



Worthing Cricket Club

March 2021 Newsletter

Dear Members, Parents/Carers and Supporters

We hope this finds you safe and well.

With a new season imminent, the committee would like to get you up to speed with some changes over the last few months and provide you with an insight as to our future plans. We also want to take this opportunity to request some volunteers to assist us in the smooth running of our games and events, advise you of some amendments to registration and subscriptions, acknowledge our valued sponsors, and detail some additional coaching opportunities.

Appointment of New Officers

At the beginning of February, we had a very productive AGM and appointed several new Officers to join our voluntary committee.

This seems like a fitting time to formally thank everyone who has recently retired or stepped down from their positions. Many of whom, have worked for several years to secure a successful future for our club and will still be spending a great deal of their time at the Manor. Every single one of them has been a massive asset to our committee, but we would like to say a special thank you to a couple of members who've given particularly long service.

Firstly, Tim Dunn our Chairman for the past 16 years, who has played a significant role in progressing the club to where we are today. We know that he will continue to support the new committee for some time, imparting his knowledge gained over such a lengthy tenure.

Secondly, Stella Harris, who as our Honorary Treasurer since 2005, has most definitely kept us going. She too has a wealth of knowledge that she will continue to pass on behind the scenes and has promised to keep scoring and to support the club generally.

Some of our officers may or may not be familiar to you, so we'd like to introduce all of our committee, to explain their link to the club and outline what they intend to do whilst in their roles. Please see the appendix to this newsletter.

Volunteers Needed – Umpires and Social Events Assistants

We are extremely grateful to all our new committee volunteers, but we still need a few extra pairs of hands around the club for other reasons. Specifically, we need umpires for Saturday games and more people to help with the organising and running of social events.

To be an Umpire, no formal qualifications are necessary, though a good understanding of the “laws” is required. We can provide you with support as to how to get some more formal training (if preferred). If you feel you can help us build our network of umpires, please contact Glenn Harris on 07493 501 237.

We would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist with running any social events (no matter how small your input or assistance might be). Typically, this would be anyone wishing to create the odd meal for a Saturday night mass feeding session (with support) or running a social event (Covid restrictions dependent) - such as a quiz night, karaoke, etc. Anyone who can give our social committee any relevant support, please contact John Kaye on 07961 980 477 or via email jkworthngcc@gmail.com

New caps for Seniors and “Open Age” players

This season, we will be providing all players playing senior games with a new style traditional cap, which should be worn on match days. These have been provided at no cost to yourselves, due to the generous sponsorship of “**Snap-On Tools**” – see more details in our Sponsorship and Fundraising section below. Caps will be issued post receipt of subscription fees, to all those playing senior games at the start of the season.

Registration and Subscriptions

Registrations are expected to **open by 12th March**; once open, this will be publicised on our social media accounts.

This year, we will need **all senior players to have registered by no later than Wednesday, March 24th** to take advantage of the below offer with regards to subsidised shirts, as we need to get them ordered by a certain date to receive them in time for the start of our league matches.

For 2021, registration includes the cost of a new club shirt. It is important to us that we present ourselves uniformly as a club and so we have taken the decision to subsidise the cost of our new match day shirt (by £11), effectively making a £36 shirt £25. The new senior subscriptions will therefore be as follows:

- **Full** - £95
- **Intermediate** (occasional players, playing up to 5 games max) - £60
- **Students** (those in full-time Higher Education) - £50

For those people who bought one of our new shirts for Christmas, we will be arranging a lower payment that will enable you to benefit from this subsidy too. Please contact our new Honorary Treasurer (Hannah Dunn) on hannahdworthingcc@gmail.com for information regarding correct payment.

Should anyone have any concerns or queries with regards to making the expected payment by the registration deadline, please contact Hannah via the email address above to discuss.

NB: Match fees will remain as for the 2019 season. See website for details.

Junior Membership - We will be communicating junior registration fees by way of a separate communication which will follow in the next few days. Registration will open at the same time as our seniors, but the deadline for this to be completed by will differ.

Social Membership - £10 for a single person and £15 for families.

If you are a senior playing member and have family or friends over the age of 18 that will use our clubhouse facilities (especially the bar), they must be registered with us as a social member to do so. All parents of our junior members are automatically registered as social members, as part of our junior membership packages.

Gift Aid

As a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), we are eligible for claiming Gift Aid on a proportion of our subscription.

If you are a UK taxpayer and able to help us take advantage of this, we would like to remind you that you must tick the agreement box within the online registration form.

Last year Gift Aid provided the club with an extra income of circa £650, so your agreement to Gift Aid really does make a big difference to us.

