



BULLFROG GAZETTE

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Team Updates

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“The club has had a productive and exciting off-season in terms of player acquisition”

“The 2017 season starts on Saturday 22 April”

1st Team

It continues to be a busy offseason of recruitment for the club. We are very pleased to confirm the transfer of Andy Hawkswell from Harrogate to bolster our top order. In addition, we are delighted to announce that we have also virtually completed the signing of Ashley Griffin, a talented all-rounder who was also at Harrogate last year. Ashley is currently playing out in Australia, so should be ready to hit the ground running in April. Finally, we have to sadly announce the departure of Michael Donnelly, who has decided to play his cricket nearer his new home in Wakefield. It was a tough decision for Micky to say goodbye, but we all wish him the very best in his new venture in West Yorkshire and we are sure he will excel at his new club.

We can announce that the first team has a friendly organised with Methley CC on 15 April, in what we hope will be a tough game against a very decent outfit. This should stand us in good stead for the first league fixture the following week.

2nd Team

The second eleven will also be strengthened in the coming season with the return of our old friend Lewis Mallinson, who will be hoping to reproduce his prolific run scoring of a couple of seasons ago. The second team are hoping to arrange a friendly fixture also, so keep your eyes peeled for more information.

As a club, we are very pleased with the makeup of our two senior sides for the new season. We are confident that both the first and second eleven will work together to produce some very competitive cricket and also feel that we have a number of players who are pushing for first team places, which is only good for the club as a whole.

Development XI

As we have outlined in previous newsletters, the development team will be the bridge between junior and senior cricket. As a club, we want to start to create a production line of young local cricketers who will progress through the ranks to become quality first team players. This will be a great opportunity for the club juniors to play alongside our overseas player Kiel (who will play every week) plus some other first team players through the season. We felt that the enthusiasm for Sunday third team cricket was diminishing and the chance to play a shorter form of the game on Wednesday nights would suit young cricketers better as they develop. At the Harrogate & District Evening League AGM next Thursday we are expecting to be formally accepted into the league and we are excited at this new chapter for the club. We can announce that the side will be captained by Ben Canham.

“The Development XI is an exciting addition to our club for the 2017 season. Please contact Ryan if you’re interested.”

Anyone interested in playing in the development team can contact Ryan at ryanbradshaw29@gmail.com for more information.

Senior Nets

Senior nets are due to get underway in February at the newly renovated Rossett Sports Hall. These will run from Sunday 12 February until 25 March from 5pm to 6pm. The sessions will be £2 per person and we are hoping that attendance will be strong. We will be sharing the facility with Spofforth CC and think that the presence of another club will help to raise our practice performance as we head into the new season.

“A strong turnout at winter nets will help all players hit the ground running in the new season. Fail to prepare, prepare to fail.”

Junior Nets

Junior nets will start at St Aidan's on Saturday 21 January and will run to 11 March inclusive. The session times are 4pm to 5pm for Under 9s & 11s, and 5pm to 6pm for Under 13s & 15s. We are delighted to have an increased number of coaches this year and hope that these sessions will be greatly beneficial to our excellent junior section. Any additional coaching help, as always, would be greatly appreciated. Sessions will again be £2 per person.

“Junior Registration Night to be held on Friday 7 April at 6.00pm”

Important Note

Please be aware that junior registration night is to be held at the club on Friday 7 April. Please can all juniors and/or parents make sure they attend to sign players up for the new season. Please can people arrive for 6pm, where club representatives will give a short talk on our plans for the year before formal registration will begin.

Ground Force Day

“The ‘Team Bonding’ Race Night represents a great opportunity for players to get to know their new teammates and start the season as we mean to go on”

Our annual ground force day will be held on 1 April. We are looking for people to attend for 2 hours from 10am till 12pm to get the ground ready for the new season. As many of you will be aware, our groundsman Russell puts an incredible amount of time and effort into getting our playing facilities up to a tremendous standard. This is our opportunity to help out for a couple of hours in order to make his job easier. Food will be provided, so please put this date in your diary so we can help out with some of the early season tasks, and to give Russell some much appreciated assistance.

Social Scene

The following events are due to be held at the club in the coming weeks:

28 January - Liz Oki - A tremendous singer who specialises in 'Soul, Motown & much more'

4 February - 'Team Bonding' Race Night - One of Bilton CC's excellent race nights. This is a compulsory event for senior players and a great opportunity to catch up before nets begin. The night will include presentations of senior awards from the 2016 season and will be a real club event. Bring your drinking boots! The evening starts at 7.30pm and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

25 February - Les Lomax with Re-Act - Excellent singer with a 3-piece band.

Lots of hard work goes into organising these great nights and, as a committee, we would love to see some cricketers down at these events as they are an incredibly important part of the club as a whole.

The next committee meeting is on 28 February, if anyone has any ideas, views, etc. that they would like to be aired at this meeting please contact a member of the committee.

Up the Bullfrogs.

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