

ISLIP CRICKET CLUB



First came the snowdrops, then the crocuses, and now the first stirrings of our village cricket club. It has been a good winter for Islip CC, as much because of what has not happened as well as what has. The covering of grass on the square looks healthy and awaits its first cut and despite the winter storms our sightscreens are still standing while other clubs have suffered. This year's fixtures have been finalised and should be on the club website before long, the Bletchington/Islip junior scheme will begin soon and the club dinner and AGM will follow soon after on April 5th.

Each year, our fixture list moves on a little. This year we have two games against the Oxford University Club CC for the first time, and we look forward to visiting their ground on Mansfield Road near the University Parks in early August. Old favourites, including our visits to Blenheim and the Baldons remain. As well as our 13 away games we have 11 home games and, weather permitting, the new season will begin at home on April 14th against Kempford.

Meanwhile, junior cricket training starts up this month, with indoor training for junior players (aged 8-15) taking place at The Swan School on Saturday afternoons (3.40-5.00) in March. Please do contact David Goodfellow (davidgoodfell65@hotmail.com) to book a place on a training session or to find out more about junior cricket. There is always a good contingent of young players from Islip, Noke and the rest of the Three Parishes.

We welcome anyone who would like to get involved, whether as player, supporter, or just as a helper with day to day tasks for both junior and senior sides. Why not join us at our annual dinner on April 5th at the Abingdon Arms, where social secretary Kevin Crawford has arranged a three course menu for £30 (payment and menu choices must be made in advance)? Please email us at islipcricketclub@gmail.com if you can come along.

For those who like to plan ahead, some notes for your diary: the first three games of the 2024 season will be played at Islip.

Sunday	14 Apr 24	Kempford	Home (1:30 PM)
Sunday	21 Apr 24	Isis	Home (1:30 PM)
Sunday	28 Apr 24	Chesterton	Home (2:00 PM)

For more information go to the website (<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/islipcricketclub>) which has the 2023 results (thank you Rick Green) and will soon have the 2024 fixtures for the senior side, or email islipcricketclub@gmail.com.