



Newdigate Cricket Club Newsletter

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Dates to remember:

- 4th April - Opening of Club
- 20th April - Junior Registration
- 31st May - Surrey Trust Development League, first game
- 30th August - Peter Clark Memorial 6-a-side tournament
- 5th September - 50 years of cricket
- 12th September - Austin/Wiles match
- 3rd October - Closing down of pitch and pavilion
- 6th November - Bonfire Night
- 14th November - Dinner Dance

Our Chairman's Thoughts

After a rather long cold winter and with spring on our doorstep we can now hopefully look forward to some sunshine and another wonderful season of cricket on the Brocus.

JC has surpassed himself and through last season worked tirelessly with Surrey and the ECB to gain us "focus club" status. The highest accreditation available, and there are very few village clubs that have managed to attain this award. As ever we are indebted to John, as this will be a tremendous asset when we start looking to fund our projected new pavilion (see page 2).

In 2008 I think it fair to say that the club enjoyed reasonable success across all the sides, and the 3rd Saturday side's first season worked very well under the watchful eye of Mike Quigley. The new format for our midweek side was a great success, bringing in some much needed new younger players.

The colts seem to be more successful year on year and this season we have entered a "Surrey" development league which consists of a mix of adults and under 16's and 18's, playing pyjama style, limited over, cricket on Sunday afternoons against some clubs that we would not normally get to play. We have also managed to obtain kit sponsorship from **KUONI** in Dorking for which we are most grateful. This league is designed to develop youngsters into playing really competitive cricket.

On the social side Brownie is planning some themed evenings and although our attempts to do this last season were rather unsuccessful, this year we shall publicise dates in the fixture card so, with plenty of notice, we hope you will all be able to come along. Guaranteed to be fun, with food and drinks all cheaper than the pubs.

As ever my sincere thanks to all the committee and helpers who put in so much time to make the club so successful, and particular thanks must go to James Scowen for continuing to put this newsletter together.



Proposed New Pavilion

Is it time to say goodbye to our Pavilion? At our recent AGM we introduced plans for a new pavilion as our much loved building is slowly rotting away. Post war pre-fabs were only supposed to last for ten years!

The first thing that we needed to do was to become an ECB Accredited Focus Club as that opens many pathways to funding. This we achieved at the end of last year. Peter Gibbs has very kindly arranged for all the trees around the pavilion to be professionally 'lifted' and cut back, which has allowed William Harmsworth to properly assess the site.



William has prepared drawings which reveal a single storey pavilion with four changing rooms with showers, an umpires room, a clubroom, kitchen, bar and toilets. At right angles to the back of the building will be storage facilities for all our equipment and then at an angle consistent with the existing building will be a new scout hut. The building may also be raised a meter or so above the existing level which will allow for a small "balcony" overlooking the pitch as well as additional storage below. We will be submitting the plans to Mole Valley for planning approval as soon as possible. The pavilion will be 'green', hopefully with water storage facilities and solar heating. Our application will emphasise a 'multi use' building - Cricket for men and women, Junior coaching for boys and girls, Pilates, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, and perhaps a Table Tennis club. We would aim to use the building throughout the year, not just in the cricket season.

Once we have planning approval we will be looking to raise a large sum of money and then make formal applications for additional funding from various bodies. Due to the work we do with juniors and our coaching contacts with the local schools we 'tick the right boxes' so hopefully the funding bodies will be sympathetic to our cause. We will also embody the NatWest Cricket Force ethos and get theirs and the Surrey Cricket Board's backing.

We are looking at various methods of construction, and have been in contact with Ashted Cricket Club who have recently built an excellent new pavilion. Following their example we hope to be able to demolish our existing building and erect the new pavilion between September and April so that we do not interfere with the playing season. If we can manage this we will be able to create a legacy for not only the Cricket Club and the Scouts, but also for the village as a whole.

We will be engaging the entire membership and hope that with your skills, generosity and enthusiasm we might turn this dream into reality.

Dinner Dance



We have a change of venue for the Dinner and Dance this year but with no change in price. The most eagerly anticipated event of the season will take place on Saturday 14th November at the Russ Hill Hotel in Charlwood. For the "late night Charlie's" we understand that we can have the venue until 1pm. (more drinking time?) and hope to negotiate some good rates for those who may want a room for the night. The usual coach service will be laid on from The Six Bells.



