



Byfleet CC – Newsletter/Committee Meeting 15th January 2019

Hi All

As your new chairman I thought I would update you on what was discussed at the first committee meeting of 2019. The committee has been working hard over the winter to keep the clubhouse and other matters on track.

Firstly, I would like to say that Byfleet Cricket Club is your club and the club is only as good as its members. This season, more than ever we will need every member's help, please do not wait to be asked to help clear up late in the evening after a game, please do not leave it to someone else, if you all help or volunteer for any task, this will mean that not just the few are doing it but all of you are contributing to a great club.

As you all know the club has spent a large amount of money, mostly raised by you the members. The facilities it now offers, being the clubhouse and changing rooms are of a much higher standard and will certainly enhance the enjoyment of Cricket for all on and off the field, after all that's why we all turn out every Saturday, Sunday etc. Let's all strive to keep these new facilities clean, tidy and damage free. I will be doing my inspections!

Anyway, onto what's occurring

Club House Refurbishment

This is on the last stretch and all being well the completion date is being promised for the end of February/Mid-March at the latest.

Fund Raising/Social Events this season

The fund-raising Sub-committee is working hard to provide on and off field entertainment for this year.

- 5th April – Clubhouse Opening Night
- 4th May – Karaoke or Family Disco TBC
- 8th June – Karaoke or Family Disco TBC
- 23rd June – Presidents Day – President's XI vs Surrey Masters XI
- 6th July – Quiz Night & Higher or Lower Game
- 25th August – Family Day
- 7th September – End of Season Party & Karaoke

Cricket Force day

Byfleet CC has been selected by the Surrey Cricket Foundation as Surrey's Focus Club for 2019 and this will be held on Friday 5th April. We need many volunteers to attend so please let Andy Savage know whether you can make the day. We anticipate 50+ volunteers from Surrey CCC and the ECB to attend and help prepare the ground, car park and complete a large number of essential maintenance tasks ready for the 2019 season.

Clubhouse Opening Night – Friday 5th April

In the evening from 7pm, as well as current and former Members, we are inviting local dignitaries, representatives from Surrey Cricket Club, Surrey Championship, Fullers League, the ECB as well as other local Clubs to attend the grand opening of the club's excellent new facilities.

Club Finances

At present this is proving a little tricky, more money has been going out of the bank than is going in, which was to be expected with all the works going on and other works we would like to get done before the grand opening.

To that end I would ask that all members please pay their subs as soon as possible, **WE NEED YOUR MONEY PROMPTLY** more than ever this season. You can pay online or by card payment this season, so no excuses. If you would like to pay by instalments why not, like all good accountants Greg Dodwell will always accept your money! Contact Greg by e-mail to discuss paying by instalments gregory.dodwell@dunelm.org.uk

Once the league season is under way the financial pressures will lift with regular bar and match day income. If you haven't paid your subs by the 30th April then your selection for league games will be in jeopardy, we do not want to exclude players from selection due to unpaid subs.

2019 Season

We are at present in talks with Tyron White regarding re-joining us this season as our overseas player, looking at his 2018 UK stats, if he can repeat them then the 1st team should do well.

Pre-season/Winter nets are booked for Monday Evenings 8pm-9.30pm at Heathside School, Weybridge starting of 25th February for at least 6 weeks

99.9% of the 2019 season's fixtures are now on play-cricket.

Ground/Clubhouse

For those who do not know the Nursery has closed and it is understood that discussions are ongoing with a possible replacement nursery.

Existing clubhouse tables to be refurbished and further tables to be acquired before the start of the season along with some more chairs.

Colts

We have spoken with last year's coaches plus advertised for new coaches this season. The colts section continues to provide problems for the club with a lack of coaches to run the required age groups. After many years Malcolm will be handing over the administration of the colts section and we need more volunteers to get involved in the general running of the colts if we are to continue to run all age groups.

We will be looking to run the ECB Allstars sessions for 5-8 year olds and if anyone is interested in assisting the running of these sessions please contact Andy Savage ASAP. We run 8 x 45 minute sessions from Mid-May till Mid-July.

Graham Pullen
Chairman