

**NEWSLETTER FOR
HURLEY CRICKET CLUB MEMBERS
APRIL 2008**

What have we done over the winter?

Over the winter your committee has taken delivery of a top of the range Devon Malcolm mobile net for the colts, after a bid to Windsor and Maidenhead Youth Opportunities fund was successful, and a new turf trooper mower for the outfield, to replace the Jacobsen model which was about thirty years old and barely functioning.



We also now have two quality hand dryers in place in the gents toilets thanks to a generous donation from Colin Ainger, an electronic scoreboard is on its way courtesy of some hard work by Mike Walton and the old scoreboard has been refurbished along with the numbers boxes by Jeff Dawson. The whole pitch needed some considerable work done after a number of cattle made their way into the field over the winter. Thanks to hard work by Chic Smith on the wicket and helpers at work parties the damage has now been remedied and the pitch has had its Easter rolling session too.

What remains to be done before the season starts?

There is a little more work to be done in the far corner before we sow the grass seed and build the composting area and we are hopeful that the resurfacing of the frontage to the club will be ready for the start of the 2008 season. This will have been funded by the award which we received last year from the National Lottery. There are still some essential tasks to be done too so:

Saturday 5 April and Sunday 6 April

There will be final pre-season work parties to:

- Put nets over the frame for the colts' net.
- Repair holes in the fixed net
- Cut the sight screen free from the chestnut tree and hedge; mend it if necessary
- Final dig, rake and sow the grass seed on the former nettle patch
- Fill potholes which have developed along the edge of the driveway.

Please come along to help if you can from 10.30 am – refreshments provided.

What's happening socially in the season?

Saturday 19 April - Poker and Chilli night

The first cricket match is at home against Penn and Tylers Green on Saturday 19th April so the first social event will be a chance to play poker and eat some Chilli to celebrate the start of the new season. Statistics from 2007 and the fixture cards for the 2008 season will be available at the function. Please do come along and support the club even if you are not chosen to play that day. See the enclosed flyer.

Other dates for the diary for the 2008 season:

- 24 May event to be decided – possibly a race night
- 28 June Following the success last year of the beer tasting evening with barbecue we shall be running a beer / wine tasting and barbecue again.
- 26 July event to be decided
- 6 September The regular quiz night put together by Rita and Mike Walton. Whose team will win this year? This evening is as much fun for non sporty types as everyone else (except the sports round of course!) so book the date in the diary now.
- 25 October Annual Club Supper and awards evening at Temple Golf Club. Details nearer the time but this will be our first opportunity to visit this beautiful Golf Club so near Hurley and we've been promised an excellent dinner and disco for no more than we paid over 2 years ago at Sonning.

Membership subscriptions:

- Full membership £60 and others £20 - prices held for 2008. Please send your cheques to Val Forrest 2 Lucas Road High Wycombe Bucks HP13 6QE as soon as you can. The club's outgoings at the beginning of the season are high (balls, insurance, bar stocking etc) so early payment is very much appreciated.
- 300 club Rita has prepared the 300 club board and tickets again for 2008 so whenever you are down at the club please buy a ticket or two. It might cost you as little as 1p and you might win big money (my winnings paid for my lovely oak barrel pumped water butt at home a couple of years ago)
- Summer of Sport Your entries are needed by Mike Walton by 4 May. Please do enter and ask all your colleagues at work and your neighbours to have a go too. Remember: "If you haven't got a clue try google or yahoo!".

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Vegas comes to Hurley



Poker and Chilli Night

Saturday 19th April 7.30pm.

Try your skill at the poker tables (Texas Holdem for cash prizes).

Or just come and watch, eat and socialise.

£5 for non players, £10 for players, payable on the night.