

The Bluesletter # 14

September 2022



One Club ...Four Sports... and new challenges ahead ...

September is a busy time in the club calendar with all four sports playing alongside each other as we cross over from cricket to football, hockey and lacrosse. It will be great to see lots of old and new faces back at the club, playing, training, volunteering, spectating and enjoying the bar and hopefully the autumn sun. It does mean we'll be very busy so please do you bit and if you live locally walk or cycle to club, or car share if possible.

A sustainable future for TSC

In August one of our two main water heaters failed and a repair does not seem to be a possibility. Initial quotes to replace like with like ran into five figures and it prompted us to look at other options. Led by Mike Welton and John McGuire (Hockey section Vice President and former player), we are looking at our overall approach to sustainability in general and heating in particular.

We've commissioned a review of the opportunities open to us linked to building repairs needed in the short and longer term with the intention of balancing cost with environmental concerns. Replacing the clubs water heating system is going to be a major undertaking and its perhaps easy to appreciate how such a visible and costly project will affect other projects and priorities. We'll be sharing the results of the review in the coming weeks and planning accordingly.

Equally, we are trying to reduce the amount of waste we produce. Mike and our Bar Manager, Jane have worked over the summer to introduce reusable plastic glasses for outdoor use and we've had positive feedback from members about the reduction in single use plastics. But of course, this approach is only viable if member and visitors do their bit too and return the reusable plastic glasses to the bar or the collection points and don't throw them in the bin !

Decking / The Great Timperley Auction 2022

In Bluesletter#13, (April 2022) we had a plan to replace the decking this autumn. Unfortunately, due to complications around the grant and planning permission that is not going to be possible and we are now looking towards Mar/April next year as a more practical solution. Disappointing but we have to move on. In the next week or two, we'll be undertaking the necessary repairs to get us through the winter.

Despite the above setback, the decking remains a priority and every £ raised will be ringfenced for its replacement. The auction is a great way to raise additional funds and something through which every member can contribute by either, donating an auction 'lot', bidding when the auction goes live or telling you friends, work colleagues or promoting it through your own social media accounts. **The auction is not just for club members.**

A small working group has been pulled together to help us run the auction and each section has nominated someone to help us spread the word....

- Within the Football section it is Kirk Malone and Phil Westwood.
- Andy Foster and Sarah Chancellor will do the same for Hockey
- Its Phil and Mike Hartley for Lacrosse and Rob Matthews & Haroon Bangee will be co-ordinating for Cricket.

There are more details about the auction on the club website... [The Great Timperley Auction 2022](#)

The auction itself will go live in mid/late October with the closing finale on Sat 5th Nov in the clubhouse. We'll be posting more info out about both in the coming weeks.



Annual General Meeting - review and update

The Clubs AGM took place on 21st July where some new faces and some not-so-knew were elected to the club board. Mike Hartley, Kirk Malone and Rick Cain are three new Directors of the board and Jarrod Sykes, due to other professional commitments, steps away after four years although he continues as the Football Section Chair.

Alison Buckley, Audit Partner with Mitchell Charlesworth presented the annual accounts in person and Gary Miller, CEO of GMCVO talked via video link to members about why they saw Timperley Sports Club about the social investment market and opportunities for funding for Community Benefit Society's like TSC. There will be more to share about this in the coming months....

A round up and summary of the main headlines and outcomes can be found via this link [TSC Ltd 2022 AGM Round Up and 2022-23 Board Members](#)

Time for cocktails !!

Join us for a night of cocktails at the club – Friday 16th September 7.30pm onwards.

Tickets on sale now - limited numbers so don't miss out - just £10 per person (all ages) BUY your tickets from the Bar or via PayPal (see details below). If you'd like to reserve a table for a larger group speak to the James or George at the Bar to arrange.

More details are now on the club website [Cocktail Night - Friday 16th September 2022](#)

To pay online via PayPal here's what to do !

