



## HCC Newsletter

To the serious business of actual cricket, indoor nets have helped remind our muscles what it is to play cricket, outdoor nets, now built have allowed us to smell the fresh air and some friendlies played have helped dust the mould off the pads, now we start the season for real.

We have many new players in all sides, so with this injection of fresh blood and enthusiasm we start our campaigns with a feeling of optimism.

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## New Sponsors

Thanks to some hard-nosed negotiations **Target Facilities** have agreed to be our premier sponsor for 2014, with their logo appearing on the match shirts.

They should be your first port of call for all of your logistical needs....

## Cricket Tour, 2014

### Weston Super Mare

Dates 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept (4 nights) for 3 games of cricket.

It is anticipated to cost £185.00 per person.

We are still 3 people short of being able to book the tour, so please do let Dave know if you or anybody you know would like to come to Western Super Mare in September. It will be a great trip, with plenty of cricket, drinking, and general micky taking

### Membership Subscriptions

Just a gentle reminder, but get your forms filled in and returned to your captain, Nichola or the Secretary.

Registration Deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### *Captain's Corner.*

Overall I'd say it's been a positive winter, with lots of new faces, and some seriously good performances at the indoor net sessions. Outdoor net sessions will run every Tuesday from 6pm at the Club from now until the end of the season, so please everybody come down and get involved.

With regards to the season ahead, the plans are quite simple, I expect my team to play to win at all times, and put the team ahead of personal milestones. It is vital that a Club with such a history as ours, is plying its trade in a better division than what we currently find ourselves in, and that will only come through a team/Club effort this season.

I will speak to you all on an individual basis before the first league game with what is expected from you whilst representing our Club, but rest assured there will; be a lot of laughs along the way.

Annual memberships are now due, these **MUST** be paid by April the 19<sup>th</sup> if we are to have any chance of getting our match shirts in time for the first league game, it would be great for the Club if we could all take the field looking like a team for a change as opposed to rag tag rovers.

Finally, a special note must be made for our head grounds man, who is producing an absolute Bunsen for us all to bat on this summer – cheers Alan you're a star!



## Dates for your diaries

1<sup>st</sup> May – Membership deadline. Those who fail to pay will not be available for selection in **any** side.

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Waltham S.L 2 (L)– AWAY

4<sup>th</sup> May - Sandhurst AWAY

4<sup>th</sup> May - U15 v Cove U15B 10:00am

10<sup>th</sup> May - Purley 3 (L)- HOME

11<sup>th</sup> May - Odiham & Greywell HOME

17<sup>th</sup> May - Woodley 2 (L) AWAY

18<sup>th</sup> May - Sonning HOME

24<sup>th</sup> May - S.Turgis 2 (L) HOME

25<sup>th</sup> May - Hartley Wintney AWAY

26<sup>th</sup> May - Hawley CC inaugural Pairs Competition competing for the Deepak Kumar trophy.

31<sup>st</sup> May - No Game (L)

25<sup>th</sup> July – Race Night

TBC – Car Boot Sale

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Hawley's 2014 Cricket Tour.

We have many Social events planned for the coming months, to keep up to date join the Facebook group or follow our Twitter account @HawleyCC

(L) – League Fixtures

## New Kit

The match shirts have been ordered and if logistics allow be worn from the 1<sup>st</sup> league game, they feature the club logo as well as those of our key sponsors Target Facilities and AJ Products.

You may have noticed some club members wearing polo shirts and training jackets, these along with several other items can be bought direct from Serious Cricket, simply visit:

<http://www.seriouscricket.co.uk/shop/section.php/1402/0>

## Quiz Night

Thanks to all who arranged and attended the clubs Quiz night up at the Club house, it was a great night, and if it hadn't been for the ridiculous music round I am sure the "Grumpy Old Cricketers" would have held the trophy aloft.

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No doubt when it comes time to write the next newsletter I will have plenty of great innings and 5'ers to reference, hopefully all from Hawley players....

So, let the sun shine, the wicket play true for our batsman, turn sideways for our tweekers and seam for the quicks.

Play!

*Ian* Chairman. Hawley CC



# Inside Leg

This month's Hawley member to go under the microscope is Paul Curtis, the old, lazy, round top order batsman who is as likely to be seen leaning at the bar as he is on his bat at the non-strikers end.

**Q.** What inspired you into playing Cricket?

**A** I remember playing the back garden with my dad when I was little, which was in the days before colour. But it was probably my uncle, who I remember teaching me to bowl properly one sunny afternoon in the local park. That and the infamous Test Match table top game like Subbuteo but considerably more rubbish.

**Q.** Who is your favourite current / former international Cricketer?

**A** Current English player has to be Ian Bell, plays cricket shots properly. I could watch him all day. AB De Villiers or Michael Clarke are two others I would happily watch score runs, so long as it is not against English bowlers. Being the age I am I have to say the my all time favourite has to be IT Botham, for those who have ever seen me bat and bowl can see I took none of his skills on board, preferring to emulate his Somerset team mate Christopher Tavaré

**Q.** Where is your favourite place to play?

**A** I played a game at North Devon CC which is next to the sea, which was very picturesque. Also the grounds of Williamstrip in Oxfordshire and Englefield in Berkshire are beautiful ovals in the lea of stately homes, but to be honest my old home club Langford still is my favourite.



Q. Who does the nicest teas?

**A** The teas at Welford Park are always interesting, Enstone CC though are guaranteed to be delicious, fresh pizza and homemade cream cakes & scones with cream and jam.

Q. What's the most unusual thing kept in your cricket bag?

**A** My bag is overflowing with stuff, I usually have at least 2 pairs of trousers, 3 shirts, several caps, but somewhere in the detritus at the bottom is a tooth brush and mosquito repellent.

Q. What was your favourite Hawley moment?

**A** Watching James Adams drop a dolly of Richard Miles, costing him a Michelle (Pfeiffer) brings a smile, also James not quite getting to his 100 thanks to his batting partner.....  
I always enjoy watching Ali's enthusiasm, but perhaps making Mike Tiley run a 4 is my favourite.

Q. Who is the best player I have played with?

**A** Graham Freakes is a bit handy, but an ex-teammate Steve Smith once scored a 1000 league runs by the end of July, at a decent standard, and he was fat, and left handed.

Q. Best bowling figures.

**A** "Best" is a difficult thing to say, I took 3 wickets in an over in a Hawley league game a few season ago. Utter pies, but the batsman couldn't resist trying to smack the trash out the field and only managed to scope them to mid-wicket.

Q. Best batting score.

**A** Scored a 100 for Enstone CC on a Sunday, in one league season I managed to score 90's home and away against West Witney CC only to give my wicket away to the same leg spinner caught by the same fielder at deep cow. IDIOT.



**A** For Hawley I think it is an 80 odd, but I can't remember.

Q. Which Movie Star should play you in a Biopic of your sporting life?

**A** Mark Addy or perhaps Denzil Washington.

Q. Finally, who is longest in the shower?

**A** I wasn't aware that my teammates knew we had them, so that probably means I am.