



Newsletter - August 2019

Welcome to the new season. Our first in Midlands 1, in this, our 50th Anniversary year!

Chairman's Challenge

As we celebrate 50 years of Kidderminster Carolians it is time to reflect on the changes we have seen and the action that we need to take to secure the next 50 years of success.

When I joined the Club in 1986 we fielded 5 sides on a regular basis and had no Mini/Junior section. Today the Mini/Junior section is the lifeblood of the Club and provider of future players to the senior section. We can no longer rely on a strong and steady supply of players from local schools and must pick up the responsibility for the continued flow of players into the Club ourselves.

As a consequence the Club must provide the facilities to enable the Junior sides to develop and train throughout the year. Increasingly Junior sides train on weekdays and play/train on Sundays.

In order to provide the best facilities and future proof the Clubs playing strength I believe we need to install another set of floodlights around the 3rd Team pitch.

I have obtained a quote through the RFU for a full set of lights at £40,000 and the challenge is to raise the money in this our special anniversary year.

I understand this is a considerable amount of money but we must ask ourselves, can we afford not to make this commitment to the next 50 years.

Progress towards the target will be displayed at the Club for all to see.

David Jones-Percival, Treasurer & Interim Chair

Gate Entrance

At the AGM it was agreed that entrance to all 1st XV games would be by programme on the gate, at a cost to members of £3 each (Non-members £5 and free for Under 18's). As most members purchased a programme & raffle ticket in previous seasons anyway, the cost remains the same. We are offering members the chance to save on this by purchasing a 'Season Ticket' at £30 for the year. These are available from Nicky.

50th Anniversary Merchandise

Special anniversary items will be available to order (price list & form enclosed), including a waterproof jacket, gillet, hoodie, polo shirt, t-shirt, beanie and tie. These are only available through the club and are limited edition for this year. Photos will be available by our first league game against Stoke on Trent.

'Dick of the Day'

We are looking for volunteers to join our elite team of 'Dicks'. Cover is required for all home games throughout the season. Duties include: Greeting the referee (s), and supplying them with a drink of their choice after the game, opening the side gate, opening the changing rooms for the teams, locking them when vacant before a game and during the match for security but allowing the players access when required. After the match: oversee the cleaning of the changing rooms and corridor by the nominated players, the side gate must be made secure, oversee the collection of the flags from the pitches.

If anyone would like to volunteer to join this elite group they should contact The Big Dick, Goff Perks.

100 Club

Numbers are available in the Clubs' 100 Club! It's only £5 a month and we pay out a share of £300 in prizes to 4 lucky winners every month. There is a special draw at Christmas when the lucky member who is first out of the bag wins £500 with the 3 runners up winning £250, £125 & £50.

Speak to Nicky for more details or for a form to set yourself up!

Communications

The Committee ask that members send all communications via the Club Administrator/Club Office where queries will either be answered or directed to the correct committee member.

Email krfc@btconnect.com or call 07894 156888.