

The RidgeBear

The monthly newsletter from BRCC



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From The Chair Dave Wells

Having done a huge amount of work off the field to get the Club and Ground prepared can you believe we are a month into the main season already and the Bears are starting to fire with 2 out of 3 wins for the 2nds, a first win away for the 1st XI, and numerous great results and performances in the Juniors ... lets keep it going and have a successful season!. Remember that the bar is open on Saturdays from 4pm to allow folks to enjoy the setting and support the Bears!!!.

You cannot visit the Ground without being drawn to 'The catch' which I have to say looks unique, iconic and is pretty inspired ... huge thank you again to Richard Sainter. It is not too late to get your share in The Catch. A big thankyou also to Tags and Vicki Fellows for the work to make the 200 Club such a success in its first season.

So bring on June and the sunshine! ... I am particularly looking forward to our Sunday June 11th 6-a-Side day where we have eight teams battling it out for the Sid Bird trophy. Wayne has organized the bouncy castle and the BBQ team are firing up the burgers and I am manning the bar and my mother is baking the cakes as I write ... Come along and enjoy a great family day.

To finish, a huge thanks again to all the folks volunteering to keep all of our great initiatives going (you bears rock!) and look out for news in June about our new Honorary Vice presidents (Paul Cheshire will tell you more).





Dates for the diary

Every Wednesday 6pm

Every Friday

Sunday 11th June

Outdoor nets at the club

Junior Academy from 6pm

Sid Bird Memorial 6 a sides

Around the Club

That buzz you heard around the club this month was Dan and his chainsaw creating the latest piece of iconic tree-art at The Ridge. The Catch is another club and community funded project adding yet more beauty and distinctiveness to a ground already regarded by many oppositions as the best they visit.



The closing date for a share in The Catch is June 12.

A share costs just £25 and you can get all the details by contacting Richard Sainter on 07787 244111 or at richardsainter@hotmail.co.uk

All Aboard

As we enter June, Wayne and I are super pleased to say we are now at 18 All Aboard sponsors and this month we welcome 'Bens Bikes' and 'Special Air Systems' ... If your Company is interested in supporting the Club or you can recommend through your network, please let me and Wayne know, and we can follow up.

One of our sponsors is PointNorth Construction (Dan Bennett and Richard North). A big thank you to Dan for repairing the pot holes in the car park which PointNorth did pro bono. You can read more about them below:



Captain's Corner John Rolfe Club Captain

Malekai, Preston, Muhammed, Felix, Ben Frost, Aiden and Freddie have all featured for the 2nd X1 this season and as I write George Caille is about to follow Malekai into the 1st X1; lurking somewhere in the wings are the likes of Tilly, James Dow and Torr. Their collective age is somewhat lower than Rolfey (senior), Taggart and that of another successful 2nd X1 debutant – Graham Keens – combined.

At last therefore, even if the future is not exactly 'orange' it looks brighter than it has for some while. They have played a significant part in the 2s two wins led by Shaun who looks younger than all of them.

Jov's 146 is the pick of the season so far, though after a difficult start the 1s claimed a significant victory at Didcot last week for whom Taj (oh! forgot him, old enough to drive a car) bowled well in tandem with MoM Matt Brightwell.

Soon after you read this, we will be holding the Sid Bird Memorial Six-a-Side (Sunday 11 June) If you are lucky enough not to be playing you can enjoy burgers, beer and cakes all day from 9am.

Not to mention a bouncy castle.

See you then.



Keeno on his way to 93



Helmet? Not at your pace mate ... Oops



Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club 2023 Wall of Fame



May

Olly Kyte	Hat trick vs Cookham (U12s, 4/5)
Louis Grimmett	67 vs Gerrards Cross off 33 balls (U12s, 9/5)
Shaun Dryden	73 & 3-33 vs Gt Brickhill (2nd XI, 13/5)
Phil Brooks	4-39 vs Abingdon (1st XI, 20/5)
Sam Rolfe	3-18 vs Abingdon (1st XI, 20/5)
Jovan Sahota	146 vs Garsington & 3 catches (2nd XI, 20/5)
Freddie Grimmett	4-6 vs Garsington (2nd XI, 20/5)
Ben Hillary	4-21 vs Garsington (2nd XI, 20/5)
Simon Bird	57 vs Didcot (1st XI, 27/5)
Matt Brightwell	5-24 vs Didcot (1st XI, 27/5)
Graham Keens	93 vs Fringford (2nd XI, 27/5)

