

NORTHERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB

Newsletter - May/June 2017

Hi everyone,

Hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely weather.

Sad news about Fochabers CC having to drop out of the league due to lack of players. We have sent them a letter expressing our disappointment and wishing them well for next season. It does, however, bring home the point that recruitment and in particular youth recruitment, is so important. Take every opportunity to push the game and encourage others to get involved. It's up to all of us.

Ollie's wife had a baby boy recently. So huge congrats' to them both.



Finally, still no invitation from Jess to her engagement party -- have you had yours yet?

New Kit/ Equipment

The new covers will be arriving this Thursday. We are going down to pick them up on a trailer and might have an adventure on the way. Hopefully, we should get back in time for those at training to give a hand unloading. We'll keep you posted on our progress via Facebook so check it out.

Our new boundary rope has been ordered thanks to the generosity of **Bell Ingram** and that should be with us shortly. Won't we be posh?!



It looks as though most of our players have their new "Monsternet" kit and very smart it looks. I saw Mike Evans, at training, in his sleeveless sweater..... very "pimp". I should add that he had other clothes on as well !!

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Sponsors

HBS Ring have joined our group of sponsors and will be featured in a future newsletter. Thanks to Martin Ingram from HBS, for your support.



Fund Raising

The Cricket Ticket sales are slow - only 4 people so far.

Our Quiz Night is due on the 9th June and, again, it looks as though there is little uptake.

So, I suppose the question is do we want these sort of things going on at the club or not? Let me know PLEASE via jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk

Northern Meeting Park

Jobs that still need doing if anyone has any spare time are:

- Doors and frames in corridor need sanding and painting white
- Doors and frames in the dining room need sanding and painting white
- The newly liberated benches at the front of the stand need sanding down and painting black
- Ceiling in yellow entrance to corridor needs painting white
- Does anyone have any floor paint for the corridor?

A plea from the heart.

You will have noticed, we hope, that the room next to the changing room upstairs is empty AND tidy. All of the stuff and gubbins that was in there is now in the room at the end of the corridor, past the dining room. That room is ALSO tidy.

Also, the loo and hand basin upstairs have been cleaned. Can they be kept that way please?



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Sponsor Profile

This editions featured sponsor is **Mikeysline**.

www.mikeysline.co.uk

“**Mikeysline** was born out of tragedy and also out of hope. The tragedy is that, in this age of multimedia communications and social media, there are still young people feeling alone and abandoned by the system, unable to reach out for help and reassurance, unable to express their feelings. Depression, alcohol, drugs and bullying are all taking their toll, with a lot of people unable to see an alternative way out from under the weight and the resulting self harming & suicide rates are a constant reminder that something needs to be done.

The hope is that **Mikeysline** will provide a contact point for the lonely, an ear for the desperate and some direction for those without hope. By using a TEXTLINE as opposed to a phone call gives both parties total anonymity and avoids the sometimes embarrassment of unloading yourself in a conversation with a total stranger.

Mikeys text help line is manned totally by young volunteers who UNDERSTAND what you're going through. Not from a university degree, not from a text book, not from a 'do-gooder' perspective. For the most part our volunteers have been where you are now. They've suffered the same problems you're facing. They've been to the brink themselves and somehow managed to step back. They're not going to have all the answers to all problems. They're not qualified to offer medical advice or counselling. What they CAN offer you is understanding, non-judgmental peer support and a shoulder to lean on.

The key that unlocked the door for our volunteers may just be the key for you. They've found a positive way out of their hopelessness, maybe they can give YOU that same hope. Text us on on 0779 303 303 7pm Friday to 7am Monday or contact us for a chat.”

Note from NCCC

Our “local”, “**Encore Une Fois**” is a keen supporter of this charity aimed at supporting youngsters through tough times and beyond. At NCCC we are, also, very aware of issues surrounding mental health and want to help promote awareness. Our plan is to become more involved with this. Watch this space.

If you have or know anyone who would benefit from some support then you can contact Mikeysline by texting 07779303303

