



# ***Hornchurch Cricket Club***



## NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2006

### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

So another season is about to begin and I am sure like most of the Club, we start with great optimism. It would have been very easy at the end of last season to let our disappointment of 1<sup>st</sup> XI relegation overtake the great strides our Club have made in recent years, but let me assure all members this is certainly not the case, and last seasons event just makes us more determined to succeed and lay the foundations for future success.

Our Management Committee were well aware of the short-comings and under achievement of last season and as indicated in our Autumn Newsletter, we have spent a considerable amount of time looking afresh at all aspects of our Club.

Although I run the risk of setting myself up to be shot down, I honestly believe that as a result of our deliberations and the changes that have recently been implemented, we start the 2006 season in a very healthy and excellent position full of optimism, commitment and resolve to bring success.

Changes in playing staff are always unavoidable and we are sad to lose two quality 1<sup>st</sup> XI players in Adrian Rollins and Jannie Dryer; both of which we thank for significantly contributing to our Club in the last two years. Many of the members have flourished under their guidance and experience. It is further testament to our Clubs progress that we have been able to attract two more than adequate replacements in Kim Beazleigh and Jamie Went, who both played a big part in Wickford's success of last season and I am sure their commitment and determination will boost our 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the coaching capabilities of the Club.

Most cricket fans are no doubt aware of an amazing One-Day International that recently took place between South Africa and Australia; with records galore being broken and over 860 runs scored. Arguably the best South African bowler of that incredible series (although no bowler, had a memorable time on that day) was Roger Telemachus. I am delighted to inform members that we have just secured his services as our Overseas Player for this coming season. Although he will of course be a great asset to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Roger will also be heavily involved in Youth Coaching, specialising in bowling.

One other significant appointment this season is Chris Gladwin, as 1<sup>st</sup> XI Manager and Coach. His vast experience will be a major benefit, having played and coached at a high level (more about Chris elsewhere in this newsletter).

Most of you will know that Rob Rollins will again Captain our 1st XI, with Paul Murray as his Vice. The determination of both to put last seasons wrongs right is exciting, and I believe we have the perfect blend of experience and youth coupled with the will to win to bounce back up into the Premier Division.

Gary Barnacle and Danny Simpson have been appointed Captains of our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI's respectively. Again, I believe these will prove to be excellent choices and have been impressed by their commitment already.

As mentioned, many times in the past, Youth Cricket is so important to our Club. The amount of youngsters participating in our various age groups is quite incredible and obviously takes a tremendous amount of organising. There is a full fixture list for all ages including Under 9's. Having spent time looking at the opportunities there are, we have formed a Youth Committee consisting of all Managers and Main Coaches to oversee this important area.

Whilst mentioning Youth Cricket, can I congratulate a number of our youngsters who have successfully had trials for Essex. I was extremely proud to be told by a senior person of the Essex Shepherd Neame League of the outstanding ability of the Hornchurch boys who attended the trials. Proof indeed that the Coaching system is working. Can I also thank Francis and our other Coaches who have run our Indoor Youth Training over the last few months - a great success!

Speaking to a number of members over the past few months, I have been amazed at the eagerness of everyone to start the new season. This year we again have six teams competing in the league, as well as an increasing number of youth teams. We are also keen to do well in the various cup competitions, including the new Twenty Twenty where we were runners up last season.. The support last year was fantastic and with the music, barbeque and drink flowing I am sure we will again do well.

May I once again stress the importance of every member playing their part in our Club. I have always believed we have a special club spirit, both on and off the field and would ask everyone to welcome our new members, attend our social events and to do your best to ensure Hornchurch will have an outstanding season.

Above all, enjoy the season!

Jeremy West - Chairman HCC.

## **PRE-SEASON MEETING**

There will be a Pre-season Meeting of the Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at the Pavilion, starting at 8.00pm prompt. It is also an opportunity to catch up with each other, meet any new members, ponder over last season and get enthused for the exciting season ahead.

