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Welcome



When we first started putting this edition of the newsletter together, it was early March and we were very busy preparing for the start of the season as usual, and reflecting on a huge amount of positive activity that had been taken place over the winter. Things have changed beyond recognition in the last two months, and we can only hope that the recent relaxation of the rules is a step in the right direction to getting all aspects of life back to normal.

We've kept the majority of the content the same, as there is so much to reflect on over the winter – you can read about the revamp of our winter coaching, and also of the significant investment in the net outdoor nets at the park. Our planned social calendar has been trashed entirely at the moment, although risen from the ashes in new and incredible ways since then! Who could ever have known how entertaining a simple back wax could be when it's beamed into the homes of a couple of hundred people – it will certainly live long in my memory!

Aside from the obvious disappointment for all of us of missing out on the first half of the cricket season, the club faces a very serious financial challenge as a result of this crisis. Whilst we can reduce some elements of our expenditure, the club still has very high outgoings and we face the prospect of making a significant loss this year. I'm very grateful to those members and parents who have willingly paid their memberships this year, as this has provided very important revenue at the start of the season. I'd ask any of you that haven't as yet to please consider doing so – a club is simply a collection of members and I'd ask all of you that are able to pay to please help the club at this very difficult time.

We do remain hopeful that we will see cricket played in the second half of the season. We are constantly in touch the Essex cricket board, the various league committees and indeed the ECB, to understand what is currently possible and what may change over the coming weeks. We are confident that we will be ready for action whenever the time comes, and we all have our fingers crossed that this is sooner rather than later.

Hope you are all keeping safe, and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ollie

Ollie Peck
Chairman, Upminster Cricket Club

COVID-19



AND THE 2020 SEASON

Clearly we are continuing to live through very uncertain times, and there is no likelihood of an immediate return to normal life. All recreational cricket continues to be banned under current lockdown rules, and there is currently no planned start date for junior or senior training or any competitive cricket.

As a result of recent updates to the government guidance, clubs are now allowed to provide limited use of outdoor net facilities operated under strict guidelines. The ECB have been proactive with their practical guidance and we have been participating in calls to establish how we may be able to operate in accordance with all of the requirements. For us, this does provide some specific difficulties with our location in a public park, which frustratingly prevents use of the new net facility next to the pavilion at the moment as this is not self contained and segregated from other park users. However, at the time of writing we are working on putting together a method of opening the nets nearest the tennis courts, and we hope to have this up and running very shortly.

As well as a sad lack of sporting activity, the situation also puts the club in a very challenging financial situation and we are facing a potential loss of 50% of our income this year. We'd like to thank all of our members and parents who have already paid their membership fees for 2020, and this has provided much needed revenue for the club at the start of the season. We do understand that some people will have incurred significant financial impact of the current crisis, but if you are in a position to be able to pay your membership now, please do so – it's critically important that all members contribute this season and help maintain our club in a healthy position.

The Committee are working hard to mitigate the financial impacts as much as we can by reducing expenditure where possible. We have also applied for a grant from the Sport England Emergency fund and have been successful in being awarded £8,000 to support us through this season, which will be used to help offset some of the reduced income this season.

As we know, the situation changes regularly and frequently and we still hope to be able to start the cricket season at some point during the summer. Please do keep your eyes on the website and social media platforms for updates over the coming weeks, and do continue to Stay Safe.

NHS

WINTER COACHING

This winter saw the biggest and best colts coaching schedule yet for the boys and girls of Upminster CC. From October to March, each Saturday saw 7 hours of coaching delivered for a total of 20 weeks for players from age 5 through to 13. The sessions were all planned and supervised by Scott Simmons, who was ably assisted by Michael Larke, Martin Davis and Scott Fisher not to mention Adam Wheater and Aaron Beard from the victorious Essex team.

For the first time, we saw a dedicated girls session as part of the schedule and a phenomenal turn out from lots of new cricketers as well as some more experienced. It was great to see so many happy faces at these sessions, and we hope that many of these will continue to enjoy cricket with us in the years to come.

