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CRICKET CLUB**

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Byfleet CC Newsletter – March 2015

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Brian Barnard

As many of you are aware, Brian suffered severe head injuries and a fractured skull in a car accident in South Africa and was in an induced coma for 4 days. The latest news is that he has come out of the coma, has recognised Surina, asked about the accident and is lucid. It is too early to tell if there is any lasting damage but the indications are that he should make a full recovery. Shaky has kept in close contact with the family (and Ben) and on behalf of the Club we wish Brian a speedy and successful recovery.

New Season

The new season is almost upon us and starts on Saturday 18th April with a home friendly against Battersea Ironsides who were promoted last year to Div. 5 of the Surrey Championship from the Fullers League.

The full fixture schedule is on the website and the fixture cards will be distributed at the Registration evenings for both Colts and Seniors (see below for dates).

Nets

Nets at Woking Leisure Centre have been well attended by both Seniors and Colts. The last 2 sessions will be on Sunday 22nd and Sunday 29th March from 6.30pm.

Byfleet CC v Surrey Masters T20 – Sunday 28th June

As part of our fund raising efforts we have organised an afternoon T20 game v. the Surrey Masters, who are made up of former Surrey players. This will be advertised locally and will require support of all Members to help out on the afternoon. These matches have proven to be very popular, attracting hundreds of spectators and will provide another major source of revenue. More details will be made available nearer the time but please note the date in your diary and be prepared to support the event on the day.

Surrey U19 20/20 Competition

For 2015 we have entered the Surrey U19 T20 competition. This is part of a ECB national competition aimed particularly at young players up to the age of 19 and follows a successful inaugural year in 2014. Details of our grouping and fixtures will become available shortly.

NatWest CricketForce – Sunday 29th March

The Club has a number of maintenance and preparation tasks identified for the above. If you can spare 2-3 hours over the Sunday to help get the Club and ground ready for the new season it will be greatly appreciated.

Golf Day, Sutton Green – 10th April

The annual Byfleet CC Golf Day returns to Sutton Green in Woking on Friday 10th April. For non-players there is a dinner in the evening and tickets/information are available from Sam Crabtree or Andy Savage. It appears we will have a good turn-out for the Golf and evening meal, places are still available.

Key dates for the diary are:

NatWest CricketForce:	Sunday 29 th March
Golf Day, Sutton Green:	Friday 10 th April
Seniors Registration Evening :	Thursday 16 th April
Colts Registration Evening:	Wednesday 15 th April
Colts Training starts:	Wednesday 22 nd April
First games:	
1 st XI v. Battersea Ironsides, home	Saturday 18 th April
Sunday XI v. Old Woking, home	Sunday 19 th April
2 nd XI v. Cobham Avorians, away	Saturday 25 th April
3 rd XI v. West End Esher (FBSC)	Saturday 2nd May
Music & Ale Festival	Friday/Saturday 20 th /21 st June
Byfleet CC v. Surrey Masters T20	Sunday 28 th June

Byfleet Rec. Pitch & Fullers 3rd XI League

We have confirmed use of the Recreation ground for our 3rd XI games. As there are limited facilities for teas and cover at the ground it will be necessary to take the gazebo, scoreboard, chairs, tables etc. from the Club to the Recreation ground. It will also need the 3rd XI to place boundary markers etc. so could all 3rd XI players support Iain, Linda and Rob in the organisational side and not leave it to them to do everything.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the 3rd XI to the long-term development of the playing side of the Club. In no way should the 3rd XI be regarded as the “poor cousins” in the structure of the Club and hope that senior players will support them in any and every way they can. Under the guidance of experienced and committed Club members it gives the opportunity to the Colts to develop their skills in an adult, competitive environment. The results, to an extent, are not important (though everyone wants to win!) – it is the experience gained which will prove invaluable to the Colts as they progress their cricketing careers at whatever level.

Kings Head Lane/Byfleet Boys FC

We are still in discussions with Byfleet Boys FC, Woking BC and the Football Trust, no further update as yet.

Overseas Player for 2015

Approaches have been made to a couple of players in South Africa and have had initial, positive responses – watch this space.

Land Purchase/Extension/Renovation

Slow progress – we await the outcome of recent requests for funding, the land purchase grinds on, and discussions continue with Woking BC over the Local Plan and financial support for the extension.

Little progress has been made regarding the ownership of the strip of land containing the oak trees opposite the Clubhouse. No documentation or Trust Deeds have been found and it will require an application to the Land Registry to establish ownership and hopefully obtain some documentation.

Car Park Extension

The work to bury the new power cables is delayed yet again and now scheduled for late summer 2015 (we have refused permission for the work to be done during the season).

Fund Raising

Lucy and Corinne have plans for various social events and initiatives this year and full details will be released at the start of the season.

The biggest event will be the Byfleet Music and Ale Festival. This will be held on 20/21/22 June with a slightly different format. Last years' event was a roaring success, raising nearly £3,000 and attracting 400 visitors. Given the relatively short notice to arrange, this was a stunning success. As we have more time and have learned from our experiences last year (and with the excellent advice of Graham Pullen who runs something similar in Grayscott) we expect the event to be much bigger and busier this year. It is critical that Club members provide support on the days to direct parking (Matt Rannie & Sam Coyne are the experts!), collect/wash glasses, collect rubbish, serve behind the various bars that are planned and many other tasks which are essential to making the event a success. We are aiming to raise in excess of £5,000.

Buy-a-Brick

For Club members, a "Red" brick costs £25 and a "Golden Brick" £50 and we are offering the opportunity to local businesses along with other sponsorship options. Names will be permanently displayed in the new Clubhouse on a graphical "Wall of Bricks".

There is a simple application form on the website at www.byfleetcc.co.uk/extension_project.php and click on Buy-A-Brick. Forms will be available from the Bar once the season starts.

Club Boards

The new club boards will be installed plus the current honour boards updated before the start of the new season.

Byfleet CC Committee, March 2015