



Byfleet CC Committee Meeting

Happy new year to all members of Byfleet Cricket Club

This newsletter is just to let you all know that your committee met for its first meeting of 2020 and here are some of the points that were discussed. If anyone has anything at all they wish to raise at the next meeting then please feel free to contact me or Andy. If you would like to be seconded onto the committee to have a regular say on how the club is run then again let us know and it will be considered.

Club Finances

Whilst the club had a reasonable bank balance before Christmas of about £5k and this should have seen us through to the start of the new playing season in April. However, this balance is about to take an unplanned hit as the Gang mowers were sent away for what we expected to be a routine service. Sadly, we have now been advised that some of the internal gearing, bearings etc have failed and we are now looking at a cost of around £2,600 to have them fixed and returned to us before the grass starts growing. As I am sure you all appreciate, we will need those gangers working several weeks before the season starts so that the outfield looks as pristine as ever.

Anyone who would like to and can pay their subs early this would be greatly appreciated to help with our cashflow!

Club House

The clubhouse is now getting regular hire enquiries which is good news and will certainly help the club generate income and funds to support the club's activities. Some smaller new heaters have been installed to keep the chill off in the toilets and at the far end of the clubhouse. New outside lighting has been installed and several small leaks in the roof have been temporarily fixed until we have sufficient funds to replace or improve the current roof.

Colts

This is the lifeline of the club and we desperately need some volunteers to give up a couple of hours a week for about 8-10 weeks to run this much needed section of the club. The ECB have/are launching a new scheme called Dynamos to try and encourage youngsters over the age of 8 to take up cricket. (along with the Allstars under 8's) This scheme comes with all the necessary documentation, drills etc to be able to run itself, so it just needs volunteers to turn up and organise the youngsters to carry out the drills. Whilst this has predominately been a midweek activity, we see no reason why this couldn't be moved to a Saturday or Sunday morning activity.

Teams and Members

We also need some help with advertising/marketing the club around the local area. We need to attract some more playing members, another 10 playing members this season would be brilliant. So, come on you younger members help out, talk to friends and others & please share on social media.

Fundraising

We are assured by the fundraising committee (Lucy) that 2020 will continue where 2019 left off. Sunday Lunches are proving a roaring success with three more organised at the end of January, February & March.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask those who are not members of the 100 club to please join. All you have to do is get your bank to setup a monthly standing order to the club for £5.00. The monthly draw could see you winning 1st Prize of £50, 2nd Prize £35 and 3rd Prize £20.

We are also looking at opening the clubhouse when England matches are on the TV during the Euros. We will look at the schedule and may show all the major games throughout the tournament.

2020 Overseas Player

The club has made an offer to a South African premier league batting all-rounder, the contact was made via Brent Kay's club in Durban and the 21-year-old is very keen to come and play for us this season. We have provided all the necessary documents for him to start the visa application process and the committee will update you on progress in due course.

Winters Nets

These commence on Tuesday 3rd March at Feltonfleet School in Cobham. Please come along and get ready for the season ahead. Cost is £5.00 Adults & £4.00 Students/Colts per session and these run throughout March for 5 weeks.

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Graham Pullen
Chairman