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Project 2018 Col Taylor

Those with long memories will have fond memories of the 'old shed' which had served the club well for about seventy years, but by the mid 1990's it was literally on its last legs. In 1999 we submitted our original application to the Sport England Lottery Fund, who awarded the club a grant of £380,000 towards the cost of the clubhouse, completed in 2002. It is often forgotten that we had to raise twice that amount ourselves to meet the £1.1million project cost. Having paused for breath, we then had to re-finance again to replace both artificial turf pitches in 2006, a further £375,000. When added to cricket nets, drainage and other smaller capital projects, the total investment in Timperley Sports Club over the last fifteen years has exceeded £1.7 million. Now its time to do it all again...

At the time of writing (Feb 2015), there are a number of options open to us and no decision has been taken about precisely what that capital development should be. Each option will have advantages and disadvantages and these need to be assessed against the clubs requirements going forward which are about securing the clubs long term future both in economic terms but also with respect to its role within the local community. We already have a commitment to refurbish our artificial turf pitches when the time comes but there is also potential for further on-site capital development as part of that same 'project'.

**"It doesn't matter
where you are, you
are nowhere
compared to where
you can go"**
Bob Proctor

To that end, the club has appointed '77 Ltd', a NW based sports advisory consultancy to assist with the assessment process. Over the next 3-4 months they will want to meet with all sections and other key users of the club and

try to piece together some options – a short list – for what might be included within the overall project. Following receipt of that short list, the Clubs executive Committee will then be able to have more detailed discussions with potential funding partners.

However, at this stage the more suggestions and thoughts that inform this initial information gathering phase, however ‘wacky’ the ideas are, the better - so please support your section/academy committees and put forward your own ideas. This is only the start of the discussion and in time there will be more specific and practical ways in which you could be involved, but for now the Exec wanted to make you aware of something that will start to become an increasingly large part of our collective thoughts as we move forward.

This is a link to their web site..... <http://77limited.net>

Teamwork = Together Everyone Achieves More

Francs Catering Col Taylor

Back in November 2014 we commenced a new partnership with Francs, the restaurant in Altrincham to provide catering services for our sports sections match teas, a small bar menu and also for functions and events at the Club. We opted for a phased approach and our immediate aim was to ensure continuity of match teas for our opposition and to develop a limited, but regular bar food product for members and guests from 9am - 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. There was quite a lot of interest in this new aspect of the club and by the spring all sections, Cricket, Hockey and Lacrosse will have hosted annual dinners at the club - a first!

We are now starting to promote the partnership more widely. Over the next few weeks external signage will go up, new pages will be added to our web site and we will be advertising locally. We hope for a gradual increase in functions and events at the club over the summer months.

One aspect of the new partnership and one that will benefit members directly is that with effect from 1st March, Francs offer a 10% discount from their main menu to all Timperley Sports Members at their restaurant in Altrincham upon presentation of a valid membership card. If you don't have membership card and would like one, you will need to complete a short application form (available from behind the bar) and have fully paid your annual subscriptions.

Dates for your Diary



- 14th March Hockey Dinner Dance
- 11th April Cricket Academy Registration 10.30-12pm
- 18th April Hockey Ladies 1st XI in Cheshire Cup Final (time TBC)
- 30th April Club AGM 7.30pm

Cricket News Adam Horan

Sportsman's Dinner

On Friday 6th Feb a bumper crowd of 194 packed into the clubhouse for our annual Sportsman's Dinner. Undoubtedly, the guest speaker Paul Merson was the main attraction and he lived up to his reputation and delivered an insightful, entertaining and at times excruciatingly honest anecdotes from his life and career. Paul was excellently supported by comedian Jed Stone and social member Graham Heathcote was superb once again acting as MC for the evening. Franks laid on an excellent 3-course dinner served in a timely manner. The night raised a good amount for the section and provided a good social and fundraising start to the year for the section

New Pavilion

Plans are in place to have a small pavilion built on the 2nd cricket pitch. It will be located adjacent to the blue ATP next to the main club entrance. Once built it will house much needed additional storage, 2 dry changing rooms and an electronic scoreboard. Planning permission has been submitted to Trafford Council, however, a delay in the application process means that the season is likely to be underway before the building is opened.