Club Opening – Saturday 4th April from 10am.



Throughout the country cricket clubs will be preparing for the start of the new season under the NatWest Cricket Force 2009 banner, and once again we have registered. Under this scheme we are able to obtain materials at discounted prices which will be of great benefit to us particularly with regards to our future pavilion development.

We need your help to form a working party to open the club on Saturday 4th April from 10am. This year, as well as all the normal jobs, we hope to carry out some repairs to the car park and build a picket fence by the road. Your captains will be in touch but **please keep this day clear.** Free t-shirts will be available!



We hope to use the occasion to publicise the club through the NatWest website and the local paper. Last years turn out was brilliant and all the jobs were completed by early afternoon so please do your best to turn up.

Surrey Trust Development League - Ruky Wickremasinghe

We as a club are always looking of ways to provide a further stepping stone to our up and coming young cricketers. With this in mind we have joined the Surrey Trust Development League and I am proud to be leading this side out. The format for this league is a 40 over per side game, played with an orange ball. Every team should comprise six U18s and out of that four players should be U16s, so this is an ideal arena for young talent to shine. We will be wearing club coloured clothing (green & black) which has been kindly sponsored to us by Kuoni Travel Ltd.

Our first game is away to Normandy on Sunday the 31st May and we will have a further 5 fixtures running up to the 2nd of August. I will be looking for the support from all the senior players to run the side but mostly to provide the younger ones with the help and guidance they need to further their talent in stepping up to senior cricket. I hope that everyone will come and support us in this new venture and enjoy a lovely Sunday afternoon in the midst of some future cricket heroes.



.....this is your captain speaking

Saturday 1st 11 - Richard Callcut

A stop start season saw us stay in the top half of the table throughout the year, before falling away to finish 5th

As anticipated, the batting was the problem with only one player averaging over 30. Bill Turner and Charlie Major will be pretty pleased with their contributions, but Ruky Wickremasinghe couldn't repeat the form of the previous season. Everyone else struggled and no one else could boast an average over 20. Mention should be made of Matt Clarke who was fast tracked into the team for the last few games, and showed plenty of potential which he will be looking to turn into scores next season.

The inconsistency of our batting was partly compensated for by the excellence of our bowling. Ben Crook, Allan Cooper, Ruky Wickremasinghe, and Ram Sridhar combined to form a unit that troubled everybody who faced them. Sridhar took the bowling award, and will be missed next year, but it was an excellent team effort, and it was the bowling that kept us in the right half of the table.

2009 is likely to be a similar affair. The league is so tight that, if we can achieve some consistency with the bat, then we can certainly challenge for honours. Everyone needs to attempt to add 10 to their average to achieve this, and all the players should make this their ambition

We have done well to finish in the top half of the league for the last few years, and maybe 2009 will be the year we can take that next step?!

Saturday 2nd 11 - Paul Bettesworth

Hello everyone I hope you have all had a nice winter and are looking forward to the new season. Last season was a tough one, but we managed to get some good results in beating Salfords twice and drawing against Tadworth twice which helped us to finish in 8th keeping us in Division 2. This year will be an even tougher season as we are the only 2nd team in the division, we do have some fixtures to look forward too in North Holmwood and Netherne, who both got promoted, and games against Capel and Old Woking, who were relegated, not forgetting the game against our good friends Tadworth!!! Hopefully we will avoid relegation and finish a bit higher up the league; to do this I will try my best to hand all result sheets in on time and fully completed this year!!!

Sunday 1st 11 - Ruky Wickremasinghe

2008 was a very successful year for the Sunday 1sts with 9 wins and 6 losses out of 18 games played, beating big name teams such as Dorking, Ashted and Claygate in the process. With developing colts in mind, we had very impressive performances from plenty of juniors who have stepped up to senior cricket and performed with great courage. Hiten Patel scored his maiden Hundred for the club against the Journeymen and put on a record partnership with young Matt Clarke who in his first season has impressed many with his steady technique and temperament. Matt Jee (1), Richard Callcut (1) and Ruky Wickremasinghe (3) also notched up tons for the season. In the bowling department Sam Macdonald along with young up and coming Jose De Castro, Steve Kehl, Jack Whyllie, and Harry Ramsay held up the seam department while the ever improving Jack Bowley, Judd Morris along with Jim Penfold supported the spin department. I'm looking forward to the coming season and will be looking for support



from all the regular faces to compete in the friendly and competitive way the club plays and is known for. We have our regular fixtures and some new ones too, so it should be full of excitement. If any one is free on a Sunday, do drop in to the ground to provide support and enjoy a drink in Mr. Brown's hospitality area. Finally a "Thank you" to all who provided support last season and I'm looking forward to seeing you all this season.

