ST ALBANS HOCKEY CLUB

WHO’S WHO AT THE CLUB

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This is a work in progress whose compilation started in September 2014. One-paragraph descriptions say a little about who we all are. Everyone – whatever their connection with us – is apt for inclusion and encouraged to participate. An information sheet is available on the club website. Information and corrections should be sent to mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk
LOU AKERS. Lou (aka SinBin) is in her third season at SAHC and currently plays in the ladies’ 2nd X1. She previously played for Blackheath, Lewes and Ottery Cricket’s HCs and for Devon as a schoolgirl. Lou studied History at the Universities of Sussex and Michigan. She is the Media and Communications Manager at the University of Hertfordshire and likes snowboarding and Scrumpy. She and her boyfriend cycled across America in the summer of 2014. She also smashed the SAHC pub golf record in 2013 (73 on a par 9 for those who are counting).
HELEN ANTON. Benny currently plays for the Boadiceas, is an executive member of St Albans HC Board and is chairing the SAHC committee to host the Mens European International Masters Tournament (over 40’s, 45’s, 50’s and 55’s) in August 2015. In her hey-day she played for 1st and 1A’s teams and was part of the original SAHC 1st team that gained National League status in 1994 for the first time. She also captained the 1A’s. Benny coordinated and captained the Masters side to become National Champions in 2003 and coordinated them to become National Plate Champions in 2013. She has played for Blairgowrie Ladies HC and Chiltern Ladies HC. Her other hockey exploits include representing Scotland many years ago, Hertfordshire and the East. She is also known to patrol a sideline with a whistle for the club. Benny has been teaching at All Saints Academy in Dunstable for 18 years and is Assistant Vice-Principal. She once upon a time taught PE but now prefers Psychology and Science. Benny is known to bore a few people talking about her allotment!
BEN APPERLY. Ben is co-captain of the Mens 1st team. His previous clubs are Tornados hockey club in Singapore, and Nottingham University. He has no life outside of hockey.
SCOTT APPS.
DICK ASHBY. Dick has been Ladies’ Club Coach since 2007 with a current main focus on the Ladies 2nd XI. He is also a SAHC Vice President, a Level 2 coach and Level 1 umpire. Dick joined SAHC in 1972 having won a hockey Blue for Oxford University. At SAHC he played over 600 1st XI matches, captaining the side in the late 1970s and playing in the SAHC indoor teams which reached the national finals in 1978 and won them in 1985, 1988, 1989 and 1990. Dick managed and coached the men’s 1st XI in the late 1980s and 1990s, taking the team from the London League to the National Prem. Dick played 174 matches for Hertfordshire, representing the East and winning 20 indoor caps for England. Dick also played county cricket for Hertfordshire and in 1975 was a dual county champion: winning the Minor County Championships for Herts at cricket and the County Championships for Herts at hockey. Dick played his cricket for Southgate CC, winning the National Club Cricket Knockout in 1977. He is a golfer (Verulam and Saunton) with a handicap of 5. His son Matthew plays for the men’s 5s.
MATT ASHBY. Matt is the men’s 5th Team Vice-Captain. His family has strong links to St Albans Hockey Club with his father (Dick) being a current club coach and his grandfather (Reg) being a vice president. Matt played East of England colts, long ago. Matt currently works as an accountant in St Albans (WMT) with a diverse client portfolio ranging from the local area to Europe. In the off-season he expands his sporting world towards adrenaline with his favourites including skiing, via ferrata, rafting (and golf...).
ANNIE BARRATT.
JOHN BARRETT. JB is Ladies 1st XI Assistant Head Coach. He joined SAHC in 2010 and played for the Men’s 1st XI for 3 years before being forced by long-term injuries to retire from competitive hockey. The highlight of his SAHC career was winning the East Prem in his last season as a player. He then became Manager of the Men’s 1st XI in the National League (2013/14) before moving to be Hannah Macleod’s Assistant for the Ladies’ 1st XI. JB is a Level 3 coach. His previous clubs were Letchworth (1978-2004) and Blueharts (2004-2010). He played East U21 and has been manager and coach of the Hertfordshire Senior Men’s side. He occasionally plays Emperors. JB’s family are life-long members at Letchworth HC, where JB met the infamous Micheline Bloch. As newly elected first team captains (2002), JB informed Miche that tradition demanded they hook up, and the rest is history! Outside of hockey, JB works as an R&D scientist in the pharmaceutical industry and is undertaking a PhD in his spare time.
CHARLOTTE BARRON.
ROSHAN BASKARAN.
RICHARD BAYLIS. Richard now plays for the Emperors, having played at SAHC every year for the last 25 years in a variety of teams. He started at WGC then played at Loughborough University followed by a very brief spell at Oxford Hawks HC. Richard has 3 kids who keep him fitter than the limited running he is now able to do on the pitch. He says he has lived in St Albans for too long to remember.
CHARLIE BEEDLE. Charlie currently plays for the Men’s 3rd team, having started his hockey career in the Men’s 7th team in 2011/12. He was awarded SAHC Young Player of the Year (Men) in 2012/13 and represented Hertfordshire at U17s. Charlie is studying for a Business degree at University of Hertfordshire. His sister, Ella, also plays for St. Albans HC at U12. In his spare time (when not playing League of Legends) Charlie works for Josh Rose at Excel Sports.
ED BEVIN. Ed plays for the men's 6th team, and is a Junior Hockey Partner. He joined SAHC in 2011 following a short retirement from the game after moving to St Albans from London. He previously played for UCL while at university, then for 8 seasons at Hampstead and Westminster HC, where he met his Dutch wife, Anne Hoitink. They have 2 daughters, Mieke (8) and Noor (5), who are both members of the SAHC junior section, and both Ed and Anne help out with colts coaching on a Sunday morning. Ed says he hopes both girls have inherited Anne's hockey genes. Ed works in London the financial sector, likes to occasionally spoil a nice walk by losing golf balls, and can often be seen walking Henry the dog at godforsaken hours in Clarence Park.
JENNY BIRCH. Jenny is the Head of the club’s Finance Division and Junior Hockey Partner. She originally joined SAHC 27 years ago then, having had a few years away at University and living south of the Thames, has come back to her roots being back at the club for the last 4 seasons. Jenny is a Ladies’ 2s/3s player but taking the 2014/15 season off through pregnancy, participating instead as a Junior Hockey Partner. In between playing stints at SAHC, Jenny spent 2 years at Southampton HC after University there and also 10 years at Epsom HC. Jenny’s husband Steve also plays at SAHC, for the Men’s 3s, and their dog Murphy (the very energetic Vizsla) can often been seen supporting on the side of the pitch. Emma Walton (Ladies 3’s/Borders) taught Jenny at Beaumont school and was hugely responsible for getting her involved in hockey all those years to go. Jenny qualified as an accountant with KPMG quite a few years ago but now works for Kaplan in professional education. When not playing hockey she enjoys baking and will often take the results along to games to get the team ready for the game.
STEVE BIRCH.
HARRY BIRTLEY. Harry was President of SAHC for 25 years (1972-1996). He is a Gold Partner. He joined the club in 1958 and was first selected for the 5th XI, then promoted to the 3rd XI and 2nd XIs both of which he captained, occasionally playing for the 1st XI. He assisted in the training of teenager John Hurst. Harry led the club through a golden era, when the club emerged as one of the strongest in the country. Off the field, landmarks in the club’s development included changing club colours after 72 years to tangerine (1970), SAHC’s 75th anniversary (1973), election to the London League (1975), the introduction of vets hockey (1977), the negotiation of the 30-year lease for the Clarence Park Pavilion and fund-raising for its modernisation (1978-81), the sponsorship deal with Raynor Essex (1987), fund-raising for the new all-weather CP pitch (1989), and the merger with Abbeyside Ladies (1989). Harry began his hockey at Calday GS in Cheshire and played for Cheshire Schools. He played hockey in the Army at home and while stationed in Germany. As SAHC President, Harry fostered strong links with other local clubs, including Blueharts, Berkhamstead, Welwyn and Broxbourne. He is a Vice President of Hertfordshire Hockey and captained Herts Vets.
JOHN BLAIN.
MICHE BLOCH. Miche joined St Albans HC in 2003 and plays in the Ladies 1s. She previously coached the Ladies 1s for 3 seasons (2010-2013) and has also been involved in junior coaching. She tries single-handedly to keep the club bar in a good financial position and is a member of the club’s 2014/15 Sounding Board Group. Previously at Letchworth HC, Miche has coached County (Herts) Girls at many age groups, East Girls U16 and U21, East Boys U18 and was a member of the East Region Hockey Association Management Committee (for many years) looking after Hockey within the East Region (7 counties). In that context she was Director of Junior Coaching and Performance, organising and coaching on the many annual summer Residential East Performance Camps at Haileybury and Culford school for 600 boys and girls U12-U18. Heavily involved with the England Hockey Board and other Regions in the consultation and implementation of the Single System, Miche was instrumental in the delivery of the two Junior Regional Performance Centres (JRPC’s) currently at Merchant Taylors and Culford Schools. She is a Level 2 Coach and has completed her Level 3 coaching workshops. Her other (she says better) half is John Barrett (JB) who she claims has many hidden and non-hockey related talents, none of which she is prepared to disclose. Miche has worked in many sectors (fitness, medical, events & entertainment, construction, NHS education) with the likes of the Bank of England, BBC, English & European Parliaments, Coca Cola, Café Royal, Bupa, Unilever. She loves skiing and the adrenaline of downhill speed, Caribbean rum and sunshine, music and theatre, dogs, bling, red wine, nagging JB and online shopping. She is learning to use digital media, the art of gardening, the guitar and to dress herself without sneaking on a pair of trainers.
MEL BOWCOCK.
ANDY BOWSKILL. Andy is currently the Director of Hockey at St Albans, an assistant coach to the men’s 1st XI and Chair of the Colts’ Section. He joined the club in 1978, was 1st team member for many years including two as captain in the early 80’s, moving into coaching soon afterwards. Andy’s first club was Blueharts followed by four years at Loughborough Colleges and one season at Dulwich in the London League before joining SAHC. He played for Leicestershire, Hertfordshire & East before qualifying as a Level 3 coach taking coaching responsibilities soon afterwards. Eight National, and one European, Indoor club titles were highlights of a successful coaching period at SAHC. Internationally, he was assistant to England’s U18 & U21 outdoor squads before being appointed to the Men’s Senior Indoor panel in the early 90’s, winning silver at the ’91 European championships. Andy is married to the lovely Julie and has twin boys, Charlie and Tom, both who played at the club before taking up studies at University in 2013. He is a director of TK Hockey (UK) and a member at Verulam and Saunton golf clubs. Interests include all sports, gardening (if I have to), loud rock and dance (sorry boys) and travelling overseas.
DAVE BURNS plays in the Emperors and has two kids (Dan and Hannah) playing in the colts. He is a Gold Partner. He is married to Jane, lead singer of the St Albans House Band (“The Sounding Line”). Dave previously played hockey for East of England U21, Exeter University (1st XI Captain), South UAU (Captain), UAU, BUSF, Weybridge HC & Spencer HC. Dave is a former Management Consultant now plying his trade in the family business in Harpenden, knocking out heaters for sale in China. He is certified as a Pizza Hut 'Dough Master' and enjoys a spot of golf, tennis and five-a-side football. But his claim to fame is that he once taught tennis to the sons of Stephen King and the King of Jordan.
