



# The Goalpost

The Newsletter of Salisbury Hockey Club

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**Important!**  
**CHANGE OF DATE**  
**Auction of Promises**  
**Now 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

### A Note from the Chairman

With the season now well underway, most sides seem to be settling down to a regular squad. I am pleased to hear that we have a surfeit of players within the ladies section with a number of new joiners. On the men's side, apart from in the Strollers, we don't seem to be quite so well off. So if you know of anyone who wants a game of hockey, please get them to make contact.

On the Fund Raising/Social front, our thanks to Angie Bryant and Rose Blenkinsopp for their efforts in exercising our minds with a very enjoyable quiz evening. Apart from increasing bar takings by a factor of ten for a Saturday night, it raised more money for the Pavilion Fund. Unfortunately, we have had to delay the Auction of Promises to a later date - 6th November but please put this in your diaries.

Good news from the August Festival. Our efforts at noise control seem to have been successful and we have received a letter from the Council saying that had not received any complaints indeed significant improvements have been noted. We can't sit back but it does mean that we can start to plan for next year with more confidence that there will not be any legal problems. We have also persuaded the Sports Club to transfer £1000 from the bar takings at the Festival to put into the Pavilion Fund.

Christmas is coming and the Sports Club Christmas Draw is not far away. There is a notice and numbers attached to the bar - please support the Draw.

Don't forget the websites: [www.salisburyhc.co.uk](http://www.salisburyhc.co.uk) and for the juniors [www.salisburyhcjnr.co.uk](http://www.salisburyhcjnr.co.uk) - make them interesting, keep them up to date.

Enjoy your hockey.

Peter

### 1. Ladies Section. First XI v Winscombe Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October Won 2-1

Salisbury ladies continued their excellent start to the season with a second successive league victory, this time against Winscombe Ladies. After a sluggish first half last week, Salisbury got stuck into the game immediately on Saturday and took control right across the pitch. Adopting a strategy of short, accurate passing with players working hard to support each other, Salisbury were able to carve numerous opportunities throughout the game. Miranda MacTaggart opened the scoring 10 minutes into the fixture with a simple tap in following an excellent run from Lisa Lovatt who, having picked the ball up in defence, ran the length of the pitch before pulling the keeper wide and dropping the ball into space for MacTaggart to slot into the empty net. The second followed minutes later from an excellent strike from Kay Williamson at the top of the D. A third was added before the break from Linda Scrace. The second half saw more of the same from the hosts, with another goal from Scrace and the final goal from newcomer, Vicky Brewis. Winscombe got a consolation goal half way through the second half when one of their players managed to get away from her marker and slip the ball past the Salisbury keeper.

All in all an excellent controlled display from Salisbury who find themselves at the top of their league after just two fixtures. Next week Salisbury travel to Bristol for a tough fixture against highly rated Firebrands.

### Salisbury Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team v Firebrands Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October Lost 1-0

On Saturday Salisbury ladies traveled to Bristol for one of their toughest fixtures yet. Firebrands' are always a strong opponent being second fiddle to their first team who are comfortably leading the Premier Division and fighting for a National League spot.

Both teams started strongly, making penetrating runs and focusing on controlled passing to try and find a break through. The Salisbury defence had much to do in the first half but comfortably thwarted any attempts by Firebrands on their goal. In the second half the stalemate continued, despite superb play and pressure from both sides. Salisbury were on the ascendency in the second half and were frustrated by the excellent Firebrands keeper who made a number of saves to keep Firebrands in the game.

On a rare foray by Firebrands into the Salisbury D, Salisbury were on the wrong end of a dubious decision by the oppositions umpire. Firebrands drilled the ball into the D from a free hit for the ball to be deflected off a Salisbury player into the goal. Despite protests from Salisbury that an attacker had not touched the ball in the D (a requirement in hockey), the umpire awarded a goal. This poor decision proved to be the decisive moment in what was otherwise an excellent game of hockey between two evenly matched teams and played at a high pace.

