



Hurley Cricket Club

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Greetings

Cricket at Hurley is in a good place when I watched the U15s at Sonning. The colts stormed past this TVL club with the tiny 'Subbuteo Boys' brothers Drew stepping up and dashing about like demented Duracell bunnies. The coaches do a wonderful job.

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Why not get kitted out for the new season in club logo?

<https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/hurley-cricket-club>

Any contributions to your news sheet are always welcome. There are many witty people in club so why not share it more widely? Thanks to Veg for his contribution this edition

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Go on, give me some feedback!!!



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CLUB EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

On Wednesday 5th July, after nets at 7.30 the committee have called a club meeting to discuss the future of the club. Committee members are concerned at the general decline in village clubs, while other clubs get larger fielding even more teams on a Saturday.

We face a constant challenge to compete with bigger clubs and need to grow as a thriving club or wither. Major changes in the league are also proposed.

Free pizza will be served.

COULD EVERYBODY INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF HURLEY CC PLEASE COME ALONG AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEW.

Fake News

Wednesday 21st June, the Summer Solstice was the hottest June day for 40 years. Was that Greg Double practicing yoga at Stonehenge in nothing but face paint, a thong and sandals?



England's new skipper, Hurley Sat 1XI still looking for theirs, Phil is covering with strong and stable leadership

Colts Update

With the Colts season at the midway point, we have encouraging news across all age groups.

A very young U9s under the tutelage of Jordan, Dave and Graham are enjoying their first league campaign and are learning very well on the job and are performing well in the league. Many of the players will still have another year in the U9s in 2018, so really encouraging.

The swelled ranks of the U11s are made up of two teams, the Lions and the Tigers handled by Andrew Mennie, whose minions are also corralled by a team of support coaches. At the time of writing, the Lions look well set for the

end of season play-offs and great reward for Andrew's diligence (and patience). The Tigers have found life a little tougher, but have tasted victory but have years on their side and also feature the talented ladies we have at Hurley.

The U15s, led by David and Jono have a smaller league of teams to contend with this year and with slightly depleted numbers, have made full use of the lower age groups. Again, performing positively in the league a good final run is required to be involved in the end of season dust off.

It's not the team in your life, but the life in your team (Frustrated Scorer of many years)

Dates for your diary

Socials:

Lardy Quiz 17th June 2017 – £5/head

An excellent evening if you missed it won by the eclectic mix of the 'Golden Balls', parents and veterans combined. Curry flowed and much needed revenue secured with the help of the camp site. Well done Lardy, Prof and the kitchen ladies.

Players Meeting (Future of the Club) 5th July

"We are good, but we could be better"

Berkshire at Hurley

Thurs 27th April, Berks Over 60s 2XI v Bucks, 1.30pm.

Tues 23rd May, Berkshire Over 60s 1XI v Middlesex, 1.30pm.

Thurs 8th June, Berkshire Over 60s 2XI v Kent 1.30pm.

Thurs 20th July, Berkshire Over 60s 2XI v Surrey 1.30pm.

Player Exposed!

DAVE SIMOES

I like to call him a pocket Paquiao. With an unhealthy passion for boxing and a healthy interest in the colts, he can look up to most people.

A pugnacious 'keeper not adverse to engaging opposition batsmen in the quality of their technique. An outstanding fielder and excellent opening bat who created an opening behind the stumps through an unfortunate coup and innocent phone call to the incumbent keeper to borrow his gloves.

He is honed from exotic Portuguese stock and an extended member of the Taylor clan. He has only ever owned one pair of cricket socks which are washed annually. His feet are toxic to small mammals and dogs



Is this his best feature?

give him a wide berth.

His choice of a football club is suspect, and I don't mean Maidenhead United. He has one of the most innovative nicknames in Veg. Allan Greene made the leap from Simoes to Samosa to Vegetable Samosa to Veg. Some say he was Lord Buckethead in the recent General Election, simply to add height to his challenged stature.

