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H&TCC Re-Opening Post-Lockdown



Kevan Jenkinson opens July's edition of Howzatt! with a Chairman's address to the membership in light of the club re-opening post-lockdown.

Friday 20th March saw the start of Lockdown for HTCC, in truth I am not sure anyone would have believed over 100 days later we are only just taking baby steps in re-opening the Club House and Bar and implementing all the safety regulations for you the members and our staff which will form the "new normal" of operating. Please be understanding and patience of the new process as we all have to get familiar with this.

It has been a long time coming but we have now been given the go ahead to resume our league cricket starting Saturday 18 July. Small group youth training has already restarted and senior practice sessions will start soon.

Management's main objective during the period of closure has been to ensure that the Club remains in a stable condition ensuring its financial future. We took the decision to Furlough all employees and will now be gradually returning these staff when the Club is fully operational again, thanks to the Management team for the endless Zoom meetings.

During this period we have had some fantastic fund raising events by Members and friends of the club which has raised in excess of £3000 which has been fantastic ranging from Bingo to Quizzes' and a Race Night with the final Pig Race which alone saw a prize of £175 going to the winner! I would like to thank everyone that supported these events either by organising or attending to make

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them a success.

Upon your return you will notice that the front of the Pavilion and patio has been cleaned, painted and new drainage added. A Massive thank you to Del Drury who undertook this project. It looks fantastic!

I would also like to thank all the Members playing and Social who have paid their subscriptions in full even though the club has been closed. Without these subscriptions the Club would be facing a very difficult road ahead. A big thank you too for Geoff Davison and his business G. Davison & Sons who continue to be our main sponsor and HTCC really values their support for the club.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to your Club soon.



Looking Great: John Burrows this Summer

As mentioned in Kevan's introduction, Del Drury has done some amazing work making the club pavilion look great. We must also thank Mark our groundsman from Castle Point Council and Alan Baker his work as a groundsman. See below several pictures of the club looking great in advance of the re-opening and cricket season commencing.





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Cricket News: Resuming Cricket Season

Cricket is set to resume from Saturday 11 July and we are hoping to run an inter-club game before the modified SNEL League begins from Saturday 18 July with the season expected to end on Saturday 12 September. Cricket Committee is carefully reviewing the ECB and government coronavirus advice, as well as the implications of any modifications to the game.

The main changes will be no teas which are being replaced by packed lunches, a reduced format of the game to 40 overs a side, and no changing room facilities being opened so players/officials must arrive in kit.

We hope to be able to field 4 full teams each Saturday despite the changed requirements if senior players and youth members are keen to get back to cricket. The Sunday Warsop League looks unlikely to run as a league format, so Cricket Committee is planning to run friendly games where there is availability from playing members to sustain it. Jim as the Youth Manager is ensuring the club is working with other clubs to plan youth fixtures.

Cricket Committee is pleased to co-opt Rory Blackaby as the Sunday 1s captain for any friendly games arranged. We are grateful to the work of Mark and Alan in preparing the ground at short notice for the restart of cricket.

On the youth front, thanks to the excellent work of Jim and Dilber Vapiwala small group youth training has been able to resume with groups no larger than 6 meeting with a coach. We are grateful to the volunteer coaches for supporting this effort: Roy Sollicieux, Colin Huggins, Jim Vapiwala, Neil Read, Adam Dobson, Alastair Graham. The youth players have so far enjoyed the sessions and found the small groups beneficial for their development.





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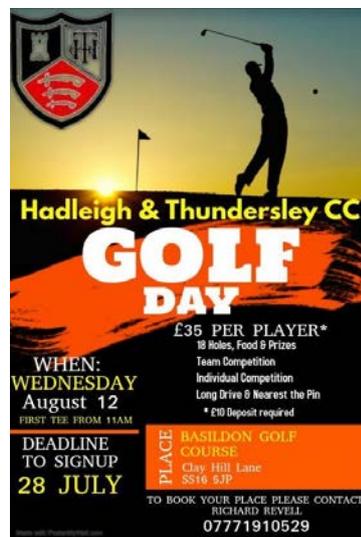
Save the Date: H&TCC Golf Day - Wednesday 12 August

Richard Revell has arranged a Golf Day for Cricket Week - please get behind this event if you are able to. Book your place by 28 July by text.

