



# The 2007 Piglet!

**Great Start to the new season for the club:-  
see rpts within the belly of the pig**

Nov 07 edition

## The Prodigal Piglet

**New to the piglet—blast from the past. Who was the son to the mayor of Chester whose driving antics led to the near collapse of Crossville Bus company—see page.. %%**

**Coming your way—club reports, team news, events and all sorts of non-curricular activities... Oh ye! Voice of the committee and most importantly voice of the members.**

Long Live the PIG

## Features:

*In this edition of the pigsty:*

- Up & Coming Club Events
- Summer news
- Captains corner
- Pigsty Humour
- Junior Achievements

Thanks for all your gossip and thoughts....keep them coming in!

Our correspondents are everywhere....

## Ramblers Youth Development Scheme

Following the establishment of the school club partnership with Tarporley Community High School the club held a primary school mixed hockey festival at the club on 18th July. The schools that took part were the feeder schools for Tarporley High and included Delemere, Calveley, Duddon, Kelsall, Bunbury, Tarporley, Eaton & Utkinton. Calveley & Bunbury produced two teams each. Tarvin were unable to attend because the date coincided with their sports day.

Teams were 7 aside and mixed boys and girls. The objective of the day was to stimulate hockey in the local primary schools, produce more boys for the Sunday morning coaching sessions and introduce the clubs facilities to the parents of the

## Pupils.

In every respect the day was a tremendous success. Particularly the enthusiasm of the children had to be seen to be believed. Several parents advised that their child was committed to playing more hockey. With this in mind this festival will be an annual end of summer team event, and we will be introducing a tournament in the Autumn and Easter.

Huge thanks must go to Joe Morphett who is the sports development officer at Tarporley High School, Mark Phillips who is the lead coach for the local primary schools, and numerous other people who assisted on the day.

The festival was won by Eaton who beat Duddon 3-1 on strokes. The standard of hockey was very high and several of the games would have graced any tournament.

## Annual Ramblers Ball at Willington Hall

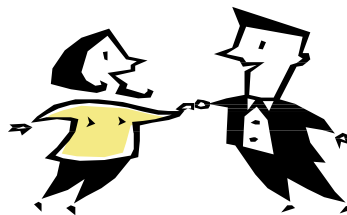
Dec 1st 2007 @£33 per ticket.

Speak to your captain to book your tickets.

Payment is required in advance of the big night out.

Don't delay—pay your skipper today

Thanks in advance to the organiser Dilys and Ann.



Find true romance among your fellow trotters on 01/12/07



## Up and Coming Events

To help fund Project Pigsty Clubhouse developments



### GRAND PRIZE DRAW

- 1st Prize—£500
- 2nd Prize—£150
- 3rd Prize—£100

Draw to take place in the Clubhouse at 4pm on Saturday 15th December 2007.

Ticket's at a bargain price of only £1 each or £5 for book.

Tickets will be issued to all members shortly. Please Please try to get your tickets sold! Return all stubs and money by FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 2007 to: Keith Hindley, Meadowcroft, Audlem, Woore, Crewe, CW3 9RL

### Auction of Promises

February 2008 at the Clubhouse



A brochure containing all promises will be published in the new year. One small problem though—the brochure is currently empty! We need your help to resolve this and would very much appreciate any kind of donations of a promise ..... Large or small.

Any promises you are willing to offer need to be to Mark Goodyer mark.goodyer@mbna.com or Nicky Capes nic\_capes@hotmail.com by 30th November 2007.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support of Project PIGSTY.

### The good old days

Does anyone remember Nick Cotterell (son of the then Mayor of Chester) playing for the Mens third XI in the mid 60's. We only ran three teams in those days as manpower was short .....Nick was hopeless but made up the numbers.

His claim to fame was his eccentric driving ability. He had a job with Crossville Buses and drove the Express Double Decker 'Cymru Coastliner' from Chester to Caernarvon.

Express meant it only had 6 scheduled stops. So frightening was his driving that on one occasion all his passengers got off at Abergele whilst he continued on to Caernarvon with an empty bus!!

This eccentricity spilled over into hockey when he was playing for third XI at Oxtan many moons ago. As was the practice at the time the team met at the Queen hotel in Chester. Nick turned up in an unladen 12 ton gravel truck offering lifts to anyone who would take it. Suffice to say in the days before the M53 he was still the first to reach Oxtan.

Who recalls a third XI game in the 60's against Northern 3rds. It was one of those memorable games—chances in abundance, desperate goalline defending, end to end chances and at full time the score was 2-2. Both sides were sorry to hear the final whistle and immediately both skippers said what a shame it was to finish a game like that. Everybody agreed. So they played another 20 minutes and the final score was 2-2.

