

# Paragon Valkyrs Hockey Club

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## The Mhelliah 2011

Saturday 8th of October saw the return of the annual Valkyrs Hockey Club Mhelliah to the Whitehouse pub in Peel. Reknowned for hilarious compeering, extortionate sale prices of carrots and for some reason a heightened desire to eat raw veg, this year's Mhelliah certainly didn't fail to disappoint.

Club members were able to enjoy plenty of cream pie attacks, home made cakes and buy some rather nice auction items, including hockey sticks, restaurant vouchers and the all important fish pedicures. An impressive £1,637 was raised for the club and a big thanks has to go to our resident auctioneer, Andy Mulhern, as well as everyone who helped on the evening and all of the club members that took the time to make or source auction items!

Photo highlights from the Mhellia can be found on page 3.



The Club is looking for someone to take on the role of Club School Link Co-ordinator. It isn't a hugely time consuming role, but is integral in helping to maintain links between school children and our club. The role requires you to be able to:

- Liaise with teachers and maintain a log of the number of children who attend hockey clubs in the local primary school.
- Record at the end of the year how many children from the above clubs have joined Valkyrs.
- Hold at least a Level One Hockey Coaching Award
- Run a 6 week, after school, coaching programme in Kirk Michael Primary School (with help from other young leaders from QE2) in the lead up to Western hockey tournament in March.

If anyone has a spare couple of hours per month to carry out this role, then please get in touch with Andrea Kneen.

Stephen Moore (aka Moorey) recently accepted the role of club kit co-ordinator. A big thanks to him for taking on this role!

If anyone needs to order kit or has any kit related queries going forward, please contact Moorey at mooresj4@gmail.com or 07624212144.

## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Naomi and Pete Lewis for new arrival, Harri Charles Paul Lewis, born on October 18th.

A belated congratulations also to Leanne and Greg Miller on the birth of William 'Will.i.am' Robert Miller, born July 25th 2011.

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### The 100 Club

Congratulation to this month's 100 Club Winner, Paul Scambler.

The 100 Club costs just £1 per month to enter, you can pay by direct debit so it's extremely easy to setup and most importantly you have a chance to win cash every month!

If you aren't a member of the 100 Club and would like to join, please contact Jonah Hull.

### Easy Fundraising

Members of the club have been raising money from the easyfundraising website for some time now and the total collected so far is an impressive £2,400.

It's so simple to do and all of the money raised goes straight to the club, to help fund equipment, pitch hire, kit etc. Loads of high street stores such as M&S, Boots and Amazon can earn the club valuable cashback at just the click of a mouse.

So, next time you're thinking of doing some online shopping, make sure you visit this link:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/valkyrshockeyclub/>

## Social Diary

With the festive season just around the corner, there are plenty of social events to look forward to away from the hockey pitch. Make sure you put the following dates in your diary:

**Saturday 10th December – Team Christmas Nights Out**

**Saturday 11th February – MHA Social**

**Saturday 10th March – Annual Race Night at Peel FC**

### Subs Payments

The deadline for subs payments (25th October) has now passed, so thanks to all members that have already paid. Unfortunately, for those members that haven't yet paid, the discount for early payment has now ended and full season senior subs are £200.

Members who haven't yet paid will be unable to train or play matches until this amount has been settled, so please set up your direct debit or contact the club treasurer, Andrea Kneen, to discuss subs payments ASAP. We really don't want to see members not being able to play and enjoy their hockey, just for forgetting to pay their subs!



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In order to celebrate 50 years of hockey at Valkyrs, there will be a special weekend of hockey in May 2012. The provisional plan is:

Friday 4th May – Valkyrs veterans match

Saturday 5th May – Valkyrs to host several matches at the QEII for Seniors & U16s. In the evening, there will be a black tie dinner at the Mount Murray Hotel with some special guests!

Sunday 6th May – Junior tournament

If anyone has any photos from the past – present of Valkyrs Hockey Club that could be used at the dinner, can you please email them to Jenny Walmsley at [jennywalmsley@manx.net](mailto:jennywalmsley@manx.net) or Ian Miller at [ianmiller@manx.net](mailto:ianmiller@manx.net)

Also, so the 50th anniversary committee can confirm numbers for the evening event, can all club members that would be interested in attending, please email Jenny with their interest by the end of November. Further details will follow towards the end of this year.

## The Photo Gallery

