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The Newsletter of Tillside Cricket Club

New Website!!

Special thanks to Alan Skelly for all of his fabulous work in updating and completely redesigning our club website, and play-cricket presence. Information, contact details, facts and figures, links - it is all here!

www.tillsidecc.org.uk

www.tillside.play-cricket.com

Facebook, Twitter and Social media

We are of course pleased to use a variety of social media options - be it FB, Twitter, what's app etc. (see "Bad weather article below)

However this is just a reminder that the club is bound by it's social media policy, and breaches of this code of conduct would be taken very seriously indeed. Copies are available from our website, as well as pinned up in the pavilion.

We have not had issues in the past, and in this particularly sensitive area of modern living would hope that with everyone's vigilance this can continue to be the case.



Our fund raising efforts go on.....

Fancy a lunch watching the cricket at the "Etal Oval" with your friends or colleagues? Andrew Reed (Radar) is organising and hosting a number of such events over the summer. Contact him on 07740 721123 or email radarjnr@hotmail.com to book your table of 10-12 for lunch, afternoon tea, a fully licensed bar, and of course, all being well, a Tillside victory! Prices start from £20ph.

You may also notice in the pavilion some empty jars; we are asking for members' families to use these to collect loose change - bring them back when full, or at the end of the season which ever comes first.

And for our juniors (or adults with a sweet tooth) why not take on the **Tillside T20p challenge?** Collect a tube of smarties





Teams making good progress

So far so good you might say. The firsts have made a solid start to the season and without having played particularly well yet, are lying second in the Northumberland Cricket League's Premier Division. And this seems to be catching as the 2nd XI are lying second in the 3rd division, in their bid to get promotion.

Outstanding performances so far have notably included Keith Bickerton who has backed up a century with a fine 98 a fortnight later, and Davie "Handbrake" Robertson who has bamboozled more than 25 league opposition batsmen already! Top stuff guys.

The juniors' programme has also started, with many young players already having playing opportunities against opposition from as far afield as Tynemouth, Dunbar, Melrose, Alnwick, Alnmouth and Warkworth, as well as Berwick of course! Our aim across the season is to afford players the chance to play and put the skills they learn on the training field to good use. U9 festivals are coming up soon, as well as the league programmes for u11, u13 U15 and indeed U19 T20 competitions. Lots of cricket for all our men, women boys and girls.

from the pavilion counter, leave your name, go away and eat the contents and then fill the tube with 20p's. Bring it back to collect another tube. Now here's the good bit: for every tube you bring back, you will get your name placed in our prize draw - the more tubes, the more entries you get into the draw. The prize is something you cannot buy - **an hour's cricket coaching session at Newcastle's Cricket Centre with former Australian Test star Marcus North!** Now this is surely worth supporting, and who knows - a really amazing prize might be yours!



Tillside CC Ladies celebrate a milestone..... whilst looking for new players

At the fourth attempt (Kirkley, South North, Stocksfield all deleting us prior to this great day), Tillside's Ladies team has secured its first win of the season, indeed it's first league win ever in this our inaugural year. Fine bowling by Sarah who took 3 wickets left the Tillers needing to score 68 to win; Nicole proved she is the best bat in her household by making 33* and seeing the team home, with contributions from the rest of the team. ***The Ladies section are looking for new players and there are some "Have a Hit" sessions starting 6pm on Wednesday***



In the event of bad weather, it's on unless we tell you otherwise.....

Now we know it is hard to visualise when the weather is as glorious as it appears right now. However, occasionally it does rain at Etal, and we need to let everyone know the junior practice is off. With in excess of 100 children potentially descending on Etal on a Friday evening, we cannot text everyone; so we put the update on Facebook (Tillside Cricket Club - if you are not already friends, please do enter a friend request), and also will use our twitter account as well - @tillsidecc.



We will always give as much notice of any cancellation as possible, but bear in mind the amazing micro-climates around here - just because it is pouring with rain in Belford or Berwick does not mean it is in Etal, and vice versa. And there is always that last minute 5.15pm downpour to confound us all! *However it is fair to assume that if there is no news of a cancellation then it is on!*



TCC 12th Man - could be YOU

One thing that you get to realise if you spend any time around an amateur sports club is that volunteers are always needed. And this is where the committee is looking around to parents, friends of, relatives, whoever really..... You may have skills and perhaps an hour or two that you might be prepared to offer the club that could really make a difference.

Alan Skelly has offered time and effort to help with our website presence. Alison has become the club paparazzi without even realising it. Liz and Sarah help keep the place clean, and bring scones and cakes; even the Grove School have got into that act! We have need for help with maintenance and odd jobs, help with the grounds, junior coaches, fund raising, help in the kitchen on junior (and senior) match days.... the list is endless and indeed there is something you could do for us which we have not even thought of yet.

If there is anything that you feel you could do for us, please do not be shy: come and tell a committee member. To paraphrase JFK, ask not what we can do for you, but come tell what you can do for us.

Kit, 2nd Hand kit, and Lost Property

Anyone wishing to buy the club's Kukri playing kit, or training kit can visit the online shop at: www.kukrisports.co.uk/teamshop and follow the links to Tillside CC's shop pages. This includes the personalised playing shirts which take up to 20 working days.

There is a small stock of 2nd hand clothing, kept at the club; if anyone would like to give us outgrown clothing in reasonable condition we would be happy to offer it for "recycling", for a small donation of course.

And last but not least, we have an ever-increasing Lost Property pile - clothing, drinks bottles, food containers, kit, even playing equipment. We will leave the box out on training night - please come and collect what's yours; we will have to give to a charity shop before the season is out, so if you think you have mislaid anything please check in case it is at the club.

Thank you!

The wonderful Tea cosies you have seen at the kitchen counter are the brainchild of the Dickson family, and in particular Luke's grandmother. Simply, they are fantastic, and very reasonably priced at £15 for cosy and teapot. They make a wonderful addition to anyone's kitchen at home, and make some money for the club at the same time. What's not to like? To everyone involved - thank you!

A big thank you also to Stuart "Pot" Wright who made a wonderful donation to the club of some wine. We are hugely grateful - thank you Pot!



Dates for the diary

July 12th - Girls Under 13 softball festival; 2pm

July 19th - Under 9's Festival; 2pm

July 20th; U9/10 Player pathway event at Alnmouth & Lesbury CC; 10am

July 28th, 29th & 30th July - Summer camps for Under 11's and Under 13's; 10am - 3pm, Etal. Run by Tom Vickers, Community Coach. £40 for 3 days, £16 per day.

Aug 2nd - Coach Support Worker (Level 1 course) 1pm at Berwick CC, Pier Fields.

August 11th -U9/10 Player pathway event at Alnwick CC; 10am

Sept 4th - Junior Presentation Night: at "Etal Oval"; 6pm