He commits long hours and much effort to the U15s Lions and without him the essential colts program would be doubtful.

Subscriptions Please

Subs are now WELL overdue. Could everyone please consider sending in their annual subs now to save me more chasing

Senior subs are held again at £70, Students £35

We had 36 senior members in 2015, just 31 in 2016. This is not sustainable!

If anyone would like to take up umpiring or scoring, or knows anyone outside the club interested, then the club will pay for the courses or welcome enthusiastic volunteers.

A little History



HURLEY CC 22-Dec-1976

Around the Ground

Two new sightscreens have been purchased and look magnificent but it makes no4 look a little tired now. This is only possible through subs, match fees and socials. So please pay your fees and support the social where you can. We have also purchased a fielding net for the colts so there is no excuse now for dropped catches and fumbles.

Unfortunately the quiz/curry spectacular was held during Ramadan so apologies to those who were observing the fast.

On that note much admiration to those who played on the 17th June in blazing heat whilst fasting and not drinking. The sight of poor Shoab Riaz (the High Wycombe Express) totally shattered after his spell was inspiring.

We also have a new cleaner doing a fine job. We can all help her by being a little tidier at tea time and pick up the toilet rolls rolling about the floor in the gents.

My match reports can give offence, I can think of two at least. But it is also gratifying to note a few opposition teams also read them on the website. One took offence at 'barrel chested biffer' while another thought my report 'very good'. They didn't say 'fair'. I also recently had

Cricket has been played in Hurley for over a hundred years. The first recorded cricket match for Hurley Cricket Club was a low scoring affair against Pinkneys Green on June 9th 1900.

The revival of the Club came about in 1959 when the club was reformed at the instigation of local landowners Tony and David Burfitt. The old pavilion was destroyed by fire in December 1976 but rebuilt by club stalwarts Andy Chapman and Roger Feast, and re-opened in 1978.

The 1980's were also successful years for the club on the trophy hunt. The 1XI won Division 1 of the Berkshire League in 1980 and Premier Division runners up in 1981. Finally, in 1988 the 1XI lifted the Premier title of the now Lafford and Leavey Berkshire League. Also in that year the club entered the National Village Knock out and reached the Berkshire final only to lose to Blackheath (Guildford). In 1994 the club moved to the Chilterns Cricket League and the following year were champions heralding a golden age of nearly men coming runners up for the next 3 years, league knock out finalists in 94 and 95 and finally winning the cup in 96. Sadly the club has not seen success in the league since, relegated to Division 2 in 2004. Membership is only around 30 playing members and some 60 colts who are performing well with the U15 winning their league in 2007 and 2016, the U13's in 2015 and U11s in 2013. The club still fields 3 teams each weekend and U9's, U11's and U15 colts.

one Mum tell me she enjoyed my report as it caused some amusement in her household, the ultimate accolade.

I'm also indebted to Imran for writing the final paragraph of the match on the 10th June in praise of his own fielding efforts!

Sponsorship

Yasir Gul has sponsored the club. One option is to buy a defibrillator for the club. A very sensible suggestion from Colin and in no way reflects the demographic of the club.

We have decided to continue with the fixture card largely as a marketing tool. Please pick up a copy from the club.



January 2014

The committee meeting of 14th June discussed the following:

- Players Meeting 5th July
- Quiz Night
- Playing report
- Colts
- Finance
- Clubmark
- Donation for defibrillator
- Honour's Board

*Australia's Ashes series against England in November could be in doubt because of a players' contract dispute, says vice-captain **David Warner**.*

Well, that gives them an excuse for their drubbing then.

Umpires Corner.



Thinking of Summer Holidays? Visit Hurley-sur-Mer

Nothing from Mike about the idiosyncrasies of the Laws, they remain incomprehensible to Americans, wives, girlfriends and most bowlers. Well done Mike for umpiring the U17 and U15 in full uniform black trousers, white shirt and clicker in 30deg heat.