

Dear Members,

We want to welcome all new and existing members at Ealing CC back to the Club, for what we hope will be another successful 2021 season, despite the trials and tribulations of the last 12 months.

### Introduction

We have been busy preparing for the new season, albeit various factors have hampered our preparations. With our emergence from lockdown only happening now, staff having been furloughed for long periods and the Club closed since early November last year, there has been much to do, in particular to comply with all the additional Covid related restrictions

In addition, as many members may be aware, at the end of last season, we commenced a project to re-level the outfield at our main ground in Corfton Road, Ealing. Unfortunately, October 2020 was the wettest October on record and the work was not able to be finished before the winter. With continued heavy rain throughout the winter, the work was only been completed in late March. This will mean that the outfield at Corfton Road will not be available for an initial period, which we hope will not extend beyond the end of April, but this will cause some temporary disruption to our cricket activities, details of which are set out below and in the attached document.

However, everything is now nearly in place and with the bar opening this week and the grass emerging on the outfield at Corfton Road, we are looking forward to the new season with great anticipation.

### Cricket management

Our Cricket activities will again be overseen by Chad Barrett, the Club's Director of Cricket. We have seen a substantial expansion of our Cricket activities in the last few years, in particular in our Junior section. To support Chad and to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure in place to ensure we continue to offer excellence in all of our cricket activities, we are pleased to announce two new appointments, which will enhance their roles as part of our team at the Club:

- Damon Wilson is the Club's Senior Cricket Development Manager and, in this capacity, he will be focused on the development of the Club's pathway activities and assisting our Junior cricketers to transition successfully into Senior Cricket. Damon will also be supporting our 1<sup>st</sup> XI and all the senior captains at the Club;
- Juan Henri is the Club's Head of Junior Participation and Community Development. He will be supporting our Junior Age Group Managers and playing a leading role in all of our Junior activities, including the Club's internal Inter Franchise League and the holiday courses that we run. In addition, Juan will build on the significant progress already made in establishing Sports Partnerships, where we seek to assist the development of cricket in local schools.

## Training Schedule

As mentioned above, the training schedule that we had planned for the 2021 season has had to be amended for a temporary period due to the issues with outfield at Corfton Road. We have set out in the attached document the training timetable that we expect to be in place in the initial part of the season, i.e. hopefully up to the end of April 2021. Once we have a confirmed date for the return of Corfton Road to normal use, we will publish an updated timetable. This will hopefully be published by around 26 April, and will take effect from the beginning of May 2021.

## Nets facilities

Many members will want to use the Club's Nets Facilities outside of the Club's organised activities. With the situation regarding the outfield at Corfton Road and continuing Covid restrictions, the use of the Club's Nets facilities does have to be restricted in the short term.

The Corfton Road Ground was closed until 12 April 2021 and, up to the end of April 2021, we will be allowing members to use the Nets at the following times:

- From 12 April to 16 April 2021 – 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- 17 April to 18 April 2021 – 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
- 24 April to 25 April 2021 – 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

All Net usage during these times will be subject to a booking system and we have recently written to members with details of this system - [Use of ECC Practice Net facilities](#)

The Club will employ people to monitor the use of the nets and to ensure only those who have made a booking may use the Nets and to ensure that any incursion onto the outfield is kept to an absolute minimum.

At all other times, the Nets at Corfton Road will not be available for members.

In addition, as in the past, the Nets at Popesfield are unfortunately not available for use by members at any time outside of the Club's organised training sessions and One on One coaching lessons.

This restricted programme is necessary to ensure that the outfield at Corfton Road is protected and the use of the Club's facilities complies with Covid restrictions.

We hope that, as the Covid restrictions ease and we can use all of our playing facilities at Corfton Road, we will be able to remove some of the restrictions and return to a more normal situation with regard to the use of the Nets.

## Senior competitions

All seven Senior Men's sides will be competing in the Middlesex County Cricket League (MCCL) this summer as follows:

- Ealing CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI – MCCL 1<sup>st</sup> Teams Premier Division
- Ealing CC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – MCCL 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams Premier Division
- Ealing CC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – MCCL 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Premier Division
- Ealing CC 4<sup>th</sup> XI – MCCL 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Division 4A
- Ealing CC 5<sup>th</sup> XI – MCCL 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Division 4B
  
- Ealing Hanwellians 1<sup>st</sup> XI – MCCL 1<sup>st</sup> Teams Division 3
- Ealing Hanwellians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – MCCL 2<sup>nd</sup> Teams Division 4

The ECC Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI will be competing in the Esme Irwin competitions in the Middlesex Cricket Women's League

The Ealing CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI will also be competing in the following Cup competitions:

- ECB National Club Championship
- ECB National Club Twenty20
- Middlesex Cup

Ealing Hanwellians 1<sup>st</sup> XI will be playing in Division 2 of the Chess Valley League on Sundays

The Club is also entering the Middlesex Cricket transition competitions:

- Middlesex Development League (MDL)
- ECB U19 Club T20
- Middlesex Youth Cup

The Club has also entered the Club Cricket Conference Cup and intends to use this competition as development for the best younger players at the Club.

