



DARTFORD

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Welcome to the bumper June edition of the DCC newsletter. Please accept my apologies for delay in last months issue, unfortunately there was a communication breakdown at Newsletter HQ. Some mixed results in the senior squads so far but the Academy teams are doing extremely well.



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RETAIL GROUP

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Craig Partridge has kindly come forward to compile match reports for the 2nd XI, I now need volunteers for the other teams. If you are interested please contact me cranie123@googlemail.com

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BLUEWATER DONATION

I would like to pass on my thanks to Bluewater shopping centre for the donation of around 200 chairs. These chairs will be used in the function hall as our old red ones were looking very tired.

Bluewater have also printed our 2011 school flyers promoting Dartford CC to local Junior schools. We are hoping that this new link with Bluewater will continue to grow over the next few years adding to the list of partners supporting Dartford Cricket Club.



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SOCIAL EVENTS

Gareth Johnson, MP for Dartford, will be bringing a team of local celebrities to play a Dartford CC XI on Sunday 12th June. Players include Council Leader Jeremy Kite, Eddie Lampkin the incoming Mayor and ex Dartford Grammar school, England and Kent cricketer Min Patel,

This game is part of the Great Poppy Party weekend to raise funds for The Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary and I was delighted to be asked to host and support this flagship event for the Town. Not only is this a great cause but it also provides us to showcase what Dartford Cricket Club is all about to a much wider audience.

I would encourage you all to come along on the day and support the cause and the club and please bring family and friends however young or old, whether they've been interested in cricket before or not. The game starts at 12 and the bar will be open from the same time.

We are looking for volunteers on the day to help prepare and set up the ground so if you can spare an hour or two please let myself or James Fitzgerald know as soon as possible. For further details of the game please give me a call or drop me an email

Jim Lowrie

Chairman



Mr Gareth
Johnson, MP
for Dartford



LASHINGS

On Friday **1st July 2011** The Royal Hesketh Park will once again be welcoming the star studded Lashings XI match v The Leigh Academy. Over the years we have seen some of the best cricketers from around the world attend this impressive fixture including Curtly Ambrose, Ian Harvey and Stewart Law. Entry will be free for all Dartford Members and there will be refreshments available all day. Please come along and support. We are also requesting help from our members in the morning on as there is plenty of setting up required. Please don't leave it to someone else. Further details for this event will be on the website shortly.



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YOUR CLUB, YOUR SAY

This year the General Committee has decided to issue its first ever club survey. We are hoping that feedback from players and parents will allow the club to identify areas that we could improve on in the future. Please take the time to complete this questionnaire its quite simple to fill out and will not take very long, please take it seriously. You should have received the survey by now however it is still available from the website and in the bar. The results will be collated in July so please ensure your completed survey reaches us by **Saturday 11th June**. The survey can be filled out anonymously but if you wish to discuss some of your answers with a club official it would be helpful to have your name on it.

HARRY BRIGHT HONOURS BOARD

We have 2 entries on the Harry Bright board this month, former club captain Garry Cooke for his impressive 106* v Catford and Cyphers CC and Craig Partridge for his 5-34 v Lordswood CC, well done guys. The board is now on display in the clubhouse and the names will be put on at the end of the season. It would be nice to see quite a few names on there by the dinner and dance.



HARD WORK AND TOGETHERNESS

So far the season has brought some good results for the entire club with all bar one team being in the top half of the their respective leagues. As Head Coach this is extremely pleasing to see. It is evidence of the hard work, effort and commitment that each and every player is putting in every single week. It is key to all our ambitions that this continues! Alongside hard work, effort and commitment there should also be respect. Respect for our ground and facilities. Respect for the opposition – we play hard but we play with class. And most importantly respect for our teammates. Enjoy each other's company and treat each other with the respect we all deserve.

"Hard work and togetherness go hand in hand. You need the hard work because it's such a tough ask to win week in and week out. You need togetherness because you don't always win, and you have to hang tough together."