BEX BURTON.
ANGELA BYRNE. Angela is an executive member of the Board of SAHC. She currently manages and plays in the Boadiceas. Previously she has been Ladies’ Club Captain, team captain for the Ladies 4s, and has represented the Club at SACHA (St Albans Cricket and Hockey Association). Ang is a solicitor. She is a trustee of the 948 foundation, a local charity providing grants to local sports clubs and people. She is married with two step-children and a son.
MATTHEW CADE. Matt plays in the Men's 4th team (or for whoever else needs a player), coaches the U16 boys on a Sunday morning and umpires. He has played hockey for Woodbridge School, University of York and Felixstowe HC and is a Level 1 coach and Level 1 umpire. Matt is a Chartered Management Accountant working for BT in London. He is a mad Ipswich Town fan having been to 100s of games and tries to go and see Saracens as much as possible. Matt gets married in May 2015.
BEN CAREY.
JAMES CHAMPION. James plays in the Men’s 1st team and is the Club’s Communications Officer as well as being a pool coach. If ever on the injury list, he can be seen filming from the video tower. James’s previous clubs are Southgate HC, Eastcote HC, Bournemouth HC and Wimborne Wayfarers HC. He coaches Middlesex U17 boys and has previously coached for Dorset County and Bournemouth at various levels and the Under 18 boys JRPC at Exeter. James works in sports marketing for the UK’s largest independent cycle sport and action sports distributor. He describes himself as a very amateur cyclist who grew up in Dorset, can read, and cannot drive a tractor.
PETER CHASNEY.
LIZ CLEVERLY. Clevers is Ladies’ Club Captain and currently plays in the 3rd team, having played in the ‘1A’s’ and 1st team in previous years. She coached the juniors in the 1990s, and likes the fact that many of them moved on and returned to the club. In 2003 she was part of the masters team who were national champions and in 2013 she captained the Ladies Masters who won the National Plate Competition. In previous years, Clevers has played for Banbury HC, and North Wilts HC. She has also represented three different counties – Norfolk, Wiltshire, and Hertfordshire. For the past two seasons she has played East Over 45’s Masters (Champions 2013, Runners up 2014). She also turns her hand to umpiring on occasions. She has recently fallen in love with Poppy, a 42 year VW camper van. Poppy will often be seen pitch side when Clevers is playing at home. She has recently set up business at Harpenden Heights selling/ giving away home grown produce. She has run two London Marathons. She has been teaching at Beaumont School, St Albans for 18 years, reverting from PE to Maths as the body became less willing to be outside every day!
ALBIE COHEN.
PAUL COOPER.
DANNY COPUES. Danny currently plays in the Emperors vets team, is the club’s Disciplinary Officer and is on the club’s Sounding Board Group 2014/15. In his time at SAHC he has played in all men’s teams (except the Over 50s and 60s as he is not quite old enough). He has held a number of positions in the club over the years including a long stint as Club Captain (only surpassed by World War II), 3rd team Captain, U16’s & U18’s boys coach, Mens League Liaison Officer and Umpiring Coordinator. Before joining St Albans Danny played for Cheshunt HC and has been known to go on tour with the Heavenly Boddies a mixture of players from St Albans & Folkestone and latterly with the St Albans Veterans to Leuven. He is a Level 1 Qualified Umpire and plays for Herts at vets level. Danny’s wife Mar (Marjolein) has also played at SAHC but is not playing at the moment. He works in the Construction Industry as a Project Manager. He enjoys life at home with his two boys Finn and Charlie and likes to cycle as well when he can fit that in.
PAUL CROSS. Galoot was found on a St. Albans hockey trip to Clacton, a long time ago, on a tour far, far away. Having been collected from the local A&E due to an argument with the bottom of a swimming pool, he has represented St. Albans HC at all levels apart from the 1st eleven. Galoot is a former 6th team captain and clubman of the year, and remains an enthusiastic hockey tourist. His goal keeping skills are as legendary as his dislike of sobriety. He is a level 1 qualified umpire and supporter of the club bar for 17 years. Galoot’s alter ego outside of hockey is Paul Cross. An IT sales exec, he studied at Worcester University, gaining a degree in Psychology. It was at Worcester that Paul was introduced to Hockey, and the joys of touring to Marjons and Stratford. Paul is married to Roz, a school teacher and outstanding beer pong player. Away from hockey, Paul follows the mighty Sunderland AFC, and plays bass in a covers band.
RICHARD COX. Richard is a Vice President of the Club, played at SAHC 1995-2005 and was club captain 2001-2005. He now watches progress from afar, whenever Facebook and Twitter are updated! Coxy previously played for Folkestone Optimists (1982-95) and currently runs his own company (templarfieldhockeygroup.com) in the USA focusing on coaching, consultancy and college recruitment video production. He also coaches at Jersey Intensity Field Hockey Club and The College of New Jersey (National Championship winners 2011), while his wife (Kris) also coaches at the High School level. They have two children – Charles and Isabella – who are 4 years old. What time he has away from hockey is usually taken up by music or the Mobius Loop that is DIY/yard (garden) work, and looking/chasing after the kids.
MIKE CURTIS.
ANN MARIE DAVENPORT. AM is captain of the lovely Ladies 2s. She joined SAHC three years ago after moving East. A West Country girl, AM’s previous clubs include Portishead (now Firebrands) U18s, West Witney HC and City of Oxford HC. AM played for Avon U18 (a County which no longer exists: it was so long ago) and a lot of County Mixed in Oxon. AM was also delighted to be part of the 2013 SAHC Vets National Plate winning team and has just broken into the England Masters O40s training squad … so now Embers has someone to travel with! AM used to run quite a lot, including the Berlin marathon in 2009. She now tends to mix hockey, gym and cycling in the Summer and loves a bit of skiing in Winter. Her family all live in the West Country so she spends a lot of time on the phone to them as they’re a brilliant laugh… Dad always gets to hear the hockey score! She is a big fan of her younger brother who ran the 1500m for GB in various age groups – and AM gave up racing him when he was about 12!! Apart from all that, AM says she seems to spend most of her time travelling about to see friends and family, hanging out in coffee shops and doing a bit too much clothes shopping!! Her other half is Chris, who she describes as pretty chilled out having got used to the fact that AM can only cook dinners that involve cheese, ham and potato…with a side salad. Workwise, AM focuses on leadership and organisational development …oh, and she says she is absolutely useless at drinking, so don’t expect her to “down” anything.
MATT DAVEY. Matt is one of the Men's first team captains, who helps with coaching juniors and as a pool coach with other teams in the club. Matt joined SAHC for the 2013/14 season having previously played at Loughborough Students, Sydney University, Canterbury and Folkestone, and is also a level 1 coach and umpire. His girlfriend Fran Needle has recently joined the club and plays in the Ladies 3s. Matt works as an engineer at RES (wind turbines) in Kings Langley. Outside of hockey he enjoys cycling and skiing and used to compete internationally in ski racing.
JAMES DURHAM.
SARAH EMBREY.
CALLUM EMMERSON is the junior club captain (boys) and plays for the men's 4s/3s. He also plays regional hockey (JRPC Tier 1). As well as playing on Saturdays, Callum helps out with coaching on Sunday mornings with the under 10s/12s. His sister, Lauren, plays in the girls under 14s and his dad, Malcolm Emmerson also plays with him in the 4th XI and is an ex 1st XI player and is the junior lead coach. His mum, Caroline, is the 'taxi driver' for them all. Callum is in year 11 at Beaumont School and enjoys studying languages and sport. He also enjoys listening to his own 'brand' of electronic music.
MALCOLM EMMERSON. Malcolm is player/coach of the Men’s 4s team, the men’s senior youth development team. He previously played SAHC 1st XI, Herts and East. He also coaches and looks after the U10/U12/U14 and U16 junior teams within the junior section of the club. He is a Level 2 coach and a participating coach in the Pool Coaches Scheme. Malcolm’s son Callum plays in the Men’s 4s and Junior U16s and is the Junior Club Captain (Boys). Daughter Lauren plays in the SAHC junior U14 team. Malcolm works for an Oracle reseller in Hertford and travelling the country with his job. He enjoys life away from hockey by visiting the pub as many times as possible during the week as well as enjoying fantastic home cooked/baked food.
LUKA FADRIQUE.
LIBE FADRIQUE-OLABERRIA. Libe is Junior Club Captain (Girls). She plays in the women’s 5th team and the U16’s junior team and helped coaching the U7’s last year. She played county level (JDC and JAC) from age 11 to 15. Her brother (Luka Fadrique) plays in the men’s 2nd XI and her mum (Itziar Olaberria) played hockey for Spain and has coached the club U14 and U16 girls. Libe goes to Beaumont School, plays Basketball and is a triple jumper in Athletics for the school. She used to play the violin and the piano but says she quit due to lack of practice. Libe is in year 11.
AMY FLOOD. Amy plays for the ladies 2nd XI. She joined St Albans as her first hockey club in 2012 as part of the junior section (U16 girls) but shortly after was picked for the ladies 4th team and won Junior Club Woman of the Year 2012-2013. Since then she has represented Hertfordshire and taken part in JRPC. Amy is now a qualified Level 1 coach and is assistant coach to the U16 girls team. Amy goes to school at Aldenham where she captains the 1st XI for hockey and netball. As well as playing hockey Amy has represented her county in tennis and squash over the years while also having a keen interest in golf and fives. Away from sport Amy plays the guitar and has conducted a choir to win a music competition.
BRADLEY FORDHAM.
MIKE FORDHAM. Mike is President of SAHC and plays for the men’s 8s, having previously organised the vets. He is Bradley’s dad and a Gold Partner. Mike attended Spalding GS (where his father was his headmaster) and played for Spalding HC, City of Oxford HC (1st XI captain) and Oxfordshire. He played for Oxford University (Blue 1986) in the same BUSF tournament as Dave Burns, Richard Baylis and Owen Mackney. He also coached a high school girls’ team while studying at the University of Virginia. In his spare time Mike is a human rights QC and part-time judge in the High Court and Crown Court. He has been Human Rights Lawyer of the Year and won the Bar Pro Bono Award for a refugee case prepared on a SAHC vets hockey tour in Belgium. Mike is a pianist and youth music leader in the Methodist Church and likes to walk canal towpaths.
ANDY FORSHAW.