## **CLUB WEBSITE**

The Club website is finally back with us after all sorts of technical & commercial issues that are too lengthy to elaborate on, but suffice to say a lot of time and effort has been spent to get it back. The new website has a new address and has a lot more statistics and archive material:-

[www.hornchurchcc.org](http://www.hornchurchcc.org)

The Club now has purchased a laptop computer and has Broadband installed at the Pavilion. This will allow us to update the site a lot quicker than in the past, with Match & Captains reports a new feature. Thanks go to Mike Renny for his time and effort. If anyone is interested in becoming an additional administrator of the website and relieve some of the burden from Mike please contact him. Additionally, if anyone has any comments or on the site please forward them to the Management Committee.

## **CLUB APPAREL**

Cricket attire in the club colours complete with the HCC crest are available in various sizes from Chris O'Sullivan or Doug Shewring.

### **Old Style Shirts**

Long Sleeve £16.00  
Short Sleeve £15.50

### **New Style Shirts**

Shirt £18.00  
Trousers £18.00

### **Training/Leisure Gear**

T Shirts £10.00  
Shorts £10.00  
Track Suits £40.00  
C4A T Shirt £5.00

### **Sweaters (All Wool)**

Long Sleeve £47.00  
Short Sleeve £39.00

### **Misc**

Old Style Baseball Cap £16.00  
New Style Baseball Cap £5.00  
Sun Hat £8.50  
Helmet Badge £4.75  
Badges £1.50  
Sweatbands £3.00



## **A WORD FROM THE SKIPPER**

Last season was one of the toughest of my cricketing life. Relegation, stepping down from the captaincy and a lack of personal runs, all contributed to my personal sadness.

However, this season I aim to correct the mistakes of last year.

This season will be about having some fun. Getting back to the reason why I love this game of cricket; Fun, Friendship and Winning.

Last season had its fair share of ups and downs. The season started off fantastically, winning our open games and looking like serious title contenders. The rest of the league season- well shall we just put it down to experience, learn from it and come back stronger.

This season sees a change in personnel at the club. It would be great to be able to announce these two guys as an exclusive but thanks to the Hornchurch Information Service (The Essex CC Message Board!!) it wasn't a well kept secret. I wish Kym and Jamie every success with us and I know the rest of the club will make them feel at home the same way that I was.

I would like to say a sad farewell to my big brother. Although he never scored as heavy as his talent would suggest, it was always great having his influence around (though his time keeping will not be missed), I know he passed on a lot of useful information and knowledge to the younger guys.

Also it is sad to see Jannie go as well. It was a pleasure to play with the fiery South African. Unfortunately injury struck him down a few times last season, which meant he wasn't up to his pacey self. I wish him well for the future and congratulate him on his recent marriage.

Over the past few years the Club and myself have been criticized for not giving people opportunity to progress into the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Let me stress that places are always up for grabs. If runs or wickets are being taken at lower levels (runs doesn't mean scoring 30's and 40's) then the Captains will sit up and take note. Being captain isn't an easy job especially at a club like Hornchurch where team spirit and friendship is high. So the decision to drop someone is never taken lightly. I would like to thank Scot Davis for all his efforts last season. He's a shining example of what it takes to be a club man. He dropped down, played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, scored runs and then came back up. He let his cricket do the talking and should be a benchmark for others. Thanks mate.

Finally may I close by thanking Paul Murray Jnr for agreeing to be the Vice Captain. Muzza is a cricketer who plays with his heart on his sleeve (sometimes he forgets to put it back) and is a natural, leading from the front on and off the pitch. When my times comes to hang up my boots I hope that I would have passed something on to Muzza and be proud that I have left the club in good hands.

Have a good season lads.....Mine's a Brandy and Coke when we win the League!

Robert Rollins  
Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain

## **TICK TOCK**

A number of Gents watches were handed in last season. If anyone thinks they are missing one (I would have thought they would have known by now!) please contact Doug Shewring  
There is a school of thought that they all belong to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI – this would explain the poor timekeeping!!

## MEMBERSHIP

For clarity, here is a brief guide to HCC membership:-

Our CRICKET FOR ALL programme is free to all of those who attend. No charges of any kind are made for the use of facilities, coaching or any other aspect of the Monday and Tuesday evening sessions.

