



Kettering Hockey Club Newsletter

December 2018



As we say
goodbye to 2018,
welcome to the
last newsletter of
the year and boy
what a year it
has been!!

England Hockey Club of the Year
Northamptonshire Club of the Year
Kettering Club of the Year
Where next, Europe? The World?





Kettering Hockey Club has done the treble!

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SPORTS AWARDS

held this year at Sywell Aerodrome

KETTERING HOCKEY CLUB

were named

CLUB OF THE YEAR FOR 2018

This completes a hat trick of awards for our fab club



TOM SELLERS - LIVING LEGEND!

Tom was nominated in the "Long Term Contribution to Sport" category at the Kettering Sports Awards.

He didn't win that one - Oh no - he went one better!

From that nomination he won highest honour that can be awarded to any local sportsperson in the district - the "Arthur Nicholson Trophy".

It was a magical moment and for once Tom was actually totally lost for words as he went up to receive his award.

Tom also went through to the Northamptonshire Sports awards and again it was priceless to see his reaction when he realised he was one of the nominees rather than just a visiting guest

Well done Tom - well deserved and congratulations from all of us at Kettering Hockey Club





Tom with his fellow nominees at the Northamptonshire Sports Awards in November



Which brings us nicely to.....

The “Kettering” Hockey Player

On display at the Manor House Museum in Kettering until 12th January 2019 is the “Kettering” Hockey Player, a unique Roman artefact dating from 43AD – 410AD.

It was discovered in Kettering in 1938 and is the only known example of its kind from Roman Britain. It was donated to the British Museum but is now back for a short time only as part of their local treasures exhibition.





A message from our president Jean Smith

“I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and contribution in making this year such a memorable and successful one”

“This would not have been possible without every member of the club contributing in some way to our success - whether it be playing, organising, volunteering, coaching, umpiring, fundraising, sponsoring or supporting as a parent.

We have achieved so much and it has put us on the National Hockey map.

I love this club and I feel very proud as your President”

Jean.

UMPIRES

Dom Cusk and Paul Bates both pass L1 grading.

Our umpire numbers have grown by two more passing their level 1 grading. Dom Cusk is one of our young umpires and has already started umpiring games on Saturdays. Paul Bates will be an occasional umpire for us as he has first call with Earls Barton Ladies. We wish them well in their umpiring careers and remember gents, and indeed all umpires, 10 games get you a free umpiring shirt!! Another deal that sets KHC apart from the rest.

We would like to thank all our umpires who enable us to play Hockey week in week out ~ without you there would be NO games. We all appreciate everything you do for the club even if we don't always say it.



SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

Much of our success this year is due in some part to the support we give to our local charities so please, please, please continue to support our **SOCIAL EVENTS** and don't forget to be part of our **JAM JAR ARMY** by donating your pots of loose change.

We have already raised a magnificent **£293.16** from the efforts of just 6 people plus the Bingo Bar Jam Jar which raised **£30.69** on the night so imagine what we could do if you all bought in a Jam Jar of "shrapnel"





BINGO NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Bingo night. Tom Sellers was our superb Bingo caller although some of his calls were on the eclectic side "34 Bruss on the floor" was a corker! Sorry Bruss! A huge thank you to everyone who helped out on the night, particularly Cheryl McCulloch and Nik Baker for selling tickets, Jan Randle and Claire Jennings for organising and sorting out the food and Ed Jennings for selling raffle tickets. Many others lent a hand on the night so a huge thank you to you all as well.

The event raised a magnificent **£546.00**

THANK YOU





CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Won narrowly by Jim's Fan Club on 8th December, again huge thanks to quizmaster Tom and organiser Claire.

The event raised a magnificent **£260.00**

THANK YOU



Coming up in 2019...

February 2nd

RACE NIGHT

March 2nd

BEEBLE DRIVE

April 12th 13th 14th

O75'S TOURNAMENT

April 27th

AWARDS EVENING





TGI HOCKEY

A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of welcoming Richard Necus from *TGI Hockey* to our Saturday and Sunday junior sessions & thanks also to *FocusOnSolutions* who helped with this sponsorship.

All our juniors received their *goody bags* and Rich had plenty of sticks on hand for people to try.

One of the major perks of being associated with such a company is the fact that we get a *discount code* you can use to save you money on all your purchases. So, if you need a stick or stick bag or any other Hockey related item please remember to put *KHC* in the discount code section of the website to get your discount.

If you want to look at the sticks and try one out go and talk to our *stick ambassadors* Lewis Pywell, Emma Storey and Ed Jennings. They will be more than happy to help you out.

