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**Welcome to the Newsletter for Barnards Green Cricket Club – Cricket Section.**

**We aim to keep you informed of results, news and events.**

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Barnards Green Cricket Club

**News in Brief**

* Congratulations to Georgia Hennessy who has been selected for England Women’s Academy tour of Sri Lanka.
* Winter nets Sunday 16th February, Sunday 23rd March and Sunday 30th March Malvern College 6.30-8.00pm £3.00 each
* First pre-season friendly planned for Saturday 12th April vs Stourbridge.
* SkaBucks return to the club Saturday 12th April – tickets £4.00 members £5.00 guests.
* March 1st – Newland working party volunteers needed to help
* Cricket Force 4th – 6th April – concentrating on North End Lane
* Tour – August 26th – 29th
* Six-a-side – Sunday May 24th

**Message from the Secretary**

Happy New Year and I hope you are all wintering well. The Exec. Committee continues to meet in the close season working hard to ensure we are all ready for the new season. However we cannot do it alone – the next pages will tell you about what we are doing and where we need your help.

As always I am happy to receive any ideas, articles or comments. For the latest news please visit [www.barnardsgreencricket.co.uk](http://www.barnardsgreencricket.co.uk).

Thanks

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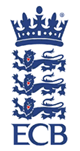
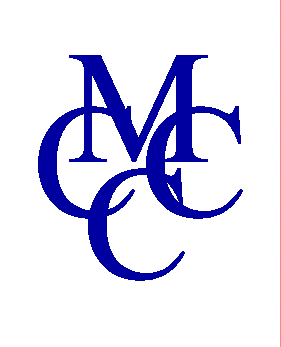
WANTED

Scorers and umpires for range of teams

Scorer training available

North End Lane, Malvern, Worcs, WR14 2ET

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**Many thanks to our Sponsors**

**Malvern**

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**Kitchen Studio Tansells Garage Sean Jones**

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**Help needed**

During the close season there is always work to do to maintain the facilities. We are planning the following work:

**March 1st Newland**

* Creation of new sliding sightscreens
* Painting the pavillion
* Putting up boundary fencing
* General clean up and maintenance

**Cricket Force April 4th – 6th North End Lane**

* Repair to roll-on net
* Repair to main nets
* General clean up and maintenance

It goes without saying that the more people who turn out to help the quicker and easier the work gets done. Please put this date in your diary and come down to help.

**Congratulations**



Well done Georgia – enjoy your trip

Georgia Hennessy has been included in the recently announced England Women’s Academy 14-strong squad. They will head to Colombo at the end of this month to contest four T20s and two fifty-over fixtures against Sri Lanka Women.

The tour, from 29 January to 12 February, forms part of England Women’s ongoing preparations ahead of the ICC World Twenty20 competition in Bangladesh later this year.

**Skabucks**

Following the first friendly game the club is again hosting the fantastic Skabucks. Get your tickets from Russell Petty, Stu or Clacky or from behind the bar from the end of the month.

Saturday 12th April

7.30pm

£4 members £5 guests



**Malvern Radar FC…**

… who play from the club currently sit a creditable 4th in the Sunday Premier League. Recent fixtures have fallen victim to the wet weather. They are scheduled (rain premitting) to play the following games. Spectators always welcome

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| **DATE/ TIME** | **HOME TEAM** | **AWAY TEAM** | **VENUE** | **COMP.** |
| 26/1/14 10:30 | New Inn | Malvern Radar | NUNNERY WOOD | Sunday Premier |
| 09/2/14  10:30 | Malvern Radar | WCT Raiders | VICTORIA PARK | [Katherine Rayer](http://full-time.thefa.com/DisplayFixture.do?id=13313371) Cup |

**Finances**

We finshed 2013 with a relatively health bank balance but with considerable outlay needed prior to and during the season we need everyone to help out. As players we need subscriptions and match fees to be paid promptly. We also need to match or exceed last years level of sponsorship.

**Sponsorship**

Last years we managed to dramatically increase the amount of sponsorship received by the cricket section.

In order to fund the season and upgrade facilities and equipment we need this to continue. We want to build on last years hard work and need everyone’s help wth this.

We have produced letters and a leaflet about sponsorship which you can use to appraoch local businesses, friends and family. You may interested to learn that businesses can offset any money given to us against their corporation tax bill!

As last year any player that is able to secure £250 of sponsorship will get their cricket membership free (saving £65). Also if able to raise over £1000 they will also get 10% of that sponsorship as commission – that’s £100 cash back!

For those who did this last year thank you very much. In order to qualify for the offer again you will either have to attract a new sponsor or up the amount the existing sponsor contributes.

Please keep Kath informed about any people or companies you approach.

**Subscriptions and Match Fees**

As agreed at the AGM:

**Subscriptions** are set at 2011 rates of £80 (£50 concessions) excluding winter nets.

* If anyone has difficulty with this they can approach the Exec for individual arrangements.
* Subs will rise by **£20** if not paid by 1st June.
* A list of paid up players will be given to selection so that Captains are fully aware of who has and hasn’t paid.

**Match fees** remain unchanged:

* Saturday 1st and 2nd XI - £8;
* Saturday 3rd and 4th - £7;
* Sunday - £8 (£5 if 2nd weekend game)
* Eve League - £2.

Players are encouraged to start paying their subscriptions via standing order straight away. By paying £20 a month starting in January you can have paid off your subscriptions before the season starts! Bank details are:

**Bank: HSBC BANK PLC**

**Sort Code: 40-31-09**

**Account number: 41371150**

**Playing matters**

Good news Alex Hepburn will be returning to play for us this season. Alex has also secured a contract with Worcestershire. Welcome back Alex and we look forward to seeing you and your family in March.

Welcome back also to George Rhodes who has rejoined us following 3 seasons away at both Evesham and Bromsgrove. Nice to have you back.

We have also signed Andrew Curtis. Andrew is son of Worcestershire’s Ex-captain Tim Curtis and his grandparents lived for many years in a house backing onto the ground. Andrew has been playing in Exeter recently and we are delighted he will be playing for us this season.

Further discussions and negoitiations are under way and we will update you in future newsletters.