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ROFFEY CC NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second edition Roffey Cricket Club Newsletter. We received some positive comments after the first one, mainly in just giving a bit more of an insight as to what is happening around our club. We intend to publish a newsletter four times a year. Feedback is welcome. Good feedback to Jon Moss, poor feedback to Tom Barnes.....

We would first like to welcome all new players to the club, we are still hoping for a few new joiners. But so far, welcome to:

Andy Walker, Harry Grubb, Peter Wood, Toby Munt, Toby Wardrobe, Bilal Khan, Aayash Ziyam, and Oscar Harman.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, availability issues were a major factor last year and it is something we have been working on. We will also see a growing number of women's and colt players available for selection this year, which is very positive news.

We would also like to thank Leigh Harrison for agreeing to be the 2's captain this year. He is to be ably assisted in the VC role by Mark Pavlovic.

Fixtures

Home — Away

Date	Women's	1 st XI	2 nd XI
4 May		Chippingdale	
5 May	Haywards Heath		Glynde
9 May			
11 May		Hastings	Crawley Eagles
12 May			
18 May		Worthing	Steyping
19 May	Lindfield		
23 May			
25 May		East Grinstead	Littlehampton

Date	3 rd XI	4 th XI	Sunday XI / Wild Boars
4 May		lfield	
5 May			
9 May			Broadbridge Heath
11 May	West Chilt	Steyping	
12 May			Old Castletonians
18 May	Birdham	West Chilt	
19 May			
23 May			Horsham Trinity
25 May	Broadwater	Warnham	
26 May			Billingshurst

SAFEGUARDING

As mentioned before, changes and updates to the ECB safeguarding policies mean our own policies at the club have needed to be updated.

Fortunately, our safeguarding officer, Jo Dance is all over this and she has kindly produced the following document to help us all ensure that we are fully compliant.

[Changing Rooms and Showering Facilities](#)

While groups of children are using changing facilities, coaches and other volunteers must not enter unless absolutely necessary.

It is recognised that some 16 and 17 year olds may wish to change/shower alongside their adult team mates in communal changing rooms. Such a situation should be agreed in advance with the Club Safeguarding Officer, the child and the parent/carer – it is essential that no pressure is applied for a child to make any particular choice

Mobile Phones should not be in the changing rooms if U18's are also present.

SPONSORSHIP

The club would like to thank all of our new sponsors.

In particular we would like to thank our four new main sponsors this year:

[FJN Recruitment Solution](#) – Main Shirts

[Centricity Corporate Insurance](#) - Main Shirts

[Marlow Sports Group](#) – Women's Shirts

[Ingenium Consulting Engineers](#) – Junior Shirts

The club simply could not function without sponsorship, so we are very grateful to everyone involved in sourcing and providing sponsorship.

To view a full list of our sponsors click [here](#)

[Transportation](#)

It is the guidance of the ECB that coaches/managers do NOT transport children to and from cricket activities. However, a common-sense approach should be adopted, agreed with the Club Safeguarding Office and reflect best practice of 'Rule of 2'.

[Social Media](#)

It is a guidance of the ECB that under 18's not be on any group chats, and any contact should be made with the parents/guardians. 16/17 years parents and guardians must be copied in.

Social media is an ever changing landscape.

[Photo/Video and Live streaming](#)

Parents and guardians should give their consent for photos/videos and live streaming to take place. Please contact Joanne Dance – Club Welfare Office – 07719181702 if you have any concerns.

Anyone that still wishes to complete the safeguarding online 30-minute course, can still do so by clicking [here](#).

WINTER NETS

We have now finished our winter nets sessions. It has been very encouraging to see these so well attended. Our aim now the winter nets have finished, is to get into the nets at Roffey, just as soon as we can. This is very much weather dependant of course. As it stands, the nets for the 1's and 2's will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the nets for the 3's and 4's and those colts and women players hoping to play hardball 3's/4's cricket, will be Wednesday and the nets for the juniors and Women's (softball) will be on Friday's.

Kit

Our new 2024 kit from Masuri can be found [here](#), orders are £5.75 regardless of size, so why not order it all.

The club benefits from a rebate scheme with Masuri – so the better the shop does, the more money that goes back into the club to benefit our members!

Membership

It's that time of year again where membership is due! Please get signed up ASAP.

The link to the portal is [here](#), all membership must be paid by the end of May. If this isn't paid you may not be allowed to play.

If you have any issues with paying your membership please speak to your captain or a committee member and I am sure we can accommodate.

End of Season Awards Night

Following feedback from last year, we have agreed the date of the end of season awards night already, so plan your holidays on different dates as the awards night will be Saturday 28th September 2024

So that's it, another season about to start. Thank you to everyone that has helped get us to the start of another season. Best of luck to all.

C'mon you Boars!

GROUNDSMAN

We would also like to welcome our two new groundsman. Mark Bellamy is our new groundsman at the main club. Mark is an experienced groundsman, much experience gained working on golf courses and from also being Warnham CC groundsman. Tom Blackwell, someone familiar to many of us at the club, has also agreed to be our Faygate groundsman. Tom had been working with Alan Riddle (Stan) at Faygate last year, in an apprentice role, learning from the master.

The weather lately has been so wet, that much of the pre-season work that our groundsman would have liked to have started, has had to be delayed. Therefore, we will be needing to assist at both grounds when the call is put out by both of them. Please look out for announcements for groundworks, planned and more ad-hoc. The more the merrier, as always. On the subject of works, many thanks to all that helped out with the laying of the new patio and the fencing. There is still more to do. Particular thanks to Jim Barnes, Hammy, Al Southon and George Fleming. The area is looking a lot more inviting, something we are trying to do to encourage more partners and families to come along to the club.

