

BARNARDS GREEN CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Section



Patron Lady MORRISON

October 2003

Another season has passed, which leaves me just three before retirement! Seeing those who are already retired and enjoying life more than ever, having been 'Fossilised', I can't wait. This Newsletter is intended to update you and remind you of forthcoming matters and events. I know that many of you are now on the internet and have e-mail addresses, so could I please trouble you to send me a very brief e-mail so that I can pick up your address and I can then keep you appraised of any forthcoming events and important news. My address is rlongmore@aol.com .

Club Web Site

The site has had an overhaul and is now even better and will no doubt keep getting better. Many thanks to Dave Price who is kindly maintaining the site. If you haven't visited the site, you will find all sorts of interesting details. During the season, the team sheets are displayed and you can now find the 2003 season averages on there along with all manner of photographs and news headlines. There are some useful links to other sites such as the various leagues we are in to see other results and league tables and we now have a Forum section where you can discuss with other members anything you like within reason. Anyone can read the messages on the Forum, but you have to register (don't worry it's free) to be able to contribute. It doesn't take many minutes to do just that and so it would be good if more members came on line and joined in the discussions. Dave regularly monitors what's on there to ensure it is legal and ethical!

Presentation Dinner

Hopefully by now you will all have a dinner form and will have completed it and returned it along with a cheque! Yeah, I thought not. Well pull your finger out as it is not that long away, **Friday 28th November 2003** to be precise. If you don't have a form and you are on line, you can download one from the site. It is important to get in early as we are restricted to numbers and whilst that number is around 120, I anticipate that we could well become oversubscribed and therefore it will be on a first come first served basis I'm afraid. You have been warned! The cost is £18.00 which is a snip compared to many diners and if you have any thoughts on moaning about the venue, forget it, get on the Forum and air your views.

We will also be holding a raffle on the night, so anyone who wishes to bring a prize along, it would be very gratefully received.

Annual General Meeting

This will take place at the club on **Sunday 30th November 2003 at 7.30pm**. We would like to see a good turnout and it is your chance to have a say in the running of the section as you get a vote. So if you don't like the way something is done or you have a view on who should be Captain, get yourself along to the meeting. Whilst talking on the subject of Captains, this year I will be posting a nomination sheet on the

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club notice board by the toilet passageway. This will give everyone the opportunity to nominate or second the person they feel should be captain of a particular team. If you do intend nominating someone, please ensure they have been approached first and are prepared to do the captaincy. Please be sensible about it, Saddam Hussain and Mickey Mouse are not suitable candidates for election, but there again they can't bat or bowl either (only joking).

The Ground

Many thanks to the few who took the time and trouble to help put the squares to bed and do all the other jobs that need doing at the end of the season. Sadly it was the same few that seem to do everything else, but then I suppose it's us that are the mugs at the end of the day. I can't let this opportunity pass without saying a big thanks to Roy Mayo, Chris Genever and Dick Hines for all the hard work they have put in over the past year. It has not been an easy year for groundsmen this season with the lack of rain over the past couple of months, but without doubt, we have had some of the best wickets in the area even if there was too much bounce at the Green at the end of the season! Many thanks also to all of you who took time out to assist by keeping the rest of the grounds looking good.

Senior Nets 2004

I know we've only just finished the season, but we have to have something to look forward to and so we have arranged senior nets for **Thursday nights** from **6.30pm to 8.00pm** (sorry, can't please everyone) starting **8th January 2004** running through to **8th April**.

Colts

We are looking for someone to take over the mantle of Colts Manager for the forthcoming season, as unfortunately, Tim Williams is standing down due to work commitments. Our thanks go to Tim for all his efforts and I am sure he will continue to be involved in the coaching aspect. Hopefully I don't have to point out just how important the Colts are to the club and you only have to look around other clubs who are struggling to see why that is the case. Many of you have come through the colts system, so please put something back into it. Clearly we are looking for someone to act as Colts manager, but just as importantly, we need people to turn up on a Wednesday evening to help coach the youngsters. Please don't adopt the Emu mentality, put a little bit back into the club, you'll be surprised how satisfying it can be!

Hope to see you all at the Dinner, but if not I hope you and your family have a happy and healthy winter break.

Robin LONGMORE
Cricket Section Secretary