



Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club Newsletter June 2013

With the season well under way we thought it was a good time to update you with some of the upcoming events in our busy diary, highlight a few outstanding performances from the juniors through to the senior teams and the ladies side and keep you up to date with the on-going hard work going on at your club.

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Get your diary out!

Thursday 6th June – Tea at the T20

This week our first eleven welcome Warrington in the league twenty over competition.

From 5:15pm Phil Dougherty will be serving up a buffet at £10 a head so why not come along after work or school, have some food and watch our exciting first eleven as we look to regain the trophy we won three seasons ago.

Our batting line up is to hopefully include Jordan Clark (only the 5th first class cricketer to score six sixes in one over), leading league run scorer Warren Goodwin, hard hitting club coach Lee Dixon and ex-Ireland international Steve Ogilby. It will also include recently selected Cheshire bowler Jack Williams and the up and coming Harry Killoran.

Monday 24th June - Lunch with ex-England wicket keeper Bob Taylor

From Sunday 23 until Tuesday 25 we are hosting the full Cheshire County side against Wiltshire and as part of the three day event we will be welcoming Bob Taylor to lunch. Bob represented England in 57 test matches, 27 one day internationals and his record of claiming 2069 victims across his entire career is the most of any wicket keeper in history.

Tickets are priced at £20 and are available from Brian Gresty at the club.

Saturday 6th July - Grand Summer Ball!

Every year the summer ball grows in popularity. Our annual gathering is this year being held in the marquee at Chester Boughton Hall.

A complimentary glass of fizz will be served on arrival, catering organised by Phil Dougherty, our music comes from local musicians Safe House, whose eleven players are sure to have to dance floor filled as we dance until late with carriages arriving at 1am.

Tickets are available from Jim Gillson on 07852 303082 and are priced at £50. Contact Jim as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

Monday 8th July - An evening with Australian cricket legend Jeff Thomson!

Known as Thommo, Jeff formed half of the famous double act Lillee and Thomson and was regarded as one of the most fearsome bowlers ever to play test cricket, a fact given greater credence by the great Clive Lloyd who rates Thomson as the fastest bowler he ever faced.

We are delighted to welcome Jeff to the marquee for what will surely be a sell-out evening just four days before the 2013 Ashes series gets underway.

Tickets that are priced at £30 will include food from Phil Dougherty, a speech with question and answers with Jeff Thomson and are available from behind the bar or directly from Jim Gillson on 07852 303082.

Further events will be announced as the season progresses and momentum towards what we hope will be a fantastic season on the park grows. Please support the events we are hosting.

The season so far.....

First eleven

Under the leadership of Steve Ogilby the first eleven have made a strong start to the season. After Saturdays away win at Macclesfield we are placed second in the league with four wins under our belt. Warren Goodwin leads the run scoring not only for Chester but also across the county league. Runs have been shared among the top order with Jordan Clark, Lee Dixon, Steve Ogilby and Ross Dixon sharing vital innings on occasions so far. On the bowling front Jack Williams has built in his form from last season and has been rewarded with selection for the full county side making his debut last week against Northumberland at Hyde. Ian Linwood will soon be returning from injury giving the seam bowlers a much needed boost. The side have progressed through the first two rounds of the Cheshire Cup which we hope to retain after last year's success. In T20 cricket a strong performance this Thursday should secure progress into the knock out stages and with the first round of the Liverpool Echo cup coming this Friday the team is competing on four fronts.

Ladies

The ladies started the season with an outstanding day at home to Stalybridge. Openers Ali Cutler (107no) and Lorna Thomas (125no) put on a record breaking 268 for 0 in 40 overs. Sadly this outstanding batting performance didn't lead to a win as rain took away most of our visitor's innings but Captain Nic Capes could take real confidence from the season's opening fixture, especially with debutante Maeve Sparks taking two wickets for five runs off her first three overs in senior cricket. Along with Nic Capes senior players Annette Axon and Di Totty believe this is a consolidation season as the ladies introduce more junior players to senior cricket and attempt to re-establish Chester to their dominant position of recent seasons

