



PCC NEWS



Paignton Cricket Club Newsletter

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A Message from your Chairman...



I have been a player and member of Paignton Cricket Club for some 40 years and it is a privilege and honour to take on the role of Chairman and welcome you all to this great community cricket club.

2016 saw our first team promoted to the premier league, the highest standard of cricket in Devon. Our 2nd X1 are in the A division and our 3rd team were promoted and will compete in the C Division West. We have a number of promising players who I have no doubt will strengthen our performances on the field this season.

We run a vibrant youth section from the ages of 5-19. Our all junior training sessions are on a Friday evening offering a high level of coaching support. Youth development is a key priority for the club to sustain a successful future. We are the only club in Torbay to currently offer girls cricket in age groups U11, U13 & U15 and this year we will also be running a full women's team. Our coaching philosophy is simple in that we aim to provide everyone with the opportunity to enjoy cricket where our players can learn and improve their game, have fun in a safe and friendly environment.

The clubs reputation as offering a welcoming family friendly atmosphere whilst offering quality cricket is critical to our continued success. We host a range of touring sides, County games and also the Devon Lions.

I look forward to welcoming you this season whether it's watching the great cricket on offer or partaking in our many fun social events throughout the season. We have an active social side to the club, with a number of activities planned which we hope the parents of the youth section, players and the partners of the senior players will all participate.

I am pleased to report that PCC have been accepted to the Torbay Council Lottery 'Good Cause' scheme, more details of how this will help us and the part we can all play in this will be communicated over the next few weeks.

The club depends on members volunteering to take on roles so please, if there is anything you would like to do, you will be very welcome to join in. New members of all ages and abilities are also very welcome whether they are players, supporters or volunteers to help with the many aspects involved in running our Club.

Enjoy the Season— Tim Ward

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Upcoming Events

4th May — Registration/ Taster session/BBQ from 5.30

19th May — Ladies "Fizz" night

9th June — Quiz night

17th June — Men 1st XI social

30th June — New Daze band playing on Friday training night

28th July — New Daze band



1st XI—Premier Division—Thoughts from the skipper.....



The season ahead for Paignton 1st XI is bound to be an interesting one. Last time we found ourselves in this position there were glimpses of brilliance but overall we just weren't good enough. We came close in a lot of games but lacked the experience and talent to edge ourselves over the line. But here we are again, two years on, two years older, two years wiser (for some) and a burning desire to avoid the pain of 2015.

We keep a very similar team to the one that gain promotion from the A Division. Out goes South African Kevin Hinton and in comes George Benton after a year and a half travelling. In the team already we have big hitters Dan Wolf and Chris Kelmere who both averaged in the mid 40's last year and we'll be looking to add the that line up with an overseas professional.

We will be training hard throughout the winter and in the run up to the beginning of the season. We've got two preseason fixtures away to Exeter and Brixham and we kick the season off with an away trip to Sidmouth. We know that it will be one of the toughest games of the season for us so its important we are fully prepared. We showed last time that if we play to our full potential we have the ability to beat the top teams in the league.

Rich Ashworth 1st XI Captain

2nd XI

PCC 2nd X1 play in the A division. The side is a great mix of experienced players and talented youth. The key purpose of the 2nd X1 is to develop our talented youngsters in a supporting & encouraging environment, a great transitional side and pathway into adult cricket.

The focus for the team will be to push for promotion back to the Premier 2nd XI

Tim Ward 2nd XI Captain

3rd XI

The season will soon be with us and the 3rd team anticipating another competitive and successful season. It is likely the league will soon be a play through league, meaning all teams will compete against each other including 1st eleven teams. I feel it is important for us to be in the highest league possible when this change is made as this will give us more scope to attract players.

I will continue with the commitment of playing 6 under 18 players as often as possible, as the development of the youth players in the club is vitally important. We will see ourselves compete in the C division west which will offer our young players an improved challenge from last season. I hope that the core of the senior players remain regularly available and I do not see us short on numbers with the few additions to the 1st and 2nd teams. We have been fortunate to sign Paul Harding from Chelston and Kerswell CC although in his senior years; Paul has played some good cricket in his time having played Minor Counties for Devon and a former team mate of mine many years ago.

Terry Farkins 3rd XI Captain





LADIES CRICKET AT PAIGNTON!

Are you interested in learning about the game of cricket, keeping fit and healthy, and enjoying the social side of Paignton Cricket Club?



Following the successes of our girls last year, this season we are setting up a ladies' section! No experience or kit is necessary. We plan to run the ECB Wine and Wickets on alternate Fridays after colts training – offering a chance to play some softball games, have a laugh and indulge in the odd Prosecco or 2! There will also be an opportunity to receive coaching every 2nd Sunday morning with our older girls and to play softball and hardball friendlies with other local clubs. Do much or as little as you want!



Paignton girls prepare for their cup match against Tarka with chips from Scoffs - while the opposition train in the background.

If you're interested in finding out more, have a chat or message Lois Hussey, Nick Harman, Trevor Massey or Tim Ward.

