

The RidgeBear

The monthly newsletter from BRCC



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From The Chair

Dave Wells

Hi everyone ... Spring is in the air and the lighter evenings are wonderful. February has seen tremendous progress on a range of pre-season initiatives, and the work we do between now and April will go a long way to determining how the 2023 season goes for all aspects of the club. A huge thank you to the Leadership Team and to the many volunteers putting in the time. One great example who I would like to call out is Charlie Carter who puts in so many hours helping to get the ground ready and produces amazing photos illustrating the Club spirit and personalities.

Top of mind for me ... The All Aboard sponsorship project and the 200 Club will give the club tremendous potential to invest in all its aspects. In particular, please get behind the 200 Club as a member.

Pre-season nets are underway, (with the new bowling machine), the Juniors set-up looks amazing, Wayne is pulling together a fantastic Social calendar and we are working on membership to engage Juniors and Seniors early. We are also looking to expand the social membership and build out the honorary membership (past players and VPs) so please pass this on to friends of the club that you are in touch with.

Let's go RidgeBears!



Dates for the diary

Sunday 5th Mar

Friday 17th Mar 7.00pm

Sunday 2nd April 7.30pm

Wednesday 5th April 6pm

Friday April 21st

Junior & Senior nets continue

Meet the Captains evening

Post nets social at Racquets

Outdoor nets start at the club

Junior Academy starts



Captain's Corner — Sam Rolfe 1st XI

Following a successful 2022 season, pre-season is in full swing and the turnout at nets has been excellent so far. Looking ahead, the captains (myself, Shaun and Jovi) are looking to build on last year's performances and the 'youth policy' introduced in our adult playing teams.

Getting the balance of youth and experience right is vitally important. We want Bledlow Ridge to be "the local team to play for" – for both those new to the area - and equally for those at local clubs who are looking for a new home.

We play at some lovely grounds (not least our own) in increasingly competitive leagues and cups. [The café](#), official social calendar and focused sponsorship program create a fun and welcoming environment for families and non-players.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our '**Meet the Captains**' night on **Friday 17th March**, at the club, where we will refresh the 'Pod Player Development Programme' and lay out our plans for the season! It will be a great social and Bianca will be catering for us again (the club is footing the bill). It's free food, bar open and great company so make sure you have this in your diary. More information on this to follow soon.

Please also book in Sunday 2nd April when we will head to [Racquets](#) (after the last indoor net) for food, entertainment and some good old-fashioned "Team Building".



Fantasy Cricket Jovi Sahota

Fantasy cricket is back for 2023 with an increased budget and some players lugging around some hefty price tags. Pick your six and watch them rack up the points to make you the top cricket manager at the Ridge. All the rules are on the web page below but remember you're not in until your £15 hits the bank account. There are prizes for the top 3 managers at the end of the season and manager of the month titles to be won every few weeks.

Mark your payment with your name and Fantasy Cricket and then log on. It's open to anyone, players, supporters, or just friends of the club so join the fun and sign up.

<https://bledlow-ridge.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk>

Working Parties for the Ground

We don't go to many (possibly any) better looking grounds on our cricketing travels, but that doesn't happen by accident.

Working parties start March 11th 9.00am.

If you're not part of the solution,
you're part of the problem!!



Bear Cubs Oli White

Player registration is now open for the Junior season 2023. You can complete the registration using this link

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/356548>

FREE Playing Shirt

Every player that is registered and has paid subs before 1st April will receive a FREE playing shirt. The free shirt is supported by Nu-Look Renovators, a local, family run builder, who will be our shirt sponsor. A big thank you to Joss & Lyn and the team at Nu-Look for their continued support of the club.





The 2023 season will be a similar format to 2022, with mixed teams for U10 (Y5), U11 (Y6), U12 (Y7), U13 (Y8), U14 (Y9), U15 (Y10) and girls' teams in U11 (Y5&6) and U13 (Y7&8).

Training for all these groups will be 6.15 to 8pm on Fridays from 21st April to 14th July EXCEPT U14 & U15 who will train on Wednesday evenings. Matches will be mainly during the evening through the week.