- go to <https://www.paypal.com/uk/home>
- send payments to info@timperley-sports.com (multiples of £10 for number of tickets required)
- Name Number of tickets and cocktails eg *F.Sidebottom x 4 cocktails !*

Thanks to our bar team - Jane, James and George for organising a cracking first social for Autumn / Winter 2022



The Timperley 'Trundle'

In the next 2-3 weeks, a suite of new signs will pop up across the site, referring to our new partnership with a Timperley-based Physio firm.... 'Chews Health'. <https://chewshealth.co.uk/>

Founding director Jack Chew completely buys into the clubs strategic aim of embedding Timperley Sports Club into the local community, by offering a fitness and well being programme for local residents alongside its ambitions to play amateur sport at the highest level possible. So much so that Chews have initiated the 'Timperley Trundle', a completely free of charge walking group aimed at those might be less able, rehabilitating or just looking to improve their general health.

The group meets every Monday at 10.00 at the club and set off on a circular route taking a maximum of an hour, ending up back at the Club for a cup of coffee around 11.00am. From a slow start the group has quite literally doubled in numbers each week and after our weeks we are up to 20 walkers.. feel free to just turn up next Monday....

More details are available from the club website via this link [Timperley Trundle - Monday morning walking sessions](#)



More staff changes to the bar team....

Firstly, we say goodbye (but not completely) to Matt Stewart. Matt joined the bar team last autumn on a temporary p/t basis whilst he set up his own PC-based graphic business. At the start of the summer, he felt the time was right to switch away from the club, although he will continue to play Hockey in 22/23.

James Prescott is a Timperley lad but left the area to go to university which eventually led him to head up a small chain of restaurants in London. He's joined the team on a temporary basis until the new year when he plans to move overseas – but in the meantime we get to benefit from the huge experience he brings from the hospitality sector.

George Evans-Murrie is no newcomer to Timperley Sports Club. A graduate of our junior hockey academy, George first started working with us three years ago on a holiday work experience placement, he joined the bar team during the 2020 covid summer and has steadily built his experience since then. When an opening arose, it was an easy decision to add facility management responsibility to his workload as well.

2022-23 TSC Subscriptions ...Football, Hockey and Lacrosse

Firstly, big thanks to all our cricket playing members for getting their subs paid on time and for the work of the cricket committee for helping chase up payments. The new system has bedded in well for cricket with queries arising. Thanks also to our Non Playing members for getting their Subs paid.

We now move on to collecting annual TSC subs and section fees for Football, Hockey and Lacrosse – the **deadline for payment is 30th September 2022 – or if you're wishing to pay by instalments initial payments must have been set up by 23rd September 2022.**

Football have done a great job getting early sign ups and payments from late July. There are some junior footballer whose the TSC Sub wasn't correctly taken and we'll be sending out payment requests for any outstanding amounts this week. These can also be paid in four instalments. Big thanks to Jane Stakes, Football Treasurer and the coaches for the work on getting subs set up. We're working through the outstanding queries – primarily triggered by the early payments and cross over on system dates. We will aim to clear these by mid September.

Hockey and Lacrosse are also contacting their players about subs and fees for 2022-23 season, look out for section communications and how to pay.

See full details about Membership and subscriptions on the website <https://www.timperley-sports.com/a/membership-50198.html> TSC Subs contribute to the running of our facilities (pitches, clubhouse, staff etc). Additional Fees for each sport and related to the cost of delivering coaching, training, playing and cost running the sport. If any member is facing financial or other difficulties please contact your section chair or coach initially to discuss as the club (and sections) will support where possible.