Feedback from all parents was fantastic as the sessions took place and set us up superbly for the summer. The senior players also saw the benefits of Scott's structured approach during the winter nets, taking place in the enormous new sports hall at the Ockenden Academy, once again supported by Adam Wheater, with Louis Pickering ensuring nobody left without working up a sweat.

Training School for Level 2 coaches

As part of the club's development plan, this winter has seen the club put 14 members through the ECB level 2 coaching qualification. This is the long established standard for club cricket coaching, with accreditation coming through 16 hours of formal training, six supported practice sessions, where coaches or observed as they deliver coaching sessions, online training modules, before a final formal assessment. Our new coaches spread across all ages and abilities and will add great benefit to our coaching resources when putting together the training schedule for Colts and senior cricket.

By putting on a club specific session, the coaches were able to undertake the training on a fast track basis across two consecutive Sundays at Coopers school. Despite the struggles of an early start on a Sunday morning for some attendees, the sessions were greatly enjoyed by all concerned, with learning based around classroom activities and practical sessions in the sports hall.

The coaches were finalising the formal assessments during the coaching sessions in the spring – whilst we have a short delay, we look forward to congratulating them as fully qualified coaches very shortly!

OUR NEW COACHES

James Aggio-Brewe, Rob Bannister, Andrew Berry, Dave Brown, Ryan Brown, Ray Calder, Tom Daniels, Aalok Latey, Matt Malby, Ian Munn, Ollie Peck, Dave Siggins, Jordan Tolan, Terry Wyatt





SPOTLIGHT ON



Scott Simmons

Q: Scott, you've been a busy man since you became involved with the club in October - tell us how it's been for you so far!

SS: It's been an absolute pleasure to be involved and a part of Upminster. I have been made to feel really welcome by everyone which has made the transition that much easier especially with a club the size of this. The club is in a great position with some great people in charge who really care about the club and everything involved within it. I am hugely excited about what I can bring to the table to keep taking Upminster forward to be the biggest and best club in the Essex.

Q: What does the role of Head Coach entail?

SS: I feel my main role as Head Coach is to assure every player has the opportunity to improve and be the best they can be. I am implementing an organised format with a structure in place, session plans in place, and ensuring every player is challenged. I am all about being persistent in my coaching style and finding players strengths and weaknesses and working with them to be the best cricketers they can be.

Q: Tell us a bit about your background - how did you get into cricket coaching?

SS: Cricket coaching found me. 15 years ago, Rankin's CC had 8 colts who had no cricket pathway and as 1st XI Skipper I took it upon myself to give them the opportunities I never had. As they say, the rest is history. I have been working within cricket in a full time capacity for the past 7 years at NewVic, Head Tutor for Essex CC and now Head Coach for Upminster.

Q: What's the best advice you've been given in the course of career?

SS: Being a young, nelly know it all teenager back playing cricket for Rankin's CC, an old boy I played with slash bowling mentor once told me "you have two ears and one mouth, listen more than you speak" and that just really rang with me, and it's now something I find I am always saying in my coaching to this day.

Q: You've had a really busy schedule with the colts coaching over

the winter, and feedback from all of the parents and team managers has been fantastic. What have been your impressions of the colts teams when you reflect on the sessions?

SS: I am really pleased that my impact and hard work has been positively acknowledged by the club members, and I want to thank everyone for all their support and feel like we all share the same vision for the direction we want the club to go in. We have had a great turn out week after week on the colts sessions and the energy the colts bring make our job as coaches so much easier. They are all wanting to learn and improve and the improvements I've seen over the past 20 weeks has been very rewarding. They challenge me each week to plan new and exciting sessions which in turn keeps me on my toes.

Q: Any plans for the summer you can tell us about?

SS: We were all looking forward to a really busy summer, and I know everybody was excited to get outside. Planning for the summer started back in February, and obviously I've had to adapt those plans to the new virtual training that we've got up and running - I'm always keen to ensure that we deliver the highest quality coaching possible, and that doesn't change. Once life gets back to normal, we can really get going and we'll adjust our plans to get the most out of the time available to us.