DAWN FORSHAW. Dawn is the Ladies 1st XI manager (since December 2014) and Secretary to the Management Group. Husband Andy is the CEO. They are both goalkeepers. Dawn started playing hockey at school aged 9 when playing football with the boys she was asked by the headmistress to play in goal for the U13 girls’ hockey team. She joined Sandy Ladies HC before moving to Chiltern Ladies where she played in the same team as Benny (Helen Anton) and one season conceded only 12 goals in 55 games. Later clubs were Hounslow Ladies and Teddington Ladies. Dawn played representative hockey for Beds and Midlands, at Junior and Senior levels, and for England U16, U18 and U21. Dawnie won the National Vets Cup and European Vets Cup with Teddington HC, and played in goal for England O45s. She has coached at Club Level (Formby HC Men’s 1st XI, with one Andy Forshaw in goal), and has coached at county level and South U16 and U18, England U16 and U18, including alongside John Hurst. Dawn previously worked with Sally Munday at the English Hockey Association at Bisham Abbey, in the area of hockey development. She has two fantastic children, Sammie and Simon, who she says are both far better hockey players than she was. She came to SAHC 3 seasons ago, and only to watch them play.
STEVE FOX. Steve plays in the men’s 8s. 2014/2015 is both his second season at SAHC and his second season of hockey. Steve went to Hatfield University for 6 months before choosing to focus on professional technical qualifications instead (MCSE, MCITP, CCNA, ITIL, Prince 2). He completed his degree in Business with Law through the Open University graduating in 2011. He was a volunteer performer in the London 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony and the 2013 Champions league final pre match show in Wembley Stadium. He also occasionally volunteers to assist a friend’s narrow boat charity. Steve enjoys anything active, obviously hockey but also running (events up to 10k so far, on and off road including Spartan runs), climbing, and gym. He figure skated when he was younger and can still do most of the jumps. When he gets the chance Steve enjoys extreme sports like skiing and snowboarding and has been known to give surfing a go when he gets the chance.
DUNCAN FRASER. Duncan started playing hockey at Aldenham School and joined St Albans (under instructions from Martin Langston!) as a colt in 1999, playing between 1999-2005 in the U14-U18 sides and the mens Tribunes & Citizens. After a 5 break from playing Hockey (aside from the odd county tournament/tour game) Duncan returned to play at St Albans in 2013/14 for the 4th XI and was the club's top goalscorer for the season. Duncan has previously played for University of Exeter and Hertfordshire (U14's-U21's). His younger brother Iain "Tazer" Fraser also plays for the club, in goal. A position he chose around the time Duncan started playing hockey and needed someone to shoot at. Duncan was also top goalscorer in garden hockey within the Fraser household, a sport that was later curtailed due to Tazer shipping too many goals that resulted in broken windows and Duncan's realisation that his little brother was now bigger than him and hitting a ball at him was not a smart move! Duncan graduated from The University of Exeter with a degree in Sport & Exercise Sciences which he now uses very usefully as a Professional Trumpet player! (www.duncanfraserjazz.com) Duncan freelances mainly in Commercial and Jazz music and you can occasionally hear him playing on TV adverts, soundtracks and records that are aired and released all over the world.
JOHN GARNER. John is the Men’s 1st Team Strength and Conditioning Coach and Team Manager, and does a bit of strength and conditioning with the Ladies’ 1st Team. He was originally involved with the club back in 1992 when he worked as Fitness Coach to the Men’s 1st XI and was also lucky enough to share the excitement of winning the National Indoor Champs at Crystal Palace. John is Paul Cooper’s uncle but loves all of the boys in the 1st XI squad equally! John spent 10 years competing for England & Great Britain as a Decathlete. He has also held the position of England Athletics Team Manager & Coach to the England Multi-Events Team at numerous International competitions. He has coached International Athletes and members of the Great Britain Bobsleigh Team. He spent a season as Fitness Coach with Chelsea FC and also Barnet FC. John is currently a Director with JMG Business Development Ltd & A Brand New Start Ltd. He has been married for 18 years and has a 16 year old princess for a daughter.
GRAHAM GEORGE is in his tenth season playing for the men’s Centurions and also umpires the odd game. Having played hockey at school, Graham went on to play football for the next twenty years. He started hockey again in his mid-fifties, for Enfield (now Winchmore Hill & Enfield) through a work colleague. He was persuaded to join St Albans HC by Nigel Strofton after they played together for the England LX Club in the World Grandmasters Cup in Athens in 2004. Graham has since represented the England LX Club in five further world cups (3 gold, a silver and a bronze) and numerous European competitions at 60+, 65+ and now 70+, as well as representing the East at these age levels. Graham tours with Strofton and the other England LX members from SAHC: Adrian Stephenson, David Sheridan and Chris Parker. Having retired from being a college vice principal 10 years ago, Graham kept busy as a Chief Examiner in A Level Physics until a couple of years ago when he had to stand down due to a conflict of interests (he also authors an A level text book). He is kept busy by five grandchildren, all living locally, and enjoys travel abroad as well as watching tennis and cricket. Graham is Chair of his local Residents’ Association and Secretary-Elect of Harpenden Probus Secundus.
DAVID GODFREY-EVANS. David is a Vice-President of SAHC who played regularly for the club from the late 1940s and into the 1960s, also playing 66 games for Herts County and representing the Eastern Counties, always in defensive positions. David was St Albans HC 1st XI captain in 1952/3 and captained Herts for 3 years. He was first introduced to hockey at age of 8 as a chorister at New College School, Oxford. He later went to a non hockey playing school but played rugby for the 1st XV with an unbeaten record for the year. David joined the navy in 1943 with shortened course at Edinburgh University where he played centre half and awarded ‘colours’ for the season. He was picked to play in Scottish Universities against Northern England Universities but match cancelled. He played hockey at Skegness and 6 a-side barracks hockey at Chatham. He was drafted to the Far East where one game in Indonesia concluded his naval hockey career. David taught at boys prep school for a year, where the headmaster’s daughter became his future wife, before a shortened 5 term history degree at New College, Oxford. David played for Oxford University at left back but latterly gave way to Dennis Carnill, the future England Captain! After Oxford, David’s career was as a ship broker. His other interests included tennis throughout the year: he was three times winner of the Herts Veteran Doubles tournament, with partner MW Knee, and is a Vice President of the Harpenden Tennis Club. They have lived in their present house in Wheathampstead for 61 years, having bought it in a dilapidated state, unaware of its past as a mediaeval building belonging to Westminster Abbey. This has provided many enjoyable years of research and restoration. Gardening, in early retirement worked half an acre of glass, growing salad crops. Good fun though not very profitable! He kept chickens starting with a hundred day olds and now reduced to 6 very old hens, several generations on. David has maintained life-long interest in classical music dating back to early days as a chorister. He returned to SAHC on ‘Friends Reunited Saturday’ in September 2014.
ANDY GOLDING. Andy has been a member of St Albans HC for 10 years. Up until last year he represented St Albans HC largely for the Men's 6s both in the London league and more recently in the East League. In 2013 he was appointed as stand in captain for the newly reformed St Albans Tribunes side as a means to accommodate the ever growing numbers within the club. Following positive results the 'Tribunes' (8s) formally entered into the East League for the 14/15 season, with Andy as captain and manager. Additionally he has played in both men's and mixed summer leagues since 2011. Andy previously played for UCB (University College Birmingham) and Kynoch HC. He has a BA Hons in Hospitality and Tourism Management, accredited by the University of Birmingham, and is currently employed as an underwriter for a commercial insurance broker. Outside of hockey he plays 5 a side football, from time to time participating in regional insurance brokers tournaments. He occasionally writes articles for an Italian football website and his other interests include travel, video games and music.
OLIVER GOLDSTEIN.
MIKE GRAINGER. Grainge has been with the club since 1968, at that time playing for the 1st XI. He represented Herts, winning the County Championship twice in the early 70s, and played for the East. His last game was playing for the St Albans HC Vets in the National final at Milton Keynes. Mike has held several posts within the club, including Club Captain, 1st Team Manager and Club Secretary. He has been awarded Clubman of the Year twice, and the President’s Pot. He had played for Staffordshire schoolboys, Walsall HC and Bradford University before moving South. He is still active within the club, helping out behind the scenes. Grainge can be seen manning the BBQ at events and behind the bar on some evenings. He has worked in the Defence industry since leaving Bradford University with a Maths degree. He retired in 2010 but is still involved in a consultancy role. Golf and fishing are also part of his retirement plan.
NICK HALL. Nick is an executive member of the Board of the Club. He first played for SAHC in the 1973/74 season and eventually retired from playing after a season spending more time in hospital (with broken toes and thumbs) than on the pitch in 2000/01. Nick was the Club Treasurer from 1982 for 15-20 years. He captained the 5th XI and then captained the Senators XI for many years. He was also the Social Secretary for a few years in the 1980s and is a Vice President. After 32 years of commuting from St Albans to Moorgate Nick is retired and very happy about it.
ANDY HALLIDAY. Andy is Head Coach of the SAHC Men’s 1st team (since January 2014, after a 10 year absence from the club). He originally joined SAHC in 1979 and played for the 1st team until 2002, captaining indoors and out. He is a Vice President, SAHC through and through, whose blood runs tangerine! Andy played for Herts, for the East at junior and senior level, for England U21 (indoor and outdoor) and for the England and GB senior outdoor squad (1985-1989). He played 51 capped Internationals for England indoor (1984-1991), captaining the team in 1990, the same year he became the first non-Olympian to win UK Player of the Year. He was a proud member of the successful St Albans indoor team, winning 8 National titles in 11 years (1985-1996). He coached Slough ladies indoor team (1999-2002), became team manager of the England Men’s Under 21 squad in 2006 and Head Coach to the England Indoor team in 2008, a post which he still holds. Team manager to England and GB Men since 2010, he has managed the team at 2 Commonwealth Games (Delhi 2010 and Glasgow 2014) and at the London 2012 Olympics and has been reappointed, hoping to manage the team through to the Rio Olympics in 2016. Andy’s hockey began with the Harpenden HC colts scheme (playing from age 4) after watching his father Peter play in goal for Harpenden. Peter became an Eastern Counties umpire and National selector/ umpire coach, and both parents are long-standing social members at SAHC, with Andy’s Mother a very accomplished “bar diver”. Niece Charley O’Dell is the Club’s Sports Therapist. Andy was a Metropolitan Police officer for 30 years (1980- 2010). His “escape” is playing village cricket at Hawridge and Cholesbury CC, running and walking the Chilterns with his two lurchers, and retreating to his cottage in North Wales. He has run the London Marathon on 7 occasions (dressed as a Labrador in 2004 and in 2012 dribbling a hockey ball). He is a keen fund-raiser and in October 2014 is attempting a first: to dribble a hockey ball up and down the UK’s three highest peaks. He is the director of hockey for the FRE Flyers, an Olympic legacy project in Newham, East London.
PETER HALLIDAY. Peter says his main claim to fame is siring Andy Halliday in 1961! Peter learned his hockey as a goalkeeper at Bromsgrove School and played for Bristol HC for 4 years and then for 16 years at Harpenden HC, playing frequently against St Albans teams and usually losing! In 1978 he committed himself to Umpiring and achieved East membership with County Championship and East Premier appointments as well as St Albans in the London League. Involvement in Umpire Coaching followed at National level and a spell of 6 years as Chair of the England Hockey Umpiring Committee ended with the setting up of the National Programme Umpiring Association. During this period he was the regular umpire for St Albans Senators enjoying some memorable outings with them! He retired from NPUA in 2013 after 20 years as an Umpire Coach and Assessor on the National League, and was honoured to become only the second Honorary Vice President of NPUA.
