

Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club

January 2022 Newsletter

Happy New Year!!



It's been a while since the last newsletter so it is an ideal time to share with you what has been happening at the club in that time. Firstly we had our AGM in September and the elected committee have been working hard behind the scenes refurbishing the facilities and working on new initiatives, such as a new Admin/Membership system and the opening of a club merchandise online shop.

The main highlight of the AGM was our financial position, the positive news was that, although our revenues were hard hit from COVID restrictions, the club effectively broke-even due to Furlough, local grants, sponsorship, cricket activities and bar revenues. During the winter we have been able to restart hiring the pavilion for private functions, and are hopeful that a full season of cricket activities can take place, without further COVID restrictions being enforced.

To create a more vibrant atmosphere we have purchased a pool table for the downstairs bar, along with a cradle so it can be easily moved to allow for the full use of our pavilion space as required. We are also currently looking the feasibility of a dart board too.



If the league approves, we are hoping to bring back cricket teas this season, and there are early discussions taking place around providing hot food after Saturday cricket matches.

Winter nets are also back commencing from Thursday 13th Jan 9pm-10pm @ Choice Cricket Centre, Redbourn, so all in all a positive outlook for the club this year ☺

View from the Chair – Professor Richard Grayson

Happy New Year to all HHTCC members. When we first heard of Covid in 2020, I doubt that any of us expected still to be facing restrictions in 2022, but it looks that way for some time to come. However, at least in comparison to 2021, when our entire winter training schedule was wiped out, the situation is not affecting cricket as much as it did a year ago. I know that junior and senior squads alike are excited to be starting training as that begins in January.

There are also opportunities for all members to be taking advantage of our bar and, in particular, the new pool table which has been installed in the main bar. Particular thanks are due to Norman Waterton for pushing this forward through the General Committee, and I am sure it will contribute to the club's social life very significantly. Also thanks to John Birnie for his generous donation of £50 to fund the first 100 games of pool for Junior members – Ask bar staff for details.

Let's look forward to a brighter year in 2022!

Bar Opening Times



Yay! It's the weekend.

Just a notice to let you all know that from this week we will be reserving Fridays for Members and will be open every Friday night for you from 6.30 - 11.30pm.

We have our new pool table for you to enjoy, music and live sports.

We will be sending out info soon on some club events we will be doing on these nights but until then come and join us and support the club by enjoying a few beers and a game of pool!

If there is a particular event you would like to see us put on please submit your ideas to the bar and functions committee and we will do our best to make this happen.

Opening Times for Members

Friday 6:30pm – 11:30pm
Sunday 12pm – 6:30pm

Membership and Subscriptions



We are currently in the process of migrating all of our membership subscriptions online, partnering with LoveAdmin

This will provide us with a contact management and subscription payments platform which we hope will ease the workload of membership administration.

The rollout will begin with the junior section first, followed by social members, and then onto adult players.

So all parents of our junior cricketers should look out for an invitation to register online.

You will then see our subscription page as per below:

joinin>

loveadmin



Subscription Fees

Juniors remains at £80 (+ free siblings)

The Adult cricket subscriptions are currently under review as they have not been increased for over 8 years.

Social Memberships:

Adult (Single) £20

Adult (Couple) £30

Adult (Family) £40

Senior Citizen £5

All Adult Playing and Social memberships entitle the member to 20% discounts at the bar when presenting your membership card.



Club Merchandise

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with Club Shop Direct to provide high quality HHTCC Official Merchandise.

For every purchase made, the club will receive 30% of the sales value in commission. So you are not only receiving fantastic products, but are helping raise club funds at the same time.

Here are just some of the products available:-



Visit our merchandise club shop :-

<https://www.clubshopdirect.co.uk/hhtcc>



Junior Cricket – Season in pictures



U9s enjoyed their first season



U12s As vs Bs



U9s enjoying a game on the main ground



U12As were County Champions



Allstars receiving their medals



U14s County Cup Runners-up



Grand Union Girls U11s with their medals



Thomas Willetts wins the Boxmoor Trust Award

Senior Cricket – Season in pictures



Ground preparation in full swing



Working Party in action

CHAMPIONSHIP	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Bishop's Stortford	18	13	0	0	1	4	401
Old Owens	18	11	0	0	4	3	369
Flitwick	18	10	0	0	4	4	336
Luton Town & Indians	18	6	0	0	8	4	275
Hemel Hempstead Town	18	6	0	0	8	4	263
Dunstable	18	7	1	0	9	1	252
Shenley Village	18	5	0	0	7	6	224
Preston	18	4	1	0	8	5	223
Letchworth Garden City	18	4	0	0	10	4	199
Langleybury	18	2	0	0	9	7	153