Message from Tony Medlock our Youth Section Manager

Over the last 5 years Paignton CC have grown their Junior and Colts sections to the point whereby we now run 10 teams in the South Devon Youth League as well as two younger sides which play in festivals organised by the League. Our league teams cater for both boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17 years old.



Friendly Match from July 2016—
Paignton Girls v Paignton Boys

As well as our competitive teams we also offer an introduction to cricket for children from 5 years old. This season our Junior Club sessions will be transferring from Sunday mornings to Friday evenings, to run alongside the training with the older players. We hope that this will foster an even more inclusive club feeling and also give our very youngest players the opportunity to see the pathway into competitive cricket. With the BBQ running, the bar open and regular social events, our Friday evenings will not only be an opportunity for us to move players on based on ability, but also allow parents access to all the club coaches and managers and give everyone the chance to meet other members and help develop further the strong community feel within the club.

We are very lucky at PCC to have a magnificent bunch of volunteers who give their time freely to our Youth section, and with their help and tireless work we have become the largest provider of Junior cricket in South Devon. However with so many teams we are always seeking further volunteers to help with coaching, managing teams, umpiring, scoring, raising funds (running a Colts section is not cheap!) and helping with the BBQ or the Tea Hut, so if you feel you can offer some of your time in any capacity please get in touch.

Lets hope the sun shines in 2017 and here's to another successful season for everyone involved with Paignton Juniors and Colts!

Fixtures will be available in the club handback that will be available at the registration night. Your age group managers will let you have details of the early dates shortly.

Tony Medlock
Youth Section Manager



Paignton Men's Dinner / Presentation Night

Paignton celebrated a fantastic 2016 with the Annual Men's Dinner, held at Churston Golf Club, in early March. The night was a celebration of a great year at Paignton with the 1st XI being promoted to the Premier Division, an outstanding effort from a mainly Paignton grown team under the captaincy of Richard Ashworth; the 3rd XI being promoted to the West C Division, captained by Terry

Farkins, the very youthful side being too strong for many of the teams in the division with superb displays from the many youngsters coming through the strong Paignton Colts system, plus many outstanding individual performances.

Matthew Maynard, Somerset CCC Director of Cricket, was the special guest for the evening, taking a great Q&A session with some very thoughtful questions and comedian Gary Castleton provided some great laughter.

The award winners of the evening:

- ◇ Player of the Season 1st XI – Dan Wolf, contributing a magnificent 590 runs at an average of 45.38 and took 18 wickets at an average of 14.67
- ◇ Player of the Season 2nd XI – Harry Ward, contributing 309 runs at an average of 51.5 with a top score of 157no, highest in the league.
- ◇ Player of the Season 3rd XI – Rory Medlock (12yrs old), bowled 112 overs taking 32 wickets at an average of 13.38 – highest wicket taker in the league
- ◇ Don Piper Award for Best Performance (Champagne Moment) – Liam Talbot for his 155no in 97 balls
- ◇ Clubman of the Year – Richard Hussey – for continued dedication to Paignton Cricket Club



From Left : Liam Talbot, Richard Hussey, Matthew Maynard, Dan Wolf and Harry Ward

April / May Fixtures below for the adult teams—please come along to watch the matches —always welcome!!

Date	Opponents	Time	Team	Competition	Venue
Sun 23rd April	Exeter	14:00	1st XI	Friendly	Away
Sun 30th April	Brixham	14:00	1st XI	Friendly	Away
Sun 30th April	Stoke Gabriel	14:00	2nd XI	Friendly	Away
Sat 6th May	Sidmouth	12:30	1st XI	Premier	Away
Sat 6th May	Sandford	13:30	2nd XI	A Division	Home
Sat 6th May	Chagford	13:30	3rd XI	C Division West	Away
Sat 13th May	Exmouth	12:30	1st XI	Premier	Home
Sat 13th May	Ottery St Mary	13:30	2nd XI	A Division	Away
Sat 13th May	Dartington & Totnes	13:30	3rd XI	C Division West	Home
Tues 16th May	Stoke Gabriel	18:00	Cup	Brockman Cup	Home
Sat 20th May	Plymouth	12:30	1st XI	Premier	Away
Sat 20th May	Plymstock	13:30	2nd XI	A Division	Home
Sat 20th May	Clyst St George	13:30	3rd XI	C Division West	Home
Sat 27th May	North Devon	12:30	1st XI	Premier	Home
Sat 27th May	Barton	13:30	2nd XI	2nd XI	Away
Sat 27th May	Stoke Gabriel	13:30	3rd XI	C Division West	Away
Tues 30th May	Barton/Babbacombe	18:00	Cup	Brockman Cup	Away

Subscriptions can be paid from the 'registration' night of Thursday 4th May—see the club website or facebook page for details.

To keep up to date with what is going on in the club please 'like' the Paignton CC Facebook page and you can also visit the website at www.paignton.play-cricket.com and the club noticeboard will have full details of planned events.