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At Last! Spring Is Here!

In the dark days of winter the warm Spring sunshine can seem like a distant dream. Well, it's time to come out of hibernation, fetch your kit bag from the dark recesses of the garage and join us for what promises to be a season to remember at Easton & Martyr Worthy C.C. Our new pavilion is nearing completion and very soon we will have a facility we can be proud to call 'home'. Our coaching team has been boosted over the winter and all our coaches are champing at the bit to pass on what they have learned in recent months. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Easton in the coming weeks and we especially look forward to all our players enjoying their cricket this Summer.

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L-R: John Cook, Dan Rigden, Trevor Griffin, Keith Whiting

Coaches Top Of The Class

I'm sure all of you would like to join me in congratulating all those volunteers from our club who undertook ECB coaching courses this winter. In all 6 coaches passed through the coach education programme.

Dan Rigden and Trevor Griffin undertook the arduous task of the UKCC2 Coach Award and after a tremendous amount of hard work both passed with flying colours. The club would like to thank Hampshire Cricket Board and the HCBca for their assistance in supporting both Trevor and Dan; in particular Mike Pollard, John Cook, Keith Whiting and Ian Stuart who gave up their own time to provide help and support.

In addition Adrian Lee, Angus McQueen, Rob Danes and Iain Warren passed out as UKCC1 Coaching Assistants. All are looking forward to working with all of you this Summer and beyond.

Well done to you all!

Outdoor Training Times

Last season it became apparent that trying to provide meaningful coaching for 80+ children on one evening was unsatisfactory for players and coaches alike particularly when the two largest squads, the U15s and U15s, had to share the facilities simultaneously. Whilst it may have been expedient to cram everyone in to one evening the reality was that for the children training became a 'conveyor belt' and the coaches had little time to deal with individual concerns and to engage meaningfully with parents. For this reason it was decided to split junior training over two evenings.

Monday Evenings Starting 26th April U13s & U15s Training

U13s ~ 6:00 – 7:15
U15s ~ 7:15 – 8:30

No Training 31st May (School Half Term)

Tuesday Evenings Starting 27th April U9s & U11s Training

U9s ~ 5:30 – 6:45
U11s ~ 6:55 – 8:10

No Training 1st June (School Half Term)

Splitting training in this way will allow each age group squad to use both nets and the square simultaneously. From a coaching perspective the team will be able to work on specific areas with smaller groups and it is hoped this new arrangement may even give scope to provide 'one-on-one' sessions on occasions.

Whilst a great number of you have been preparing for the forthcoming season working hard at our indoor venues at Princes Mead School and Henry Beaufort there really is no substitute for getting outside.

This change is all about providing the best we can for all our players whatever their ability and I can guarantee a warm welcome for all our members when training gets underway on 26th April.

Registration



It is important that we know who is on site at any given time so we will continue to take a register prior to each training session. Please arrive 5 minutes earlier than the advertised start time so that your attendance can be recorded. I would like to remind parents to collect children promptly – if you are running late it is important that you let us know – please ring:

Damon Barker (U13 & U15) on 07590 010195

Dan Rigden (U9 & U11) on 07770 617179

Liz Barker (Child Welfare Officer) on 07929 066440

We also need to know if your child will be making their own way home unaccompanied.

Wet Weather? Surely Not!



In the event that Junior Training has to be cancelled due to rain or poor ground conditions a 'News Flash' will be posted on the club website home page an hour before training is due to begin. Parents can check by going to www.emwcc.co.uk.

