



# ***Hornchurch Cricket Club***



## NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2007

### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

So another season is upon us. And I am looking forward to it immensely, particularly through my role as Chairman but also as a playing member. I am sure all involved with Hornchurch Cricket Club would have been disappointed as I was last year with our lack of achievement. If ever we needed reminding that its not just talent that brings success, then clearly last year was a prime example. Although talent is essential, other ingredients such as commitment, togetherness and preparation are equally important in making up the balance of a successful team. I strongly believe we have addressed these issues and under an extremely enthusiastic new captain in Paul Murray I look forward with great optimism to the coming season.

A new overseas player in Cameron Nupier will be joining us for the season. He is an Australian fast bowler and more than capable batsman. I fear we may have to put up with him reminding us about the latest Ashes Series but let's hope England's recent one day success will continue in the World Cup this month.

Most of you know Ian Flanagan and Rob Rollins have left our club last year, and I understand Luke Sweeney has also decided to do likewise. Again we wish all three the very best, particularly Luke who is getting married in April.

Unfortunately we will also be losing another prominent member of our club, Francis Baptist our Head Coach, who with Sarah and his family is going to live in America. Francis has been an integral part of the Youth Cricket Programme at our club during the last four years and we all sincerely thank him for his enthusiastic, commitment and dedication to this important part of our club. Francis departure also mean's Sarah, Crystal and Sarah's mum as well. All have been actively involved particularly with the refreshments and in thanking them we also wish them all the very best in their new venture.

A number of changes have taken place in the Captaincy of our various teams and I wish them all every success. May I also stress the importance of all players supporting them in every aspect of their demanding role.

The high, but often wrong profile Hornchurch CC has attracted within the County in the last few years hopefully will not be as evident this year. That's not to say our ambitions are any less, but going back to basics, hopefully will deter some of the mischief makers and the jealousy that has been aimed at our club over the last few years. We all have a commitment on and off the field to make sure the reputation of our club is enhanced. Please make sure you do your part.

The success of our Cricket for All programme and youth cricket has produced many talented youngsters, many of whom have graduated through our youth teams. Again, I would like to convey my thanks to all those involved with our youth cricket, particularly those who have supervised our recent winter nets.

Our Cricket for All programme will be running again this year starting in May. Last year an incredible 430 plus children took part. Will we beat last years number? As mentioned in the past we are grateful to the under 15 squad who help out with the coaching on a Monday. Well done everyone and please continue to help us.

Finally, may I wish all playing and non-playing members a very enjoyable season, we are proud of our club, and believe this season will be one of consolidation & success. Jeremy West - Chairman  
HCC.

## **PRE-SEASON MEETING**

There will be a Pre-season Meeting of the Club on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at the Pavilion, starting at 8.00pm prompt. It is 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 has had all sorts of issues surrounding it over the winter – too many to go into. However, it will be back with us very soon & with regular updates & information well worth a visit again – honestly!!

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

If anyone is interested in becoming an additional administrator of the website and relieve some of the burden from Mike Renny or has any comments on the site please contact a member of 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



There are a number of items at reduced costs this year – contact Doug & ask for any BOGOF's!! No don't ask him to BOG-off, we need him!!

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

This years CRICKET FOR ALL programme starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the Harrow Lodge Pavilion, 6.30pm start. With its continuing success and increasing numbers we are looking for volunteers to assist in the mounting pile of paperwork. The following evenings have been allocated for 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.

## **QUOTE UNQUOTE**

The hallmark of a great Captain is the ability to win the toss at the right time  
– Richie Benaud

## **A WORD FROM THE NEW SKIPPER**

The season looms and I for one cannot wait for it to begin. I am proud and honoured to at last be called 1<sup>st</sup>XI Captain of Hornchurch Cricket Club. I'm looking forward to working with my Vice Captain Anthony Sealey who, will I'm sure offer sound advice from one with a lot of cricketing experience. Both of us are looking forward to taking on the challenge of gaining promotion back to the Premier League where we believe Hornchurch belong.

Unfortunately, as you may be aware Ian Flanagan, Rob Rollins and Luke Sweeney have left the club and may I personally thank them and wish them well in what they do in the future. We have I'm sure all gained from there cricketing knowledge over the past few years.

I welcome to the club this year Cameron Nupier who will be the Club's overseas player. Cameron played for Westcliff-on-Sea last year and had a few injury problems which ended his season a bit early. He claimed 23 wickets and scored 544 runs at an average of 41.85. May I also welcome to the club Darren George who has joined us from Wickford CC. Darren is a left arm spinner who has good knowledge of the game and will offer excellent value to the squad.

I take on my new role with relish and will give no less than 100% to it. I expect others to do the same.

With a new beginning, fresh ideas, the guidance of Chris Gladwin, the squad of players we have and the new players gained I feel we have a great opportunity to challenge at all levels. May I wish everyone at the Club this season the best of luck, and may we all have a successful season. - Muzza

## **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 (£20 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. (£60 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.

