

# Niffy News

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## YOUTH SUMMER CRICKET CAMP

The Club is delighted to announce the launch of its first ever youth summer cricket camp. Head Coach John Smith, who is an ECB accredited Level 2 coach will manage the camp with the support of a number of other qualified coaches. John has vast amounts of experience of coaching players of all ages and abilities along with a proven track record of implementing cricket camps during school holidays.

The Summer Camp will run daily between Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August 2015. A limited number of places are available on a first come first served basis, so you need to book your child's place as soon as possible. We have allocated a coach for each age group including ages 8 to 10, 11 to 13 and 14 to 16.

Children should be dropped off at Bassett Avenue between 8.30am - 9am for a 9.30am start. They can then be collected from 3pm. In the event of bad weather activities will be provided in the Club House for the children to complete. Please note that FREE squash will be provided throughout the camp but children should bring a packed lunch with them. There will however be snacks available for purchase throughout the week.

If you would like to book your child onto the Camp then please complete a booking form and give this to Graham Popplewell either by hand or by email to [graham.popplewell@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.popplewell@btinternet.com). Graham can be contacted on 07966 803267. We must receive your booking form and payment by no later than **Monday 26th July 2015**. Your child's place on the cricket Camp will not be reserved until you have received a confirmation letter from the Club.

We hope that you will support the Club and sign your child up for what promises to be a great week of cricket coaching!

## LADIES CRICKET

A number of you will have received your leaflet through your letter box promoting the Club's new ladies team. The newly created ladies team is open to all female players, no matter what the age or level of ability. The Club is hosting the ladies only training sessions on Sunday mornings between 10.30-11.30am, with the first session being held on the 17th May 2015. The sessions are lead by the Club's Head Coach, John Smith. John has been impressed with the numbers from the first two sessions but he is still looking for more ladies to attend and get involved. It is hoped that the number of female players will gradually increase and dependent on numbers, the Club will look to enter the ladies team into the league when possible. The team is being run by James Popplewell, who will also be in attendance at the training sessions. If you would like any information then please feel free to contact James by email at [leicspops@hotmail.com](mailto:leicspops@hotmail.com).

The Committee hope that this evidences to all of its members that the Club has an open membership policy and that we want to make sure that all of our female members are given the chance to enjoy the game. Cricket is a brilliant team sport that can create lasting friendships and is a great way to keep fit. So why not come along on and see what you have been missing.



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## THE SEASON SO FAR

So, with the season well under way, we wanted to give you an update as to the current position after six games. The boys have been enjoying some top quality coaching from Head Coach, John Smith, and Strength and Conditioning Coach, Chris Power, but has this made a difference on the field?

### First Team

With Luke Dyke back in charge for the 2015 season, the first team have looked solid in their first six games with one win, one loss and four draws.

Gareth Anthony is leading the way with both bat and ball. He has just under 200 runs already and 11 wickets in the bag! Make sure he is in your fantasy team!!

### Second Team

Karl Hawker is keeping the boys in line for his second year in charge with the second team lying 7<sup>th</sup> in the table. The boys have won two, lost one and drawn three. Karl is also leading the way with the ball and Matt McDonald is showing the boys how to do it with the bat.

### Third Team

Captain Megginson has had a varied start to his first year in charge. The team has recruited some new players with a number of the youngsters coming through the ranks which is great to see. The team has won one, lost three and drawn two. The Chairman is leading the way with the runs and the catches and Neil Watson is using his experience to be leading wicket taker.

Lets hope the boys can get a few more wins under their belts and see a few more Happy Hours in the coming weeks!

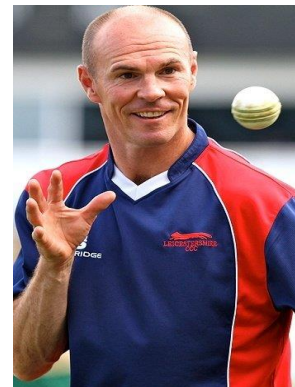
## PAUL NIXON COACHING

Over the past few years Countesthorpe have been very lucky to have the services of some great players come and give us some tips. These have ranged from Vince Wells, Marc Rosenberg and of course our very own Shiv Thakor.

Last season, Paul Nixon came down to the Niffy and gave the lads a masterclass on pulling... the cricket version of pulling and hooking the ball. There was a great turn out for this occasion, and we are proud to announce that once again, Paul has agreed to spend an evening with the U15's and U17's on Thursday 11th June.

There will be no cost for this, we are just asking that as many people turn up and partake in the evening. Bring parents, brothers and sisters and have a great night at the Niffy.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to sharpen skills, learn new ones and have a great time with a former England Cricketer!



## 100 CLUB UPDATE

The April draw of the 100 club was drawn on 24<sup>th</sup> April and the winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Cathy Atkinson

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : Connor Smith

There are still plenty numbers left in the 100 Club, if you are interested in a number please contact Graham Popplewell, who is the 100 Club Co-ordinator, either by phone on 07966 803267 or by email to [graham.popplewell@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.popplewell@btinternet.com). By signing up to the 100 Club, you are accepting the 100 Clubs rules, which are set out on our 100 Club page under the Fundraising Tab which can be found at

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/countesthorpecricketclub/a/fundraising-37972.html?page=2>

The next draw will be held at the committee meeting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

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