

BARNARDS GREEN CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Section

Patron Lady MORRISON

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Club Web Site

If you haven't been on the website recently then you really should take a look, it really is an excellent site and kindly maintained by our web master Dave. He's always open to receive articles, jokes, pictures whatever and these will go on the site so long as they are not offensive or deflammatory. We do however have a secure area which you can sign up to which is where you can discuss all kinds of matters on the club forum. Give it a go and see how good it is, www.barnardsgreen.com it is also the place to go to find out about fixtures for the forthcoming season and what's on. There is also a link on there for shopping on the web which has already raised funds for the section at no cost to us. All you do is go in through this portal to a whole host of sites where you can buy anything from a holiday, to obtaining a credit card and buy your electrical items, oh and lingerie! You pay no more than if you went into their site direct, but we get a commission payment, so if you do shop on the web, give it a go.

Nat West Cricket Force 2006

This is an initiative that was set up last year to improve the amenities of clubs around the country in partnership with local businesses. Last year it proved extremely successful for a whole host of clubs and many millions of pounds were raised for clubs including many that we compete against. This year we have signed up to Cricket Force and the event is set to take place over the weekend of 8/9th April 2006. What we need you to do is two-fold, firstly turn up on the dates to lend a hand and secondly to let me know of any companies you feel that may be prepared to get involved either by donating materials or time by some of their staff. For example, Newland pavilion needs attention, do you know of a company that may be prepared to donate some stain to tart up the outside of the pavilion, or perhaps a hotel or shop that is getting rid of curtain material that could be used to put up in the changing rooms. Or how about some paving slabs to tidy up the back of the club down then Green, you may know a business that has some they don't need or know of a Bank or business where the staff may like to get involved. The vent is going to happen come what may and will be our pre-season working party weekend, so please get involved, don't bury your head in the sand and think everyone else will do it for you. I am hopeful that on the Saturday evening, we can have a bit of a social event at the club by way of a pre-season get together and to thank any sponsors who contribute on the day.

Nets

If you are not already aware, nets have started and take place at Hanley Castle School each Thursday evening 8pm till 9.30pm. The cost will be £2.00 for seniors and £1.00 for juniors.

The Ground

I am pleased to say that Roy Mayo is slowly but surely getting back on his feet after his operation, although it is a longer haul than Roy expected. He has already been down the Green and carried out the first cut of the season on the square! Bob Rogers has kindly agreed to oversee the ground at Newland, but both grounds will need an awful lot of work before the season starts so please be prepared to lend a hand and don't leave it to the few who have had to carry the workload over the past few years. If you are at a loose end one weekend or have a day off in the week with nothing to do, I'm sure Roy or Bob will be able to find something for you to do particularly over the coming few months when an awful lot of mowing will be required to be done. Give them a ring.

Colts

I hope it goes without saying that the Colts section is one of the most important parts of the club, I'm sure that the majority of you came through a colts section, if not at this club then at another one. You will therefore appreciate that it is imperative that we all support the colts section in some way or other. I have kindly had volunteers come forward for all age groups apart from under 10's at the present time and if no one comes forward in the next few weeks to volunteer to help run that age group then I will have to detail members who are not currently involved, to each run one of the scheduled games. I also require a good attendance please on a Wednesday evening for practice nights, we start on Wednesday 26th April and run through till July time. The evening starts at 6.30pm and runs till 8pm, it can be a most rewarding evening and I would ask that you get involved and help out, the more helpers/coaches there are, the easier the session goes.

Subscriptions

These are due from now on and please be aware that **if you have not paid by 1st June** you will **not** be selected for any of the teams until you have paid. I intend to invoke this rigorously this year as I see no reason why those that do bother to pay on time should supplement those who can't be bothered. Graeme Glendinning has kindly agreed to take on the role of membership secretary, but captains and indeed myself will be chasing you for payment and can accept your money. The cost for seniors is £50.00, which includes your club subscription. If you know of any club that has cheaper subs in the Midlands please let me know.

Pre Season Training Camp

Smeds is arranging another pre season training session this time in Manchester, it will be a case of traveling up Saturday morning, nets during the afternoon, a couple of beers and a meal if you have any energy left, stop overnight then travel back on the Sunday. Costs have yet to be finalized as have dates, but the cost is likely to be around £30. Speak to Smeds or keep an eye on the website for more details.

I'm sure you are all busy getting in shape for the season, so good luck and hopefully I will see you all at nets!!!

Robin Longmore - Cricket Section Chairman