## QUOTE UNQUOTE

It's rather suitable for umpires to dress like dentists, since one of their tasks is to draw stumps  
– John Arlott

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes folks, it's that time of year when the Treasurer rubs his hands in anticipation of all that money rolling in. 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 the Subscriptions and Match Fees have altered this year so read carefully.

<b>Annual Subscriptions</b>	<b>Paid by</b>	<b>Paid after</b>
	<b>31.5.07</b>	<b>31.5.07</b>
<b>PLAYING MEMBERS</b>		
<b>UNDER 18 YEARS OR IN FULL TIME</b>		
EDUCATION AT 1.5.07	£20.00	£26.00
OTHER PLAYING MEMBERS	£60.00	£80.00
NON-PLAYING MEMBERS	£16.00	-
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
Single	£7.50	-
Family	£12.00	-
YOUTH MEMBERSHIP	£5.00	-

### **Match Fees**

	<b>Home</b>	
THOSE AGED UNDER 21 YEARS		For playing both games over the weekend
OR IN FULL TIME EDUCATION AT 1.5.07	£5.00	a reduction of 50% of the Match Fee
OTHERS	£10.00	is applicable on the second game
YOUTH TEAMS	£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 even more vigour than in previous ones. We will be naming and shaming those individuals who still owe. The Club Policy is clear:- **NO PAY = NO PLAY!**

## 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>	
Govinda Tawari	Batter of the Year
Frankie Jacobs	Bowler of the Year
Luke Holmes	Most Improved Player
Govinda Tawari	Player of the Year
<b><u>U13 Teams</u></b>	
Michael Bones	Batter of the Year
Ronnie Saunders	Bowler of the Year
Samuel Hampton	Most Improved Player
Michael Bones	Player of the Year
<b><u>U15 A Team</u></b>	
Jack Wade	Batter of the Year
Danny Durrant	Bowler of the Year
Joe Defrietas	Player of the Year
<b><u>U15 B Team</u></b>	
Chris Collinson	Batter of the Year
Simon Apen-Sadler	Bowler of the Year
Adam Curtis	Most Improved Player
<b><u>U16 Teams</u></b>	
Jack Wade	Batter of the Year

Lauren Evans	Bowler of the Year
Danny Selby	Most Improved Player
Lee Benson	Player of the Year

## **QUOTE UNQUOTE**

I'll tell you what pressure is. Pressure is having a Messerschmitt up your arse. Playing cricket is not.  
 – Keith Miller

## **THE MANAGER SPEAKS – WE LISTEN!**

Another season dawns upon us with lots of promise of youth development. With new Captain Paul Murray and an old boy out of retirement things should work a lot better on the field as well as off. Training has already started, and early signs indicate that the commitment and faith that the Club has put into the youth development over the past few years is beginning to pay dividends. I suspect and hope that the 'home grown' talent will be pushing for places in the higher teams from the start of the season. This only goes to show that we are moving forward.

New players coming into the side this year will help us succeed and make us stronger in our bowling department. This ends me to say with all honesty, with the first and second team working as a unit this year, high hopes and expectations should be reached.

I wish you all a good season and if any help is needed in any department of your game, make sure you come and see me. - 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 especially Fielder Sports grounds ready for the season. The first party is arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> April. In the coming weeks can you please contact either Pat Sweeney or Doug Shewring if you are attending.

## **WINTER NETS**

There are Nets organised at the County Ground Chelmsford each and every Friday evening until the 13<sup>th</sup> April. Start time is 9pm. Contact Doug Shewring for places

## **CAPTAINS 2007**

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	Paul Murray		Anthony Sealey	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Dean Skipper		Matt Stallard	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Alan Foxton		TBA	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Graham Farquhar		Dave Wadsworth	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Barry Bones		Ben Spray	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Chris James		Doug Shewring	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Paul Murray		Anthony Sealey	
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Lee Bones		Barry Bones	
Britannic Lodge XI	Jamie Terrell			

## YOUTH TEAMS

<b>Team</b>	<b>Manager</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>
U11's	Tony Medlock	
U13's	Mike Rowe	
U15A's	Pete Evans/ Steve Durrant	
U15B's	Dean Skipper	
U16	Barry Bones	

## QUOTE UNQUOTE

It's a funny kind of month October. For the really keen cricket fan, it's when you realise that your wife left you in May – Denis Norden

## EARLY FIXTURES

April 14 <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 15 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Hartley Country Club CC	Away	2.00
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Gore Court CC	Home	2.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Gore Court CC	Away	2.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	TBA	Home	1.30
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Benfleet CC	(L. Cup) Away	1.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Benfleet CC	Home	1.30
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	TBA	Away	1.30
	4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Harold Park CC	Home	1.30
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Hartley Country Club CC (Cockspur)	Away	1.00
	BL XI	South Weald CC	Away	2.00
	U16 XI	Goresbrook CC	Home	2.00
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Walthamstow CC/ Hainault & Clayhall CC	(L. Cup) Away	1.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Walthamstow CC/ Hainault & Clayhall CC	Home	1.30
	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	TBA	Away	1.30
	4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Havering-atte-Bower CC	Home	1.30
	5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Hutton CC	Home	2.00
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Debden CC	Home	2.00
	BL XI	South Woodham Ferrers CC	Home	1.30
	U13 XI	Havering-atte-Bower CC	Home	9.30
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	U16 XI	Bentley CC	Home	2.00

