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## September 2021 Newsletter – the end of the season and plans for the Autumn / Winter

This weekend sees the end of the cricket season; unbelievably a full season played whilst Covid regulations changed both on and off the pitch. My thanks go to everyone for their patience and adherence to the many Covid regulations we had to adopt, we can only hope that we are now through the worst of it although it might be something we have to live with for many years to come.

My newsletter looks to cover a quick review of the season and then goes onto to confirm our plans for the autumn and winter period.

### **1. The cricket season is nearly over**

This weekend sees the end of the 2021 cricket season. My thanks go to Andy Skinner and his Cricket Committee, Leigh Dickinson and his Junior Committee and all the team captains and team managers for their help and support over the season. Thanks too to our club umpires and scorers, their support of the club is fantastic and very much appreciated. Without all the above, we would have had no cricket to look forward to, agonise over but most of all enjoy over what has generally been a reasonable summer weatherwise.

This season saw us join the Lancashire League, and with one game to go our first team currently occupy the 2<sup>nd</sup> promotion spot. We wish them all the very best of luck in their final game at third placed Enfield in a winner takes all match on Sunday, wickets pitched at 1230hrs. It would be fantastic to see as many of our members and supporters make the trip to support the team in what could be a dream start to our Lancashire League adventure.

We hope to have our usual end of season Junior and Senior presentations at the club in late September / early October to celebrate and reflect on a season that, at one point, we weren't entirely sure would actually happen. It would be great to see as many of you at those presentations as possible so please look out for further details about these on our website, club emails, twitter etc.

One final thank you goes to Phil Thorp who has built our new website this season. I think is just fabulous and I've received many comments about how good it looks and how entertaining the various sections are. If you haven't looked at it yet, please do have a look. It really is first class and provides a fascinating insight into the history of our club. It can be found at [www.greenmountcricketclub.com](http://www.greenmountcricketclub.com) and is our primary means of updating members and non-members on what is happening at the club. Within a month of it going live we'd had "hits" from as far a-field as Vietnam, Hong Kong, the Maldives to name but a few countries. At a time when worldwide travel was minimal, it appears to have helped many ex GCC members keep in touch with the club.



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### **2. Plans for the Autumn / Winter**

My newsletters during the season have naturally concentrated on the everchanging covid regulations and I've not really had chance to update you on our plans for changes within the clubhouse.

That said, I will still start off this section by confirming what covid plans / procedures still remain whilst also making a plea for your continued support to make the Log Cabin as safe a place as possible.

#### **Covid plans**

Whilst most if not all formal covid regulations no longer apply, we would ask that all members and visitors continue to follow best practice around infection control, eg "hands face space" and undertaking regular testing, especially when displaying symptoms etc. To support this, we will be keeping hand sanitising bottles on all our tables and available at the bar whilst we will also look to replace the ones that are on the walls that have failed recently after 18 months of heavy use. I think hand sanitisers are perhaps one of the benefits to come out of the pandemic and are here to stay and we will continue to have them around the club.

We have recently relaxed our "payment by card only" policy but this has led to a significant increase in the use of cash over the bar. **If members could look to pay by card as often as possible it would be very much appreciated.** It will not only help mitigate any small risk of covid transfer but also help from a security perspective in relation to reducing cash balances held on site. Your support in this would be very much appreciated indeed.

#### **Club extension plans**

The committee are keen to continue to invest in the club and its facilities. Having already invested significant sums in the outfield and square and with further plans for more fencing to help provide additional security for the club, we are pleased to confirm that we have had plans to extend a further 5 meters out from the pool room and the changing rooms approved by Bury Council. The work also includes an improved entrance into the members' bar, better toilet facilities within the members' bar and the opening up of the members' bar so that you can actually see the cricket pitch from the members' bar! We are currently reviewing costs and funding options around this but its highly likely that we will look to undertake some of the internal changes around the members bar area first.

This work will inevitably cause some disruption to the club over the autumn / winter period. As work programmes and timelines are agreed we'll look to update members and our club users as soon as we can.

The work programme will at some point inevitably mean we have to use the function room bar as the main bar and whilst we will look to keep this period as short as possible **we have taken the decision not to take on function room bookings from October** other than hosting our traditional end of season presentation nights. It simply wouldn't be right to accept a function room booking and to then have to cancel it at short notice because of changes to building work timelines etc.



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### **Danny's at the Log Cabin**

Those of you visiting the Log Cabin over a weekend or on a Friday night over the last few weeks, can't fail to have been impressed by the food that Danny Hornby has been serving up since he took residence in our kitchen. A simply fantastic menu at very reasonable prices has proved to be a great hit with members and visitors alike. Once the season finishes Danny will be continuing to maintain his current opening hours which are :-

- Friday – 5pm to 8.30pm
- Saturday – 10am to 8.30pm
- Sunday – 10am to 6pm

Danny's menu can be found at the following link [Danny's at the Log Cabin menu – Greenmount Cricket Club](#)

### **3. Supporting the club through the Autumn / Winter period**

The winter period is traditionally a more difficult time for the club financially as footfall reduces without the lure of cricket and the long sunny days. You can however support us without coming down to the club by becoming a member of the GCC 100 Club or simply by undertaking your internet shopping via our fundraising site. Details of both options are noted below, if you can support us in any of these ways it would be very much appreciated.

#### **GCC 100 Club**

My thanks go out to the 60+ members who have joined the GCC 100 Club thus far and made the £5 monthly contribution.

We are now paying out 50% of all payments each month as prizes, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners now receiving 25%, 15% & 10% of the monthly "take" respectively. Recent payments have been for £80, £48 & £32 respectively and it will grow as we get more members.

This gives us an invaluable source of income throughout the year. If you would like to join please email me at [gccclub100@gmail.com](mailto:gccclub100@gmail.com) and I will forward you through the joining details.

I'm happy to take payment up front so you don't have to sort out a standing order, although standing orders are obviously a no hassle option too. **Please also remember that you don't have to be a member to join the GCC 100 Club, so family members and friends are more than welcome.**

#### **Easyfundraising site**

We have an **easy fund raising site** set up at the following link.

[Greenmount Cricket Club Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)



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If members can register on the site and then do their online shopping via it, we get a small commission each time you shop whilst the price that you pay remains unchanged.

Not all retailers are registered with the site, so there may be some instances where you have to go direct to the site you want to shop at, but most of the big retailers are registered. If you can just remember to go via this site when shopping online, especially in the run up to Christmas, we would be very grateful indeed.

I'll get my next newsletter out in early October hopefully with a more comprehensive review of the season, some information about our plans for winter nets and hopefully with more details about the work programme on the clubhouse improvements / extension.

Take care.

Rob Kilvington

GCC Club Chairman