Please register and then pay directly to the club's bank account <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/356548>

The club's bank details are:

Bank	HSBC
Account name	Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club
Sort Code	40 35 34
Account no.	41380362



ALL-STARS & DYNAMOS

Starting 12th May

New time for Dynamos

Practice for both All-Stars and Dynamos is from 5-6pm, starting 12th May for 8 weeks. Registration for All-Stars & Dynamos is done directly on the All-Stars/Dynamos website, you will receive a separate email to register with them. Spaces are limited this year and can only increase if we have more parents that can help on Friday evenings. If you'd like to help please contact Chris at chrispalmer1984@hotmail.com

N.B. **DO NOT** pay Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club, you can only register through the All-Stars/Dynamos process. Be careful to select Bledlow RIDGE cricket club as opposed to Bledlow VILLAGE Cricket Club.



The BRCC 200 Club is now registered as a social lottery and is officially launched. Almost ¼ of the numbers went in the first few weeks and it will undoubtedly ramp up as the season approaches, so don't miss out and sign up now at:

www.bledlowridgecricketclub.co.uk/200

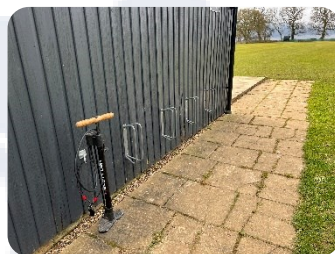
£5 a month by standing order (or £60 annually)

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

Around the Club

After a long slog up Chinnor Hill (cat 2 Tour of Britain 2013) coffee and cake at the Clubhouse Café is a welcome sight for any cyclist. The newly installed bike racking and track pump at the side of the clubhouse will help to make the club a destination through the summer for all budding Tour de Francers.



Upcoming Events

Join 'The Paint Lab' on Sunday March 19th, Mother's Day at Bledlow Ridge Cricket club for a fun and relaxing afternoon of step-by-step painting led by a workshop professional taking you through an easy-



to-follow painting experience. Our painting workshops require no experience and include everything you need (canvas, apron, paint, & easel). You will leave the workshop with a smile and your own masterpiece!

The Clubhouse Café will be selling tasty treats and beverages! Tickets are £28pp and available on Eventbrite with links on Facebook and Instagram. Let's get creative!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-paint-lab-mothers-day-event-tickets-537837956807>



The Clubhouse Café

Louise and I are delighted to announce the result of our latest food hygiene inspection! We got a 5 - and are now officially rated "very good"! A huge thank you especially to anyone who was in when the food inspector came - you were all so supportive and it was much appreciated.

Starting from the 15th March the Cafe will be opening its doors on Wednesdays between 10am-12pm to welcome the Bledlow Ridge baby and toddler group. If that's you, please do come along - or if you know anyone with a baby / toddler in need of some adult conversation (even if it is all about weaning / nappies / sleeping / lack of sleep....!) Please do spread the word.

Don't forget to follow us on social media (we are best on Facebook) for all the latest - mainly cake related - news!

@theclubhousecafebledlowridge

www.theclubhousecafebledlowridge.co.uk



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

- A Bar Manager
- Bar rota helpers
- A Social Media Guru
- 200 Club Manager

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



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 we introduce you to two of the first group to 'jump aboard'.

Racquets Fitness Centre

Racquets Fitness Centre is the sport and fitness place for all ages in Thame. With activities for all ages and social events to bring together our great community. Our instructors, coaches, trainers and bar staff are keen to meet new people and introduce them to a family friendly environment to get and stay fit.



Racquets
fitnesscentre

01844 261754

www.racquets-fitness-centre.com

Visit us soon to enjoy a trial of our classes including yoga, pilates and bootcamps, squash, racketball, table tennis, cardio and weights in the gym, quiz nights, social evenings, sports in the bar and plenty of other choices to give you somewhere to go where you can enjoy your time.

Nu-Look Renovators

Nu-Look is a family based company established in 1972, working in both England and New Zealand with many years experience of renovating Listed buildings.



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<http://www.nu-look-group.co.uk>



Next issue, April 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.