



Rowledge Cricket Club Newsletter

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Village Cup Run: Another Step Closer to Lords

The Club's successful run in the Npower National Village Cup Competition continues. On 24th June, the Club won the Surrey/Berkshire Area final with a win over Purley on Thames by 104 runs. This led to the first round of the National section of the competition and on Sunday 4th July the Club hosted Findon CC from Sussex (2007 finalists).

The excellent match culminated in a tense, nail biting finish. Needing 11 runs off the last over with two wickets in hand, our visitors ultimately fell six runs short on 222 All Out.

The Club is now through to the last 16 and one step closer to a 25th anniversary return to Lords. We host Hambledon CC (Hampshire Champions) on **Sunday 18th July, start 2.00pm**. Your support makes a huge difference to the team so please come and support them and help them through to the quarter finals.

Facilities Boost with New All-Weather Surface

Winter 2010-11 will see work underway at The Rec to replace the 25-year old all-weather surface, located at the school end of the playing 'square'.

The change will allow us to play a wider variety of junior and youth cricket on the new surface – a critical 'win' when the demand for our cricket facilities is at an all-time high. The total of games played by our 16 teams in summer 2010 is estimated at well over 250, according to Chairman Bill Nichols.

The new £7,000 investment is part-funded by a major grant from the 'Chance to Shine' scheme and from the club's own development fund.

Top Player Award for Gary Clapham

Congratulations to Gary Clapham on being awarded the Southern Electric Premier League Division 2 Player of the Month for June. Gary received his award for scoring 256 runs during June including three 50s.

Special Thanks to our partners *Forest Lodge, Andrew Lodge, Dairy Crest and Lewington Homes* for their continued support.

New Nets at RCC: Major Fundraiser Set to Launch

Complete refurbishment, improved quality, an entirely new lane and full security for two out of three lanes... that's the current plan for a major £40,000 development of the club's principal nets' facilities at the Rowledge Recreation Ground.

Easy to miss behind their screening hedge but the nets are one of the most vital, and busiest, aspects of the Club – essential to match preparation and coaching and development alike. From Early May to mid-September they are full every late afternoon and early evening with teams from all areas of the club. Queuing and booking have become the order of the day.

"Today we use them far more intensively than originally envisaged and like most clubs of our size and scope we really need three or even four lanes" explains Vice Chairman Chris Yates Sr., who is responsible for the project.

Following consultation with the vets football XI and Waverley BC, the club plans to proceed with a new three-lane development over the winter. "This is expected to be partly grant-funded but will also require the Club itself to raise an additional £10-15,000," adds Chris.





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Success for Rowledge Under 13s in ECB National Cup from David Gill

Rowledge Under 13's, despite slipping from top place in the North Hants League Division One due to defeats to Hartley Wintney and Yateley, have enjoyed huge success in the ECB National Cup.

After playing a number of local fixtures, the Under 13's won the Surrey Area semi-final in a high scoring match against a very impressive Normandy. The Area final was played at the Rec against Witley with Rowledge coming out on top by just 6 runs.

The Surrey semi-final was played at Stoke d'Abernon with Rowledge winning with four overs to spare. That's where the good fortune ran out. On Tuesday 6th July, our Under 13's stars lost the County Final to Spencer by 6 wickets. Meanwhile, the under 13's Academy squad team lead zone B, undefeated, in the Two Counties League.



Rowledge U13 team: Runners Up in County Final

Annual Dinner Dance – Saturday 16th October

The Club will be rounding off the season in style with the show-stopping Annual Dinner Dance and Auction on 16th October from 7.00pm to 1.00am. A complete sell-out last time around and a record fund-raiser, this year's event will again take place at the nearby Blacknest Golf Club.

Tickets are £35 per person. Tables of 8 - £280 per table. A deposit of £25 secures a table. To arrange your booking, please contact club administration officer, Liz Smith (lizziejsmith@hotmail.com).

Alternative Nets at Frensham Heights School

A special thanks to Frensham Heights school. Bursar David Armitage has kindly made its outdoor net facilities available to us until the end of August. They can be used by coaching groups each weekday between 4pm and 8pm. Further information from David Lloyd or Nick Pow.

Summer Cricket Camp - 3-6 August

A reminder to parents that David Lloyd is running a summer cricket camp again this year on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th August up at the Rowledge Rec. Cost will be £15 per 3 hour slot per day.

If you wish to sign your child up then email lloydy46@hotmail.com or telephone 07786252742 for further information.

The Magnificent Seven...

So, coming your way shortly will be the club's major fund-raiser for the season. Look out for the 'Magnificent Seven' – a new spin on a classic raffle offering winners their personal choice of seven top prizes. From 'keep fit' to property dealing. Pet portraits to green offices. And from Trinidad to the top of the Gherkin. Intrigued? Look out for an upcoming email blast.



