

# St Neots Hockey Club

## Newsletter - Jan 07

### **Dates:**

Training - 4 Jan 07  
Matches - All except M5 -  
06 Jan, M5 - 13 Jan  
League recommences -  
Ladies - 6 Jan  
Men - 27 Jan

### **Club Secretary**

The club is pleased to announce that Richard Simons has kindly agreed to take on the role of Club Secretary.



### **Rule Changes**

On 1 Jan 07 a number of rule changes were introduced. These are summarised as follows:

Teams are to consist of 11 players, one of whom may be a goalkeeper wearing full protective equipment or a defender wearing protective headgear. It is no longer compulsory to field a goalkeeper.

Goalkeepers may not take part in the game outside of their 23 metre area but a player wearing protective headgear must remove the headgear before leaving the 23 metre area that he is defending. Players wearing protective headgear must wear the protection for a penalty corner.

Captains **MUST** wear an armband on the upper arm and each team must have a player appointed as the captain, on the pitch at all times.

Defenders may wear a protective face mask when defending short corners which must be removed upon completion of the corner.

Goalkeepers may push the ball in any direction with any part of their equipment whilst taking part in a goal saving action. They may not play the ball forcefully except with their stick, feet or legs.

A player will not be penalised if the ball hits a foot, hand or body unless the player voluntarily uses his hand, foot or body. A defender on his goal line will always be penalised if the ball strikes his foot as he is deemed to have deliberately put himself in that position.

A team playing without a goalkeeper or player wearing protective headgear does not have goalkeepers' privileges, not even at a penalty corner.

### **SUBS !!!!**

Some are still due.  
The club needs your  
subs to pay the  
bills

### **Belgium Re-union**

Rivermill, Eaton Socon

Sat 13 Jan 07