Accommodation for Overseas Player 2021

This year the club has decided to not engage an overseas amateur player for self-evident reasons, but we are starting planning for next season. We are looking to hear from anyone who themselves or through contacts may have accommodation (i.e. spare bedroom for a lodger) near to the club that could be made available for our 2021 overseas amateur. The accommodation would be needed between late April and early September 2021.

The club would like to hear from you if you can help, and the club is willing to contribute to the costs of such accommodation arrangements.



Bar Re-Opening: From the Chair of Bar Committee

Paul Hirschfield updates members on the bar's re-opening from Saturday 4 July and the new health and safety coronavirus procedures in place to help us remain Covid-secure.

In order to support and maintain measures for social distancing and Government guidelines, the Club will be adopting the following practices for the safety and protection of both club members and staff:

- The Club has taken into consideration the Government requirements to date in light of re-opening. We still ask members to maintain the social distancing 1m+ guidance where

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possible.

- We will be creating a one-way access through the clubhouse; with entry through the main front door and exit via the fire escape staircase.
- Hand sanitizers have been installed; located adjacent to each of the external access doors and various places around the club as deemed necessary
- At the bar; staff will serve from behind a clear glass screen, drink will be delivered to the left-hand side of the bar for collection. Please do not remain at the bar any longer than necessary.

Inside the club tables have been positioned in line with current government guidance tables and chairs will be spaced to support a 1 - metre social distancing requirement. There will be markers on the floor to indicate the placement for each table. Please **DO NOT** move the tables away from the markers. You will be required to observe a 2-metre social distancing from members outside of your own household / bubble.

- At the bar; staff will serve from behind a clear acrylic screen. An airport style barrier system has been installed to provide a walkway to the bar. Please do not remain at the bar any longer than necessary.
- Due to the confined space behind the bar, only one member of staff will be serving.

You may have to wait to be served: please bear with us on this.

- For some drinks, e.g.: cans, screw cap bot-

tles etc., members will be required to open these themselves.

- Payment - contactless card payment would be preferred but cash will be permitted.
- Glasses, bottles, cups etc. are to be returned by members to one of the dedicated tables.

These will be located as follows: one in the Dowsing Room and one on the northern balcony adjacent to the doors leading into the Dowsing Room.

- At the present time kitchen will not be permitted.
- Extra cleaning measures (chairs, tables, door handles, handrails etc.) have now been put in place.
- Please avoid face to face contact in the passageways
- Inside the clubhouse, please follow all signage.
- In line with Government guidance, some windows and external doors will

Be open at all times to provide an air-flow from outside. Please do not close these under any circumstances.

- **All members and their guests will also be required to 'print their names' on a record sheet per table. This is to support the Government Track and Trace procedure in the event of potential issues related to the Covid19 virus. This sheet will be removed and stored safely away at the end of each day for**

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a period of 21 days.

Seating and drinking outside

Table and chairs, will be placed outside on the patio area of the clubhouse. These will be spaced at a minimum of two metres. Please do not move them.

Again, please comply with the following:

- Return all glasses, cups and bottles etc. to the dedicated table located near to the bottom of the Fire escape stairs.
- Follow the signage when entering and leaving the clubhouse and bar area.
- Print your name on the record sheet, as required (red text) above.

If members are accepting the recently announced '1 metre plus' social distancing rule, this will be permitted outside of the clubhouse, providing all sensible precautions, including the following are taken:

- Frequent washing of hands.
- Use of the hand sanitisers provided.
- Standing or sitting either back to back or side to side rather than face to face.
- The wearing of a face covering is optional.

Toilets and Showers

During the times when the clubhouse and bar are 'open', access to the toilet in the bar area will be limited to the Disabled toilet (Ladies) and the adjacent Men's toilet.

You are required to maintain social distancing when using these facilities.