DIV 3B	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Lutonian	18	16	0	0	0	2	500
West Herts II	18	13	0	0	3	2	439
Cockfosters	18	9	0	0	5	4	358
Reed II	18	8	0	0	7	3	344
Wheatthampstead	18	6	1	0	9	2	302
Sandridge	18	7	0	0	7	4	295
Bayford & Hertford	18	5	0	0	9	4	277
Hemel Hempstead Town II	18	4	0	0	11	3	276
Southgate Adelaide	18	2	1	0	12	3	245
Harpden III	18	3	0	0	10	5	225

DIV 6A	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Preston II	18	13	0	0	4	1	440
Clifton	18	11	0	0	4	3	390
Berkhamsted II	18	9	1	0	3	5	377
Northwood II	18	9	1	0	4	4	367
Bushey II	18	8	0	0	6	4	318
Hemel Hempstead Town III	18	4	0	0	11	3	249
Radlett IV	18	3	2	0	7	6	247
Letchworth Garden City III	18	3	0	0	10	5	241
Old Finchleians II	18	5	0	0	8	5	236
Old Cholmeleians	18	3	0	0	11	4	213

DIV 9A	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Hitchin III	18	12	0	0	1	5	420
Bentley Heath II	18	11	0	0	1	6	401
Langleybury III	18	9	0	0	6	3	353
Hatfield Hyde II	18	6	1	0	6	5	305
Southgate Compton	18	6	0	0	6	6	294
Hoddesdon III	18	7	0	0	7	4	290
Hemel Hempstead Town IV	18	5	1	0	7	5	266
Sandridge II	18	4	0	0	9	5	248
Knebworth Park III	18	3	0	0	12	3	209
Welwyn Garden City IV	18	4	0	0	12	2	198



We are ready!



Steve Cheesewright XI



The Hemel Hundred Teams



THE HEMEL HUNDRED 2021 CHAMPIONS
MILLER'S MUSKETEERS

Dinner and Dance - Highlights



The Annual HHTCC Awards Dinner and Dance was held at the Hunton Park Hotel on Saturday 6th November 2021

The Award Winners were:

Batting Awards:

- 1st XI – Hemish Ilangarante
- 2nd XI – Aaron Wilson
- 3rd XI – Ram Hussain
- 4th XI – Steve Smith
- Sun 1's – Aaron Wilson
- Sun 2's – Ravi Hindocha

Bowling Awards:

- 1st XI – Nick Hodgins
- 2nd XI – Stan Hayden
- 3rd XI – Dil Khan
- 4th XI – Jacob Hodgins
- Sun 1's – Nick Hodgins
- Sun 2's – Jemion Jacob

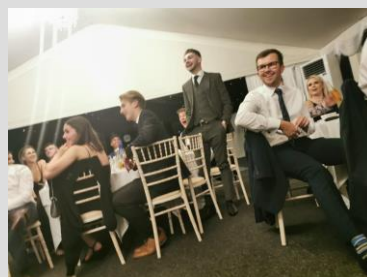
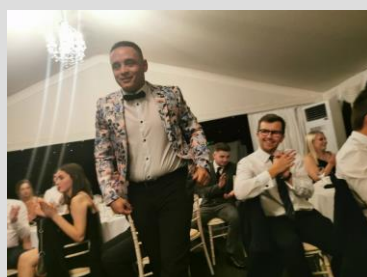
Performance Awards:

- 1st XI – Brett Penny
- 2nd XI – Ed Langley
- 3rd XI – Philip Smith
- 4th XI – Max Clark
- Sun 1's – Matt Dale
- Sun 2's – Adam Locke

Club Person of the Year:
Adam Locke

Chairman's Cup:
Freddie Lowe

NiftyLift Award:
Stan Hayden



100 Club



More details about the 100 club can be found here:

<https://www.htcc.co.uk/membership#100Club>

Join NOW !!

Costing just £1 a month it's a real bargain! Each number has over a one in three chance of winning a prize throughout the year and there's also a bumper jackpot Christmas draw.

Excluding prize money, all funds raised go back into the club and this year will be used to fund training equipment for the club!

