

ISLIP CRICKET CLUB



2020 dates for your diary

I have always felt that paradox is an essential part of the charm of the game of cricket, that and detailed descriptions of the comings and goings of pigeons from the Test Match Special commentary team. The legendary Muttiah Muralitharan, who has taken the highest number of wickets (534) in One Day Internationals (ODIs), has, counter-intuitively, also conceded the highest number of runs in ODIs (12,326). With torrential storms leaving Islip playing fields rather more than well-watered, it seems absurd that we are spending time worrying about how best to install a water supply to the cricket square, but that is exactly what we are doing as we prepare for the season ahead. Meanwhile work on the changing room floor is expected to start on March 30th (thank you Laura Swanston, and all of those who supported our fundraising) and we look forward to enjoying the fruits of Laura's work.

Amid all this activity, our members' social needs have not been neglected. The annual club dinner, thought by many to be the centrepiece of the season, will be held at the Red Lion at 8pm on Friday 27th March (thank you Pete Desmond). It is always well attended and a great evening out; at £20 for three courses it is great value as well. Whether you are a cricketer or not, do come and join us – to book contact p.desmond@btinternet.com. The club AGM, the annual forum at which the club reviews past exploits, makes plans and discusses good intentions, will be held before it at the Red Lion at 7.00 pm.

Readers of this magazine will know that junior cricket coaching sessions are already under way – anyone who would like to join them, please contact Rick Henshaw (rick.henshaw@btinternet.com). There is also enthusiasm among the senior squad for joining Bletchington at their indoor nets. All are welcome and if you would like to join the Islip contingent at Kidlington and Gosford Sports Centre on Sundays at 5pm, do contact Rick Henshaw. It is Bletchington who are our first opponents of the season when they visit Islip on April 19th so the joint nets offer plenty of potential for some rivalries to develop before then.

The fixture list

Once again, our games are all on Sundays (with the exception of one Thursday night T20 on July 23rd) - 12 home games and 11 away – and updates to our fixtures will (eventually) be posted on our website at <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/islipcricketclub/teams/141561/fixtures-results>. Do come and join the club's supporters on the Village Hall terrace to enjoy the British summer and some frank assessments of the club's performance. Players (no previous experience required) and spectators alike are always welcome.

Islip Cricket – pre-season events - 2020

<i>Friday</i>	<i>27 Mar</i>	<i>AGM/Dinner - Red Lion</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4 Apr</i>	<i>Grounds Day</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>18 Apr</i>	<i>Grounds Day</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>

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Islip Cricket - Match Days – 2020

19 Apr	Bletchington	Home (1:30 p.m.)
26 Apr	Isis	Away (1:30 p.m.)
3 May	Iffley Village	Away (2:00 p.m.)
10 May	Enstone	Away (2:00 p.m.)
17 May	Salix TR	Home (2:00 p.m.)
24 May	Amney Crucis Nomads	Home (2:00 p.m.)
31 May	Astons	Away (2:00 p.m.)
7 June	Horspath	Away (2:00 p.m.)
14 June	Middleton Stoney	Away (2:00 p.m.)
21 June	Appleton	Home (2:00 p.m.)
28 June	RUASCC	Home (2:00 p.m.)
5 July	Cumnor	Away (2:00 p.m.)
12 July	Bicester & North Oxford	Away (2:00 p.m.)
19 July	Blenheim	Away (2:00 p.m.)
23 July	Thame Irregulars	Home (6:00 p.m.)
26 July	Stonesfield	Home (2:00 p.m.)
2 August	Isis	Home (2:00 p.m.)
09 August	OCCSCC	Home (2:00 p.m.)
16 August	Kempsford	Away (2:00 p.m.)
23 August	FFTMCC	Away (2:00 p.m.)
30 August	Brock's All Stars	Home (1:30 p.m.)
6 September	Kempsford	Home (1:30 p.m.)
13 September	Wolvercote	Home (1:00 p.m.)
20 September	Holton	Home (1:00 p.m.)

*The season's fixtures and results will be on the club website at
www.pitchero.com/clubs/islipcricketclub.*