

ECC Colts Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to our fourth Egham Cricket Club (ECC) Colts Newsletter. We are thrilled to continue offering updates on all our news to you and appreciate all the positive encouragement from parents and supporters to our previous versions.

As we near the end of our season and the children begin thinking of winter activities we'd like provide you with our last major newsletter of the season containing those last important dates – not least of which is our Colts Awards dates! This provides us all with a welcome conclusion to our children's efforts through-out the season.

As always we're never far away so please don't hesitate to email any of your Colts coaches or managers if there are queries. I'll most definitely be in touch post the conclusion of the season and as always my email address is only a click away at kiwi_carole@hotmail.com ☺

It only remains to wish you all a fabulous lead-up into Christmas and to look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Colts Awards Night

Let's all make a special effort to reward the children for all the hard work they've put in over the season – both in training and in our matches. Looking forward to seeing you all there....

Kwiks – Monday 5th September

Our Kwiks awards night will take place after the last colts evening training of Monday 5th September.

U11 to U17 – Friday 9th September

Our older Colts Awards night will take place on Friday 9th September at 7:15pm.

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for your cricket club when you shop online. You don't pay anything extra!

When you make a purchase with one of the 2,700+ participating retailers, as a thank you for shopping, the retailer provides a donation on your behalf to your chosen good cause – in this case Egham Cricket Club. Participating retailers include all of our online favourites and many more.... Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, Apple Store, ASOS, Boots, Next, Sainsbury's... just to name a few!

Choose Egham Cricket Club as your cause today!

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/eghamcricketclub/shopping/easyfundraising/>

Jim Warden and Ray Denne Trophies



The Jim Warden and Ray Denne trophies are up and running again this year with several clubs committing to playing fixtures - therefore extending our cricket season through to the very last days of summer. You'll hear more from your coaches...

The following teams have entered the **Jim Warden U11 League**: Ashford, Bagshot, Chobham & Pyrford, East Molesey, Egham, Horsley & Send, Valley End U10, Valley End U11, Walton and Weybridge. This has been split into 2 leagues with each group winner meeting in the final at Egham CC on Sunday 4th September.

The following teams have entered the **Ray Denne U13 League**: Ashford, Bagshot, East Molesey, Egham, Horsley & Send U12, Horsley & Send U13, Kempton, Valley End U12 and Valley End U13. This has also been split into 2 leagues with each group winner meeting in the final at Egham CC on Sunday 11th September.

Quotes from our Coaches

This is the section of the Newsletter where Coaches are encouraged to call-out contributions of value or just to provide a quick update on the season to-date. We know the coaches are all busy as volunteers so we especially value their efforts! This call-out is from our U11s 'father' – the lively **Jamie Hamilton**...

"Training continues to be well attended on Monday evenings and I would urge the boys to continue to do so until the end of the season. The young boys are continuing to learn the necessary skills to be used in game situations. We have now completed nine fixtures and we have won five of these - we still do have a further five fixtures still to play including a day at Ashford on the 22nd August where we will play two friendly games.

I would like to congratulate debutantes for this 2016 season, so far, that include John Robson, Nathan Nicholls, Charlie Pursey, Ollie Hickmott, Sam King and Charlie Sylvester. So, well done to these boys as they start to play – this can be very daunting for some of the new starters.

I have been particularly pleased with the progress of a number of cricketers who are starting to perform really well with both bat and ball. These are Luke Smithen, Andrew Arraiol, George Lee, Matthew Dargue, Will Hamilton, Jack Arnold, Sam Whitehead, Sam Johnston, Jack Bibby, Dexter Elliot and Joseph Slipper. Again, as we continue to the back end of the season I would hope these players gain more confidence.

Can I again ask parents to sign up to the website (<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/eghamcricketclub>) - this is an ideal way of ensuring your son is available to play, finding out what's happening at the club, knowing upcoming fixtures and seeing the results of matches".

Colts making a contribution!

We thought you'd like to hear about our Colt 'stars'... sometimes this will be Colts from our U13's to U17's who are making their impact playing in one of our four Senior teams. Sometimes it will be our younger Kwiks or U11 Colts who receive a call-out from their coaches. Either way we know you'll support our recognition of their efforts in building our Egham Cricket Club Seniors of the future! Please join us this month in congratulating:

Submitted by Neil Herbert – Colts Manager (U15 games)

- ✓ U15 **Connor Hawes** 53 retired vs Weybridge
- ✓ U15 **Connor Hawes** 51 retired vs Valley End

Submitted by Neil Herbert – Colts Manager (Colts playing Senior Cricket)

- ✓ U17 **Charlie Bridgewater** - Batting 35 vs Weybridge Vandals – 3rd XI
- ✓ U18 **Dane Gilmour** – Batting 65 vs Frimley – Sunday side
- ✓ U17 **Matt Cooper** – Bowling 5 - 30 vs Royal Ascot
- ✓ U17 **Matt Cooper** – Bowling 3 - 22 vs Cheam – 2nd XI – Sunday side
- ✓ U17 **Dan Telford** – Bowling 3 - 32 vs Streatham & Marlborough – 2nd XI
- ✓ U17 **Dan Telford** – Bowling 3 - 40 vs Chessington – 2nd XI



End of Season message from our Colts Manager – Neil Herbert

"I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible of our parents and supporters at our impending Awards ceremonies. Email reminders will be on their way!

It's been a great season with reasonable weather and the Awards evenings remain a wonderful way for the children to appreciate their efforts and for the coaches to encourage everyone to reconvene back with us next season as budding cricket careers are nurtured.

On the logistics side, Egham CC is always looking to strengthen its thriving Colts section, so when talking to friends, please don't hesitate to encourage them to come along and join in – both for the next few weeks and then for next season!

We would also encourage parents who are interested in coaching to contact us. The Club will pay for Level 1 coaching badges, and it remains a wonderful way to join the volunteers who currently strive to build and develop our club!

If you'd like to volunteer in any other way within the Colts then please don't hesitate to contact myself on herbec@aol.com or Carole Wright on kiwi_carole@hotmail.com. We'd love to discuss the many and varied ways you can join us.

It just remains for me and the Colts coaches and support staff to wish everyone a fabulous winter break as we take a quick break before the planning begins for our 2017 season".

Regards, Neil

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!

First Issue of the Colts Newsletter	✓ May 9th
Season Starting BBQ (17.00 onwards)	✓ May 14th
ECC Exec Meeting	✓ June 2 nd
1st XI fixture v Esher at Home (13.00)	✓ June 4th
Second Issue of the Colts Newsletter	✓ June 6 th
Summer BBQ (19.30 onwards)	✓ July 9 th
Third Issue of the Colts Newsletter	✓ July 11 th
Friday night Quiz	✓ August 5 th
"Blue Bails" Day	✓ August 13 th
Fourth Issue of the Colts Newsletter	✓ August 15 th
Wine Tasting Evening	Aug tbc
Season End BBQ	Aug tbc
Wine Tasting Evening	September 2 nd
Jim Warden U11 League Final	September 4 th
Colts Kwiks Awards Evening	September 5 th
Colts U11-U18 Awards Evening	September 10 th
Ray Denne U13 League Final	September 11 th
Christmas Party	December 10 th