It is only when you start playing for youth teams that any membership fees are payable. When a player begins playing regularly in any of the youth section teams, they will be offered YOUTH membership (£5 per year). This continues until they begin playing regularly in senior cricket (Saturday & Sunday teams). When this happens they will be offered JUNIOR membership (£25 per year). This entitles them to the same selection rights as senior members of the club. Junior membership of the club continues whilst in full time education or under 18. Once past full time education or your 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday JUNIOR membership automatically becomes SENIOR membership. (£75 per year).

If an adult wishes to join the club then they fill in an application form and provide a deposit of £10 to be given TRIAL membership. They are then assessed over a short period and then if suitable offered SENIOR membership. TRIALISTS have the same selection rights as senior members during the trial period.

Hope this makes it all clear.

If you have moved, are about to move, or have changed telephone numbers during the closed season, or indeed have not recently completed a membership form would you please inform Lance Malkin as soon as possible. This will enable us to send important information to you in the future as well as keep our records up to date.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes folks, it's that time of year when the Treasurer sits and waits for your cheques to land on his doormat (or is that bounce on his doormat!!). We have a lot of bills to pay early season so can you please send your dues to Norman Balmford as soon as possible. For your information we have not increased either the Subscriptions or the Match Fees for the forthcoming season.

<b>Annual Subscriptions</b>	<b>Paid by</b>	<b>Paid after</b>
	<b>31.5.06</b>	<b>31.5.06</b>
PLAYING MEMBERS		
UNDER 18 YEARS OR IN FULL TIME		
EDUCATION AT 1.5.06	£25.00	£34.00
OTHER PLAYING MEMBERS	£75.00	£100.00
NON-PLAYING MEMBERS	£16.00	-
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
Single	£7.50	-
Family	£12.00	
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	£5.00	-
<b>Match Fees</b>	<b>Home*</b>	<b>Away</b>
THOSE AGED UNDER 21 YEARS		
OR IN FULL TIME EDUCATION AT 1.5.06	£4.00	£3.00
OTHERS	£8.00	£7.00
YOUTH TEAMS	£3.00	£3.00

It must be stated that several members are still outstanding debts from last year. Whereas the Management Committee are tolerant to legitimate circumstance we will this year be pursuing those owing with vigour. We will be naming and shaming those individuals who still owe. The Club Policy is clear:- **NO PAY = NO PLAY!**

\* - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> XI, Away Fee applies

## **CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME/YOUTH CRICKET/NETS**

This years CRICKET FOR ALL programme starts on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at the Harrow Lodge pavilion, 6.30pm start. With its continuing success and to allow the youngsters to show of their talents we have increased the number of Youth teams this year with an additional Under 9's and a full fixture list awaits them all. With this in mind we have set the following evenings aside for Youth Team training:-

Monday – U11's CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME  
Tuesday - U13's CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME  
Wednesday – Seniors/Others Net Practice  
Thursday - U15's Squad Practice  
Friday - U16 Squad Practice (5.30pm to 7.00pm)  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> XI Squad Practice (7.00pm onwards)

All Training starts at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated

The Club has put a number of new coaches through the grading system & these will be available throughout the week at all levels.

## **PRIZES GALORE**

At last seasons Youth Presentation Evening the following youngsters were awarded for there efforts throughout the season:-

<b><u>U11 Teams</u></b>	
Danny O'Sullivan	Batter of the Year
Alex Mitchell	Bowler of the Year
Alfie Cossington	Most Improved Player
Ben Medlock	Player of the Year
<b><u>U13 Teams</u></b>	
Michael Bones	Batter of the Year
Hassan Freed	Bowler of the Year
Michael Bones	Player of the Year
<b><u>U15 Teams</u></b>	
Ben Spray	Batter of the Year
Danny Durrant	Bowler of the Year
Stuart Harper-Horn	Player of the Year
<b><u>U16 Teams</u></b>	
Ben Spray	Batter of the Year
Michael Davis	Bowler of the Year
Danny Durrant	Most Improved Player
Lee Bones	Player of the Year
Jack Wade	Catch of the Season

Congratulations go to you all.

## **STATO's BIT**

There were 33 hundreds last season - a record, with fifties totalling a staggering 128.