Renewing or paying your 2022-23 TSC Subscription

For members who paid using the FSI System in 2021-22 here's what you need to do

- Go to <https://timperley.first-sports.com/> and log into your account
- Check all your personal details are correct
- Click on 'Buy Membership' and select the membership type you want to pay for
- Click the GIFT AID OPT IN available on all U18 memberships if you are able to support the club in this way (Gift Aid reclaimed funds go back to each section to invest back into their sports)

For first time members or those who didn't play TSC Subs via the FSI system last year:

- Go to <https://timperley.first-sports.com/> and log into your account
- Click on 'GET STARTED' to open an account (to be completed by parents for all U18)
- Set up your account and click on the validation email you will receive
- Parents if u18's can then 'add family members' to their account for any U18's
- once your account is set up click on 'BUY MEMBERSHIP' and select the membership type you want to pay for
- Click the GIFT AID OPT IN available on all U18 memberships if you are able to support the club in this way (Gift Aid reclaimed funds go back to each section to invest back into their sports)

See the website <https://www.timperley-sports.com/a/membership-50198.html> for more details and a guide for parents signing up U18's

Any queries contact your section or info@timperley-sports.com

Member cashless cards

If you log into your TSC Account on the FSI system members aged 18+ will be able to see your 'Cardless Account' showing a barcode, balance and transactions. The Cashless Account (and Barcode) replaces the old plastic bar cards – if you have an old plastic card this can still be used but if not the new system works by showing the barcode on your phone.

Access your accounts and cashless bar code on your phone. You can then add credit to your cashless balance at the bar (by CC or DR card or cash. For eligible bar purchases you'll receive a 10% discount when you use the cashless bar code on your phone (or old card).

New sign ups to the FSI system will be contacted once their membership is approved with details to confirm that their cashless account has been set up.

A quick round up of our sports sections...

Football

Final preparations are being made for the start of the football season, and a special season at that too as this is the 30th year of what we all know and love as Timperley FC! It is with great sadness that this milestone year coincides with the passing of our founder Joe Brown. However, there is so much to remember and celebrate — the contribution that Joe made for football, sport in general, the community, and bringing joy to youngsters and their families over many years is legendary and remains a cornerstone to what we do today, 30 years on. We aim to mark the milestone throughout the year with a celebratory evening kicking off proceedings on the 23rd of September. Tickets are available and so please get in touch quickly to secure yours!

Over the first week or so of September sees all football action restart, with training sessions and matches all underway by the weekend of the 10th. Friday the 9th marks the restart of our Wildcats sessions which take place every Friday 6-7pm for 5-11 year olds with no previous experience of football. These are seriously fun sessions and a great way to start and build up confidence.



The Devisdale..... after seeding (June 2022).

You may well have seen in the local press and social media that our Devisdale pitch project continues to make great progress and is nearing its first game!



The Devisdale, getting its first haircut !! (Aug 2022)

Lead by James Naylor and Kirk Malone with a band of parents, players, fellow coaches and supporters and sponsors from the community this is sure to be a great facility for us. Watch out for details of its opening!

Hockeyone more trophy and we're ready to roll for the new season !

Since the last Bluesletter we've added another National Trophy to our 2021-22 haul with the Ladies O45's winning the England Hockey Tier 1 Championships played at the Lee Valley, Olympic Park in May. This was our first Tier 1 EH trophy going one better than winning the 2020-21 O45's Plate. We had great support from across the Club and as well as a fabulous weekend we continued in our quest to put Timperley on the hockey map! Congratulations to the O45's and they will start their defence of the Trophy in October.



Timperley Ladies 45s. Eng Hockey 45s Champions 21-22

Social Summer Hockey was again a big success with more ways to play than ever. We had 36 teams taking part each week in our Men's and Women's Summer 7's Leagues over 9 weeks, three big tournaments (Men's Lower League Teams, Ladies Vets 7's and Mixed) and we entered a new North West Masters Mixed League too. We also hosted two National Masters weekend Tournaments over the Summer (Women's O55's and Men's O65's) and hosted regional representative teams over two weekends. We had fantastic feedback about the club, our facilities and the welcome and hospitality -

a good reminder to us of how fortunate we are to have our own two pitch facility with clubhouse onsite - one of only a handful of clubs in the country to have such facilities.

