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Welcome

Thanks to all those players and parents who joined us at Easton Village Hall on 25th September for our annual presentation evening – over 150 of you took the trouble to attend what was a hugely successful event.

No sooner has one season been filed away though than another is almost upon us. The months have flown by and last season must seem like a distant memory for most. Well, our winter training programme gets underway in January and before we know it the 2011 season will be looming large. Plans have already been made for the winter so this edition is packed full of essential information.

Happy reading!

Damon Barker



25.9.10: Worthy winners!

A Night To Remember

Easton juniors and their parents celebrated the 2010 season in fine style on 25th September as Easton Village Hall played host to our annual presentation evening for the first time. Over 150 attended to applaud the achievements of our young cricketers with all age groups very well represented. Guest of honour Ian Stuart once again presented the awards.

The Dave Purse Award for best overall junior went to Rachel Carrick; Jordan Banks (U15), Dean Griffin (U13), Tommy Sharpe (U11) and Jamie Jennard (U9) were all presented with the 'Player of the Year Award' in their respective age groups. (U15), Calum Rigden (U13), Arthur Lee (U11) and were presented with 'Best Bowler' awards and 'Best Batsmen' were (U9), Paulo Parisi-Bush (U11), Alex Barker (U13) and Jordan Banks (U15). Countless other players were also recognised for their achievements. A terrific night was had by all.

Special thanks must go to Kaye Freemantle and her team at Creative Catering for providing a terrific meal for all to enjoy.

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District Trials Success

Three very talented young cricketers recently sailed through the Autumn Assessment Centres and will be representing this club when they play for the Winchester District next season – congratulations to Spencer Lee, Jamie Kennard and Arthur Lee – well done to you all.

Winter Training

Our Winter training gets underway in mid-January. Once again the U9s and U11s will be based at Princes Mead on Friday evenings and the older boys at Henry Beaufort on Wednesday nights. All age groups will undergo 10 weeks of pre-season preparation to ensure that all are ready for the new summer season. Dan and Trevor are busy writing the session plans as we speak so we can guarantee an excellent programme for players of all abilities.

Our courses are traditionally very well attended and this autumn we have had a number of enquiries from local schools regarding course place availability. To ensure that the course quality can be maintained, each age group will be limited to 16 participants and in all age groups (except the U9s) we have extended the session times – as existing members you get the chance to book your place before we open up the courses to children from local schools. **Please get your forms to me by the 15th December.** As ever the focus will be on fitness, core skills, technique and small sided games – a bowling machine will be in use at both venues for some sessions for all age groups from U11s upwards.

The good news is that course costs remain the same as last year at £5 a session and if you book for all 10 weeks you will only pay for 9 (£45). So what are you waiting for? Simply return the booking form to me as soon as you can to book your place.

Can't find a booking form?
Lost your membership forms?
Can't remember when winter training starts?

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EMWCC - Princes Mead Winter Training Dates		
Friday	U9 6:00 – 7:00	U11 7:10 – 8:30
21.1.11	Week 1	Week 1
28.1.11	Week 2	Week 2
4.2.11	Week 3	Week 3
11.2.11	Week 4	Week 4
18.2.11	Week 5	Week 5
25.2.11	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
4.3.11	Week 6	Week 6
11.3.11	Week 7	Week 7
18.3.11	NO TRAINING	NO TRAINING
25.3.11	Week 8	Week 8
1.4.11	Week 9	Week 9
8.4.11	Week 10	Week 10

EMWCC – Henry Beaufort Winter Training Dates		
Weds	U13 6:00 – 7:20	U15 7:30 – 9:00
19.1.11	Week 1	Week 1
26.1.11	Week 2	Week 2
2.2.11	Week 3	Week 3
9.2.11	Week 4	Week 4
16.2.11	Week 5	Week 5
23.2.11	Week 6 (half term)	Week 6 (half term)
2.3.11	NO TRAINING	NO TRAINING
9.3.11	NO TRAINING	NO TRAINING
16.3.11	Week 7	Week 7
23.3.11	Week 8	Week 8
30.3.11	Week 9	Week 9
6.4.11	Week 10	Week 10

Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again! Enclosed with this newsletter you will find membership renewal forms inviting all junior members to sign up for the 2011 season. I can hear the howls of protest from here – 'It's only December – what are these people thinking of! Are they mad? Quite possibly, but by indicating your willingness to play cricket at Easton next Summer well in advance of the outdoor season you are helping us to plan our team entries for 2011 and also you are assisting us in anticipating age group size.

