



Monthly Newsletter for Members of Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club



CRHC Men take on Bath Buccs in the inaugural Y1 Future Hockey Championships. Story so far on page 5.

Here comes the summer!

We're so thrilled that the sunshine has finally made appearance both on and off the pitch. Our Juniors have begun their pathway through the **England Hockey junior championships**, with success across the board in the first round. Our Men's first and second teams have joined forces to romp through the Y1 hockey championships – with local teams from in and around Bristol competing to lift the inaugural **Y1 Future Champs**. The championship comes with modified rules for play, including the requirement that each team must feature at least four U18 players – a great opportunity for some of our junior boys to make their mark in top-level adult hockey. The women's teams have been enjoying their **Summer League** matches, with strong performances all round. We also have **NAGS selection** success for one of our junior girls (see page 5), which is an incredible achievement, especially in what has been a particularly difficult, stop-start process over the course of the last 8 or so months!

We are especially proud of our Ladies' 1s assistant coach this month – **Micah Smithard** cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End with his dad to raise money for the charity TOYBOX, which supports disadvantaged children, who are living on the streets as a result of poverty, violence or abuse. Read the story of his amazing endurance cycle on page 6, and please support him with a donation if you can.

Finally, at the end of the newsletter are details of a **performance summer camp** for players aged 15–18 (open to juniors within and without the Club) that is being run by some of our CRHC coaches and players, as well as a **recruitment flyer** for our Men's 1s side – please feel free to print and share!

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This newsletter is produced by Clifton Robinsons' volunteer Communications & Marketing team. It is distributed to all Registered members of Clifton Robinsons Hockey Club, every month during the hockey season.

Our Newsletter is for everyone in the Club and we welcome contributions from all our members. Thank you to everyone who has sent articles for this edition. **If you have any stories you would like to share**, please contact Jude Barratt on:

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Men's 1st featured player

Ed Johnson



Ed's fact file

Hometown: Baldock

Position: Goalkeeper

Other roles & responsibilities: Welfare Officer, U16 coach

Previous clubs: Letchworth HC, West Herts HC, Sydney Uni HC, UWE HC

University: UWE, Bath Spa

Honours: Hertfordshire

Sponsor: Mercian

Favourite sporting moment: Beating Firebrands in their backyard 3-0 to gain promotion to national league.

What do we need to know about Ed? Ed is a man who gives his all for the club regardless of the role he is fulfilling. He had a huge hand in the South West Prem League win in 2017 with a ridiculous run of games without conceding a short-corner goal. Ed coaches the U16 boys and has travelled all over the country to support the side. He can also be found at any number of club socials or playing for Clobbies, the club's mixed side. He is a true club man and we are lucky to have him.

Committee news...

CRHC AGM 2021

The Club's AGM will take place on 30 June 2021 at 7pm. Due to current circumstances and the ongoing COVID situation, this will be a virtual meeting. The Agenda will be published on club e-mail by 16th June 2021. Officer Reports will be distributed following the 16th June, giving members time to read them all before the AGM. A date will be provided for tabling 'Any Other Business' at the Chair's discretion.

Summer League

Are you able to help with the organisation of your summer league team? If you have been invited to play in one of the squads for Women's Summer League, we'd really appreciate your help managing match availability and notifications over the next few weeks. This is a short-term job, but would be a huge help.

Please contact Nick Sutcliffe on sutcliffe_2@hotmail.com

EuroHockey Championships

An ex-Robinsons Men's Junior is to play in the EuroHockey Championships in Amsterdam from 4th to 13th June.

Joe played for Robinsons M1s as a 17 / 18-year-old before going to University at Cardiff. He currently plays in the EHL Premier League for East Grinstead.

He played for England U21s, before transferring and becoming a Full Welsh International.

On the weekend of 22nd / 23rd May, Joe clocked up his 96th Cap, and 20th international goal in a two-match pre-Euros series against Scotland.

Over the Euros, in which he will play against Germany, France and Netherlands, Joe will go on to gain his 100th international cap in the crossover stage of the European Championships!

The full running order schedule is on the right. You can watch Joe and all the action on BT Sport with a one-off pass. Simply click the link to go to the BT Sport page to sign up www.bt.com/sport/monthly-pass. Further information about the championships can be found here: eurohockey.org

Schedule of play

Match #	Date/Time (GMT+1)	Details
1	4 Jun 2021 17:00	GER v WAL (Pool B)
2	4 Jun 2021 20:00	NED v FRA (Pool B)
3	5 Jun 2021 11:00	ENG v RUS (Pool A)
4	5 Jun 2021 13:15	BEL v ESP (Pool A)
5	5 Jun 2021 20:15	FRA v WAL (Pool B)
6	6 Jun 2021 15:00	GER v NED (Pool B)
7	6 Jun 2021 17:30	ESP v RUS (Pool A)
8	6 Jun 2021 19:45	ENG v BEL (Pool A)
9	8 Jun 2021 12:30	BEL v RUS (Pool A)
10	8 Jun 2021 14:45	FRA v GER (Pool B)
11	8 Jun 2021 17:00	ESP v ENG (Pool A)
12	8 Jun 2021 20:00	NED v WAL (Pool B)
13	10 Jun 2021 12:30	4th Pool A v 4th Pool B (Pool C)
14	10 Jun 2021 14:45	3rd Pool A v 3rd Pool B (Pool C)
15	10 Jun 2021 17:00	1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B (SF1)
16	10 Jun 2021 20:00	1st Pool B v 2nd Pool A (SF2)
17	11 Jun 2021 13:45	3rd Pool A v 4th Pool B (Pool C)
18	11 Jun 2021 21:00	3rd Pool B v 4th Pool A (Pool C)
19	12 Jun 2021 10:00	Loser SF1 v Loser SF2 (3rd/4th Place)
20	12 Jun 2021 12:30	Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (Final)



Ladies' 1st featured player

Lily Webb



Lily's fact file

Position: Forward

Favourite skill: Anything 3D

When not on the pitch, I can be found: Eating

Favourite sporting moment: Scoring in last years EH Tier 1 cup final.