Q: For those of us - young and old - who want to improve our games during the summer, what top tips could you give us?

SS: My top tip would be to put the hard graft in, as what you put in, you get out. Practice like you play and the rewards will show on the pitch. Cricket is a simple game, keep it simple, put a smile on your face and just go out and play.

FAVOURITES

Favourite food: Thai

Favourite drink: A nice Golden Ale

Favourite film: Rocky IV

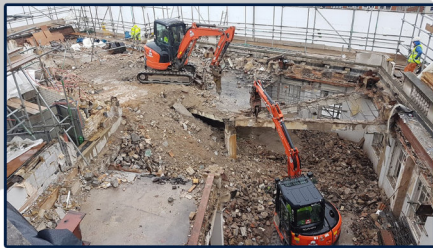
Favourite cricket player: KP

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It's been amazing to hear about all the updates over the winter, and it's great to see so much happening to progress the club. I know you'll read a lot about this elsewhere in the Newsletter, but I was particularly impressed to hear about the development of the ladies and girls cricket – a lot has clearly been achieved over the winter, and some very exciting plans for the summer which I hope will still some cricket being played.

In the office, we have been crazy as ever at the start of the year. January is always spent focussed on the January deadline for Tax Returns, and then we're kept busy with our usual range of services – everything from compiling Year End Accounts for our small business clients, helping new companies with their set up activities, and providing tax advice and planning services. If you haven't been in to see us at our office in St Mary's Lane and would like to discuss how we can help you, please do drop me an email. We offer a free initial consultation, so just get in touch and we can see how we can help you.

This year has obviously seen us working hard to support our clients with the unprecedented challenge that the Corona virus is providing. Since the middle of March, we've seen the stock markets go through some of its most brutal losses in memory, followed by an unprecedented budget and support package from the government to help us all through this.

Do check out our website for our analysis of the current situation and other factsheets which you may find useful.

As I say, we wish you all the best for the summer of 2020 and we hope that the season can get going during the second half of the summer. And of course, a special good luck shout to the Hunter Hurricanes in the Windmill Whack!

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IN THE NETS

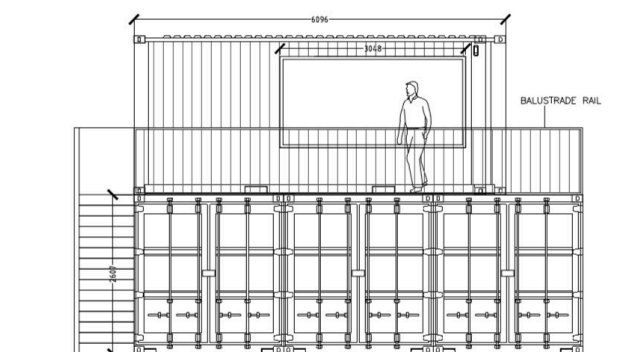
Well.....Nearly!!



Over the past few years, the club have set out ambitious plans for the development and refurbishment of the facilities at the main ground. The first element of this has always been to install new practice net facilities adjacent to the pavilion, to provide an enlarged practice area and provide facilities that are fit for all members of the club to use.

During the month of January, we were able to place the order for these and the new area was built and completed within a few weeks, despite the awful wet weather. The total cost of the project was a total of £40,000 which was paid for from the club's accumulated reserves, supported by a very healthy contribution of £5,000 from a GoFundMe appeal. Our thanks go out to all of those members and parents who very generously supported this fundraising initiative.

The next phase of activity is to replace the three storage containers that have been weathered over the years, with a purpose build storage facility complete with scorer's enclosure. The most cost effective option for us has been to proceed with constructing this new facility from modified storage containers, something you increasingly see as food and drink outlets and pop-up retail space. This will be installed on a new concrete base in the coming weeks, with an additional unit being placed on the roofs of the containers to form a scorer's hut.



