Hello and welcome to the ninth edition of the Official Frome Cricket Club Newsletter.

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The 2016 season is set to be the start of an exciting new era after changes on and off the field for Frome. A newly formed Cricket Committee has been formed focusing on all things cricket and are working hard behind the scenes to make the club a solid place for the future, as well as making plans for the coming season to help progress.

After a difficult season on the pitch in 2015, we will be looking to use the challenges that we faced to our advantage after a league restructure.

All three senior sides have made captaincy changes following the outstanding work from Sam Wheeler and Josh Cantrell over the previous four years. The club have also gone down a different route by appointing Head Coach Robin Lett after three fantastic seasons from Australian Alex Bleakley. Robin will bring structure and experience to a club full of promising youngsters. He will also lead the Sunday XI, who will play in a newly formed Sunday League focusing on playing youth on good pitches, against strong local teams.

The First XI is looking forward to what is going to be a very exciting campaign, with the inclusion of free hits and powerplays! We’ll want to take advantage of the new rules and look to play a thrilling brand of the cricket that everyone wants to come and see. The Second XI will be looking to push through the youngsters with a mix of experience to help them along in tricky situations.

New captain Joe Quinn will be looking to carry on where Josh left off and make the two’s a team that challenges for the title. They will also be looking to close the gap on second and first XI players making the jump not as big as what it has been in previous years. The team will look to mirror the First XI which will hopefully make way for lots of success this season.

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“New 2nd XI captain Joe Quinn will be looking to carry on where Josh left off and make the two’s a team that challenges for the title”
>>Spotlight On… Sam Wheeler

>>Questions asked by Aaron Woodruff

>>Here, former club captain Sam Wheeler answers the questions in ‘Spotlight On…’

>>About Cricket

- **First Match:** Can remember- probably around 12 years old for a Frome youth team. Mark Wilson was our coach. I still carry the scars.
- **Idol Cricketers:** Wasim Akram, Dale Steyn, Jimmy Anderson
- **Favourite Moments in Cricket:** Winning the league in 2014 away at Staplegrove, or probably out first match of a new era in 2012
- **County Cricket Club Supported:** Gloucestershire

>>Your Favourite

- **Drink:** Coffee
- **Food:** Tapas
- **TV Programme:** The Thick of It, House of Cards, The Office
- **Film:** Dodgeball
- **Singer/Band:** Two Door Cinema Club, Foster the People, Simon and Garfunkel
- **Other Sports:** Football, Golf

>>Other Questions

- If you were an animal, what would you be? Monkey
- If you could invite five dinner guests to a party, who would they be? Kate Beckinsdale, Ricky Gervais, Diego Maradona, Cloughie and Mark Prince
- If you can dump three things into Room 101, what would they be? Clive, Roderick, Copp.

>>And Finally…

- If you were stranded on a desert island what three things would you take? Radio, book, Wilson Volleyball

Thanks to Sam for taking part!
>> Feature: ‘On the Road’

>>By Aaron Woodruff

>>The cricket season throws up numerous treks far afield, whether it be down towards the south and west of Somerset on a Saturday, or north towards Bristol on a Sunday. Here, I take a look at the journey times and how many miles it takes to get to the 2016 away games (of course, there are alternative routes for many!…

>>Frome Cricket Club 1st XI Away League Fixtures
Sat 14th May- North Perrott. 58 minutes. 43.4 miles, via B3092 and A303
Sat 28th May- Wemeldon. 1 hour 12 minutes. 38.1 miles, via A361 and A39
Sat 4th June- Staplegrove. 1 hour 20 minutes. 43.8 miles via A361 (LONGEST 1ST XI TRIP)
Sat 18th June- Chard. 1 hour 5 minutes. 50.1 miles, via A303
Sat 2nd July- North Petherton. 1 hour 11 minutes. 41.3 miles, via A361 and A39
Sat 9th July- Butleigh. 1 hour 12 minutes. 38.1 miles, via A361 and A39
Sat 23rd July- Wellington. 1 hour 19 minutes. 63 miles, via A303
Sat 13th August- Bridgwater. 1 hour 8 minutes. 36.4 miles, via A361 and A39
Sat 27th August- Glastonbury. 41 minutes. 22.4 miles, via 361 (SHORTEST 1ST XI TRIP)

>>Frome Cricket Club 2nd XI Away League Fixtures
Sat 7th May- Curry Rivel. 56 minutes. 32.8 miles, via A37 and B3153
Sat 21st May- Broadway & Horton. 58 minutes. 46.6 miles, via A303
Sat 11th June- Bishops Lydeard. 1 hour 27 minutes. 47.5 miles, via A361
Sat 25th June- South Petherton. 50 minutes. 34.2 miles, via A37
Sat 16th July- Castle Cary. 32 minutes. 16.7 miles, via A359 (SHORTEST 2ND XI TRIP)
Sat 30th July- Wemeldon. 1 hour 12 minutes. 38.1 miles, via A361 and A39
Sat 6th August- Ilton. 59 minutes. 47.3 miles, via A303
Sat 20th August- Kilve. 1 hour 28 minutes. 48.3 miles, via A361 and A39
Sat 3rd September- Fitzhead. 1 hour 36 mins. 51 miles, via A361 and A39 (LONGEST 2ND XI TRIP)