Claim to fame: Hodur Magnusson (ex Bristol City footballer) is a close family friend.

Fun fact: Having joined the club in 2017, Lily is now off to Princeton University, NJ to play hockey and do some studying too!

Senior club news...

Men's 1s/2s at the Y1 Champs

Throughout May, the Men's 1s and 2s squad have been involved in the inaugural Y1 Hockey Future Championship. The Bristol-based league features CRHC, Bristol University, Bath Buccaneers, Taunton Vale and local rivals Firebrands. Rather than just normal hockey, however, we've been playing to some specific, new rules!

- Games played in Quarters
- Each team must select four U18s
- Penalty Shuffles instead of Penalty Corners

The league rules made for a particularly exciting tournament (see our Twitter feed for some excellent Penalty Shuffles!), and also allowed us to give debuts to many young players, as well as welcome players new to Bristol in the last Covid-affected year. Overall, we have used 28 players, with seven U18s involved and 11 competitive first-team debuts. Excitingly, one game also featured a guest player, GB international Ollie Willars – a sign of the direction we are looking to take as a club.

In terms of the results, tight losses to Bath and Bristol Uni were followed up with comprehensive wins vs Taunton Vale and Firebrands, which leaves us 3rd in the table. A semi-final rematch vs Bath beckons, with the final or bronze medal match on the 10th June. Keep your eyes on socials for details!

Thanks to Y1 Hockey for organising a great tournament!

Junior club news...

EH Comp wins all round!

The GU18, U16 and U14 and BU16 and U14 sides have all begun their campaigns in the England Hockey 2021 knockout competition with convincing wins in the first round. Keep up the good work guys!

GU12

U12s finished their season with an inter club tournament, playing loads of great hockey and having great fun in the process. Special mention to Gareth Williams who organised the morning and has been a constant figure all season supporting the weekly training. Also thanks to all the helpers who have made it possible week in, week out. Helpers encouraged to come forward for next season!



NAGS U16 for Clem!

Huge congratulations to Clemmie Houlden (GU16), who has successfully made selection into England Hockey's GU16 NAGS for 20/21. After an incredibly protracted trials process thanks to Covid, Clem has held her nerve and demonstrated her mettle – as well as her skills as a hockey player – for selection into the confirmed, final squad of England U16 girls. A phenomenal achievement! Clem will now attend a series of training weekends before donning her England shirt at several home nations matches. Enjoy Clemmie! We're super-proud of you!



And finally . . .

Micah does JOGLE

Hello Clifton!

On 16th May I embarked on an 8-day charity ride from the furthest northeast coast of Scotland (John O' Groats) to the furthest southwest coast of England (Land's End). During these 8 days, I cycled 1,000 miles, climbed over 10,000m, and – so far – have raised just over £2,100 for TOYBOX charity.

I completed the ride with my 60-year-old father, who was an epic Trojan horse, managing to successfully complete the distance alongside me. We had to battle through the wind, rain and cold, with early starts and late finishes.

On day one we travelled from John O' Groats to Inverness – 170 miles and unbelievably four punctures! All to the back wheel of my bike. We eventually arrived into Inverness and the next day bought a new tyre so that we could replace mine when, in what felt like an inevitability, it got another puncture. In fact, that tyre travelled the whole route to Land's End without being used. No more punctures!! UNBELIEVABLE!

This ride proved to be both a physical and mental challenge. The mental barriers we hit during the ride came from the howling wind

and sideways rain, making visibility poor and cycling conditions far from ideal. There were times we both felt like giving up and getting on a train, but deep down we knew that, no matter what it took, we had to cycle the distance because the pain and difficulty we were experiencing was just a small insight to that suffered by the people we were supporting.

We managed to complete the ride in the set 8 days and the emotion of cycling into Land's End will be something I will never forget. This elation is what the charities being supported give to the street children who start out with nothing, but whose lives take a completely new turn – with education, family and prosperity – thanks to the work of this charity.

Thank you to all the support everyone from the Clifton Robinsons HC family has given me before, during and after the ride. It is much appreciated – I am looking forward to seeing you on the pitch soon!
Micah Smithard

If you would like to donate to this amazing cause and show your support for my journey, please follow this link or scan the QR code:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Synapse-Riders>



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Deadline for submissions
Thursday July 1st



CLIFTON ROBINSONS

Hockey Camps

Open to all 15-18 year olds

2nd - 3rd August:

Performance Camp

Players will be introduced to the expectations of adult hockey through top level coaching, training & facilities, talks, video analysis and the opportunity to speak with an International.

This two day course is designed to really stretch and challenge!

Should players on the performance camp stay to take part in the future coaches camp (below) they will get all 5 days for £150

4th - 6th August:

Future Coaches Camp

Offering future coaches additional support as they start their coaching journey.

Looking at various coaching frameworks, practice design and delivery, tournaments and the opportunity to work on their umpring skills.

£100

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Camps delivered by Clifton Robinsons and Guest Coaches




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Course takes place at Clifton College

To register your interest in the course please email summerhockeycourse@gmail.com



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Support packages can be discussed.



**MEN'S HOCKEY
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