



Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club Parent's newsletter April 2013

Welcome to all – a message from our Vice Chairman Jim Gillson

The 2013 season is underway!

Last Friday (19th April) was the first evening of junior cricket for 2013 and it was fantastic to see so many old and new faces come along to enjoy the sport we love. The essential registration of players is underway so that we can ensure as many boys and girls as possible can find practice, coaching and games at their own age and ability level.

If you have not yet registered your son or daughter to play please see Linda or Dave Killoran this evening.

Over the course of the winter the club has invested heavily into youth cricket with the introduction of two artificial pitches so that we can play as many fixtures as possible rather than lose them to the English weather. Our next aim is to upgrade the net facilities to make them the best practice nets in the region - we do need your help (more on that later)! We want as many children as possible to experience playing the game and are working hand in hand with Cheshire Cricket Development to provide opportunities for all players to progress. Possibly the biggest challenge we face is encouraging mum and dads to volunteer to help us run sides. For many who are comfortable with football, rugby, hockey, netball etc, cricket looks daunting. The reality is that in the most part it is simply organising 11 boys and girls to enjoy playing. The reality is that as a club we can provide coaching on a Monday and Friday and do so. Parents are always needed to run and manage teams. Every side in the club at junior level is run by a mum or dad. Last Friday we gave cricketing experiences to over fifty under 11's and sixty under 9's. We could easily have 3 or 4 teams in each age group but at present only have three parent volunteer managers.

Please speak to Dave Killoran or any club official to find out more about getting involved – we will help and support whoever wishes to a part of getting children playing cricket.

Feel free to contact me on 07852 303082.

New innovations

We are delighted to welcome Phil Docherty to Chester Boughton Hall. Phil has taken over all catering responsibilities for the club and has started offering cooked food every Friday evening from 4:30pm at the club. The range of food on offer is fantastic and the opening times make the difficult hour or so between school finishing and cricket practice starting a little easier to manage for mums and dads rushing at the end of the day.

Food will be available after practice ends through the evening, so why not stay and make the most of the facilities the club has to offer.

Club news.....

Club Manager Phil Thomas continues to welcome bookings from club members and visitors alike and works 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

Coast to Coast Cyclists

Two weeks ago 7 club members led by Chairman Graham Vernon completed the 145 mile route between Whitehaven and Tynemouth to raise funds for new junior and senior practice facilities at Chester Boughton Hall.

Final figures will be confirmed over the coming week but early estimates suggest we will have raised between £12,000 and £14,000 (final figures will follow soon).

We want to leave a lasting legacy for future generations of cricketers – please play your part on June 23 when we will ask you to get involved in raising funds.

Future events for your diary.....

Thursday 6 June – Tea at the T20

20/20 cricket is the fastest, most entertaining form of the game. Three seasons ago Chester BHCC first eleven reached the last 8 in England, losing narrowly one round before the Sky TV sponsored finals day, which this year is at the Oval.

The first team welcome Warrington in the first round of the twenty over competition. In the clubhouse there will be a sit down meal starting at 5pm – tickets priced at £15 that will include a main meal, cheese and biscuits with tea and coffee to follow.

Around the ground all are welcome free of charge. Come along to see Lancashire's Jordan Clarke, who this week became only the fifth first class cricketer of all time to score six sixes in one over when playing against Yorkshire.

The game starts at 6:15pm.

Sunday 23 June until Tuesday 25 June – We welcome Cheshire County CC

Last Chester Boughton Hall had four representatives playing in the county side. This year Warren Goodwin, Lee Dixon and Ross Dixon are likely to figure, with the possibility of Jack Williams making the breakthrough into the full county side.

On Sunday 23 we have rearranged our family sponsored walk – more details to later and on **Monday 24 we are delighted to entertain former England wicket keeper Bob Taylor to Filkins Lane.**

Bob will host a lunch at the marquee on the ground during the luncheon interval and will participate in a brief question and answer session.

Tickets are available from Brian Gresty or Phil Thomas at the club.

Saturday July 6 – Summer Ball

Our signature fundraising event will take place in a marquee at the ground. Each year the summer ball brings the whole club together and this year with live entertainment, fine food and late dancing we will endeavour to do the same.

More information will follow but put the date in your diary now and reserve tickets through Phil Thomas at the club or by contacting Jim Gillson on 07852 303082.

Sponsored family walking morning – Sunday June 23 2013!!!!

WE NEED YOU!

On Sunday 23 June we will be hosting a sponsored family walk from The Ring O Bells public house in Christleton, along the canal to CBHCC, starting at 10:30am and ending with food, drinks and a chance to watch Cheshire play Wiltshire at the marquee bar-b-q event.

Background

We have over 200 junior members associated with CBHCC who play cricket at the best ground in the county. For many years the club has been fortunate to benefit from the willing support of benefactors who have constantly supported the development of the club. With luck this support will continue but we need to encourage the next generation of young cricketers, and their parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters to feel a part of the on-going development of our (your) club. To that end we ask every junior player plus parents, siblings etc to join us in this sponsored event to raise money for the practice facilities.

The Ring O Bells have kindly sponsored the event so that the family that raises the most money towards new nets will receive a meal including drinks at the award winning Cheshire pub. Further prizes will be offered to the second and third highest amounts raised.

Please use the final page of this newsletter as your family sponsorship form. Alternatively one is available on the website at www.chesterboughtonhall.co.uk

If every family involved can target £50 we could, with the 200 plus junior members and combined efforts of the Coast to Coast Cyclists, get somewhere near the figure needed to get the facilities underway.

Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club is your club!
Be a part of it by getting fully involved in events this year.

Best wishes

Jim Gillson
Vice-Chairman



