



Rowledge Cricket Club Newsletter

Issue 1 – June 2015

Chairman's Welcome to the 2015 Season

On behalf of RCC I would like to extend our warm welcome to you all for the 2015 season. I am also pleased that the work has now been completed on the square and this year we are using the wickets which were laid in 2014. Next year we will be back in full operation and the whole square will be back in use. I hope you are all agreeing it's looking pretty smart!

I am pleased that our principles Sponsors are back with us again: - Burns & Webber (Men's Senior & Youth teams), Southern Properties (Ladies), Broly Refurbishment (I 'Anson Day) and Birdworld, who must be one of our longest serving sponsors. I am delighted that we have these local companies involved in RCC.

The season is well underway and we have begun well in all our seniors sides so far. Our juniors have also had some good results, so please do come down to support all ages when you can. We still need new players even though we have reduced our senior sides from 4 to 3 and we have introduced some friendly fixtures on the Sunday to get our U17 and U15s used to longer over games, so if you want to play even with your dad then please do reach out to me and I will put in touch with the manager of that team.

Our Sunday Village Cup team is through to the final of regionals and our next game is at home v Blackheath starting at 1pm on Sunday 14th June, so please do come down to support the team. The bar will be open and let's hope for a good result.

Look forward to seeing many of you on a Friday night or at any game and I hope you enjoy the season.

Regards

Carl Baker
Chairman

Friday 5th June – Jazz Evening, Don't miss it...

RCC is holding its annual Jazz Night, this Friday night. Once again this year Barclays Bank has kindly sponsored the event and are offering- "Matched funding on BBQ & Sweets". So please come along to support the always popular night. This allows us to reinvest into our youth / juniors and further develop our coaches so we can offer the best coaching facilities in the area.



Moving House, then don't forget Burns & Webber special offer!

For an amazing third year, B&W are generously offering Rowledge CC a donation if you instruct them to sell your house for you, upon showing your membership card to them. See full details in the fixture book or call the office on 01252 713858.



Back for a Second Year

Ben Wish (Wishy and **Joel Swan** (Swanny) are back to run our newly refurbished bar for another year. The bar has also been renamed to recognize Burns and Webber for their continued support for the club. With offers on beers, lagers, wine and fizz, there should be something for everyone. Please come and enjoy a drink from the inside or outside bar





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Recreation Ground Update

The Recreation Ground 'Project Gold' is now near completion.

For those of you who have visited the Recreation Ground over the past few months you will have noticed that the remaining 5 wickets have been re-laid and that around 60% of the outfield has had drainage installed and been levelled. It is already noticeable that the new drainage is working with little surface water lying on the surface after heavy rains.

This project has only been made possible by the generous grant of £37,100 by Sport England, supported by significant grants and donations from Waverley Borough Council, Farnham Town Council, Local Councillors and Members of Rowledge Cricket Club and by club funds.



Should anyone have any queries relating to the project, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Chris Yates.

David Metcalfe Cricket Secretary

Chris Yates Project leader

Official opening Ceremony of the Recreation Ground- "Project Gold"

RRC will be holding an official Opening Ceremony for "Project Gold"- the upgrade of our playing fields-3rd July at 7.30pm on the Rec

RCC will be thanking Sport England for its generous donation to allow us the opportunity to upgrade our playing fields. We will also be recognizing the support of our many sponsors without whom the project could not have gone ahead.

The Sport England Project supported the movement of the existing square on the cricket pitch providing a larger boundary on one side of the pitch, therefore meeting the league's criteria for length of boundaries. The project also re-graded a third of the outfield to allow for better drainage and improved playing surface. One senior football pitch has also been converted into two mini-football pitches with subsequent re-grading and pitch improvements to provide a better playing area for the children.

The ceremony will take place directly after Junior Cricket on the Rec.

Brolly Referbishment sponsor l'Anson Day in 2015



After the disappointment of having to cancel Presidents Day last year due to bad weather, we are delighted that local construction company Brolly Refurbishment are back again to sponsor this year Presidents Day. We hope the weather is on our side and look forward to enjoying some great cricket.



Southern Properties & Management sponsor Ladies & Girls for 2015.

SP&M are back to sponsor our Ladies and Girls teams for 2015. If anyone is interested in playing then please do get in touch with the club

Friday 3rd July – Live Music- The Blaggards

RCC are very pleased to introduce a local band into our music nights on the Rec. Playing from 7.45, please come along and enjoy some of your favourite songs from the 80's onwards.





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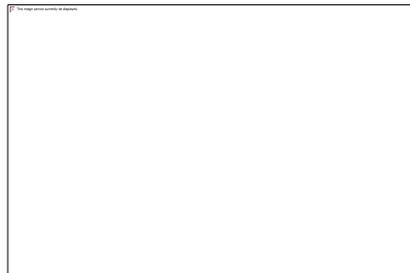
The Village Fair

In contrast to last year, Monday 25th May was a beautiful spring day and the fayre committee with the Hedgehogs and volunteer helpers from the village were out on the rec at 7am, setting up marquees and all the paraphernalia the fayre requires.

The fayre was opened by Jan Clark who recently retired from the committee after 14 years. Rowledge Primary school children then performed a traditional Maypole dance, followed by more dances in Hip Hop and Bollywood style. The Community Choir, conducted by Edwin Rolles sang some traditional songs, which was quite a challenge in the open air!



There were the usual attractions of the bouncy castles. Punch and Judy, the ever popular bungee run and tea cup ride, crockery smashing, craft and charity stalls, candy floss, fun games and dog show. Plus, village groups such as the gardening club, WI, the church and Playgroup, with cream teas at the Bowls club and much more. The Rec was busy all afternoon and everyone had a great time.