TCC to host prestigious events in 2015

Timperley Cricket Club has been selected to host two prestigious events in the summer of 2015. Cheshire County Cricket League Over 40s Finals Day – **Sunday 23rd August 2015**. The culmination of the Over 40s season. Fingers crossed Timperley can get some good results throughout the summer and be able to participate as well as host.

Cheshire Womens XI – County T20 Group Stage. 14th June 2015.

Cheshire v Wales v Durham in T20 action, coloured clothing, white ball, black sight screens – It should be a great day for the club.



Ex-England XI to play at Timperley CC

On **Friday 3rd July**, Timperley CC will host what is arguably the biggest event in its history when a team of Ex-England Cricketers will play a T20 match at Stockport Road vs a Timperley Invitational XI. To date, confirmed players include Steve Harmison, Matthew Hoggard, Adam Hollioake, Ryan Sidebottom, Paul Nixon and Dean Headley.

The day will begin with a corporate lunch in a marquee, which will be attended by the Ex-England team. There are many options available for tables within the marquee including having your table hosted by an ex-England player.

We are also expecting a crowd of 2,000 to watch the cricket which is due to start at around 4.30pm www.timperleycricketclub.co.uk will be up and running very soon with further details, however, if you are interested in attending the corporate function, brochures are available from englandmasters@timperleycricketclub.co.uk

Cricket Academy Gears up for Summer Programme

Tim Lucas

The Academy summer programme commences on Saturday 11th April with the registration event between 10.30 and 12.00 in the Club function room. All boys and girls are invited to register their membership to the Academy either at this event or at practice sessions that will commence from Monday 20th. All new members, boys and girls, will receive a free match shirt and be involved in all practice sessions and arranged matches.

For the girls a taster session is being arranged for Thursday 16th April at the Club from 13.00 to 16.00 involving a combination of Cheshire and Club coaches. In addition to the boy squads at U9, U11, U13 and U15, league games will also be played at U12, owing to the large squad expected, and for the first time in many years at U18.

Two girls squads are being formed; U11 and U13, with practice sessions to be held on Monday evenings for the U11 squad and Tuesday evenings for the U13 squad, both between 17.00 & 18.30. The U13 squad will have access to the practice nets including the bowling machine.

The Club plans to enter the U13 girls squad in a local U11 boy's league where competitive hardball matches are played against local clubs on Sunday mornings commencing at 10.00. U11 girls squad friendly matches will be arranged to assist development plus entry into established girl tournaments around Cheshire.

For more details on the boys programme email Nathan via: nprb1992@hotmail.com and to register interest on the girls programme email Tim via sportdev@timperley-sports.com

TSC Lacrosse Goes International

David Loveland

July 2014 saw the sixth successful year of the junior (girls and boys) lacrosse exchange programme with Maryland Express Lacrosse Club. Timperley hosted 40 players and 6 coaches and during their ten day stay MDX played 15 matches and had days out in Sheffield, Llandudno, London and a fun day at Manley Mere. This coming summer sees a group of 44 Timperley players, coaches and chaperones making the return visit to Maryland. We are currently fundraising, with activities like supermarket bag packs, a sponsored bike ride, marshalling at the Manchester Marathon and working with the Bag2School company keeping us all busy.



THC Dinner Dance

Clair Horan

To celebrate the end of another season, the Timperley Hockey Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 14th March, and this year it will be in our very own club house, with catering provided by Francs. All members are welcome, £25 per head, includes 3 course meal, music and entertainment. First come, first served. Payment needs to be made behind the bar by 1st March please leave your name when doing so in order that table plans can be drawn up. Any questions please contact Clair Horan 07720 972055.

Sports Development at TSC Tim Lucas

Three main development areas to report on:

A Club Strategy: A new document is being constructed for the period 2015 – 2018 setting out the Club's sporting aims and direction supported by development plans for each of the sports delivered by the Club. The intention is to have the document ready in the next couple of months.

Satellite scheme: The Club was successful in being awarded funding for this Sport England scheme to deliver after-school sporting sessions to local secondary schools. Since being awarded the funds in September the Club has delivered organised coaching sessions, involving all three sports, to one or more of the three schools involved: ACA, BTH and Wellington School.

