



4 March 2015

Dear members and friends,

Here is some latest information, following the Board meeting on 23 February 2015.

STOP PRESS:

- **AGM: Thursday 20 May 2015, 7:30pm at Oaklands.** Please save the date and come along. We'll be aiming for written reports in advance, to maximise the time available on the night for you to come and have your say about your club.
- **SAHC Flyerz.** Big thanks to Andy Halliday for driving our disability hockey initiative forward, and to everyone who has volunteered so far. Please contact andyhalliday1@me.com if you are interested. Here's Andy's letter again:
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/news/default.aspx#news89884>
- **Message from Hursty.** Please keep supporting the club clothing range, for which John Hurst's new flyer can be found again here:
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/St%20Albans%20HC%20Club%20House%20Kit%202015%20Flyer%202.15.pdf>
- **Easter Camp: 8-10 April 2015.** Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th are all-inclusive for ages 8-16, including goalkeepers, of any level or experience. Friday 10th is for more advanced players ages 14-19, including keepers, playing adult league hockey or at JAC level or above. Here are Ellie's new posters:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27604/Junior-Summer-Camps.aspx
[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Junior%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20\(Final%20Draft\)%20-%20April%202015.pdf](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Junior%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20(Final%20Draft)%20-%20April%202015.pdf)
[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Advanced%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20\(Final%20Draft\)%20-%20April%202015.pdf](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Advanced%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20(Final%20Draft)%20-%20April%202015.pdf)
- **How The Club is Organised.** We have written a preview edition of a *How the Club is Organised Booklet*. This will be on the website soon.
- **Herts Single System Administrator.** Hertfordshire Hockey Association urgently need to find a SSA, responsible for the planning in conjunction with the Director of Coaching of JDC Trials, JDC and JAC; pitch bookings, budget, maintaining a player / club / school contact list, amongst a range of other roles. Is that you? This is a paid position and details are here:
<http://hertfordshirehockey.pitchero.com/news/now-recruiting---single-system-administrator-8769/>

- **L1 Indoor Success.** Well done coach Steph Port, manager Dawnie Forshaw and the team for second place at the national Div 2 finals and promotion to Div 1:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/PRESS%20RELEASE%201.2.15.pdf>

- **Promotion.** Congratulations to L2 on winning the East Division 1S, and M8 on securing promotion from East Div 9SW, in February:



- **LVets Last 4.** Well done to the Ladies Vets for their progress to the semis of the England Hockey Masters Over 35s Cup: away at Bowdon, Sunday 22 March.
- **Louise Akers, Sports Journalist.** Big thanks to Louise Akers our new SAHC Press Officer, issuing weekly press releases to secure great coverage in the local papers.

[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20press%20release%20080215%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20press%20release%20080215%20(1).pdf)

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20press%20release%20150215%20.p>

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20press%20release%20220215%20.pdf>

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20press%20release%20010315.pdf>

- **Remunerated Roles.** We have completed the *Paid Positions Review* and the Board has approved this policy:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/REMUNERATED%20ROLES%20POLICY%20APPROVED%2023.2.15.pdf>

- **Summer Hockey 2015.** Cath Hart has kindly agreed to organise summer hockey again and the plans are being hatched. Details to follow.
- **Montgomery.** Jenny and Steve Birch have recruited this latest U1s member, seen marshalling the field at Oaklands on his very first Saturday:



- **Results Service.** Julie Bowskill is kindly organising the clubhouse results whiteboard. James Champion has designed a website table which Mike Grainger

will fill midweek with fixtures information. We still need someone to coordinate prompt collection of all results of all teams, to get these onto the website:

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

GENERAL UPDATES:

- **Beanie Blitz.** The first 50 beanie hats went easily and I have ordered another 100. Email me if you want one, or catch me around the club: £6.50 each.



- **EuroMasters Hockeymakers.** Lots of volunteers still needed to help us host this event on 21-28 August 2015. Contact matthewleedham@btconnect.com.
- **Montages.** New Chris Hobson photo montages for the clubhouse are imminent. Here's Chris's latest SAHC match coverage from his website:
http://www.chrishobsonphotos.co.uk/section760192_658857.html
http://www.chrishobsonphotos.co.uk/section760192_656120.html
- **Partners.** The current list appears at the end of this letter. Massive thanks to them all. I will be writing to all Partners shortly. Can you join them? It's £9 per month. The *Members and Partners Booklet* and all forms are accessible on the website here:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27775/Members--Partners.aspx
- **Mugs.** Alex Spencer's SAHC mugs are still on sale at the bar, £7.50 each:
<https://twitter.com/StAlbansHC/status/544146904561750016/photo/1>
- **Subs.** I have been writing personally to the few who our systems record as still owing subs from last season, and am nearing 100% recovery. Phill and Sue Martin are following up all those recorded as owing subs for this season.
- **Schools.** We will soon be sending out first Schools Ambassadors into local junior schools to do a QuickSticks PE lesson or coaching session. Our Schools Project is generously sponsored by Maureen Roe and is coordinated by Lottie Porter. To sign up or make a suggestion, contact lottie.porter@googlemail.com.
- **TA.** Sign people up here for our free *Tangerine Army* social membership:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27549/Tangerine-Army.aspx

- **ULO.** We still urgently need to find an *Umpires Liaison Officer* to take over from Andre Hugo at the end of the current season.
- **Club Dinner and Ball 2016.** Plans for the Dinner and Ball for 2015 were thwarted with Oaklands unaffordable and no speedy suitable alternative venue. So we'll now start planning 2016 instead. Any suggestions to holly_parsons@hotmail.com.
- **Archivist.** I have materials and information about the history and heritage of our club, but need someone to help by compiling and typing things up for a new "Archive" section of the SAHC website.
- **Who's Who.** Here's the Booklet (with thanks to Itziar for her help) and the Form. I am aiming for 200 entries by the AGM so please do return your form to me:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20WHO'S%20WHO%20BOOKLET%2018.1.15_low.pdf
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_28122/Whos-Who.aspx

As always, thank you from the CEO, Board and Management Group and me to everyone who continues to help our club in any way. Please do not hesitate to raise, with me or Forsh or any of us, any feedback or offers of help.

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FIRST TEAM PARTNERS

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

25. Alex Spencer
26. Adrian Stephenson G
27. James Tompkins G

YOUTH HOCKEY PARTNERS

1. Anon G
2. Dorothy Allistone G
3. Ed Bevin
4. Jenny Birch
5. Harry Birtley G
6. John Blain G
7. Dave Burns G
8. Nick Edmonds G
9. Mike Fordham G
10. John Garner
11. Mike Grainger G
12. Geoff Hayward G
13. Peter Hazell G
14. Annie Hems
15. Quentin Keeling
16. John Knight G
17. Mark Lavers G
18. John Layfield G
19. Matt Leedham G
20. Christine Lockwood
21. Phill Martin G
22. Maureen Roe
23. Adrian Stephenson G
24. James Tompkins G

G = Gold Partner