Signing up to Play-Cricket

If you are a member of Worthing Cricket Club playing in senior games, you are expected to register with Play-Cricket. This has the following benefits:

- Receive personalised communications from the ECB about your performances with weekly honours boards
- Track your career performance and averages
- Compare your statistics against others
- Analyse the opposition
- Reproduce great cricketing memories

Please visit the Worthing CC Play-Cricket [Home Page](#), click on the “Sign-in” option in the top right-hand corner, and follow the instructions.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

We thought it would be helpful to give everyone a quick run-down on who is currently giving us their support by way of sponsorship, especially because we'd like to say a great big thank you to them all.

Should you like to contact our sponsors to discuss their services or simply find out a bit more about them, please access their websites by clicking on their logos found on our [Sponsorship](#) page.

As most of you will be aware from our social media accounts, we are very pleased to have

secured the support of **Nepcote Financial** as our main sponsor for the next three years. They have been providing the very best mortgage advice for the last 25 years, and would be happy to assist you, should you require any help in this regard.

We have also welcomed **nsmdigital** as our web sponsor. Nick Morley and his team are the developers behind our new website, providing all their skills and services voluntarily, to make the new site possible. They'll happily help you with any web design and development needs you may have.

Of course, we look forward to continuing our long-standing relationship with **Bacon Estate Agents**, who will now be our junior caps' sponsor. We have many happy members who would highly recommend them for property sales or letting support.

As previously mentioned, we are pleased to announce that **Snap-On Tools** has become our senior caps' sponsor. Iain Watkins is the local franchisee of 'Snap-On Tools' supplying high quality tools in the area.

If anyone would like to show their support to the club by way of sponsorship or fundraising, please contact Debs Kaye on dkworthgccc@gmail.com to discuss. We have sponsorship packages available from as little as £100.

Supporting the Charity “Opening Up”

This year we are also helping the wider community, specifically through the charity “Opening Up”, which supports and promotes mental health through cricket. Please read the [article](#) recently published on our website to understand more about this amazing charity and why Worthing CC has chosen to support them.

We are hoping to be able to add their logo to the back of all our playing shirts and will communicate further details on this when able. Those who already have the new shirt will be able to get this added by Broadwater Sports (at no additional cost) but will need to wait for our advice on when this can be completed before heading to the shop to get it done.

Look out for further information on the availability of bat labels and events that will enable us to support this charity.

2021 Junior Programme

Our Juniors' committee have been meeting regularly and are hoping to run a full programme of junior cricket this year, starting as of April; from the ECB All Stars (for U6 - U8) programme through to an U18 development team.

Please look out for a separate Junior Newsletter in the next week.

Rebbetts Easter Holiday Cricket Camp

Darryl Rebbetts is once again running his hugely popular children's holiday camp. Darryl is a qualified coach, PE teacher and has been a Worthing Cricket Club 1st XI player.

Any child is welcome to attend (they do not have to be an existing club member), so feel free to spread the word to friends and family; but hurry, as places are limited. See Darryl's [Facebook](#) for details of pricing, how to book, and updates on availability.

The camp will be hosted w/c 12th April at The Manor Ground.

GMB Technical Training

Graham Merritt-Blann is a regular face on our coaching team and manages our U15s team with Iain Watkins. Last year he passed his coaching Level 3 qualification and he now runs his own technical training business. If you are an adult or child requiring such training, please visit his [website](#) for more details, or contact him on 07760 481 504. Cost is £25 per hour for a 1:1 session.

Availability of Worthing CC Nets

We have had some enquiries regarding the private use of nets, as Covid restrictions become more relaxed. We are still waiting on guidance from the ECB and will update you on this further when we know more about when this may be permitted and how.

On-going Communication

Please continue to use our website for information on training, events and to help answer any queries you may have.

Don't forget, you can also keep up to date by following us on Twitter and Facebook.

A Final Message from the Committee

Please do continue to stay safe and well, and we look forward to seeing you all when the new season starts.

Should you have anything you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to get in touch via our '[Contact Us](#)' form, available from our website.

Best Wishes

Worthing CC Committee

Our Club Officers

As mentioned earlier, we'd like to introduce the officers on our committee:

President

Terry Burstow joined the club as a second XI scorer in 1961 and has been with us ever since. Elected a lifetime member in 1997 (the youngest ever), he has pretty much experienced it all.

As a player he was captain of the U14 and U16 Juniors, played for the 1st XI from 1968 to 1981 and captained this team in 1976 and 1977. He made a comeback in 1991 for the 1st XI before captaining the 3rd XI in 1993 and 1994. As if that wasn't enough, Terry has been a leading Umpire for the Sussex League for several years too.

Terry has also been a long-standing committee member; Secretary from 1982 to 2016 and Treasurer from 1985 to 2004. He became President in 2016.

Chairman

Simon Rusbridge started his affiliation with Worthing CC as a Junior member of our club and re-joined us recently. Last year he became our Hon. Club Secretary, playing a highly active role on the committee as well as 4th XI Captain on the playing side.