Salisbury came away from this fixture feeling robbed of a valuable point and, in the process, were knocked off the top spot in the league.

But the result in no way detracted from the excellent standard of hockey played by Salisbury and the superb work put in by the Salisbury defence in particular. Special mentions should go to Jenna Tait and Clare Fanner who both had an excellent match, with Tait edging out Fanner by one vote to win the illustrious 'man of the match' award.

Next week, Salisbury play hosts to local rivals West Wilts at 10:00 at Salisbury & South Wilts Sports Club.

### **Second XI v Weymouth Lost 3-1**

Salisbury 2nds had a home game against a highly rated Weymouth Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team. Weymouth took a two goal lead into the break as a result of overloading the midfield and simply outnumbering Salisbury's defence. Taking this into consideration, Salisbury made a tactical change at half time by putting an extra player into the midfield and operating with just two up front. This change was immediately rewarded with a goal right at the start of the second half. However, Weymouth's better fitness meant that Salisbury were unable to contain them as the game continued and Weymouth managed to add a third and final goal, resulting in a 3 – 1 final score line in Weymouth's favour. Despite this loss Salisbury came away from the match with a number of positives and some pointers to build on in future fixtures.

### **Ladies Third XI v Marlborough W 3-0**

The thirds made a bright start to the season, despite last minutes worries about availability of keepers and players. Sarah Christian made her first appearance of the season in goal and kept a clean sheet, the first of many, we hope. With two goals from Jill Thorne and another from Phillipa Ireland, things look well for the season. They hope to repeat this form away to Soton 4 next week.

**Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> XI After** a shaky start, against Gillingham in their new league, the Ladies 3rd xi have had two good performances against Bournemouth 3rds and 4ths winning 6-0 and 4-1 respectively. Goals have been flowing, with all the forwards getting on the score sheet - Jo Bonner (2), Jo Crowley (2), Jill Thorne (1), Helen Parker (2) and Gemma Halski (3). The 3rds hope to continue their good form, on Saturday in their 4th league game of the season when they take on Poole

The aim of Sunday fixtures is the opportunity to offer hockey to players who for various reasons may not get a game on a Saturday and hopefully to incorporate junior players into senior hockey as the U/19. The long-term aim to establish & extend the playing

capacity of Salisbury Hockey Club and have an additional team in the League

## **2. Men's Section.**

### **From your Club Captain**

To all players; please try to get your availability to team captains as soon as possible. Don't wait for someone to contact you; they probably have quite enough to do without pampering you. If you want to play, TELL SOMEONE!

SAT 18 SEP 04 - 1230 CHAPEL GATE  
BOURNEMOUTH - 3, SALISBURY 3

With Rob Selbie, James Palmer & Ed Ballard unavailable & John Baker out with a groin strain, skipper James Whittle was able to give Jamie Taylor, youngster Rob Major & Steve Mordren their debuts.

Playing 3 periods of 25 minutes, Salisbury dictated the 1st with Whittle scoring from open play. Andy Grandfield was a welcome addition, returning from a back injury & his class told up front as he held the ball up enough to let the midfield push up & pressure the Bournemouth defence. At the back, Andy Miles had to make a goal line clearance from a rising shot but along with keeper Tim Green, sweeper Adie Rigg & James Bament & Taylor, Salisbury were very secure at the back. The 2nd period saw Bournemouth score 2 from short corners as Salisbury was pushed back into their own half. Dan Dines & Ben Croxall then dragged Salisbury forwards again from centre midfield & an exquisite lob from Grandfield was stopped illegally on the line & Croxall converted the penalty flick. The final 3rd saw Salisbury taking the game to Bournemouth, even though several players were carrying injuries or suffering heavy colds. Scott Cowan was brought down by the keeper & Croxall converted his 2nd penalty of the game but near the end, Bournemouth took a quick free hit on the top of the "D" (when Salisbury expected the hit to go their way) & Green had no chance.

