



## STAMFORD BRIDGE PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

### “PROVIDING SPORT AND RECREATION FOR ALL”

Welcome to the second PFA newsletter. We are delighted that government restrictions have allowed all sports to recommence playing.

During the winter lockdown the PFA have continued to be active in improving our facilities. We have replaced the sliding doors in the rear pavilion which were old and leaking. Thanks to the Village Hall Committee we made a donation to their funds and obtained 38 chairs to replace our very old furniture in the rear pavilion.

Kitchen facilities were upgraded with two fryers, a microwave oven and an upright chiller. We are most grateful to Graham Hanson who obtained these free of charge on our behalf.

We are extremely grateful to Kirsty, Becky and Sue who donated £700 to PFA funds from money that they raised selling Mothers Day afternoon teas. Numerous hours of baking and preparation were involved as they served some 80 home made teas which received high praise from all who had them. Thanks are also extended to the SquareHouse Bakery who donated the bread and Chris Roberts who donated a cash amount to purchase ingredients.

With the easing of restrictions came the welcome news that we could reopen the bar. With outside service only allowed at present we have invested in an additional three gazebos, six new picnic tables with integrated benches and are in the process of laying several new patio areas for them to stand on.

Funding for the benches came from an ECB Back to Cricket Grant, the Football Club and sponsorship from local Hydraulics and Truck Components Manufacturer Harsh Limited, we are grateful to their MD Adam Hargreaves for arranging this.

The PFA via the good work of Treasurer Mike Scales obtained a reopening grant that has been partly used to purchase the flags and sand for the patio. Quotes from outside contractors to lay the patio were received that ran into several thousand pounds. Rob Gilyeat assisted by his son Daniel offered to lay them and in doing so have saved us a considerable amount of money.

Current bar opening hours are Friday 6pm to 10pm, Saturday 3pm to 10pm and Sunday 3pm to 10pm. Any changes will be advertised on the Facebook page.

If any section would like the bar open at any other time please contact Kirsty, ideally giving a week's notice. Any additional opening hours will obviously have to be within the allowed guidelines at the time.



*Two of the new benches and patio areas*

## Reviews from our sporting sections

The lead story for this issue is from the Cricket Club who have just started their new season.

### **CRICKET CLUB NEW SEASON**

The Cricket season has just started and the club is very excited about its prospects for the 2021 campaign. We welcome several new players to the club and hope that you have a successful and enjoyable first season and for many more in the future.

The grounds team namely Rob and Ian have put in numerous hours to ensure that the pitches and the outfield are in the best condition possible to play on. The outfield has recently been vertidrained and sprayed for weeds, and the improved drainage is working well.

The ground is looking in prime condition, and with the grant from the e.c.b. the new benches and gazebos will help improve the viewing experience for both players and spectators and enable us to operate in a Covid secure way.

We have had a successful on-line A.G.M. which was very well supported. We were able to finalise all the usual requirements including appointing our new Captains and Vice Captains and confirming all Committee positions.

Our investment in modernising our Website by using an agency will ensure improved communications, and we are extremely grateful to Liam Easton who will manage this for us as our new Media Manager.

Tanya has worked hard throughout the Winter managing our Sponsorships and advertisers, and it is pleasing to report that our local businesses continue to support us to ensure our Cricket Club continues to thrive, and we sincerely thank them.

Our Juniors section continues to grow, and we are working hard to develop Women and Girls Cricket, and their inspiration is to emulate Lauren Winfield who came through our Junior Cricket to play for England.

You will see our new Banner on the fence highlighting... Winfield, Rhodes and Hewitt who played for S.B.C.C. and all became International Players, hopefully a motivation for our stars of tomorrow.



*Ellie Easton, Emma Bailey and Isobel Dwyer pictured in front of the new banner prior to a recent 4th team game. Both Ellie and Emma have been selected to play for Yorkshire in the U15's squad whilst Isobel has been invited to train with the squad, Well done Girls.*

For the youngest Juniors, All Stars is back this year and provides a great introduction to the game. Later in the Summer, we hope to launch women's softball training, which will mean the Club is giving a Cricket option to everyone.

The Cricket Club has achieved Clubmark, e. c. b. Safeguarding, and ERCAS status which recognises everything we do, and how we do it, and ensures our opportunities for support and Grant aid applications. A section 106 application will be submitted this year for new net practice facilities.

Our Fundraising programme will hopefully see us running another Golf Day, the Sawkill Cup 70 year celebrations will see us working with the Football Club centenary celebrations, and we will support the P.F.A. initiative for an Open Day with all member clubs supporting each other for fund raising and new members.