ALEXIS HAMILTON. Lexi plays for the Ladies 2s and is also currently the Pool Coach Coordinator (which aims to provide qualified coaches to St Albans teams who make a request for home games). Lexi started ‘field’ hockey relatively late, joining Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead HC when starting A-levels. She played for Brunel Ladies 1st XI for 3 years at University and joined St Albans after graduating in 2009. In recent years ‘field’ hockey has finally become her main sport, having previously played a fair bit of inline skater hockey and then ice hockey (hence the stick tackles!). Lexi is PE teacher. She is also a Level 2 qualified hockey coach and has recently completed the Level 1 umpire course. When not at hockey she is likely to be driving to or from hockey!
ROSS HANNAH.
CATH HART. Cath has organised and run the SAHC summer league over the last two years. Both of her daughters, Katy and Ruth, have played for the Club. Cath has played hockey since she was 11, at Latymer school and then at York University where she was Club President and 1st Team Captain. She played a lot more indoor hockey and helped the men’s squad achieve the world record for continuous indoor play. She also trained at Southgate HC and on leaving University played indoors for Welwyn Garden City. Cath stopped playing when she got married due to antisocial working hours and children, but returned as that ‘parent coach’ for the Juniors at Tring HC. She managed and ran the girls’ squads at Tring for about 5 years moving on when her daughters moved to St Albans HC. She also chaperoned and assisted in the organisation of Hertfordshire Hockey Easter Tours. Cath played again for Tring HC but had to stop due to knee injuries. She is currently a supporter of Beeston HC where Katy now plays. Having recently retired from work, Cath is adjusting to having time on her side: lots of dog walking and family time. She enjoys photography, art, all sports and theatre.
GEOFF HAYWARD. Geoff joined SAHC in 1978 from local rivals Broxbourne HC, much to the annoyance of his father, Ken. He played for the First team until the early 1990s with spells as Captain, Vice-Captain and for 5 years as Indoor Manager. Geoff played for Herts, East and represented England at schoolboy and U21 levels and, in 1979, gained 5 caps for the full England side. Upon his return from working in Hong Kong he was encouraged out of temporary hockey retirement in 2009 by the current President and now plays for the Emperors, Praetorians and on occasion, as a youngster in the Centurions. Geoff has 4 children, all former junior members of the Club; his 2 daughters both went on to play for Queenswood school and their respective universities. The 2 sons have, so far, been "lost" to football and cricket (there is still time). Geoff is married to Debs, a regular on the touchline at Vets games and founding member of the Tangerine Army. They are both members of the club’s Sounding Board Group 2014/15 and are currently enjoying an extended gap year, travelling, lowering the average age at West End matinees, attempting to be fitter and trying to keep up with the family.
ANNE HEMSI. Dr Anne Allistone (“Annie” Hemsi) played for SAHC 1st team for 17 years from the age of 18, playing for Herts and the East, then for the 1As for a further 9 years, and then coached the juniors 5-7s for 5 years. With younger son Harry back playing SAHC men’s 7s (after a spell with rugby) and the older Ben playing men’s 3s, Annie is back at the club and is on the Sounding Board Group 2014/15. Her parents also played for SAHC and Herts (her mum played for the East and became a County selector) and sisters Jill, Ruth and twin Clare all played for SAHC. Annie started at East Barnet HC, and has played at Spencer HC and Dulwich HC. She played hockey at St George’s Medical school, for the London/ Oxford/ Cambridge team (captain 1983-1986) and the British Universities Team. She has played SAHC Ladies Vets (winning the National Vets tournament) and Mixed, and was an expert Bar Diver. She is a Level 1 coach and hates umpiring. When the Ladies were called Abbeyside, Annie played alongside the amazing Kate Rudlin who now looks after Annie’s mum. Annie is a member of the Dr Linda White Golf Society (like many SAHC members) and tours annually with Benny Anton and Clare Mulvaney. She is a GP at Grange Street Surgery St Albans and met her husband (a Harpenden GP, whose dental hygienist is Malcolm Emmerson’s wife) in Brisbane Australia during locum work. She plays tennis for Harpenden and Herts Masters and played in qualifying for Junior Wimbledon aged 16. At Kimpton Church she helps in the Churchyard, does brass cleaning and is a sidesman. She likes tea and red wine.
JO HERBERT.
COPELAND HEWITT. Cope is Social Secretary and the Men’s 5th team captain. He has been at the club for 7 years. After taking over as captain in 2011/12 the 5s gained promotion to, and narrowly missed promotion from, Division South West 5. Previously, Cope played men’s 3s and 4s. He can always be found around the club in the clubhouse or on the terraces supporting our other men’s and women’s teams. Before St Albans Cope played for Belper HC in Derbyshire from the age of 11 to 18, representing Derbyshire at under 14 and under 15. As a student he played for Bilborough College men’s 1st team in Nottingham, reaching the British Colleges national finals in 2004/05 and representing the East Midlands, and played mixed in the national college championship winning side of 2005/06. At the University of Hertfordshire (2006-2010) Cope played for the men’s 1st and 2nd team, was captain of the men’s 2nd team for 2 years and became tour organiser and club/tour kit organiser. Cope’s Fiancé (Sophie White) plays for the SAHC ZRPHQ·V th team. He is the assistant Events manager at the Happy Puzzle Company: an educational maths activities company that travels around the whole of the UK delivering maths, team building and problem solving workshops for children aged 5-18. He has also been a bar tender, a window cleaner, a rugby and multi sports coach, a warehouse operative for Alliance Unichem and before joining the Happy Puzzle Company was a chef at a 4-star restaurant in Hertford.
CHRIS HOBSON is a hockey photographer (www.chrishobsonphotos.co.uk) whose work adorns the walls and banners in SAHC clubhouse at Oaklands. He is the father of former SAHC player Chloe (now at Buckingham HC) and is a frequent visitor to the Club, and member of the Tangerine Army. Chris used to be a hockey goalkeeper, in the days of face masks and ski gloves, before helmets and proper padding. He is a real estate litigator at Olswang solicitors. He is a fan of the music of Santana and Deep Purple and, after 25 years as a coach potato, took up running with the aim of doing a 5k before Easter 2015.
KATIE HOCKLEY.
CHRIS HORN. Chrissy is in her third season playing for the Ladies 1st XI. She has played representative hockey for Saxon Tigers 2012, 2013 and 2014, England U16s 2012/13 and England U18s 2013/14, and has played in 17 internationals. She was SAHC Junior Player of the Season for 2013/14 and also played for England U17s in the Sainsbury School Games in September 2014. Chrissy attends Queenswood School where she is 1st XI hockey captain and is studying for her A levels.
TOM HUDSON.
ANDRE HUGO. Andre is SAHC Umpires Coordinator and frequently acts as BBQ chef. He plays and umpires wherever he is needed in the club and supports the juniors coaching on Sunday mornings. He occasionally comes to watch the 1st teams with his 2 daughters, who love coming down to the club for the vibe. Andre’s 35 year hockey career has been at school, the South Africa Defence Force, Stellenbosch University and a few clubs around South Africa as well as Sunbury HC and now SAHC (the club he has been a member of the longest). He managed the Free State Provincial Men’s B and Men’s U21 A teams to national tournaments in South Africa. He was a qualified umpire in South Africa and umpired at the National Tournaments there, as well as two men’s internationals (Namibia v Zimbabwe). Andre’s 2 daughters, Erin and Georgina, love hockey and play on Sundays while his wife Lesley helps out in the clubhouse making bacon buns, teas and coffees with a few other parents. Andre is a decorated war veteran!, having been a Theatre Medic during his 2 years of SA Defence Force conscription. He then studied Horticultural Science at Stellenbosch University. He was the groundsman at Twickenham for a time and now works for a pharmaceutical company, which feeds his fascination with science and love of working with people. He loves to cook, especially a good braai, with good meat and a decent bottle of wine, preferably with some rugby to watch.
NATASHA HUMPHRIS. Tash plays in the Ladies 1st team. She is a Level 1 coach, organised the 2014 SAHC junior summer camp, and occasionally helps coach at the ladies club training. Tash is Assistant Coach in the JAC (Buckinghamshire Hockey) set up and last season was lead coach for the U8 and assistant coach for U12 Girls at Amersham and Chalfont HC. She played at Wycombe HC with Lottie Porter and was part of the Wycombe U18 team who finished 3rd at National Finals in 2010. Tash captained Buckinghamshire U16 & U17. She is a 3rd year student at the University of Hertfordshire studying Sports studies, and works for the Adventure Learning Foundation (an outdoor adventure and training centre) in Aston Clinton.
JOHN HURST. John is SAHC Senior Goalkeeping Coach and, with wife Philippa, co-owns The Hockey Centre which is official supplier of SAHC kit and clubhouse clothing and provides kit to support the boys’ and girls’ young players of the year awards. John joined SAHC in 1969 and was first team goalkeeper (1971-1991). He played for England (indoors and out) and Great Britain between 1977 and 1988, amassing a total of over 100 International appearances, captaining England several times, in England and Great Britain teams which won World Cup Silver, European Indoor Silver, European Bronze and Champions’ Trophy Silver Medals. John retired from international goalkeeping to take up a position with the National Governing Body in England as a consultant goalkeeper coach, a position he has held since 1989. John has been Manager and Assistant Manager of the England Senior Men’s Team, managing them to European Bronze in 1991 and European Indoor Silver in 1994. He has held the Position of Goalkeeping Performance Manager for England Hockey, organising Goalkeeper Coaching Courses for the English Governing Body since 1989 and writing goalkeeper coaching articles and resources, organising Goalkeeper Coaching Seminars for the FIH at both the 1998 World Cup in Utrecht and the 2008 Olympic Qualifier in Chile as well as working with the Irish, Scottish and Welsh Hockey Associations. Since April 2013 John has been Manager of the England and Great Britain Women’s Team and worked with England at the World League Finals in Argentina (Bronze), the European Cup in Belgium (Silver) and the 2014 Commonwealth Games (Silver). John trained as a Teacher and worked in Education whilst he was playing International Hockey.
PHILIPPA HURST. Philippa is an Honorary Life Member of the Club and, with husband John, co-owns The Hockey Centre: official supplier of SAHC kit and clubhouse clothing, providing kit to support the boys’ and girls’ young players of the year awards. Philippa joined Abbeyside Ladies in 1975, which later became SAHC Ladies’ Section. The first person she met was Kate Rudlin and she played for many years as well as being team secretary in the days of phoning every player. Philippa was part of a group who in around 1990 started SAHC Colts Hockey (including the young Cooper twins) on a Sunday morning, led by Kevin Williams. Eventually the older girls moved to Wednesday evening and one U15 team (including Lucy Barratt, Holly Parsons and Jo Martin) got to the National semi-finals. Philippa was extremely active in East youth hockey, setting up the first East U14 and U13 Girls development teams and was manager and Welfare Officer for the East residential Camps for Boys and Girls. She worked closely with Miche Bloch. Philippa was one of the members of the East group looking into the development of the Single system. She later became Manager for the U15 Girls based at Northwood before retiring from that role in 2012. Her current involvement in hockey is through The Hockey Centre.
