



Greetings

Time to ditch my usual plea for contributions and focus on the season ahead. Activity has been ramping up, Jeff has been working hard on the wicket, the mowers are as razor sharp as Mo's wit. Deep drilling has let the worms breath and roots to stretch out. The clubhouse boasts honours boards, nets have been well attended and even committee has 'new' blood. The colts program has swung into action with nets for U9, U11 and U13's. Let's hope enough players turn up for our 3 senior teams. Why wouldn't you want to get out in the sunshine with your mates after a long winter? New leagues and formats may also kick start a revival in our fortunes. I can but hope.

We hope to improve communications via social media/snapchat, Mo is our new data bot. Wednesday nights are social/nets and coming later in the summer will be a series of social T20's. Get involved.

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If you want this newsletter to continue please share your thoughts and pictures
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Go on, give me some feedback!!!



Why not get kitted out for the new 2018 season in club logo? SERIOUS CRICKET has lots of club wear. It does make a statement to the opposition fielding a team in club colours. The club also receives income from all purchases. So far we have raised



£170.

<https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/hurley-cricket-club>

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EASYFUNDRAISING

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Do you realise that we have raised £1,368 through easyfundraising? Simply by spending online at the likes of M&S, ebay, Wayfair etc through the easyfundraising website we get free money!! £800 was raised from just 4 of our members.

Dates for your diary

Socials:

May 19th - Quiz

June/July/August - Friday night is T20 social

Wednesday nights are social nights

First game 21st April

MEMBER MEETING/CRICKETFORCE - March 24th

Well, I set aside a large space for this but a wet Saturday, work, shopping, man-flu, the diversions of Maidenhead United and RFC all resulted in numbers down.

I think sufficient numbers did appear to do what was needed on the ground and to erect our 3 new honours boards, though there was no grand unveiling with silken curtains. I arrived in time for lunch. Val again surpassed herself with baked potatoes and a choice of chili or baked beans, Prof had both. We all sat down with knives and forks and butter for the potatoes.

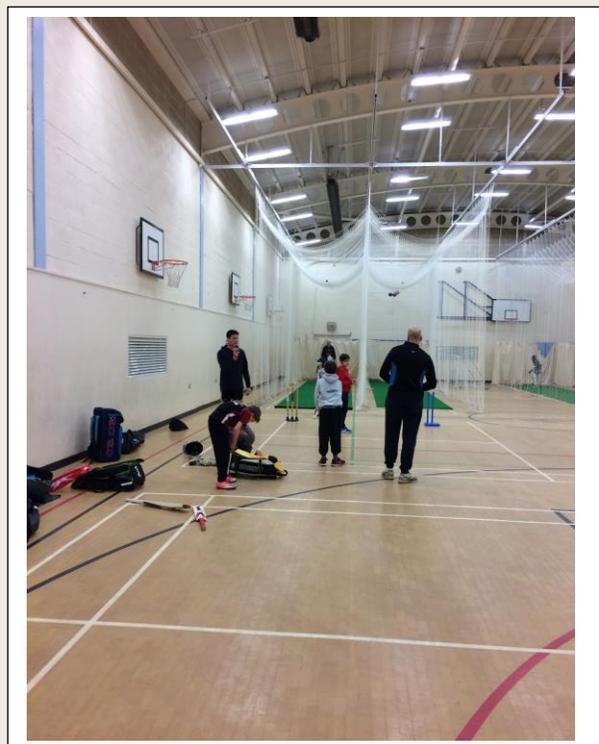
Everyone appeared both wet and cold so I guess it was a success. Jeff had all his equipment out as if a North Korean military display.

Mike Walton ran through the changes to the Laws of Cricket and the new League structure and there was a brief discussion on the state of the club and prospects for the season. Yes, we do have prospects. Josh volunteered to set up a Facebook page to advertise the club.

NETS - Sundays March 25th onwards

Reports from nets are that Sundays are well supported with seniors from 10am and colts from 3pm. This means poor Veg misses Sky footie on a Sunday afternoon and little time for eggy bread.

More coaches are needed for the boys to spread the load from his tiny shoulders. It may appear only 4 colts are in the picture, but this is only a small segment and we are short of coaches for Veg to tear himself away for the money shot.



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The Honours Boards are here.

Player Exposed!

COLIN AINGER

Dave Atkins brought his boss at the time, Colin down to the club in 1986. Colin served as President for 10 years, scored 5,700 runs, 101 catches and 17 stumpings. He is credited with just one over with a career best of 1-7. Anyone know who that rabbit was? At the last AGM he was deservedly voted in as a Life Member.

Colin was ever the sage of loooong dull committees, resolving disputes and providing measured advice, a kind of Solomon but without the baby slicing. He is as generous as he is modest, his financial skills and deep pockets have helped put the club on a sound footing and has been instrumental in establishing our Giff Aid effort. How many people realise the club heaters we all love are his donation. How many people would have a Jocelyn Goldsworthy painting of the club as a birthday present and use the prints to raise money

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Get them in before I have to chase
(A big hug from Rita if you don't)

Please note SUBS are now due. Subs have been kept at £70 for the 7th successive year. Those students in education and the unemployed £35.