Second eleven

Captain Dan Riley is doing a fantastic job alongside Vice-Captain Bob Evans, who once again is in the runs for the club. With three wins and two draws from the first seven games the seconds are sat fourth in the Second Eleven Premier Division and hope to build on last week's excellent performance against Macclesfield. Bob Evans scored an immaculate 130* and young left arm spinner Shane Patel staked his claim as a very promising young player by making his first team debut in Sundays Cheshire Cup win over Rode Park (taking three wickets in the process). The return to full action of Sam Mallows has been a significant boost to the bowling line up. The blend of talented young players like Ryen Spencer-Wolfe, Andy Metcalf, Joe Killoran and others alongside more 'senior' players in Dave

Atkin, Karl Steadman, Phil Thomas and Jim Gillson makes the side a pleasure to play in. Great credit goes to Dan and Bob for their hard work so far.

Third eleven

Pete Balac's third team are once again performing wonders introducing young players into senior cricket. Playing in the third eleven division one league is a good standard of cricket and maintaining a mid-table position where we currently find ourselves will be a good objective. Star performer so far this season has been Alex Townend who against Oxtun earlier in the season took seven wickets for thirty one off seven overs. Other young players making the right impression include George Jackson, Sam Munro and Cameron Clarke. At the experienced end Ian Metcalf has been in fine form with the bat and as acting skipper, Mani has been scoring regular runs and Dave Fisher has been bringing his own brand of swing bowling to the fore.

Fourth Eleven

Phill Evans' role as Director of Fourth Team cricket is developing nicely! Under Phill's watchful eye Allan Axon has been sharing the captaincy of the side with mixed some mixed results. The side are currently in mid table having secured two wins from the first seven games but most importantly are introducing new players alongside the clubs youngsters into senior cricket. Joe Maddocks a promising young leg spinner is making excellent progress along with Tom Wyatt who manages his time away from Port Vale FC where he is Captain of the junior academy very well. Martin Huber has been surgically removed from Chester Rugby Club and adds useful experience to the side. Joey Desmoreaux has provided some good firepower in the middle order and new signing Chris Kelly is settling into the club really well. The fourth eleven is an absolutely essential side for the club and is working very well again this season.

Over Forties

Club Captain Chris Fleet is feeling the pressure after successive defeats have left the over 40's bottom of the league. Chris has received the board's vote of confidence and has acted strongly this week by axing John Legry in favour of club chairman Graham Vernon. This brave move has nothing to do with last week's freezing cold game against Neston where the senior players found the hard frost forming in the second innings difficult to cope with. Once again the legendary hospitality afforded to our visitors is second to none and new recruits including Chris Kelly are being pushed hard for their place by talents like Monkey and Snippy, who are regularly seen in the nets on first team practice nights.

Juniors

Fixtures are under way in all age groups from under 9 to 18 under the eye of junior manager Dave Killoran. Dave and Linda continue to make junior nights a real success at Boughton Hall and are always seeking help from parents to further expand the cricketing opportunities available at the club. Next month we will feature the junior section results.

Club news.....

In the clubhouse Phil Thomas continues to welcome bookings from club members and visitors alike and has worked tirelessly to generate events at the club for us all to enjoy. Over recent years the diverse range of events held at the club has grown and grown, with us hosting wedding celebrations, christenings, corporate events for local businesses (conference hosting), retirements, marquee events, birthdays (of all ages) as well as very popular club social nights such as sporting dinners with

Sir Garfield Sobers and Andrew Flintoff. We can cater for a large variety of events so please consider recommending your club for anything from corporate days to the list of celebrations above. Please contact Phil Thomas on 01244 326072 or via the website at www.chesterboughtonhall.co.uk

As has been stated on numerous occasions in previous newsletters you are most welcome at Chester Boughton Hall. The on-going success of our great club relies on attracting and maintaining new members, who bring fresh ideas, new friends and an active interest in the club.

The events we co-ordinate rely on your support – please get involved!

Graham Vernon – Chairman

Jim Gillson – Vice Chairman

