



BARNARDS GREEN CRICKET CLUB



BARNARDS GREEN CC SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

THE CHAIRMAN LOOKS FORWARD TO THE 2009 SEASON

There is considerable anticipation within the club as the 2009 season approaches. Our confirmed status as a Focus club, evidenced by the award of Clubmark Award from the ECB, is a recognition that we have moved forward as a club both on and off the field and is a testament to the hard work put in by several members and officers, notably Andy Wheeler who has masterminded the endless paperwork needed to meet ECB requirements.

As you will recall from the AGM the club has new captains for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams and we are negotiating the services of an overseas player from the Southern hemisphere.

2009 is also our 75th Anniversary season and we have a range of celebratory activities arranged some details of which are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. A selection of appropriate kit and merchandise is also available and special shirts and caps have been ordered.

Andy Lamb

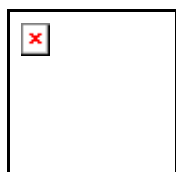
THE CLUB CAPTAIN ALSO LOOKS FORWARD TO THE 2009 SEASON

With less than 8 weeks until the first friendly fixture preparations are now well under way for the new season. We have been training at Malvern Girls College for 3 weeks now with an emphasis on fitness and skills work. This will lead nicely into our 5 weeks of nets which start on March 6th at Hanley Castle. We will also be having our annual training weekend at Evesham Cricket Centre on 21st March, followed by our normal team building evening!

George Rhodes has signed from Rushwick and has fitted in well at training thus far and plans for the overseas player are almost in place. We have also finalised our pre season fixtures with matches against OE's and Droitwich as well as a club training match on Sunday 19th April.

Commemorative caps and shirts have now been ordered and will be here for the start of the season. We are also close to finalising details of the new 75th Anniversary leisure/training wear. All in all the club seems to be in good order and everyone appears to be eager for what promises to be a hugely exciting year for the club to arrive!

Tim Williams



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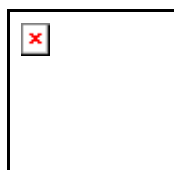


CRICKET WEEK August 31 – Sept 4

Instead of the usual tour we shall be running a cricket week to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. There will be a series of fixtures at North End Lane together with evening entertainment and we would ask members to make themselves available as if they were on tour so that we can maximise the opportunities during that week.

Our timetable will be as follows;

Date	Time	Fixture	Event
Sat 29 Aug	1230	Worcestershire County Cricket League Div 1 2 nd XI v. Astwood Bank	
Sun 30 Aug	0930	Annual Six a side tournament	Barbecue and Karaoke
Mon 31 Aug	1230	Worcestershire County Cricket League Div. 1 1 st XI v. Malvern C.C.	
Tues 1 Sept	1230	B.G.C.C. XI v. Chairman's XI	Evening event in conjunction with the Joanna Brown Trust*. Details t.b.a.
Weds 2 Sept	1230	B.G.C.C. XI v Heywood C.C. of the Central Lancashire League	
Thurs 3 Sept	1230	B.G.C.C. v Midlands Club Cricket Conference XI	
Fri 4 Sept	1000	Anniversary Golf tournament	Venue to be announced
Sat 5 Sept	1230	Worcestershire County Cricket League Div 1 B.G.C.C. 1 st XI v. Worcester C.C.	
Sun 7 Sept	1300	Worcestershire Sunday Cricket League Div 2 B.G.C.C. 2 nd XI v. Ombersley C.C.	



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The Golf Day will be open to all sponsors, members and friends and will probably comprise of three or four ball teams competing for a variety of prizes. It will be followed by a presentation dinner at North End Lane with appropriate entertainment.

**See article below for background about the Joanna Brown Trust.*

BGCC COLTS OUTLOOK FOR 2009

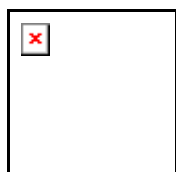
The 2009 season is eagerly awaited by all concerned with the colts section and I'm sure by the colts themselves. Five new ECB accredited coaches have joined the ranks of the training team and indoor nets start on 1st March at the Chase school for five weeks, see the website for more details. Any coaching staff would be welcome to assist with these sessions. Outdoor nets will hopefully start on the last wednesday in April for under 13's down from 6.30pm till 8pm with under 14's and 15's training on a monday evenings 6.30pm till 8pm.

A registration evening will be held at the club on Sunday 29th March from 7.15pm for all colts wishing to participate in the 2009 season. Any parent who would like to assist at training sessions or on match days would be warmly welcomed and should contact Robin Longmore Colts Co-ordinator for more information on 01684 569992.

Robin Longmore.

A DAY OUT AT THE CRICKET...75th ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT NEW ROAD

On the 17th June the club will be hosting a special event at New Road, on Day 1 of the counties championship game against Yorkshire. Those attending will be getting a VIP ticket! The club will have exclusive use of the marquee – a great place to watch the cricket from. There will be teas and coffees on arrival, a superb three course lunch, a bar, a traditional afternoon tea, free scorecards, plus car parking spaces. The county is donating a signed bat for us to raffle, and there will hopefully be appearances by some of the players. Tickets will be advertised for sale shortly, at just £35 each or at a 10% discount for anyone booking a table of 10. This will be a great day out for all players, family members, friends or supporters of the club – and an opportunity also for our sponsors to entertain their guests. Contact Chris Horne (07729 804040) or Rich Brown (07891 592605) for further details.



