



**BYFLEET  
CRICKET CLUB**

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**Byfleet CC Newsletter – May 2015**

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**Amer Hamid**

It was with great regret that we heard of Amer passing away from a heart attack whilst in Saudi Arabia in April. Amer always had a smile on his face and played irregularly due to work commitments but was an entertaining batsman and a loyal supporter of Byfleet CC. We extend our sympathies to his family.

**Residents Association Donation**

We have received a generous £250 donation from Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Resident's Association towards the cost of setting up the League 3<sup>rd</sup> XI team and giving even more opportunities to local teenagers to participate in cricket. We are very grateful to Liz Grout and the Association for their most generous contribution.

We have also been granted £240 from the Surrey Championship towards the cost of a temporary umpires changing facility and permanent scoreboard by the side of the Clubhouse. We are awaiting the outcome of the main grant from Surrey Playing Fields Association to complete the funding. We have been told it will require Planning Permission (which is being applied for) and hope to have it in place by mid-summer.

**Land Purchase/Extension/Renovation**

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our grant applications to Sport England and BIFFA. In the circumstances the Committee are revising the original plans to reduce the size of the extension but still enable us to meet the requirements of the Championship, improve/renovate the existing facility and change the layout, extend the kitchen, larger Club room, changing rooms & showers, incorporate an Umpires room etc. This was our Plan B. At this point we do not have revised costings but estimate it will cost £125-150,000. We will continue to explore other funding options, including affordable loans if necessary.

The Club contribution now stands at approx. £50,000 plus £35,000 from Ride London and indications are that we will have approx. £100,000 by the end of the summer – this should be sufficient to commence works. The Committee is determined to proceed, albeit on a slightly smaller scale. It is essential to the Club, members and local community that we have the facility to enable further expansion of the Club and to capitalise on our success.

## **Tyron White**

We welcome Tyron White from Alberton, South Africa as our overseas player this year. Alberton is the Club Brian plays for. Tyron has already scored his maiden century for the Club v. Surrey Antilles in only his second innings in the UK. He is an all-rounder with great pace and is rapidly adapting to UK conditions. I am sure all members will make him feel very welcome and hopefully will come to regard Byfleet CC as his "second" cricketing home.

## **Highlights so far**

So far the 1<sup>st</sup> team won all their friendlies and their first Div. 4 league game v. Cobham Avorians by 10 wkts. The 2nds recorded one win against locals Cobham Avorians but falling short in the two Fullers League games so far. The 3rds won their first League game when West End Esher could not raise a side and losing against a strong Staines & Laleham side with a number of 2's players. The Development team lost their first match v. Shepperton. Full details, fixtures and scorecards on <http://byfleet.play-cricket.com/>. The fixture schedule is also on the website and the fixture cards are available in the Club.

Sam Coyne recorded his first 5 wicket haul v. Cobham Avorians  
Tyron White scored his first century for the Club v. Surrey Antilles.  
Congratulations to Linda Bowman and Adaline Fahey who have both passed the Level 1 Scorers exam

## **Colts**

We have signed up in excess of 110 Colts again this year. There is a full schedule of games across all age-groups and we look forward to yet another successful Colts season.

## **Byfleet CC Fantasy Cricket League**

This has been a tremendous success with 50+ teams entered and it has rapidly become the talking point of the Club. It has brought all teams closer together as everyone takes an interest in the performance of all sides. Many thanks go to Shaky & Andy for setting it all up and you can follow it on [www.byfleet.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk](http://www.byfleet.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk)

## **Surrey U19 20/20 Competition – Byfleet Buccaneers**

The fixtures have now been confirmed and are on the website. We have been drawn in a group including Sunbury, Stoke d'Abernon, Esher, East Molesey and Walton-on-Thames.

## **Golf Day, Sutton Green – 10<sup>th</sup> April**

The 2015 Byfleet CC Golf Day was a great success and blessed with great weather. Approx £800 was raised and thanks go to Sam Crabtree and Andy Savage for arranging the event, to Lucy Collins for organising the raffle and to all who attended.

## **Kings Head Lane**

No further updates as yet, we will provide further information when we move forward.

### **Car Park Extension**

The work to bury the new power cables and extend the car park is scheduled for October with preparatory work starting August. As part of this we will take delivery of 2 new containers for storage.

### **Race Night – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

The fundraising committee have organised another popular Race Night on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the Club. Tickets are available from Lucy, Corrine or from the Bar. Tickets cost £5 including a free standard drink.

### **Real Ale & Music Festival 19-21<sup>st</sup> June**

Preparations are well advanced, groups booked, food organised, stillage & beers ordered, tickets printed etc. The marquee will be erected in the back field to enable better control of numbers.

It will be essential that we have as many Club members helping out as possible. If you can support us, please contact Iain Bowman in the first instance so he can allocate duties.

### **Byfleet CC v Surrey Masters T20 – 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Preparations are well underway and if you are able to help out on the day please contact a committee member. Go to the Links page on the website for more information about the Surrey Masters.

### **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.byleetcc.co.uk/extension\\_project.php](http://www.byleetcc.co.uk/extension_project.php) and click on Buy-A-Brick.

### **Captains & Honours Boards**

The new Captain’s & Honours Board have been put up in the Clubhouse and very impressive they look! We will place some white/frosted sheeting or similar behind the boards to make it easier to read.

### **Key dates for the diary are:**

Race Night	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Real Ale & Music Festival	Friday/Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> June
Byfleet CC v. Surrey Masters T20	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June

**Byfleet CC Committee, May 2015**