### **DEVIZES 1ST XI - 3, SALISBURY 1ST XI - 1**

In what was the last & hardest pre-league friendly, skipper James Whittle had to make do without sweeper Adie Rigg who was unavailable, Ed Ballard who pulled out on the day with a hand injury & Dickie Head with a knee injury. Carrying an injury himself, Whittle played at sweeper rather than disrupt the rest of his team. In the 1st 20 minutes, Salisbury were all over Devizes but a combination of poor finishing & excellent keeping meant Salisbury had nothing to show for it. Dan Dines set up John Baker for an effort at the far post & Scott Cowan was set up by Andy Grandfield but both efforts went just wide. Dines had 2 short corner strikes saved before Devizes caught Salisbury on the break, catching keeper Tim Green wrong footed for 0-1. Even with the goal inspiring Devizes, Salisbury were unfazed & kept battling away. Strong, disciplined defending from Whittle, Jamie Taylor, James Bament & Andy Miles kept Devizes out until half time. Salisbury worked several chances early in the 2nd half, but it just was not their day in front of goal. Cowan went close again & Dines had another short corner effort saved before Devizes again hit Salisbury on the break, kicking the ball in the process for 0-2. Soon after, a well worked Devizes short corner saw Salisbury go 0-3 down. This just spurred Salisbury on. They have worked hard on fitness over the Summer & for the last 15 minutes, they ran Devizes ragged. Ben Croxall hit a rising shot inches wide from the top of the "D" before Grandfield undercut a rasping shot past a terrified defender & stunned keeper from a narrow angle for his 1st of the season. Dines had yet another short corner strike saved & John Baker drew the keeper out well but just failed to go around him, the keeper deflecting the ball away at full stretch.

## LEAGUE PREVIEW

With a squad of only 13 players last year, Salisbury finished 4th, scoring 75 goals in the 22 games. Charlie Yianguo & Duncan Saunbury have left for university & Pete Menzies has left the

area. Tim Green has handed over the reins to James Whittle. The experienced Adie Rigg has been persuaded to end his self imposed 1st xi retirement and Jamie Taylor has made the jump from the 2nd XI. Rob Major, Struan Haston, Steve Mordren, James Palmer & Mark Smith are pushing for squad places, as are newcomers Ed Ballard & Scott Haston. In a League where potentially 4 out of the 12 teams could be relegated, safety is the 1st priority. The warm up games have gone well & Whittle has already tested 17 players. They have worked very hard on their fitness over the Summer which will aid their reputation as battlers & an attack minded team.

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## HELP Salisbury Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

We are seriously in need of more players! So far we have had one friendly and 2 league matches. Great effort has been made by those that have turned up to play but so far this season captain Greg Caswell has not been able to select a full side from his squad and consequently they have played with only a handful of people in their right position.

This has led to a lot of hard work by the individuals and at times some exceptional play – however this has been interspersed with longer periods of opposition domination which is why, very much against the run of play (we wish) the second team have conceded 14 goals and only scored 5 in reply.

So whatever you are doing – please think about either contacting Greg (07813 699201) to make yourself available on a Saturday – or pass on his

details to any potential new or ex 2<sup>nd</sup> team players you know about. He'll be extremely grateful and it will save him having to find 6 players on a Friday morning just to get a team of 11 out, as was the case for the 3<sup>rd</sup> match of the season!!!

**Mixed.** The Mixed were successful in regaining the Yateley Mixed Tournament Trophy again. Playing four pool games against London Strollers, Woking, and two Yateley sides, Salisbury won three and drew one. Facing Yateley in the final was enough to spur them on to a three one win. With Dan Dines dropping to the Beckenbauer role, and Croxall controlling midfield, supported by Duncan Donuts and Ben Rolwand-Jones

## LEVEL ONE UMPIRE COURSE

3. The club is running a level on umpire course at the club on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It is still not too late to sign up for this course. Please contact GT or Chuck Baker for details. The club still needs umpires on a Saturday.