Here are this year's winners of the 100 club draws:

Jan-21	1st	Guy Fowler	£25.00	2nd	Scott Radcliffe	£15.00	3rd	Dudley Warnford	£8.00
Feb-21	1st	Sue Waterton	£25.00	2nd	Sam Wheeler	£15.00	3rd	Matt Judd	£8.00
Mar-21	1st	Gary Wilkerson	£25.00	2nd	Mel Hones	£15.00	3rd	Fin Clark	£8.00
Apr-21	1st	Holly Worthington	£25.00	2nd	Tom Willets	£15.00	3rd	Matt Judd	£8.00
May-21	1st	Sue Turbutt	£25.00	2nd	Sam Wheeler	£15.00	3rd	Rose Fowler	£8.00
Jun-21	1st	Steve May	£25.00	2nd	Phil Smith	£15.00	3rd	Graham Clark	£8.00
Jul-21	1st	Norman Waterton	£25.00	2nd	Casey Clark	£15.00	3rd	Sam Wheeler	£8.00
Aug-21	1st	Rachael Phipps	£25.00	2nd	Richard Grayson	£15.00	3rd	John Rich	£8.00
Sep-21	1st	Max Willets	£25.00	2nd	Hannah Clark	£15.00	3rd	Grainne Smith	£8.00
Oct-21	1st	Aaron Wilson	£25.00	2nd	Martin Wright	£15.00	3rd	Dudley Warnford	£8.00
Nov-21	1st	Kim Morgan	£25.00	2nd	Mel Hones	£15.00	3rd	Sarah Samuels	£8.00
Dec-21	1st	Carl Chapman	£100.00	2nd	Cyril Turbutt	£75.00	3rd	Tom Willets	£50.00
				4th	Norman Waterton	£25.00	5th	Ed Grayson	£15.00

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you for all those that participated this year.

The 100 club raised approximately £900 towards cricket equipment and facilities.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please see our website or contact Mike Samuels @ htcc.membership@gmail.com for further details.

Fundraising Appeal



As mentioned at the Dinner & Dance, we will shortly be launching a **Crowdfunding appeal for funds to refurbish the balcony at the Club**, which is in need of urgent repair.

As part of our application for matched funding from Sport England, we are asked to provide potential rewards for people donating, such as money off goods and services from local businesses. As an example, our good friends at Endoslim have offered 5 vouchers for 20% off one of their treatments for anyone donating more than £20.

If you have, work for or know a local business who could help in a similar way, please contact Andy Turbutt at sueandyturbutt@hotmail.com.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are keen to attract **new sponsors** to the Club for this coming season and have a number of potential opportunities that can suit a range of budgets. Examples include:

- Junior Match Ball Sponsor - £1,500
- Senior Match Ball Sponsor - £1,500
- Premium Advertising Package – from £750
- Club Advertising Package – from £250

If you have, work for or know of a business that would be interested in sponsoring the Club, please contact Andy Turbutt at sueandyturbutt@hotmail.com.

Toilet Refurbishment

Thanks to a grant awarded by Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation via the London Luton Airport Ltd – Near Neighbours fund, we have been able to refurbish the toilet facilities in the pavilion.

Toilets, basins, taps and hand dryers have been renewed, floors and tiles were deep-cleaned and the walls and woodwork has all been painted to make the facilities more attractive to members and our guests.

Thank you to those members who gave up their time to help with the refurbishment.



Support HHTCC as You Shop Online



Taking just 3 easy steps, you could help the Club to raise money as you shop online at over 3,700 shops and sites (including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, M&S, Next, Sainsbury's, ASOS, Moonpig, Argos, Booking.com, Screwfix, etc.) without any cost to you.

HHTCC are now a registered good cause at [easyfunding.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), so all you have to do to is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hhtcc/> and click 'Support us for free'
2. Create an account with Facebook or Email, entering some very basic information
3. Login and set a Donation Reminder so that you will be reminded whenever you are shopping on a website that makes donations to HHTCC via [easyfunding.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

Thereafter, all you have to do is 'Activate your Donation' when you are reminded that you are using a website that is affiliated to [easyfunding.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). It's as simple as that and costs you nothing.

Donations from retailers vary (usually between 0.5% and 7.5% of your purchase) whilst the Club can earn big donations if you book travel and hotels, buy insurance, make business purchases, take out mobile & broadband deals, purchase electrical goods or compare deals and make purchases. We also get a £5 bonus if we refer a friend.

So please take the time to follow the 3 easy steps and get free donations to the Club as you shop online.

Whilst you're here...

The club would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support for this season. Why not check out their websites below? You might find one of the brilliant exclusive offers to HHTCC members is just what you're looking for!



Need new playing kit?

Romida is our clothing partner and can fulfil all your season equipment needs.

You can check out their range of equipment and order your personalised Hemel gear today.

Follow the link to visit our club shop and see the full range of available gear today!

<https://www.romida.co.uk/hemel-hempstead-town-cc>



Useful Contacts

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Got a story?

If you have any news or photos you'd like to share in the next newsletter or have any feedback then please email: hhtcc.membership@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Keep your eyes peeled for the next newsletter!

~ Mike S ~

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