

The Bluesletter #2

15th April 2020

Grass still needs cutting....

Lockdown or no lockdown, the grass continues to grow and at this time of year it grows faster than ever. It's also the time in the calendar that we try to give the outfield a boost, repairing worn areas, fertilising, seeding & sanding in advance of the cricket season. This is all part of our continued investment in our facilities and part of the budget agreed by the Board to invest in work on the grounds during the closure. So, even though we won't be seeing cricket at Timperley anytime soon, there is still plenty to do and if government advice changes, we want to be ready to open and re-start as soon as possible.



A new water supply to the main cricket square has also been installed.



Work had started on the interior with benches removed from the changing rooms prior to a deep clean and re-paint but have had to put this work on hold for now until the social distancing restrictions are revised so the team can progress. Sprucing up the club will all be part of our re-opening once restrictions are lifted. the work.

One bit of good news.... One Friday afternoon last September, and whilst the club was open, there was an audacious break-in to the ground store and our Ride-on grass mower was stolen. This was a specialist piece of kit and we always thought it might re-surface, happily we were proved correct and it was spotted by our

Groundsman, Andy for sale on social media. We made a quick call to the Police, providing them with details and the mower was returned home (just in time for the grass growing season), a few weeks ago.



Keep walking....

If you are out and about, taking in your daily exercise, there is something you can do to help us. Take a stroll by the club, just keep an eye open for anything unusual. If you see anything that doesn't seem quite right, get in touch via social media or direct.

We know many of you are already doing this - thanks for that – it all helps. Thanks also to Hockey's Hannah Ascot whose been adding in some community service to her daily walks with her children picking up litter, including recently around the perimeter of the club.



200 Club 'live' !!

Last month the 200 club draw was beamed live via Facebook direct to a sofa near you!! And of the five prizes, three went to people signing up on the day !!

This month's draw take place on **Saturday 18th April at 18.00 hrs** and will again be broadcast on Facebook in glorious full screen LIVE action !! <https://www.facebook.com/TimperleySportsClub/>

To join us and help us keep the club going, you can purchase a number for the draw via PayPal. **All you need to do is to set up a PayPal payment by 17.30 on Saturday 18th April**, so we can allocate all payees a random number ahead of the draw at 18:00. Find out more about the 200 Club at the end of this Bluesletter.

- Go to PayPal <https://www.paypal.com/uk/home>
- enter the TSC email address in recipient box (info@timperley-sports.com)
- enter the amount - multiples of £4 and add in the message box ...200 Club Lucky Dip and your Name...

If you'd like support the Club by being a regular member of the 200 Club please email nick@theburnetts.co.uk and Nick will contact you to set up a regular payment and allocate you a number.

The snowball and on the night draw will roll over during the Club closure so we've increased the 4th prize from £15 to £20 and added an extra 5th Prize of £15 during the closure.

Project 18

Our aim for this summer is the replacement of the Green ATP. This time last month, we were waiting to hear back from contractors tendering for the job. This has now been completed and the results are encouraging. We are also awaiting a decision on a grant application to the National Hockey Foundation for a proportion of the costs involved and we expect to hear about this by the end of the Month. Following this everything will be discussed by the TSC Board who will take the final position about whether to go ahead.

As you can imagine, this decision is made even more complicated by the current lockdown. Although the club has worked hard over the last four weeks to reduce overheads and where eligible to do so, take advantage of the various grants and schemes announced by the UK Government, there are many uncertainties involved, not least whether the contractor has the resources to complete the job within a relatively small time window of opportunity before the new winter season is upon us. We know it is a tricky balancing act but because we have managed our finances carefully over the last few years, we are in the fortunate position of being able to seriously consider this investment, at a time when many other clubs could not contemplate such a decision.

Sadly, we also have some not so good news to pass on.

Russell Hickling.

Tennis was a huge part of Timperley Sports Club and where the green pitch now stands, there used to be several grass tennis courts. Russell was a prominent member of the tennis section and on at least one occasion won the Men's Singles competition, serving underhand because of a disability. In recent years he attended the former members Friday lunches that are held quarterly at the club. He had been ill for some time but always talked about the good times he'd had at the club.

Carole Hatton.

At the end of March, we received the sad news that Carol Hatton (wife of Ken our former groundsman and Honorary Life Member), had sadly passed away from respiratory failure (unrelated to Covid-19), following a short illness. Back in the days of 'The Shed', Carol also worked alongside Ken as cleaner for 8-9 years up the day it was demolished. As a man and wife team, they both have had a long association with the club, Ken himself retiring as groundsman after 37 years back in 2016. Our sincere condolences are with Ken at this difficult time.