Progress is being made to expand the Timperley Club Satellite framework to include other local secondary schools.

Funding Bids: An application has been submitted against the Sport England - Protected Playing Field scheme to address known drainage problems on the grass playing surfaces and the unevenness of the front cricket square. If the funding is approved the Club would aim to undertake the work required immediately after the end of this year's cricket season.



TSC Members who made the ultimate sacrifice

Gary Fisher

The final instalment looking at those member of the Club who lost their lives during the Great War. These men are now recorded on a small plaque located in the clubhouse function room next to the bar. The plaque is made from a roof slate from the old clubhouse that was in use during World War 1.

Bombardier. George Dunbar Brown – 141st Siege Battery

George was born during the June quarter 1887 in Altrincham, the 4th son of William & Annie Elizabeth St. Aubin Brown (nee Dunbar). In 1891 he is living on Barrington Road, Altrincham. His dad is aged 50 and is Railway Clerk. His Mum is aged: 41 and he has 4 elder brothers. His father died in 1898, aged: 57. His middle name now seems to have changed from Fox to his mother's maiden name of Dunbar.

In 1901 he is still at 3 Barrington Road, Altrincham and is working as a Clerk (Office Boy). By 1911 he is unmarried, aged 23 and is a Bank Cashier. At the start of the war he is employed as the Manager of the Hale Branch of the Union Bank of Manchester and is a prominent member of the Timperley Hockey, Cricket & Tennis Clubs and Honorary Treasurer of the Tennis Club. He is Deputy Organist of St. Mary's P.C. Bowdon and regular Organist of the St. Luke's Mission Church and connected with St. George's Dramatic Society.

He enlisted in 1916. His brother Jack, was with him at the last. His death was reported in the 17/05/1918 edition of the Altrincham Guardian. His memorial inscription reads - "A life nobly sacrificed. Greater love hath no man than this".

Unfortunately I have been unable to find out anything on the circumstances surrounding Georges death.

Pte. Andrew Dunlop Hughes – 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers

Andrew was born during the June quarter 1894 in Altrincham, the youngest son of Edward & Flora Hughes. In 1901 he 6 and living at 14 Old Market Place, Altrincham. His Dad Edward Hughes is aged 40 and is a Dispensing Chemist and his Mum Flora aged 42 plus 5 elder siblings.

In 1911 he is a Junior Clerk, living mum, dad and 2 elder sisters. He attended Manchester Grammar School and was employed by the City of Glasgow Assurance Co, Manchester. He was a keen cricketer and hockey player - member of Timperley Cricket Club.

He enlisted in the Public Schools Bn. of the Royal Fusiliers in August 1914 and was drafted to the front in November 1915. He died of wounds at the 33 Casualty Clearing Station at Givenchy. His death was reported in the 04/07/1916 edition of the Altrincham Guardian and is commemorated on the private family gravestone in Hale Cemetery.

Sgt. Alfred Earnest Boucher – 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Alfred is a bit of an enigma. He is recorded in his obituary as being a club member but is not on the 1914 member list. He does not appear to be either a Cricketer or Hockey player (through reference to team lists in the newspapers). Perhaps Tennis? Hopefully in time some information will arise that will allow his name to be added to the clubs memorial.

I hope you have enjoyed this summary of the research undertaken into this element of our great clubs history.

A Blast from the Past...Gary Fisher

John White Aldred – Timperley Hockey Player and Cricketer (1876-1901)

In researching members of our club who had fallen in the Great War I could not help wondering if any other members had had the misfortune of dying in service for their country. With the club having been in existence since 1877 I thought it possible as Britain fought numerous wars in this period in both expanding and protecting the empire.

In one of my regular visits to Sale library I was lucky enough to learn of John White Aldred who was a member of the club between 1895 and 1900 and who played Hockey for Timperley, Cheshire and The North. He also played Cricket for Timperley but it would seem that this was very much his second sport.

John was born in 1876 in Bolton to Bold Aldred and Isabel. In 1881 he was living at Old Clough Lane in Worsley. His father was aged 42 and was a public accountant. His Mother was aged 32 and he had 8 siblings, with the household having one servant in attendance. By 1891 his family had moved to Stamford Street in Altrincham and Isabels mother had moved in, presumably to help in a house with 10 children in it. Bold was now selling insurance and was able to send John to the Manchester Grammar School. He was a talented scholar and sportsman and was a reserve for the school 1st XI cricket team. He left the school in 1893.