GEORGINA IMPSON DAVEY. Georgina provides performance nutrition advice for the Mens 1st XI and is a member of the Tangerine Army. She joined the club aged 5 and later played for SAHC U18 and Herts U16. She was a member of the University of Chichester HC, gaining the role of Ladies President in her final year, obtaining full colours and being nominated as sports personality of the year 2013 at the University of Chichester. She was previously sports captain and sporting young ambassador 2009 at St. Albans Girls’ School. Georgina’s sister Jessica has also played for the club as a goal-keeper, while mum Rachele has played for the club for years and currently now plays for the Boadiceas and Ladies Vets. Georgina is a qualified sports performance nutritionist, gymnastics coach and girl-guide leader. She is a worldwide traveller with a love of adventure sports and food.
RACHELE IMPSON DAVEY. Rachele plays in the Boadicea’s and Ladies Vets. She has been a player at the club since the ladies first joined the men and prior to that when it was Abbeyside Ladies Hockey Club since she was 13 years old; she captained the ladies 4th 11 for 3 years. She was on the SACHA (St Albans Cricket and Hockey Association) committee and ran the club bar as well as doing lots of catering for both clubs, including the Grand Reopening at Clarence Park and the club dinners for a number of years. She has toured with the club on a number of occasions to Clacton, Southsea, Heiloo and Harrogate. She is a member of the Tangerine Army and is the proud parent of Georgina (Men’s 1st 11 Nutritionist) and Jessica both of whom started playing for the club when they were 5 years old. Rachele is an Art Psychotherapist, GCSE Art Teacher and an Artist. She attended The University of Hertfordshire part time whilst doing many jobs and bringing up her girls. She did the Moon Walk in London (2011) and has a little caravan which she loves to tow around the country exploring beautiful places and spending time with her family. She loves Roller skating, Swimming and Golf as well as Hockey.
IAN JEFFROY. Ian started playing at the club in 1979, aged 12. His first team was the 5th XI which was captained by his dad who played and umpired at St Albans for 35 years. In his time he was 5th Team Captain (1995-1998, 2008-2011), Social Secretary (1993-1994), Club Secretary (2007-2009), and Club Captain (1998-2001) and founder member of the Toy Boys and Gentlemen of Hertfordshire Touring Teams. He had a year with St Albans Exiles but, to mix a fruit metaphor, is tangerine to the core. Currently on a sabbatical, Jeffers is aiming to return to SAHC in a couple of years. Ian works from home for Computacenter which means peace and quiet during the week. At weekends, there are four children around the house which is less peaceful. With any luck, Oscar (10) will start playing in a couple of years in the same team as Ian, bringing Ian full circle after 37 years.
NICK JAMES. Nick is the player/manager of the men’s 6s and had a similar role with St Albans Exiles (a spin-off of St Albans Cricket Club) when they joined SAHC in about 2009/10 rising from Div 5SW to the dizzy heights of Div 3. He was born in St Albans and his prior hockey experience was at school under captain Andy Halliday. Ye used to attend a church youth club in the 70s with Kate Rudlin. Nick plays cricket at SACC with the likes of Martin Jones, Sandi Chanda, Mike Curtis and Richard O’Toole. He is a self-employed photographer (mostly schools and a few weddings) and a volunteer RSPCA dog-walker who also swims and practises yoga.
MATT JOBSON. Jobbo played for many years in the men’s 3rd, 4th and 5th XIs and occasionally for the vets. He captained the 4s and the Citizens (now 6s) and was Club Secretary (2 years), fund raising contact (2012/14) and social events planner (4 years). He is a Level 2 coach and coached the Ladies 2nd XI (2012/13), gaining promotion. Jobbo was voted SAHC Men’s clubman of the year (2012/13). He was also an accomplished club bar attendee and accomplished ‘centurion’ drinker. His previous clubs were BBHC in Bexleyheath (captained 3s to league win) and Canterbury University (captained 3s to nationals last 16). Jobbo is married to Anthea Oatridge who played SAHC Ladies 1st XI goalkeeper and captain. They now live in New Jersey USA, coaching field hockey nearly full time, where Jobbo is the owner and head coach of Castle Sports USA. Jobbo is goalkeeping and U14s coach for Jersey Intensity (the 4th ranked club in the USA), assistant coach at Raritan High School in Hazlet, and indoor goalkeeping coach for USA. Jobbo (pictured left below) has recently been appointed as Manager and Assistant Coach to the USA women’s national team. Having worked for many years for the Met Police he now specialises in corporate anti-money laundering analysis and investigations, and says he can see a return to the UK soon … so watch out St Albans!
ADAM JONES.
JACKIE JONES. Jackie is the Club Welfare Officer and plays for the Ladies 5s. She has 3 children all of whom have played junior hockey at SAHC over the last 10-12 years. Two remain committed hockey players at the Club; the middle one defected to rugby but you can’t win them all! Thanks to encouragement (aka nagging) from the kids, Jackie has started playing too and prides herself on being the oldest hockey novice for miles around. Having helped coach the juniors for several years, Jackie took on the role of Club Welfare Officer to ensure that the Club remains a fun and safe environment for youngsters to learn about hockey and life. Eldest son, Adam, has worked his way up through the club from U9s and is now playing with the Mens 1s and is a Level 1 coach helping with the U14/U16 girls training. Youngest child, Rachel, plays U14/U16s and is also starting to play adult hockey with the ladies 5s as well. To get a break from being a mum with 3 teenagers, Jackie works as a consultant oncologist treating mostly breast cancer patients at the Royal Free and North Middlesex Hospitals, and has a number of national roles & responsibilities related to the specialist training of doctors who want to pursue a career in Oncology.
MARIE JONES. Marie (nee O'Brien, hence known as MO'B) plays in the Ladies 1st XI. She moved to St. Albans from Plymouth in 2002. At the first SAHC social she met her husband Steve who had been playing at St Albans since his youth (many many years before). It was love at first sight for Steve but unfortunately he can't remember this. Marie went on to play first team hockey for six years and then sustained a debilitating injury (otherwise known as pregnancy). This occurred once more. It took Marie 3 years to recover and she now plays 3s, 2s or 1s (as no one can cope with her for long periods of time). Outside of hockey Marie is a Mother, Wife, Daughter, Sister & PE teacher. She enjoys reading and ridiculing anyone nearby.
NIGEL JONES. Nigel is a member of the Tangerine Army and regularly comes to watch his family play for SAHC. He is also on the club’s Sounding Board Group 2014/15. He has never picked up a hockey stick. His wife, Jackie Jones, is the Club’s Welfare Officer (and plays for the Ladies’ 5s). Two of their 3 offspring (Adam and Rachel) also play for the Club. Nigel can often be found pitch-side at weekends at OAs/Beaumont School to support Simon, the middle and non-hockey playing Jones child, in his rugby endeavours. Nigel is rumoured to be a scientist but will only admit to penning and directing a highly scurrilous alternative Cinderella at work last Christmas, pinching the plum part of the Fairy Godmother.
AMY KEE. Amy plays for the Ladies 1st XI. She rejoined SAHC for the current season after a very extended period away, St Albans having been her first ever hockey club when she was 14 years old and I played for two seasons. She has also played for Old Loughtonians 1st XI and represented England U16 and U18 (European U18 Gold Medallist 2007) before winning a Field Hockey Scholarship to the USA, captaining Syracuse University (NCAA Final 4 2012) as well as being an Assistant Coach at Ohio University. Amy has coached on many hockey camps, is a Level 1 (and USA Level 2) coach and a Level 1 umpire. She currently coaches the ladies, men's and the colts sections at Potters Bar HC and the ladies section at Winchmore Hill and Enfield HC. She is coach to the Queenswood School 1st XI and is involved in Hertfordshire JDC/JAC hockey. Miche Bloch and John Barrett were Amy’s first ever hockey coaches at Hertfordshire under 12s! Maria Merrigan was her coach for 6 years at Queenswood School. She says we can blame all three of them for her yellow card habit. Amy loves in Welwyn Garden City and is a self-employed hockey and multi-sports coach. She also works with the company “All For Sport” providing primary school PE.
QUENTIN KEELING. Quentin joined SAHC in September 1972, playing in a variety of sides until 2001, most memorably the inaugural Senators. He currently runs the 100 Club, and has been Club Secretary and House Manager in the past. He is a Vice-President and is still umpiring for the club, including Pool matches. Previous clubs are Cheam HC as a schoolboy and Durham University (1st XI fixtures secretary). He is a Level 1 umpire. Quentin has been active in the Cathedral since moving to St Albans in 1976. He is now retired after working for Hawker Siddeley, GEC, and National Grid. He is a “Triple C”; Chartered Engineer, Mathematician, & IT Professional, and has been a union member of Prospect since 1990, with senior roles within National Grid. His running career started with track & field, morphing into longer runs, including 10.8 marathons (unfinished business with Beachy Head), and numerous half marathons (19 of them St Albans). Walking has included several of the English National Trails and long distance paths, and he is Treasurer of the St Albans & District Footpaths Society. Quentin does volunteer work for the St Albans & District Credit Union and in 2014 attended his first World Science Fiction Convention, having been a lifelong reader. As evidenced below, he won the award for 'best dressed walker' at the Grove House Midnight Walk 2011.
ANDREW KEENLEYSIDE. AK plays for the Vets (Emperors) and Super Vets (Praetorians) squads. In the distant past he coached the men’s 1st team, and the U16 and U18 boy’s teams, and captained the 3rd XI. AK was editor of SAHC’s *Tangerine Dream* magazine (Pre-digital) and was Social Secretary for the club. He has also been known to umpire the occasional game. AK’s previous clubs were Thirsk Athletic HC and Mid-Surrey HC, he captained his University Team (BPSA winners) and represented Hertfordshire and North Yorkshire. He played for the England over 55s in 2011 (winning the gold medal in Singapore) and is a Level 2 coach and a Level 1 umpire. AK is an Art teacher at the Haberdashers Aske’s Boys’ School, and likes to paint!
BEN KELLY. Ben is a goalkeeper who joined the club in the summer of 2014 having moved from Loughborough Students HC where he played in the 1st XI within the National Premier League. His previous clubs all stem from national league heritage having played for Brooklands HC and Formby HC. Ben had international honours (England) at age group levels, was Cheshire county captain throughout age group levels winning the county championships at U16 and U18 levels, and has represented the North West and British Universities. Ben was previously managed by Mike Lloyd while playing at Loughborough and coached by England and GB (and SAHC) Goalkeeping Coach John Hurst. Ben works as a specialist in personalised medicine within a private clinical group (www.xrogenomics.co.uk) and is CEO of Kelly Medical LTD a private medical conglomerate. Ben is sponsored by Adidas Hockey and supported by TK.
JACOB LANGLEY. Jacob plays for the Men’s 1st XI. He began his SAHC career as a youth within the club colts and, remaining ever loyal, progressed through the club throughout the following decade, charming and swindling his way into the SAHC Men’s 1s. Though he would like to believe he is a qualified umpire, this is not the case. A member of The Tangerine Army, Jacob likes to spend Saturday morning supporting, Saturday afternoon playing and Saturday evening rehydrating. His mother, Geraldine Langley, was also a member of SAHC between 1974 and 1986, as both a member of the Ladies’ 2nd XI and as captain of the Ladies 3rd XI. Outside the club Jacob is an aspiring maths teacher at a local school which has just established a hockey club.
