

# **Pyrford Cricket Club**

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Welcome to Pyrford Cricket Club for the 2015 season.

On behalf of the committee of Pyrford Cricket Club I would like to welcome you and your family to our club and provide you with some information about the cricket and social activities for young people and families that we offer.

### Our purpose and ethos

PCC provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 6 and 18 to receive coaching and participate in age level league and cup fixtures. Coaching is overseen by qualified coaches, and all adults involved with coaching and supporting activities have been DBS checked via the ECB. We are a competitive club but we believe that cricket is about more than just winning. At Pyrford Cricket Club we firmly uphold the spirit and values of our game and we expect everyone associated with the club to do likewise. We encourage children to compete to win by playing great cricket in safety and with respect for officials and the opposition. We fully support and endorse equal opportunities for all and aim to make the experience fun for all children, parents and helpers.

### **Progress during 2014**

During 2014 we continued to grow as a junior section. We completed our ECB Clubmark annual health check within the agreed timescale. Clubmark is awarded by the England and Wales Cricket Board to those cricket clubs who are able to demonstrate that they meet criteria across four areas:

- Duty of Care and Safeguarding Children
- the Cricket Programme offered by the club
- Sports Equity and Ethics
- Club Management.

ECB Clubmark is an acknowledgement that we take these issues seriously and that we are striving to provide a high quality, safe and welcoming environment for young people participating in cricket.

We continue to invest in facilities at the club using money raised through subscriptions and funding streams. During early 2015 we were able to replace our artificial strip and to install a

new electronic score board. Accidental damage to the pavilion has resulted in substantial building works to be necessary to the carpack entrance. Thankfully, this is covered by our insurance and we plan to have all necessary work completed by the middle of March. Additional work on the scorehut is also planned to weatherproof and repair it.

2014 was a successful year for us both on and off the pitch. We completed well in the leagues, winning two age groups and narrowly losing out on the finals. Pyrford also continued to host the U11 girl's side that competed for Woking Borough in the Surrey Youth Games and will do so again this year.

The Celebrate Pyrford event hosted by the club and coinciding with the Surrey cycle race was again very successful. Details of planned social events will available shortly.

# Aims for 2015

We have ambitious and necessary plans for 2015 and beyond. These include

- Growth in membership further whilst building our coaching capacity and quality.
- Instituting a new ground management approach. After several years Jon Hedges our ground manager is stepping down and we are looking for a replacement or to outsource this work to a third party.
- Offering winter training for as many age groups as we can provide coaching cover for
- Continue to increase the number of match opportunities for the younger age groups.
- Build on the successful Friday evening social scene with a full programme of social events [see below]
- An increase in our capacity to play matches now and in future years. This year we will be playing our home matches at Pyrford Cricket Club, West Byfleet Recreation Ground and BDB School. Hoe Bridge School is not available to us again this year due to development work at the school however we hope to return next year and will be maintaining our relationship by hosting some Hoe Bridge School matches at Pear Park.
- Encouraging more parents to play the game and to get involved by joining the senior squads. David Rousham will be organising Sunday afternoon 'friendly' social fixtures.
- Increase our volunteer base. Our club is staffed by volunteers and we do hope and expect parents and other family members will pitch in and help out as a condition of their membership. We are particularly interested in hearing from older family members who may have some time on their hands and whose life skills would be very valuable to us, even a few hours each week make a difference. Amongst the many tasks we need help with are coaching, umpiring, administration and scoring through to running the BBQ or taking a spell behind the bar. A situations vacant board can be found in the pavilion. Please contact myself or any member of the

coaching team with offers of help. Volunteering is fun and rewarding and we provide training and coaching.

- Continue to build the our role as a social centre for the village particularly on Friday evenings
- Establish a firm plan to replace our pavilion by the start of the 2018 season

## **Arangements for 2015**

I am delighted to confirm that Simon Clifton will lead the junior section this year. I will continue to be involved coaching some of the younger age groups

Home matches generally take place on Sunday's from 0900 to 1300 at Pyrford Cricket Club or at one of our satellite grounds. We do require parents of children under the age of 8 to stay for the duration of the training session or arrange for another adult to act for them. The club does not arrange transport to away matches and parents are required to make their own arrangements.

We intend to start the season on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and run through to early August. A full fixture programme is in the process of being finalised

Training days and Timings

Minis [School Years 1&2] Wednesday 1600-1730
U8 [School year 3] Friday 1600- 1730
U9,U11,U12,U14 Friday 1800-2000
U10 Sunday 1000-1200

Children are required to arrive early enough for registration, for a prompt start at 1800 with their relevant age groups. We do require children to be collected on time at the end of each session. However we are a family club and we invite you to stay and encourage your children. The bar will be open on Friday evenings and we expect BBQ's to be a regular feature.

Parents are asked to organise themselves to provide refreshments at home fixtures. The coaches need to concentrate on safety, coaching and running the games and need your support here.

All club kit is now available on line and can be ordered and paid for directly. We do not insist that children wear club kit but do encourage it. Children playing in representative matches do need to wear whites. The link to our sportswear provider can be found on our website

As an existing member of the club you are able to download and complete the club Membership Form from web site <a href="https://www.pyrfordcricketclub.co.uk">www.pyrfordcricketclub.co.uk</a> Please complete and return your subscriptions by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. For the safety of your child it is

important that the club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should they fall ill or be involved in an accident at the club.

Please also note our photography policy disclaimer and our information release process. We do not pass information on to third parties but do have partner organisations which provide holiday cricket camps and equipment which may be of interest to you. Please tick the box if you do not want to receive information on these purely cricket related services.

If you would like to talk to someone about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact Simon Clifton or if you have any concerns please speak to our club welfare officer [we are currently recruiting for this post]. All Pyrford Cricket Club policies are available on our web site and are posted in the Pavilion for you to read. Please pay particular attention to the Code of Conduct for Members and Guests and we encourage you to take time to explain these to your children. They are very important.

#### **New Members**

If you have friends who wish to join the club please direct them to our website where they can find further details. A registration evening for new members will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the pavilion from 1800-2030. Registration will run alongside our first social event of the year Race Night.

### 2015 Subscriptions

For 2015 the subscriptions for junior members are £90. For parents with two or more children the second child may join for £45 and any further children may join for free. If you are able to provide a further donation towards the pavilion fund we would be very grateful.

#### Social events for 2015

The following events are planned for this year. Thanks to Rachel Tipping and her team of helpers for making the arrangements and to Chris Wood for . Further details will follow.

Friday 13th March - Club Registration and Race Night

Friday 8th May - Quiz Night

Friday 26th June - Midsummer Family BBQCKFT CLUB

Sunday 2nd August – Celebrate Pyrford to coincide with this years cycle race Saturday 26th September - Club Dinner Dance and Prize Giving – Provisional date Friday 4th December - Christmas Music Quiz

Finally everyone is reminded to be aware of safety at all times particularly whilst games and training are in progress. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to welcoming you in person to Pyrford CC

Roger Reed Chairman - Pyrford Cricket Club