As a little incentive we have also offered a discount of 50% to anyone introducing a new member who will also pay an introductory subscription of £35.

We continue to invest heavily in the club so please pay before I chase in person or send Rita.

for the club?

Clearly, he knows more about cricket than football, he is a great fan of Chelsea and Val's teas. He is rumoured to have a tattoo of John Terry in a secret place. He will umpire if pressed when the need arises. Some people will do anything for a cream horn.

Although largely stepping away from playing for the club these days, he has progressed to the Berkshire Seniors and has ensured that the old boys use the club as a regular venue. The playing conditions and of course the teas have helped this.

I have had many beers bought by Colin, and rarely has he accepted one in return. Did I ever offer?



OK, not a real image but the only one I have is on the wall by the bar

INDOOR CRICKET - Team Manager Yasir

Message from Mo:

Hi mate,

I can't quite believe it....but.....we actually won!!!!!!!

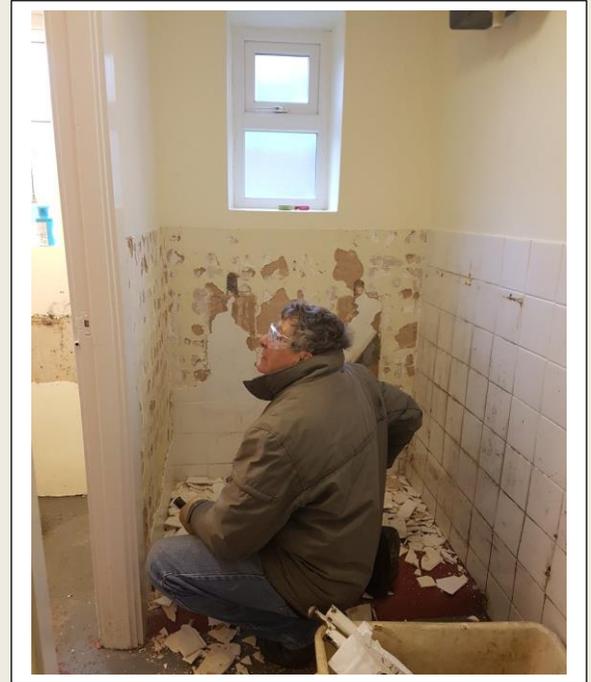
Our first indoor Hurley win and you've guessed it, Yasir wasn't playing!!!!

Kind regards
Mohammed

A NEW PRESIDENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pat Hinnell has agreed to step into Colin's shoes and cover the role of President until we can confirm at the next AGM. Pat has been with the club since 1973 and has appeared over 460 times for the club. Currently he still sorts out our Sunday fixtures and is our Tsar.

Mo has agreed to cover communications and will try to keep in touch via social media, Whatsapp, Facebook, Webpage and Twitter. He might even talk to you.



What happens when Jeff gets bored. It was one hell of a curry. No toilet bowl is a bit of a problem, so Jeff improvised.

Around the Ground

The legendary tour this year is to Bournemouth from 10th to 13th July. Get your names down and enjoy the Graham boys failing to make breakfast and Mo's one-liners.

Over the winter the club has invested in 'deep drilling' of the square. No shale gas was found but there were traces of Ian Hope's DNA. The aerating of the square should encourage better rooting, in memory of Ian.

We also invested in sightscreen no4 so we now have 4 matched screens so no excuses for not seeing the ball unless the sun is reflected off Prof's shiny forehead.

2018 marks an experimental year with the new Chilterns/Mid Bucks League. T45 (w/l) will sandwich beginning and end with the familiar 90 over (w/d/l). The 1XI will play in the

Premier (perversely one down from the Championship) and the 2XI in Division 4

There is a disturbing plague of shoulder injuries in the club. Is it that our members are just wearing out? Poor lads, can't get it over as much as before.



Anyone TAPE the cricket at Newlands?

This has to be the funniest press conference EVER. Should we now cancel the Ashes result as tainted? Seriously, Smith's legacy will now be remembered for this naïve act.

Scorer's Desk
LESSON 3

OK, so now it is time to dust off the equipment, buy a new pack of pens, scorebook, fruit pastilles and plump up the comfy cushion, it's going to be a bumpy ride.

- *Review those nagging desires to retire and hand over the book to an innocent apprentice.*
- *Find your innocent apprentice*
- *Persuade them that life as a scorer beats checking your phone every 10 minutes for all those 'likes' they crave so much.*
- *Try bribery. It may be worth a sugar drenched, diabetes encouraging fruit drink at the end of the day to get out of scoring.*
- *Don't get sucked into another role just because you have been a willing supporter for 40 years.*
- *Enjoy your retirement walking round the boundary with DW or ST ruminating and gossiping.*
- *Don't forget the 'tape' for any visiting Australians*