



Hurley Cricket Club

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Hello!

Welcome to the first issue of our e-newsletter. It's the end of Season 2016. We, the committee, would like to keep you in touch with the club, roughly on a quarterly basis. I hope you take the time to read it, and who knows, even contribute. Feedback would be very welcome.

So, before we all become Morlocks over the next 6 months, have a good close season!

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Playing Stuff

In many ways the club is on an upward curve. The colts program led by our coaches had 82 boys and girls signed up with U9, U11 and U15's sides. At least five of those were featuring regularly in our senior sides at weekends. Sundays and the Saturday 2XI side have been brilliant at bringing them through. Ollie Dawkins 111 on debut for the Saturday 2XI was remarkable. Well done Veg's U15's winning Division 2 (East) and then demolishing Cookham Dean in the final of the all Berkshire Division 2. Veg then drove off to celebrate with his usual glass of milk and a Hobnob leaving the trophy on his car roof!

While availability for Saturdays has generally been good it is a worry that senior membership has dropped from **36** last year to a critical **31** in 2016 and this makes getting sides out a real challenge at times. The real effort that people have made to play despite other commitments is appreciated.

We need ideas and help to recruit more members.

There is also a movement to revamp the league structure in Berks, Bucks and Oxon in the form of the pyramid 'Two Valleys League'. Talks are on-going among the existing leagues.

Committee

Your committee is suffering fatigue! Many of the posts have been held by the same people for many years. Each year blank faces meet our plea for new blood at the AGM. Malcolm Graham has just completed his first year as Secretary and we welcome his great input. We really would like more new ideas and enthusiasm so anyone who would like to contribute in whatever capacity, even without a portfolio, would be *very* welcome.

EasyFundraising

By Author Name

Please remember that if you order on-line from many places (Amazon/M&S), we can benefit from free money through Easyfundraising as a percentage of your order. It does not cost you. Simply create a login and register for Hurley CC. We have now received over £900 from this scheme so sign up today before you shop for your socks for Christmas! Also we benefit from Gift Aid, anyone who puts in hours to coach, umpire, do teas etc can gift aid their 'expenses' (mileage) to the club, again at no cost to you. Details and a template from humbug@ridgers.wanadoo.co.uk



*Allan Greene
rolls back the
years*

Past vs Present (the 90's v 2016)

By Author Name

Jonny Furneaux did his best impersonation of John Belushi and got the old band back together to relaunch this popular fixture. Blessed with blue skies and Val's catering, we had a brilliant day. The bar did quite well as well. Also, it gave me an excuse to include some photos in this newsletter.

Back Row: *Snoz, ?,?,?, Ian Dawkins, Nally Fernando, ?, Mac, Dobber.*

Front: *Jonny Furneaux, Mike Taylor, Fred Furneaux, Doc Halliday, Ian Hopes, Griff.*

Apologies for the ?'s but Jonny brought a few from work as well. The past openers combined age was well into a century and a half while Doc and Sonic generated surprising pace with their bowling in total disregard for their chiropractor's advice.

It was great to catch up with most of the all-conquering 1995 side.

"If anyone has seen any of these people, could you please contact Age Concern immediately"

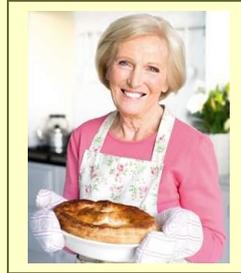


Hurley Past XI 2016.

Changing of the Guard

By Author Name

Val has been a stalwart of the club, or maybe a rock cake in the kitchen for many years, and will be throttling back next year. There has been a trend recently of players turning up and bringing anything but sandwiches, even loaves and fishes expecting miracles from Val to make up the sandwiches. You are reminded that everyone should provide two rounds of sandwiches for home games and the club provides cakes etc and if Val is feeling all Mary Berry, we get scones and carrot cake. ***If this is too much for you then buy sandwiches from the co-op.***



Despite the rumour, I don't have a picture of Val on my computer.

Sadly, also Linda Furneaux has called it a day trying to keep the clubhouse tidy and we thank her for her efforts for many years. If anyone knows of a suitable replacement the please get in contact.

An Opportunity or just a Fantasy?

By Author Name

I have heard that one of our neighbours in Shepherds Lane might be moving. I immediately bought a lottery ticket and was surprised when I didn't win.

Captain Fantastic

Sadly it seems that Naeem has got a job oop norf with GSK. We will miss his brimming optimism, enthusiasm, batting, bowling, fielding and captaining. I hope the rain and snow clears occasionally for cricket.

Good luck, we will miss you.

A genuine nice guy.



Spot the Ball

Dates for your diary AGM and work party from 10am

5th November 2016, Hurley

Please lend your support to sweep leaves, bed down the sight-screens and then attend AGM to elect officers and review the club's health. It is essential we have a good turn-out and push forward the development of our colts program.

Val may also be providing delicious refreshments hopefully.

*“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”
— Winston S. Churchill*



Burgers on the hoof at Cow corner