There is good news - for the third year in succession membership rates will remain frozen at £80 per junior – for two family members renewing a special joint rate of £144 applies. We don't want payment now but ask that you enclose a post dated cheque for 1st April 2010 with all applications – if you prefer you can enclose 2 cheques with one date 1st March 2010 and the other for 1st April. I am sure I don't need to point out the benefits of our membership package but if you need a reminder:

- £15 Annual subscription
- All Tuesday training fees during the summer
- All additional age group specific summer coaching sessions delivered outside our normal schedule
- Top quality coaching by ECB qualified coaches
- Use of our brand new purpose built pavilion in 2010
- All match fees

We find this invaluable for planning for next year – your co-operation is much appreciated.

Provisional Team Entries Winchester District Cricket Leagues Summer 2011

- 1 x U9 Team ('A' Division)
- 1 x U11 Team ('A' Division)
- 1x U11 Team ('B' Division)
- 1 x U13 Team ('B' Division)
- 1 x U15 Team ('B' Division)



Vacancy

The Club is lucky to have such a dedicated parent volunteer body. In recent years the junior section has thrived thanks in no small part to the efforts of this group; a vacancy now exists to join the team and to help make a real difference to junior cricket at the club.

We are looking for a volunteer/s to manage the U9 team on matchdays next summer. Split between two parents the role can be very rewarding as at this age it is all about the children having fun and enjoying playing the game. Parent managers share the umpiring and scoring duties and ensure that the children are safe at all times.

No formal coaching qualifications are necessary although we would encourage anyone who expresses an interest in taking an ECB UKCC1 course – furthermore, the club would happily pay! Full training would be given and attendance at the district run 'Volunteers Course' would be beneficial. In order to comply with the 'ECB Safe Hands' policy a CRB vetting check would also be required. For further information and to discuss the role in greater detail please contact Damon Barker on 07590 010195.

This really could be your chance to make a difference!

Alternative Home Venue for 2011

Thanks to the hard work of head groundsman Dave Cooper and his dedicated team the U13s and U15s played on some cracking pitches last summer. It made such a difference to the teams to bat and bowl on such an excellent surface and to field on such a good outfield.

Whilst it was good to have an alternative 'home' pitch at Henry Beaufort last season the quality of the outfield was not as good as we had hoped. We are all the more grateful to Princes Mead School therefore to be granted exclusive use of their new purpose built cricket pitch by our U9 and U11 teams next summer. Having an alternative home venue so close to the club will be a blessing for all I am sure.

The club is also hoping to re-lay the existing artificial surface which has deteriorated badly over the last 12 months or so. Chairman Adam Murch has been discussing our needs with a number of specialist ECB approved artificial pitch suppliers and it is the aim of the club to have a new surface laid in time for the 2011 season. All this depends of course on raising the required funds as a new pitch will cost £6,000. Rest assured that Adam is working hard to make all this a reality – watch this space!

I can't stress enough how good it was to utilise our new Pavilion facilities last summer, better still to be able to entertain visiting teams in the manner we would like and to have the opportunity for a bit of a social ourselves (see below!). For many of us the social aspect of the game is just as important as the playing – let's hope we can build on this next year.



Now, this winter there is the small matter of an Ashes Series where the world's best team will be in action against a misfiring rabble – poor old Australia! Who would have thought it? England's preparations have gone like clockwork – wins against two state sides and a distinctly under par Australia 'A' team. Our key players seem relaxed and in form. The Aussies on the other hand seem collectively out of sorts, in poor shape and generally chippy with all and sundry. Excellent! I can't wait for it all to get underway at the Gabba in Brisbane – it should be a thrilling series and hopefully a lot closer than last time.

Naturally the whole shebang can be watched live on



Or if sleep deprivation is not quite your thing edited highlights can be seen at 10:00pm nightly 'free to air' on

