



Byfleet CC Newsletter – July 2014

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Double congratulations to Nicky Tyler and Shaky – they married quietly on 16th June and Nicky safely delivered Jemima Naseem Ahmed on 21st June. Our congratulations to her and Shaky and a sister for Jordan, Ben and Sam.

You may have noticed on the website in early June a photo of a Byfleet team v. MCC in 1926. The picture includes the “inventor” of the googly, B J T Bosanquet who played for the Club in the 1920’s. These were acquired by Linda Dodwell for the Club in an auction of cricket memorabilia having sat on the internet for approx. 6 hours waiting for the lot to come up.....

IMPORTANT: On-line Club Survey for Funding Applications

As part of the grant applications for funding of the new pavilion we need to undertake a survey of all Club members (including Colts) to support these applications. The survey form is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NGHMMYL> and is quite simple and should only take 4-5 mins to complete.

It is very important we gather the views/opinions of as many members as possible so please help us in this requirement and take a few minutes to complete it. We will publish the results of the survey in a future Newsletter.

SECURITY WARNING – PLEASE READ

Please see below a report from David Moore at Addiscombe CC regarding thefts from local Cricket Clubs. Since this report further incidents have happened primarily in SE London. If you do discover someone acting in the manner described contact the Police immediately and let the Captain of the day or any Committee member know:

So that you can report to others how this chap works the scenario is as follows. During the week before the Saturday he turns up at a club he will make contact with the Club Captain or someone else from the Club whose details he has probably ascertained from the Internet. He will make out that he wants to get back into cricket again and implies that he has not been playing while starting a family but his daughter is now 1 or 5 (depending on which story he told to which person) and he wants to join a club again. In Ham & Petersham’s case he arranged to play for them on the Sunday and turned up at their game on the Saturday telling them he was a new player playing on Sunday and wanted to meet them all.

In Addiscombe's case he turned up on the Saturday telling us all he had spoken to "Scotty" our club captain and that he was looking to join the club.

During the course of the afternoon when he turns up he befriends everyone and ,looking back, his aim was to make out to the opposition that he was a Club player or a very good mate of a number of Club players so that the opposition would not view him as suspicious when we were in the field and he was wandering about off it. He chatted to our barman, offered to help the tea lady and, as I understand it, in Ham & Petersham's case even offered to look after the valuables' bag !!! He told our barman he had a bad stomach and needed to go to the toilet several times – obviously to view the layout of the club and to get into the changing rooms. When the home side he has befriended goes out to field he then moves into the home changing room to clean out their bags etc. He clearly seemed to have experience of where cricketers might hide things in their bags.

This chap is about 5 ft 9/10 and is of an afro-caribbean or mixed race afro-caribbean background. He is very personable but a complete liar and confidence trickster and has clearly had previous experience of what he does. Although he appears to be alone (and you only see one person) it appears he may well be operating with another person – it is possible that when he has obtained the keys of someone's car he calls his mate who appears in the car park etc, takes the keys and drives the vehicle away, probably taking all the stolen loot with him while he stays around a little longer. This is what appeared to have happened at Ham & Petersham CC.

Team Review:

1st XI had a mixed month with 3 wins and 2 losses and now sit 3rd in Div. 5.

2nd XI also had a mixed month with a win over West End Esher by 9 wkts. and narrow losses against Hampton Hill, Merstham and Battersea Ironsides and one cancellation.

The 3rd XI won their first match this month v. Hampton Hill 4th XI and then followed it up with a second win against Chessington.

Thameside Sunday League team top of the League following wins over Chessington and Ashford.

Development League XI lose a close match to Leatherhead by 4 runs and sit mid-table.

The various Colts teams have had a busy schedule during June – results on the website.

"The key for all our colts at Byfleet CC is progression and it has showed in the results throughout June" U9's "Dream Team" are having a very good season so far, they showed great character by returning to winning ways after suffering their first defeat in June.

Special mention to the U10's who through June are unbeaten, wishing you similar success in July.

The remaining age groups have also been getting used to the winning feeling and when they have suffered any defeats, they have been able to still walk off the pitch with their heads held high as generally the losses have come down to a small margin.

When younger colts have been asked to perform in age groups above their own, it is brilliant to see they have performed extremely well. I would mention all of them but I'd be here all day.

Keep up the great work!!

Notable Achievements/Statistics:

What a week for Shaky - scores a career best 84 for the 3rds v. Chessington on Saturday, gets married on Monday, becomes a father on Saturday, which do you think was the highlight for him???

