

The Bluesletter # 7

30th November 2020

Here we go again....

Lockdown 2.0 is all but behind us, another hurdle swerved, and we're all set to re-open (again!) on **Friday 4th December....**

Of course it's not as we would like - there are heavy restrictions - but we are open, and sport is back on!!

As a default the clubs pitches, car parks and access to WCs will be open and managed by bar staff at the following times from Friday 4th December...

- Mondays 15.00 – 21.00
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 18.00 -22.00 with access to WCs managed by sections during evening training sessions.
- Friday 17.30 – 21.00
- Saturday 09.00 – end of play 18.30 (depending upon ATP use)
- Sunday 09.00 – 13.30 (or later, if ATP's are in use)

In all instances, non-alcoholic drinks, teas, coffee, sandwiches, confectionary (and 'wufflers' ..see below) will be available for purchase.

On Saturdays, bacon and sausage butties will be available between 9.00am and 1.00pm !

Should we move into Tier 2 then we intend extending both catering & bar and run themed food nights, such as curry, hot pot etc.. on a pre-booked basis that would enable members to use the club and meet others. If we are allowed, then details will posted on our website and other social media.

Fitness Training open to all members....

You might be working from home these days, have a little more time on your hands and/or just want to improve your general fitness levels.....then give this a try...

Commencing Wednesday 9th December at 10.00 on the green pitch and weekly thereafter for 10 weeks.

Led by fully qualified and experienced personal trainer, Rick Poole, we will be offering a series of outdoor sessions designed to keep you going over the next couple of months.

Each session will last an hour and will focus on improving the efficiency of your cardio / aerobic capacity and all-round agility. The sessions are aimed at those who do a little physical exercise, (but probably not enough), and are a chance to get outdoors, get some fresh air in the company of others. Nothing serious.

Cost is £5 per session, pay on the day - come to as many sessions as you wish.

All welcome – just turn up on the day. To comply with track and trace procedures, all participants will be required to provide name and contact details for each session.

Timperley 300 Club

It's the super-fantastic 300 club draw on Saturday 19th December at 18.00 !

Since March, the old 200 club has become a '300 club' as the number of club members who have joined has steadily increased. It has been broadcast 'live' via the clubs facebook page and in November, over 250 numbers were sold and we also ran a short Movie Quiz for those who tuned in to watch the draw live.

Following on the success of the November Draw and online Movie quiz we want to try and beat the 252 numbers sold.

We'll be live on facebook from 18:00 - We've got an extra Festive Bonus Prize of £100 up for grabs too – look out for more details of any festive entertainment to be added to the Draw !

Details about how to join are here <https://www.timperley-sports.com/a/fundraising-and-supporting-tsc--300-club-58959.html> or if you just want to know more, contact Nick Burnett nick@theburnetts.co.uk

Timperley Sports Club Limited - our first 1st AGM

Firstly, thanks to everyone who attended – perhaps because it was via Zoom and you didn't have to leave the sofa - but a significantly higher number of people participated that we have been used to in 'normal' times.

You can read a short summary of what happened on the club website by following this link [TSC Ltd 1st AGM - Summary](#) which also includes our 2019-20 annual report. The auditors have now provided a full set of financial accounts. There were no changes to the draft reviewed by members and as agreed at the AGM, the Board has approved the Accounts and Audit Report.

The AGM gave us the opportunity to step back, and despite everything that has been thrown at us over the last year or so, there is much to be positive about. Take a few minutes out to watch this short video..... [TSC 'Build' Video 2019-20](#)

Not only was the AGM a milestone for the club, it was also marked the end of **Alan Holdsworth's** tenure as Chair. Over the last 10 years, Alan has steered the club through continued success and ever-present challenges with a calm and positive outlook – thanks Alan, for all of your enthusiasm and time invested.

Looking ahead, we also welcome our new Chair, Jarrod Sykes who will come from our newest section, Junior Football. His first job is to navigate us out of the Co-Vid crises and then bring a fresh approach to some of the development opportunities that we have discussed before and which lie on the horizon ahead.



Alan Holdsworth



Jarrod Sykes

A quick who's who...

The following were elected to the Board of Directors; Alan Holdsworth, Jarrod Sykes, Richard Knill and Shelagh Everett.