### Quotes from the pitch side:

Each piglet edition we will be bringing to you the best and worst quotes from members of the club. If you hear a phrase worthy of gracing the rambler public and the pig is not about be sure to write it down and e-mail it to info@drhc.wanadoo.co.uk

This months phrase is brought to you by Mark Goodyer who used this as his opening line in a recent best mans speech:

"Did you hear about the magic tractor. It drove down the road and turned into a field"

In a recent summer game the presidents dog Phoebe meandered onto the pitch whilst our leader was busy blowing the froth off one of Brian's special beers. Larry Holmes was umpiring said game. Perturbed by this 4 legged arrival Larry quickly branded the red card and gave Phoebe her marching orders.... This begs the question if Larry has every given other dogs the cold shoulder ????

### Pigsty Bar Humour

A man is stranded on a deserted island, all alone for ten years. One day a gorgeous blonde woman wearing a wet suit and scuba suit arrives at the island. She comes up to the chap and she says, "How long has it been since you had a cigarette?"

"Ten years!" he answers. She reaches over, unzips the waterproof pocket on her left sleeve and pulls out a pack of fresh cigarettes. He takes one, lights it, takes a long drag and says, "Man, oh man! Is that good!"

Then she asks, "How long has it been since you had a whisky?"

He replies, "Ten years!" She reaches over, unzips her waterproof pocket on the right, pulls out a bottle of malt whisky and gives it to him. He takes a long swallow and says, "Wow, that is fantastic!"

Then she starts unzipping this long zipper that runs down the front of her wet suit and she says to him, "And how long has it been since you had some real fun?"

And the man replies, "My God! Don't tell me you've got golf clubs in there!"

This editorial is for sale in all good book shops and some rubbish ones too



## Tales From the Summer

Well what a summer it has been:

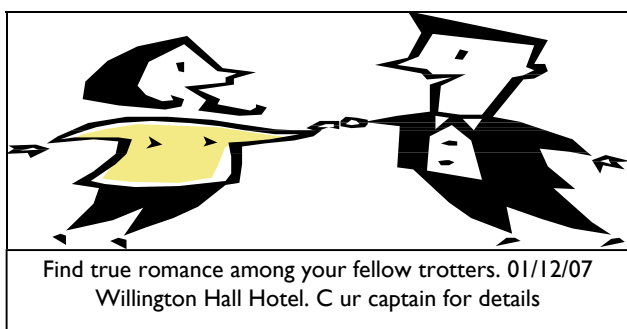
James Fair represented Deeside Ramblers on the pitch in the Hockey World Cup...James, how does that Dutch Short corner routine go? Or did you not see it in time????????? Great to see you still holding the number 1 position. You can play for our men's 2's anytime.

Congratulations to all those students who took exams and passed with flying colours. Good luck with the degrees and the A-levels

Even greater congratulations to those who failed and are staying with us....you can stay at Deeside and play hockey!!!

Welcome onboard Russell Hornby who is the new mens 1st XI coach. Rumour has it he's pushing the players that hard even Deadley Welhard has lost some weight. Its great to see the young lads playing at the highest level in the club. This has got to be the way forward for the future of the men's teams. Keep heading up that league table fellas.

Good luck to our Bex Clarke who is due to have an operation on her cruciate ligament. We also wish Angela Parker a speedy recovery after her recent knee operation. Hoping to see you both back on the pitch soon!



Great starts to the League season for the **Ladies 1st XI** and the **Men's 2nd XL.** Ladies 1sts are top of their leagues after 7 games & Men's 2nds are in 2nd position. Keep the good work up!

### Wedded Bliss

Congratulations go to Nicky Gray & Andy Stammers for marrying in July. The wedding was in Northern Ireland and rumour has it the 50 strong Rambler contingent drank Ireland nearly dry of the black stuff. Thanks to all from the editors for making it a day to remember.....and quickly forget.....the bar bill that is!!!!

Wedding congratulations also go to Angela Stacey who married Ross Parker on July 21st

### Baby Ramblings

Congratulations to Geff & Jo on the birth of their daughter, Jessica. Already seen around the clubhouse she is drawing more attention than Dad is on the pitch!!!

Congratulations to Ed & Claire Blake on the birth of Harvey Blake. Rumour has it Ed has already bought him his first set of wellington boots for mucking out the cows, and a Ford Capri for the Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon pub run.

Welcome back to Vicky Marshall and Lucy Rice, who have been seen gracing the pitch with the 2nds following the birth of their daughters, Poppy and Charlotte. Just watch that win counter start moving in the right direction.

