

# Wolverton Town Cricket Club

## January 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to this first newsletter of the 2010/11 year – far cry from the professional standard that we've become used to over the past few years. Hopefully though, we'll be able to get something better-looking together for next time. The aim has been to get this newsletter together quickly so that all players can be told about the first item below.

### Indoor Nets

Senior indoor nets will be taking place from 10.00-12.00 noon on Sunday mornings from 30<sup>th</sup> January. The cost of each session will be £4 per person payable at the start.

Junior nets are also being arranged by Kevin, Colin and the junior coaches.

### AGM Report

It seems quite a long time ago now – well before all the snow came – but as we haven't issued a newsletter since the AGM took place, it's probably worth summarising what happened.

The first thing to note is that this was probably the worst-attended AGM for many a long year.

### 2010/11 Committee

**Chairman:** Glenn Dickinson

**Vice Chairman:** Roger Garrini

**Treasurer:** Colin Kightley

**Secretary:** Stuart Grant

**Cricket Development Officer:** Roger Garrini

**Youth Co-ordinator:** Kevin Pichowski

**Fixture Secretary:** Howard Gillions

**Events Organiser:** Jamil Raja

**Sponsorship Organiser:** Post Vacant

**Groundsman:** Post Vacant

**Player Reps:** Steve Barnes

Phil Gammage

Andrew Gosling

Howard Lloyd

Jackie Maw

Alex Rose

Chris Wade

Where were you? Most of the usual suspects remain on committee but we have one or two people joining us for the first time and we welcome back a couple of members who've been 'resting' from committee. The bad news is that we were unable to appoint either a Ground Rep or a Sponsorship Organiser – both crucial posts. However, the good news is that the new committee is getting down to business with the wide range of tasks facing it. In particular, some promising sponsorship leads have already been identified and are being followed up.

We also gained agreement to provide an 'Earlybird' discount scheme for senior subs.

### 2010/11 Captains

**Club Captain:** Jamil Raja

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice Capt:** Sameer Rehman

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Capt:** Glenn Dickinson

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Vice Capt:** Colin Kightley

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Capt:** Kevin Pichowski

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Vice Capt:** Stuart Grant

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> XI Capt:** Neil Day

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice Capt:** Jamil Raja

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Capt:** Stuart Grant

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Vice Capt:** Roger Garrini

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## **Help needed during the season but we need to act now!**

Groundwork – with no dedicated Ground Rep on committee this year, the committee needs as many people as possible to support this vital area. We'll be looking to our playing members to play their part in groundwork.

Umpires & Scorers – as always, we're on the look-out for noble souls who are prepared to give up some of their time to allow us to concentrate on playing the game. One suggestion for scorers is to see if anyone working towards a Duke of Edinburgh award could use this activity to fulfil the requirements for evidence of voluntary work or development of a new skill.

Teas – last season saw Jackie, Pat and Amanda doing almost all of the teas. Not surprisingly, they would like others to take a share of the workload. We're not asking anyone to commit to doing teas every week – once or twice over the whole season would still be a big help. Please ask around to see if you can cajole someone to help us out. For example, do you know anyone currently on a catering course? Or perhaps someone from the Mothers Union, Women's Institute or some other voluntary group? Or (again) Duke of Edinburgh?

## **Cherwell League**

At the time of writing, the Executive of the Cherwell League is suspended following a vote of no confidence in the new Chairman by a group of Executive members. The main consequence for us at the moment is that the 2011 fixtures haven't been released to clubs and this could have an effect on many clubs trying to get their fixtures and fixture cards ready in time for the season. If the dispute continues, we're also likely

to see delays in getting players registered. An EGM of the League has been called for Monday 7 February. Look out for further info afterwards.

## **Registration Evening**

As in recent years, we'll be holding a Member Registration Evening in late March. This will be your chance to take advantage of the Earlybird discount on subs that was agreed at the AGM. Don't forget it!

## **Girls' Cricket**

For the first time in the club's history, 2011 will see an under-15s girls' team playing under the name of Wolverton Town CC. If you know of any girls who might be interested in playing this year, please let Colin Kightley know.

## **Events**

We're expecting to run a Jumble Sale in late February and a Quiz in late March. Look out for further details.

## **CricketForce 2011**

NatWest CricketForce 2011 takes place over the weekend of 8/9/10 April. Projects are currently being discussed but will probably include work on the square; the static and mobile nets; the sightscreens and the roll-on covers. We should also have our new garage in place by then as well.

As a starting point, do you know where we might be able to get webbing as used on lorries for holding down cargo. We need 20+ lengths (preferably with a ratchet mechanism for tightening it) to help stabilise the static and mobile nets.