S.B.C.C. are proud to provide and support the P.F.A. management team with hard working Trustees, and without doubt we all have playing fields and facilities to be proud of, and in particular our Cricket Club is highly recognised as a centre of excellence.

Let's hope our Summer weather is good for Cricket, and a warm welcome is offered to all to enjoy watching a game, and refreshments too !



*The First Team pictured before the first game of the season.*

## **TENNIS CLUB UPDATE**

The tennis club reopened on the 1st April and is hoping to see last season's members return, along with any new ones.

Since rejoining the LTA, the club has access to an online court booking system. This will make booking a court a lot easier for members and provide the traceability required to comply with Covid-19 guidelines.

Junior coaching and adult cardio tennis will also resume in April and the club plans to introduce a tennis ladder competition for both adult and junior members in the summer. For information about membership, please contact Fiona ([fiona.mcdonough@sky.com](mailto:fiona.mcdonough@sky.com)) or Nicola ([nicolabrowne@outlook.com](mailto:nicolabrowne@outlook.com)).

## **FOOTBALL CROWNED ERCFA CLUB OF THE MONTH**

We were delighted to be announced East Riding County FA Charter Standard Club of the Month for March.

The award recognises clubs in the East Riding County who are going above and beyond to create a fun, safe and inclusive environment for people to play and enjoy football.

A big thank you to all our volunteers - committee members, coaches, parents/carers and importantly players for making SBFC a true community club.

To read the full article:

<https://www.eastridingfa.com/news/2021/mar/04/stamford-bridge-named-charter-standard-club-of-the-month>

### **Date for Your Diary**

Subject to Government guidelines at the time it is our intention to hold our Junior Presentation Day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – more details to follow but with all our Anniversary Plans postponed due to C-19 we hope to make this a bigger celebration.

There was a special day for Sam and Nicola Browne recently. For the first time their three sons Freddie, Sidney and Albie all represented the club in home games on the same day. All of the boys scored in their games and they were all awarded man of the match performances.



*Freddie, Sidney and Albie Browne*

## **NETBALL RETURNS**

Sadly, like many sections there has not been a lot of activity during or since the second lock down with all York and District leagues cancelled. However, I am pleased to report that friendly matches have restarted and the seniors have already had some games. Training will hopefully begin after May half term.

Although the junior section will restart in full in September with their league scheduled for a January start, existing players and new ones are advised to watch the Facebook page for some fun sessions in June.

So, if you are new to the area, fancy picking up the game again or are seasoned players YOU are ALL welcome. Training, when it starts, is on a Wednesday evening 7.30 to 8.30. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Contact us on Facebook : Stamford Bridge Netball Club.

## **STATION CLUB SPORTS HALL UPDATE**

We are delighted to advise that our friends at the station club have received a grant to allow for essential maintenance work to be carried out. The hall which is used by many of our members was in danger of closing due to an old and dangerous heating and ventilation system.

The PFA wrote a letter of support highlighting that the facility plays a significant role in the development of sport in Stamford Bridge and that it should remain open to ensure future generations are able to benefit from it for many years to come.

The letter was well received and played a part in the Station Club committee obtaining the grant that secures the future of this valuable village asset.

## **AMAZON SMILE - DONATIONS**

As a registered charity we are eligible for donations via Amazon Smile. For those of you who are not aware, AmazonSmile is a simple way for those shopping online to support the PFA. When shopping at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) simply choose Stamford Bridge and District Playing Fields Association as your charity. We will then receive 0.5% of the net purchase price of all eligible purchases.

A great way to financially support the development of sport within the village.

## **A CLOSING STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

Firstly my opening comment on behalf of all The Trustees is to thank Graham for this his second excellent Newsletter. It is improving communications, and demonstrates all sections are working together for collective benefit.

Please could I ask all section Secretaries to mail their members with a copy of the newsletter, and to put it on their websites, notice boards etc.

I am pleased to confirm that we have confirmation that our section 106 grant application for Tennis and Netball Clubs will commence on June 14<sup>th</sup> with the planning outline meeting with the commuted sums officer.

It is also pleasing to highlight that the Trustees have put a lot of work into the tidying up and development of The Fruit Tree Orchard at Reckondales Field. The P.F.A. and Parish Council work together to support the Infants and Junior School to use this buffer zone for their School project work.

The Memorial Bench and Clock are now in place at the pavilion in memory of John Rennison who played his Football here and was a keen supporter, John will be greatly missed by us all.

In closing my summary comments, I am pleased to advise that Ian Fraser has accepted our invitation to be co-opted as a Trustee with the responsibility for equipment, machinery etc.

Stay Safe everyone and thank you for your continuing support.