

WELCOME

May has come and gone already. Bolney's League and Sunday Friendly teams have been busy dodging rain showers and bouncers alike in what has been - meteorologically speaking - a very soggy month. Remarkably only one game was abandoned and we enjoyed a successful first Colts session of 2021 too!



BOLNEY UP TO THIRD

Bolney have started the league season under David Chaffey (pictured posing on a roller) with two wins, a loss and abandonment which has left us third in the table after four games. Bolney negotiated a tricky chase away to St Matthias to win by 4 wickets, followed by a San Marino style loss to Felbridge by 250 runs the following week! A very short game of Aqua Cricket followed away at Palmers the week after, before signing off May with a home win against Cowden. Bolney posted a mammoth 300/4 in their 40 overs with runs for Kingsley (145* - the 5th highest score in Bolney history) and James F (104) before Jonty took 4 wickets to help bowl the visitors out for 244 in glorious early summer sunshine.



FIRST MATCH DONATIONS DUE

His bowling may be as generous as Robin Hood, but with club finances he's very much the Sheriff of Nottingham and runs a tight ship. Our Treasurer Mr Adby invites all those who have played so far in April and May to settle up. As you're hopefully aware, we are trialling a new system of paying every two months rather than after each game to limit the amount of cash in circulation and to encourage contactless and online payments. Reduced match fees are of course available to all those who have made an annual donation to be a playing member of the club. If you're not a tax dodger - please Gift Aid too!





SUNDAY TEAM

The Sunday team endured the elements away to local rivals Twineham but sadly came away with a hiding - both from the opposition and the inclement weather. They bounced back with a fantastic 7 wicket victory away at Balcombe. After restricting the home side to 189, James E led the chase with exactly 100 as Bolney squeezed home with five balls to spare. Balcombe used all 10 bowlers to try and remove Barry, but their efforts were fruitless and were unable to do so in 46 overs -Mr Griffin carrying his bat for 33 not out. Bolney host Arundel Grasshoppers this Sunday at the Vicarage Ground on what promises to be another balmy weekend.

BOLNEY ALL STARS AND DYNAMOS UNDERWAY

After rain stopped play without a ball being bowled on the first scheduled All Stars and Dynamos session, everyone was eager to get underway on 28th May. After such a long wait, the evening did not disappoint. We welcomed nearly 40 children of different ages and abilities to the ground for their first session. It was a brilliant evening, with all the kids having a great time and parents and families watching on while helping make their way through the contents of the bar. We were even honoured with a visit from our President, former Sussex and England bowler John Snow, who couldn't help himself and was getting stuck in to some coaching too! A massive thank you to Dean Hamilton and Sarah Harvey who have been working hard behind the scenes. Thank you to John Flower for manning the bar and to Brian, Father Michael, Emma, Caroline, Carol and Clem for all your help on the day. It made for a great first session. Roll on next week!



WOMEN'S CRICKET MONTH

June has been designated as Women's Cricket Month. Bolney intends to play its part in encouraging more women to play the game we love on 18th June as part of the evening Colts session. Wives, mistresses, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, girlfriends and aunties will be encouraged to come along for a quick social game after the Colts training as well as enjoying a BBQ and a few drinks at the ground. The more the merrier!

FIRST T20 OF THE SEASON

Our first mid week T20 fixture of the season is around the corner on 16th June. The bar will be flowing. Sausages will be sizzling. The cricket *could* be entertaining. Please contact the star of The One Show, Garion Gilchrist on 07903578245 if you are interested in playing.

MOST RUNS 2021

Kingsley Morris - 335 Himal Jayarathne - 250 James Elliott - 130

MOST WICKETS 2021

David Chaffey - 8 Jonty Greenwood - 8 Suraj Weerarathne - 7





PLAYER OF THE MONTH BIO - BRIAN CLEMENSON

Place of Birth - Wickford, Essex

Years of Service - 2016 - present
Roles: Right arm optimist and brief lower order
batsman
Highest score - 49* vs Forest Green 2019
Best Bowling - 5-16 vs Ansty 2016
Favourite holiday destination - St Lucia
Favourite Actor - Richard Todd
Favourite 80's Game Show - It's a Knockout
Tea or Coffee - Builders Tea
Cricket Superstition - A Red Bull between innings

