

# BULLFROG G&ZETTE

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"1<sup>st</sup> team friendly – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 away at Methley CC"

# **Team Updates**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Firstly, we start with a change at the top. For the 2017 season, Ryan Bradshaw has taken over as first team captain. Vic has stepped down to allow Ryan to take over at the helm, but will remain at the club and will be focussing on recapturing his stellar form of last season. The team will be vice-captained by club stalwart Paul Cannings.

We are pleased to confirm that all our off season signings have now been completed and John, Andy and Ash have all been present at winter nets showing what great assets they will prove to be for the club in the coming year.

Finally, we are also pleased to confirm that we have now secured accommodation for our overseas player Kiel and we are very much looking forward to him landing in the country in early April.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Once again Neil Styrin will captain the second team and his vice-captain will be Carl Heptinstall.

The club is delighted to see that we have a very strong pool of players available for selection for second team cricket this season and this will lead to healthy competition for places.

The second XI is currently pursuing opposition for a friendly fixture on 15<sup>th</sup> April, which is likely to be at home. Watch this space for news on this and please advise Neil on your availability.

"A second team friendly will provisionally be played on 15<sup>th</sup> April – watch this space for information" "Interest remains strong in the Development XI & the side will play in the 5<sup>th</sup> div of the Harrogate Evening League. Please contact Ryan if you're interested.

### **Development XI**

We can confirm that the Development XI have now been formally accepted to enter the 5<sup>th</sup> division of the Harrogate Evening League. We feel that this will be a fantastic opportunity for our young cricketers to develop in a competitive, adult league with assistance from some of our experienced first team players.

Anyone interested in playing in the development team can contact Ryan at <a href="mailto:ryanbradshaw29@gmail.com">ryanbradshaw29@gmail.com</a> for more information.

## **Senior Nets**

Senior nets are now well underway at Rossett Sports Hall. These will continue to run until 25 March from 5pm to 6pm. The sessions are £2 per person. There is no session on 5<sup>th</sup> March, however we are hoping for very strong turnout for the remaining three Sundays. We must take this opportunity to remind players that these sessions are subsidised by the club, therefore if turnout is poor it is costing the club money. Please make every effort to attend.

"Senior nets will continue from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March at Rossett Sports Hall. Please make every effort to attend the final 3 sessions"

## **Outdoor Nets**

Outdoor nets are due to start down at the ground on 6<sup>th</sup> April and will run throughout the season. These will start at 6pm and will run until the light fades. We anticipate that this will be well attended and we are hoping to incorporate to some fielding drills to sharpen us up for the weekend games.

# **Junior Update**

We are pleased to say that there have been several good performances in the junior indoor cricket so far this winter and attendance at junior nets has been strong.

#### Two dates for your diary:

- Junior Registration Night- 7th April at 6.00pm (at the club)
- First outdoor junior nets 21st April

"Reminder: Junior Registration Night to be held on Friday 7 April at 6.00pm"

## **Ground Force Day**

"The club has set up a new Facebook page (bilton cricket club) and is also on Twitter @biltoncricket. Please like, share and tweet!" A further reminder that the 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. The more people we get to attend means that the jobs will take less time to complete, so please try to get down to the ground and provide a much appreciated helping hand.

## **Social Media**

We are in the process of revamping our social media presence at the club. A new Facebook page has been set up, which will carry all the important information relating to Bilton CC. This can be found by searching for *bilton cricket club*. Please access this page, like it and share it.

In addition to this, we have also set the club up on Twitter. This can be found @biltoncricket. This page will carry bite size chunks of information relating to any current events/issues. If you are a Twitter user, please follow us.

The next committee meeting is on 28 March, 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.

## **About this Newsletter**

Disclaimer:- The Bullfrog Gazette is a monthly(ish) newsletter to give all players and supporters an update of what your Cricket Committee working towards and unless stated does not contain any rumours. Naturally you may hear things that are happening and the Committee may well be aware of them, perhaps even discussed, but have chosen not to make public at time of production©.