Proposed Front Elevation
Scale: 1/50@A1

Of course, the main element of the masterplan has been to develop our changing room area and undertake a thorough refurbishment of the kitchen and bar facilities. Naturally this is a hugely expensive investment, although the combined forces of the cricket, hockey and pavilion club resources means that we do have significant funds to put towards the project.

At the time of writing, we are waiting for the outcome of a funding application submitted to Veolia for the sum of £75,000. We will know the outcome of this in June, and this would help us make concrete plans to push ahead with these much needed works.



HOUSE & GROUNDS



Having experienced one of the wettest and warmest winters in recent years, the cricket squares at the club, Coopers School and Champion School are looking extremely good, as one would expect. For the second consecutive winter, another twenty odd tonnes of earth were shaved off from the playing surface and groundsman Mark Severn dressed and put away the square in early September, letting mother nature to do the rest.

The squares at all three grounds have benefitted from the wet and warm conditions and the grass growth and coverage has been really encouraging. Once the rain had abated and the drier and warmer weather came along, we were able to roll and prepare all squares for the season before the lockdown restrictions came into place. Mark has been able to continue working, and I'm sure those of you who have seen the main square recently (pictured below) will all agree that it looks resplendent.

Work at both schools has also continued over the winter and again we completed the initial pre-season activities during the early part of the year. Champion is looking particularly impressive (pictured) and the school's groundsman has been busy tending the playing surface during the winter, in preparation for Mark's final pre-season works.



In addition to the work on the square, many of you will have seen that the club has been busy during the closed season in having new net facilities erected near the clubhouse. You'll find more details on this elsewhere in this edition, and I'm sure you will agree the new nets are very impressive.

As always, I would like to thank everyone who has given up their time to help with the various ground duties and maintenance and rest assured, I will be in touch asking for volunteers to assist with preparations once we get the green light!

Bobby

Bobby Mack
House & Grounds Secretary



WOMEN'S CRICKET



It's been an incredibly busy few months for the Upminster CC Women and Girls Working Group; Vicky Waters, Natasha Munn, Kerry Quinlan, Ang Green, Scott Simmons and Ollie Peck.

Following a successful marketing campaign at the start of the year, for the first time we held dedicated a girl's winter nets session at Coopers 4.30-5.30pm. There was a phenomenal turnout of 42 girls in attendance at the first session varying in age groups from school year 3 to year 8 and numbers have been consistently high since. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions organised by Scott and the coaching team (including the UCC Ladies Team Captain Vicki Waters), feedback from parents and girls alike has been overwhelmingly positive.

In parallel, over the past few months, we have been working closely with Essex Cricket as we continue to develop and refine the girls and ladies program including formulating our approach for the summer season. We were very fortunate that Natalie Samaranayake, Essex Cricket Women and Girls Manager, attended our first working group meeting in January.

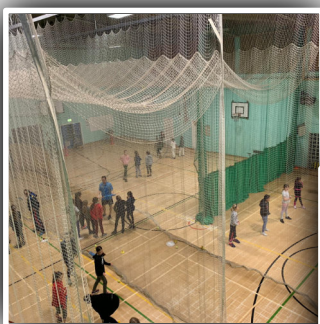
For the girls, we have been preparing our Upminster Girls Cricket Summer Season approach which includes dedicated age group training sessions alongside the existing Colts groups twice a week as well as matches and festivals. Ang Green attended the Women and Girls Fixtures Meeting at Hutton in March alongside other clubs in Essex. Details of the programme will be shared with the girls that have already registered for winter nets as well as local schools and more broadly via social media.

For the ladies we have 70 women registered for Windmill Whack where, for the first time, we will have 5 women's teams playing in the Windmill Whack matches and we will also have Ladies teams playing soft ball and hard ball matches. It's not too late to register, for more information see details on the website and social media!

Exciting times!! Looking forward to getting everything into action later this summer!