Paul Le Viscount holds the Duck Cup for 2005 – 33 innings, 11 ducks.

A total of 167 senior matches were played last year, winning 43% of them & losing only 19%

139 players put on their whites (or nearly white) for the Club.

29,941 Runs in total scored, but we gave away 30,350. (tighten up in the slips!)

Myles Wells bowled the maidens over with 44.

Richard Burd hit the most sixes – 21 (saves running!)

A total of 1100 victims taken off the opposition - & still the Editor didn't get a bowl!

One Club Partnership Record was taken last season: 1st Wicket - 283 between I. Flanagan & P. Murray  
vs South Woodford Sat 1XI

## **GLADWIN's BAG OF TRICKS**

As stated earlier we are delighted that Chris Gladwin has recently joined our Club as Manager/Coach of our 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Chris is an outstanding experienced Coach and will bring top-level coaching techniques not only to our 1<sup>st</sup> Team, but to our Youth Teams.

In his playing days' he enjoyed much success with Essex; opening the batting with Graham Gooch for several years. His coaching roles have equally been successful, particularly lately with Wickford, where under his guidance they progressed from Division 2 to be 4<sup>th</sup> in the Premiership last year.

As some of our older members may recall, Chris spent a short time with our Club about eight years ago. A few words from one such older member who recalls:-

“I first met Chris when he was coaching at the Ilford Cricket School. He was coaching amongst others Mark Edwards, the Balmford boys & Tony Medlock (now Manager of the U13 Youth Team) on very happy Saturday mornings. Apparently very, very happy when Chief Coach Bill Morris had the morning off! A game of snooker nearby was the next port of call. It was an occasion where he seemed to pocket more parking tickets than he did reds. He spent many evenings at our place. He was always ready for a laugh and even more eager to empty the wine cabinet!

It was with great delight that we witnessed his inclusion in the Essex 1<sup>st</sup> XI. He enjoyed (so he tells me!) some wonderful opening partnerships with Graham Gooch and it was none other than cricketing great Dennis Compton writing in the Sunday Express stated that Chris should be Goochies opening partner in the England XI, high praise indeed.

On one occasion, Chris played in the end of season Harry Scotcher Memorial match (Presidents vs Chairman as it was then). Some how he acquired eleven Essex CC sweaters for the Presidents XI, one presumes the owners were aware?

If I remember it was Gladwin ct Edwards b Kiff for 10 – He'll never make an opener!

Win or lose, you will never take that smile off Chris's face – well you never used to, the old boy's getting on a bit now!

Good luck Chris and let's hope some of your expertise brushes off on Hornchurch CC”

- Pete Edwards -

## THE MANAGER SPEAKS

“When I was approached about the role of Coach/Manager at Hornchurch CC, the challenge immediately enthralled me, as I have come to realise Hornchurch are a very ambitious Club with many talented players. With the new season now only weeks away, I personally look forward to bringing new ideas to the Club.

Being a capped player of Essex and involved in coaching as I have, I believe I have a great understanding of the game and will be able to get the best out of players, particularly youngsters. Although my legs will not allow me to actually play (old age catching up – *told you says Pete!*); I will be around each weekend and look forward to meeting all the members.

My aim is simple - to bring success to Hornchurch CC at the highest level and to build on the solid foundations that the Club has already laid.”

- Chris Gladwin

## WORKING PARTIES

As is usual this time of year there are a number of working parties to be organised to get both Harrow Lodge and Fielder Sports grounds ready for the season. If you can attend for a few hours over the coming weeks then can you please contact either Pat Sweeney or Doug Shewring. The roller awaits!

