



Worthing Cricket Club

April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Members, Parents/Carers and Supporters

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well and you enjoy reading the latest news from the club.

I'm excited that the start of league cricket is upon us, it means so much to be out playing competitive cricket again after everything that went on last year. We have great hopes for all of teams this season, the addition of our 2 quality overseas players in to the First XI have strengthened not only them, but all of the teams below. Good luck to all those that are playing, play hard, play the game within the spirit of cricket and enjoy the team environment. For those that don't make the league sides, there will also be plenty of Sunday friendlies again this year, ensuring we get as much cricket as possible for all.

Cricket is obviously the reason we have all joined the club, but there is a lot of hard work that goes in to making that happen by all of our unpaid, volunteer committee members. The registration process this year was the best we have had for a while and I'm pleased to say there will be no chasing of outstanding subscriptions this season. A lot of the running of this process and ensuring all of our players are registered with the league in time was managed by Adrian Swift our Admin Officer. This has been no mean task and I offer my personal thanks to Adrian for all of his hard work – we certainly wouldn't be able to start the season without you.

As a club we are very grateful for the commitments from our sponsors, we know these are difficult economical times so absolutely value their support. More information will be coming in next month's newsletter, as well as across our social media in the coming weeks.

I will be at the Manor every weekend this season, so please don't hesitate to introduce yourself, or share ideas.

Simon Rusbridge, Club Chairman

Latest ECB guidelines for cricket in 2021

From March 29th outdoor sports in England resumed and that means one thing... The return of cricket!

However, the ECB has announced a plan for socially distanced matches, these matches will look similar to those played last year and will include:

- Undergoing a personal symptom check at home before arriving to the ground.
- Using your own equipment where possible.
- No sweat or saliva to be applied to the ball.
- Players to remain socially distanced at all times, including during wicket celebrations and drinks breaks.
- Use of the clubhouse, changing rooms and toilets should adhere to government guidelines.

It is important that our members and visitors follow government guidelines on social distancing when visiting the Manor Ground. We are also currently operating some specific procedures to keep our facility a safe place to be. These procedures include checking in using the NHS app (or our signing in book) and by paying attention to the signs that are placed around the pavilion. Currently, you can only enter the pavilion to access the Ladies toilet and the patio for hospitality. The Men's toilets are accessed through the east door facing the car park. All of our Covid specific documents are placed at: <https://worthingcc.com/policies/>

Senior Registrations

Thank you to all our existing senior members, who registered as requested (by 24th March). If you are someone who would still like to register/you know of any new senior players who would like to, this will still be possible, but please note that new shirts for later registrations will be expected to arrive four weeks after the next bulk order is placed. Our next shirt order is now due to be placed on the 6th May.

Please click on the link below and scroll down to complete a 2021 registration form.

www.worthingcc.com/join-us/

For those of you that missed last month's newsletter, here is a breakdown of the costs:

For 2021, we have included the cost of one of our new shirts within the registration. 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

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.

NB: Match fees will remain as per 2020. See website for details.

Junior Registrations and Shirt Orders

We are continuing to take registrations for our Juniors, using our registration form [here](#).

Please remember to register your child first, ahead of placing a separate order for any new shirts you may require. The form for ordering shirts can be found under the Squad No. listing on the [Juniors](#) page of our website. A detailed guide to ordering shirts can be found in a link within the text above the order form. NB: Subsidised new shirt orders for 2021, will be processed every two weeks from now on, and are subject to a 4-week lead time. The next order placement date is now 6th May.

As a reminder, registration costs are as follows:

U10 Junior Membership - £75
U11-U18 Junior Membership - £75
Family membership - £120

Shirt costs are:

Blue T-Shirt for U10 Soft-ball players only - £8 (usual RRP £13)
White Match Day Shirt, all Child Sizes - £20 (usual RRP £30)

NB: Should you have an older child requiring an adult sized shirt, there will be a £5 surcharge on the above pricing i.e. this will cost £25.

Bar opening

Until 17th May, we can provide table service outside only, so we have created a welcoming space on the patio for our members to enjoy. After this date, we will be able to open internally, again for table service only.

Our bar volunteers aim to open the bar at 5pm - 9pm on Senior match days and to align with some junior fixtures in the evenings, but this will depend on demand and weather conditions. Please bear with us as we navigate the rules and regulations and look out for updates as we are allowed to be more flexible.

