



March 2010 Newsletter

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Fast news:

- 1749 Club - Brian Harris February winner of £55
- Last indoor nets session at Felton Fleet for all ages is 28th March
- Club Force Day - 9.30am 28th March on The Green
- Academy Evening 16th April up the club from 7.30pm
- Quiz night Friday 12th March from 8pm

The Summer is coming

Hello All,

It may not feel like it, weather wise, but the cricket season is almost upon us. Winter nets are drawing to a close and the optimism and excitement of a new season are tangible.

It is imperative that the whole club is ready for the new season. Most importantly the club, ground and facilities need to be ship shape. The grounds man, Dan Martin, is cracking on with preparing the pitch. However, we need everyone's help to prepare the sightscreens, nets etc. for the season. To assist with this there will be a Club Force day on the 28th March, more details later in the newsletter.

1749 Club

We have had two draws for the 1749 Club and currently have about 40 members. The 1749 Club is not only a great chance to support all cricket development at the club but also a great chance to win yourself some money.

The club acts like a lottery with £5 a month buying a number into the draw. You can enter by filling in the form, available behind the bar and on the website. You can then either pay by cheque, £60 for the year, or by standing order of £5 a month.

For further information please contact the organisers, Michael Baddock and Brian Harris, or any members of the committee.

Go to www.ripleycc.com and click on the 1749 Club banner for application form and full terms and conditions.

Club Force Day

28th March at 9.30am, mark it in your diaries. If you or your children use the facilities at the club please come down and assist. We will be putting up the nets and rolling them, painting the

sightscreens, taking down the fence from around the pitch and having a general tidy up. We will also need equipment so if you have step ladders, sledge hammers, old paintbrushes and rollers, cable ties or

any other tools please bring them down. In payment for your help there will be free t-shirts for the first 30 volunteers, copious amounts of tea for all and the bar will be open after all the jobs have been finished

There will also be a Napoleonic War demonstration, starting at 1pm, by The 2nd (Queen's Royal) Regiment of Foot (www.2ndfoot.org.uk) which I am sure will be worth sticking around for.



Seniors Cricket

The season is just around the corner with the first senior fixture being 24th April!

Indoor nets have been held at Felton Fleet and have progressed well but some players have been conspicuous by their absence, all senior players should make an effort to attend or contact Cricket Manager (Rich Zapp) or Club Captain (Toby Baddock) if unable to attend.

Vaughn Blanchard has been re-engaged as overseas player for 2010 season and will also take on more coaching responsibilities especially within the Academy. Training on the green will commence Wed 15th April 6:30pm.

The season will again be tough but the club should be looking to finish in the top half of the league and potential promotion.

This will be the next step from all sides finishing mid-table last season. This will only be achieved with commitment and working hard at their game. We have some very good Academy players who will definitely be given their chances this year so no player should take their position for granted.

Good Luck to all teams in the forthcoming season and let's have a big promotion party for all teams at the end of the season.

Captains

Saturday 1st XI - Jon Primmatt (v/c Sam Hoggett)

Saturday 2nd XI - Jeremy Russell (v/c Simon Cheeseman)

Saturday 3rd XI - Neal Panting (v/c Tim Hughes)

Sunday Social - Rupert Baddock (v/c Abbas Sheikh)

We are still looking for a Sunday 1st XI Captain. If you are interested please contact Richard Zapp.

Contacts:
Rich Zapp - richzapp@ntlworld.com
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Academy Cricket

As with the Seniors indoor nets have been held at Felton Fleet and have progressed well – well done to all who have attended – players and coaches.

The club has a number of members currently working towards different levels of coaching badges, a big thank you and well done to those who have given up their time to study towards these qualifications. The club are always looking for new coaches so if anyone would like to study for a coaching badge please contact Rich Zapp (Cricket Manager) or Andy Giles (Head Coach). The club are holding an

Academy Evening on 16th April which will include fish n chip supper please contact Grahame_Pascoe@dell.com for further details. This will be a chance for all Academy members and parents to meet each other as well as the committee members and other officers of the club. Please try and attend.

Volunteers are always required – BBQ Friday Nights etc – again please contact the age group coaches if you can help in any capacity.

Good Luck to all teams in the forthcoming season and enjoy your cricket. The club also needs managers

at each age group to help the coaches with organizing the teams on match days etc especially at U9, U11 and U15 age groups, again any volunteers please contact Rich Zapp or any of the age group coaches.

Thank you to Mike Baddock for organising all the Academy fixtures. Check out www.ripleycc.com for full details. Training on the green starts w/c 19th April, contact the age group coaches for details.

Remember...

...the "2nd (Queens Royal) Regiment of foot, a Napoleonic re-enactment group www.2ndfoot.org.uk (accompanied by regular army support vehicles) are marching from Clandon House To Ripley terminating on the green. This is to raise money for the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment Association. They are anticipating arriving in Ripley about 1pm, where they and the army will have display tents on the green and will use the club as a base. It would be great to see as many people as possible young and old not just to put money in their collection pots but to come up and support the club as well.

Date: 28th March 2010
Time: 1pm, after Club Force Day

Last but not least

All club members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due. The application forms are available behind the bar. It should be noted that players will not be eligible to turn out for the club, unless they have completed their forms and paid their relevant subscriptions.