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In Remembrance of Cecil Miles - 3rd January 1924 – 20th June 2010

It is with deep sadness that the Club announces the death on 20th June of Cecil Miles one of the Club's Vice President's. Cecil died during the evening of 20th June after returning home from watching the 1st X1 play Bournemouth.

Cecil joined the Hertfordshire Yeomanry in 1942 and was one of the first on the beaches at the Normandy Landings in June 1944. He later trained as a carpenter, served as a Fireman at Aldershot and Farnborough, and worked for British Aerospace.

Cecil's brother Norman was Club Captain during 1947-49 and Cecil played for the Club in the early 50s. He always remained a very loyal supporter of the club and would be seen most weekends watching matches at Rowledge, always chatting and encouraging the younger players. It is fitting that he spent his last hours at the Club watching the sport he loved.

Appropriately, a one minute silence tribute for Cecil was paid by both teams and spectators during the tea interval of the Village Cup match on Sunday 21st. Cecil's kind nature and support will be sorely missed by all.

David Metcalfe, Hon Secretary

Binsted: More Work on Way

The Committee has confirmed a further programme of major improvement for the Binsted wicket this winter. The machinery for the deep scarifying and additional clay loam for the Binsted wicket is ordered for the last week in September. This will disperse a lot of the thatching which is blighting the quality of the wickets at Binsted.

"It's no secret that we've had major issues this year," commented vice-chairman and head of facilities, Chris Yates Sr. "Agreeing a mid-term lease with Binsted Parish Council allowed us to commit a two-winter programme of activity. Last winter's work was a preliminary to this year's."

"Improvements are expected for the 2011 season but patience is asked for, as this is a long term project to improve the standard of the whole square."

Football Nights and Summer Music at the Rec

It's a shame about the quality of the football (the England players clearly need some Friday night coaching at Rowledge) but fantastic to see so many turn out at the Club for the 'big screen' plasma versions of the USA and Algeria games. Great fundraisers for the club and warmest thanks to all those involved.

One of the area's top local jazz groups, Out of the Blue, entertained a record Friday night crowd at The Rec on Friday 9th July. And a record fundraiser for the key new facilities projects including the new nets upcoming. The club plan more of these events in future seasons.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 7th August
Quiz Night

Sunday 8th August
I'Anson Match

Sunday 29th August
Lords 25th Anniversary Match

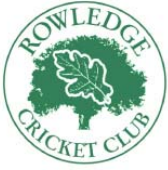
Monday 30th August
Casuals v 20 Pounders

Friday 3rd September
Junior Presentation Night

Saturday 4th September
Senior Presentation Night

Saturday 16th October
Dinner Dance





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Makeovers and Michelin Stars – Coming Soon Chance to Win £300 Dinner for Two



Fancy the poshest of West End makeovers or Soho 'bon viveur' dining but perhaps at less than local prices? That's the world of Keynoir, an exclusive buying club which offers its members 'access to a great lifestyle packed with indulgent and fun experiences in major cities around the world'.

It ranges from "boutique Mayfair hotels to the coolest Shoreditch restaurants", explains Marketing Director, Virginie Charles-Dear. And RCC is collaborating with Keynoir later this summer to bring you a special promotion: your chance to win a £300 dinner for 2 at London's top-rated Nobu (visit www.keynoir.com/nobu)

So what exactly is Keynoir and how does it work? Quite simple really. Keynoir send out its editorial team to handpick the best lifestyle flash sales in London. And at the lowest prices you'll find.

Check out these recent deals: (1) A complete makeover at Mayfair's Yolanta Salon – just £49 saving 61% on the usual £125; (2) Dinner for Two at Chelsea's Michelin-starred exclusive Tom Aikens restaurant – just £79 (saving 47% on £150); and (3) A dozen hand-delivered Lily Vanilli cupcakes for just £12 (saving 52% on £25). And the more buyers the better the deals.

Check out:

http://www.keynoir.com/nobu?utm_source=cricketclub&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=cricketclub for yourself and get the latest deals delivered to your morning inbox. And watch out for that Nobu promotion coming soon.

Village Fayre Fundraiser

A special note of thanks to Ben Wish, one of our younger senior players and a key coach. 'Wisshy' and friends opened up a new career opportunity by running a special nets fund-raiser at the May Village Fayre.

'Men Are Useless'

Definitely a headline for the ladies, that one! Intrigued? This is a trailer for a new consumer roll-out this Autumn. It starts from the simple idea that, for most men, shopping and male chromosomes is - well - sheer misery. So 'Men Are Useless' is a new band offering to fix this little problem - delivering boxes of all the toiletries and shaving kit that the average man simply can't be bothered to remember, or borrow from their better half.

MAU will launch at the end of July. Meantime updates about high jinks in the bathroom product department are currently being collated at <http://www.facebook.com/MenAreUseless>.

And what's all this doing in a cricket club newsletter? Well, we have a special deal to offer a free six-month subscription (worth £95) in one of our autumn promotions - perhaps at the Dinner Dance. Watch out for more information soon.

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