Child Welfare

The winter months have seen a change of personnel in the role of Child Welfare Officer. Liz Barker has taken over from John Warren who will continue to manage the U15 team as well as assist with coaching. As the junior section and coaching team continues to grow we are all aware of the need to ensure that children can participate and enjoy their cricket in a safe

environment. As a 'Clubmark' accredited club we adhere to the ECB's 'Safe Hands' policy (a copy will be available to view on the club notice board in due course) and we work hard to ensure that our club is a safe place for children to be. Liz has recently attended child protection and welfare courses at the Rose Bowl and will be available at the club on most junior training evenings. Liz can be contacted:

Liz Barker
EMWCC Child Welfare Officer

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New Pavilion – Important Update



New Village Hall & Cricket Pavilion c/o 'The Easton Challenge'

Not surprisingly the poor winter weather has delayed progress on the new pavilion and village hall. The builders are cracking on in a bid to make up for lost time but we have been advised that the facility will not be officially handed over to the Village Hall Community Trust until 23rd May – a month in to our season. This has meant that the club has had to put a contingency plan into place to ensure that cricket can get underway; two portaloos will be installed adjacent to the storage garages close to the ground entrance in the far corner and a marquee will be erected to give shelter and temporary changing facilities.

Clearly this is not ideal but it is important that the club can play cricket and fulfil it's fixture obligations until the new building is ready. I would like to appeal to parents to bear with us whilst these temporary arrangements

are in place; throughout this period it would be sensible for all junior players to change at home and arrive at the ground suitably dressed and ready to play cricket until such time as the new changing facilities in the new building become available to us.



Portaloos? Yes. Concierge service? Er, no.

Site Safety



It goes without saying of course that whilst we wait for all building work to be completed the village hall/pavilion site remains strictly off limits. The site is currently enclosed and remains subject to the usual health & safety regulations. Please be advised that under no circumstances is anyone permitted to trespass on to it.

Junior Fixtures

As ever all age group squads will be playing competitive cricket in the Winchester & District Leagues this Summer. To alleviate fixture congestion all age groups (excluding the U15s) will play at least one fixture at our alternative 'Home' venue of Henry Beaufort School. Parents should enter the school site via the Priors Dean Road entrance; once parked make your way to the steps located in the far left hand corner and follow the path which runs alongside the sports hall, turn right and the newly laid artificial surface pitch will be visible on the playing field. Toilets are situated in the Sports Hal

| Date | U9 | U11 | U13 | U15 |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sun 25/4 | | St Cross (H) | | |
| Fri 30/4 | | Twyford (A) | | St Cross (H) |
| Sun 2/5 | Trojans (H) | | Otterbourne (H/HB) | |
| Fri 7/5 | | | | Ropley (A) |
| Sun 9/5 | Fair Oak (H/HB 11:45) | Trojans (H/HB 9:45) | Tichborne (H) | |
| Fri 14/5 | | | | Andover (H) |
| Sun 16/5 | Compton & C.F (A) | | Fair Oak (A) | |
| Mon 17/5 | | Fair Oak (A) | | |
| Fri 21/5 | | | | Bishops Waltham (A) |
| Sun 23/5 | Andover (A) | Hedge End (A) | Sparsholt (A) | |
| Fri 28/5 | | | | Amport (H) |
| Sun 30/5 | Werwell (A) | Andover (H) | Twyford (A) | |

Teamer.net

From a team management point of view this has been an invaluable tool. After the initial teething problems I do hope everyone has similarly found it easy to interact with. It is our intention to continue to use Teamer – if you get the chance, have another look at our pages; you will find all the match reports, blogs and team photos. All this season's match reports are on the main club website www.emwcc.co.uk – the beauty of teamer though is that all blogs, reports and write-ups are 'for our eyes only' so we can say what we really think!

Quiz

Since at the time of writing we are giving the Aussies a bashing the quiz has an Ashes flavour about it:

1. Which ground will stage the 4th Test Match?
2. Who captained Australia when they toured in 2001?
3. Mike Hussey plays for which Australian state?
4. Shane Warne took how many career Test

Match wickets?

(a) 658 (b) 708 (c) 758

5. How many runs did Andrew Strauss score in the 2nd Test at Lords?

(a) 151 (b) 161 (c) 181

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