Changing rooms and showers will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Drinks availability

During this initial period, there may be restrictions on beer availability whilst the various suppliers are getting re-established after lockdown. We hope to be able to offer one a selection of lager, one bitter, one cider on draught and a Guinness on draught, with other drinks supplied

Reminder: Club Rules to Follow

We will not tolerate rude behaviour towards our staff. If a staff member or club official asks you to do something, you must follow their reasonable instructions. Management reminds members of the relevant club rules below:

Code of Conduct (Point 7) - Members shall follow any rules, bye-laws and policies set by the club, as well as any reasonable requests by officials or staff.

Bye-law 5 - Management officials and staff shall have the power to direct members or guests to leave club facilities if their conduct is disorderly or contrary to the code of conduct.



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Online Family Quiz Night

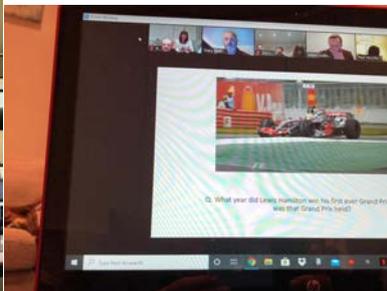


On 1 May, Andy Harding put on an excellent family quiz night which brought together over 50 members and their families. After an initial technical fault with our Zoom call being hijacked by a random masked member of the public, order was resumed on a new Zoom call which required a password to join! There were various rounds from sport, food, music to the world and general knowledge.

The winners were Team Tibbenham with the combined experience of Paul and Mary. Coming a close second, just one point behind,

was Team Sutcliffe who pooled their family knowledge to give the Tibbenhams a run for their money. Adam Dobson and his partner came third.

The club raised around £500 in total through donations combined with Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, and to Adam Sollioux for doing the marking.





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Virtual Family Race Night



Several cricketers came together to organise a Virtual Family Race Night open to all members on Saturday 16 May. There were 5 horse races and 1 pig auction race to finish off what was an excellent evening. There were live bets available for each of the 8 horses in each race, and running parallel a points based competition for kids and adults for selecting horses that came in the top three for each race.

Our races were generously sponsored by:
BDC Aluminium - the one stop shop for all bespoke aluminium windows, doors and bi-folds

Wendy Grosvenor - in memory of David Grosvenor

Darren Ball

Roland Revell

The King of the Kid's Competition prizes were:

- 1st - £30 Amazon Voucher
- 2nd - Official Essex Eagles T-shirt (thanks to Essex Cricket for the donation)
- 3rd - Gunn & Moore Junior Cricket Kit
- 4th - £10 H&TCC Bar Voucher

The King of the Punter's Competition prizes were:

- 1st - £75 Captain's Cash Pot

2nd - Bottle of Veuve Cliquot & £20 Bar Voucher

3rd - Evolve Fitness Session (choice of personal training, back and neck massage, mini-facial with £10 bar voucher)

4th - Essex Maintenance free boiler service and safety check

5th - £10 H&TCC Bar Voucher

Thanks are due in particular to Adam Solieux, Richard Revell, Olly Smith, Adam Dobson, Sam Handley who put on the event helping raised c. £1,500 for the club, as well as to everyone who attended on the night or placed bets or sponsorship in advance of the event. Below are some photos from the evening and of some of the winners from the event.





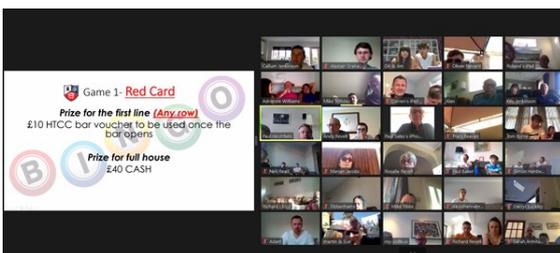
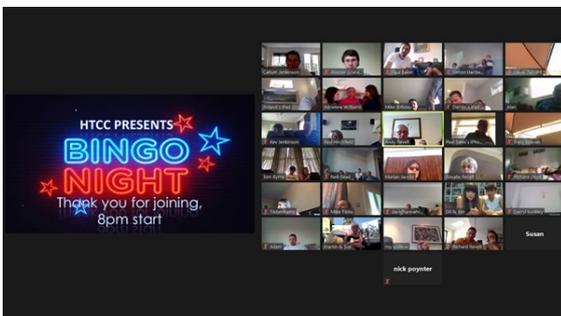
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Online Bingo Night



