

## KETTERING HOCKEY CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017



# CHRISTMAS PARTY!



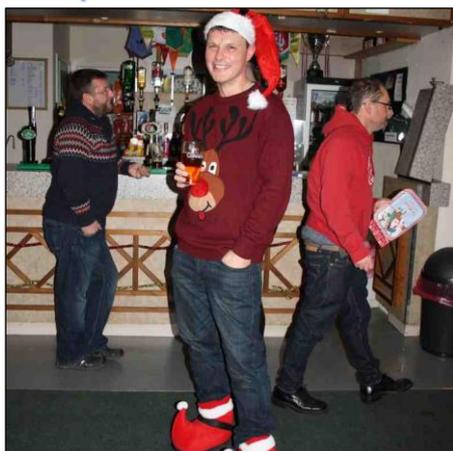
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Clubhouse



*Jean and Graham Smith getting into the Christmas spirit(s) 😊*

What a Christmas Cracker we had on Saturday night with the hockey club's Christmas Party! With real ales, scrummy food, free raffle entry, Secret Santa, quizzes and games on offer, KHC's Socials team has knocked it out the park yet again.

Thanks to Tom Sellers who sponsored the event, Ant Paton who organised it and Bibby & Kate Randle who provided the food



Other social dates for your diaries  
27<sup>th</sup> January – Quiz night  
24<sup>th</sup> February – Race night  
24<sup>th</sup> March – Pub Olympics  
14<sup>th</sup> April – Awards Evening Dinner Dance



# THANKS

A huge thank you to all our Captains, Coaches, Volunteers, Committee members and Umpires. We often forget to pass on our thanks for the hard work you do week in week out. There is always a lot more going on behind the scenes and we appreciate the time and effort you put into your various roles to keep this club running.

Have a peaceful and restful Christmas & New Year

## *Calling all KHC Goalkeepers*

In response to player feedback, KHC has invested in a **goalkeeper specific training session on Sunday 28th January between 11.00am - 1.00pm** at Bishop Stopford pitch.

This exciting session will be run by **Scottish national goalkeeper Jamie Cachia** who plays at Beeston HC

All goalkeepers within the club are invited to attend this session which is fully funded by the club. **We will need to know numbers, so please RSVP to [ketteringhc@gmail.co.uk](mailto:ketteringhc@gmail.co.uk) whether you can come.**





## PRE CHRISTMAS CLEAR OUT

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to our "Music Magpie" box so far, but there is still time to have that long overdue pre-Christmas clear out and as a gentle reminder we are looking for the following items

CD'S, DVD'S, BLU-RAYS AND GAMES  
TEXTBOOKS

IPHONE, BLACKBERRY, SAMSUNG, SAMSUNG GALAXY, HTC, LG, NOKIA,  
SONY ERICSSON, GOOGLEPIXEL, & THE PHONE HUB  
APPLE GOODS, KINDLETABLET, SMARTWATCH, LAPTOP & CONSOLES.

Bring them to the clubhouse and pop them in the box that can be found in the men's changing rooms. Any items donated will be sold to raise funds for our club and our two chosen charities Wren Spinney School and Johnny's Happy Place

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Well hasn't this taken off, we are up to **£252.59** already!! Clearly everyone's assertive nature is winning out when it comes to competitive online shopping! Up to 15% from EVERY ONLINE PURCHASE is donated by them back to the club.

So, if you haven't already, go to Easy Fundraising and click on 'find a cause to support' find Kettering Hockey Club and register yourself.

### Top 10 Supporters to date (11.12.17) :-

1. Kirsty S. £82.06	6. Barry C. £8.79
2. Jason C. £28.08	7. Amy M. £8.22
3. Jaime C. £26.75	8. Ricky P. £7.04
4. Sarah T. £21.55	9. Sarah H. £6.15
5. Liz M. £15.84	10. Nickola W. £5.98

# Juniors on ice!

THANKS TO THE AMAZING EMMA STOREY, THE JUNIORS WENT ICE-SKATING AT BECKWORTH EMPORIUM ON TUESDAY EVENING, HERE ARE A FEW PICS FROM THEIR NIGHT OUT





# Umpires needed!

Without them there is no game.

How many of you turn up and think to yourself “blimey so and so is umpiring us again”.

As Kettering HC expands we need more whistle blowers. Remember not that long ago we only had 6 teams and the Mens and Ladies first teams had appointed umpires so we have gone from having to provide 4 umpires a week to at least 8.

The problem we have is that with the notable exceptions of Chris and Bert everyone else still plays so our umpiring appointments are at the mercy of the match times and locations etc. It's tricky to umpire the 1130 game at Kettering when you are playing in Ely at 3!! We have a small band of ex panel umpires we use but their availability is not 'every week' so we have to back fill using the club members.

The Club will subsidise an Umpiring Course and we pay £15 for every match you umpire. Keep an eye on the Club Website for the next Umpiring Course.

In October Shez, Lewis, Dom, Matt all took the course and Shez has since passed the assessment. Woody and Meg also completed the course last season and are looking to be assessed. If you have an umpiring qualification and we don't know about it let Claire Jones or Tom know. Even if you just do one game it takes a bit of pressure off everyone else.

If you think that it will be a nightmare and everyone will shout at you this is not the case and the players are really grateful that someone is willing to umpire. You don't have to be a player either. If you are a parent and want to get involved let us know.





# TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to all our teams for an excellent start to the 2017 – 18 season. Many are at or near the top of their relative leagues and for those who are not in such a good position the team spirit shown has been superb and the effort and commitment outstanding.

