



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2015

WELCOME TO THE NEW 2015-16 SEASON!

The new season is upon us! The ladies have already got their season underway, but for the men it starts this weekend; & what a weekend we have coming up for you Mighty 'Ningers... more on that below, as well as everything you need to know for the 2015-16 season ahead!

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS OF SONNING – WE HOPE YOU ARE VERY HAPPY AT YOUR NEW HOCKEY HOME!

CONGRATULATIONS

Lucy & Ben Faulkner on the arrival of Averie (born 13/06)

Kirsten Bruce (Ladies' 2s) & husband Carl on the arrival of Elliot (born 20/08)

Alasdair Allan (Men's 1s) & Chrissi Frank (Ladies' 2s) who were married on 19th September in Germany



WEBSITE

For all our new members out there, **please sign up to our website ASAP:** www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk. All communications come directly from the website regarding selections, updates and news. Please ensure you select the option to allow us to use your email address for comms.

AVAILABILITY

Once registered on the website (above) please update your availability. If this is not completed you may not be selected for games as captains will assume you are unavailable. For a detailed guide to getting your availability up online see: [Website-masterclass-setting-your-availability](#) (or ask your teammates!).

MEMBERSHIP

ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE by 31st OCTOBER – COLTS & SENIORS

It's simple, safe & easy to do on our own website, using the product that relates specifically to you: <http://www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk/payments>. If you have any issues/questions, then please email Sam 'JT' Terry: membership@sonninghockeyclub.co.uk.

KIT

For all you newbies out there, or anyone in need of an updated Saturday wardrobe, everything can be ordered through our kit provider Hawkinsport. You can either order online on their dedicated SHC website page <https://www.hawkinsport.co.uk/category/sonning-hockey-club> or visit them at:

- Hawkinsport & Son, 37/39 The Parade, BOURNE END, Bucks SL8 5SB Tel: 01628 819242
- Hawkinsport & Son, 38 Hill Avenue, AMERSHAM, Bucks HP6 5BW Tel: 01494 433550



CLUB DAY – SAT 5TH SEPT

We once again supported England Hockey's early season festivities (which this year was called #HockeyFest) by having our annual Family Club Day to coincide. Fun was had both off and on the pitch, with training, games, a BBQ, music & off course the Great Sonning Bake Off!



All this resulted in a Twitter exchange with Bicester Hockey Club that has led to a bake-off mixed hockey match planned between us & them, with England Hockey judging the cakes! More to follow on that one... keep your eyes peeled for emails from Becca & Colm (our new mixed Captains)!



Coffee & walnut cake!



Our winner Julie!

NEW COACHING SET-UP

This season Mark Scarth has stepped down from his Ladies' Head Coach Role after seven (we think!) years & taken on the role of Coaching Development Officer.

Rob McDermott Has stepped up to coach the Ladies' 1s; ex-Olympian **John Shaw** has joined forces with **Radar** to coach the Ladies' 3s-5s/Vets; and **Geoff Turner** continues to coach the Ladies' 2s.

On the men's side we have another ex-Olympian in our midst, with **former Pakistan international Ali Raza** having joined the coaching team to work with the Men's 1st Team Squad at training and on Saturday's! **John Shaw** continues to coach as well and is now focused on the Men's 3s-7s.

What a team! I hope you'll all join us in welcoming Ali to the club & showing him what Sonningness is!

EASYFUNDRAISING

Some of you may remember from years past that the club is registered with EasyFundraising. This is a fantastic way for us to raise **free money for the club** – purely from your online shopping that you would have done anyway. First go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, then click through to the website you want to make your purchase from and that's it. The price of the goods is exactly the same - you don't pay anything extra. For more information, visit: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/how-it-works/>

So get shopping 'Ningers! Particularly in the run up to Christmas!!



CUP GAMES

We have entered a number of teams into competitive knock-out tournaments this season, so put these dates in your diary and come along to support home games where you can:

Men's 1s – 15th or 22nd November (opposition still to be determined)

Men's 2s – 11th October vs Teddington at 2pm (Home)

Ladies' 1s – 1st or 8th November (opposition still to be determined)

Ladies' Over 35s – 18th October vs Horsham at 1.30pm (Home)

SOCIALS

As always, **the first Saturday of every month is Club night**, with activities varying from a 'quiet' one at the Clubhouse bar, to events such as quizzes & race nights in the back room. This weekend is a cracker, with the Ladies' 1s taking on the Ladies' 2s at 3pm, followed by the Men's 6s vs Men's 7s at 4.30pm. Then carry on the party into the evening with drinks at the bar to celebrate birthdays & RWC 2015.

More information will follow before each of the dates, but for now, get them in your diary:

3rd October – L1s vs L2s; M6s vs M7s; and birthdays galore! Rugby World Cup!

7th November

5th December – Christmas Party

2nd/9th January

6th February

5th March

April – End of Season Dinner

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMPETITIONS

For other ways to **keep up to date** with what is happening around the club and letting your fellow members know your results on a Saturday, then do follow us or 'like' us on Twitter/Facebook respectively. We are also starting up Instagram this season! You can find all the **details at the bottom** of the newsletter. **Please do your bit and share/like posts** where you can; & keep an eye out for the **monthly competitions** about to start in October. There will be **prizes!** Just make sure to **use the hashtag #COTN** and the competition phrase to be entered!

NEWSLETTERS

If you have anything you want to include in the newsletters then please let us know by sending an email to: sonninghockeyclub@hotmail.com

SHC CODE OF CONDUCT

A reminder of our Code of Conduct, which we expect all our members to abide by at all times:
<http://www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk/a/sonning-hockey-club-code-of-conduct-44840.html>



CLUB OFFICERS 2015-16

Chairman – Oliver ‘Wadders’ Waddington

Secretary – Steve Workman

Treasurer – Gemma Waddington

Ladies’ Club Captain – Rose Scales

Ladies’ Vice CC – Claire McEwen

Men’s Club Captain – Olly ‘Tonksy’ Tonks

Colts Coordinator – **VACANT** (contact Wadders)

Webmaster – Kristin ‘Coops’ Cooper

Fixture Secretary – Chris ‘Radar’ O’Hagan

Main Club Rep – Kevin Mist

President – Eddie Butler

Umpire Co-ordinator – Chad Bosman

Membership Secretary – Sam ‘JT’ Terry

Social Secretary – **VACANT** (contact Wadders)

PR Officer – Lynne Goddard

Welfare Officer – Rose Scales

Communications – Gemma Waddington & Becca Clark

TEAM CAPTAINS 2015-16

Ladies

L1 Captain – Mai-Po Wan

L2 Captain – Ruth Purdy

L3 Captain – **VACANT** (contact Rose)

L4 Captain – **VACANT** (contact Rose)

L5 Captain – Christy Eyles Goldsmith

LV Captain – Sue Hicks

Mixed Captains – Becca Clark & Colm Hanlon

Men

M1 Captain – Paul Brown

M2 Captain – Adam McCarthy

M3 Captain – Charlie Day

M4 Captain – Jon Jessop

M5 Captain – Max Phippard

M6 Captain – Ashley Churchill

M7 Captain – Tyler Churchill

GOOD LUCK FOR THE SEASON ‘NINGERS! #COTN

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