



DARTFORD

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Welcome to the August edition of the newsletter, a wet July meant we had some disappointing weekends as far as cricket goes. The Academy leagues have now come to a close with all Dartford teams doing very well, for the seniors its time to follow their lead and grab some much needed points. *Craney*

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DCC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the U/11 and U/13 teams for ending the season at the top of the table. A solid season for both of these age groups, especially the U/11 who managed to win the league without losing a single game. Laven Selvaratnam came top of the batting tables for the league accumulating 192 runs with an average of 96. In the U/13 tables it was Freddie Bell at the top with 169 runs and an average of 84.5. It goes to show that the academy is doing extremely well and we are producing future 1st XI stars. A big thank you goes to Alex Farmer for managing these two sides.

MISSING CLUB KIT

It has come to my attention that items of new Nike club kit have gone missing around Hesketh Park recently. I am sure that this is just an over sight however please check your bags to make sure you only have clothing that belongs to you. If you do have anything that is not yours please notify me and I will arrange for it to be returned to the owner.

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UPCOMING EVENTS LIST!

Please can all club members, whether you are juniors, parents, seniors or non-playing members... Support the following!...

Event	Date	Time
Parents vs. Juniors Fun match (inc BBQ)	Sunday 28 August	5pm
Academy Presentation Night (inc BBQ)	Saturday 3 rd September	7:30pm
Dinner and Dance	Saturday 1 st October	6:30pm
Real Ale Festival	Saturday 29 th October	12 Noon

WINTER GOLF SOCIETY

With the end of the season now in sight its time to start thinking about what we are doing with our Saturdays during Autumn and Winter. As I know there are a few keen golfers throughout our membership, I am proposing that we organise a few golf days in view to starting a regular society. I am now looking for a volunteer to come forward and organise this.

Please contact nevjohal@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested in either helping to organise or participate in this event. All abilities will be welcomed and I am hoping that we can play at some of the top course in and around Kent at discounted prices. We are also looking into the possibility of a Ryder Cup golf match Seniors v Academy including Parents. If you are interested in getting this up and running please contact Neville Johal.

NEW CLUB TIES!

New club ties have been ordered so people can get them before this year's Dinner and Dance.

There is a new design from the previous ones, and a lot of members are already waiting to get their hands on them!

They are silk and will be priced at £20, available over the bar shortly. Please sign up for one at the bar where you can pay your money, alternatively enquiries to Jim at jim.lowrie@lloydtsb.co.uk

COOKIE DOES IT AGAIN!

Garry Cook has hit his 2nd league Century of the Season at Hesketh Park. A fantastic knock of 107 v Orpington saw his name go on the Harry Bright Honours board for a second time. The former club captain has amassed 494 league runs so far at an average of 44.91. Well done Garry.



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ACADEMY PRESENTATION NIGHT

The end of season presentation for the Junior Academy will be taking place on **Saturday 3rd September at 7:30pm** at Hesketh Park.

This is for all juniors aged 5 and above up to 16! It is our chance to celebrate the achievements of our players and reward all your hard work and efforts during the season.

Please make every effort to come along and collect your Academy award for 2011. Bring your parents and any other family members to enjoy the evening.

If you have any raffle prizes you would like to donate please speak with **Michelle Slater** (michelle.slater1@ntlworld.com) or **Nicola Clark** (njclark@btconnect.com)

ACADEMY SEASON ROUND UP

A brief write up on our season with more detail to follow next month.

A largely successful season saw our u11s and u13s finish as champions, and our u15s and u16s both finished in 3rd place.

Our u9 team at the Kwik Cricket Kent finals day finished in the top 16 – we had about 20 juniors aged 6-9 take part in the competition!

My thanks to all the juniors, their parents, and everyone else for your support during the season. There is plenty more hard work to be done during the close season and winter, but it is pleasing to see our great club continue producing excellent cricketers.



U9s (left to right)

Back – Callum French, Rowan Burford, Josh Kendall, Nathan Rodrigues

Front – Sam Foster, Alex Cullingham, Daniel Stone, Ben Compton



U11s (left to right)

Back – Pravan Thind, Ben Rossiter, Henry Clark, William Slater, Caitlin Fox, Ayush Gupta

Front – Jack Towler, Daniel Stone, Laven Selveratnam, Alex Cullingham, Prabhur Saini.

Others not pictured – Daniel Clifford, Ben Compton, Nathan Rodrigues, Alec Grimshaw, Rhys Strudwick

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DINNER AND DANCE

The Club Dinner and Dance will be held on **Saturday 1st October at 6:30pm** for 7.00pm sit down. **Put it in your diaries now!**

Tickets will be priced at £26 for Senior member and £20 for all others. Family tickets will be available prices on request.

We are hoping that this event will be very well subscribed this year so please get your tickets early. Further details will be on the website soon.

PARENTS v JUNIORS MATCH

There will be a Parents v Juniors 'Fun' Match at Hesketh Park on **Sunday 28 August at 5pm**.

This will follow the Sunday XI game vs Meopham at Hesketh on that day, and will hopefully be a lot of fun, open to all!

You do not need to bring anything, just come along, mums and dads, ready for a kwik cricket match vs. juniors aged 5-13.

There is a BBQ planned for the evening so please come along and enjoy the day with some drinks and food before the bank holiday!

If you would like to take part please contact Alex Farmer on alexfarmer@dartfordcc.co.uk to enable teams and format to be worked up.