## Midlands Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
Kettering Ladies 1s	9	6	1	2	18	8	10	19	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )

## Northants County league Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
Kettering Ladies 2s	9	8	1	0	38	14	24	25	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Kettering Ladies 3s	9	3	0	6	10	18	-8	9	(7 <sup>th</sup> )

## Northants County league Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
Kettering Ladies 4s	7	2	1	4	10	25	-15	7	(4 <sup>th</sup> )

## East Men's League NW Divisions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
Kettering 1s	11	9	0	2	57	20	37	27	(2 <sup>nd</sup> )

## East Men's League NW Divisions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
Kettering 2s	11	8	0	3	49	13	36	24	(1 <sup>st</sup> )

## East Men's League NW Divisions

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
Kettering 3s	9	6	2	1	33	8	25	20	(7 <sup>th</sup> )
Kettering 4s	7	2	1	4	10	25	-15	7	(10 <sup>th</sup> )

## *KHC Internal League... the results so far*

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pts /Game
L 2	9	8	1	0	38	14	25	2.78
M 1	11	9	0	2	57	20	27	2.45
M 3	10	7	2	1	38	9	23	2.30
M 2	11	8	0	3	49	13	24	2.18
L 1	9	6	1	2	18	8	19	2.11
L 3	9	3	0	6	10	18	9	1.00
L 4	7	2	1	4	10	25	7	1.00
M 4	9	0	0	9	5	51	0	0



[www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk)

All our results, match reports and vital information regarding club events are posted on our website. There are also many fabulous photos taken by resident photographer Amy March during matches and at social events

**Don't miss out!!**

Please register and join in so you are kept up to date with all our activities and if you have any difficulty logging in, have a chat to Barry Coe

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## ***FITNESS SESSIONS***

It's nearly time to make your New Year resolution, with that in mind we suggest you get your fitness on by joining our fitness sessions in January. Ricky runs a great session totally relevant to playing the game of hockey and it is also good fun.

**Mondays, Bishop Stopford School Gym**

**7pm – 8pm, £2 per session.**

**Restarts 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Come and give it a go and bring your friends, partners, children, parents etc. Open to all and you can drop in and out of the activity depending on how you feel



## Bill hits the Big time!

**Our very own hockey legend Bill Greenwood has hit new heights having made the England Hockey Team of the Week**



**Name: Bill Greenwood**

**Club: Kettering**

**Nomination: Bill played for Kettering Men's 4th XI at the weekend before umpiring and on Sunday was 'Player of the Match' at left back in a 1-0 cup win. Bill is 81!**

## We're in business!

Kettering Hockey Club has an active development plan and a business plan, and it is available to see on the website. This gives us an understanding of where the club is now, where we want to be and how we'll get there. Check it out at

[www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk)



**WE ARE A CLUBMARK CLUB!**

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ENGLAND  
HOCKEY

**After a VAST amount of work by a lot of very kind people within the club, we have regained our Clubmark accreditation!**

**89 individual files and documents have been developed and submitted, including the writing of a development plan, business plan, coaching analysis and safeguarding courses attended.**

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed, especially Barry Coe who was the driving force behind this project.**

## **UMPIRE HEADSETS**

**After a proposal submitted to KHC Executive committee, we have been in touch with Northamptonshire County Women's Hockey Association who have kindly agreed to fund a pair of umpire headsets.**

**The idea is to allow better communication between umpires on the pitch as well as for training and umpire development purposes within the club and County.**

**Thanks to NCWHA for their support!**



## Sponsorship Opportunities...

If you would like to get your business advertised to our club members and beyond, please contact Fundraising Secretary Jan Randle at [jan\\_randle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jan_randle@yahoo.co.uk) for more details. No sponsorship offer is too small... or too big!! Each social event so far has been sponsored to the tune of around £100. Is this something you could do????

### What can we do for you?

- Daily Website updates to over 230 members and former players On our website home page
- On our Facebook page with 340 followers
- In a week our combined posts usually reach over 2000
- On our Twitter account with over 350 followers
- On advertising in our Clubhouse
- On a match day pitch side advertising banner.
- Your sponsor's logo on a set of junior team shirts
- Weekly match reports and photos in local press

### Sponsorship deals...

#### **One Month - Platinum £250**

e.g. Sponsor a premium event, such as the Annual Dinner Dance

#### **Annual - Platinum £1000**

e.g. Sponsor a set of junior team shirts

#### **One Month - Gold £100**

e.g. Sponsor a Social Event - we run monthly events in our clubhouse

#### **Annual - Gold £500**

e.g. Sponsor equipment such as Junior GK kit or Bibs/Balls etc

#### **One Month - Silver £50**

e.g. Sponsor the Raffle prizes for an event

#### **Annual - Silver £300**

e.g. Sponsor a teams after Match Teas for the Season

**But we are open to offers!!**

# Over 75's tournament is back!

Bill Greenwood has been at it again, he's organising the Third annual over 75's tournament at Wrenn School. Put these dates in your diary as helpers are always needed:

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



## Cup News

**Kettering men's O50's are still in the National Tier 3 cup competition and have been drawn at home to St Neots on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Winners will go through to the quarter finals. Good luck!**



**Kettering ladies O45's sadly lost in their last match against Cambridge City in a repeat of last year's final, they drew 2-2 in normal time but lost 3-2 on penalties. Sport can be so cruel!**



# AGM date is confirmed

*The Annual General Meeting date is set for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the clubhouse 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.*

*This is where we review the season and appoint new officers for committee positions.*

*Come and have your say in how the club moves forward.*