Congratulations to Wendy and Myles Mason on the birth of their daughter Elsa.

### BIG THANKS

A big thank you to all those who are helping out with the Ladies 3rd eleven. Its great to see everyone pulling together and keeping this team going. Long may this continue. The team definitely appreciate the opportunity to play each Saturday.

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What's a blondes favourite wine....Daddy can I go to Miami

What did the blond do when she heard 90% of accidents occur around the home... She moved

Why do blondes smile and look up at lightening...they think someone is taking their picture

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Did anyone see the league game between Deeside Mens 4 XI Vs Deeside Mens 5 XI in the opening league game of the season?

Well done to the 5 XI who won 1-0. Back to the drawing board for the Chairman and his demon development squad.



# JUNIOR STARS



## Fame Academy

Two Deeside Ramblers players have been selected to represent the UK Lions touring side this winter.

Jonathan Verity and Harry Dodd-Moore who play for the under 13s caught the eye of the selectors while playing for Tensworth Academy, a north west representative side, in a national tournament held in Nottingham.

In an interview in the local press our esteemed President was reported saying this will give the whole club a boost. This will give inspiration to other junior club members and give them the confidence to believe they too could be selected for the Lions. Harry & Jonathan will be training throughout the winter months and could be facing the likes of the mighty Malta and Holland.

**Making History:** The Kings school boasts several hockey internationals amongst its former pupils and the boys team are currently national champions. Its now the girls team to shine with many players been picked for the county squads, the U-14's winning all three local championships and 15 year old Alice Plews of Curzon Park has got down to the last 4 keepers to try out for the England U16 squad. Keep those fingers crossed for Alice!

## No Closed Season for the Youngsters

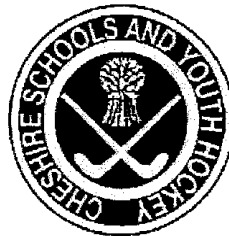
Every summer Timperley hockey club organise a mixed 7-aside tournament for the U-11's + U-13s. Our U-11's ended up been runners up, their only loss being to the host club Timperley. It is a yardstick of Ramblers junior sides status that we are the side to beat in every tournament.

In this years campaign they had the satisfaction of beating fancied team Alderley Edge 6-3. The girls in the side excelled themselves; Lucy Armitage and Emma Naylor. The boys in the squad; Ollie Deakin in goal, Jack Hill, Lucas "Pedley Wellhard" Pollard, Patrick Chambers and Tom Armitage have all since been picked for the Cheshire U-11's boys team and all played in a recent 2-0 victory over Lancashire.

The U-13's went one better and retained the trophy they won last year—everyone wants to beat us but they cant!! They won every game including a satisfying victory over host club Timperley and the pick of the games been 3-2 victory over Chester. Rebecca Holland was an absolute star in goal and the chief goal scores were Callum Guy and Hannah Brown. Other key players included Heidi + Hester Groom, Charlotte Nott, Rebecca Hollabd, Josh Parkinson, Jack Hill and Huw Barrett.

**National Knockout Cup U15 Boys.** The club has its most impressive ever group of players at this level and they play in the 2nd round on 25th November 2pm at the Club. Good Luck Boys!

Below is copy of a letter sent from Cheshire congratulating Deeside on their representation at County U15 level. Well Done Boys!



### Cheshire U15 Hockey Squad 2007/2008

Manager; Andy Lear  
Coach; Dave Brierley  
Physio; Penny Brown  
Goalkeeping Coach; Ian King

[www.cha.uk.net](http://www.cha.uk.net)

CSYHA Chairman : Colin Mumme-Young

27/09/2007

Mr John Heath  
President  
Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club  
Whitchurch Road  
Tiverton

Dear John

I would like to pass on my congratulations to your players and hockey coaching staff on behalf of Cheshire Schools and Youth Hockey Association.

As you will know I have just selected the extended training squad that will be coached towards representing Cheshire in the Under 15 Northern County Championships. Over 25% of the squad are based at your club, even though we draw from all clubs and schools in the county. This is a tremendous achievement and particular credit must go to Chris Helm and his team for the dedication that they have shown to hockey development over the last several years; Chris even finds time to double-up as an extra coach for the county whenever he is able.

The players who have been invited to train with the squad are;

Josh Guy  
Martyn Lear  
Tom Hill  
Jonny Verity  
George Cope  
Harry Dodd-More  
Ed Peel

I have every confidence that your players will represent Cheshire with pride during the coming season.

Yours sincerely

Andy Lear  
Cheshire Under 15 Manager