

# CLYDESDALE BULLETIN

An information bulletin to keep Clydesdale supporters up-to-date with what's going on at Titwood. September 2009

This newsletter is to let you know of a few recent news items at the Club and to encourage you to keep up-to-date with all things Clydesdale **online!**

## CLUBMARK RECOGNITION

There is much to celebrate at the club just now, with us achieving Glasgow City Council's Clubmark 1 status in both hockey and cricket. This recognises the hard work of all our section co-ordinators and committees as we continue to offer boys and girls, men and women sporting opportunities of a high standard to our members. **Alan Cheyne** and **Tim Hart** received certificates on behalf of the Hockey Club and Cricket Club at a recent presentation in the City Chambers at which Clydesdale was held up as a 'model' for other clubs to aspire to.

## CRICKETERS ON THE UP

At the end of yet another disappointingly rainy season, it has nevertheless been pleasing to note that our cricketers have made progress. Our 1st XI finished in fourth place, three up on 2008, but the real achievements have been at the lower levels. The Titwood XI were tasked with returning to Western Union Division 1 and duly won promotion, as well as winning the Western Cup. The Cavaliers, too, were asked to haul themselves back up into Division 3, which they did after coming second. And the Bees finished in their highest-ever place in Division 5. The club's U18s were joint top of their league, while the U5s came second, the U13s were unbeaten at the top, the U11s were also second, and the U10s won all five of their national Kwik Cricket matches in September. **Bill McCracken** has now resumed the cricket chairmanship, and congrats to **Harmanjit Singh**, who has succeeded **Kasim Farid** as 1st XI captain for next season.

## HOCKEY SQUARES FOR THE FUTURE

We are stepping up our fund-raising efforts for the Hockey Pitch Upgrade project, to replace the present sand-filled carpet with an international grade water-based surface, along with the necessary watering equipment. Sportscotland made it clear 12 years ago that they would not fund a simple carpet replacement, but they are open to assisting upgrades, and our application for £60,000 for this purpose was lodged in April. We also based our case for this £250,000 project (for which the club has since 1997 collected an impressive 50% of the required funds) on the probable needs of the Commonwealth Game. Thus far, however, Sportscotland and Glasgow City Council have not yet finalised their priorities for the 2014 jamboree.

Nevertheless, the club will quite definitely need to find at least £25,000 of additional funding from its own efforts, so please consider making a personal

contribution. There is now a fantastic 'virtual pitch' presentation on display in the club, thanks to **Frank Hirst**, and you can 'purchase' one-metre squares for only £5 each to do your bit to help raise the essential funds for this project which is so crucial for the club's future. Again, keep up-to-date with progress on the hockey website noted below...

## WIN A YEAR'S FREE MEMBERSHIP

It won't have escaped you that we are really trying to focus our communications onto a 21st-century online, electronic system! We hope to send out more regular e-mails, updating members on fund-raising progress, upcoming events, team results and general information from all areas of the club. We hope you will support us in making that possible by submitting your e-mail address details as soon as possible to register. With that in mind, we are running a fantastic competition to incentivise members to submit their e-mail addresses to the club. Simply send an e-mail to [john\\_henderson@talktalk.net](mailto:john_henderson@talktalk.net) and your e-mail address and you will be entered into a draw to win **one year's free membership**, which could save you up to £240! Why not do it NOW?

## ADMINISTRATIVE ESSENTIALS

Now I have a couple of admin items to make you all aware of. We recently reviewed the House Rules and decided they needed updating to reflect more current views and appropriate standards to be upheld within the Club. Instead of printing off such a large document and sending to you all, we have printed one new copy and pinned it up in the corridor to the back bar and are also making them available to download from the club website shown at the foot of this page. Please take a moment to read through them: I hope you will agree they are important rules by which to run our club, to make it an enjoyable, safe and friendly environment for all. A big Thank You is due to **John Henderson** for his hard work on editing these new House Rules. An updated Constitution (which will need to be ratified at the next AGM) is currently being drafted, and it too will be downloadable via the various websites.

## SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26 October **Cricket Society** meetings start  
Saturday 31 October **Hallowe'en Horror Night**  
Thursday 5 November **Bonfire/Fireworks Night**  
The date for the **Cricket Dinner**, which will celebrate the Titwood XI League-and-Cup double, will be announced shortly. Many thanks for your time - and, remember, this is **our** club, it is up to all of us to use its facilities frequently, to respect it and to keep it prosperous for years to come.

**Rennie Keith**, *President*