



**Beaconsfield
Cricket Club**

Rampant Lion Newsletter

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Summer Starts Here!

Welcome to the first edition of our new Club Newsletter! The club has got off to a mixed start on the field with the rain playing a big part. However the weather now looks much more settled and the new commissioned square is looking in fine shape.

Early indications are that the 1st eleven has got to produce more runs on a consistent basis if they are going to compete for the one promotion spot to the Premier League.

The 2nd eleven looks to be facing a very competitive season and regular availability from the 1st and 2nd XI "squad" players is going to be crucial. By way of contrast the 3rds are already looking to be in good shape and promotion looks a good bet.

Importantly nets and training are well attended at least

twice a week and we are indebted to Richard Holdsworth in particular for his coaching and encouragement.

The colts section continues to thrive under the watchful management of Tony Galloway and there are only few vacancies in most age groups.



Hot weather at last, and back on the main square!

Phil Geach is edging closer to sainthood as he has negotiated a new kitchen and electricity to the Teas Pavilion as part of the recent insurance claim.

A date for diaries is Sunday 6th August when we stage the 3rd Cattier 6 a side competition. 7 from 8 sides have confirmed and any interest in

the last spot can be communicated direct to Steve Lynch on 07831 168407.

Good luck to all players and the Club for the coming months.

Steve Lynch - Club Captain

Beer Garden Open!

Come and enjoy the summer and good cricket at Wilton Park. With the largest and finest "beer garden" in the town why not spend an afternoon or evening at the weekend in the great surroundings, or even watch the World Cup in the bar!

The bar is open from 2pm to late closing on Saturdays, and from 12-2pm and 5-10pm on Sundays where there are home games.

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Unpaid annual subs are now overdue! £105 for full playing members, £65 for New full members, £50 for 18-22 year olds, £55 for juniors (£80 for families, does not include adult players), £25 junior registration fee, and a min. of £17 for social members.

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Colts News

Despite the weather colts cricket at Beaconsfield is thriving, with around 100 boys attending our winter sessions at Davenies School and in excess of 200 attending our Sunday morning coaching sessions.

Most pleasing has been the enthusiasm of parents & our new coaches along with the introduction of Friday night social coaching sessions encouraging parents to come along and enjoy a drink in the bar or get involved if they wish.

Special mention must go to the hard work & enthusiasm of James Vallance & his helpers with around 60 boys aged U9.

Thanks too go to Steve Dymond in his efforts starting our Friday night sessions.

A number of changes are taking place within the colts set-up such as the formation of our 'Academy' consisting of players aged 13-19 who are likely to progress into the senior sides over the next 5 years or so.

This has helped to bridge the gap between the senior & junior teams and already despite school cricket & exams, at least a dozen colts have represented the senior XI's so far.

Our U17 players are now encouraged to train with the seniors on a Thursday night.

For the first time we'll be entering U13, U15 & U17 sides into a summer league with clubs from our neighbouring counties and we'll continue to run our successful summer coaching workshops during the holidays.

Jon Mahood - Colts Development

Grounds

The new wicket was commissioned this week and is playing very well indeed. I know many of the players are relishing batting on it and the bowlers are rising to the challenge. Many thanks to Philip Pocock for delivering the wicket not only on time but also in such good condition.

The 2nd square suffered due to poor repair of the covers and am looking at options with Stuart Canvas and Total Turf Solutions who have developed a revolutionary ground sheet over the last 2/3 years! Philip and I viewed one this week and are very interested. However any new sheets adequate for our needs will set us back in the region of £3k and new roll-ons £7k and another £2,5k for side and end sheets! But the Committee are determined we provide the best possible cricketing opportunities for the club and are exploring possible solutions.

You will all know of the damage caused to the Tea Rooms over the winter. Norwich Union have provided excellent support to us to the extent that we now have electricity there for the first time ever! The whole building and garages will be covered by our alarm system by the end of next week, and I will then have equipment moved in to provide excellent facilities from the following weekend onwards. I have had installed provision for power to the nets area for electricity for the bowling machines though there will be a cost in getting it completed which I will take to committee.

