

BOLNEY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

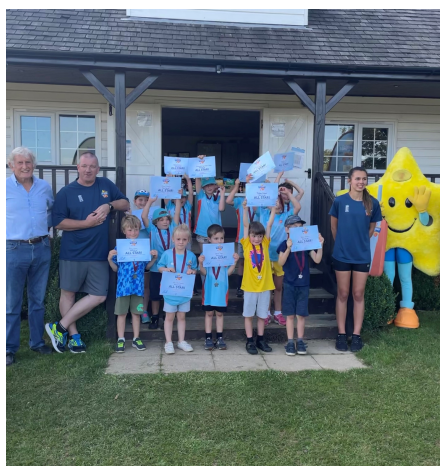
WELCOME

Storms may be upon us but the start of the cricket season is now only a couple of months away. The committee and club members have not been idle in the off season and preparations are well under way for the start of the 2022 season.



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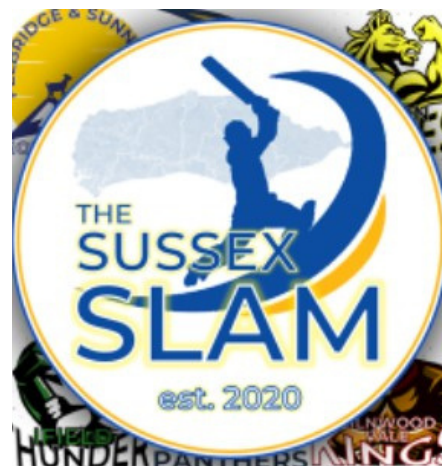
Due to complications as a result of a virus that seems to be doing the rounds at the moment, we were once again forced to hold our Annual General Meeting on 20th January over Zoom once again. Thank you to everyone who invested time to take part, provide feedback, listen, vote and stand for roles. Like a cabinet reshuffle at Downing Street, Andy Jones joins the committee as Club Secretary, John Flower takes up a much needed new role as Premises Manager, Duncan Tyler takes over as Club Marketing Officer and Brian Clemenson will support David Bridge as Sunday Vice Captain. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to do a role or was at least happy to accept a nomination!



BOLNEY COLTS 2022

Bolney Colts will be getting underway again in the spring with the first session on 6th May running to the 1st July. We will be running both the All Stars and Dynamos courses again. All those who wish to sign up need to sign up on the ECB website. We're delighted that Mike Woodroffe will be returning to help us. Our Colts Manager Dean has also taken it upon himself to complete the eight week ECB Core Coaching course over the winter, which has been a massive investment of his time and effort. We're indebted to Dean for the effort he's putting in. We look forward to getting more parents and players to muck in too. Everyone who did last year loved it.

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SUSSEX SLAM

Bolney have entered a team into the county wide Sussex Slam T20 competition for the first time for the 2022 Season. We hope this will be a good opportunity for the club to attract more players and provide more game time in the week for those who can't play games at the weekend as much as they'd like! As well as pink balls, embarrassed bowlers and coloured kits - a competition is underway at Bolney School to find a name for our new team - the winner of which will be chosen by our President John Snow. Details on fixtures will be available in due course. I'm delighted to say that our team will be lead by our 2012 promotion winning captain and tea ladies favourite Nicholas Ridgway.

BOLNEY CC MOURNS

This winter has robbed Bolney of two of its former sons who we are sorry to say have passed away. The term 'club man' can be used to describe any number of people who give up their time to support the cricket club throughout the year - we are all here voluntarily after all. Some people, invariably go beyond the term 'club man' and their contributions become indispensable. Fred Harrison and Tony Matthews were two such Bolney club men.

Fred joined the club in 1997 and played for ten years. For the next ten years he umpired on Saturdays and Sundays as well as taking over the role of groundsman. Wielding his famous 4lb Gray Nicolls 'Titan' - Fred famously captained Bolney against the County Champions Sussex when we opened our new pavilion in 2004. Selfless, funny, powerful, ginger and incredibly kind, Fred will be missed by us all.

Tony was a member of the club in the '70's and '80's. Tony (pictured below on the left) was also a cricketing Swiss army knife, combining the roles of off spinner, captain, colts coach and groundsman in his time at the club. Paul Richman insists his one downside was that he was Welsh - and like all his countrymen, felt the need to sing at any given opportunity! The legacy of Tony's time at the club lives on and we thank him for everything he did. Our thoughts are with his wife Daphne and his children Rob and Julie.



SPONSOR WANTED

With a new team entering the Sussex Slam this season - Bolney are actively seeking a new sponsor for our shiny new T20 Team. To give ourselves some credibility (at least before the game starts) we are actively seeking a new sponsor to help us clothe our players appropriately for battle. The tournament has county wide coverage and a big presence on social media. If you have a business which would be interested in supporting your local cricket club, we would love to hear from you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The league season gets underway on 30th April at home to Forest Row. The clear up day to get the ground ready for the season ahead will take place on Saturday 9th April. The more help we can get the better so if you can give up an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated.

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PLAYER OF THE MONTH BIO DUNCAN 'HUNKY' TYLER

Place of Birth - Reading
Years of Service - 2009 - present
Roles: Club Marketing Officer, nuggety opening batsman and versatile fielder
Games - 148
Runs - 1467 - 1 x 100 3 x 50
Highest score - 101* vs Lingfield V, 2016
Wickets - 18
Best Bowling - 3/36 vs Brunswick Village, 2010
Occupation - Digital Communications Manager
Favourite Ground - The Oval
Favourite Musician - David Bowie
Favourite artist - Michelangelo
Cricketing Idol - David Gower

