



Elstow Cricket Club Newsletter for season 2024

(Local cricket club for Wilstead, Wixams, Elstow, Kingsbrook, Cauldwell and other surrounding areas)

The spring will soon be here, and planning has started for the 2024 cricket season at The Warren, home of Elstow Cricket Club. We are all looking forward to getting underway with the new season and here is a snapshot of what we must look forward to.



Annual General Meeting

Firstly, our AGM will be held on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the Playing Field Hall, Elstow. All are welcome and an agenda will be available prior to that meeting. This year as with previous years, we are combining the AGM with our Youth signing on session which will start at 6pm. All the youth players and their parents can get signed up and view and order any new kit. We also plan to have a bit of a games evening which will start once the AGM is finished around 8.30pm. The Bar will be open, food will be available and everyone is welcome so please come along, have your say, enjoy a beer or wine and a bite, play some silly games and catch up with your cricket family.

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Elstow Cricket Club Needs you!

Elstow Cricket Club is a friendly club with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. With a thriving junior section and competitive men's and women's teams, the club continues to evolve into one of Bedfordshire's most forward-thinking cricket clubs.

Ahead of the 2024 cricket season, we are looking for new members to come forward to help support the rapid growth of the club including:

- New players (all ages & genders)
- Scorers - Paid position (training course fee will be covered)
- Umpires - Paid position (training course fee will be covered)
 - Coaches (training course fee will be covered)
 - Volunteers to help run bar

Please get in touch, details below.

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Age Group Cricket

As with previous years, we will be running our youth cricket with U15's training on Mondays and playing matches on Thursdays throughout May, June and July. Our Under 13's will train on a Friday and play their matches on a Tuesday evening and our U9's and U11's will also train on a Friday night with matches on Sunday mornings.



Friday nights at the Warren is one of the highlights of the season. Three age group teams training, pitch preparation under way for the weekends matches and a chance for some of our young adults to help with coaching. Fridays wouldn't be complete without All Stars. For 8 weeks in May and June we welcome 5 to 8 year olds and their parents to the Warren for a fantastic first experience of cricket. They are guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Of course Elstow CC's refreshments bar, The Pigeon Toe Inn will be open and food will be available for kids, families, coaches and staff.



For more details on All Stars please visit <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> or get in touch with us at the Cricket Club.

Open Age Cricket

Our Saturday 1st and 2nd Team will be competing in the Hunts County League again this season. Our first team will look to go one place better than last year and win the league and gain promotion. Our second team will be competing in Div 3 after gaining promotion last season.



On Sundays, we will be playing in the Beds County League divisions 3 and 6. Our teams have a mixture of experience and youth and we are always on the lookout for enthusiastic players of all ages and abilities. Adult training will be on a Wednesday evening from 6pm. We also run a girls/ladies team, the Elstow Belles. Training is on a Tuesday evening. The Belles play softball cricket and this season will continue to try their hand at hard ball cricket. We are actively looking to recruit more age group girls to support the Belles and start an age group girls' team. Again, all ages and abilities are welcome.



Planning for the Future

At The Warren, plans are in place for a state of the art 3 lane net facility. We are also hoping that work on the improvements to the tea room, bar and changing areas will be well under way by the start of the season. These improvements will include a larger bar area, new toilets and better access to and from the play area.



Events

As well as the cricket, we will have our usual Vice Presidents and Friends of ECC days and no doubt we will have our annual family fundraising day. More details will follow in the local press and on social media. This is our chance to say thank you to all those who are involved with the Club. It is also a chance to raise valuable funds to keep the club running and providing the excellent facilities that we have.



Finally, we would like to thank our current sponsors. Poplars Construction, Sineway Services, C Sturridge Builders and Custom Concrete for their continued support.

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