Further plans to enhance the 2nd pavilions' facilities are being considered and I hope that these will progress over the course of the next few months, as will general improvements to the wickets and out field.

Phil Geach - House & Grounds



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Sponsors Please!

The club is keen to hear from individuals or organisations that may be keen to support the club financially.

We work hard to fund the club and raise money but we would not survive without our sponsors. Please contact Steve Lynch for more info.

1st Team News - Saturday:

The 1s sped out of the blocks bowling Basingstoke out for 34 at home. Alan, James and myself contributed with the runs in scoring 203 in tricky conditions.

Shak had a stormer with the ball and ripped through the top order and tail to finish with 7-21 and our first win! A great start to the season and our place in the league record books for the lowest score against in our division.

The unbelievable May rain meant we lost the next two games to the elements but gave our 2nd team pitch a bit of a rest which no doubt pleased Percival!

Expectations were high away to Gerrards Cross in our derby game but we struggled sorely with the bat as GX bowled well and we didn't manage to have any meaningful partnerships.

A very sad 64 all out and the GX' Bucks openers knocked them off leaving Jon with our only wicket! Full marks to the Gerrards boys who outplayed us, must do better!

Sam Musk

2nd Team News:

We started the season looking to consolidate our position in division 2A following promotion. New arrivals and strong early availability meant the side looked strong. However, the damp start to the season gave little opportunity for match practice we struggled in the 2 games completed thus far.

Opening the season away at Basingstoke a rusty fielding display saw the opposition pile up 275 with an all new bowling attack of Bill, Sunil and Rory failing to stifle the oppo as much as we wanted. Early wickets forced Hugh and Phil to consolidate and the side saw out a rather dull draw finishing on 175-4.

After 2 washouts we christened the new wicket. Rustiness showed again as Bagshot raced to 312-6. This time there was no rescuing with any consolidation as the side was skittled for 79.

All in all a frustrating start to the year and the side is looking to quickly make amends!

Geoff Watts

3rd Team News:

Great start to the season. Excellent availability has meant that the strongest 3rd team has been fielded for some seasons. Lynchy Senior has scored a ton; Jon Carr and Pricey have been excellent with the new ball. The "new age" cricketers of Kabir and Rory Wilson have taken key wickets. Nik "Banger" Bhatia has also shown early form with both the gloves and bat.

Ed Dillon has accumulated useful runs at critical times. Will Carter has amassed a collection of big sixes, although not without the odd "Cat's Life", he took the team to an easy 9 wkt win in the 1st game against Hurst. Against Hampton some dogged batting gave us another easy win on a difficult track, a harder fought win against Windsor.

A draw against Wooburn proved we need to know how to bowl out old farts who bat at no 11! Well done to all involved so far, let it continue to promotion!

Dan "Austin" Gowers

Sunday Team News:

Our first cup game was slipping away to Oxford in our Cockspur National Cup tie.

Success though came away to Dartford in the Evening Standard Trophy. Put into the field was never going to be easy, but another great all round fielding display with wickets shared around meant we required 162 off 50 ovs.

The top order had a shocker and at 47-5 in the 23rd over saw a long rebuilding stand. Staffs went on to score 43 priceless runs and contributions from Philage and Jon helped Denzil counter in a tense chase and Denz brought home the bacon and a home tie next round!

The Sunday Lge has now started and an Academy XI has been set up under the watchful eye of Jon Mahood. This was highly successful mixing older colts with some younger 1st XI players. Rory Wilson and Chris Peters bowled very well and was good to see the lads responding and hope it continues this summer.

Sam Musk

World Cup Sweepstake

Play to get the combination of teams that play in the last 4 of the cup!

Winner - **£100**
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Playing Kit to Collect

The recent playing kit order has arrived from Signature Sports! If you have placed an order and paid in full then your item will be at the bar to collect.

Any queries please speak to Jon Mahood for junior kit or Sam Musk for seniors.