

# ECC Colts Newsletter

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## Inaugural Colts Newsletter

Welcome to our inaugural Egham Cricket Club (ECC) Colts Newsletter. We are thrilled to be opening yet another communication avenue for our Colts and their parents to be updated on current events alongside more direct routes via our Coaches and our wonderful website.

Our intention is to publish this Newsletter three to four times through the season. We of course intend to bring you the topical updates but would love to hear any ideas for one of topics which can be scheduled for upcoming Newsletters.

We'll certainly be introducing a regular feature with our 'familiar faces'. If you're like me then I'm sure you've seen these faces at Training nights or at games but don't understand their role or where/who to contact when you have specific queries. We'll ensure you soon have these faces imprinted!

All suggestions, one-off topics or feedback for this Newsletter – please don't hesitate to catch me (now that you've seen my face!) or email me at [kiwi\\_carole@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwi_carole@hotmail.com). I really do look forward to hearing from you.

## 2016 Membership Fees

If you have not already done so, please assist us in getting the children and the coaches off to a great start this season with timely and accurate registration details. We of course require our membership records to be refreshed every season with updated contact details so even if you are a returning Colt we do require the forms to be completed.

Membership forms are available in the Clubhouse every Monday evening, or can be printed from the website. We're very pleased to be offering more convenient payment options for our busy parents this season by adding BACS payments to our existing Cheque or Cash payment types. Again, all the requisite payment details are on the Colts Membership form.

If posting your Membership form and payment is more convenient then please continue to send to the following:

**Carole Wright, Colts Membership Secretary**

**'Multnomah', Christchurch Road, Virginia Water, Surrey GU25 4PT**

Remember, by signing up your child, you as parents automatically become social members of the Cricket Club and therefore have access to use the Clubhouse and join in with the Social Events throughout the season.

## Season Structure

Each of the Age Group Coaches will talk to you about the upcoming season, but essentially the Colts season breaks up into two - three areas.

We start off with the Monday Night coaching at the Club from 6pm, where the Colts will be taken through different roles each week, covering areas such as fielding, throwing and catching, batting technique, bowling technique and match play coaching. This will be mixed with fun games and a little bit of exercise, depending on the age group.

Between May and the end of July each Age Group, apart from the Kwiks, are entered into a local League with other Clubs, and matches will be arranged and re arranged if weather intervenes. Not all Colts have to play matches, but for those that want to, there should be an even split of matches played versus availability, so all those that want to will be involved.

At the end of July, as schools break up, children's availability drops off and as we have done for a number of years now, cup matches and friendly matches are organised with other clubs - believe it or not, some clubs close their colts section down when the schools break up! Again, we endeavor where possible to ensure all of our Colts, of all abilities, are able to take part in matches.

That takes us through until late August and maybe beyond, when we invite friends and family to the Colts presentation ceremony to celebrate with supporters, parents and friends Colts performances from across our Age Groups.

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## Use of the Clubhouse

You will have seen that it's not just our Colts who are members of Egham Cricket Club - parents become social members when they sign up their children! We would love you to use the Clubhouse as members, as a place to meet other members, make use of the Members Bar and/or just rest whilst the Colts are being coached.

## Hire of the Clubhouse

As members, you receive preferential rates when hiring the Clubhouse for functions. Birthday parties\*, Anniversaries, Christenings and Wedding Receptions can be catered for. Contact [eghamcricketclubhire@mail.com](mailto:eghamcricketclubhire@mail.com)

*\*Birthday parties cannot be booked for 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> parties*



*The Clubhouse... "it's our favourite place to socialise on a balmy summer evening"... please don't hesitate to join us!*

## Parking

Can we please remind you that, although parking at the Club can be busy, players should not be dropped off outside the club on the main road under any circumstance. The road is an urban clearway with no stopping at any time!

Please turn into the Club grounds and, if staying, use the area to the far end of the ground (beyond the nets) - taking care not to drive over the base area - as well as the gravel area near the clubhouse. We need all of our members to stay safe!

## Website and Social Media

Specific dates will be communicated through the Club Website and Twitter as well as through email. To ensure we can communicate effectively on all of our events, please sign your child and yourself up to the Club Website – and ensure your contact details are communicated on your annual Membership forms.

Did you know Availability for our Colts can be entered online to assist coaches with selection! [www.eghamcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.eghamcricketclub.co.uk)

## The Colts “faces”...

Every Newsletter will uncover three more of those faces directly concerned with managing, coaching or supporting our Colts section. You'll regularly see us around the Clubhouse on Training nights and on the sidelines at your matches – please don't hesitate to approach us - we're here to support your children and indirectly parents and carers. We'd love to hear your views, concerns or ideas!

May's issue profiles our Colts Manager – Neil Herbert, our Colts Membership Secretary Carole Wright and our Colts Welfare officers – Allison Arraiol / Carole Wright.



**Neil Herbert**  
Colts Manager

- ✓ Accountable for all aspects of Colts Coaching
- ✓ Accountable to ECC Exec for Colts section
- ✓ Responsible for logistics of Winter nets & season game schedule
- ✓ Responsible for liaison with Senior selectors



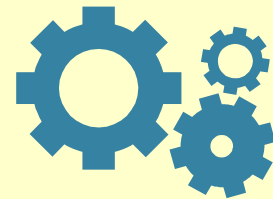
**Allison Arraiol**  
Colts Welfare Officer

- ✓ Accountable for all aspects of Safeguarding and Promoting the welfare of children
- ✓ Responsible for giving independent guidance on Colts welfare to ECC Exec
- ✓ Responsible for applying ECB "Safe Hands" policy & procedures



**Carole Wright**  
Colts membership Secretary / Colts Welfare Officer

- ✓ Accountable for all registration records and payments for our Colts section
- ✓ Accountable for all aspects of Safeguarding and Promoting the welfare of children
- ✓ Responsible for giving independent guidance on Colts welfare to ECC Exec
- ✓ Responsible for applying ECB "Safe Hands" policy & procedures



### The ECB's six core values

- Excellence; Customer first; Enjoyment; Respect; Teamwork and Dynamism – continue to underpin cricket's work to welcome and safeguard children.

Two of the ECB's core values are particularly important to the ethos of safeguarding children in cricket: **enjoyment and respect**.

The **enjoyment core value** means providing children with an entertaining, safe, enjoyable and exciting cricket environment which will inspire them to choose cricket.

The **respect core value** requires everyone in cricket to show respect to all involved in the game and uphold the spirit of cricket.

ECB - Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013 – June 2013

## Upcoming Events

As events and dates are confirmed they will be posted on the Website and added here so we can all update our calendars well in advance!

<b>First Issue of the Colts Newsletter</b>	May 9th
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture v Epsom at Home (12.00)</b>	May 14th
<b>Season Starting BBQ (17.00 onwards)</b>	May 14th
<b>ECC Exec Meeting</b>	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture v Esher at Home (13.00)</b>	June 4th
<b>Second Issue of the Colts Newsletter</b>	June 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture v Worcester Pk at Home (13.00)</b>	June 11th
<b>Xbox Night</b>	June tbc
<b>Third Issue of the Colts Newsletter</b>	July 4th
<b>Summer BBQ</b>	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Wine Tasting Evening</b>	July tbc
<b>Fourth Issue of the Colts Newsletter</b>	August 1st
<b>Friday night Quiz</b>	August 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>"Blue Bails" Day</b>	August 13th
<b>Colts Awards</b>	August/September tbc