LUXURY COTTAGE

Bill Partridge AKA the Silver Fox has a luxury self catering cottage for 2 people available for rent. Its located in Cornwall between Truro and Falmouth, Very central for exploring North and South coasts. Please view website for full details, to check availability and booking information. www.tregyefarmhouse.co.uk.



Gower, Smurf and Ron T getting into the swing of things

"At Dartford upon the Heath as we came out of the town, the men of Tonbridge and the Dartford men were warmly engaged at the sport of cricket, which of all the people of England the Kentish folk are the most renowned for, and of all the Kentish men, the men of Dartford lay claim to the greatest excellence."

Robert Harley, 1st Earl of Oxford 1723

BOWLING MACHINE

The bowling machine is working now and can be used by all senior members under supervision. Please ensure that it is used sensibly – I do not want to catch anyone using it at 99MPH. If you want to get some extra practice in please contact either Adam Clarke or myself. Remember Helmets must always be worn when using the bowling machine.



Dartford Cricket Club's Ale Festival 29th October 2011



Choose from over 30 different Ales
Ciders and Wines.

In conjunction with The Mayor Of
Dartford supporting his charities.

Doors open at 12:00pm.

£2 Entrance



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WHO'S WHO

As seen in the initial findings of the DCC survey it has become apparent that the majority of Academy parents and players are unaware of who the officials are around Dartford CC. So to rectify this we have a new article introducing some of the behind the scenes officials. First up we have our newly appointed Treasurer Lynne Hill.



Rumour has it I'm 40 something, married to Dave, have 2 lovely children Adam and Michaela and work for myself as a freelance consultant in financial services.

My association with Dartford Cricket Club goes way back to my childhood when my brother Nigel Knapp first started playing cricket for DCC. My dad Les, like many other dads, got involved with the club as well and so our family connection began. I recall many of our holidays ended on a Friday so we could get back in time for cricket at the weekend! And I don't suppose there are too many people who have held their 18th and 21st birthday parties as well as their wedding reception in the DCC hall, I might even have a 50th in the far away future!

Most people know that I'm not an avid cricket supporter, it's fair to say the game doesn't interest me much. I have been seen at games before though, not often I admit, and usually it involves reasonable quantities of alcohol with my tipsy twin, the lovely Mrs Angela Rossiter! A couple of notable appearances include an away match at Hartley Country Club when Angela and I were in our late teens which resulted in sunburn (no doubt the alcohol numbed the pain) and a sunny afternoon at a Dartford home game which ended with me sleeping it off in the hall while my so-called "friends" did ballpoint graffiti on my thigh (photographic evidence can still be found on Facebook).

So I may not be a cricket fan but I do have a long standing interest in the future success of the club and it's members. My brother played here for about 30 years so DCC just feels like part of my family history. When the opportunity to take on the role of Treasurer came along, I was glad to offer up my services and I hope to serve you well for many years to come.

Lynne

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A VERY STRANGE GAME

DCC 2nd XI travelled to Bickley Park on the 9th July knowing that they needed to put on a performance following last weeks dismal display. Shaun "Heather Mills" Parker won the toss and chose to bowl first, hoping that the overhead conditions and any moisture in the pitch would aid his attack.

CP and Callum Lucking opened the bowling, having formed a formidable opening pairing in weeks gone by. Callum struck first, having Melaniphy caught behind by Supps without a run on the board. It wasn't too long until he again made inroads, bowling Youll for 7. Both bowlers were hitting the right areas and putting the opposition under severe pressure, the ball moving both ways in the air and off the seam. CP decided to join the party, Nosey taking a fine catch at 2nd slip. Bakes came on to replace Callum down the hill after his impressive 7 over allotment. What followed was a run of 3 wickets for no score; G.Darroch was sent back when he too edged to Nosey off CP, Bakes trapped Potter LBW, then CP bowled the left-handed Ramsey with a sharp leg-cutter to leave Bickley reeling on 32-6!

By now the sun was out, and the DCC boys were in good spirits. Bakes continued after drinks and yet again trapped another batsman LBW; soon after, CP tempted Maunders into trying to go aerial, only to sky the ball to Ferrit at mid off. The Bickley innings soon came to a close; Bakes rounding off his spell with a smart caught and bowled chance, Ashley Perera finishing off proceedings bowling Darroch. Bickley all out for 70.

Craig Partridge - 15-8-20-4

Callum Lucking - 10-4-12-2

Mark Baker - 10-3-35-3

Ashley Perera - 1.1-0-1-1

With 63 overs to get the runs in, Darts were anticipating a comfortable run chase. However, its true when people say that low totals can be tricky to get.

Smythy and Supps strode out to the middle, the latter though was out before tea for 1. Gregg Dassrath didn't fair any better, falling for a duck to leave Dartford 2 down. Lunch brought some respite for both sides, with Smythy Snr joking that John may regret skipping tea if he was to get out first ball back - this almost came true, as Smythy Jnr was dropped at mid-off! A partnership ensued, Ferrit scoring with some big hits over the top, before he picked out deep long-on for 26. Dartford now needed 26 runs with 7 wickets in hand. The loss of Smyth (18), Stewart Kidd (9), Nosey (4) and Bakes (2) meant that Dartford were still 7 runs short of victory, having lost 7 wickets... CP joined Craney, the pair playing defensively at anything straight, not wanting to give the opposition a sniff at the tail. After what seemed like an eternity, CP finally drove a rising delivery through the covers for 4 for the win, DCC 71-7 off 35.5 overs.

Talk about making it hard for ourselves... A win though is still a win.