They join those Directors nominated by our sports sections; Bob Page (Cricket), Phil Hartley (Lacrosse), Haroon Bangee (Hockey), Vacancy (Football). President Nick Burnett is also an appointed Director and Colin Taylor, Club Manager is a co-opted as a non-voting Board member

Gary Fisher did not stand for re-election and was thanked for his work and contribution to the Board and for his work as Facilities Committee Chair. Ruth Brown was also thanks for many years service as Minute Secretary. Helen Cue has taken over the role as Minute Secretary

John Wood (Hon. Patron) and Nick Burnett (Hon. President) were unanimously appointed by the AGM.

'Calm waters don't make for skilled sailors. . .'

Seems an apt way to open my contribution to Bluesletter #7, the first as Chair of Timperley Sports Club. It would be quite understandable to lament and attempt to quickly erase memories of a very difficult year and 'fast forward' [Google it if your year of birth begins with a 2 you lucky thing!] in to the promise of a New & better year.

But, to do so without reflecting on some the positives would really miss the point and whilst there many things we would of course 'rewind', there have been things to be proud of, and at a Club level things that perhaps stand TSC out from other Sports Clubs.

2020 has seen significant developments within the Club, complete replacement and development of the green pitch, significant investment in the drainage system (including the considerable blockage that was unearthed) perhaps to immediate things that will benefit everyone throughout the club and this done at a time when much of the rest of the world was doing Joe Wicks and whiling away lockdown hours watching Tik Tok's and dreaming of a freer more 'normal' world & of course, some sport!

To see Sport return and the new compliant Clubhouse system in full flow bears testimony to what we can achieve - Staff, players, Committee, coming together to deliver what we do best and fingers crossed for another successful return and thanks to everyone that has (& will) be involved the effort to mobilise us again.

So, as you reflect on what we would probably all agree to being one of the most difficult and challenging years, I hope we can also reflect on what we have been able to achieve and feel even more positive about the future and the opportunities it will bring.

Wishing you all the very best for a healthy, happy 2020,

Jarrod Sykes

Timperley 'Wufflers'

The ideal Christmas present for the man (woman or young person !) who has everything.

In normal times, you might call them snoods, buffs or neck tubes, although now they double up as face masks or coverings. Fully breathable, they are warm in winter and cool in the summer thanks to the hi-tech microfibre material they are made of.

Made in the Peak District and is a farm diversification enterprise where all profits go back into farming and caring for the National Park.

Available in grey or pink and adorned with the club logo



We have a limited number for sale at the bargain basement price of £12.00 !!

As soon as the club is open, you can purchase from behind the bar or.. if you can do so pre-order by sending the club £12.00 via paypal, (pay info@timperley-sports.com and add your name, contact no and colour preference in comments).

We've got an offer on all items in our TSC pop up Shop with **25% discount and free postage** on all orders made before 23:59 on Monday 30th November (use discount code BF20) – see full details with sweatshirts, cap, t-shirts, masks and soft shell jackets with a donation going to Club Development Funds. Timperley Sports Club and #oneclubfoursports branded items

<https://www.timperley-sports.com/news/black-friday-offer--25-discount-on-all-items-in-the-tsc-pop-up-shop--2586827.html>

The Decking.....

You might recall that we had planned to completely replace the decking in the autumn. We did go out to tender, but the quotes received came back in the region of £30k and so it was agreed that at this uncertain time, this was just too big a commitment. So we flipped into DIY SOS mode and converted the decking using artificial turf off cuts to give us a temporary solution for take away service pre lockdown! We still plan to do the full decking placement but this will be later in 2021/22.



Trafford South Foodbank drop off..



TSC is rooted in our local community, and despite all of the difficulties we've experienced throughout the year, we're still here and we're already looking ahead to a better 2021.

But perhaps there is a little more we can do, particularly at this time of year. So we are arranging for a temporary drop off / collection point at the club in the run up to Christmas.

From Friday 4th December and until Saturday 19th December, Members and parents can simply bring a few items down to the club, leave them in the boxes in the foyer and we'll arrange for delivery to Trafford South Foodbank.

More info about the Foodbank, how they work and an up to date list of what they need can be found here <https://traffordsouth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Please join with us and help make a difference...

Remember..... this still applies.



Our own **social distancing procedures** which are specifically designed to support the continuation of sport at Timperley Sports Club through, what we all know, will be a challenging winter.