Events

We are hoping to run a "Pavilion Opening" Quiz night on Friday 21st May so please pencil this in to your diary. Assuming government guidelines don't change, it will be a limited number of tables with maximum 6 per table.

We will confirm the event by 7th May and provide details on how to reserve a place at that time. More events will be planned for later in the summer once we have more certainty around the roadmap out of lockdown.

1st team signing announcements

We are delighted to announce that Rohan Ryan and Jack Perman have both agreed to join the club for the 2021 season.

Rohan, a 29-year-old all rounder from Barbados, brings a wealth of experience to the club's first team having played with dozens of professional cricketers in his career to date.

He will also be spending some of his time passing his knowledge and expertise to senior and junior cricketers within the club and we look forward to welcoming him next month.

Rohan had this message for our members: "Hi guys. I can't wait to get over and join you guys this summer. I'm very excited and I'm sure we'll have a blast. Looking forward to seeing you all soon."

Meanwhile Jack, who played a Sunday game for the club last season, has come from sunny Spain and will also bring some fantastic expertise to not just the 1st XI, but also the rest of the club.

Girls Cricket

At Worthing CC, all of our team are considered mixed and we're committed to making our environment inclusive and welcoming to everyone.

However, the Sussex Cricket Federation are currently working with all clubs to formalise an improved approach to maximise opportunity for girls cricket- which is a priority for our club.

We are very much part of these discussions and will be meeting with the Federation (and other clubs in the area) in early May. We will share the outcome of that meeting as soon as possible.

Cricket "All Stars" and "Young Leaders"

Once again we are running the ever-popular ECB programme on Saturday morning from 8th May for 8 weeks, when we will welcome over 30 children aged between five and eight to the Manor Ground for their first taste of cricket.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help in any way, please contact John Kaye on 07961 980477.

Finally, the club is also delighted to announce that 5 of our Junior players have signed up to the **Young Leaders In Cricket Programme**. The programme is run by Sussex and gives participants the chance to learn life skills through cricket. Nadine Whitehouse is our Programme coordinator, so if you have any questions please send her an email on nadinee1@sky.com.

"Opening Up" Charity Logo on Match Shirts

Further to our last newsletter update regarding this matter, we are delighted to announce that all new white match day shirts now be pre-printed with the "Opening Up" logo on the back (just above the names of each player).

If you have one of our new shirts from the Xmas run or bought one in between then and registration, Broadwater Sports can add one of these logos to your shirt at no extra cost to yourselves. Dependent on how busy the shop is, the application of the logo may be done within the hour, or within 24 - 48hrs.

Ongoing refurbishment work at the club

Some of you may be aware that we have been planning a re-vamp of our old kitchen for the last couple of years. So, when "County Kitchens" decided to close their showroom in Worthing and offered us their last three ex-display kitchens at a nominal cost, we accepted.

Since then, we have employed the services of our resident builder friend and long-term cricket club member (Paul Westlake) and his team to fit this for us. To keep costs down, we have been able to re-sell the unused elements of the kitchens purchased and managed to obtain some free flooring from Marshalls Flooring (in Tarring Road). We are also actively working with some other local companies to secure reduced price/free items/labour in return for sponsorship advertising space on our website; see future newsletters for more details.

Due to the impact of Covid restrictions and some unforeseen issues with regards to a rotten floor and now a small leak in our roof, it is possible that the kitchen may not be in full working order by the time we return to cricket; however, we are very hopeful that it will be useable by the time we are able to re-enter the cricket club on a social basis. Please bear with us!

In other renovation news, we are planning a re-vamp of the mural at the back of the clubhouse, which was damaged by some damp last year. Our 3rd XI Captain, Adam Bastable will be helping us to update this, with a little help from playing member, Barry Cool.

Annual end of season dinner

A date for the diaries-the annual end of season dinner will take place on 9th October. Menus and ticket information will be released soon so watch this space!

Social media

We will be more active on social media this year so please make sure you are following our handles to not miss out on the latest news and fun.

Our accounts are as follows:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/worthingcc>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Worthing-Cricket-Club-315848028528025>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/worthingcricket/>

Thanks for reading and see you all soon!