Junior Coaching - John Callcut

Junior coaching starts on Monday, 20th April at 6.00pm and will continue throughout the season. Training will continue in under 9's, 11's, 13's and 15's groups, but based on the projected numbers, matches will be played in the East Surrey Colts League at under 9's, 10's, 11's, 13's, 14's and 15's levels.

As an ECB Accredited Focus Club we take our responsibilities very seriously and are pleased to welcome to Annette Jordan who has become our Club Welfare Officer. This season we will have two UKCC Level 2 coaches, 2 UKCC Level 1 coaches, four ECB Level 1 coaches and nine coaches will have attended Child Protection Courses and First Aid Courses. On top of this, Equity in Coaching, Time to Listen, Disability Coaching, Club for All are all courses that have been attended by various coaches.

We have about eight regular coaching assistants, most of whom have attended the Introduction to Cricket Course, and welcome Barry Jordan, Paul Griffiths, Matt Jee, Michael White, Chris Fox and Matt Dilger who have joined the coaching team. Richard Hall from Surrey has agreed to come down and give master bowling classes to the under 13s and 15s and Andy Meads will be doing the same but for batting. Every coach, captain, umpire, indeed anyone with regular contact with the children, will have completed an enhanced CRB form.

In spite of all the formalities we believe that cricket should be fun and enjoyable and should be played in a competitive but fair way and we will continue with this aim in mind. We will be continuing our school links with Newdigate Infants and the Weald Junior Schools whereby we will again provide cricket instruction through the summer, and are hoping once again to take groups up to the Oval to see first class cricket.



Kwik Cricket at the Weald School (can you spot JC?)



Juniors on the way to the Oval

Finally, our congratulations to all the juniors who have been training with Surrey District over the winter and also to those selected for the Russell Haigh Bursary.

Check out the review of the Junior's 2008 season at www.newdigatecricketclub.co.uk



CF Sports



The banner features the CF Sports logo (a stylized 'C' and 'F' in a circle) and the ProSkins logo (the word 'ProSkins' with a star over the 'i'). Below these, the text reads 'Online Shop & Discounted Equipment' in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath, it says 'Including Charlie French Award Winning Handmade Bats' in smaller black text. At the bottom, the website address 'www.cfsports.co.uk' is displayed in white text on an orange background.

We have teamed up with CF Sports to deliver an on-line club shop for our members. We believe that the partnership will have tremendous benefits to both the club and members alike at a time when sponsors are increasingly difficult to find.

Benefits to our members

- We are able to offer an extended range of club branded products
- Items will be available to purchase on line, all year, whenever you want to buy them
- Special member offers on other sports equipment and clothing including the award winning Charlie French cricket bats

By purchasing your equipment from CF Sports the club will also benefit as we have negotiated a discount on equipment sales which is an additional source of funds. To find out more about CF Sports just follow these steps:

1. Go to the club web site www.newdigatecricketclub.co.uk or visit www.cfsports.co.uk
2. Click on 'Create an Account'
3. Fill in your personal details
4. Enter shop token: **newdigatecc**
5. Happy shopping!

And Finally:

- **Pilates comes to Newdigate Cricket Club** - exercise and then unwind with a relaxing drink at the bar. Emma Peters will be running classes at the cricket club on Monday evenings during junior coaching from 6.15 - 7.15 pm. There will only be places for twelve people so ensure your place and book a complete course with Emma on 01293 851274 or e-mail her at emmapeters@talktalk.com. Price - only £39.00 for a six week course.
- **If you received this newsletter via "snail mail"** please let us know if you have an email address, that way you will receive more up to date information regarding Newdigate Cricket Club. Just send your email address to admin@newdigatecricketclub.co.uk and include your name, address and contact phone number.
- **Faye Tompkins is sports first aid qualified and a qualified sports massage therapist.** So if you are carrying an injury she will be available for consultation at the club on Monday evenings during junior coaching.

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