

FOLLOWING ON.....

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IVYBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Another Season Beckons!

The 2011 cricket season will soon be with us. It will be our first full season at Filham Park and whilst the main objective of securing the move to Filham was completed last year, we have much work still to do.

Once again we are using the Natwest CricketForce initiative to get everyone together over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd April.

Over the Saturday and Sunday mornings we have several jobs planned which need completing:

- Clearing rubbish from behind the clubhouse;
- Repairing the outfield;
- Cutting back shrubbery;
- Repairing the nets;
- Tiling and other repairs to the changing room;
- General cleaning.

We already have some kind offers to organise painting the exterior of the building from Adrian Jarrett Limited and to fit an exterior door to the umpires room from Richard Fitzsimons



and Paul Veale.

There will also be things like pre-season rolling of the square to be done.

But we also need your help! We need help from you all to complete these tasks. If you can spare some time—even if it is only an hour—over the course of the weekend it will be much appreciated.

We also need people to bring some equipment to help us. If you have a chainsaw (and the appropriate safety

equipment to go with it!) we would be particularly keen to hear from you.

If anyone can spare some wheelbarrows, buckets and garden loppers it would be a great help.

We will aim to start at 9am on both Saturday and Sunday and finish by 1pm. The bar will be open and there will be bacon and sausage sandwiches available for the troops!

Subscriptions

A reminder that your subscriptions are now due. Agreed rates at the AGM were: -

Family—£55

Adult player-£40

Adult concession (OAP, Social, Student)-£25

Junior (including all junior match fees)-£30

Junior concessions (Under 9s)-£5

Club Kit

Club kit order forms for new club shirts, sweaters, t-shirts, caps and hoodies are all now available and will be distributed by email and at colts and adult training sessions.

Please complete your order forms as soon as possible and return it with your money to Jon Sparkes.

If you have an item of kit not on the order form bearing the club logo please speak to Jon.

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ADULT OUTDOOR TRAINING

The first adult outdoor training session will be at Filham on Thursday 14th April from 6pm. Adult training will be throughout the season on a Thursday evening at this time.

COLTS OUTDOOR TRAINING

The first colts outdoor training session will be at Filham on Friday 1st April from 5pm. Colts training will also be held regularly on a Friday usually starting at 6pm. The first session will be the "signing on" night so that we can collect all your subscriptions.

FIXTURES UPDATE

- The adults begin their season with a friendly at home to Holbeton on Sunday 17th April. The following Sunday (24th) we will be away to Plympton. There will be a first team friendly against at home against Plymouth Civil Service/ Roborough on Saturday 30th and a second team friendly on Sunday 31st against as yet unconfirmed opposition.
- The colts players will also have an opportunity to get some pre-season practice in. The Under 13s will play the Under 15s on Monday 18th April with the two Under 11s teams playing each other on Wednesday 20th April.

COLTS MANAGERS

This season's colts managers will be: -

Under 15—Jackie Lancaster

Under 13—Stafford Williams

Under 11 Falcons—Dave Tracey

Under 11 Eagles—Billy McKenna

They will be supported on the coaching front by Andy Johnson, Des and Harry Solomon, Adam Warden (when he is back from university), Jon Sparkes and Tony Mailling.

Volunteering

Without volunteers the club would not survive. We are very lucky that we have a core of people who ensure the club keeps running. However, in order to move forward we always need new blood! If you can lend a hand with any of the following areas please contact any committee member: -

- Umpiring for colts and adult matches;
- Scoring for colts games;
- Helping with the ground maintenance;
- Catering (bacon rolls, burgers etc.) for colts matches;
- Working behind the bar;
- Coaching the colts players;
- Organising fundraising events;
- Photographing club matches and events;
- Maintaining the club website.

The club will always financially support the cost of umpiring, scoring and coaching courses.

Sponsorship

We are looking for new sponsors to help support the club. Having our own ground now gives us the opportunity to give any businesses something in return for the investment via an advertising banner which we can hang from the boundary fence during adult matches.

If you know someone who might be interested in supporting the club in this way please contact Jon Sparkes or Steve Ansell.

The cost for one year is just £95 so it represents excellent value for money given the number of people who visit Filham Park apart from us cricketers.

Anyone wanting to take a banner for a longer period can do so, the cost being £175 for two years or £250 for three years.

We also have the opportunity to advertise in our annual fixture card or sponsor a junior or adult match ball if the banner is not for you.

A number of local businesses have already expressed an interest in our sponsorship options which is great news.