Players of the Month **Jovan Sahota (maiden hundred)**
Freddie Grimmett (4-6 on debut)

Most senior appearances this year

Phil Brooks (3) Mark Dakin (3) Paul Cheshire (3) John Rolfe (3) Jovan Sahota (3) Shaun Dryden (3) Malekei Shard (3) Alex Perry (2) Josh Brooks (2) Mike Winson (2) Matt Brightwell (2) Simon Bird (2) Sam Rolfe (2) Stuart Podmore (2) Steve Bird (2) Andrew Wordsworth (2) Ben Barrett (2) David Maunder (2) Graham Keens (2) Felix White (2) Ben Frost (2) Freddie Grimmett (2) Preston Shard (1)



Bear Cubs

Oli White

Now we've got the rain out the way the junior teams, including the combined girls Bledlows team, have now completed 25 matches. There have been some great individual performances that you'll start to see on the monthly honours board on the clubhouse. The U13 and U12s teams have lost just one game in their league matches but the team of the month is the U11s team who are currently unbeaten in the league.



We haven't missed a Friday night for weather yet and we've also welcomed the All-Stars and Dynamos players and parents to Friday night training.



The U13s are leading the way playing for Bucks County Cricket. Here are Akain, Aman, Theo and Nevin playing for the county on Sunday 14th May. Well done boys.

Two of our senior juniors, Molly Carter and Tilly Fellows have played for the full Bucks County Women's team during May, next stop The Hundred!! We are very grateful to them and all the seniors juniors that come down on a Friday to help.

Please keep up to date with everything on Bledlow Ridge junior cricket, including if Friday night training is called off due to weather join this WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LafwNp7IsPs8csnTiPns5P>



£5 a month by standing order (or £60 annually)
Monthly prizes of (up to) £200, £100 and 2 x £50
NB. Bank details for the 200 Club are not the same as subs. See website for details



Tex gets very excited about winning 30 quid ... or maybe being in a photo with Vicki!!

The first draw of the BRCC 200 Club took place on Friday May 12th

The lucky winners were:

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| 1 st prize (£109) | Graham Keens (54) |
| 2 nd prize (£54.50) | Robin Baker (146) |
| 3 rd prizes (£27.25) | Brian Gibbs (85) and James Gage (97) |

The June draw takes place on Friday the 9th so there is still time to get into it and the prizes have already grown by over 20%!!

www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk/200

The Clubhouse Café

The weather has finally improved enough to start having our side door open again and it's been wonderful to see lots of you sitting outside enjoying the sun trap that is the terrace!

We've introduced a few things this month - "Waffle Wednesdays" where all sweet waffles are half price, Avocado toast - available with a host of extras - including our "magic" eggs.... perfect for brunch ... lunch....tea-time snack....AND smoothies are back on the menu!

We were kept busy provide catering for a christening and have taken on a few cake commissions - so if you need a cake or want to discuss catering options available, get in touch to see how we can help.

Find us on social media @theclubhousecafebledlowridge

Or www.theclubhousecafebledlowridge.com





Introducing some of our Key Partners

The All Aboard programme has been launched this year to engage the club with friends and businesses who are passionate about supporting our goals of making cricket accessible to all, and making it the best experience it can be, regardless of who you are or where you come from.

This month it's Construction and Feeding the Village.

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The Country Store Kedai, located on Chinnor Road in the center of Bledlow Ridge has been owned and operated by Raj and his wife Prima since 2017. The shop has a wide array of goods that rivals major chains.

With service being top of mind, Raj can source anything you need and does it with a smile. Raj was recently invited to the prestigious King's Garden Party as recognition for his service during the COVID lockdown period where he delivered groceries to the elderly and at-risk villagers. There are simply no other independent shops like the Country Store Kedai.

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We never turn down a volunteer and we are particularly looking for people to help in the following areas:

- Bar rota helpers
- 1st team scorers
- Umpires

If you think you might be able to help in any of these areas, talk to Wellsy or Taggart, or mail on imurdoch@isrconsulting.co.uk

Next issue, June 2023 but for real time updates on everything from fixtures to who's who, go to www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk

Something you would like to see in the next issue? Fancy yourself as a bit of a journo? All feedback and contributions are welcome. Mail to imurdoch@isrconsulting.co.uk

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Don't forget, you can raise money for the club every time you shop online with easyfundraising. If you haven't registered yet, go to;

www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk/ef

We have raised almost £1,000 already at no cost to anyone so sign up and start earning money for the club.