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Dear Playing Members,

Welcome to the new season. Membership forms and *Members and Partners* booklets will be out to you soon, but here's a quick heads up on what's happening at the heart of the Club:

- Pre-season club training has started: details on the website.
- Training schedule (revised after consultation and liaison through club captains) on the website. Pitches fully allocated with, subject to demand: (i) earlier start times (ii) Friday evening slots for *teams' special practice* (eg. penalty corners).
- The clubhouse is getting a new table tennis table.
- Social events being planned, will include (i) Friday evening 29.8.14 (SAHC hosts teams from Trinidad & Tobago) (ii) Saturday 6.9.14 (BBQ during Trials Day/PLUM tournament) and (iii) Saturday evening 27.9.14 (DJ booked).
- Coaches pool - we plan a group of coaches matched up on a week to week basis with any home team captain wishing to have an allocated coach.
- Club clothing - Dawn Forshaw is leading on this.
- New umpires coordinator Andre Hugo has arrangements well in hand.
- *Tangerine Army* registration open for all families and friends as 'social members' free of charge: online at the website: "tangerine army".
- Sports Therapists (Charley O'Dell and the Uni of Beds) pilot planned for (i) weekly hockey injuries clinic free to all sub-paying members and (ii) students available to lead warm-up and cool-down for any home team wanting this.
- *Friends Reunited Saturday* - a day to invite ex-players back to the Club.

There is lots more happening. For example, we have a new disability hockey coordinator (Sarah Mobbs); a recruitment drive at Uni of Herts (coordinated by Lee Elliott); a proposed *Sounding Board Group* to advise the Board; and we will soon need to be thinking about next summer's Ball.

Please say if you have time and energy to take something on, and do please let us or the club captains have any ideas or feedback.

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