Your TSC Board is determined we will make this happen and that we can all continue to enjoy our sport within our club. As we come out of lockdown, our own procedures are being updated and will be published on our web site in advance of the club re-opening on Friday 4th December.

Please take a little time to read them - they are there for your safety, and can be found here....

<https://www.timperley-sports.com/news/important-update-to-our-social-distancing-procedures-for-all-visitors-and-users-of-the-club-2572124.html>

There is no doubt that we could not make sport happen without our 'Co-Vid Marshalls' who continue to freely given their time, put on a hi-vis jacket, complete the necessary paperwork, and remind us what we should be doing. Thank you all !

The TSC Board and they have one simple request of all of us..... **Play your part keep 2m apart !**

Pat Marston

Since Bluesletter #6 the club was hit hard by the news about Patty Marston. At the time this was posted on the clubs website. <https://www.timperley-sports.com/news/it-is-with-the-greatest-sadness-that-we-mark-to-passing-of-pat-marston-2577032.html>

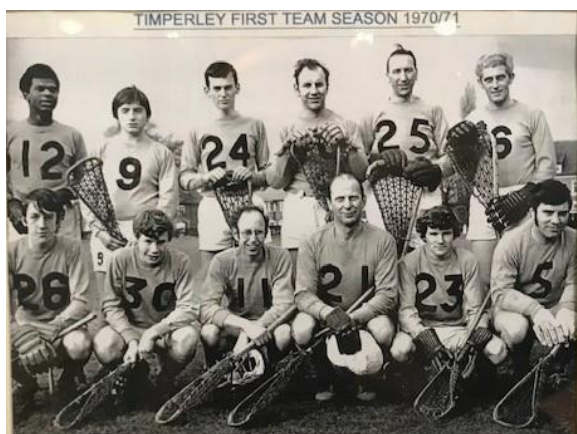
Just before his funeral, we were contacted by the owner of Pats local NISA corner shop on Deansgate Lane with whom a friendship had developed over many years. He knew of Pat's long connection with the club and would like to nominate Timperley Sports Club to be a recipient of a donation from 'Making a Difference Locally, the community charity run by NISA across the UK. The charity enables its store owners to support community organisations who suggest ideas that, 'as it says on the tin', would not only make a difference to their members but - just as importantly – to their wider community as well.

After discussing this further with NISA and Pats Brother, Nick, we're going to get an external lockable Public Access Defibrillator linked to the national network scheme (PADS) which would connect to the 999 emergency service. We proposed that we partner with the Community Heartbeat Trust (<https://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/about-us>), who provide support and guidance to community sports clubs who are considering participation within the PADS scheme, on both the choice of equipment, location and its ongoing maintenance.

So we're just working through the paperwork now, and then hopefully installing everything sometime in the new year.

Andy Wilson

Back in June of this year, in Bluesletter #4, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Lacrosse at Timperley Sports Club and we floated the idea of a reunion, when we eventually get out of this mess, of those original founding members. Sadly one of the group, Andy Wilson passed away recently.



Andy was one of the stand-out players of that original team who would continue to coach our juniors for many years and was highly involved with the Fallston US exchange programme during the 80's&90's. He eventually moved house and re-started his association with Lacrosse by joining Wilmslow LC for whom he continued to play a huge role for another twenty years. He remained very active within the club until falling ill about a year ago before eventually succumbing to CoVid19 in early November.

Here is a link to our Lacrosse sections website, where Dave Shuttleworth shares some of his own memories of Andy... <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/timperleylacrosse/news/it-is-with-great-sadness-that-we-have-learnt-of-the-death-of-andy-wilson-who-peacefully-passed-away-on-sunday-morning-2584123.html>

Cricket AGM.

The Cricket Section AGM will be held on Monday 30th November at 7.30pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this year the meeting will be held remotely via Zoom. Following on from the successful Club AGM, Cricket Chairman Bob Page is hoping that the Cricket will be equally successful. Members wishing to join in should contact the Cricket Section Secretary, Chris Page at rcpage4488@gmail.com who will provide dial-in details.

Hockey...

Hockey's having a season like no other and adapting like most sports to how to get the game on! North, NWHL and CWHL Leagues have all restructured to create new 'pools' of teams from the same Covid Tier so we can get as much hockey played as possible.

