



Matlock Cricket Club Christmas 2017 newsletter

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Winter nets organised

Clubmark accreditation

“Clubmark” is the means by which a club identifies to the world at large that they are sustainable, well run and provide the right environment for its members.

Matlock CC accreditation is up for renewal which means that the club has to provide evidence that they meet a series of criteria which we are currently doing with the help of the DCB.

Once obtained the club is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages. Obtaining accreditation will also help when there is the need to apply for a grant.

1st team scorer required

If there is anyone in the family keen on cricket, has spare time on a Saturday afternoon and would like to be paid to watch a good standard of cricket then please let us know. The first team are looking for someone to replace Sam Poll now that he has signed up for the 2nd team for the 2018 season.

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were saying goodbye to the 2017 season, but now, with eyes beginning to look towards the 2018 season it is essential that we prepare properly. Winter net sessions, are now scheduled and they will all take place in the Highfields Upper School Sports Hall, as follows:-

- **Kwik cricket** commences on Sunday 7th January 2018 and runs from 5:30pm till 7:00pm
- **Junior hardball** cricket commences on Monday 8th January 2018 and runs from 6:00pm till 7:00pm
- **Senior net sessions** commence on Monday 8th January 2018 and run from 7:00pm till 9:00pm

A charge of £3 will have to be levied to pay for both the hall and the support coaching put in place.

Grant obtained to refurbish the outdoor nets

Thanks to the hard work put in by Ian Ford we have now been successful in obtaining a grant for the refurbishment of the two outdoor nets.

The “Better Derbyshire Dales” Fund has allocated a grant which we will have to contribute towards and plans are now being drawn up to have the nets fully refurbished in time for the start of the outdoor season.

With the rapidly increasing playing strength of the club, both in terms of senior and junior players this development could not be better timed and will provide training opportunities, even if the ground is rain affected.

Vertidrain completed

Not an exciting topic for conversation, but:-

the whole outfield has been treated to a good going over with a machine that drills down into the soil to around 1foot (30cm in new money).

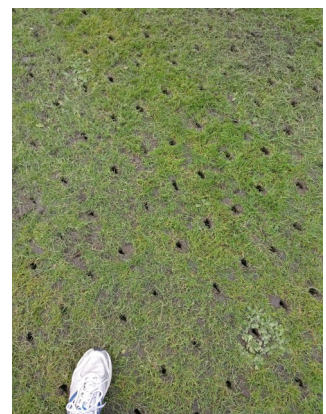
This will not only help with the poor drainage currently, partially caused by the car parking over the last 12 months but will also encourage

airation to the soil bringing about new root growth to the grass and encourage a tighter grass coverage = better outfield.

This again, has only been made possible through the income raised from the car parking sessions.

Picture right :

an exciting image of holes in the ground.



AGM confirms officials for 2018

At the recent AGM the following officials were appointed:-

President — Clarry Hill

Chairman — Roger Young

Vice Chairman - Peter Stapleton

Treasurer; - Ursula Poll

Secretary - Ursula Poll

Welfare Officer(s) -

Steve Webster & Andrea Rowan

Fixture Secretary — Mick Lander

Premises Officer — Chris Silverwood

Social Secretary(s) -

Dave Lander and Stuart Poll.

1st XI Captain — Ed Lander

1st XI Vice Capt — Drew Mullaney

2nd XI Captain — Stuart Poll

2nd XI Vice Capt — Tim Braund

Mid week Captain — Dave Lander

Junior Co-ordinator — Ray Mullaney

Kwik Cricket Manager — Peter Stapleton

Junior hardball Team Managers to be identified after the Christmas break.

Christmas Car Park Thanks to those who helped

Although not the financial bonanza that it has been in previous years the limited car parking that was allowed by the weather still made a significant contribution towards club coffers.

Thanks to all those who helped on the day — primarily Steve Haslam, Roger Young, Jack Gregory, Sam Poll and Andy Paulett on car parking and Ursula Poll on raffle duty.

Pathway refurbishment

We are currently improving the access around the ground with a small section of pathway already laid around the corner of the home changing room thereby avoiding the slippery slope that has been testing everyone who walks around there on a wet day and we are also creating a more user friendly disabled access pathway from the car park at the football ground end of the ground. This should also be finished in time for the new season and will make access into and around the ground that much easier.

Junior cricket

A few bits and pieces:-

A) There are currently 7 representatives from last years juniors that have been trialing with the Derbyshire Dales U12-13 squad. They have all been asked back to District training sessions after the Christmas break which is great news. This additional training should help improve their technique and it will be interesting to see their development once they return to club winter nets early in 2018. Well done to all of the players concerned :- Stephen Hooper, Louis Jamieson, Finlay Suett, Max Fairbrother, Jamie Lambert, James Sculley and Rocco Ball.

B) Thanks to the additional car parking income the club have again been able to support the DCB "Chance to Shine" initiative for 2018. The DCB will be offering support to All Saints Junior, St Josephs RC Primary, St Giles Primary and Matlock Bath Primary early in the new year.

C) We are hoping to run three junior hardball teams for the U13 season. We will be able to confirm this early in 2018 as soon as the winter nets have started

D) The DCB have arranged a junior coaching session at Highfields School for the February half Term 2018. This is aimed at beginners within the "Junior School" ages groups. If you have friends or family with

children wanting to learn the game then this could give first timers a kick start to their cricketing career and improve the technique of players who have already started learning the game.

Places can be booked online by following the link below:-

<http://www.dcbcricket.com/holiday-programmes/holiday-courses>