PHIL LEACH plays for the men’s 6th XI (and occasionally for the vets). His previous clubs are Durham University (1st XI), Neston (2nd XI) and Hampstead CC (1st XI). After a short 17 year break from hockey, Phil joined SAHC in 2012 and started playing again. Phil is a human rights lawyer, working mainly on human rights cases from Russia, Ukraine and other parts of the former Soviet Union. He is currently also a member of an advisory panel which is trying to help reduce the number of deaths of people in custody in England and Wales. Phil met his wife (Becky) through hockey at Durham University. They entered the National Garden Scheme in 2014.
MATT LEEDHAM. Matt is player/manager of the men’s Emperors (over 40s), on the SAHC delivery committee for the European Hockey Masters 2015 and is a Gold Partner. His hockey started with Sevenoaks HC, Tonbridge School and Kent U15s, then Southampton University HC (South Prem, UAU Finals and Indoor Finals at Crystal Palace). Matt later played for Weybridge Hawks HC, Surbiton HC, Old Cranleighans HC and then (after a 14 year break) Tring HC, but his primary sport was tennis which he still plays competitively. Matt joined SAHC in 2012, is a Level 1 coach, plays East Masters (Over 45s) and is East representative at England Hockey Masters. Matt is founder and Managing Partner of a boutique senior level Executive Search business based in London (Maven Partners) in the areas of Finance, Tax, Law, Corporate Finance and Strategy. Matt’s wife, teenage daughter and three female dogs are all Leo’s (mercifully he is a Pisces) and he has an eclectic collection of music ranging from Handel to Hawkwind, Horace Andy to Holgar Czukay, and Heaven 17 to Hot Chip to Hardrive.
MARK LISTER. Mark plays in the Emperors. He joined SAHC in 1985 in the 2nd XI era of Hazell, Hayward, Beard, Hardman, Shep, Spicer and is still trying to shake off his ‘slasher’ nickname for tacking (never a red card). Early days saw Mark as a dedicated true clubman in the role of finishing other people’s beers in the bar (Yorkshire roots). Mark lists as his hockey ex’s: Ben Rhydding, Grange, Heriot-Watt & Scotland Uni, Beds county, Yorks county men’s & juniors and overseas hockey while learning languages in Vienna, Tours, Cologne, Flensburg, Arhus (it’s in Denmark and you have to be careful how you pronounce it). He is the dad of Jacob Lockhart Lister (of 2nd XI/1st XI 2013/14). Mark can frequently be found badgering others over fundraising for Progressio, the international development charity he works for, and before that for Grove House Hospice. He can occasionally be seen charging around Clarence Park or the nearby countryside with an equally mad red setter.
MIKE LLOYD. Mike is Head of the Development Division at SAHC. He joined the club in 2013 as Ladies 1s Manager. He has also coached the Ladies 1s, and played for the Men’s 4s. He is currently Assistant Coach to the Men’s 1s and is a First Team Partner. Mike’s previous hockey experience was with Loughborough Students where he played, coached and managed teams in both the Men’s and Ladies sections. He started hockey at Aberdeen Grammar School and with the school’s Former Pupil Club. He is a qualified Level 2 coach and has coached within the England Hockey Single System for the past 3 years, including roles at HiPAC and Futures Cup. From his time at Loughborough he is well connected to many players in the Men’s section who have also attended the same university. Mike is a systems engineer with a defence company based in Stevenage. Prior to this he completed a PhD in Systems Engineering at the University of Nottingham. He describes himself as a keen, and very average, golfer who enjoys good food and travelling.
IAN LOFFLER.
MARK LOWDEN. Mark plays in the Mens 1st XI and is in his 8th season in the team having joined in 2007. Mark previously played for University of Birmingham (2003-2006) and Leominster HC (1996-2003) and is currently captain of the Herefordshire Mens county team. Mark grew up on a farm in Herefordshire and plays cricket for his village team, Cookham Dean CC 1st XI in the Thames Valley League. He loves playing golf, cycling and generally being outdoors. Mark works for Lloyds Private Bank in St Albans and Harpenden, as a Chartered Financial Planner.
AMY LYNN.
ANGUS MACGREGOR. Angus plays for the Emperors, Praetorians and 6th teams, depending on various selection strategies. He joined the club 7 or 8 years ago, having previously played for the St Albans Exiles - a team dominated by membership from St Albans Cricket Club (where he also used to play). Angus previously played for Kent College school in Canterbury, Kent and South East schoolboys teams, Canberra Easts HC, Canterbury HC (as a junior and one season for the senior team), Durham University (2nd X1 predominantly) and Harborne HC (Birmingham). As is common with the advent of older age, he has moved from being a striker to mid-field and full-back positions. Son George (18) used to play in the juniors (with Adam, Luka and Jacob and others) until football started to dominate, but he does still keep his hand (and stick) in for St Albans School. Older daughter Abby (16) currently plays for the Ladies 5th XI, having played on and off as a junior since a young age. Younger daughter Louise (14) has played on and off but currently concentrates on Lacrosse and Netball (and parties). Jo-Anne (Angus’s wife and mother to George, Abby and Louise) played at school and university and is unlikely to be persuaded to extend her career anytime soon. Angus has previously helped out with colts coaching and has been enlisted this season for junior emergency away team management.
HANNAH MACLEOD. Dr Hannah MacLeod is the women’s 1st team coach and also plays in the team. Her previous clubs include St Ives HC, Bedford HC, Loughborough Students HC and Leicester HC (3 x National League winner, 2 x National Cup winner, 2 x European bronze medal winner). She managed and was an assistant coach for the East U17 squad; played East U16’s and U17’s; represented England at U18’s and U21’s (captain); and currently represents England and Great Britain (European bronze medal 2007, 2009, 2011, European silver medal 2013, World Cup bronze medal 2010, Champions Trophy bronze medal 2010, Champions Trophy silver medal 2012, Olympic Games bronze medal 2012). As a junior, Hannah was coached by two current SAHC players (Sarah Fretwell and Sarah Embrey). She is a centralised Great Britain hockey player; a freelance performance nutritionist; has a PhD from Nottingham Trent University in Environmental Physiology and an undergraduate degree from Loughborough University. Hannah has an interest in Tudor history, has met the Queen and Elton John and is a Manchester United fan.
PIPPA MARTIN. Pippa is ladies’ 4th team captain and Lead Coach of the Under 7s, Under 8s and Under 9s. Pippa has been part of St Albans HC from the day she was born, going on her first St Albans HC tour aged 1 week. She started in the youth section at the age of 7 and progressed to adult section aged 14, since which she has played for the 3s, 4s, 5s and Bodas. Pippa started junior coaching as an assistant coach aged 16. Pippa is a level 2 coach and played for Sheffield Hallam HC and Sheffield Hallam University 1st & 2nd XI (captain). She is the proud daughter of Phillip and Sue Martin, and sister of Jo and Bex Martin. Pippa is a reception teacher at Praewood School in St Albans and is a qualified dance teacher who has taught 3-18 year olds ballet, tap, modern and jazz dance. She enjoys spending time with her friends from St Albans HC, loves to bake and according to her mate Sophie Lamb should go on ‘Bake off’.

![Image of Pippa Martin](image.jpg)
PHILLIP MARTIN. Phillip and his wife Sue are SAHC Membership Secretaries and Phill is a Gold Partner. Together with daughters Pippa, Jo and Beccy they are quite the SAHC Family, with all five of them playing for the Club. Phill started playing for SAHC in 1976, having been introduced by Clive Wormleighton, Sue’s Head of Department. As Phillip was the Hockey Widower, with Sue off each week playing for Hemel Hempstead HC (who did not have a men’s side), he was dragged down to Clarence Park to play on the grass. And the rest is history, as they say. Phillip started out in the then 6th XI and during the following 38 years reached the giddy heights of the 3rd XI under Paul Berendt (for 3 weeks). After Nick Hall and he started the Senators Phillip played for that side as vice-captain, captain, manager and sometime left wing and left half for getting on for 15 years. From the Senators he moved on to the Praetorians and more recently to the Centurions as the birthdays added up. In 2001 he was a member of the National Veterans’ Cup winning squad. Over the years his position has moved backwards on the pitch, but this season he is having a resurgence in the men’s 8s playing further forward again. He has umpired for most of his time in the club and out of the club umpires only Chats and Peter Halliday have lower registration numbers. On the non-playing management side of the club the only post Phillip has not done is the treasurer, having run the bar, catering, house etc. etc. Phillip was Club CEO from 2003 to 2014 and he is proud of the development of the club over those years cumulating in the move to Oaklands, helping to guide it through several iterations and false starts and lots and lots of meetings. And for the future? Phillip says, “God willing and with help from Beast I will carry on playing, umpiring, drinking the cider, supporting the indoor and helping out in the club where I can. As I have said before if you were to cut though my arm, like tree rings the Tangerine goes all the way through.”
SUE MARTIN. Sue is Membership Secretary (with husband Phillip), Youth Section Administrator and plays for the Boders. She has had links with St Albans Hockey since 1975 and was made an Honorary Life Member for her work with the club (while playing for Hemel Hempstead Ladies). Sue joined SAHC as a player in 2000 and is the oldest playing member in the ladies teams, currently in her 51st season of playing club hockey. She has watched 3 daughters develop through the club’s coaching system and has played alongside them. Sue began her hockey at High Wycombe High School for Girls and Slough Ladies, Bucks U15 and U18 and South U18, then Windsor Ladies, Bristol University (1st XI Captain and Blue), England Universities Reserves, Hemel Hempstead Ladies 1st XI (National Clubs final) and Herts. She also organised Herts County U15 and U18 schools tournaments. Sue is a retired secondary school teacher who taught Science and PE in Herts for 37 years. She enjoys gardening, sewing, crocheting, knitting (particularly Aran jumpers/cardigans), decorating and baking. After years making costumes and working backstage organising costume changes for dance shows, she now finds it rewarding and enjoyable working with daughter Pippa’s reception classes to create gardens and get the children involved with plants and animals.
DONNA McGUIGAN. Donna plays in the Ladies 1st Team. Her home club is Ballymoney Hockey Club (Northern Ireland), where she won the Irish cup in 2001 and played in the European Cup Winners in 2002. At University Donna played for Giffnock Ladies (Glasgow) and played in the European Cup Winners cup in 2006 hosted by that club. On moving to London Donna played 4 seasons at Hampstead and Westminster and captained the Ladies 1’s from 2010-2012 before moving to SAHC. Donna is an Orthotist at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital and runs her own private Orthotic company, McGuigan Orthotics LTD. She loves to travel and is always planning her next trip away, and also likes to grow her own vegetables and bake cakes!
CAL McMANUS.
