



THE PRIORY WAY

ALL THINGS PPCC

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WELCOME, TO A NEW BEGINNING

By Rajiv Vyas, Chairman

A very warm welcome to all our members – old and new - for season 2016.

It is of course a very special summer for Priory Park as it is the beginning of a new chapter for the club as we embark on our first foray into League Cricket.

Having been with this club for nearly 20 years, I have seen players come and go and I have seen the fortunes of the club rise and fall.

What has been a total constant however, is the absolute commitment

of the Management Team, whatever year they were in charge even when I first came into the club - the faces may have changed but if anything - I see this current Committee as the tightest unit that we have ever had. Their commitment to the club and what it stands for, is beyond question the behind-the-scenes organising, procurement, and relentless work is really one of the things that keeps me going because they recognise it's about selfless work to help their Priory Family and to ensure that you all have the very best that any cricket club can offer its members. The idea

of this Newsletter was discussed between us all only a couple of weeks ago with the aim of keeping the membership fully involved and appraised of what has been going on at YOUR CLUB.

I do hope that you will take the time to read it, and eventually also contribute your thoughts.

In the meantime, my best wishes to everyone for a wonderful summer, for some great cricket and for many happy hours in and around the Club be it at games or at our social events.

CAPTAINS' STARLOG

By Sandeep Nair and Vijay Jani, Captain and Vice Captain

With the successful winter nets almost over I hope you are all ready to put practice into action this weekend. We have had a few new members attending the nets this year and I would like to firstly welcome them all to the club and encourage all the current PPCC members to make them feel at home both on and off the field and to bring them into the family.

We have a great line up of fixtures for 2016 and I hope you all make yourselves available for both the friendlies and league games to help the club reach the levels we know it is capable of. Weather it's batting, bowling, fielding, umpiring, socialising in V5 or posing for selfies, make sure you apply yourself and do it the Priory Way!

As you know we are starting this season on a massive high note. We are fielding two teams against White Star on Saturday and against Edmonton on Sunday. The teams have been announced via email, so please be sure you check your inboxes.

Moving forward, availability emails will be sent out at the latest by Monday afternoon. It is recommended that you respond with your availabilities as soon as possible, as selection will be on a first come first serve basis. Please ensure you follow the constitution, this includes turning up on time and playing the game in the right spirit.

Feel free to reach out to myself or Vijay on any thoughts on your game or your role within the team as we will always want you to improve and contribute to the success of the club.

MATCH FIXING

By Harish Patel, Fixture Secretary

Whilst the bulk of the workload is carried out over the winter and usually complete by February, there is usually still plenty going on during the summer with regards fixtures. Already we have seen a massive response for the 1st weekend and therefore have been trying to secure another game so that we all get the opportunity to play. Who knows, this may become a frequent event this summer, time will tell.

I have been a bit fortunate for this season with League games already scheduled for us, however, that led to disappointment with some teams wanting their usual two friendly games with us but I have tried hard to keep a good mixture of games for the season.

We don't have many TBAs this summer and we will fill them nearer the time.

I am also working with Vijay trying to secure an away game on August 20th where we can make a night of it. We are looking in and around the Brighton area and we will bring you further news when we have it, so watch this space.

Upcoming fixtures:

23/4	F	White Star (H)
30/4	F	Ealing 3 Bridges (A)
7/5	F	Queensbury (H)
14/5	F	Lankians (A)
21/5	F	TBA (H)
28/5	L	Burhani Guards (A)

A BALANCED ATTACK

By Parm Matiana and
Mehul "Junior" Patel, Co Treasurers

Running the Club's finances and what goes into keeping on top of them can be a thankless task with much of the detail being behind the scenes. However as Co-Treasurers we both agree on how important it is to give you, the members of this wonderful club, as much transparency as possible and keep you as up to date with the financial goings on as we can. This newsletter is the perfect way to give you that insight and information giving everyone the opportunity to stay in the loop. We have been working tirelessly with the members of the committee to ensure we continue to have financial stability through sufficient funds in the account to cover all of our expenses and also funds set aside for when times may not be so stable.

CHASING THE PAPER

By Sid Pandya, Secretary

With the advent of the club joining a league, following the conclusion of the AGM in November 2015 a new position on the committee was created, the role of Club Secretary. The role has been created to provide a single point of contact between the club and the Middlesex Championship (MCB). The primary task will be to ensure all club administration for league purposes is in order. In January, the club was accepted in to the MCB, and so followed the club registration, followed by player registration.

Joining the MCB requires us as a club to affiliate ourselves to Middlesex County Cricket Club (MCCC), as we will be playing league cricket in this county. We became a Middlesex affiliated club at the beginning of April. As a benefit to each club member of affiliated clubs, MCCC have offered heavily subsidised membership at £25. This membership allows free entry in to all MCCC home games at Lords, Richmond, Uxbridge and Merchant Taylor's, as well as other benefits. The form has been sent out to each member, who will be required to submit their own application to MCCC if they wish to join. If anyone requires a new form then please let me know.

Another aspect of the role of secretary is to keep in check in house admin. In March the first club charter was drawn up. This is an extremely important document, and a document which every member must adhere to when representing Priory on or off the field. Most members have acknowledged and agreed to the charter, those who have not, please do so as soon as possible. Please remember that these principles are what set apart Priory Park to other cricket clubs.

If any one has any questions regarding anything club related then please let me know, my door, or WhatsApp will always be open.

Expenses such as nets, insurance, league fees, match balls, club equipment need to be paid for before the start of the season and hence it has always been important that all members pay for the privilege to play for PPCC in advance of the first game. This will be more prevalent now with the additional costs that our first venture into league cricket is incurring.

I'm sure you will all be happy to know that the Club account is in a healthy state and will remain so as long as it continues to be managed as well and as sensibly as it is being managed today.

We would like to say a massive PPCC thank you to all members who have paid their 2016 membership subs ahead of this season. We currently have 22 paid members which we believe is a record for the Club. Here's to more members and a great future for our beloved Club.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK

By Hitesh Patel, Social Secretary

It's not all about just playing cricket for Priory Park. After the work out in the field, we will all need to play as well. After games its great to have a catch up, and after home games this will normally be at V5, after away games, at the establishment that the opposition would go to. Those are the easy one's to organise, and I hope that we can use these get together's after games to bond, especially with the new members and make them feel part of the family. The after match catch up's have been very important to me, as it was these couple of hours after the game that made me not just feel part of the club, but also make great friendships with a lot of people, not just within Priory, but also with people from other clubs.

Away from games, there will also be night outs arranged around Christmas time and at various other times over the year. Should we manage to arrange a tour in August, I will make sure that the nightly entertainment will be just as lively as a green wicket, however if you like your wicket prepared differently on tour then that's just a request you will have to make to Caesar himself, and no I do not mean Rajiv.

Here's toasting Priory in to a new and successful way in 2016.