

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 28 November	White Knights Mini League (away) at Romford U14B v Sutton Valance (home) Mercian League
Sunday 5 December	Essex Minis (U13 Girls and Boys) at Redbridge U18B (home v Northampton) Mercian League U16B Indoor at Bedford. U16G East Indoor at Culford School
Sunday 12 December	Mercian League: U14B(home v Bromley), U16B (away v Southend) U18B Indoor at Bedford
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas mixed training, 7 – 8.30pm
Sunday 19 December	Christmas Fun Training U15 and 18 Cup/Plate Competitions (Girls and Boys) tbc U9 Indoor at New Hall 3 – 5pm
Break for Christmas	
Sunday 9 January 2005	Sunday training restarts U16B v West Herts (home) Mercian League
Tuesday 11/Wednesday 12	Midweek training restarts
Sunday 16 January	Mercian League:U14B (away v Beckenham), U18B (away v Southgate) U16 Mixed League (away at Upminster)
Sunday 23 January	White Knights Mini League (away at Havering) Mercian League: U16B (home v Southgate),U18B (home v Old Loughts)
Sunday 30 January	
Sunday 6 February	Essex Minis (U11 Girls and Boys) at Redbridge U14B (home v Canterbury)Mercian League U16 Mixed League(home v Saffron Walden and Braintree)
Sunday 13 February	White Knights Mini League (home) U16B (away v St. Albans) Mercian League
Sunday 20 February	
Saturday 26 February	U13G Indoor at Bishops Stortford (12.45 – 17.30)
Sunday 27 February	
Sunday 6 March	U18B (home v Peterborough) Mercian League U16 Mixed League (away at Bishops Stortford)
Sunday 13 March	White Knights Mini League (away at Bishops Stortford)
Sunday 20 March	
Sunday 27 March	Easter Sunday - No Training
Watch this space for details of continuing training	
Sunday 17 April	East Mini Finals U13 Bedford U11 Harleston
April 28 – May 1	Zevenbergen Tour
Monday 1 May	? Old Loughtonians U9/U11/U13 Tournament (tbc)

Training Times

U9 Girls and Boys	Sunday	09.00am – 10.15am
U11 Girls/U11 Boys	Sunday	09.45am – 11.30am
U13 Girls/U13 Boys	Sunday	09.45am – 11.30am (up until Xmas)
U13 Girls *	Sunday*	09.15am – 11.00am* (start after Xmas)
U13 Boys *	Sunday*	09.00am – 11.00am* (start after Xmas)
U14/U15 Girls	Tuesday	6.00pm – 7.30pm
U14/U16/U18 Boys	Wednesday	7.00pm – 8.30pm
U16/U18 Girls	Wednesday	8.30pm – 10.00pm (with Ladies Training)



**Chelmsford Hockey Club
Youth Section
Mid Season Update**



It hardly seems possible that it's nearly Christmas!

It has been an exciting and encouraging start to the season. The U16 Girls have won through to represent Essex in the East stages of the Indoor competition on December 5th, and the U18 girls, who were runners-up in their indoor event, will also represent Essex in January. Many members have been selected for county teams and development squads; a significant number have been at East training camps and some have gone on to play in the East teams; a select few who have been at England Trials. Our membership this season is in excess of 175, ranging in age from 7 to 18 and most have already represented the club in at least one match and a significant number of the older members are playing in the adult section as well. We have been delighted to welcome Natalie Fulton, Director of Coaching for the Club to our training sessions.

Hot foot from the Athens Olympics and South African award presentations, Natalie has taken on the role of Director of Coaching to the club and, as part of her role, is providing coaching forums to the coaches, leading training sessions both during the week and on Sunday mornings. We have also been pleased to welcome members of the mens and ladies 1st XIs to Sunday training, and are particularly grateful to Carl for providing goalkeeper coaching.

I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to all those who have helped the youth section in any way - coaches and managers of our teams, caterers on Sunday mornings, collectors of Sunday a.m. subs and parents for ferrying children to training and matches around Essex and beyond!

Overleaf you will find an updated Diary of Events and Training Times – please make sure you add these to your new calendars and diaries!
(n.b. changes to arrangements for U13 Girls and Boys from January 2005).

To round off the first half of the season, we will be holding two festive training sessions: **Wednesday 15 December**, from 7–8.30pm, mixed training for U14s–U18s followed by refreshments.

And on **Sunday 19th December**, during normal training time, we would like to invite you to don festive headgear and join us for fun hockey and general merriment in the clubhouse.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year,

Judith Krone
(Chairman of the Youth Section)

Safety Notice
A reminder to parents/guardians

Coaches are responsible for your child during training sessions only. It is **YOUR** responsibility to deliver and collect your child promptly to and from the pitches.

You are asked to ensure that your child understands that he or she is not to cross the car park unless accompanied by a responsible person.

For their own safety, all parents and supporters are required to stand behind the metal barriers and are asked not to come on to the astro during matches and/or training sessions.