JOHN MICHALIK. John plays for the Praetorians and Centurions teams. He played hockey for Beds Eagles when he was at school but stopped when he started working overseas. He got back into hockey in 2002 helping with the coaching at Harpenden HC where his sons played, and then started playing at SAHC in 2003 after a 26 year gap. John has played for Pistons Summer HC (where he is Fixtures Secretary) since 2009, for The Rebels, Iceni Rex and for the East of England Over 55 B Squad. He plays tennis with David Sheridan’s wife Jenny, who it was who encouraged him to join SAHC in 2003. John knew Martin Kavanagh back in the 1970s at Beds Eagles, when Kav was renowned for his prolific goal scoring and his fiery temperament. John runs three businesses: in industrial waste water turnkey engineering, beverage industry consulting, real-estate development. He plays tennis regularly and watches rugby frequently – a passionate supporter of the New Zealand All Blacks. John speaks Spanish, French, Portuguese and some Italian. He has travelled to more than 120 countries (mostly on business) and has lived in Mexico, Brazil, USA, Ivory Coast, Cameroun and now Harpenden. John says that being half Polish born in England, with a wife who is Indian born in Uganda, means their three kids find it safest to call themselves English!
IAN MILLS.
EMMA O’NIEN.
LIZ MORGAN.
JOHN MOULD. John plays in the men’s first team. Previously he played for Stevenage HC (where he was 1st team Captain for 3 years) and still sometimes coaches their ladies’ side when needed. John is a qualified Level 1 coach who attended Bedfordshire University where he played alongside many of the current Bedford 1st team. A primary school teacher in his fourth year of teaching, John currently has charge of Year 4 at Peartree Primary School, Stevenage. He lives (less than 100 yards away from fellow 1st team player Scott Apps) in Knebworth with his girlfriend who is a physiotherapist so very handy for game recovery. He once stupidly raced her brother, which resulted in him breaking his elbow. He is a very keen movie watcher.
CLARE MULVANEY. Clare joined Abbeyside HC in 1984 when she was young, impressionable and didn't know any better. She worked her way through the ranks, to claim a regular Ladies’ 1st team place at SAHC, picking up a few bad habits and a husband for her troubles. She was a member of the squad that secured National League status for the first time in 1994 and was a founder member of The Fat Slags touring team who terrorised the South Coast in Oxfam outfits during the 90’s! An unfortunate knee injury brought about an early retirement before being 'Bennyed' into a brief comeback for the Vets and Boders in 2010/11, common sense then prevailed. Clare also has cricket representative honours at England at U19 and U24 level but is still trying to convince her husband, Nick (men's 7th team captain), that she wasn't selected simply for her cart wheeling and daisy chain making whilst in the outfield! Clare now spends her time watching and supporting the Boadiceas and her sons, Oliver and Josh. Ollie is now playing with Nick in the 7th team but Josh has unfortunately, for the time being, been lost to football. In fact, already this season, spectating has enabled Clare to achieve something that she was not able to as a player......a red card. Unbelievably, not every umpire accepts her advice with open arms!

![Clare Mulvaney](image-url)
FIONA NEKEMAN. Fiona plays for the women’s 1st team. She joined SAHC in 2014 for the level of hockey offered by the Club. She played for 20 years at Maastricht Hockey Club in the Netherlands, then came to the UK and played for a season at Bishops Stortford HC. Fiona (nickname “Dutchie”) has a Dutch coaching and umpiring diploma and is still a junior coach at Bishops Stortford HC as she lives near there. Fiona is a qualified psychologist. She currently works as a teacher’s assistant at Takeley primary school and hopes in the future to start work as a child psychologist. As well as loving playing hockey, Fiona enjoys good food and shopping.
VICKI O’BRIEN. Vicki has just started playing for the Boadiceas having taken 2013/14 out to have a baby. She joined the club over 10 years ago (having not played hockey before), and has played Ladies’ 3s, 4s and 5s, being captain of each at some point, and made guest appearances for the 2s and vets teams. Happiest in mid-field and upfront, she has played every position on the pitch, but as goalkeeper has the worst record (11-0 defeat!). She has sat on the management committee, worked with the Ladies Club captains to integrate new members to the club, been responsible for keeping ladies records, and was twice Ladies Club Member of the Year. She is now a member of the club’s Sounding Board Group 2014/15. Her husband Mick (also known as Quick Mick) currently plays for the Emperors vets team, but has also played all levels of the club. They met at the University of Hertfordshire and have lived locally since. Vicki works part-time as an independent open innovation consultant, assisting her clients to source and acquire innovative technology-led solutions for their new product development programs. Her other full-time job is looking after their very vocal daughter Caitlin, who will be seen supporting her parents on the side-line this season. Vicki likes any excuse for fancy-dress and drinking wine...
CHARLEY O’DELL. Charley is the Club’s Sports Therapist and owner of Harpenden Sports Therapy. She is niece of Andy Halliday and joined SAHC at the start of 2014 to provide pitch-side first aid and treatment to the Men’s 1st team. Other than watching Uncle Fuzzy she hasn’t been involved in Hockey much at all, due to what she says is a shocking hand-eye coordination! Charley’s sport was Trampolining, in which she competed internationally, representing England and Great Britain between 2009-2012. She was sponsored by the John Lewis Partnership and her greatest achievement was finishing 6th at the Junior World Championships. She also danced in the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics!
EMILY PANINIERS. Emily currently plays in the ladies 1st team and also when allowed for the 2s. She moved to St Albans from Herefordshire 7 years ago and joined SAHC in 2008. She has previously played for Hereford HC and a very short spell at Southgate (sorry). Emily grew up on a farm in Herefordshire and went on to study Agri-Food Marketing at Harper Adams and then somehow ended up moving to St Albans. She now works in procurement buying Fresh Produce from around the world for the major UK retailers. Growing up she loved to play all sports, spending time on the farm and competing on horses in various competitions, finding early sporting glory as the U6 and U8s Gymkhana Champion in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.
CHRIS PARKER. Chris joined St Albans HC 1982 and was a member of the Centurions for 30 years (including in the final of the England Hockey Vintage Cup in 1998 and on tours) and still plays for them occasionally. He was the club’s Treasurer 2006-10 and prepared accounts for audit for years from 2003 onwards so that Club could convert to limited company and CASC. Chris remained a director until 2013 when he was made a vice president. He became treasurer of SACHA (St Albans Cricket and Hockey Association) in 1996 and still holds that role. Chris learned hockey in Lincolnshire where his father was a county player before and after the war. He played at school beside Mike Corby and for his college team at Oxford. After university, Chris joined Southgate HC and then moved to Laings Sports Club (of which his father was a founder member of the hockey section) which later evolved to become St Albans Exiles. Chris moved to Brussels in 1968 and joined Primerose (playing in the shadow of the Atomium alongside Michel Sweers now of Tring), to Beirut in 1971 (where there was no hockey so he played rugby) and to Vancouver in 1973, where he was elected treasurer of Vancouver HC later to merge with Hawks to form the Vancouver Hawks. Chris plays for the friendlies-only over 60s team at Southgate, the Tankards. He has represented the East over 65 and over 70 teams, played in the trophy section of the 2012 World Cup for the Scotland-based North Stars and has represented England LX in the over 70 trophy section of the European championship 2010 and World Cup 2014. Chris was recruited to the Centurions in 1982 by Past President James Jarrett, a fellow Radlett resident against whom he first played (and scored a goal) in a school match in 1958. He retired from international auditing in 2006. After his wife, Ginnie, died in 2013 he took on a number of volunteering jobs in the community (six at the last count, including work at Grove House). He runs in the Herts 10K (in aid of Grove House) most years and also the Radlett Rotary 5K.
HOLLY PARSONS. Holly plays and captains the Ladies 1st team. She was a Youth Player at SAHC starting at U15s and has been with the Club for 7 years. Her previous clubs are Olton and West Warwick HC, and Southgate HC. She plays U21 County and Regional Hockey and is a Level 1 umpire. Her partner Matt Burton-Bowen was player/coach of the Men’s 1st XI, coached the Ladies 1st XI in 2013/14, and is a frequent visitor to Oaklands. Holly was lead organiser of the SAHC Ball in 2014. She works for Medtronic as a Sales Manager for Cardiac Surgery, training Consultants and selling Heart valves, and so spends her days in open heart surgery!
Holly qualified as a physiotherapist in 2011. She owns a horse and is an eventing horse-rider during the summer, out of hockey season. She has also run the St Albans Half Marathon. Matt plays for Canterbury, so Holly spends her Sundays supporting him in the Premiership. She plays the Piano and Saxophone to Grade 6 and the last flight she took involved sleeping next to Paul McCartney…
HAYLEY PAYNE.
JAMIE PERKINS.
LOTTIE PORTER.
DONNA PRINGLE.
ANDREW RAJAH. Born from an egg on a mountain top, Monkey joined SAHC in 2002 and has featured in every Men's side from 1s through to Emperors. After starting his career at Harrow HC, Monkey played for Bournemouth University, Old Bristolians and Teddington before finding his spiritual home at Clarence Park and latterly Oaklands. Monkey has also represented Middlesex at U16 and U18, and Hertfordshire at Over 40s. Monkey's daughter, Betty, is in the U9 group which he helps coach on Sunday mornings. Monkey’s son, Kai, is currently on a hiatus from the club, playing football for Harvesters FC. Away from hockey, Monkey can often be found coaching youth football, growing facial hair for charity, and accompanying Tripitaka on journeys of enlightenment. He currently works for the world's largest technology company having escaped from a global law firm.
DAN REEVES.
JOSHUA ROSE. Josh is in his eighth year as Men’s 3rd XI captain. He first played for SAHC in the under 16s and then returned to the club after University, starting in the Mighty Tribunes and then making his way up the club. He has played for every Men’s team except the 1s. He umpires and used to coach the U16’s girls on Friday nights and was presented the SAHC Bar Award in the 2013/14 season. Josh’s previous clubs have been Hawthorn HC (Australia), Northampton University (1st XI Captain) and Northampton Town HC. He coached the Mens and Ladies University side and played for Northamptonshire. He is a Level 1 hockey umpire and holds a Level 1 coaching qualification in four sports: hockey, football, cricket and Futsal. Josh has a good circle of friends at the club and has persuaded a few parents, whose children he coached football to, to come down on a Sunday morning for the colts hockey. Some people at the club call him Roy Keen as he can be a little too keen for his own good and likes to get involved in most things. He is a ‘keen’ sportsman and tries to turn his hand to most sports including, skiing, Cricket, Climbing, Golf, Squash, Table Tennis and Fives (if you know what that is). His is a partner in a company called Club Excel which is a holiday camp for children aged 3-13. These run in Two Private schools near Watford where a lot of SAHC hockey players end up working for Josh over the Easter and Summer. Josh lives in St Albans and loves the social life that comes with it, whether at the club or in town. He claims to be willing to give everything a go at least once.
