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INTERNATIONAL GRAND MASTERS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

to be held in Nottingham, England.



from 29th June to 6th July 2025.

THE FINAL NEWSLETTER (WE THINK!)

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OUR CHARITIES

Our LX Club is hosting four select charities at the Nottingham Festival.

The LX “Charity of the Year” is **Alzheimer’s Society**. Please support them if you can by [clicking here](#).

Three other national and international charities will also be trying to attract your attention and your generosity at the festival: **The Air Ambulance Service** ([click here](#)) **The Citizens Foundation** ([click here](#)) and **The Hockey Museum** ([click here](#)).

Please find time to talk with them. They each have a fascinating story to tell, and they would all be thankful for your support.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SOCIAL EVENTS

We will be holding three main social events, providing opportunities for participants to mix with old friends and make new ones whilst being entertained.



Sunday June 29th at 6pm

to follow the opening ceremony at 5:30pm attended by the Sheriff of Nottingham, Robin Hood and Maid Marion.

Venue: The Nottingham Hockey Centre

Local pulled pork bap, stuffing, roast potatoes and salads with a complimentary pint of beer, glass of wine or soft drink.
(Vegan/ vegetarian option can be pre ordered)



Please note, tickets for all events must be purchased in advance. No ticket sales at the event. Use link below to book your tickets.

Tickets £20.75



Wednesday July 2nd

at Revolucion de Cuba, Nottingham city centre.

Drink on arrival - cocktail, beer or wine and Cuban style 2 course buffet.

Live music, Cuban dancers, DJ and entertainment and a few surprises!!

Colourful clothing encouraged.

18:30 until late

(Vegan/ vegetarian option can be pre ordered)

Tickets £45



Friday July 4th

Venue: Nottingham Hockey Centre

Live band and Morris dancers

(From 18:00)

(Special dietaries can be pre ordered)

Tickets £15.50

All these main social events will need to be booked and purchased online. For all the purchasing options [click here](#).

Tickets for ‘Opening Party’ [click here](#), tickets for ‘Latin Fiesta Party’ [click here](#) and for the ‘Fish and Chips Supper’ [click here](#)

MERCHANDISE AND MEMORABILIA

Final day to pre-order your festival polo shirts - **MAY 25.**

To avoid disappointment pre-order by May 25th your festival polo shirt by [clicking here](#). (Scroll down for polo shirt options). Only a limited range of these polo shirts will be available during the festival.



VENUE, MATCHES AND ATTRACTIONS



OPENING DAY WITH A BANG

The festival will open on Sunday 29th June at the Nottingham Hockey Centre.

On Sunday we will hold;

- bookable pitch times for team practice sessions from 2pm - 5pm.
- a briefing for team officials
- the opening ceremony on pitch 1 at 5.30pm followed by
- an opening party at 6pm - tickets must be pre-booked and paid for. This will be the first of our planned social events.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

A not to be missed spectacular event that promises excitement, inspiration, and community spirit! We encourage you to arrive early and secure your prime seat in the stand next to pitch 1. This is an event for all - friends, families, participants and spectators, of all ages, and its absolutely free.

We have a special guest, a local gold medal Olympian. And keep your eyes peeled for appearances from some of our legendary local outlaws, adding a unique twist to the evening's celebrations. So, gather your friends, bring your enthusiasm, and let's kick off the festival in grand style!

ATTRACTIONS - AT THE NOTTINGHAM HOCKEY CENTRE

CELEBRITIES

We are expecting a few visitors during the week, amongst them will be Robin Hood, Maid Marian, Little John and the Sherrif of Nottingham. Check out the legend by [clicking here](#). You may even get your photograph taken with them by our appointed wandering photographer. In addition we will be welcoming a special guest from the world of hockey.

ARCHERY COMPETITION

Want to learn how to fire an arrow with a bow and test your skills off the pitch against Robin Hood's outlaws? All teams have a chance to enter into the festival Archery Competition. You will need to book your place around your playing schedule [by clicking here](#) to avoid disappointment as there are limited spaces.

JOIN IN WITH MORRIS DANCING

Have a go at Morris Dancing! Morris dancing was first recorded in rural England in the 15th century. The team of dancers and musicians, known as the Ripley Green Garters, will dance for you at the Fish and Chip evening ([click here to book](#)) and then invite you to participate! There are several regional styles of dancing and teams are of 6 or 8, vibrantly dressed, dancing to lively music in clogs.



ATTRACTIONS - AROUND NOTTINGHAM

The City of Nottingham has a wealth of exciting attractions. It's heritage is rich and varied, its heroes are legendary and innovations originating from Nottinghamshire have helped change the world.

For more information on a variety of local attractions to visit - [click here](#)



LOCAL TRANSPORT

General information for Nottingham can be found by [clicking here](#).

Bus and Trams - the Nottingham Hockey Centre is served by both bus (18, 18a, 18b) and tram connections. The transport stop for both is a 10-minute walk from the ground.

*****We suggest you consider how to claim discounted tram tickets** and learn more about transport in Nottingham [by clicking here](#)

Further information about buses can be found by [clicking here](#)

Car and coach parking - free daily parking will be available on site.

Taxi hire - both Uber and standard taxis are available. Further Uber information can be found by [clicking here](#).

Bike hire – an app for E-bike hire can be found by [clicking here](#).

SPECIAL PRIZES

Throughout the festival we will be looking for teams, officials and players to award special prizes to:

- Fair play award (men)
- Fair play award (ladies)
- Best umpire award
- Spirit of masters award (individual)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Our official Festival Photography will be **Paul Quinn**, an LX member with vast experience of sports and general photography. He will sometimes be accompanied by Stewart Flisher, both will be wearing 'Official Photographer' smocks.

Paul will be available to take team photos over the first 2 days for players to take with them. Each mounted photo will cost an amazing £5. Book your team photograph through the information desk from Sunday. Payment will be taken by card.

Paul will also capture the festival through match photos and social pictures during the week including the Opening Ceremony. These will be available to purchase online during the festival. Photographs will also be shown on screens in the social areas at the festival for our general admiration and entertainment!



REMINDERS FOR TEAM MANAGERS

Teams and Schedule: You can see more detailed information on which teams have registered by [clicking here](#) and the schedule of matches by [clicking here](#).

Competition Regulations: Festival regulations for team squads, age qualifications and team registration requirements can be found by [clicking here](#).

Book a practice session. Email Graham Small at graham.j.small@gmail.com to book your practice sessions now. These will be one hour, half pitch sessions on Sunday 29th June:

- 2-3pm
- 3-4pm
- 4-5pm

They will be available on 3 pitches (2 x sand dressed and 1 x water based) making 18 sessions available at a cost of £45 per session.

Should you wish to book a practice pitch at any other time please make direct contact with Nottingham Hockey Centre by [clicking here](#).

Medical Processes and Information. Direct all players to advice on medical processes including bringing personal medication into the UK and completing the medical declaration form by [clicking here](#).

PHYSIO SERVICES

A full **physio service** will be available for the duration of the festival, provided by Edwin Knight who you will know from The Hague, Cape Town and Tilburg. Edwin and his team are highly qualified physiotherapists specialising in sports injury prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

Bookings can be made either by [clicking here](#) and registering through Edwin's website, or directly with him or one of his team on the day at Nottingham.

FIRST AID

There will be a medical facility available throughout the festival provided by qualified first aiders and an emergency consultant who also specialises in sports injuries. This will be provided free at the point of delivery to all players and visitors.



SPREADING THE INFORMATION

Information will now be continuously available on the Tournify platform: [click here](#)

IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE CONTACT FESTIVAL GURU:

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