



Rowledge Cricket Club Newsletter

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Early Victories in the Village Cup by David Metcalfe

The Club's 2009 Npower Village Cup campaign got off to a belated start on 24 May with a 3rd Round draw against local rivals Frensham CC. Winning the toss, Frensham surprisingly put Rowledge into bat on a hot day with a fast outfield, a decision they must soon have regretted as the opening partnership of Chris Yates Jnr (65) and Gary Clapham put on 144. With a quick fire 43 from Ricky Yates and 25* from David Lloyd, Rowledge had set at imposing 293-5.

Frensham found Simon Bonser difficult to get away and sought to attack Ashley Jeggo. However it was Ashley that made the initial breakthrough and Frensham were in difficulties at 45 for 3. Frensham began to fall further behind the run rate against the Rowledge bowling taking wickets at regular intervals. It was mainly due to some big hitting from S. Farncombe (37) and R.Chuter (36) that Frensham posted 188 All Out.

On Sunday 31st May, RCC played its fourth round match at home against Newdigate. Winning the toss on a hot day, David Lloyd decided to bat and in the sun the crowd were entertained by an opening partnership of 142 between Gary Clapham and Ben Wish who were not separated until the 21st over when Gary was dismissed for a hard hitting 77. Ben (aged 18) went on to score a fine maiden century with many glorious shots. Ricky Yates (43) and Ian Metcalfe (26) added momentum to take Rowledge to 324 for 4 from their 40 overs.

This was always going to be a very hard task for Newdigate. However they got off to a good start against the young opening attack of Nick Taylor and Ashley Jeggo. Ashley made the initial breakthrough in the 9th over with the Newdigate score at 60. Maintaining a good run rate the Newdigate middle order lost wickets at regular intervals against tight bowling from Ricky Yates and Darren Mitchell. Eventually Newdigate began to fall behind the clock and it was left to the Rowledge 'Legend' Chris Yates Snr to wrap up the innings with a hat-trick, his last one coming some 15 years previously.

The match was well supported by a good crowd enjoying the sunshine. Rowledge will now play the winners for the West End (Esher) and Moreton tie on Sunday 14th June at Home.

Marvellous Results in May

The early success the teams secured at the start of the season has continued with four wins out of five matches for the Firsts, positioned second in the Southern Premier League 2. The Seconds have achieved three wins out of four and are in third place in Hampshire County Division 3. There have also been good results for the newly promoted Thirds and Fourths. Good luck to all the teams in their forthcoming matches. Let's hope the success continues and Rowledge CC has a memorable season ahead.

More about the Village Cup

For those new to the Club, the annual National Village Cup holds a special place in the Club's heart and history. Once, back in 1985, it made the final at Lords losing narrowly to Scottish side, Freuchie. Since then it has reached the quarters and semis on several occasions. Do come and support us...there's usually an excellent crowd at home games.

For all the latest results, match reports and statistics, visit the club website:
www.rowledgecricketclub.com



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Our Future in Safe Hands

How do you fancy working all week, desperately wishing to put your feet up on Friday night but then facing the prospect of spending over an hour coaching about 30 to 40 youngsters, some as young as 5 years old? That's what our esteemed group of youth and junior coaches and managers do for 17 weeks on a Friday night in the summer. In addition some of them then run a match every Sunday morning. This is in addition to running 10 weeks of indoor cricket nets during the winter!

We all owe a great deal of thanks to this dedicated group of people - they are all volunteers, but are really making a difference to the club. The proof of their efforts over the years can be seen in the long line of junior cricketers playing in our teams. So mega thanks to....

Caz, Dave, Ruth, Hugh, Alan, Andy - Age groups 5-8 years
Mike and Paul - Under 9's
Carlo, Ian, Jac, Richard - Under 11's
Dave, Neil, Dave and Rob - Under 13's
Brian, Jeggs and Wyatt - Under 15's
Nick - Under 17's plus general coaching

And a special thanks from all to Dave Lloyd a coach 'par excellence' and respected by all.

Help Wanted

We're still looking for some more 'volunteers'... If you fancy any of the following please email club chairman, Bill Nichols (bill.nichols@astrophel.co.uk):

- (1) Liaison officer with our two parent county clubs (Hampshire and Surrey). Both clubs offer us a great deal of support particularly at the junior/youth levels but we're not always able to take full advantage, practically or financially. So your chance metaphorically to prowl the corridors of The Rose Bowl and The Oval.
- (2) Fundraising - we have a number of events through the season organised by either the marketing team or our social secretary and president, Yvonne Cleminson. If you'd be willing to help out with just one, you'll be welcomed with open arms!
- (3) Last but not least, would-be umpires and scorers particularly senior teams will be greatly prized...

Notes from Behind the Bar

Those of you who've visited the bar this season will have noted a number of changes in progress.

Beer drinkers, for example, will find that we've switched to draft London Pride and extended the range of bottled beers to include Hobgoblin and Marston's Pedigree. Also Bulmer's Pear is selling very well alongside the very popular Magners cider.

Wine drinkers should look out for some major updates. Specifically we're introducing a new House White which we hope will be more to taste (feedback appreciated) - and an additional range available for sale by the bottle.

Meantime, back of house, we've updated various items and hope to improve the cooling systems further in next week or two.