KATE RUDLIN. Kate is Head of the House Division at SAHC, a Vice-President and a First Teams’ Partner. From 1971 she was a member and became a 1st team player at Abbeyside, which became St Albans Ladies HC, and later captained SAHC Ladies’ 2nd and 3rd XIs in the 1980s and 1990s. Kate’s previous clubs were Norwich Vagabonds and Colchester HC. Her son Andy Rudlin plays for the men’s 3rd XI. Kate studied Hotel Catering and Institutional Management at Norwich and then worked for 10 years at Imperial College London running Halls of Residences and Conferences. She now runs her own Domestic/Home Help Carer and Admin Services company. Kate enjoys cycling and golf and ran the London Marathon in 2000 and the Bungay Marathon in 1998.
NICOLE SADD. Nicole is the Commercial Director at Oaklands College and is responsible for working with Key Partners such as SAHC. Nicole hosts the regular liaison meetings with SAHC personnel, at policy and operational levels. She describes as her wish to bring both the club and Oaklands together, with a united approach to working, sharing joint opportunities and ideas on how to improve the facilities and external relationships. Nicole is passionate about her Career, loving its variety, and is currently facing the challenge of setting up the businesses across the College to generate an income, with the student work experience included. She is however well used to personal challenges. At 22 years of age she set off to Vermont USA to set up luxury ski chalets, which led to a move to Newport Rhode Island where she discovered a passion for sailing. Having come back to the UK 18 months later she needed to feed the sailing habit which led Nicole to start racing at weekends. She was eventually given the opportunity to sail across the Atlantic in 2008 and spend 4 months in the Caribbean before returning to the UK and competing in the Fastnet campaign 2009. Having spent a year sailing professionally she thought she needed some land-based activities. She therefore completed a 26 mile hike last year in aid of breast cancer charities and is hoping to take on the ten tour challenge in 2015.
MARTIN SCANLON. Martin is Ellie Watton's boyfriend. He was special guest coach on Ellie's first Junior Hockey Masterclass at SAHC in September 2014. He has represented England at all junior levels including GB U21 during the 2009 Youth Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Martin played for Beeston HC, representing the Nottinghamshire side for three seasons of EuroHockey League and winning the English Prem twice before being diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His circumstances have raised awareness and funding for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research through the #score4scan campaign (www.justgiving.com/samward15). Martin is a Loughborough University graduate in Sport & Exercise Science and a Level 2 qualified coach. As he is currently unable to play hockey, Martin coaches Preston Men's 1st XI who are aiming for promotion into the National League.
ROY SCOTT.
NICK SEAGRAVE.
JENEIV SHAH. Jeneiv ("Jay") is in his second season as a Club member, playing for the Men’s 5th team and volunteering as a junior coach for the Under 10s/12s/14s. He played one season for Broxbourne several years ago, one season of mixed hockey at the University of Warwick, and first took up the sport at Haberdashers’ Aske’s School for Boys even more years ago. Jeneiv currently works as an investment analyst for T Rowe Price focused on metals & mining companies. In his spare time he enjoys watching films and catching up with friends for dinner.
CARL SHARPE.
JON SHREEVES.

CRAIG SMITH.
ADRIAN STEPHENSON. Adrian first played for St Albans HC in 1970 and now plays for the Centurions. He was President of the Club 2007-2014. Adrian previously played for ISCA HC 1962-63, Guildford HC 1963-70 and represented Sussex, Surrey, Hertfordshire, East and England at various levels. He was a World Cup winner with England Over 65 (2010) and Over 70 (2014). He is Hon Secretary of World Grand Masters Association and committee member of LX Club, England. His sons Mark and Adam are long-time members of the club and have both captained the 5s. Adrian’s wife Rosemary queries whether he has a life away from hockey, but in his spare moments Adrian still operates as a sports book publisher (semi-retired!).
MICHAEL STEVENSON. Mike is a Vice President of SAHC. He joined the Club in 1948 aged 14. His father George introduced him and encouraged him to play hockey. Mike progressed up the Club sides and while at St Albans did his National Service in the RAF. He captained the RAF hockey team against the Army and the Navy and as a result of this he was presented his RAF hockey colours. Mike played for Hertfordshire on many occasions while at the Club. In 1963 Mike was made captain of the First Eleven and his captaincy laid the foundations for some of the most exciting times for the First Eleven. Mike with his very supportive wife Maggie organised the first trip by the Club to an Easter Hockey Festival in 1960 to Clacton, under the name of 'St Albans Stallions'. The Club had many successful visits to Clacton. A dental mechanic by profession, Mike worked in the town, but in 1967 he and his family moved to Surrey and joined SS White and Company, a dental equipment company. Mike joined Guildford HC and played for their First team, then he captained the Second Eleven and subsequently becoming First Team Manager as a result of the club joining the London League. During his stewardship the club enjoyed unprecedented success both at home and in Europe. Now retired, Mike enjoys playing golf, following the sporting progress of his five grandchildren as well as still supporting Guildford HC.
MATT STREET.
NIGEL STROFTON. Nigel is a Past President and captain of the Centurions, with 2014/15 as his staggering 55th consecutive season with the club. Having joined SAHC in 1959, Nigel captained the 1st XI 1967-1971, 1975-76 and the 3rd XI 1984-85. He has served as Chairman of SACHA, a Hertfordshire County Hockey selector and Chairman of the club’s ‘Floodlights Committee’ achieving floodlighting for Clarence Park. Nigel played England Over 65s (European gold medal 2005) and captained the LX Club of England to gold in each of 6 World Hockey Cups. Nigel’s father Alan was goalkeeper at the club in the 1930s who during World War 2 used his van and the petrol coupons from his Wine and Spirits business to drive the club’s only wartime team to matches against local teams. Mother Rene’s unstinting service to the club (from teas to junior members) led to her proud appointment as a Vice-President. Brother Roger played 1st and 2nd XI at SAHC 1952-1961. In the Wine and Spirit trade all his working life, Nigel has worked for companies selling such brands as The Famous Grouse Scotch Whisky, Taylors Ports, Pommery Champagne and Drambuie. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Distillers (a City Livery Company) 1992-93, Chairman of the Champagne Academy 1973-74 and President of the Wine Trades Sports Club 1975-76. Nigel played cricket for Harpenden CC 1960-1970 and Radlett CC 1971-1980.
ALASTAIR SYKES.
RACHEL TAYLOR.
JAMES TOMPKINS. James captains the Praetorians. He is a Gold Partner. He first played hockey at Banbury HC aged 14 and originally joined SAHC in 1980 as a 16 year old while at Verulam School (where Andy Keenleyside was in his first job as an Art teacher!). After attending University in Liverpool he played for Southgate Adelaide for a couple of years before taking a hockey break in 1992. After more than a decade away from the game, James returned to SAHC to play Vets ... the rest is history. In his time, he has played for all of the Men’s outdoor teams at SAHC (except for the Centurions) from 1st XI downwards. Starting off as a centre-forward James has moved back towards his own goal ever since. James is a Solicitor and Director of a London Law Firm. He is an ardent Everton fan. In his spare time he likes to organise hockey tours to Belgium and dancing – often combining the two.
JONATHAN TUCK. Jonathan is the manager of the Centurions 60+ team playing in the Grand Masters Division of the Higgins London Hockey League. He is also the St Albans Higgins London Hockey League Representative for the club. Jonathan has been playing veterans hockey for the club for the last twenty years and previously managed the Praetorians in the over 40’s league. Jonathan is a Level 1 umpire. He teaches mathematics at Roundwood Park School in Harpenden.
RAVI VIJH. Ravi plays for the men’s 1st XI and was ladies’ 1st XI coach 2010-2012. He is a level 2 coach and a cricketer who played most recently for Old Albanians. Ravi co-runs a PR company in Holborn working in tech and events.
JEAN-PAUL VINCENT. Jean-Paul (JP) plays in the Praetorians. He began playing hockey at Royal Hockey Club Leuven in Belgium (1968-1980), a club which now hosts an annual SAHC junior vets tour. His other previous clubs are Cambridge Nomads (1993-1997) and California Berkeley Field Hockey (1980-1992). JP is a scientist working in Medical Research, studying cell signalling. His PhD is in Biophysics from the University of California at Berkeley. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) and is also a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (FMedSci). JPcycles to Mill Hill (on an electric assist) most days, plays tennis at Salisbury Tennis Club, enjoys backcountry skiing in the winter, hiking in the summer and theatre all year round.

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ROLAND WALLER.
ELLIE WATTON. Ellie is the new hockey development officer at St Albans HC and is responsible for the organisation of the holiday hockey camps. She plays in the Ladies 1st XI and will be using a lot of her time on Saturdays to help coach and manage various teams. Ellie was previously a member of Beeston HC for 3 years and Cannock HC prior to that. She captained Beston Ladies 1st XI during the 2013-14 season and has been playing hockey in the National League for over 8 years. Ellie recently gave up her PE teaching job of 3 years at Oakham School to become a full time GB and England hockey player, and recently won a Commonwealth Games Silver Medal. Ellie graduated from The University of Birmingham with a degree in Sport and Exercise Science in 2010. She is a level 2 hockey coach and has experience in coaching both junior and senior club sides. Ellie’s other half is Martin Scanlon who coached with her on her first SAHC Youth Hockey Masterclass and has been helping to raise money for the Leukaemia and lymphoma association through the #score4scan campaign.
PAUL AND DEBBIE WATTON. Deb and Paul are Ellie Watton’s parents. As such, they are new to the club, but they are well-seasoned hockey fans. They live in Derbyshire so it’s quite a hike for them to get down to Oaklands, but they hope to watch a few home games this season. Although now retired from playing, Deb was a member of Matlock HC for 20 years and Club Treasurer for most of that time. Paul is an ex-rugby player who, although he has played very little hockey himself, has become a knowledgeable enthusiast for the game. Both are qualified Umpires. They coached Ellie’s junior county team to become National Champions in 2004. They have two other children: Annabelle (23) lives in Manchester and plays for Brooklands Poynton in the Investec Conference North; Leo is a 4th year medical student and plays hockey for the University of York. Hockey is and always has been an all-consuming passion in the Watton household. Weekends and family holidays revolved around playing and watching hockey, ever since the children were old enough to pick up a stick. Deb and Paul met on a Rugby pitch during a “novelty” tournament, while they were both at University in Manchester. They live near Matlock, in rural Derbyshire, together with their Black Labrador “Boot”. Deb is a Local Government Officer, specialising in housing and Paul is a Construction Manager.
SIMON WEBB.
JO WESTON. Westie has played at St Albans HC since 2004, broken with a 2 year period at Buckingham Ladies (winning the National League West Conference but missing out at the playoffs), returning to play for the SAHC ladies 1s and 2s. Westie also plays and coaches the RAF Ladies team (indoor and outdoor) and regularly represents the RAF in the Combined Services Team. Westie has played for a number of other clubs whilst at University representing Sunderland and Glasgow Western before moving back down South. Outside of Hockey and work Westie’s life is pretty much run by trying to keep up with Darcy who will often be found in the club house attempting to get anyone to play hockey with her.
SETH WHEELER. Seth is SAHC’s Bar Manager. This is his 4th season at the club. Seth has 10 years’ Bar/Cellar management experience. He is married with 5 children and 2 huskies. He is currently studying at the University of Hertfordshire, trying to achieve his degree in Artificial Intelligence. Seth is looking to then have the opportunity to achieve a PhD.
SOPHIE WHITE.