Simon has a teenage son who plays for us and is passionate about ensuring the club is an enjoyable place to play cricket, whatever your age or ability. He intends to work closely with Tim Dunn to ensure a smooth transition as Chairman.

Honorary Secretary

Tim Hicks is a teacher and middle leader governor at Chesswood Primary School. He plays as a senior and has a son who really enjoyed his first (albeit shortened) season at the club (in 2020).

Tim is now looking forward to having the chance to get more involved with the running of Worthing CC. He is used to facilitating and minuting meetings and will be noting all our decisions as well as chasing up any action points.

Tim also intends to get much more involved in the clubs' junior coaching programme and will be taking the role of U10 soft-ball manager in 2021, introducing his daughter to cricket in the process.

Honorary Treasurer

Hannah Dunn has been an extremely active and loyal cricket club member since the early 1990's.

Having worked for Lloyds Banking Group for 38 years (most recently as a senior Business Banking Relationship Manager), she is now semi-retired, undertaking book-keeping for three local companies. As such, she has decided to commit some of her spare time to carry out this important role.

With two grown-up sons that still play for the club, she has been a dedicated member of the social committee for many years, and now intends to ensure the club's future by successfully managing the budget.

Membership Secretary

Adam Bastable is currently our 3rd XI Captain. He has been an active member of the club for around 20 years. He has a great understanding for junior members starting out in senior cricket, and what adults young and old need to get out of their cricket, so is a perfect 3rd XI Captain.

A little-known fact to many, is that Adam has been responsible for much of the internal upkeep of our club in recent years as he is pretty handy with a toolbox!

Adam has been our Membership Secretary since last year and is responsible for ensuring everyone is a fully paid-up member of the club.

Sponsorship and Fundraising Secretary

Deborah Kaye has been a social member of the club since 1997. For those of you that don't know her and are wondering if she has a connection to a certain Head of Juniors (John Kaye), she is indeed his wife. So, you'll know from his introduction, why she feels she has a vested interest in ensuring our club continues to thrive.

Debs joined the committee in 2020, as she wants to use her experience in commercial product and project management, to ensure that we raise sufficient funds in order that we continue to progress.

Club Development Officer

Mike Cane has played for Worthing CC since 1998, as both a junior and senior, and will be looking to draw on his experiences playing cricket in Australia.

Developing and coaching young people's cricket skills has always been of interest to him and he intends to bring this into the Development Officer role.

He will work closely with John Kaye and Glenn Harris to ensure that the vision and principles of the club are upheld, and that we work to a structured development plan that meets the aims of the club and individuals alike.

Club Safeguarding Officer

Iain Watkins has been coaching and playing at Worthing for seven years, after a long association with Storrington CC.

He is currently our 3rd XI Vice-captain and has three sons of varying ages playing junior cricket; in the case of the eldest two, senior cricket also.

Iain wants to be able to give something back to the club by way of his support and time in this role.

Head of Senior Cricket

Glenn Harris has been both a junior and senior cricketer for the club for many years, currently captaining the 2nd XI and running the Sunday teams. He knows every player personally and will be ensuring that every Senior is heard and develops at the rate that is right for them.

As a captain he won the 4th XI league in 2015 and many of the players he has mentored are now playing for the 2nd XI. He believes the knowledge and experience he has gained during his time at Worthing CC will help him be an effective Head of Senior Cricket.

Head of Junior Cricket

John Kaye has played at the club for 24 seasons (four of those as 1st XI Captain). He now has three boys playing in various age groups at the club and feels he has a personal investment in ensuring we continue the great work of his predecessors.

In recent years, he has been one of the team managers for U12s and played a lead role in developing the roadmap into senior cricket for our junior players.

He intends to create an inclusive environment, with the primary aim of ensuring the enjoyment of everyone participating, employing principles of fairness of selection and equality of opportunity. John is also heading up our social sub-committee and will be organising some events when Government guidelines allow.

Juniors Co-Ordinator

Mark Wheeler is a playing member of Worthing CC and has a son who plays for our Juniors.

He has experience of Junior Cricket and is currently a coach in our junior section and the manager of the U13s team. He's an ECB qualified cricket coach and umpire, and a member of both the ECB Associations of Cricket Coaches and Cricket Officials.

Mark is planning to bring his knowledge of the Junior system to this administrative and organisational role as a key part of the Junior committee. He is also looking forward to developing our Junior cricketers through his coaching and managerial responsibilities.

Communications Manager

AJ Wood is delighted to become the new Communications Manager at Worthing CC. For those of you that don't know AJ, he has played for Worthing CC's 1st XI since 2018 and works as a journalist when he isn't on the cricket field. He's interviewed some pretty high-profile characters, so we are excited to have him on board.

He joined the committee after the AGM, so we've let him have a breather before getting stuck in. Following this and the upcoming Juniors' Newsletter, he will be responsible for all major communications and social media posts going forward.

AJ says he is very much looking forward to meeting those of you he hasn't come across already.