Callum Jenkinson arranged an excellent Bingo Night on Saturday 30 May virtually using Zoom which brought together families once again for another enjoyable H&TCC social event. There were three games, with the first two having prizes for a particular line and full house, finishing with a very close Super Game with a big cash prize pot. Everyone came with their dabbers at the ready and had a good time.



100+ Club News

The 100+ Club has continued, and we are pleased to announce the following winners since the last edition of *Howzatt!* back in April.

There are several 100+ Club numbers available and this is a great way to support the club and be in with a chance of winning prize money while doing so. Every month 5 x £25 draws will be made, every quarter there is an additional £100 draw, each August there's a £500 draw and each December there's a huge £1000 draw!

To take part please set-up a monthly Standing Order of £5 per number you wish to be entered in your name for the year to the following account:

Bank: **Lloyds Bank plc**, Hadleigh
Branch

Sort Code: **30-13-51**

Account Number: **00099574**

Account Name: **H&TCC 100 Club**

Please put your **surname** as the payment reference.

Then email johnsone-laine@btinternet.com copying Hadleigh.thundersleyCC@gmail.com to confirm the date the Standing Order has been set-up to start, how much per month you have set the payments to, and how many numbers you wish to secure. You will then be notified which numbers you have been given for the monthly draws.



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Each draw takes place on the second Friday of each month and the last winners have been:

May 2020

80 Tim Greenwood - £25

120 Dan Mardell - £25

60 Nick Heath - £25

91 Ken Cooper - £25

83 Daniel Revell - £25

June 2020

2 Nick Heath - £100

57 Mary Cooper - £25

88 Harvey Gibson - £25

45 Roland Revell - £25

84 Sue Vickers - £25

87 Tony Moran - £25

July 2020

70 Adam Fleming - £25

48 David Williams - £25

77 Paul Hirschfield - £25

15 Margaret Downey - £25

82 Nick Heath - £25

Congratulations to all our winners and re-member that you have to be in it to win it!

Membership Updates

The Secretary updates on how membership renewals have progressed during coronavirus.

Firstly, on behalf of Management, thank you to everyone who has paid their membership subscriptions or got in touch with us to request payment by instalments. We really do appreciate this support for the club. Without this support, put simply we would not have been able to make ends meet during a very tricky period for club finances.

As of 1 July, the club membership stands at **372** members which is a reduction of **27%** since our November AGM. Unfortunately **33** social members decided not to renew their membership, **12** youth members plus their parents, and due to the timing of lockdown we were not able to replicate the **33** All Stars sign-ups as part of the ECB programme for 5 to 8 year olds.

This put the club at risk of not meeting the Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) requirements of having over half our membership participating in cricket. CASC benefits the club by several thousand pounds per annum through charitable business rates, and 25% Gift Aid on all generous donations received from club members. Many members were very kind and made donations to the club while renewing

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their membership - thank you for your help.

Fortunately, the club passed a rule change at the AGM which altered the social membership subscription rate for spouses and partners from being complementary to discounted (£10). This meant that many spouses and partners who only use the club as a guest of another member could continue to do so, but many felt they did not need membership independently of their spouse or partner which added to our CASC non-cricketing membership balance.

We have therefore been able to admit some new social members who we warmly welcome to the club. Our club remains very popular and we have a waiting list of **37** social members. Management Committee are hoping to admit more social members when our youth and playing membership grows further, expanding our cricket side of the membership.

Once the initial re-opening of the club has got into a rhythm, we will be resuming membership card checks at the club. Non-renewed individuals with expired cards will be discovered at the till when their membership card doesn't work. We value the support of those members who have renewed, and we will continue to act on feedback from the membership about non-members using club facilities without being guests of members.

