



14 September 2015

Dear members and friends,

Here's some latest information, following the Board meeting on 9 September 2015:

- **Academy.** The Junior Academy (Weds 6pm to 7:30pm) is now open to all in years 8-12.
- **Beanies on Holiday 2015.** Chris Hobson is turning your brilliant photos into a rolling display.
- **Camps: October Half-Term.** Ellie's next SAHC holiday hockey camps (ages 8-16) will be on Thurs 29 and Fri 30 October 2015 (see flyer). Contact Ellie Watton on hockey_1e@hotmail.co.uk
- **Dinner and Awards Night.** Planning has begun to have this event next summer at Oaklands.
- **Disability Hockey.** Our brilliant SAHC-Oaklands Flyerz project is up and running thanks to Andy Halliday and Kirsty Armstrong. To get involved contact andyhalliday1@me.com
- **European Championships.** Huge congratulations to Hannah Macleod for her gold medal at the Olympic Park, to John Hurst as women's team manager and to Andy Halliday team manager of the men who agonisingly missed out. We are very proud of you all.
- **European Hockey Masters.** Massive thanks to 80 volunteers and the "Magnificent 8" delivery committee (Helen Anton, Johan Fraser, Dawny Forshaw, Mike Grainger, Matt Leedham, Orla Moore, Steph Port and Kate Rudlin) for such a successful event. Glenn Paton, President of the IMHA writes with this glowing tribute:
www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/Letter%20from%20Glenn%20Paton.pdf
- **First Team Games.** Please come and cheer on our first teams at Oaklands:
 - Saturday 19 September 2015 1500 M1 v Cambridge University
 - Saturday 26 September 2015 1300 L1 v Maidenhead
 - Saturday 3 October 2015 1500 M1 v Blueharts
 - Saturday 10 October 2015 1300 L1 v Ipswich
- **Friends Reunited Saturday 7.11.15.** We will welcome Past Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members, plus Partners and former players to Oaklands on this 1st XI double-header day.
- **Goalkeeping smocks.** Peter Chasney is investigating the prospect of a club goalkeeping smock.
- **Help on Sundays.** Help is needed on Sunday mornings with coaching and team admin; please contact: [Malcolm emmerson@hotmail.com](mailto:Malcolm_emmerson@hotmail.com)
- **Junior Supporters Club.** Free to all juniors who will receive free gifts for attending games. More information here: http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_29913/Junior-Supporters-Club.aspx
- **Martin Scanlon CHC.** As Club Head Coach, Martin is here to help you with a practical and overseeing role in the coaching of the whole club: ladies, men and juniors. Please introduce yourselves to him. He looks like this: http://www.chrishobsonphotos.co.uk/photo_14307850.html
- **Navy Clubhouse Clothing.** Navy fleece (£27.50) and a navy/tangerine hoodie (£25) with embroidered initials now added to the range and available from:

http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_19294/Club-Shop.aspx

- **New Pitch at BS.** Our new Beaumont School pitch has been confirmed as ready on time for the opening game (M6, 19.9.15) and our new BS after-school hockey satellite club starts soon.
- **Nick James ULO.** Three cheers for Nick who is our new Umpires Liaison Officer and grateful thanks to Andy Bowskill for holding the fort. Nick is at JamesNP@aol.com
- **Oaklands Student Fair.** A full day in the sportshall on 3.9.15 was covered by a small team of ace volunteers (Simon Archer, Andy Charlie and Tom Bowskill, Peter Chasney, Luka Fadrique, Mike Grainger and Ellie Watton). New Friday lunchtime hockey sessions at Oaklands start this week.
- **Open clubhouse.** The clubhouse and refreshments are open to all (a) every Saturday (b) Sunday mornings (c) Wednesday evenings after club training (d) Thursday evenings after 1st XI training.
- **Partners Scheme.** Thanks to all new and continuing Partners, listed at the end of this letter. The scheme booklet is here; please sign up or sign someone up if you can:
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/PARTNERS%20BOOKLET%202015.pdf>
We plan a *Corporate Partners* category for businesses and welcome suggested contacts.
- **Party 26.9.15.** Please come to the *Welcome Back Party* Saturday 26.9.15 from 7pm at the clubhouse.
- **Players: get in touch.** If interested in playing this season but not yet in touch please contact anoldembers@gmail.com (ladies): [Malcolm emmerson@hotmail.com](mailto:Malcolm_emmerson@hotmail.com) (men).
- **Pool Coaches Scheme.** Lexi Hamilton alexishamilton77@gmail.com has kindly agreed to run the PCS again this season. In 2014/15, 5 teams participated (L4, L5, M6, M8, Praetorians) and 12 matches were covered by 8 coaches, 4 of whom were 1st XI players. Details are here:
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20POOL%20COACHES%20SCHEME%20Sept%202014.pdf>
- **Return of the Jedi.** I wrote recently to 25 former players of whom 8 are interested in coming back to play again. If you can suggest anyone for me to contact please email mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk.
- **Welcome.** To all newcomers to our club, in whatever capacity you are joining us, a very warm welcome. We hope you will be very happy at your new hockey home.
- **Who's Who at SAHC.** Please return an information sheet so we can double the number of entries:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_28122/Whos-Who.aspx

To everyone who works so hard to make our club work, thank you. To those who feel they could help in a new way, please get in touch. The Board meets again on 7 October 2015.

Mike Fordham QC (President)

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FIRST TEAM PARTNERS

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| 1. Anon G | 11. Mike Fordham G | 21. Linda&Norman Macleod |
| 2. Dorothy Allistone G | 12. Mike Grainger G | 22. Phillip Martin G |
| 3. Peter Beard | 13. Peter Halliday | 23. Kate Rudlin |
| 4. Harry Birtley G | 14. Geoff Hayward G | 24. Mike Skittery |
| 5. John Blain G | 15. Peter Hazell G | 25. Alex Spencer |
| 6. Andy Bowskill | 16. John Knight G | 26. Adrian Stephenson G |
| 7. Dave Burns G | 17. Mark Lavers G | 27. James Tompkins G |
| 8. Andy Connop | 18. John Layfield G | |
| 9. David&Rosemary Davey | 19. Matt Leedham G | |
| 10. Nick Edmonds G | 20. Mike Lloyd | |

YOUTH HOCKEY PARTNERS

1. Anon G
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3. Dorothy Allistone G
4. Ed Bevin
5. Jenny Birch
6. Harry Birtley G
7. John Blain G
8. Dave Burns G
9. Nick Edmonds G
10. Mike Fordham G

11. John Garner
12. Simon & Sue Gould
13. Mike Grainger G
14. Geoff Hayward G
15. Peter Hazell G
16. Annie Hemi
17. Darren & Alex Hincks
18. Quentin Keeling
19. John Knight G
20. Mark Lavers G

21. John Layfield G
22. Matt Leedham G
23. Christine Lockwood
24. Phill Martin G
25. Jeffery & Fay Roberts
26. Maureen Roe
27. Andrew Silverbeck
28. Adrian Stephenson G
29. James Tompkins G

G = Gold Partner