

Matlock Cricket Club Easter 2019 newsletter

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Easter 2019

The first Social Event of the season will be on Thursday 11th April at the cricket club. Starting at 6:30, a Pie & Pea supper will also allow the distribution of the new sponsored kit for 2019. Please contact any committee member to confirm attendance. SEE YOU THERE.

New coaches

Congratulations to the three club members who have just gone through the DCB Level 2—"Coaching Children" Course. Mick Rowan, Paul Sculley and Dan Goutorbe have all successfully completed the course and are now in need of some practical experience to complete the task.

The club would like to thank all three for giving up their spare time over three Sundays to attend the course and we look forward to them running junior hardball sessions in the near future.



NatWest Cricketforce 2019

Matlock CC are again participating in Cricketforce which will be held during the week-end of 6th/7th April. With the kitchen improvements well underway, the tasks for this year will be to compliment the improvements within the tearoom and lounge area. Anyone with a spare couple of hours is more than welcome to come along and join in, in bringing the club back to life from its winter hibernation.

Painting, cleaning, general tidying and groundworks have all been identified, so there is something for everyone to get their teeth into to prepare the club for the coming season. **Please contact any committee member to confirm availability as soon as possible.** A variety of tasks are waiting to be undertaken, both indoor and outdoor, so the weather will have little effect on our efforts to be ready for the

Grant obtained for extensive kitchen refurbishments.

As part of MCC's commitment to become a "Cricket World Cup—Club", with the club committing to hold a Family Fun Day in June 2019, we were able to apply for a grant to improve catering facilities at Causeway Lane.

We have been successful in this application and the kitchen refurbishments took place on 12th & 13th March. We now have new, welcoming bar/kitchen facilities which will greet you when next down at the club.

Ladies softball cricket

We have been invited by the Derbyshire Cricket Board to enter a ladies softball cricket team into competitions during 2019. After a tentative yes as the reply, all we have to do is find a team (of 8 players)

Described as maximum fun, minimum fuss, there are no pads, no hard ball, no heavy bat and no head-scratching rules.

It's a game for absolutely everybody, no matter your skill level, fitness, or age. Playing time at Festivals is usually about two to four hours, so it never gets boring and with it being only 8-a-side we should be able to get a team together.

If you would like to get involved please contact Andrea Rowan on 07565 022330

Sponsorships

An amazing piece of work by Mark Burton (first team player) which was followed up by both Steve Haslam and Andrew Paulett has attracted a number of new club sponsors.

These sponsors have allowed MCC to really add to the value for money already on offer by providing various pieces of kit at reduced prices (or free); providing free 1 to 1 junior hardball coaching for all who would like to receive it; providing free catering to a number of the club social events plus adding support in organizing the Family Fun Day which is to be held in June 2019 (more on this later).

In total our sponsors now include :-

Maazi restaurant	Chubb solicitors	Alfreton Insurance
B2B Insurers	AKA Builders	Viva restaurant
Stones restaurant	Specsavers	Matlock Bed Shop
Co-op Funeral Care	Café in the Park	William Twigg (Matlock) Ltd
Darwin Forest	Dan Goutorbe Landscapes	Go Local—Matlock Green

It would be lovely if you could consider using their services whenever possible.



All Stars registration is now open for 2019. These sessions, aimed at 5 to 8 year olds are designed to be fun whilst introducing the basics of the game. It is simple to register and the registration fee of £40 not only covers the 8 sessions (which at Matlock start on Tuesday 16th May) but also provides you with personalised kit for use both at the club and at home. If you have family or friends who may be interested tell them to enter the following in their Web “search engine” to register:-

<https://allstarscricket.co.uk/matlock>

Changing room roof repairs

Another example of the benefits of being able to run car parking on the ground is the replacement, over the winter months, of the roof covering above the changing rooms.

This, together with regular painting of the external timber walls will keep the building going for a fair few years yet.

The next task is to improve the shower facilities once club finances will allow.

Subscriptions

With the season starting to close in on us, we would ask that everyone pays their subscriptions as soon as possible. Please look out for Martyn Pyne (Membership secretary) at nets . Subscriptions are not onerous and are as follows:-

Senior playing membership - £20

Family membership - £25

Juniors, unemployed and students - £10

Car Parking support

With Andrew Paulett trying his luck “up north” we are looking for more support to run the car parking events which have become the life-blood of the club.

Weather permitting, the next car parks we hope to run will be over the Easter week-end (Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Monday plus the May Bank Holiday Monday). If you can spare a couple of hours, or perhaps have a relative looking to occupy some spare time please contact Steve Haslam on 07950 813601.

There are now adequate numbers within the club to make this less onerous on people and one or two sessions per person would go a long way to fulfilling our commitment for the summer.

Thanks in anticipation

FREE - Junior hardball one to one coaching

Thanks to generous sponsorship by **Kip McGrath**, the club are able to offer free 1 to 1 net sessions for anyone within our Junior hardball teams. These sessions are aimed at helping with technique and confidence whilst playing the game and will hopefully increase their knowledge of cricket.

The sessions will be provided by either Mark Burton or Drew Mullaney (both members of the first team squad) and anyone interested in taking up this offer should contact Ray Mullaney who will co-ordinate each session.

We're Going Digital !!

We are hoping to have brought in both internet access and “Sky” TV by the beginning of the season. This will allow us to provide both free Wifi and TV during the day and in addition we will be looking to show “live” the Cricket World Cup on the club TV .

Hello and goodbye

The club would like to give a big welcome to the following players, who have joined us since the end of last season:-

Stuart Bullen, Tony Elscott, James Kershaw, Matt Perry , Giles Shepherd, Adam Booker and also Paul Hetherington who will be joining us at the beginning of the season from Australia.

We have also had to say goodbye to the following players :-

Andrew Paulett, who has left to play cricket in Marple and Dan Swain who last year came over from Australia for a summer of cricket, but who is unfortunately unable to join us for another summer of fun and games—they will both be missed.