The Shepherd Neame Essex League programme for all teams starts on May 12<sup>th</sup> with the opening opposition as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	-	Horndon-on-the-Hill CC	Home
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	-	Wanstead CC	Away
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	-	Wanstead CC	Away
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	-	Walthamstow CC	Home
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	-	Southend-on-Sea 4XI CC	Home
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	-	Orsett & Thurrock 4XI CC	Away

Note that all League matches start at 1.00pm until the later part of the season

For the Evening Standard Challenge Trophy we have secured a bye into Round 2 against the winners of Stevenage CC against Teddington CC on the 10<sup>th</sup> June at Harrow Lodge.

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.

### **QUOTE UNQUOTE**

If you win the toss, bat. If you are in doubt, think about it, then bat. If you have very big doubts, consult a colleague – then bat. – W.G. Grace

### **SCORERS/TEA LADIES**

It is a 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 this covered, but should there be a time when he is not available we will need a stand by. 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!

Whilst mentioning Teas, as you are all aware we offer the best teas in Essex, nay the country. As mentioned earlier we will be without the services of Sarah Baptist and her family this season. If you know of anyone who is willing to assist then please contact overworked Jackie Cubitt.

### **WHAT GOES ON TOUR STAYS ON TOUR – OH NO IT DOESN'T**

Freddie Flintoff doesn't have the monopoly of getting up to mischief on tour. There is nothing like remembering incidents in past gone tours to raise a smile. Here are a few memories from tours to Brighton during the mid-eighties, which were great fun to be a part of but not necessarily involved with.

The 'Stalag' Apollo Hotel was a source of great amusement. Each morning coming into the foyer for breakfast one was confronted with a wrought iron table, four chairs and an umbrella – all via the local café around the corner. Needless to say, the hotel manager got a little peeved and said that this must stop. The following morning we were all grateful to find the foyer devoid of said furniture. After breakfast we all stepped out for some sea air only to see a large white van and on top of it – yes, a wrought iron table, and four chairs, not forgetting the broly. Nobody to my knowledge has ever owned up to it.

On another occasion, we see Graham Cubitt put on his Tarzan act, climbing up the front of the hotel adorned in only his Marks & Spencer's Y fronts. He eventually reached the windowsill of the bedroom occupied by Ann Mayes. A small war chant saw the window open, but not to let him in, but to throw a bowl of water over him – what the 'wet look' revealed! – one wondered why he had taken on such an arduous climb with so little to present at the top of it.

Anne Mayes's husband Howard was to become a real pain to the local residents living in the hotel square. On arrival to Brighton he visited an antiques shop and purchased a bugle. So each morning the whole square was treated to a far from perfect rendition of "Come to the Cookhouse Door Boys" and of an

evening, a very late evening, “Lights Out” as well as “The Last Post”. Can’t remember where that bugle is now but I know where the residents would like to have put it!

It was late at night when Doug Shewring was ‘soundo’, dreaming of a wicket and taking a catch when he was aroused from his slumbers. He switched on the light, rummaged around for his specs and sat up only to find alongside him was a young topless woman. Unfortunately for Doug, at the end of the bed there was a host of onlookers (paparattzi nowadays!) armed with cameras recording Doug’s disappointment. What some girls will do for £20!

On the playing field, matches were often interrupted by the appearance of a horse – a pantomime one. Secured from the Queens Theatre before departing by Neil Nightingale and Scott Chester they were often the source of many uproar, especially when invading the local ladies bowls matches.

On leaving the Apollo Hotel for home one year the Manager singled out ‘gentleman’ John Hillman and apologised for the rowdiness of the Hornchurch Cricket Club. John walked out with a smile; the Manager thought John was a member of a Saga group also staying at the hotel.

One could go on for ever such was the enjoyment gained from these outings. – Pete Edwards

Reading the above reminds me of a certain tour to Bournemouth in the late nineties. In the next Newsletter I’ll put a few anecdotes about that infamous tour. Perhaps we will eventually find out the truth about the ‘Jooster Incident’ – The Editor

## **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.

Whilst on the subject of the Pavilion and in line with Government legislation which comes into force in July, the Management have decided that as from 17<sup>th</sup> April the Pavilion is a complete No Smoking Area. Please observe the signs and notices.

## **QUOTE UNQUOTE**

Being the Manager of a team is rather like being in charge of a cemetery – lots of people underneath you but no one is listening. – Wes Hall

## **“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:-

EARLY SEASON DISCO NIGHT  
CABARET EVENING  
QUIZ NIGHT  
HCC DINNER & DANCE

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Other events are currently being organised and dates will be advertised in the Clubhouse throughout the season.

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.

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