In 1894 John sat entrance examinations for the Medical school in Manchester and in March 1896 he sat his 2nd examination in Anatomy & Physiology, graduating in July 1898. He received his surgical training at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and had the good fortune to be associated with Dr. Leech and Dr. Tom Jones, who were prominent Physicians of the time. Both of these eminent surgeons regarded John in very high esteem, and they prophesied for him a distinguished career.

It was during this time that John played Hockey and Cricket for Timperley. His exploits at hockey brought him to the attention of the County selectors and he played representative fixtures in the 1897 and 1898 seasons for Cheshire. John stood over six feet tall and apparently used his long reach to good effect whilst playing hockey.

John took the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Victoria University in 1899 and for some months was engaged as Locum Temens in Warrington. His first salaried appointment was as house surgeon at the Barrow in Furness Infirmary. Where, although not more than 24 years of age he won a high reputation as a thoroughly energetic and capable lead.

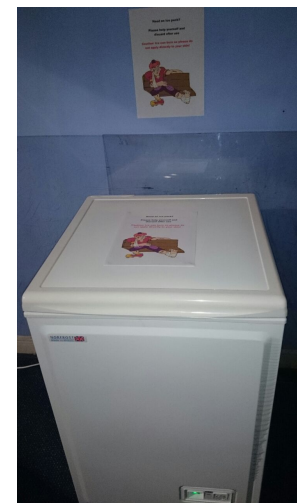
On the outbreak of war in South Africa he offered his services to the army authorities and they were accepted with him joining the Imperial Hospital Corps. He left England for Cape Town on November 7th 1899 and on arrival in April 1900 he was placed in charge of the hospital at Kroonstad. This was the 3rd General Hospital and was located in/around the Dutch church.

At a time when antibiotics were unheard of John was able to bring under control an epidemic of Enteric fever (Typhoid) that was affecting the hospital. This disease is a bacterial disease spread by faecally contaminated food or water and at that time was often fatal. Unfortunately, John caught Typhoid in December 1900 and he died on New Year's Day 1901 in his 25th year. News of his death was reported in the Altrincham Guardian on 16th January 1901. He is commemorated on the Kroonstad Cemetery Memorial and his grave served with a simple stone cross marker.



Ice...Ice...Baby!

A freezer has been purchased to benefit all sections and provide a store of ready packed ice. The freezer will be housed behind the partition in the main club house near the Committee Room. Please ensure this area is kept free of kit so that ease of access to the freezer is possible at all times.



For Your Information Northenden Junior Golf

As part of a concerted effort to improve and strengthen the Junior Section at Northenden Golf Club, we are offering free membership for juniors under the age of 18. Under 10's pay nothing at all. 10-17 year olds are required to pay £14.75 towards the union fee and staff fund. At the moment there are free junior lessons with the club pro Joe Mannion on a Saturday morning between 10-11am or 11-12noon. Further details are available by contacting Joe at joe_mannion92@live.co.uk or by ringing the club on 998 4738. From the 7th March he will be offering a 10 week course of lessons for £50 covering all aspects of the game including long shots, short game and etiquette. Maximum of 7 kids per group. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

General Information

Your Timperley Sports Club Executive Committee Members 2014-2015

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Club Minutes Secretary Jo Nicholson

Club President Nick Burnett

Men's Hockey Chair Iain Cherry

Club Chairperson Alan Holdsworth

Ladies Hockey Chair June Brassington

Club Trustees Alan Holdsworth & Nick Burnett

Cricket Chair Adam Horan

Club Manager Col Taylor

Lacrosse Chair Alex Short

Club Secretary Stu Nicholson

Sports Development Officer Tim Lucas

Club Treasurer Richard Knill

Social Secretary Dave Howarth

If you have any queries or concerns please contact your section rep in the first instance or the Club Manager info@timperley-sports.com

Items for the next edition?

The next edition is scheduled for May. If you have any items you wish to feature in the upcoming newsletter then please do not hesitate to get in touch with jonicholson1@hotmail.co.uk

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