No one went hungry either, as the Tea tent, BBQ, Hobo co and Curries from Home, ensured there was plenty for all tastes and even Beetle-Juice the cocktail van had a permanent queue.

The day finished with the Tug of War competition, a ferocious battle between the village pubs, school and cycling team. It was won by the KS 2 dads and suggests next year's competition will be equally competitive!



Photos taken by Charles Sturge.

Alex Bloomfield our New Overseas player for 2015



Alex is our overseas player for the 2015 season, and just like Ryan he has fitted in so well in his first month with the club. He will be coaching on a Friday night and assisting at nets for the U13 & 15 during the week, he has also agreed to play in the organised friendlies on a Sunday for the U15,U17 to give them some confidence in longer over games. Please do make him feel welcome when you see him around the club. He is easy to spot, normally has a beer in his hand after game and doesn't have an English accent.

Alex will be coaching on Friday nights.

Further details about his profile can be found on the website link below.

<http://www.rowledgecricketclub.com/news/news.php>

Rowledge CC- Indian Summer Evening

Keep your diaries free on **26th September** for our curry and music night at Rowledge Village Hall. More details to follow soon.





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Girls Cricket.... Great success to celebrate.

Five years ago we found that at about 8 years old our girl cricketers tended to give up playing.

A group of us, including Katie Forward, David Lloyd and Neil Gregory sat down to try and map out a way ahead.

We decided to move our girls into a girls only group from 8 years old.

This year we have 30 girls in our 8 to 11 year old group and 16 in our 12/ 13 year old group.

We also provide winter coaching for these girls.

In addition we have a number of great district and county players who will increasingly provide role models for our younger girls.

Surrey and Hampshire have also responded by forming an u10 girls and u12 (hardball)

Cricket league and the Surrey Trust League (mixed ladies and girls team)

It has always struck me that girls and ladies seem to play cricket with a great sense of joy and camaraderie that you don't always see in mens games.

In the 2016 season we intend to run at least 3 girls / ladies teams but the old question still arises... will parents PLEASE, PLEASE come forward to help in running our teams, it's not onerous and it's great to feel part of it.

Contact me..Peter.... pbrinsden@tiscali.co.uk

Fantasy Cricket is back.....

After the success of Fantasy Cricket last season, we are delighted to bring it back for 2015. Visit our webiste (see link below) for more information.

www.rowledgecricketclub.com/members/login.php

The aim is to raise money for the benefit of our junior players in 2015. The money raised will be used towards cricket equipment, coaching, or many other things that the club needs.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 1st May

Junior cricket starts at the Rec

Monday 4th May

Rowledge School, Inter Yr. comp

Monday 25th May

Rowledge Village Fayre

Friday 5th June

Jazz Evening – live music at the Rec

Friday 3rd July

Official opening of "Project Gold"
- improving our playing fields

Friday 3rd July

The Blaggards - live band at the Rec

Sunday 2nd August

l'Anson Day (l'Anson X1)

Friday 4th September

Junior Presentation Evening

Saturday 5th September

Youth & Senior Presentation Evening

Saturday 26th September

Indian Summer Evening-
Live music and authentic food at RVH

Don't forget Junior Cricket every Friday Night on the Rec at 6.30pm.

Come and enjoy the bar bbq and sweets.

Please note there will be no Junior Cricket at the Rec on Friday 24th July.





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Our parent volunteers

Cricket is an activity that gives a lifelong opportunity to play a team sport in a social environment.

Our youth and junior section now consists of 300 youngsters and we hope that many will enjoy their cricket for many years ahead.

Over the years it has become an increasing complex management task to provide high level coaching, match organisation and safe playing environment.

Our qualified coaches are the bedrock of this situation. We have many long-standing parent coaches and team managers.

I know it appears we are always asking for help but to continue our success we must get help from parents. To continue our success we more help in three areas.

- *Helping to run a team.* Much of this has often fallen to our coaches, however this places too much work on them. We need groups of parents to run our teams, selection, match day organisation, admin and catering are the key tasks for about 10 matches a year...I know folk are busy but this really benefits your own children so not really too much to ask.

- *Train to be a coach.* We have 18 qualified coaches, we need more! It takes about 4 Sundays and 6 supervised sessions to qualify along with a 3 hour child safeguarding and first aid course.

- *Admin tasks* within the junior section. At the moment we need

-An additional child welfare officer (we have 2 at the moment, nowhere near an onerous as it sounds! 2 x hour courses every 3 years.

-A winter net organiser

-An admin support person to help with junior section admin.

None of these require much time input but are essential for the further success of the club.

Please contact me if you think you can help...

pbrinsden@tiscali.co.uk.

Help required?

Adam Smith is offering to do household jobs (Dog walking, Holiday pet sitting/feeding; Gardening, lawn mowing, weeding; Babysitting; Car washing/cleaning) in order to raise funds to go on a school expedition to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, where he will spend time working in the community on a variety of good causes.

So if you need any assistance in any of these areas please get in touch by using any of the following details:

01252 795700 (Home)

07749 502040 (Annie's mobile)

smiths@annieandgeoff.wanadoo.co.uk

smudger198@gmail.com

Meantime, for cricket equipment (such as bats and pads), RCC continues to recommend Hale-based Berkeley Sports (www.berkeleysports.com).

It's 'Serious' Kit

Dummer -based Serious Cricket continues as the club's exclusive supplier of club kit and leisurewear. The range can be viewed, and ordered, online at the RCC store at

www.seriouscricket.co.uk.