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PRE SEASON FRIENDLIES

To date the following games have been arranged;

Sat 11 April 1st XI v. Droitwich Spa C.C. at home

Sat 18 April 1st XI v. Old Elizabethans C.C. at home
2nd XI v Old Elizabethans C.C. away

Sun 19 April Practice Match Probables v Possibles at home

NEW NON-TURF NET FACILITY AT NORTH END LANE

We have submitted a bid for a brand new 3 lane enclosed non turf net facility to replace the existing provision at North End Lane. As this has been a key target in our club development plan and is logged with ECB at regional and national level we have an excellent chance of securing a grant to cover the shortfall resulting from the considerable cost of such a facility. We are also extremely grateful to be getting support from the Joanna Brown Trust towards the costs of the new facility.

We still hold a faint hope of getting this in place prior to the season if we receive notification soon but are probably looking at starting installation at the end of the summer. When complete the nets will offer top quality practice opportunities and will provide a choice of speeds and bounce.

SENIOR SUBSCRIPTIONS & MATCH FEES

As may be re-called from the AGM, senior's subs and match fees have been held at their 2008 level for the coming season. This means the following :

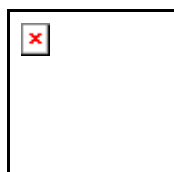
SENIOR SUBS 2009

Subscriptions £75 for Club and Section if paid before 31st May.

£85 if paid after this date.

NOTE: players will not be eligible for selection if sub not paid by 31st May.

Subscription for Over 18 students and the unwaged £35.



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Please pay your subs ASAP to your usual captain, to Robbie Lewis or to Chris Horne.

SENIOR MATCH FEES 2009

Match fees £5.00 (£3.00 for the unwaged).

LAST MINUTE REMINDER – there was also an offer at the AGM that any player delivering a minimum of £150 of new sponsorship to the club by 1st April would receive their 2009 subscription FREE. You still have a little time to take advantage of this offer, as some already have.

NATWEST CRICKET FORCE – APRIL 4th and 5th

Following the highly successful scheme run last year, where many volunteers came to help renovate the Newland pavilion, the club have again signed up for NatWest CricketForce. The programme which is run by and is supported by nearly 2000 clubs and many businesses, has brought over £30 million investment into the game and nearly 90,000 volunteers helped over the 2008 weekend. Indeed, this is now the biggest volunteer programme in the UK!

Barnard's Green were very grateful to all the helpers over the weekend, who painted, cut hedges, laid carpet, rolled the wicket, cut the outfield and prepared food for the volunteers.

The club is planning various projects for this year's weekend, including preparation of the Newland ground, painting of the outside of the pavilion at Newland and various projects at North End Lane.

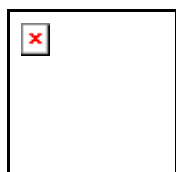
NWCF is only a success for the club if we can get the volunteers there to help carry out the projects. Let's ensure the club becomes the best club in the county, not only in numbers of members, but also to continue to boast the best facilities in the county as well.

As a further incentive, there will be a free ECB/NatWest Cricket Force T-shirt to the first 30 who turn up to help!

A full programme will be publicized before the day, but in the meantime, please contact Andy Wheeler (07791 047073) for further details.

ACHIEVEMENT BOARDS

In response to members' comments we intend to mark achievements of centuries and six wicket hauls from this season onwards. We are also aware that there is a dearth of team photos and intend to ensure the teams are better represented in the clubhouse.



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GREEN MEMBERS GET IN TRAINING OVER THE WINTER

The Club has been increasing the number of members qualified under coaching and umpiring schemes over the winter. Cyril Dean, Steve Hunt, Dan Hunt, James Scullion and Robert Eyles all took the course and qualified as UKCC Level 1 coaches. Phil Harris & Leivs Hooper qualified as UKCC Level 2 coaches. Congratulations to them all. Andy Wheeler, Chris Horne, Graeme Glendinning and Anne Wilson are currently studying the WCUSA Level 2 umpiring course. Good luck to them, and thanks to the Club and also to the ECB for subsidising participation on these coaching & umpiring courses. Anybody wishing to take formal training next winter as coaches, umpires, scorers or grounds men, please contact Andy Wheeler on 07791 047073.

*About The Joanna Brown Trust

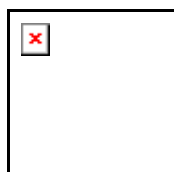
Barnard's Green's Rich Brown contributed the following background...

Set up in loving memory of Joanna Brown, The Joanna Brown Trust aims to...

"Encourage and enhance people's involvement in healthy recreational activity by providing equipment and facilities"

Jo was passionate about sport and being active. The Joanna Brown Trust wants to provide people with the opportunity to not just experience sport, but excel in it. Whenever there are sufficient funds in the Trust to make a difference, The Joanna Brown Trust will identify a good cause that Jo would have been supportive of and provide them with sporting equipment or facilities. Close consideration will be given to the type of equipment or facilities provided to ensure that the aims of The Joanna Brown Trust are achieved.

For more information please visit our website – www.TheJoannaBrownTrust.org.



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