>>Frome Cricket Club Sunday XI Away League Fixtures
Sun 24th April- Bristol. 1 hour 1 minute. 28 miles, via A362
Sun 8th May- Biddeston. 38 minutes. 18.6 miles, via B3109
Sun 19th June- Lansdown. 39 minutes. 16.5 miles, via A36
Sun 3rd July- Bath. 27 minutes. 13.2 miles, via A36 (SHORTEST SUNDAY XI TRIP)
Sun 17th July- Bishopston. 1 hour 1 minute. 35.2 miles, via A36 (LONGEST SUNDAY XI TRIP)
Sun 7th August- Old Bristolians Westbury. 1 hour 2 minutes. 27.3 miles, via A362
Sun 14th August- Brislington. 49 minutes. 23 miles, via A36
Sun 28th August- Keynsham. 41 minutes. 19.9 miles, via A36

>>Frome Falcons U19 T20 Away League Fixtures
Fri 18th July- Tim sbury. 23 minutes. 11.2 miles, via A362
Fri 5th August- Kilmington. 20 minutes. 9.8 miles, via B3093 and Gare Hill Rd
1st XI

Vice-Captain: Daniel Dredge

Friendly, Saturday 23rd April - MIDSOMER NORTON (Home)
Friendly, Saturday 30th April - TIMSBURY (Home)
League, Saturday 7th May - BUTLEIGH 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 14th May - NORTH PERROTT 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 21st May - WELLINGTON 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 28th May - WEMBDON 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 4th June - STAPLEGROVE 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 11th June - BRIDGWater 2ND XI (Home)
League, Saturday 18th June - CHARD 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 25th June - GLASTONBURY 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 2nd June - NORTH PETHERTON 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 9th June - BUTLEIGH 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 16th June - NORTH PERROTT 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 23rd June - WELLINGTON 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 30th June - WEMBDON 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 6th August - STAPLEGROVE 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 13th August - BRIDGWater 2ND XI (Away)
League, Saturday 20th August - CHARD 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 27th August - GLASTONBURY 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 3rd September - NORTH PETHERTON 1ST XI (Home)
Friendly, Saturday 10th September - BRADFORD-ON-AVON (Home)

2nd XI

Vice-Captain: Craig Dredge

Friendly, Saturday 23rd April - MIDSOMER NORTON (Away)
League, Saturday 7th May - CURRY RIVEL 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 14th May - CASTLE CARY 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 21st May - BROADWAY & HORTON 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 28th May - WEMBDON 2ND XI (Home)
League, Saturday 4th June - ILTON 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 11th June - BISHOPS LYDEARD 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 18th June - KILVE 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 25th June - SOUTH PETHERTON 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 2nd July - FITZHEAD 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 9th July - CURRY RIVEL 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 16th July - CASTLE CARY 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 23rd July - BROADWAY & HORTON 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 30th July - WEMBDON 2ND XI (Away)
League, Saturday 6th August - ILTON 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 13th August - BISHOPS LYDEARD 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 20th August - KILVE 1ST XI (Away)
League, Saturday 27th August - SOUTH PETHERTON 1ST XI (Home)
League, Saturday 3rd September - FITZHEAD 1ST XI (Away)

*Frome Cricket Club Fixture Booklets are now available to pick up from the Clubhouse!*

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>>Sunday XI
League, Sunday 24th April - BRISTOL (Away)
League, Sunday 1st May - BATH (Home)
League, Sunday 8th May - BIDDESTONE (Away)
League, Sunday 15th May - BISHOPSTON (Home)
League, Sunday 22nd May - KEYNSHAM (Home)
League, Sunday 5th June - OLD BRISTOLIANS WESTBURY (Home)
League, Sunday 12th June - BRISLINGTON (Home)
League, Sunday 19th June - LANSDOWN (Away)
League, Sunday 3rd July - BATH (Away)
League, Sunday 10th July - BIDDESTONE (Home)
League, Sunday 17th July - BISHOPSTON (Away)
League, Sunday 24th July - BRISTOL (Home)
League, Sunday 7th August - OLD BRISTOLIANS WESTBURY (Away)
League, Sunday 14th August - BRISLINGTON (Away)
League, Sunday 21st August - LANSDOWN (Home)
League, Sunday 28th August - KEYNSHAM (Away)

>>Frome Falcons (U19’s)
Twenty20 League, Friday 8th July - TIMSBURY (Away)
Twenty20 League, Friday 15th July - MIDSOMER NORTON (Home)
Twenty20 League, Friday 22nd July - HAMPSET (Home)
Twenty20 League, Friday 29th July - BATH (Home)
Twenty20 League, Friday 5th August - KILMINGTON (Away)

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>>Many of the successful Under 15 squad that won the Bath and District Youth League in 2014 will be playing for Frome Falcons in their inaugural season participating in the exciting T20 competition.
Frome Cricket Club Signing On
Evening & First Outdoor Practice

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL will see the first outdoor senior team and youth team training session of 2016, which in turn joins together as a signing on evening as well.

The session, 6:00PM to 8:00PM (approximate times) will also see Frome Cricket Club’s clothing partner Serious Cricket hosting a roadshow showcasing their range of Frome CC clothing - great offers will be available on the night.

Furthermore, there’s some food with a BBQ and an opportunity for the club to get together as a whole before the season commences.

Youth membership is £25.00 for the year and this includes family membership for parents/guardians also.

Town Crier Quiz Night

Frome Cricket Club will be hosting the Town Crier Quiz Night on the evening of FRIDAY 1ST APRIL at 8:00PM.

Frome Cricket Club Bingo

THURSDAY 28TH APRIL sees Frome Cricket Club Bingo at the Clubhouse - doors open at 7:00PM, starting at 8:00PM.

Thank you for reading the March 2016 edition of the Frome Cricket Club Newsletter