

The Bluesletter

Friday 20th March 2020

Uncertain times.

We all know that our lives will change over the next few months, even if we don't yet know how. The routines and activities that we took for granted are now all up in the air. But.... when we do get through to the other side – and we most surely will – we want **our club** to resume its place in your everyday life and so we've already made a start.

First a little recap....

Over the last couple of weeks we've been taking a few quiet steps behind the scenes such as running down bar stocks, cutting out non-essential purchases, simply making sure what our obligations and priorities are, putting up advice notices in the Club and extra cleaning. Last weekend, a number of informal discussions took place between the TSC Ltd Board and we had already agreed to meet on Monday evening to review our plans, although we didn't know then that just before that meeting, the Prime Minister advised us all to avoid all social venues, clubs & pubs etc...

At that meeting, it was immediately clear to us all that we should suspend all activities and close the clubhouse for the foreseeable future, effective immediately. Once that decision had been made, we then shifted gear and began to look ahead.... and do what we need to do to 'mothball', secure and safeguard the Club in the short term, but also to ready ourselves for when it opens again. We also took the lead from the National Governing Bodies of our core sports and issued an Update on the website and social media to get the messages out as quickly as possible. All four of our sports have now had any form of activity suspended and all events, groups and hires of pitches and the function room suspended too.

<https://www.timperley-sports.com/news/covid19-update--important-information-for-all-members-and-users-of-tsc-2523144.html>

The TSC Ltd Board are to meet again this coming Saturday (socially distanced of course!) 21st March to review the last few days and plan our next steps. The Board closely monitoring and reviewing our finances to help manage through the period when our income has dropped to zero.

With the club closed to members and the public please help us to manage this by not coming down to the club. The ATP's are out of action too, so whilst we appreciate it may be frustrating, we do need members not to come down to use any of the facilities on an informal basis for safety reasons. If you have young people off school please remind them not to come down either or bring friends down to use the pitches.

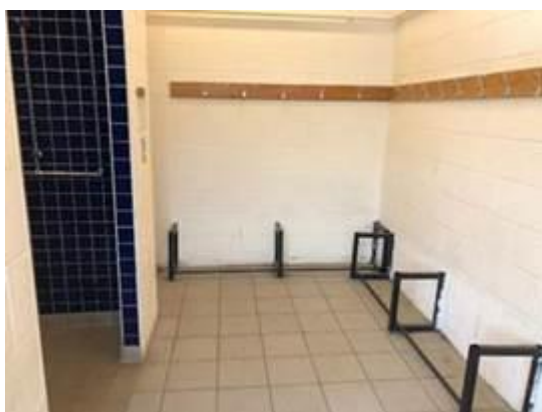
' If we didn't have customers, this place would run itself.....'

Whilst the club is closed to the outside world, inside we've already made a start on some of those jobs that we struggle to get to, simply because the place is busy. Firstly, we've already started to strip back all of the changing rooms, showers – deep cleaning before we get on with a re-paint. Have a look at these exciting action shots of changing rooms 1 and 5....

We plan to move on to the WCs, bar area, tables and chairs and function room.... We also intend to continue essential work to the outfields, cricket squares and artificial pitches to try and ensure that **our club** can get up and running asap when the time comes. We're working with the core staff team to switch time their time to these other activities and thank them for their flexibility and support.

We'll be posting details of how and what we're doing via our website and facebook pages in the coming days...

Changing Room 1 – stripped for deep cleaning and post jet hosing and cleaning the floor



‘TSC in touch’

I'm sure you are aware of various of contact groups setting up in different parts of the Altrincham & Timperley areas, checking if people are ok and if they have to isolate, provide help with food delivery, collecting prescriptions or pet walking. These are all fantastic responses to the current crises and those involved in running them deserve huge thanks and support.

We don't want to either duplicate or add confusion to what others are already doing. But we are looking at what we might be able to do through our unique extended network.... **Our club.**

It might be some of the above, or it might be that you just volunteer to make 3 or 4 calls each week to some of our more remote members, check they're ok and don't need anything.

We are looking at how we might complement what other groups are doing and what we think we can do safely and that might help us all navigate through and support our wider club network.

For now, if you would be prepared to add your name to a volunteer list, that's all we need.

Just email the club now on info@timperley-sports.com and we'll get back in touch in a few days.

If you're a member or friend of the club and may need some support or help email using the above address now or in the future so we can hook you up with one of our volunteers

200 Club 'live' !!

This month's 200 club draw is continuing, and the draw scheduled for this Saturday 21st March will be completed and streamed **LIVE** !! in full screen technicolor via the clubs facebook page at 18.00.

You can view all the action AS IT HAPPENS yourself here.... <https://www.facebook.com/TimperleySportsClub/>

We're going to be using this time to revamp how we use the club website and facebook to help keep members in touch with the club and keep everyone up to date. So don't forget to follow @timperley-sports on twitter, facebook and check into the club's website <https://www.timperley-sports.com/> - the main site also have links to each of our sports sections website so keep up to date with their news too.

New online Membership application.

Earlier this year, during all of the discussions, meetings and updates on the changes to the clubs legal status we let everyone know that we were going to introduce a new online membership application portal that will both simplify the process, link up to your member bar card, pay subscriptions and cut down on the amount of paper we use.

Over the last few month's we have already made a lot of progress and some member records have been manually added to the system and so far we have encountered very few issues. But... the majority of the clubs total membership of 1,100 have not.

Given that we are all likely to be spending more time at home over the next few weeks, we thought this might be an opportunity for us to test out an advanced version of the system.

We will do this steadily over the next couple of weeks, in smaller batches, so that we can monitor responses and make any amendments we need to. Our aim is to *get it up and running ready for the big club re-opening party* !

So.... if in the coming days you receive an email about this, it will ask you to follow a weblink and complete an online application form..... just follow the guidance notes...

Thanks in advance for your help on this.

Easy Fundraising for TSC

During this time, we can all continue to support the club when we shop online and we'll all be doing more of that in the coming weeks!

We've have set up a link to the Easy Fundraising site and by following this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/timperley-sports-club/>

You quickly sign up and you must 'add the donation reminder'

Easy-fundraising confirm that you've signed up by email

Every time you shop, each of the retailers will make a donation to **our club**

All of the major retailers are involved, Tesco, Sainsburys, Asda, Waitrose... just follow the link..its that easy

Project 18

Hopefully everyone will by now, know that the club had prioritised the replacement of the green ATP for this summer and that remains our ambition. Potential contractors have been on site this week and we are anticipating a number of tenders to be returned in about two weeks time.

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 in mid-April.

When we have feedback from both, we will be in a position to make a decision on the way forward.

Help and ideas !!!

Finally, we need your help.

Whether you play Cricket, Hockey, Lacrosse or Football.... its 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@timperley-sports.com and we'll get back to you.

We'll keep you updated over the next few weeks as things develop.

Your Timperley Sports Club Limited Board

Alan Holdsworth, Shelagh Everett, Nick Burnett, Richard Knill, Gary Fisher, Bob Page,

Phil Hartley, Jarrod Sykes

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

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