National League games are still suspended but THC has a bumper December planned with games every weekend, training and an inter-club festive 7's league. They'll be festive games on 19th December and we're bringing back one of the old traditional Boxing Day (well +1 day!) hockey on Sunday 27th December. Hockey are kicking off 2021 with a NY Challenge Cup v local rivals Bowdon HC with a weekend of hockey (2nd / 3rd Jan) with as many teams from Under 10's to Over 50's playing each other – with points earned from each game there's the honour of being crowned NY Challenge Winner.

More details to follow on www.timplereyhockeyclub.com

Lacrosse ...

Lacrosse is back. Under the new Tier system Lacrosse can restart as of Wednesday 2nd December. Training will therefore start on Wednesday and will be at the usual time. Games will hopefully commence Saturday 5th. Hope your all excited to our much belated return to play.

We will be running a small Xmas 8s tournament for seniors in December dates and details will be sent out as soon as confirmed.

Phase 4 Lacrosse rules are as before lockdown so please refresh your memories with the club/lacrosse operating rules and see you on the 2nd December.

If you weren't already aware, the Lacrosse club has partnered with **The Kit Stop**, based in Hale Barns, to run our club merchandise. The range will evolve as seasons change but we already have 15+ products online most of which can be personalised with initials or names, and everything will be delivered within 10 days (normally 3-5 days). Christmas gifts-a-plenty!

If interested please visit <https://thekitstop.co.uk/>

Football kicks off!

Wednesday 2nd December sees Football return to training with sessions both Wednesday & Thursday. To say this is eagerly anticipated is something of an understatement!

League Football returns 5th December with what we hope to be a complete set of games. Sunday 6th sees Cheshire County Cup action come to Stockport Road with U13 Barca facing Egerton at 11am.

Training takes place on the astro that morning also and we are also finalising the start date for Timperley Wildcats – an exciting opportunity for girls aged 5-11 to give football a try in a fun, welcoming and exciting environment – watch for details.

We cannot wait to welcome everybody back and see everyone having fun and enjoying themselves, please help us be as Covid secure as we can and long may the return continue.



Finally

Despite the Co-vid restrictions, research continues into our clubs rich history and those former members, all of whom made their own contribution during their association with Timperley Sports Club.

This time, A Scottish Rugby International in our midst....

Kenneth Carmichael Fyfe (1914 - 1974)

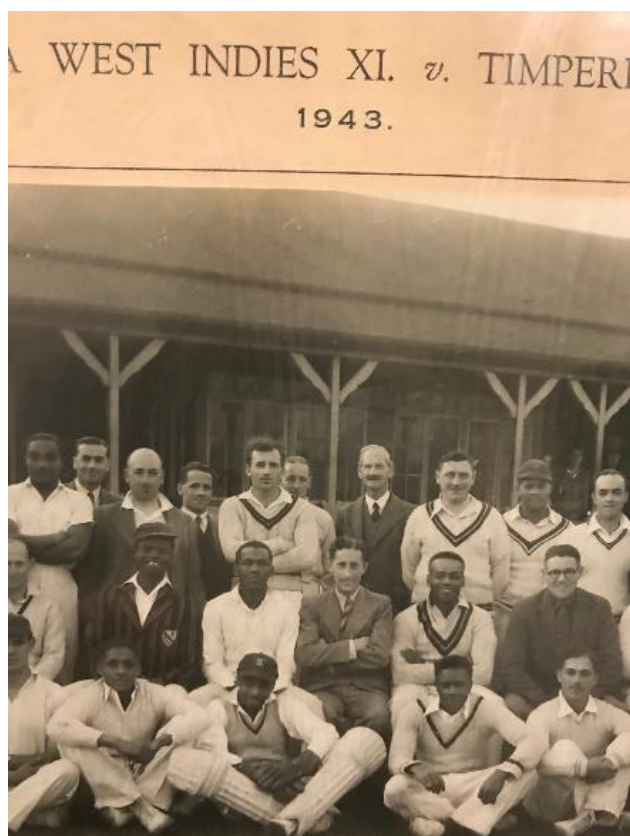
Son of a Scottish international footballer (J H Fyffe), K C Fyfe was born in Karachi and attended Cambridge University whilst also playing Rugby for London Scottish RFC. His speed on the wing immediately caught the eye of the Scottish selectors and he was picked for the 1933 Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield. In the final minutes of the game, Ken scored a try for Scotland to win the game 3-0 (3 points for a try in those days) and secure the Triple Crown. In all he would win ten caps between 1933 and 1939. After university he began a career as an engineer and in 1936 he moved up north to play for Sale RFC in what was a famous all- star international three-quarter line up (see below, right), playing for Scotland vs England at Twickenham in March 1936.



