

A photograph of the Bolney Cricket Club clubhouse, a white building with a dark roof and a small clock tower, surrounded by greenery.

# BOLNEY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

**A brand spanking, shiny new cricket season awaits us. While much has changed over the last year, the comfort in the sights and sounds of the continuation of our sport is something for us to look forward to. Elegant yet calamitous batting. Athletic yet slapstick fielding. Miserly yet generous bowling. Bolney CC has it all.**



### 2021 SEASON AWAITS

After much debate, the 2021 cricket season will start in April without delay. Bolney begin the season at home to Steyning Rebels on April 18th ahead of the league beginning on the 8th May away to St Matthias. The playing and socialising restrictions which were in place last season will remain until at least June. As such there will be no teas, players must travel to games independently and players will have to sanitise every six overs. The bar WILL be open (hurrah) for the colts training sessions on Friday evenings and after the weekend matches themselves, but everything will have to be purchased and quaffed outside. We can't deviate from the ECB guidance or we simply won't be able to play at all.



### GROUND UPDATE

Our very own Charlie Dimmock of Bolney - Paul Richman, has been busy at the ground to get it ready for the start of the season. The grass has had its' first cut, moss has been removed, weeds have been hunted down and purged with disdain and run ups have been rolled. The result of which has left the Vicarage Ground looking resplendent as we move into April. The bluebells are fit to burst and the starkly naked oaks are ready to protect their modesty once again. Thanks to Paul for all his work. His groundman's tan is coming along marvellously too.

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**BOLNEY**  
SUSSEX *Estate* ENGLAND



### A BIG THANKYOU

Its no secret that any club like ours cannot survive without the financial support of players, members, friends, sponsors and Bolney residents. We want to say a massive thank you to The Bolney Wine Estate who have generously continued as our main sponsor for a seventh year. A selection of their wines will be available from our bar throughout the summer to be thoroughly sampled by all. Also a big thank you to our Vice Presidents who have unwaveringly supported the club year after year - some for in excess of 20 years. You are all most welcome to join us at the club any time and are welcome to help yourself to tea when it is deemed safe once again to do so. We don't take it for granted and your support is greatly appreciated



## BOLNEY COLTS



Bolney Colts will be starting on Friday 21st at 5.30pm with the intention of running the course through to at least 9th July. We have already had a great uptake of kids signed up and we're looking to get our places filled up as soon as possible. We are running both the All Stars (5-8 year olds) and Dynamos (9-11 year olds). For safety reasons, we've decided to cap the number 24 kids in each category. We have a coaching team in place, led by Dean Hamilton - a Bolney player for over 20 years - and Mike Woodroffe, our ECB qualified coach. They will be supported by Sarah Harvey and a mix of players and hopefully parents on the evenings themselves. I'm so pleased and proud that we've been able to set this up for the 2021 season - very few clubs our size have managed to do so. We hope to make it a great success and use it as a template for future years. We will be able to open the bar during the sessions for parents to sit back and relax and also intend to put on some food as and when we are safely allowed to do so. It's not too late to sign your children up, though places are filling up quickly. Please contact [bolneyccolts@gmail.com](mailto:bolneyccolts@gmail.com) for more information.

## KIT AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

Bolney branded shirts, caps, jumpers, trousers, hoodies, t-shirts, codpieces (sadly not yet), polo shirts and tracksuits are available to purchase via [www.grclubshops.co.uk/bolney-cricket-club](http://www.grclubshops.co.uk/bolney-cricket-club) for those who wish to buy them ahead of the new season. All orders take a couple of weeks to process so would recommend ordering early if you're short.



## GROUNDWORK DAY



The working day at the ground will go ahead on the 10th April as planned. Anyone who can give up an hour or two from 10am to help would be greatly appreciated. Just some light spring cleaning, general tidying around the ground, putting benches out and making sure the ground is ready for the first game of the season. We can all have a look at the progress of the new building work (left) too! Please let the secretary or groundsman know if you can attend so we can keep an eye on numbers.

## APRIL FIXTURES

Sunday 18th - Steyning Rebels (H)  
Sunday 25th - Lindfield (H)



## FORMER PLAYER OF THE MONTH BIO - ROGER BROWN

A loyal supporter and friend of the club, rumour has it that Roger was a very useful cricketer too. Initially coming to play just one game, he stayed for 18 years!

Place of Birth - Oxfordshire  
Years of Service - 18 years  
Roles: Right arm medium fast bowler and lower order batsman  
Highest score - 46 vs Hailsham  
Best Bowling - 7-24 vs Keymer and Hassocks 1974  
Favourite Band - The Rolling Stones  
Favourite alcoholic beverage - Lager or Gin  
Favourite cricket ground - The Vicarage Ground  
Best Bolney Bowler played with - Hutson Clarke  
Best Bolney Batsman played with - Trevor Warburton