Other on-pitch news

The Performance Teams (1 and 2's) have been training hard all summer and have already played some friendlies as we knuckle down the build up to League Hockey starting for all teams from 24th September. Rob Turner is coaching the Men's 1 and Albert assisting, and Albert is coaching the Ladies 1's and Men's 2's. We also welcome new coach Mat Gotts leading with the Ladies 2's

Due to the growth in player numbers we have entered a Men's Development (8th XI) in the North West League to give more playing opportunities and an entry team for many of our juniors too. This season we will be running 14 Seniors League Teams, 4 Masters Teams and over 18 Junior Teams and we start back to a full coaching and playing programme from September - click here to find out more about our [THC 2022-23 Training Programme](#) for all ages. If anyone is interested in playing hockey or umpiring, coaching or helping with the running of the hockey section please get in touch via timperleyhc@gmail.com or contact Shelagh Everett.

They'll be matches every weekend from 3rd September - do come down to watch the games, meet up with old and new club members and catch up in the clubhouse too! We'd like to welcome anyone from the wider TSC family to come down and watch some hockey! Most weekends we will have 8 home games on a Saturday so lots of hockey to watch!

Some dates for the diary

- **Saturday 10th September Pat Marston Challenge Cup:** Timperley v Bowdon (all senior teams and Badgers and Beavers). We'll be remembering Patty as we take on our neighbours in a 'Ryder Cup' style challenge cup (2 points for a win, 1 for a draw) as 15 teams taking part. Home games include the Ladies 1 v Bowdon 1 at 4pm and the Men's 1 v Bowdon Men's 1 at 6pm at the Club. Come down watch some hockey, support the blues and raise a glass with us to Patty.

- **Saturday 24th September - League Hockey starts** for all 14 senior teams - National League action at 4pm with the Ladies 1s v Pendle Forest

- **Saturday 29th October - National League Double Header** v Wakefield with Ladies 1 on at 4pm and Men's 1s at 6pm following by our own THC does **Oktoberfest** ! All welcome!

Congratulations to David Hans, Men's 1's, who picked up an International Masters World Cup Gold Medal over the Summer with England O40's, Sarah Impey, Lou Hutchinson and Debbie Chalcraft who head to Cape Town in October for the Women's O50 and 55's World Cup and to Colin Taylor for whose been pulling on the England Shirt for the O60's over the summer too! Congratulations to our young blues too at the other end of the age spectrum with Hannah Simms (U16) and Charlotte Thompson (U18) selected for England Junior Trials in the Autumn too.

Other news and a new era for hockey at Timperley

We have been selected one of 17 Hockey Club's by England Hockey to run and host one of EH's new Regional '**Talent Academies**' that will provide the best development and training opportunities to develop young athletes with high potential in the 15 - 18 year old and feed into the U16 and U18 national age group teams and identifying future senior international players. This is a major strategic step for THC and Open Trials (through an EH nominations process) start on 4th September with over 180 boys and girls attending assessment sessions the Club aiming to be selected for the 24 places per gender. The Talent Academy will train on a Monday evening (7pm to 9pm) and will be competing with other TA's during the season. Rob Turner is Head Coach for the Boys, Zoe Sinclair Girls Head Coach and Caroline Small is the TA Manager.

Our volunteers are now gearing up for the new season and big thanks as ever to everyone involved in #MakingHockeyHappen at Timperley for so many. A special shout out for Emma Bartlett (Ladies 2's) who took her volunteering to a new level as a Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Emma was

on the medial team for all the hockey matches and get the best view in the house as England Women picked up the Gold and the Men the Bronze and thankfully wasn't too busy on the medical front !



Emma Bartlett – Hockey Member - Commonwealth Games Volunteer

Cricket...