Chris 'Boy' Ryder.

'Boy' Ryder was part of a very good Men's Hockey 1st XI in the mid-late 80's, when was Hockey was still played on REAL grass. He was a ridiculously fast winger or centre forward and loved the social atmosphere at Timperley. His teammates included Andy Foster, Tim Reeve, Nick Burnett, Ollie Whitby, Andy Palin, Simon Isherwood, Aly Rice, Nigel Wood and 'Winker' Wych. He had been self-isolating after contracting Coronavirus. 'Fozzie has written a nice piece about his memories of Chris on the Hockey section website and or deepest condolences go to the Ryder family and friends of "Boy".

<https://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com/news/with-great-sadness-we-mark-the-passing-of-chris-boy-ryder-2526984.html>



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Perhaps this would be an appropriate time to remember that there are a number of our club-mates who are working in the front line within the NHS and all those members and former members working in essential roles to help support our communities at this time. We thank them all for the essential work they are doing and look forward to happier times ahead.

Finally...

Whether you play, coach, volunteer or simply support Cricket, Hockey, Lacrosse or Football at Timperley.... It's your club but it's also our club. Help us to keep it going through this most challenging of times.

If you have any thoughts or ideas about the above, or anything else, just drop an email to info@timperleysports.com and we'll get back to you.

We'll keep you updated over the next few weeks as things develop and will be updating plans for 2020-21 subscriptions in our next Bluesletter.

Stay Safe.

Your Timperley Sports Club Limited Board

Alan Holdsworth, Shelagh Everett, Nick Burnett, Richard Knill, Gary Fisher, Bob Page, Phil Hartley, Jarrod Sykes

and the TSC Staff Team Jane Ashcroft, Sam Brooks and Andy Horsfield and Col Taylor

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Join our fundraising 200 Club

At just **£4 per ticket per month**, the 200 Club is an easy and inexpensive way for you to contribute on a regular basis to support our TSC Club Development Fund. All moneys raised (after the *Prize Fund Pot*) go a long way to helping us to invest in our on-going development and future club projects. Over the last 10 years the 200 Club has raised nearly **£30,000** for Club funds showing a little often contribution on a regular basis can make a big difference.

Current Monthly Prizes during the Club Closure due to Covid-19 are:

1st Prize £100

2nd Prize £50

3rd Prize £25

4th Prize £20 - temporarily increased from £15 during Covid-19 closure

5th Prize £15 - temporarily replaces On The Night Prize during Covid-19 closure

We also have two special prizes each month that can only be won by a number holder who is in the Clubhouse at the time of the draw, these will roll over during the closure of the club.

Snowball Prize £25 - Rolls over at £25 per month if not won

On the Night Prize Closure

£15 - exceptionally this prize will roll over during the Covid-19

The draw takes place in the Clubhouse on the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month. Please keep an eye on the TSC Website/Social Media for reminders on the Draw dates. If for whatever reason the clubhouse is unavailable for the draw to take place, we will endeavor to stream the Draw Live on the @timperleysportsclub Facebook page. Don't forget to 'Like' our page.

All winner's names and any changes to the competition will be posted on the Club Noticeboard, TSC Website and Facebook if the Club is closed.

HOW TO JOIN:

To join as a regular member of the 200 Club you will need to set up a monthly Standing Order for multiples of £4 based on how many numbers you require. Please contact Nick Burnett via email nick@theburnetts.co.uk with your details, how many numbers you'd like and he'll help you get set up as a regular supporter of the Club through the 200 Club.

To buy a one off number in the Draw during the Club closure use PayPal and credit info@timperley-sports.com multiples of £4 by 17:30 on the night of the Draw to be randomly allocated a number.

INTERIM 200 CLUB RULES DURING COVID-19 CLOSURE

- Only verified fully paid numbers shall be valid in each draw
- Prizes are always drawn in the order listed above, irrespective of the size of the snowball prize.
- Snowball – One sold number to be drawn and the winner must be present in the Clubhouse at the time of the draw to claim the prize. If the winner is not present then the money rolls over to the next month's prize pot, accumulating each month until it is won. This prize will be rolled over during the Covid-19 Closure and accumulate at £25 per month.
- Numbers are drawn continuously until any 'On The Night' prize is claimed by the holder of a number who is in the Clubhouse at the time of the draw. This prize will be rolled over during the Covid-19 closure and drawn on the first occasion of the Draw after the club reopens.
- Each valid number may only win one prize in any one month