

The Bluesletter #3

5th May 2020

Project 18, One step closer....

If you've seen our posts on social media over the last few days, then you'll already know that the club was awarded a £50,000 grant from the National Hockey Foundation towards the cost of re-surfacing the Green pitch. The focus of the award recognises our commitment to community team and Academy Hockey but also means that Junior Football, Junior Cricket and Lacrosse would benefit from a new playing surface.



This is obviously a BIG building block in our long term plans set out in 'Project 18', that eventually will see an extension to the clubhouse, new entrance and driveway configuration and then a similar refurbishment of the blue pitch. We appreciate the irony of the current situation with no community sport for any of us to enjoy, but we remain fixed on the positive horizon ahead and know that it will return soon.

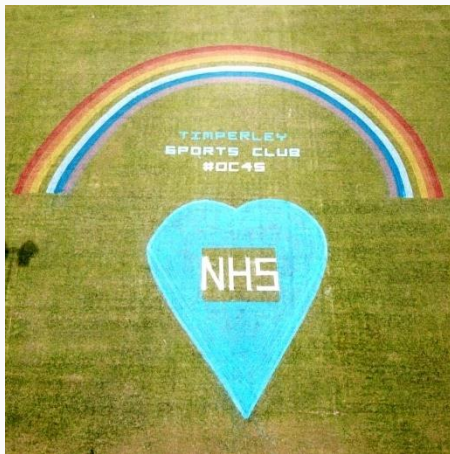
Our focus now shifts to the tender returns which are due in the middle of May. If these come in around the right price, then the prospect of overhauling the green pitch this summer suddenly becomes a real possibility. The award matches other grant support we have already secured and whilst we are getting closer, we are pretty certain that there will still be a funding gap we will have to bridge if the TSC Board are to give the go ahead in the light of the current lockdown and disappearance overnight of 99% of our revenue.

We are currently working on a fundraising strategy to address any shortfall, as soon as the tender returns are in. Whilst this award is great news for YOUR club, we're pretty sure that there still be a need for a final fundraising push to get this over the line and we hope to be able to present our ideas for this very soon....

Ongoing maintenance

The outfield has now been vertidraind, re-seeded and fertilised. Goals mouth areas have been repaired. The pot-holes down the main driveway have been filled in and we are soon to re-paint the yellow lines and parking bays. Repairs to the Wood Lane wall are planned for

next week. We are also working our way through our Health and Safety policies, updating and hopefully setting out a better way of doing things.



No increase in annual subscriptions...

At this time of year, we would be agreeing our annual subscriptions for 2020-21. However, the closure of the clubhouse and suspension of all sport has complicated those discussions. The TSC Board have had to weigh up the current financial and operational situation with the longer term by continuing to invest in our facilities as a critical factor in the club re-establishment when we eventually come out of lockdown.

Consequently, the TSC Board have agreed to maintain the subscriptions at the current level, and for the third season in a row, from 1/4/20 through to 31/3/2.

Details will soon be on the clubs website and will be circulated by all sections but the main headlines are that Senior playing subs will be £170, concessions £85 and under 18s £65. *However, during the current lockdown, the Board has exceptionally agreed the following will apply:*

- All members are encouraged to pay their 2020-21 subs where possible by the due dates or early for winter sports to support the Club through this period. The Hockey, Lacrosse and Football sections will be updating members soon about options for payment.
- Special arrangements have been put in place for Cricket to reflect the impact on the 2020 playing season.
 - Payment of subscriptions for under 18 Cricket players will be suspended until such time that it is clear if any of the 2020 season can be played. Players will remain members.
 - All other Cricket members to be encouraged to make a partial payment of £53 (or 50% of the concessions sub if applicable) by 31st May 2020 towards their subscription (equivalent of a full non-playing member). Any additional monies due will be determined once more is known. This will retain membership of TSC Ltd, voting and participation.

In the context of the above proposed investment in the green pitch which in turn benefits every member of the club, we would ask for your support and help by paying your subscriptions early or on time.

Everything remains under review and as we learn more about the gradual lifting of restrictions on social distancing and community sport, all of our section chairs are working together to actively explore how and when we can sensibly begin to re-start the club and open up our facilities.

Keep jogging, walking and cycling by....

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.

200/300 Club 'live' !!

Last month the 200 club draw was, for the first time, a 'sell-out' so we're thinking about changing its name to the 300 club. During this period of closure, we have amended the Rules and Prizes to have a 300 Club so everyone who wants to join in can. All of the funds raised will go to reducing that £gap we need to bridge in order for us to re-furb the green ATP.

This month's draw take place on Saturday 16th May 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 16th May, 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.

Sadly, we again some other news about two members who have recently passed, both unrelated to Co-vid 19....

Bob Watkin.

We must also record the passing of one of our Honorary Life Member's, Bob Watkin. Although he was both Secretary and Match Secretary of the Cricket Section during the 70s, It is perhaps as a long standing Umpire that has been recalled by most of his colleagues from that time. Before neutral umpires were 'appointed' by the league, Bob had a reputation through the Cheshire cricket fraternity for enduring fairness and integrity for many seasons. He was one of those ever-present club members who could always be relied upon to undertake whatever task was required or requested.

Wyn Williams.

As a cricketer, Wyn scored 2,500+ runs in a playing career of over twenty seasons starting in 1966, scoring two centuries & at least four 50's. He was a successful 2nd XI Captain in the 1975 & 1976 seasons and again in 86 & 87, and in cases, the 2nd XI finished in the top six. On hearing the news of his passing, several members have commented that Wyn made a real effort to make new members welcome and was an active member of the Cricket section during that time. Most recently, as a Vice President of the Cricket Section Wyn and his wife, Betty were regular attendee's at our annual dinner.

Again, we send a shout out to 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...

... and at a time we are considering further capital investment in our facilities, we thought we'd remind you how far we've come in the last couple of decades by sharing a few pictures of the inside of treasured old shed.

What about those showers.....!!



Finally, 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

Stay in touch.....

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Join our 200/300 Club

At just £4 per ticket per month, the 200/300 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 20 years the 200 Club has raised £60,000 + for Club funds showing how a little contribution made on a regular basis can make a big difference.

1 st Prize	£100
2 nd Prize	£50
3 rd Prize	£25
4 th Prize	£20
5 th Prize(s)	£15*

*this replaces the previous on-the-night prize & will be increased pro-rata to the number of Cash/PayPal payments recvd in advance of the monthly draw.

In addition, we normally have a 'Snowball' that increases by £25 each month, and which can only be won by a number holder who is in the Clubhouse at the time of the draw. This is presently suspended but is growing in size ready for our re-opening!

The draw normally 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.

The next 'live' draw is on Saturday 16th May at 18.00 hrs

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 and how many numbers required to join.

Why not Enter this months Draw and buy a number or an extra number and show your support for TSC - for just £4 per number.

Its quick and easy just go to PAYPAL BEFORE 17:30 on Saturday 16th May to enter:

- 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 for each number you require
 - add *200 Club and your Name* in the message eg *200ClubLuckyDip/John Smith*
- Numbers will be allocated on a lucky dip random basis.

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