Cricket has been all action this summer with cricket on almost every day for our 10 junior teams and 7 senior teams. A huge thanks to Andy for having the pitches in such incredible quality despite all of the use our pitches get.

The junior section has without doubt had its most successful year to date, the switch to having 1 team at each year group has been a great success and provided players with more opportunities and more focused training groups. The trophy cabinet has also been heavily stocked with the U9s and the U11s coming out respectively as the best teams in Cheshire winning the Cheshire League. The U13s celebrated winning the Cheshire Shield. The U15s won the Cheshire Cup for the first time in many years and then went on to defeat both the Cumbrian Cup winners and the Lancashire Cup Winners to make the North of England finals day. Just coming up short, making the last 4 in the whole of the North of England was an outstanding achievement!



Timperley CC U9s Cheshire League Champions 2022



Timperley CC U15s Cheshire Cup Champions and North of England Semi-Finalists 2022

The senior sides have pretty much all secured their place in their respective divisions. The 1st XI are sitting in 3rd and have enjoyed a great run of form the past couple of months but won't quite be enough to overtake the top 2 teams. The 2s have a healthy gap now from the bottom 2 in their league so should retain their Div 1 status. The 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s are all pushing hard towards the top half of their leagues now and their brilliant performances just show the strength in depth we have as a club and our commitment to providing opportunities to play.

Lacrosse...

The Lacrosse season is nearly upon us and we're all very excited to get season underway. We've had a great summer of lacrosse with summer training reaching record numbers and the newly introduced 'Friday night lights' summer lacrosse games for senior women and men, was a great success. They proved enjoyable for supporters who could enjoy the club bar whilst watching and the series included a lot of new youngsters & older 'Timperley Heroes' players who dusted off the cobwebs to play.

Timperley Senior pre-season training is in full force, with Senior Women & Men both training on Wednesday 7-8.45pm, with all sessions have been well attended. Training will continue at this time until September, which will then move to the later slot as we welcome Junior lacrosse back

The last two weeks has seen a number of our members finally have the experience of representing England u21s at the World Games in Ireland. With covid pushing the tournament back, the training cycle has been over 4-years long... Timperley Lacrosse Club was well represented with three key players in the team and two former players filling in positions as Head & Offensive Coach.

Please keep your eyes out for your Timperley sports Club/Lacrosse subs renewal and don't forget to renew your England lacrosse membership via the EL website.

The first games of the season are on 24th September.

Finally....10 years ago in 2012

The London Olympics had just concluded, and Timperley Sports Club (just as now) was in a positive mood, looking ahead to the new winter season... These are some of the Club stories from exactly a decade ago...

- *The recent bad weather had wiped out a number of cricket matches and bar income had suffered badly.*
- *This loss of revenue was mitigated by the hire of the Wood Lane car park to a Film Crew who were busy shooting scene for a new Sunday night BBC drama, 'Last Tango in Halifax' starring Sir Derek Jacobi and Sarah Lancashire.*
- *The kitchen was undergoing a complete refit and there were rumours of a coffee machine.....*
- *Wifi was installed for the first time ! Along with new timber bollards on the pavement leading to the main entrance, we had truly entered the 21st Century!*
- *Brooklands Junior Football Club had initiated a conversation with the then, Exec Committee about moving their base to Timperley Sports Club. Initial discussion were thought to be very positive. [NB, later that year, BJFC did move to TSC and block booked the grass pitches, they were to change their name to Timperley FC and a few years later, a fully committed sporting section of TSC].*

Your Timperley Sports Club Limited Board

Alan Holdsworth, Shelagh Everett, Nick Burnett, Richard Knill, Bob Page, Haroon Bangee, Mike Hartley, Rick Cain, Mike Welton, Rob Matthews, Kirk Malone and the TSC Staff Team
Jane Ashcroft, George Evans-Murrie, James Prescott, Andy Horsfield and Col Taylor

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