## SOCIAL EVENTS/PAVILION FUND RAISING

4. The next big project for ALL club members is the **AUCTION OF PROMISES, now to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November** at St Francis Church Hall. Programmes are £5 each to include a free drink and ploughman's supper. Each team has been collecting promises during the season and there is a wonderful selection of things to bid for. Posters will be available from this week and programmes will be on sale next week through your captains or from Andy behind the bar. Please take some and sell some, bring work colleagues, people you meet on the bus, help make this major fundraiser a success.

Andy Hollywood is still chasing people for monies from the quiz he ran during the summer. As he will be at the club most evenings and weekends there is really no excuse not to pay up!

There will shortly be a chart available in the clubhouse for the purchase of "bricks" towards the new pavilion.

Please encourage visiting sides to be part of this monumental undertaking by purchasing a brick for their team. Contact Cath Burgess for details

### Junior Section Update

5. Please could I remind all junior members that subs are now due Also all juniors and their parents are not only welcome but encouraged to attend hockey club socials and fundraising events. This news letter will let you know what is going on. The season is now well under way and fixtures and all other news can be found in either of the following web sites:

[www.salisburyhcjnr.co.uk](http://www.salisburyhcjnr.co.uk) and  
[www.salisburyhc.co.uk](http://www.salisburyhc.co.uk)

### U18 Girls v Chippenham`

With Katie Almond unable to play due to illness, the team travelled to Chippenham in the rain, with 9 players. On arrival, there was no room or time to warm up fully. However, playing a radical 1-1-2-3-2 system, Salisbury started strongly and were rewarded by a goal from skipper Bronwen Derry, smashing home a penalty corner. Salisbury continued to dominate the game until half-time. At the start of the second half, Avril Leonard was fouled and head-butted by one of the opposition. While this was going on, Salisbury went to sleep and Chippenham scored. Some great defence by Fran Woodcock and Hannah Fisher with Vicky in goal, gave Salisbury confidence and Lizzie Alberry ran the ball in from the halfway line to score. Chippenham struck back with another lucky goal. Salisbury continued to pressure the 14 man Chippenham squad and with five minutes to go, Bronwen Derry forced in the winner.

### SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE SEASON

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**November 6th AUCTION OF PROMISES**

November 27th 70s/80s night at the club

### 7. Next Issue:

Planned for November – Match reports, tables, jokes, items for sale to Millie or GT by 15<sup>th</sup> October please.

## 8. Your Contacts

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If you would like further personal advice and under no obligation, contact: Duncan Heather 01722 - 502786 Mobile 07834375872

Or contact Cath Burgess for other options.

### Ladies Fixtures (league in bold)

Date		1 <sup>st</sup> XI	
	<b>16</b>	<b>West Wilts 1</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>23</b>	Bath Buccaneers 2	A
Date		2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Yeovil 2</b>	<b>A</b>
	<b>23</b>	Southampton 3	H
	<b>30</b>	West Wilts 1	A
Date		3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Poole</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>23</b>	Mendip 3	H
<b>Oct</b>	<b>30</b>	Wootton Bassett 2	H
Date		3A XI	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>17</b>	Boscombe	A

### Men’s Fixtures (League in bold)

Date		1 <sup>st</sup> XI	
	<b>16</b>	<b>Haslemere</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>23</b>	Aldershot & F’ham	A
	<b>30</b>	<b>Weymouth</b>	<b>H</b>
Date		2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	
	<b>16</b>	Ports & S’sea 2	A
	<b>23</b>	<b>Southampton 3</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>30</b>	Aldershot & F’ham	A
Date		3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	
	<b>16</b>	M&T 2	A
	<b>23</b>	<b>Fleet 3</b>	<b>H</b>
	<b>30</b>	Fareham 8	A
Date		Strollers	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	City of Oxford	A
	<b>23</b>	<b>Trojans 2</b>	<b>H</b>