Remember to key KHC into the discount code section to get your KHC discount - 40% off. A really great deal

KETTERING HOCKEY CLUB PLAYING KIT

Just a quick reminder that all orders for “playing kit should be made online at

www.silverfx.co.uk

and this includes express delivery to your home address. Any problems please contact Ross Mathieson at

ross-171@hotmail.com

A reminder also from our treasurer

2 for 1

2 for 1 on playing shirts for all our new members. Just order your home and away shirts as normal and you will receive a refund of £25 from the club





Welfare and Safeguarding

We at KHC take the health, welfare and safety of all of our members extremely seriously. You can discuss any issues in complete confidence with one of our excellent highly qualified welfare officers.



WE ARE COMMITTED TO

Safeguarding & Protecting

YOUNG PEOPLE AT OUR CLUB





SAFE
SAFEGUARDING
THE HOCKEY FAMILY

SEASON 18/19

- We follow EH's Safeguarding Policy and Guidance ✓
- All those working with U18s have safeguarding training ✓
- We complete DBS checks on people working with U18s ✓
- We deal with concerns swiftly and appropriately

CLUB NAME: Kettering Hockey Club

OUR CHILD WELFARE OFFICER IS: Nigel Parkes
Claire Jennings

CONTACT THEM BY: welfare@ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk






ICE SKATING FOR OUR JUNIORS

Many thanks to Emma Storey for sorting out another fun-filled Christmas treat for all our Juniors

ICE SKATING at Beckworth Emporium

on

Tuesday 18th December from 6.45 – 8.00pm.

Please note the change of times from 5.45 - 7.00 to 6.45 -
8.00pm

This is always a fabulous event and we are certain you will all have a marvellous time.

If you have any queries please contact Emma at

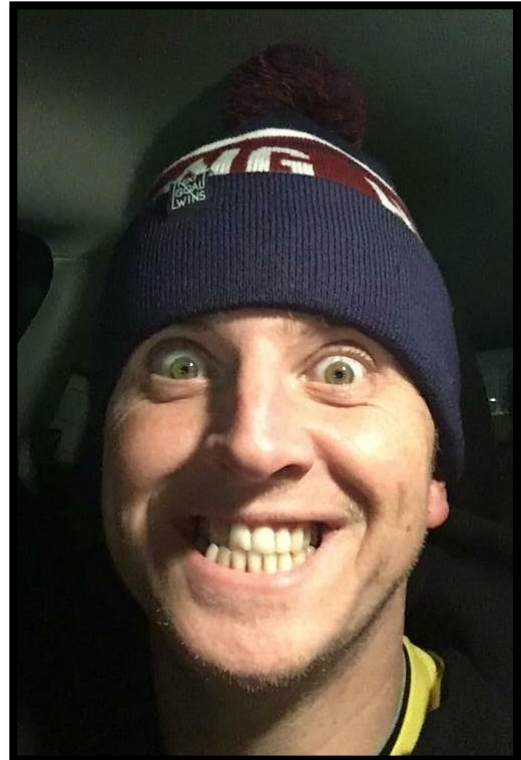
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Bobble Hats!

And as you can see some of our juniors are beautifully modelling the club's new bobble hats, however I'm not sure this can be said for these other ugly mugs!



Simply shop at your favourite retailers using easyfundraising and they will make a donation to us on your behalf. Best of all, you don't pay anything extra - so far, we have raised well over £1000 for KHC

Just sign in to "Easyfundraising" and follow the instructions





It's home to Cambridge City on the 20th January for our Ladies 45+ squad

The Ladies amazing 4 – 1 win against Bedford a couple of weeks ago in the last 16 of the England Hockey Cup competition has set them up for a quarter final clash with Cambridge City, last year's runners up. The Ladies 045 nemesis Cambridge City defeated Kettering 4 – 3 on strokes in the last 16 last season and eventually made it to the finals losing 3 – 1 to Sevenoaks.



It's away to St Neots on the 20th January for our Mens 50+ squad

Apparently, Norwich City have heard how brilliant our men's team is and conceded the last round putting Kettering through to the next round

What a shame they didn't draw both matches at home!



FITNESS SESSIONS RESTART

Enjoy your Christmas turkey and compulsory tin of Roses, safe in the knowledge that fitness training restarts in the New Year!

Sessions will resume on Monday 7th January at Bishop Stopford school from 7.00 – 8.00pm £2 a session

New Year resolution to improve fitness??

ASTRO TRAINING SESSIONS RESTART

Training Re-starts, same times as now

Tuesday 8th January – Juniors and Seniors

Wednesday 9th January – Seniors

And finally... thanks to all of you who work so hard to keep this wonderful club running. From the players, officials, volunteers, parents, committee and everyone in-between.

Enjoy the mid-season break and have a very Happy Christmas and New Year