Replacing Lost or Faulty Membership Cards

Members will be aware that the club's plastic membership cards are designed to be swiped on the till at the point of purchase, and confirm that someone is a paid-up member who is entitled to the members' prices at the bar. Members' prices will only be given for cards which are working and display the name of the paid-up member on the till.



It's therefore important to let the Hon. Secretary know if you have lost your card or the card stopped working and needs replacing. There will be a trade-in scheme when the club re-opens for faulty cards, but for lost cards a £5 charge will be required in line with what we said when launching the new scheme.

Please email in

Hadleigh.ThundersleyCC@gmail.com to let us know if you have a faulty card or lost it so we can sort this out.





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Volunteer(s) Wanted! Can you help?

The club is looking for one or two volunteers to help out with looking after Community Groups who use our facilities on weekdays throughout the year. This is becoming an important income stream for our club's finances that benefit all members.

The individual (s) concerned will be asked to look after groups that meet on Mondays and Fridays and will be required to:-

open up the club for access (40 minutes in advance);

ensure that the club is tidy and ready for use;

help arrange the club furniture as necessary;

assist with the provision of refreshments as necessary; and

replace club furniture at the end of the session ready for club evening opening (30 minutes);

In general, the numbers attending are between 10 and 15, although the coffee morning held on the third or fourth Monday in the month (dependent on Bank Holiday clashes) can have up to 25 in attendance. Most groups look after provid-

ing and serving their own refreshments.

The groups that use the club on Mondays and Fridays are as follows:

Mondays:

3rd Monday of the month: 2.00pm - 4.00pm: **U3A Committee meeting** (c. 12 in attendance)

3rd or 4th Monday of the month: 10.00am - Noon: **The Silver Coffee Group** (c. 25 in attendance)

Fridays:

1st Friday in the month: 1.30pm - 2.30pm: **U3A Pilates** (c. 15 in attendance)

2nd Friday in the month: 10.00am - Noon: **U3A Antiques Group** (c. 10-15 in attendance)

3rd Friday in the month: 1.30pm - 2.30pm: **U3A Pilates** (c. 15 in attendance)

If you are willing and able to help with these important club duties please contact Ron Curtis by e-mail (curtisr@globalnet.co.uk) or by phone (07740 471912) to learn more.

Old Cricket Scorebooks

Ron Curtis is looking for any old scorebooks that players or ex-players may have in their possession. Particularly he would like to find the **Saturday 1st XI** results for **1995** but any books around that are from the years **before** the ECB's Play Cricket on-line system was set up would be welcomed.

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If anyone has old scorebooks can they please bring them to the club once the current lock-down has finished and clubs like ours are open up again to members. Alternatively, and in the meantime, if you want to get out of the house and drop them off at his house, you would be more than welcome to do that. Please let Ron know via e-mail at curtistr@globalnet.co.uk (or text - see mobile number below) giving him advance notice if you wish to drop any old scorebooks off at his house and he will pass on his address.

Many thanks

Ron Curtis

Mob: 07740 471912

Have you ever wondered.....WHY?

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions **while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?**

Why do people order double cheese-burgers, large fries, **and a diet coke?**

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways **and put our useless junk in the garage?**

Why the sun lightens our hair, **but darkens our skin?**

Why can't women put on mascara

with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline **'Psychic Wins Lottery'?**

Why is 'abbreviated' **such a long word?**

Why is it that doctors and lawyers **call what they do 'practice'?**

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavouring, **and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?**

Why is the person who invests all your money **called a broker?**

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic **called rush hour?**

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured **cat food?**

Why didn't Noah **swat those two mosquitoes?**

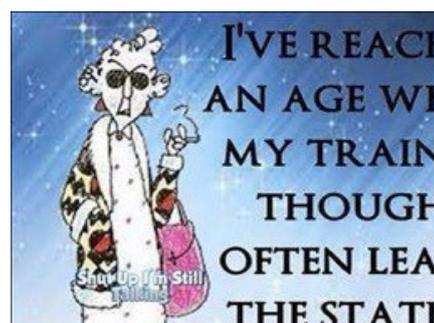
Why do they sterilize the needle **for lethal injections?**