Clarkey

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SELECTED MATCH REPORTS

3rd XI v Southfleet CC 21st May 2011

Darts lost the toss and had to field first on a pleasant day. The Waller wicket looked good and played even better as Southfleet, despite an early wicket for Rhino, feasted upon some wayward bowling. The second wicket put on 152 in just over 20 overs but the introduction of Kenny Cook and John Smyth bowling in tandem for 23 overs really slowed the onslaught. Even so three Southfleet batsmen made half-centuries and another late assault saw them amass 299-5. Darts fielding held up well all day and Joe Reynolds got a vital run out with a direct hit. Sam Compton picked up two late wickets.

After an angry tea, Darts began their reply and soon lost Rusty Cartwright for 6. Enter Harry Bell who joined John Smyth in a rapid 50 partnership before the first of 3 decisions that would probably have been overturned if DRS existed in the Regional League saw John go for 18. Harry was joined by Fitzy and they added 145 of 23 overs before Fitzy was out for 54 (7x4 off 65 balls) Harry having just reached his ton of 80 balls. Dan Supple and Joe Reynolds then suffered from the lack of the DRS and Sam Compton joined H with 73 needed from the last 10 overs.

Harry went into overdrive scoring the last 76 of his innings from 39 balls and his knock of 176 came from 119 balls including 22x4 and 4x6. It was without doubt the best innings given the circumstances of the match that I have ever witnessed. Chanceless until very near the end of the match, no slogging but some big hits and glorious cricket strokes. Both Harry and Sam were out with 3 needed for victory and the Darts won the match with more than 3 overs to spare.

Dartford 2nd XI v Bexley 28th May 2011

The first delivery from CP was duly dispatched for 4 straight down the ground, however things soon tightened up with the ball beating the bat from both ends. Earl Gray, making his first outing for the 2nds this season, couldn't quite get into his stride in his spell and was replaced by Rishan. Despite being hoisted over the trees when dropping short, the 'Colombo-express' took 2 key wickets to leave Bexley 50-2. CP got his just rewards soon after when Barclay skied the ball to Smurph at square leg. Bakes then came on for Rish at the car park end and bowled tidily, going at little over 3 an over. Spin looked the order of the day with Ashley and Colly taking the ball at the each end. Ashley made the breakthrough dismissing the next 2. Colly ended Mitchell's torrent when Ross Hallam stumped him for 70. Bexley finished on 239-7 off their 50 overs. The Darts opened up with their "experienced" pairing of Joe Murphy and Ron Turner. Both looked set until Smurph was caught in the gully after a bit of juggling by J.Wells for 16. Ron going well, However, Dartford's middle order couldn't hang around long enough to provide support, Ross H (3), Adam Ferris (5), Lee Gray (2) and Nosey (8) all came and went without troubling the scorers too much. Mark Baker came out at no.7 and looked to turn the game on its head with some powerful hitting, boundaries being the order of the day. Things turned bleak when Ron edged behind then Bakes was out for 42 off the bowling of P.Thorburn. Ashley (5) provided some support to Colly, DCC finished 200 all out off 49.2 overs.

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THE TOP FIVE

Batting Average (League)

	P	I	NO	R	H/S	AVG
1 Harry Bell	9	9	2	433	176	61.86
2 GarryCook	4	4	1	178	106 *	59.33
3 Gavin Pointer	4	3	1	96	61 *	48
4 Jack Scarth	10	10	4	287	100 *	47.83
5 Ian Rossiter	3	3	1	86	49 *	43

As you can see there are several of our academy members in the top 5s at the moment, just goes to show that our approach to academy training has been successful. Keep up the good work.

Bowling Wickets Taken (League)

	O	M	R	W	BEST
1 Ashley Perera	50.2	3	231	13	4/18
2 Craig Partridge	47.2	11	146	11	5/34
3 RYAN CARTER	49	10	213	10	3/31
4 Samuel Compton	33	5	125	9	2/4
5 Jaymes Hollyhock	27.3	5	115	9	4/35

ACADEMY UPDATE

Another month has flown by and the season is well underway. As you can see from the Academy team scoreboard, all of our teams hold good records so far this season. My philosophy is not win at all costs, but ensuring that each team is developing good cricket habits and basics, and our juniors are given the opportunities to develop as players. There have been excellent performances by individuals so far this year, a full summary will be coming in the July edition.

As always, please come forward and speak to me about how you can get involved! And please come to Hesketh during a Saturday to watch the 1st and 2nd XI teams in action!

