

BOLNEY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Happy New Year to all of our friends and members both near and far! The club has woken from it's winter dormancy and work is already underway for what we hope will be a successful season for the club in 2021.



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

All being well, the Sussex Cricket League season will kick off in May. The current plan is to carry out a full league and friendly cricket calendar. Bolney are always on the lookout for new players to join our weekend, midweek and colts teams. All levels of availability, ability, sex and size are most welcome. After a long winter cooped up inside, we believe that everybody's physical health, mental health and general wellbeing can be improved by getting outside, getting some fresh air, getting exercise* and enjoying some much longed for convivial social company. Please ask your friends, work colleagues and family if they would like to join us for a game.

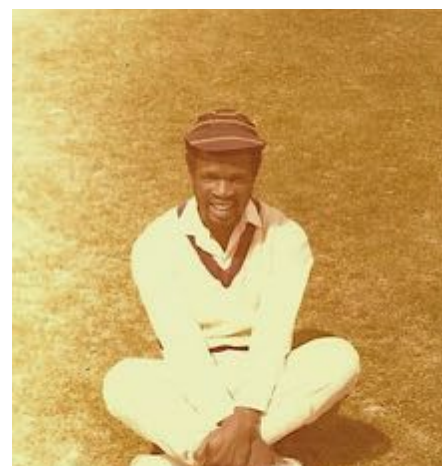
*exercise not mandatory



A.G.M & AWARDS

Bolney's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February at 7pm. Due to our current circumstances this will be held on line via Zoom. The majority of nominations and voting can be carried out ahead of the meeting where the results will be collated and presented to members. The winners of our annual awards will also be announced on the evening. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to engage in the voting process and join us for the awards and AGM.

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BOLNEY TO BARBADOS

In November it was lovely to receive messages from former Bolney player Hutson Clarke from his home in Barbados.

"Looking forward to following the club progress and hopefully when this COVID-19 is contained will be able to pay the club a visit. If the club ever decides to muster up the courage to tour Barbados I will assist with organising games and accommodation for the team and family. Best of luck going forward."

Thank you Hutson for getting in touch. To all our former members and players we'd love to hear from you wherever you are in the world. We'd love to hear stories and see any photos of Bolney CC in days gone by.

BOLNEY COLTS 2021

Once outdoor recreational sport is permitted by Her Majesty's government - it is our intention to run our Bolney Colts section once again - enrolling in the ECB's All Stars and Dynamo Cricket schemes. These are aimed at children aged between 5 and 11. Sarah Harvey is kindly coordinating the scheme for us but we are crying out for someone to fill the 'Activator' role for 2021. The Activator is a role that needs to be fulfilled in order for the sessions to take place. You don't need to be a cricket connoisseur or have any cricket experience to fulfil the role - just enthusiastic and motivated to create a fun environment for the children. The ECB will provide comprehensive face-to-face and online training and support to equip everyone with all the tools needed, including kit, to successfully implement the programme. This is not aimed at being an onerous role and would benefit the club and more importantly the children in the community immensely. If you think you could spare the time for the role, please can you let Sarah Harvey know at bolneycccolts@gmail.com

SUSSEX CRICKET MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB

Sussex CCC have become the first county to launch a formal mental health and wellbeing hub - a free, online resource designed to help anyone that needs to find hope and support through the power of shared experiences. This is available to all players and supporters throughout the county and can be found through the following link:

<https://sussexcricket.frog.net>



WENDY'S TREES

Wendy Lambourne's Memorial trees were planted in November at the north end of the ground. Thank you to Steve for organising the planting and thank you again to everyone who donated - they look fantastic.

CAPTAINCY ROLES UP FOR GRABS

Both Saturday and Sunday captaincy roles are up for grabs for the 2021 season. After two years at the helm, both Luke and James feel the need to step down ahead of the new season. Thank you so much to both of them for their hard work and effort - not only in getting teams out each week, but ensuring that our cricket has been played in the right way and welcoming new players to both teams. Luke and James intend to carry on playing but with both having young families it was deemed sensible to move their responsibilities on. Nominations and voting for both roles will take place ahead of the AGM.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH BIO - NICHOLAS RIDGWAY

Place of Birth - Weymouth, Dorset
Years of Service - 23 years (2020 debatable)
Roles: Extravagant fielder, elegant batsman & underwhelming bowler
Highest score - 105 vs Ardingly, 2018
Best Bowling Figures - 5-21 vs Forest Green, 2013
Favourite Rap Artist - Eminem
Favourite Politician - Michael Gove
McDonalds or BK? McDonalds for chicken - BK for beef
Favourite Beer - Thatchers Gold
Favourite Tree - A good, tall Redwood
Bolney bowler ideally faced when needing six to win from one ball - David Chaffey