Liam Collins achieved double figures (11*) for the first time in his cricket career v. Weybridge Vandals - Liam & Shaky have offered Brian some batting coaching advice.....

Matt Rannie takes his first 5 wicket haul in senior cricket v. Maori Oxshott and follows it up with his second 5 wkt haul against Ashford.

Glyn Clough has passed 100 victims as wicketkeeper, Sam Coyne has passed 100 appearances, Malcolm Denham has passed 1300 appearances, Rob Deven, who last month passed 200 appearances, has now passed 1000 runs, Neal Jones has passed 3000 runs, Andy Savage has passed 600 appearances.

2014 subscriptions are now overdue - £60 for playing members, £30 for students and Colts, £20 for social members, make cheques payable to Byfleet Cricket Club and hand to Ken, any Committee Member or send to the Treasurer. We have strong, and healthy, competition for selection across all teams and **Captains have been instructed to give priority in selection to members who have paid their subscriptions.**

Parish Day – 19th July

The Club will again be having a stall at Parish Day on Saturday 19th July – donations of any good quality surplus gifts, toys, bottles or similar for a tombola would be gratefully received. Please let Shelagh Denham know. Shelagh, Linda and Jen Bowman, Linda Dodwell and Nancy Savage will officiate and all proceeds will go towards the pavilion fund.

President's Day – 29th June

Particular thanks to Andrea Ling, Lucy Collins, Anne Harrison, Ken Savage and all who helped out on President's Day. Unfortunately a number of players suffered injuries causing selection problems for this weekend and there were a few sore heads. The 6-a-side competition was won by Matt Rannie's team beating Brian Barnard's team in the final. The day raised approx. £250 towards the pavilion fund.

Land Purchase/Extension/Renovation

We anticipate our Planning Application to be approved by 11th July. The land purchase from West Estates is nearing conclusion and the funds will come from the extension fund.

Fund Raising

Many members will remember Nigel Franklin – record-breaking and top-class 1st XI wicketkeeper, Club Secretary for generations and life-long supporter of Byfleet CC. Nigel now works overseas, his last 2 destinations being Canada and Oman, and regularly visits the Club when in the UK. Nigel made a brief appearance at President's Day and has generously pledged £500 towards the fund.

In addition to funding the replacement scoring console, Graham Pullen has also generously donated a further £160 and so far donations from current and former members amount to £1,260. If you have any contact with former players please let us know.

Race Night was a great success, raising £750 excluding bar profit. Thanks to Lucy & Corinne for organising, Andy Savage & Rob Deven for running the Tote and Ken for once again ensuring everyone was well lubricated. Also thanks to the race sponsors: The Bowman family, The Dodwell family, The Hill family, The Crabtree Family, Shaky & Brian Barnard, Andy Savage & Liam Blake, Liam Collins & Glen Mickley and Graham "Groovy" Pullen.

The World Cup Sweepstakes raised nearly £200 and the Rock 'n Roll Bingo approx. £140.

The initial meeting of the Lashings Organising Committee took place at the Avorians on 16th June and a follow up meeting has been arranged for 7th July.

In addition to the amounts raised above, the Treasurer has transferred surplus income into the fund which now stands at over £32,600. We have started the process for requesting various grant applications and that altogether these will raise around £230,000.

The "Bat Thermometer" will be installed by the bar next week.

100 Club

We have 47 members as at 4th June and once we reach 50 we will either increase the current prizes or extend the prize money with a 4th prize.

Bank Mandates are available from the Bar. If you are not already a member, simply pick up a Bank Mandate and send direct to your Bank or use on-line banking.

Kings Head Lane Ground

Following further discussions with Woking BC it has become apparent that due to the Council identifying KHL as the site for a new children's play area it will not be possible to fit the football pitches and a cricket square as well on the site. This is most disappointing and a set-back to our long term plan. However, on the positive side, the Council has said they will be renovating the Byfleet Rec square which we will be able to use and this will be better than no ground at all.

July Event Diary

Saturday 19 th July:	Parish Day & "Curryoke" from 8.30pm
Sunday 27 th July:	Colts Day & Presentation of Awards

Saturday 27th September – End of Season Dinner & Awards

The Club is booking the Pizza Comodor in Byfleet on 27th September for end-of-season Dinner & Awards evening. The cost will be £25/head & includes a 3 course meal and music, dress smart casual. Tickets will be available from Lucy Collins and Corinne Mickley.

Byfleet CC Committee, July 2014