Suggestions to our new Bar Manager, Neil Metcalfe) always welcome... Within the limits of a bar which only opens 2/3 nights a week, we'll accommodate if we possibly can. PS: who exactly is eating all the new Chilli Kettle Chips?

Club Kit Senior, Youth and Junior

All enquires/orders for Club Kit must be made direct to Berkeley Sports on 01252 728083.



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The Latest from the Under 13s by David Gill

Last week the B team played a division 2 match away to Yately B, who had 6 district players in their side (5 more than ours). They scored 146 in their 20 overs, a huge score at this level. In reply, Rowledge kept up the over rate for the first 5 overs with Ed Gill going well but we eventually managed 85 altogether. Jack Butterfield top scored and was man of the match.

On May 28, our C team played a great match at home against Hartley Witney B team, who had 3 district players in their team (we had none !). Rowledge batted first and scored a creditable 91 with Max Taylor top scoring with 24. In a classic finish, Hartney Witney beat us with just 2 balls to spare. A really close game. In fact, a nail-biter !

Max and Josh Clark, for his all-round performance, were men of the match. Also commended were Charlie for a great catch at an important time and Luke Titmuss for bowling. Seb Chaumeton, as always, did well at batting and bowling. Alice Clemson had a fine game behind the stumps. However, the atmosphere was electric and everyone played their part in a great game of cricket. On days like this, everyone should remember that every small thing - extra runs, misfields, etc. can make the difference between winning and losing. Always be determined and focused!

Help Rowledge CC by Shopping Online

Next time you're planning to shop online, just take a few extra seconds to log on via www.easyfundraising.org.uk and at no cost to yourself, you can help RCC.

Easyfundraising is a free service for charities, schools, clubs and other good community causes. When you shop using the easyfundraising links up to **15%** from every purchase you make is donated to the cause you nominate. And you can choose from over 600 of the UK's best known retailers including many popular names such as *Amazon, Next, Argos, John Lewis* and *HMV*.

Simply click on the link, set up an account and then go to 'find a cause' where under 'R' you can register your support for Rowledge Cricket Club. After that, you shop as normal and the site does the rest! Simply a case of remembering that online shopping means easyfundraising.org.uk

News from the U15s by Brian Eldridge

The U15s have been struggling with numbers and conflicting school matches which has resulted in not being able to field a full team for any of our first 3 games. This has, not surprisingly, resulted in a losing start to the season.

When fielding a full team, with the team spirit and players that we have in our squad, we will soon turn this around!

06/05/09 Away v Dogmersfield, Lost
Nick Taylor – 30 not out
Charlie Warren – 2 wickets for 14 runs

14/05/09 Away v Cove
Lost by 26 runs
Charlie Warren – 50 not out
Will Marchant – 50 not out
Rowan Jeggo – 2 wickets for 31 runs

17/05/09 Home v Fleet
(15-15 Cup)
Postponed due to rain

20/05/09 Home v Basingstoke
Lost
Calvin Eldridge – 19
Rowan Jeggo – 2 wickets for 12 runs

27/05/09 Away v Camberley
(John Bovey Cup)
Postponed due to rain



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A Word on Membership from Bob Blightman

Most of you probably appreciate that the Club is large, but just to give you some idea of numbers, every year we have about 250 families who are members of the Club, with in excess of 600 individual members. This year the Junior Section (which runs from Reception Year Group to Under 11s) is completely full with 184 members and a waiting list for some Year Groups. In addition, in the Youth Section (Under 13s/15s/17s) we have a further 57 members. We expect that many of these young players will in the future be an important part of our senior teams – and indeed many of the current senior players have worked their way up through the ranks in this way.

The spring is a very busy time for us on the membership front, from the initial mass mailing through to the processing of returned applications, the chasing up of those incorrectly completed (very few this year – many thanks) and Registration Day. Peter Brinsden and I then use the volunteer allocation software we have developed so that we can produce the help rota which we then circulate. We recognise there were a few minor mistakes in this process this year (apologies), and will be looking to re-design the forms next year to try to eliminate this.

This is all a far cry from the early days of the Junior Section in its current form (inspired and brilliantly led at that time by Andrew Harland) when we had no database and Registration Day was chaotic, to put it mildly. I don't think any of us realised just how popular it would be, leading to the need for appropriate administration procedures and the level of volunteer help that is required.

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered your services; without you none of this would be possible. You should all also appreciate the huge amount of time and effort that Peter puts in to ensure that our junior and Youth Sections are as successful as they are.

It is very important to us that we communicate effectively with all our members. Email is the most efficient mechanism for this, so if you suspect we have got this (or any other contact details) wrong on our database, please email me at bb@cirruslogistics.com and I will confirm what we have recorded.



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Dates for the Diary

Friday 4 September

Junior Presentation Night

Saturday 5 September

Senior Presentation Night

Saturday 17 October

Club Dinner Dance

New Back Office Staff

Bill Nichols writes: We're delighted to welcome new members to our 'back-office'. Thanks to: Rachel Hinxman, whose work in transforming the newsletter you'll all have seen; Kirsty Pendleton who is helping with advertising and sponsorship; and Caroline Weeks who is assisting Club Secretary, David Metcalfe, with contractual matters.



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