



Anything The Football Can Do...

(The Official Newsletter of the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club)



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So where have you been?

There has not been a cricket newsletter for some time - November to be precise – for which many apologies. Issue No.156 began “the clocks have gone back”, and now they have just gone forward again to signify the official start of summer, which means the cricket season is not far away.

Many of you will have attended winter nets, which have now ended, whilst the nets at Hayes are now available, but please remember to abide by the rules and regulations for using them

There are many important events to bring to your attention and whilst the pre-season get together is the first as far as the date is concerned, by far the most important is:

Club Force - which takes place from Friday April 28th until Sunday April 30th

This is our annual Spring clean of the Club and ***each and every one of you must participate, even if it is only for a few hours***, and that is a message that is also being sent to ***ALL*** of the Association's other subsidiary clubs, namely football, both senior and junior sections, netball, squash and racket ball and tennis, ***so there are no excuses for not answering the call***

Yes, it is hard work, but it is also a lot of fun and very rewarding, and the greatest reward, and benefits, go to the playing members, whatever sport they play, so I look forward to ***SEEING YOU ALL***

Colts training has changed

As you will be aware, Colts coaching has been switched ***from Saturday mornings to Friday evenings***, the main reason for this being the increasing amount of travelling that our coaches have to do in order to play their away fixtures in the afternoons following the morning sessions - to such a degree, in fact, that, for some games, they have to leave before 9-30 on a Saturday morning!

We are confident that all involved understand the reasons for this change and will soon get used to the new timings. Many other clubs have colts training on Friday evenings, for exactly the same reasons which provoked our decision, and it seems to work very well

Help Adrian and volunteer to match manage

Adrian Beckett, the chair of our colts section, is looking for volunteers to match manage our junior games and leads by example, but because the majority of them take place on week day evenings, work commitments sometimes prevent him from doing so

This, of course, affects the majority of you but if you could volunteer, even if it is only for the occasional game, then this will be much appreciated and be of great value to the Club

Teas

Denise Pilgrim, Jill Forbes and Kelly Hope have kindly agreed to do the majority of work with regard to providing teas for our seven sides but they need help - seven teams are a lot to cater for – so if you can help, even occasionally, please get in touch; your help will be very much appreciated

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Websites

Kent Cricket League Website: www.kcl.uk.net

Kent Feeder League website <http://krcl.play-cricket.com>

Sunday Development League website <http://kentsdl.play-cricket.com>

Old Wilsonians: www.oldwilsonians.play-cricket.com

North Kent Junior League: <http://nkentjunior.play-cricket.com>

Old Wilsonians' Association website www.OldWilsonians.com

Old Wilsonians' Association Sports Club

Terms & Conditions for hire of facilities

To all Sports Club Hirers:

The cost to hire the club facilities	£200.00
We require a breakages/cleaning deposit	£50.00
We require a kitchen use deposit	£50.00
If an extension after midnight is requested	£100.00 per extra hour
Corkage will be charged per bottle @	£8.00

All moneys to be received by the OWA at least 1 month before event

We politely request there be no decorations on the honours boards

No use of party poppers, spray string, table confetti or similar

If the club-house-bar and/or kitchen are left in need of cleaning, the appropriate deposit will be forfeited.

More important news about your Club

Umpires and scorers

Just as you cannot have a game of cricket without a tea interval, similarly the game cannot function without umpires and scorers, so please think about volunteering to fill these positions

First class umpiring courses are available - the Club will pay for you to attend these – whilst one of our current scorers will be more than happy to give you some tuition in this important art if this is the only thing preventing you from volunteering

Pre-season get together - Friday April 21st

On April 21st we have our pre-season get together which will give you the opportunity to reacquaint yourselves with team mates, impress your skipper with your intentions for the season and participate in the quiz, thereby enabling your team to secure their first victory of the season

You also need to register for the season and pay your annual subscription – you only have to do so once, so why not do so now and thereby demonstrate your commitment to the OWCC

Website administrator and communications officer

We are still looking for someone to fill this important position and carry on the good work that Caroline Maxwell contributed to establish this vital role. Communication is so important and, without it, we cannot run the club efficiently, so don't be shy and volunteer to fill this position – you will be given all the help you need as you come to grips with the job in hand

Fund-raising

As ever we rely very heavily on fund-raising events in order to survive financially, and our dynamic fund-raising committee of Kenny Maxwell, Tony Sherlock and Steve Lawrence have been working hard throughout the winter to fulfill this function and give you a lot of fun and entertainment at the same time, so don't let them down and support their efforts

