



15 October 2014

Dear members and friends,

The Board met on 13 October 2014. Here is the latest information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Visit by England Assistant Coach David Ralph: 20 October 2014 7:30pm.** The first *St Albans HC Coaches Development Evening* will be Monday 20 October 2014 7:30pm at the clubhouse. The guest speaker is England Men's Assistant Coach David Ralph. Attendance is free for all SAHC members, and £5 for non-members. All are welcome to this event. See here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/news/default.aspx#news86665>

- **Accounts/EGM: 25 October 2014 7pm.** The EGM will be 25 October 2014 at 7pm in the clubhouse for: (1) presentation of the club's 2013-2014 accounts; (2) a vote on the resolution that: *'The members approve the club accounts as presented'*. Notice was given on 4 September 2014.
- **Games Night: 25 October 2014 7:30pm.** The next club social is a games night with table tennis etc, on Saturday 25 October 2014 7:30pm at the clubhouse.
- **Umpiring Course: 26 October 2014.** We are hosting a Level 1 Umpiring Course at Oaklands on Sunday 26 October 2014. Thanks to all who have signed up. We understand the course is now full. Details were at:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/LEVEL%201%20UMPIRING%20COURSE%2026.10.14.pdf>

- **Half-term Youth Hockey Camp: 29/30 October 2014.** The half-term youth hockey camp will be Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 October 2014 at Oaklands. This is open to all boys and girls, members and non-members, aged 8 to 18. Coaches include Sam Ward (England and Beeston), Andy Bull (England and East Grinstead), Ellie Watton (England and St Albans). The camp costs £35 per day or £60 for both. Registration is open. The registration form and poster are here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20October%202014%20Half%20Term%20Hockey%20Camp%20Booking%20FormV2.docx>

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/Half%20Term%20Hockey%20Camp.pdf>

- **Youth Masterclass: 10 November 2014 6:30pm.** Ellie Watton's next Youth Hockey Masterclass is at 6:30pm on Monday 10 November 2014 at Oaklands. All SAHC colts and SAHC playing members aged under 18 are welcome. There is no charge. No registration is needed.
- **Wine Tasting: 22 November 2014 7 for 7:30pm.** This event is being organised by the Boders. 8 wines to taste, cheese and biscuits. Tickets £10 per person. Wines supplied by Julia Jenkins, award winning local wine merchant (Flagship Wines). Please see the attached poster and (when uploaded):

[Link to Winetasting Poster.](#)

- **Christmas Party: 6 December 2014.** The Christmas Party is being planned for 6th December. Details to follow. Please save the date.
- **Post-Season Ball.** Holly Parsons is liaising with Oaklands about a date for the club Ball, to be held in a marquee at Oaklands in the Spring/Summer of 2015.

NEWS:

- **Ladies Club Captain.** Elaine Hargreaves has handed over this role to Liz Cleverley and we would like to express our huge thanks to Elaine for her years of service and enormous hard work in this job. We are delighted that in the run up to her round-world yachting adventure, Elaine will still be playing at the club when she can, and that she has kindly agreed to join the SAHC Sounding Board Group 2014/15.
- **Schools Liaison Officer.** We are delighted to announce the appointment of Lottie Porter as Schools Liaison Officer. Lottie will be organising our project to get qualified coaches into our local primary and junior schools to promote the sport and the club's colts.
- **Clubhouse open Thursday evenings.** The clubhouse and bar are now open every Thursday evening. Come on down and join us.

- **England U16 Manager.** Our congratulations to Head of Development and M1 Assistant Coach Mike Lloyd on his appointment to be England Under 16 Boys Manager.
- **Sounding Board Group 2014/15.** We have now set up the SAHC Sounding Board Group for the season 2014/15. A description of the group and the names of this season's group members can be found here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SOUNDING%20BOARD%20GROUP%202014-15.pdf>

- **Fixture Card.** As previously announced, the fixture card will be produced as a printable e-booklet and, while we would like to try to avoid the cost of a print run, we will review the position in the light of the reaction to this decision.
- **Halliday/Bleby's NOW Pensions Mountain Dribble.** Andy Halliday and John Bleby recently completed the charity dribble /juggle of hockey balls up and down the highest 3 peaks in the UK, raising funds for the charities *Wellchild* and *Access Sport*. It is not too late to support them:

www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/NOWPensionsMountainDribble

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND GET INVOLVED:

- **SAHC Who's Who.** Please download the information sheet and return it with a photo to join in the SAHC *Who's Who*, a booklet which already has nearly a hundred profiles after just 3 weeks. This is for everyone connected with the club, in whatever way. The information sheet is here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20WHO'S%20WHO%20INFORMATION%20SHEET.docx>

- **Results Coordinator Needed.** We urgently need a *Results Coordinator* to collect all match results and organise e-information. We want to do this so we can make all team's results accessible to everyone on a Saturday afternoon. If you think you could help, please contact mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk
- **Pool Coaches Scheme.** The pool coaches scheme is up and running and available to all teams. The coordinator is Lexi Hamilton, contactable at

alexishamilton77@gmail.com. If you are a coach or a team captain and would like to participate please contact Lexi. The scheme is here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20POOL%20COACHES%20SCHEME%20Sept%202014.pdf>

- **Press Reporter Needed.** We have a vacant post for a *Press Reporter* to write up the weekly news report for publication in our local newspapers. Recent Press Releases can be found on the club website. Please contact mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk. The recent press releases which we have put out can be found at:

http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27973/Press-Releases.aspx

- **Information about Links to Schools Needed.** If you are or know someone who is connected with one of our local schools (primary, junior or secondary) please let us know because we will be getting in touch with local schools in the near future and it would be very helpful to identify all of our school links. Please sent information to mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk
- **Tangerine Army.** Online registration for the *Tangerine Army* remains open and the TA has well over 200 registered members so far. The *Tangerine Army Booklet* and online registration are here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/TANGERINE%20ARMY%20BOOKLET.pdf>

http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27549/Tangerine-Army.aspx

- **Partners.** The *Members and Partners Booklet* is on the website and a big thank you to all those who have signed up so far. The names of the initial *Partners* are on the clubhouse notice board and will appear on the website and in the Fixture Card. We need to recruit more *Partners* and are grateful for all help and support. The *Members & Partners Booklet* and *Partner Forms* are here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20MEMBERS%20AND%20PARTNERS%20BOOKLET.pdf>

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20PARTNERS%20FORMS.docx>

- **Club clothing.** The clubhouse clothing range is now available for order from The Hockey Centre. Further items are being added. Our thanks to John and Philippa Hurst and to all those members and parents who have started to buy items from the range. The clothing is here (click on “st albans leisurewear”):

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

These information letters can be found on the club website at:

http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27880/PresidentCEOs-Letters.aspx

As always, we thank all those who continue to help our club in any way. Let us know if you would be interested in finding a new way to get involved. Please do not hesitate to raise any issues or ideas with us.

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