

Sue gets her skates on to take the top job with Lions

THE Lee Valley Lions have had to make a change in their senior management for the upcoming season, with team manager Deryk Beeson announcing he is stepping aside because of a change in both family and work commitments.

His assistant last season, Sue Ranby, steps up into the senior role as manager.

Chingford resident Sue is the mother of up-and-coming Lions star Michael Ranby. She has been involved with the junior development at the Lee Valley Ice Centre, yards from the Hackney border on Lea Bridge Road, for

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the past nine years.

She began with the unenviable task of washing the kit and taking on jobs no one else wanted.

Now she has the Lions' top administrative job.

Six years ago, Sue took over the management of the club's under-14 team and as Michael moved up and through the ranks with the Lions, she has managed each age group team her son has been in.

Michael was eventually promoted to the senior mens team and joined by other junior prod-

ucts such as Stas Prokofiev, Michael Jacobs and netminder George Alley.

Sue became Deryk Beeson's assistant at the start of last season.

Lions will not only have a new manager, but will be also sporting stylish new shirts when the new season gets underway in September.

Their fixtures are yet to be announced but further information can be found on the club and its activities at www.leevalleylions.co.uk



LEE Valley Lions former manager Deryk Beeson with his successor and former assistant Sue Ranby.
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