The captains of the Senior teams in 2021 are:

- Ealing CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI – Kristian Martin
- Ealing CC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Neil Fairbairn
- Ealing CC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – Oliver Simpson
- Ealing CC 4<sup>th</sup> XI – Gopi Chadha
- Ealing CC 5<sup>th</sup> XI – Tom Coates

Contact details can be found at:

<http://www.middlesexccl.com/clubhome.php?club=8&active=undefined>

- Ealing Hanwellians 1<sup>st</sup> XI – Sarupinder Singh
- Ealing Hanwellians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Hira Singh

Contact details can be found at:

<http://www.middlesexcccl.com/clubhome.php?club=52&active=undefined>

- ECC Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI – Zahrah Latif

Zahrah's contact details are: m: 07557 282319/e: [zahrahlatif20@gmail.com](mailto:zahrahlatif20@gmail.com)

Fixtures and subsequent results of matches should be available on the Ealing CC website – [www.ealing.co.uk](http://www.ealing.co.uk) and also on the ECC and Ealing Hanwellians Play Cricket sites – <https://ealing.play-cricket.com> and <https://ealinghanwellians.play-cricket.com>.

We expect that, where possible, all ECC 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches will be streamed live on PitchVision and scored live on Play Cricket. We are also hoping that some ECC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, MDL and U19 matches will also be available live on PitchVision.

### Match venues

Details of the venues of Home matches are as follows:

- Ealing CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI – Corfton Road
- Ealing CC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Corfton Road
- Ealing CC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – Popesfield
- Ealing CC 4<sup>th</sup> XI – Popesfield
- Ealing CC 5<sup>th</sup> XI – North Acton Playing Fields (first 5 Home matches)/  
St Benedict's School (final 4 Home matches)
- Ealing Hanwellians 1<sup>st</sup> XI – Brentfield
- Ealing Hanwellians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Brentfield

ECC Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI, MDL and U19 Home fixtures will be played at either Corfton Road or Popesfield.

### Pitchero

Most communications between Team Captains and players should be via Pitchero and some Team Captains may also set up What's App groups to assist with communications.

Players are encouraged to download the Pitchero Club App and to be registered on Pitchero.

Players should also be able to see the following on the Pitchero Club App:

- Details of all fixtures that have been arranged
- Details of all training sessions, including the venue

And they will be able to indicate their availability to attend training and to play in matches using the Pitchero Club App.

### Club Clothing

We continue to have an objective to have all ECC cricketers, both Senior and Junior, wear ECC branded clothing whenever they are playing for the Club.

ECC branded clothing can be purchased from the ECC online shop – <https://surridgesport.com/ealing-cc>

### Membership

Players should be members in order to play for the Club and to use its facilities. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership. You should have received an email from the Club with details of how to do this. If you are not clear on the process or are new to the Club, please contact the Club's Membership Secretary, Martin Turner, at [martin.turner@ealingcc.co.uk](mailto:martin.turner@ealingcc.co.uk), who will be able to assist you.

If you have been living outside the UK in recent months, please discuss with the Chad Barrett, Director of Cricket, or Damon Wilson, Senior Cricket Development Manager, whether you may be regarded as an overseas player. There are restrictions on the number of overseas players that can play in any match and we need to register overseas players with the MCCL.

All non playing members should also have received an email recently in connection with the renewal of their membership and we would encourage non playing members to renew their membership ASAP.

We will be publishing the Club's annual Handbook shortly and this will set out the deadline by which subscriptions must be paid. As in previous seasons, beyond a certain date, the level of subscriptions become more expensive

The clubhouse bar is now open, albeit subject to Covid related restrictions initially. Click here for more details - [Re-opening of the Bar](#)

As we were last year, at least initially, players will not be able to use changing rooms at the Club's grounds and no teas will be provided during matches. We will shortly be publishing Covid plans for each of our grounds, which will set out the restrictions that will be in place.

Unfortunately, the Government and ECB have stipulated that, until at least 17 May 2021, no spectators are permitted at cricket matches, albeit members using the bar facilities at Corfton Road will be able to watch matches.

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