ACADEMY TEAM SCOREBOARD:

U11 – P4 W4

U13 – P3 W1 L2

U15 – P4 W3 L1

U16 – P4 W4

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SWITCHED ON COMMUNITY FUND SCHEME

A Message from Jim



Many of you will be aware and some will have been directly affected by the electricity outage caused by vandals last year. As a result EDF gave a large amount of compensation money to the council to allocate to local community projects.

I am delighted to announce that the council have agreed a large amount of funding (7k+) to the club to assist with purchase of new ground machinery to further improve the playing surfaces at both our grounds. As you know we have a new groundsman starting next month and I have made addressing the outfield at Hesketh Park a priority for the next 12 months so this couldn't have come at a better time.

Leader of the Council, Jeremy Kite, and Managing Director Graham Harris were able to advise the club of the funding in the last 2 weeks. In his letter Councillor Kite said:

"It gave us great pleasure to approve the award which comes with our appreciation for everything you have done, and continue to do for the people of Dartford"

Councillor Kite will be playing for a team organised by our MP Gareth Johnson on 12th May in support of the Royal British Legion's 90th anniversary. I look forward to thanking him personally and talking in more detail about what we do then as I hope he will become an active supporter of the club over the coming years and our quest to redevelop the pavilion

Please continue to watch dartfordcc.co.uk for continuing updates on the specifics of the ground and other club developments

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Pat Lippiatt and 1 or 2 others who put together the application and my thanks goes to them and all the members of the various committees for their continues hard work and endeavours.

COYD!

Jim Lowrie
Chairman



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VARIOUS PICTURES SO FAR.....



Clarkey struggling to figure out what side of the bat to use



I didn't know I could get my leg that high



Inspirational team talk from the Chairman



Bakes putting the effort in



Hang around Clarkey your about to see something special

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NAME THAT COLT

A new section this month, try and name the colt below. Answers on the back of a postcard.



WELL DONE HARRY

Congratulations to Harry Bell for scoring a very fine 176 vs Southfleet CC in the 3rd XI fixture at Waller Park. The 3s needed 300 to win and they did with 3 wickets in hand.

Vice Captain James Fitzgerald was taught a lesson after proclaiming that if they chased 300 he would do a naked lap of Waller park. Always a man of his word Fitzzy completed the lap in just his socks. A video was recorded of this but for obvious reasons will not be posted on the website.

Parents, if you have any pictures you wish to add to this monthly slot, please forward them on to me at cranie123@googlemail.com

Its only a bit of fun and I'm sure they won't be too embarrassed.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Your club needs your help, we have several opportunities for volunteers coming up over the next few months.

The main areas where we need help is with organising fund raising events and helping your club with umpiring and scoring for all teams within the club – senior and junior sides. We desperately need people, so if you can help or know anyone in your circle of family and friends please come forward now. We are a big club that is run by just a few officials and it has become a trend lately that these officials are taking on the majority of the work.

Remember this is your club, the efforts we put in now will benefit the club for years to come. We have a lot of hard work on the horizon with the Pavilion re-development project, if you can help in just a small way it would be appreciated by all.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jim Lowrie.

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FOCUS CLUB RE ACCREDITATION

The Club has recently been going through its Clubmark re-accreditation, a process which has to take place every three years.

I am pleased to announce that we have achieved our re-accreditation and as a result the Club has been re-selected for Focus Club status.

Achieving the Focus Club status means that the Club commits to:

- a playing programme within KCB affiliated competitions and leagues
- Workforce succession planning
- Links to education sectors

(These are just some of the commitments outlined in the Focus Club Partnership Agreement).

The main thrust of Clubmark is that we are seen to be adhering to all the 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' issues, which involves ensuring that all those who have interaction with young members attend the necessary qualification courses and checks, and update these every three years. One of the criteria is that the Club has a Child Welfare Officer in place, so if parents or young people have any concerns they have a main point of contact.

The Club is currently working on a 'Welcome Pack' for all new (and existing) members so that everyone is aware of what is expected from them – from Colts, Adult Playing members, Non-playing members, coaches, Parents, guests, etc.

Meanwhile, let us celebrate our success of achieving re-accreditation both as a Clubmark Club and a Focus Club.

Pat Lippiatt
Secretary

Your Club Welfare Officer is : Mrs Pat Lippiatt – 07968 279761





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