

# Deryk announces his arrival as Lions' boss

THE man charged with reviving the fortunes of Lee Valley Lions ice hockey team is Deryk Beeson.

Appointed this week as the new manager of the Lea Valley Ice Centre based club, Deryk has been associated with the Lions for the past year.

But that's been in an altogether different capacity – that of match day announcer.

Now he's come from behind the mike to take control of the Lions, who finished bottom of the table in the English Ice Hockey

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League 1 last season.

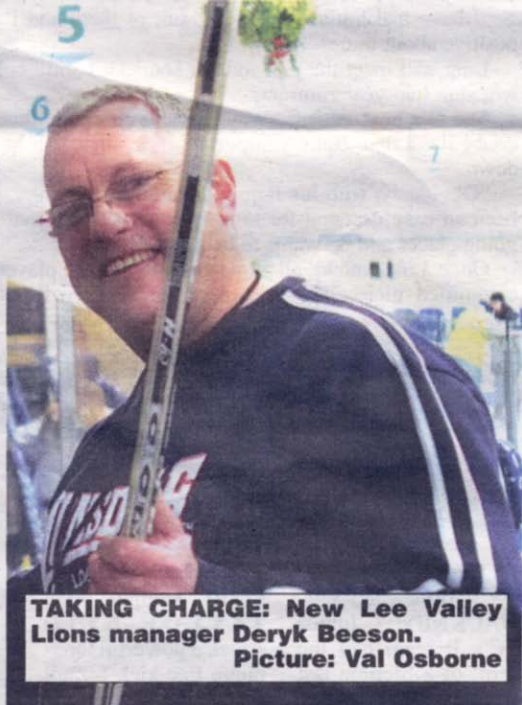
"I will be responsible for all aspects of the club and will have some to say on team selection," says Deryk.

He has had previous experience with ice hockey management at Essex clubs – the Chelmsford Chieftains and the Romford Raiders – where his son played in the Romford junior side.

Eddie Joseph, who has many seasons involvement with the

Lions, remains with the club as senior coach and at the moment is looking to recruit a number of coaches to assist him.

Deryk Beeson says: "I am pleased that several of the players from last season have expressed an interest in returning to us for next season. I also hope our supporters who came to watch last year will also return and that a change in some personnel will encourage new Lions fans to give our sport a try."



**TAKING CHARGE: New Lee Valley Lions manager Deryk Beeson.**  
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