As well as the quiz night already referred to, our magnificent three also plan the following events:

A Karoke Night - Your chance to display your vocal chords in full flight - cannot wait to hear Clive Peckover sing 'My Way' again; makes the Sid Vicious rendition sound very tame indeed

Champions League Night - features football, I grant you, but always great fun and popular

T20 Night, which last year featured a game between our President's XI and one compiled by Tony Sherlock – a re-match is certainly on the cards

Cricket week is always vital for our fund-raising committee and this year will be no different and will certainly include the always popular 50/100 not out board and many other ideas

County Cricket T20 sweepstake - just £5 to enter with £50 in prize money

Fantasy Cricket, which enables you to pick the OW team of your choice and see them score lots of runs, take a shed load of wickets and hold some out-standing catches

Scratch cards - and no cricket season would be complete without Ian Forbes demanding £2 from anyone entering the Clubhouse, even if it is just to read the metre

An update of these events will appear in this publication throughout the summer

Congratulations, 'Mitch'

Many congratulations to our 1st XI skipper Michael 'Mitch' Mitchell, who has been appointed 2017 captain of the Kent Cricket League (Divisions 1 & 2) Representative XI. 'Mitch' will lead a group of the best players from the 20 Kent Clubs that make up those two divisions against other county representative teams from around the country.

After joining the Club as a junior, 'Mitch' developed through the ranks to become our 1st team captain last year. As well as this appointment by the League being another excellent personal achievement for him, it also highlights the progress that OWCC has made as a Club in recent years, moving up through the league system and increasing its profile both on and off the field.

Suminda Balage Don – our 1st XI skipper pays tribute to involved in three promotions

As some of you have already heard, [Suminda Sanjeewa Balage Don](#) is leaving Old Wilsonians to start up a new challenge with a new club a bit closer to home. Suminda's service to this club on the pitch has been incredible, and he was instrumental in three fantastic promotion seasons, which has seen us climb from division 5 to division 2 of the Kent league. He has also made invaluable contributions to our coaching set up and helped with the growth of our colts system. It is safe to say Suminda's impact at the club during his time has been massive. Suminda, you will be missed by everyone at the club and I'm sure people will join me in thanking you for everything you have done. Good luck for the future and make sure you are not a stranger to Old Wilsonians

Michael Mitchell

And Barrie Frampton adds: Well said [Michael Mitchell](#). A well deserved tribute to a great club man for OWCC. All the best [Suminda Sanjeewa Balage Don](#), I hope we haven't seen the last of you! And Doug Forbes added: Best of luck to you and your family Sumi'. Thanks for all the great seasons; it has been a pleasure playing with you.

Sainsbury's vouchers

We are again collecting Sainsbury's vouchers, so please let us have these so that we can put them to good use for the benefit of the Club

Have you been following the Archers cricket story?

It seems that the nation's longest running soap opera has a problem with their cricket team and, unless they take some drastic action, it might fold; serves them right for not having the foresight of Old Wilsonians and setting up a colts section!

Mind you, their proposed solution is very laudable and one that we should seriously think about adopting in order not only to increase our playing strength but to enable us to field more sides, namely they are recruiting female members. Watch this space

Film Review: "Sully" - directed by Clint Eastwood

Is this a film about our hero, erstwhile Sunday skipper and master of the Fantasy cricket league? According to 'The Independent's' film critic it features "quiet, unfussy heroism" - must be a reference to Tom's support of Millwall!

Support your management committee

Who have been working tirelessly throughout the winter months to ensure you get your cricket. It is all very well you saying you appreciate all the work they do – and I'm sure you mean it – but why not demonstrate this in a tangible way; leaving the dressing rooms and the kitchen in a clean state is as good a way to start as any

Support your newsletter

As ever I am looking for contributions to the newsletter , so please think seriously about writing something otherwise you are just going to get my views, which tend to be unpopular; just ask the 1st XI!

It would be nice if every side – including the colts – submitted a monthly report to let us know how you are doing and highlight out-standing performances; you would be amazed how much pride players, both young and old, take in seeing their name in print, whilst readers are genuinely interested to read about the efforts of our sides

The copy deadline for the next edition is **APRIL 30th**, so start writing now

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH : SEE YOU ALL AT CLUB FORCE - APRIL 28th to 30th