; Ben N; Ben J; Joe; Matthew; Jack and Grace

In the first round robin we had the toughest group up against Tameside (last year's overall league champions) and local rivals Bowdon.

Match 1 – Timperley 0 - Tameside 0

In the first match against a strong Tameside team we saw some good early play but just couldn't manage to score. Tameside pushed our defence very hard and following a great team effort from all the players the final score of nil nil was a good result against a strong and experienced team.

Match 2 – Timperley 0 - Bowdon 0

Another end to end game that saw further improvement in our overall standard of play. From defence and midfield we moved the ball out wide and created a number of chances, in the final few minutes a great pick in the 'D' by birthday boy Ben N just missing the far post by a few inches. Another clean sheet for Harvey and the defence but unfortunately no goals again!

Overall we finished second in the group behind Tameside but ahead of Bowdon.

In the second round we were up against one of our other local rivals – Alderley Edge and Urmston.

Match 3 – Timperley 4 - Alderley Edge 1

With a minor switch in formation with Jack moving from left to right wing the team went on fired up and quickly opened up the game playing down the right (Jack) and left wings (Joe and Grace) with crosses from both sides coming in thick and fast. As confidence grew the goals came thick and fast with Birthday Boy Ben netting the first followed by Ben J snatching two goals and Matthew picking up the fourth.

Alderley didn't give up and still gave George and Ben E at the back and Harvey in goal, plenty to worry about and after some great efforts Alderley netted one goal.

Match 4 - Timperley 2 - Urmston 0

Prior to the final match the team held a short birthday celebration for Ben N, with his Grandma feeding the team up with chocolate cake and drinks!

The team were a little slow off the mark when they took on Urmston, especially those who had had two pieces of cake! After a few minutes the team settled into their stride and again got the ball down the wings and won a number of short corners. Eventually following more wide play down the wings the first goal came from a cross from the right wing from Jack to the penalty spot where Ben N was waiting to slot the ball into the back of the net.

More pressure and corners followed and after a similar build up from the right wing Ben J sneaked in one of his trademark terrier like goals but popping up on the far post to reverse stick the ball in!

Overall results:

Played 4; Drew 0; Won 2; Goals for 6; Goals against 1

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Under 11's Belle Vue Sunday 22nd November 2009

Back at Belle Vue for the second round of the Greater Manchester Junior League and the customary cold wind and freezing rain was there to harden the team and supporters up for the next round on 10th January!

The team delivered 6 fantastic victories, a hard fought draw and one defeat to win this round of the League. We beat Tameside by 1 point to top the group for this round!!! We collect 9 league points to add to the 6 we won in the last round.

With nine teams competing in this round, a different format was used by the organisers meaning the team had 8 matches and lots of hockey – just as well as it was such a cold afternoon !! This certainly played in our favour with the team developing during each match with some great open hockey being played. There was also a further improvement on the last performance on 8th November that shows that this age group are now coming together as a team under Ian's coaching and management.

Team: Harvey; George; Ben E; Lewis R; Ben J; Joe; Matthew; Jack and Grace

Results

Timperley v. Alderley Edge	won	2 - 0	(Jack & Ben J)
Timperley v. Macclesfield	won	1 - 0	(Ben J)
Timperley v. Bowdon	won	2 - 0	(Ben E & Ben J)
Timperley v. Stockport	won	2 - 0	(Jack 2)
Timperley v Tameside	lost	0 - 3	
Timperley v. Wilmslow	won	2 - 0	(Jack & Ben J)
Timperley v. Oldham	won	3 - 0	(Jack, George & Ben J)
Timperley v. Lancashire Lions	drew	0 - 0	

12 goals for, 3 against.

The highlight was a solid 2.0 win over local rivals Bowdon with Timperley playing the ball down the wings and creating lots of chances in the 'D' through balls being fed by using the full width of the pitch.

Thanks also to Ian for coaching the side to a great set of results. Thanks also to the loyal band of parent supports and to Ben J's Grandparents who came to watch this time!

Dates for your diary! The next rounds of the league are:

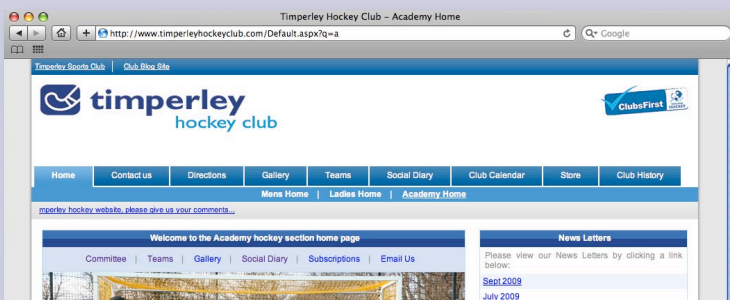
Sunday 10th January

Sunday 14th March

Sunday 28th March

All at Belle Vue, Manchester – 12.30 – 4.30pm

*Best wishes for a
Happy Christmas
and
prosperous New Year*
Timperley Hockey Academy Committee



Timperley Hockey Club Website

Don't forget the new club website is now online at www.timperleyhockeyclub.com for news, match reports etc.

Any budding reporters interested in writing match reports, photographers with team action or any other ideas for the website, please let a member of the committee know.