



# Clydesdale Cricket Club December Newsletter

Dear Members

2021 is drawing to a close and the effects of the pandemic are continuing to be felt so it has been a challenging year for the Club. With a sense of déjà vu Covid, via the Omicron variant, is disrupting sport again. Hopefully this will turn out to be a milder threat than Delta and we can return to sport in January . It’s a disappointing end to a year that has seen positive steps .It was great a return to playing sport in the summer and progress being made in delivering the Club’s vision of “sport and more thriving at the heart of our community”.

## Bar Opening

Government guidance has not been to close hospitality completely. We will have the bar open during the festive period but restrictions do apply, it is table service only, no groups larger than three households and 1 m distancing apply. Please take a lateral flow test prior to attending and sign in using the track and trace app using the QR codes provided. We will be monitoring the government guidance on Omicron and will be update practices if and when any changes are required.

Bar will be open during the festive period on the following dates:

- Christmas Eve 17.00 till 21.00
- Christmas Day 12.00 noon till 15.00
- Boxing Day 17.00 till 21.00
- Monday 27th 17.00 till 22.00
- Hogmanay 17.00 till 21.00
- New Years day from 12.00 till 18.00
- 2nd Jan 17.00 to 21.00 (tbc)

Unless restrictions dictate otherwise usual hours, Friday, Saturday and Sunday , will resume from Friday 7th January . Opening the bar is only possible with help and support of our staff so the Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all our fantastic bar staff for their hard work in very challenging circumstances!

## Highlights in the year

During the year the Club has been able to deliver **sport**. The cricket season saw many highlights with Titwood hosting Western Warriors’ regional matches and also the Women’s Super Series. The ground looked spectacular set up for these events basking in the summer sun. Domestically, the season was successful with the First XI winning the Western Premiership in the final over of the last game at Ferguslie. Earlier in the season the team won the McCulloch Cup and we saw Richie Berrington reach his 250th cap for Scotland in Scotland’s historic progression to the 20-20 World Cup finals.

The first half of the outdoor hockey season finished with the Ladies 1s achieving a perfect record of twelve wins to top the league and to progress in the cup while the Men are currently into the top six and are waiting on a final couple of results before confirming where they’ll be in the second half of the season. The National and Regional leagues will restart in February.

Currently there is a hiatus for indoor Hockey and we hope that this is temporary. It was a while ago but Ladies are the reigning champions having won that dramatic game vs Dundee Wanderers back in February 2019 and, Covid allowing, will be representing Scotland in the Euro Indoor Club Trophy in Alanya Turkey from 18-20 February . As the guidance changes we will message on the usual channels what play maybe possible in the New Year. There has already been sessions of “indoor hockey” played outdoors while the weather allows.

Beyond cricket and hockey the Club has been able to host **more** activity with clubs such as the Allstars Netball Club, Kingston Swimming Club, Titan Taekwondo Club using Titwood for training and to provide a base for the Bellahouston Road Runners’ Club and the musicians from St James the Great CCE.

The committee is aiming to develop and deliver the strategy that was discussed in 2019 prior to the covid disruptions. As we get used to living with the pandemic we hope to focus more on this strategy.



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There are four pillars to the strategy: to play and compete within our sports, to create a new buzz by attracting different activities to the Club, to help the members engage more with the Club and to develop and improve the facilities.

Each pillar in the plan has its own action plan. These are evolving over time. Progress has been made particularly in regard to the clubhouse refurbishment which continues as we now look to improve the outside lighting, complete the internal decorations and improve other areas of the building.

One of the key areas of the strategy is the replacement of the astro hockey pitch. The Club commissioned a report into the pitch life and were advised that it will last into 2024-25. The exact date will depend on the amount of wear

the pitch suffers and on the maintenance regime. Our pitch is described as a "high use pitch" due to the amount of school and club hockey that is played on it. We expect the cost of replacement to be in the region of £350k.

The Club has been building up reserves to meet this challenge and as we are now moving into the final few years of fund raising and an extra push to get us over that line will help to deliver the facilities desired.

Beyond the pitch, there are other day to day demands that the Club has to meet; the on-going upgrading of the building, the maintenance of the ground as well as providing the coaching support and sporting opportunities for the members.

As a community amateur sports club the Club relies on the collective efforts of the membership. There are many areas where members can help. Specifically we would like help with our communications which includes helping with the administration (house keeping) of the members' database, helping with digital communications and helping with responding to external sales enquiries. If you would like to help you can get in touch via: [supportus@clydesdalecricket.org.uk](mailto:supportus@clydesdalecricket.org.uk)

Looking forward, Clydesdale Western Ladies have two trips scheduled to Alanya in Turkey, one for European indoor as previously mentioned but also for European Outdoor Club Challenge II from 3-6 June. The cost of travelling to Europe is substantial and historically the bulk of the cost falls onto the players. The Club would love to be in a position to support the players' costs as much as possible but this will require substantial fundraising.

For all the reasons state above the will benefit for any support received either "in kind" or financially. If you are interested please contact us via: [supportus@clydesdalecricket.org.uk](mailto:supportus@clydesdalecricket.org.uk). A note of thanks to our current advertisers and sponsors listed at the top to this newsletter.

## Clydesdale "Century" Club



A quick reminder of the "Century" Club that Ian Anderson runs. The Century Club is a monthly prize draw. The current annual subscription is £18 per number and there are cash prizes of £50 , £25 and £10 each month. If you would like to take part, please respond by replying to this email or directly to Ian Anderson by email on [secretary@clydesdalecricket.org.uk](mailto:secretary@clydesdalecricket.org.uk)

Finally, I hope you all have a safe, healthy and festive season and look forward to seeing you at the club in the near future.

Regards

Donald Amour  
President

