



Sudbury Cricket Club 2019 Chairman's Newsletter

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The 2019 season has come around extremely quickly. The season never stops for many at the club preparing for a new campaign and for many training hard during the winter. 2017 & 2018 brought amazing success across the whole club with back to back EAPL titles, the Suffolk cup, Second team promotion and highest ever finish in 2018. None of that could not have been achieved without your fantastic support and attitude. Let's hope 2019 is another cracking year. Back to back EAPL titles was amazing but let's aim to do it all again across the club.

Grounds & Pavilion

It's been a busy start to the year. You may have noticed some hungry pigeons on the top half of the square pre-season. Due to the harsh summer the top half of the ground needed re seeding and work was also needed on the gang mowers. You will also notice some improvements in facilities and we now have a much-improved Gents outdoor toilet facility which will really help on busy days and during cricket week. So, a lot of investment has been made into the ground already this season.

From May 10th there will be SKY Sports TV broadcast in the club for the rest of the season. Please do come down and watch the Cricket World Cup and the Ashes. It's going to be an amazing summer of cricket so where better to watch than the best bar in Sudbury!

The 3rd team this year will be playing at a mixture of Gestingthorpe, Gosfield Village and Gosfield School grounds and we thank Gestingthorpe and Gosfield for their support. In 2020 we hope to reduce this to the Gosfield Village and School grounds. We again appreciate the support of the school and hope our close links continue to blossom offering potential Premier league cricket to academy scholars.

Coaching

We are taking new strides to help drive the club forward this year and in the future by stepping up coaching for both youth and adult players with a well organised and structured coaching set up. The aim is to make Sudbury CC the place to be if you want to improve your game and make the most of your ability. This will help us grow organically over time. We welcome Henry Shipley from Canterbury, New Zealand, who is a wonderful fellow and who is settling in well to life at Sudbury. Henry will be a massive asset to the coaching and playing staff and life at Sudbury in general. He will be coaching through the season all evenings and will lead the ladies coaching for 2019. Say hi to Henry! I am sure he would welcome any home cooked meals. We could not have the coaching team we do without the support of Gosfield School and we thank them very much for housing Henry this summer. Henry like all our level 2 coaches is also available for private one to one coaching.

Coordination and Objectives

Al Younger is the new chairman of selectors and he will be working as a team with the coaches and captains to help co-ordinate objectives and goals across the club. This is a major step and I wish Al all the best and please offer him your support to instil consistent principles and focus across the teams. Let's all work together to help sustain the future of this wonderful club.

Social

Again, we have an amazing social calendar at the club. Cricket week is so crucial in keeping the club afloat and I really hope you can make one of the many great events the club are putting on this season. Bookings are being taken now! The VIP night is first up on Saturday May 4th and it would be great to see as many players as possible smartly turned out to greet our guests who support us so well.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the club. It's very rewarding and the club would collapse without the many hours put in by people. We are always after volunteers to help with social events, bar shifts, large or small jobs - everything counts. Please let me know if you can help in anyway as financially we always have to work to a strict budget. If anyone fancies helping please let me know.

Sponsors

I would like to thank all the sponsors and advertisers who support us so well and I am delighted that the Keith Martin Group continue as our main club sponsor this year. Please do go through the fixture card in detail as many local firms support us, and I want the club to do all it can to support them. Why not get a quote from many of the local businesses if you need some work doing.

Finally, good luck to all the captains across all teams. Let's all help to keep this a great club that provides great cricket and fun for all ages and abilities. Please do try and bring down any new members as our door is always open. First impressions count so let's make sure everyone gets a wonderful Talbot welcome. Just as I did as a 10-year-old in 1985!

Yours Sincerely



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