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? **Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?**

Why don't sheep shrink **when it rains?**

Why are they called apartments **when they are all stuck together?**

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport **the terminal?**





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Dates for the Diary

- **Saturday 18 July** - First Day of Shortened Cricket Season
- **Monday 10 August** - U15s Match - Hadleigh v. Leigh
- **Tuesday 11 August** - Inter-Club Youth Competition
- **Wednesday 12 August** - H&TCC Golf Day
- **Thursday 13 August** - Hadleigh v. Neil Read XI
- **Friday 14 August** - T20 Finals Day with Local Clubs
- **Saturday 15 August** - League Cricket
- **Sunday 16 August** - Sunday Friendly Cricket
- **Sunday 23 August** - Dave Toplis Memorial Game
- **Saturday 12 September** - Last Day of Extended Cricket Season

The Day Came...



Once upon a time Adam produced some ALE (even if it was a trifle watered down). Then a few thousand years later, there was no beer (well no draught ALES anyway). We'd all been subject to a 'lock down'.

There are many things one has to do without, and craves for, but few can compare with a glass of freshly drawn ALE. It was said that the problem originated in China and spread throughout the rest of the world. Eventually, as expected, it arrived in Hadleigh, and our

Club was forced to close. Friends of long standing (and sitting) could no longer talk rubbish over a pint. It was as if a part of life had been surgically removed.

We tried to stay in contact with our peers, by phone, text, Facebook and other media, but it wasn't the same, and to make things worse, the bottled beer wasn't a patch on the real thing. This situation went on for a few years (or so it seemed) but eventually the political establishment decreed that, with many restrictions, we could sup again.

The hero's at the Club, often referred to in different terms, came up trumps. The day was set, and the Clubhouse opened again.

The team had to think up a plan to steer the members one-way through the supping process. This was achieved and we were regimented in lanes to order and collect the refreshing amber liquid.

Well, the first pint, no, the first sip of the first pint was unsurpassed indulgence, gliding past the receptors and creating the glow that only ALE can. This was speedily followed by further testing of the fluid to ensure one wasn't dreaming. And so it came to pass that we were able to enjoy draught beers again, albeit under restricted circumstances.

A big well done to the Bar and Admin teams for getting the show back on the road. We do appreciate how difficult it's been and the ongoing work involved in keeping things safe. Just a quick reminder to all that the Country still has the problem, so please keep your distance and follow the rules to avoid future constraints. Cheers...

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Cricket Websites

Shepherd Neame Essex League:

www.essexcricket.com

Essex Sunday League:

www.essexsundayleague.com

Essex County Cricket Board:

www.essexcricket.org.uk/category/essex-county-cricket-board/

ESPN Cricinfo:

www.cricinfo.com

South East Cricket Board

<http://secpq.play-cricket.com/>



Code of Conduct.

This Club has adopted the following Code of Conduct:

1. Members shall treat fellow members, guests, visitors and staff with respect, and shall not behave in a manner liable to intimidate, harass, distress or offend on club premises.
2. Members playing cricket for the club or spectating shall behave with the highest standards of sportsmanship before, during or after a match in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game (see the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket, ECB Model Disciplinary Regulations, and relevant cricket league disciplinary regulations).
3. The club expects captains, vice-captains and youth coaches to exercise appropriate control over their teams.
4. Members and their guests shall look after club facilities, and shall not leave litter, mess or otherwise damage or risk damage to club facilities through their actions.
5. Members shall not act in any way, both on and off club premises, that is liable to bring the club into disrepute. This includes consumption or distribution of illegal substances.
6. Members, their guests and visitors are expected to conform to acceptable standards of dress and appearance when using club facilities.
7. Members shall follow any rules, bye-laws and policies set by the club, as well as any reasonable requests by officials or staff. Club officials shall carry out their duties under the Constitution, and shall not abuse their office or position of trust for personal gain or the gain of others.

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