The Scottish team v. England at Murrayfield, 18 March 1933.
Left to right: top row: Dr J.R. Wheeler (Ireland) (referee), K.L.T. Jackson (Oxford Univ.), J.R. Thom (Watsonians), J.M. Ritchie (Watsonians), J.M. Henderson (Edin. Acad.), H.D.B. Lorraine (Oxford Univ.), D.I. Brown (Camb. Univ.); middle row: W.R. Logan (Edin. Wrs.), F. Rowand (Glas. HSFP), W.B. Welsh (Hawick), I.S. Smith* (London Scot.), J.A. Beattie (Hawick), M.S. Stewart (Stewart's FP), J.A. Waters (Selkirk); bottom row: H. Lind (Dunfermline), K.C. Fyfe (Camb. Univ.).



By all accounts, he was one of the finest players of the game in the 1930s but it was not just Rugby he played, he also continued to play a high level of Cricket, playing in one recognised first class match for a 'European XI' vs India in Madras in 1938. At some point during WW2, he started to play club cricket for Timperley and whilst our records during the war are incomplete we know he played for Timperley 1st XI between 1943 and 1948 scoring 1,845 runs at a not too shabby average of 31.81 including three centuries. In 1943 & 44, Ken played for Timperley in the annual match versus a West Indies XI, (see Bluesletter #5 and below,), he is standing in the back row with his arms crossed.



form. C. W. Jones and W. Wooller can never have done better, and with A. M. Rees playing the game of his life, Welsh prospects are bright. K. C. Fyfe, who was the man of the match, will keep his place in the Scottish side all right. His three tries were all the result of sound judgment and strong running, and he is certainly faster than in previous seasons. W. G. S. Johnston, for whom the game did not run too kindly, got a beautiful try near the close, and a Scottish cap is by no means beyond his reach.

The England selectors had not much on which to congratulate themselves. It is true that they saw P. Cranmer play a hero's part; no man could have worked more desperately to save his side, and but for him the Cambridge score might have been much higher. The other English cap, A. L. Warr, had an off day, and he is apparently not nearly as dangerous as he was last season. Unless E. S. Nicholson gets in as a hooker, there does not seem to be anyone else who will interest the selectors further.

When all the excitement had died down and it was possible to consider the game calmly, it must have occurred to a great many people that the Oxford forwards, apart from getting the ball in the tight scrummages, had put up a shocking show. It must be many years since a 'Varsity pack' failed so dismally, and a more ineffective back row can surely never have appeared at Twickenham or Queen's Club. Could not Tom Voyce be persuaded to go up next season and teach these young gentlemen, or their successors, the elements of their



KENNETH FYFE, THE CAMBRIDGE MATCH-WINNER
It was Fyfe's match all the way in the Varsity contest. Three tries off his own bat, as may be said—he was unstoppable! Kenneth Fyfe (Oundle and Caius) is the Secretary of the Cambridge XV, and a Scottish International wine taster.

It seems that he emigrated to South Africa in the late 1940s, where he passed away in Johannesburg in 1974.

Finally, finally

That green pitch project.....

It only seems like yesterday we were looking forward to welcoming in a new artificial turf pitch. If you've been following the various updates over the last six Bluesletters, then you might like to take a look at this quick time lapse videos showing the work in progress..... [The making of the new Green Pitch - video](#)

We'll be pressing ahead with the final part of the project - replacing the floodlights shortly and finishing off the spectator barrier (thanks to Jon Mawby) once finished we'll be looking to offer pride of place to a set of new advertising banners so if you know of any businesses that would be interested in supporting the club please get in touch via the sections or info@timperley-sports.com

That's it – Bluesletter #8 will be out sometime in mid-late January 2021...

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Your Timperley Sports Club Limited Board

Alan Holdsworth, Shelagh Everett, Nick Burnett, Richard Knill, Bob Page, Phil Hartley, Haroon Bangee, Jarrod Sykes, and the TSC Staff Team, Jane Ashcroft, Sam Brooks, Andy Horsfield and Col Taylor

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