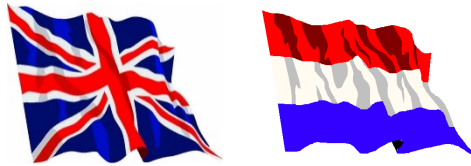




## Zevenbergen Weekend 2018 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### BACKGROUND

#### ***What is this Tour all about?***

This is a biennial tour to Chelmsford HC for HC Zevenbergen junior players. The emphasis is very much on having fun, on and off the pitch, for players of both clubs. It is a welcome distraction for many from the regular grind of formal coaching sessions and competitive matches. Hockey has a long history of touring. These tours are a first taste of touring for many of the players. On alternate years we take our own junior players to HC Zevenbergen. Our next away visit will be in 2019 so this is your chance to meet the players and some of the adults who will be hosting us.

#### ***How did this Tour start?***

It was Chelmsford HC's Evergreens veterans team who first made contact with HC Zevenbergen while seeking touring destinations circa twenty years ago. While the two clubs' veterans teams still have a strong relationship, the relationship between the two junior sections started soon afterwards.

#### ***What do the players get out of it?***

Whatever they are prepared to put into it! They get the opportunity to play hockey all day every day. They can socialise within their peer group but some brave ones also broaden their horizons, and language skills, by integrating with the Dutch players. One former Chelmsford tourist even took the big step of attending university in Holland supported by the friendships she forged on these tours.

#### ***Where is Zevenbergen?***

Zevenbergen is a Dutch city and is part of the municipality of Moerdijk. It's located in the northwest of the province of Noord-Brabant near Breda. Look it up on a map!

#### ***What is the format of the weekend?***

Friday	Nothing for the Chelmsford players. HC Zevenbergen arrive at Thriftwood Scout Camp, Brentwood @11pm. Greeted by organising committee.
Saturday	Breakfast for HC Zevenbergen at Thriftwood before travel to Chelmer Park. From early morning an all-day 6-a-side tournament in teams of mixed nationality, gender and age. After dinner it's party time, ending at 11pm. Details to be confirmed.
Sunday	Breakfast for HC Zevenbergen at Thriftwood before travel to Chelmer Park. From early morning another full day of hockey with matches between Chelmsford and Zevenbergen in age groups squads. After dinner there's a social event ending at 11pm.
Monday	Breakfast for HC Zevenbergen at Thriftwood before departure. Clean-up of Chelmer Park facilities. Sleep.

Details are subject to change.

## WHEN

### ***When is the weekend?***

Saturday, 28<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

## COST

### ***What is the cost of the weekend?***

The cost is £70.

### ***What does that cost include?***

Everything. Lunch, dinner, mid-morning and afternoon snacks and soft drinks (squash and water), hockey, entertainment, playing t-shirt and... personalised tour hoodie!

## ELIGIBILITY

### ***Are all junior players eligible?***

No. The weekend is open to Chelmsford HC U14, U16 and U18 age groups only.

### ***Are parents welcome?***

Yes, simply to socialise and, to help out in some way. This is also their opportunity to meet some of our Dutch friends who look after their children so well when we travel to Zevenbergen.

### ***Do parents have to pay?***

No, but they can take advantage of the meals provided each day for a nominal charge payable on the day. Parents are also welcome to purchase their own personalised hoodie. Please contact a member of the organising committee if you would like to do so.

### ***I'm interested in offering some assistance for the weekend. How do I go about it and what does it involve?***

Please complete the relevant section of the registration form to indicate your willingness to be involved or, alternatively, please speak to one of the organising committee.

## KIT/EQUIPMENT

### ***What do I need to bring with me?***

Hockey kit plus spare clothing for evenings. Don't forget a towel for showering! We also suggest a selection of clothes for wet, cold and sunny weather conditions and, of course, sun cream. It is April after all!

### ***How much money do I need to bring?***

Very little. All hockey, food, drink and entertainment is included in the price. Squash/water is provided. Some players may wish to purchase soft drinks and snacks from the bar so a small amount of money might be useful. Players are responsible for the safekeeping of their money.

### ***How do I know what size hoodie to order?***

We'll bring a selection of hoodies from previous tours to the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> of February so that you can try them for size.

## FOOD & DRINK

### ***Can I buy/drink alcohol?***

If you are over 18, yes. If you are under 18 no. Bar staff will be provided with photo mug shots of all players. Players will also be required to wear a wristband to help identify whether they are permitted to buy alcohol.

### ***What's the food like?***

Fantastic! Lunches will be a cold buffet. Dinners will be a hot dish. Mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks are also provided.

## BEHAVIOUR

### ***Can I misbehave during the weekend?***

Yes, if you want to be sent home early! While we want everybody to have fun, all players are expected to maintain sensible and reasonable standards of behaviour at all times. All players and parents are required to sign a contract saying that they agree to the terms laid out in the contract. If players break these rules they may be sent home.

## INJURIES/ILLNESS

### ***What if I get injured or fall ill during the weekend?***

We shall have a number of qualified First Aiders on site during the weekend. Some of our Dutch counterparts are also First Aid qualified.

## ORGANISATION

### ***Who are the tour organisers?***

All the tours are organised by volunteers. This year the Chelmsford organising committee is:

Andy Bird	player and former junior tourist,
Darren Davies	player and father of U18 Sophie,
Hilary Gore	wife of Matt U16/18B coach and mother of David and U18 Tom,
David Gore	player and former junior tourist
Paul Harrison	father of U16G Jess,
David Gore	player and former junior tourist
Kerry Hull	wife of U18G Coach Ian and mother of U18 Nicole, and
David "Kitch" Kitchiner	player, umpire, CHC Committee member, father of U18 Connie
Lan-Lan Kam	player and mother of U16 Pien and U12 Jessie
Jack Meer	player and captain of the mixed team

Please be nice to them.

# NEXT STEPS

## ***How do I sign up?***

Secure your place by completing the application form available on the club website or sent out in emails.

Send the completed forms together with cheque, payable to Chelmsford Hockey Club (Youth Section), or cash for electronic payments please contact [darrenjdavies@hotmail.com](mailto:darrenjdavies@hotmail.com)

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by **1<sup>st</sup> of Feb.**

## ***Are there any meetings for players/parents?***

Yes, we have a meeting for all participants and parents in the clubhouse at 7pm on 1st of February. At this meeting we shall fill in some of the details about the weekend and you will have an opportunity to meet the organisers, ask questions and try hoodies for size.

We shall be taking photographs of players to assist bar staff and shall also be collecting forms and cash/cheques.