## CAPTAINS 2006

Playing officials for the coming season with contact details are as follows:-

<b>Team</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>	<b>Vice Captain</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Robert Rollins		Paul Murray Jnr	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Gary Barnacle		Glenn Noller	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Danny Simpson		Rob Bannister	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Alan Foxton		Graham Farquhar	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Don Miller		Michael Rowe	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Barry Bones		Doug Shewring	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Robert Rollins		Paul Murray Jnr	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Francis Baptiste		TBA	
Britannic Lodge XI	Jamie Terrell		TBA	

## EARLY FIXTURES

April 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Hartley Country Club CC	Away	1.30
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Hartley Country Club CC	Away	1.30
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Hartley Country Club CC	Away	2.00
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Gore Court CC	Home	2.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Gore Court CC	Away	2.00
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	U16 XI	Hutton CC	Away	2.00
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Westcliff-on-Sea CC (L. Cup)	Home	1.30
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Westcliff-on-Sea CC	Away	1.30
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Chelmsford CC	Away	1.30
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Ludlow CC	Home	2.00
	BL XI	South Weald CC	Away	2.00
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	U16	Bentley CC	Away	2.00
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Basildon/Old Brentwoods (L. Cup)	Away	1.30
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Basildon/Old Brentwoods CC	Home	1.30
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Old Parkonians CC	Home	1.30
	4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Havering-atte-Bower CC	Away	2.00
	5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Hutton CC	Away	2.00

May 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> XI	T.B.A.	Away	1.30
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Shepherds Bush CC (Even. Std Cup)	Away	1.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	T.B.A.	Home	2.00
	BL XI	Upminster 3XI CC	Home	2.00
	U13 XI	Harold Wood CC	Home	9.30

The Shepherd Neame Essex League programme for all teams starts on May 13<sup>th</sup> with the opening league salvo's aimed at:-

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	-	Fives & Heronians CC	Away
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	-	Fives & Heronians CC	Home
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	-	Hainault & Clayhall CC	Home
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	-	Hainault & Clayhall CC	Away
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	-	Horndon-on-the-Hill 4XI CC	Away
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	-	Brentwood 5XI CC	Home

The National Club Cricket Championship starts on May 14<sup>th</sup> away to Blackheath CC

The Bertie Joel campaign starts on May 29<sup>th</sup> with a visit to Harrow Lodge by Bishops Stortford.

As you can see we have a full and congested fixture list and therefore require full availability. Can you therefore contact either Pat Sweeney or Dave Kiff with your early availability.

## **SCORERS**

It is a new directive from the league that all 1<sup>st</sup> XI sides have a scorer with point deductions if not present. We have of course have longstanding trusty Jack, but should there be a time when he is not available we will need a replacement. We are therefore looking for scorers at all levels. So if any member can think of, or knows somebody, possible a relative or an acquaintance who wishes to be involved in a progressive Club then please let Doug Shewring know. Teas will be provided and you will be rewarded handsomely (don't tell the Treasurer!). So all you can eat, watching an afternoon's cricket of the highest calibre and being involved in one of the best clubs in Essex – got to be onto a good thing!

## **PAVILION USE**

Members are reminded that the pavilion and its' facilities are available for private functions. Any bookings should be made with the Club Secretary, Jackie Cubitt.

## **"100 CLUB"**

The 100 Club exists to provide much needed funds for the Club and also gives members and friends a chance to win prizes. Draws take place on a monthly basis at the pavilion throughout the year, with the summer draws taking place on a Saturday evening whilst the winter one takes place at the monthly Management meetings.

As the title suggests there is a maximum of 100 numbers in each draw and each number costs £12 per annum - only £1 a month. There are three prizes each month £20, £10, £5 with two bumper draws in June and December of £100, £50, £20.

Recent past winners will be announced at the forthcoming Pre-Season Meeting & posted on the website in due course.

To obtain a number contact Chris O'Sullivan or Jackie Cubitt.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

A few dates to put in your diaries:-

DISCO NIGHT	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
CABARET EVENING	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
HAVERING SCHOOLS COMPETITION	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
QUIZ NIGHT	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
RACE NIGHT	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August
TWENTY/TWENTY CHALLENGE	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
YOUTH PRESENTATION EVENING	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
HCC DINNER & DANCE	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November

Fund raising events help sustain the club in a manner you have become accustomed to. So please support the above events in anyway you can. If you would like to help please contact Paul Murray Snr.

## **EDITORS COMMENT**

We hope this newsletter has kept you up to date on Hornchurch CC ahead of the start to what should be an exciting and hopefully successful season. Don't forget to look at the website for regular updates.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the next proposed issue of the H.C.C. Newsletter, then please contact Don Miller.