Kerry

Kerry Quinlan
Girls Cricket Manager





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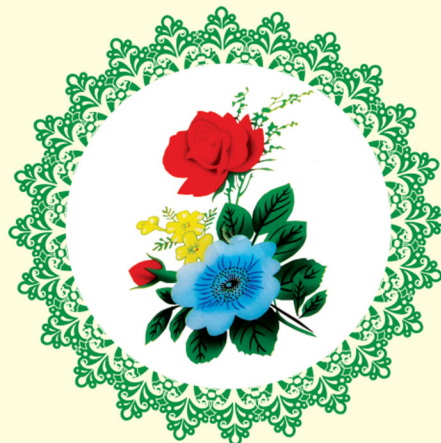
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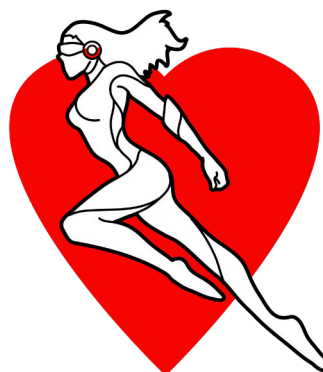
I would like also to welcome some new sponsors for the 2020 season, all of which are already closely associated with the club and its membership.

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With the launch of the Ladies Windmill Whack for the 2020 season, it gives me great pleasure to announce our two new team sponsors.

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Can you sponsor a Women's Windmill Whack team? Do you know someone who can?

We are keen to involve and work with as many local businesses as possible, so if you know of, work for, or own a local business and would like to become involved with the club, please speak to ourselves, any Committee member or email sponsorship@upminstercc.co.uk

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UCC 200 Club

The first two draws for 2020 were carried out at the March committee meeting, and congratulations to Win d'Cruz and Angela Sharp who scooped the winnings. We also held the March and April draws at the recent UCC Auction evening, and the winners of the prize were John Curtis and Jeff Mack – both winners kindly donated their £125 winnings to the collection of the evening, which was a very generous donation from both.

January	Win D'Cruz	£122
February	Angela Sharp	£122
March	John Curtis	£125
April	Jeff Mack	£125

You need to be in it to win it, so please sign up!

You can sign up for as many numbers as you wish. Why not have a number for each of your kids (no need to tell them if they win!!). Visit the club website and sign up.

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- The revenue is split equally between the prize fund and the Pavilion Redevelopment Fund.

All details are on the website, or please ask any of the Committee members for more details.

Stu

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Popular Club sponsors Kushoom Bugh have very kindly donated meals to NHS staff working at Queen's Hospital in Romford in recent weeks.

This wonderful gesture has featured in the local press and featured some very familiar faces for all of us!

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SOCIAL SCENE



It's fair to say that the impact of COVID-19 has ripped-up the usual social calendar and seen it entirely reinvented for the 'virtual world' that we are currently living in. Who would have known in February that a virtual social event could be so much fun!

The Race Night held in April kicked things off and was a roaring success, with over 100 families connected via Zoom to watch the evening unfold. With real-time betting on the races being managed via Pitchero, and King of Punters competitions in operation for juniors and adults, there was plenty to keep everybody entertained. At the end of a long evening full of laughter, the amount raised was just over £5,000!

Whilst the next social event was billed as an Auction Night, there was no doubt that the main attraction was 'Shave the Beast' with John Curtis generously volunteering to remove his beard if donations of £1,000 were received. As you probably now know, once the carrot of a live back wax for donations of £2,000 was in place, the money rolled in and the attendees were treated to an experience we'll never forget!

Thanks for this incredible amount, and the generosity of our members once again, a total of over £10,000 was raised on this evening alone.

The proceeds from these two events have been split 50/50 between the club and the NHS Charity supporting Queen's Hospital, and we have therefore contributed £7,500 of funding towards a 'wobble room' run by the charity. This is a fantastic facility which helps provide support and some sanctuary to NHS staff during their shifts, which are clearly very demanding and mentally stressful at the current time.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Although everything can only be tentative at the moment, please do ensure that Saturday 3 October is in your diary for the UCC Dinner & Dance. We are holding a booking at Ingrebourne Links Golf & Country Club for the event this year, and will of course publicise full details as and when we can confirm whether the event can go ahead.

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