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Grayshott Cricket Club's Newsletter 30TH APRIL 2009

ANOTHER SEASON AND WHAT A START

As we all look forward to another season, I would firstly like to welcome all new players to Grayshott Cricket Club.

The new season brings new captains and I would like to particularly wish Gary Hunt/Andy Lang, Stuart Balfour/Tim Howard and Gary Phillimore/Allan Lang every success for the coming season. It would be good to see a few more adult players at the Wednesday night adult practice sessions, which would in turn help us hopefully see the Shotts reclaiming some silverware!

Good luck to Sam Rance and her Ladies team as they have their third year in the Hampshire League. We are keen to attract more Ladies and it is great to see some of the older girls making the step towards Ladies Cricket.

On the subject of Girls cricket, I am delighted at the response we have had this winter in both the number of girls that have come along to our winter coaching sessions and the standard of cricket they are playing.

Our youth coaches have had another busy winter and I am delighted that we have been able to increase the number of qualified coaches. We can never have enough coaches, improving the skills of our younger members many of whom will be given the opportunity to play adult cricket once again this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is helping the club off the field of play. Our club would not be able to function properly without your help.

May I also remind everyone that we have nominated Macmillan Cancer Support as our charity for this year and hope you will be able to support us at various fundraising events during the summer.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer of cricket. The season has got off to the best possible start though and the fruition of a great deal of hard work, just read on

Paul Roberts
Chairman



Support from the England and Wales Cricket Board secures new Outdoor Nets for Grayshott

The Club is delighted to announce that following a successful grant application to the England and Wales Cricket Board for £32,681, it can progress with its project to install a new 2 bay synthetic practice facility at the Sportsfield.

The funding from the ECB was key for the project with additional funding also coming from The Grass Roots fund, Hampshire County Cricket Youth Trust, Hampshire Playing Fields Association, Grayshott Parish Council and Grayshott Cricket Club.

Grayshott Cricket Club has been able to apply to the ECB grant aid programme due to being an ECB Clubmark accredited club and one of Hampshire Cricket Boards Focus clubs, recognising the clubs ongoing commitment to the development of young cricketers.

It is without doubt the largest project we have undertaken and will see the biggest step change in practice facilities at the club.

PETER CLAPHAM COLLECTS HAMPSHIRE'S 'SERVICES TO SPORT' AWARD

Peter Clapham a true stalwart of Grayshott Cricket Club recently collected an award for "Services to Sport " at the 2009 Hampshire & IOW Sports Awards held at the Rose Bowl.

Peter was nominated by his club and along with over 200 people had an enjoyable evening at the home of Hampshire Cricket. Winners of the awards across sixteen different categories from all sports including Olympians who came from town or city clubs in Hampshire. Peter was the only representative from a Village Club and was delighted to collect the runners up award.

Peter first started playing for Grayshott Cricket Club in 1948 when he was just 13 and ever since has had an active role in the running of the club and promoting the game of cricket especially in the coaching of young cricketers. Even though he finally hung up his boots in 2004 at the tender age of 71 he still has an active role in the running of our Club in 2009.

Peter without doubt must be one of our greatest clubmen. Not only for his achievements on the field of play but more importantly for his service to the game off the field of play. He has fulfilled most of the administrative type roles associated with a village club like Chairman and Secretary, but it is his involvement with Youth Cricket at Grayshott for over 30 years that he is held with the highest regard.

He has had an active role in the development of Youth cricket from just one team in the early 1970s to three teams in the 1990s at times almost running the youth section single handed. The fruits of Peter's efforts have been borne by the success of the club in recent years with the majority of our current adult teams a product of his efforts in running the club's youth structure.

Peter's desire to support the development of youth cricket extended to the running of the Two Counties Youth League being a regular committee member until a couple of years ago but remaining a Life Vice President.

Peter has some early memories of cricket at Grayshott as his father also played for the club. In his younger playing days Peter featured strongly in the Grayshott League and Cup winning teams before becoming the captain of the 1983 Miller Cup winning side.



Notwithstanding the above, Peter has also found time to be the club's groundsman for many years now, in many instances concurrent with his other responsibilities.

In 2009, Peter's involvement with the club shows no sign of a let up continuing to be the Club's groundsman and an example to everyone of a true clubman.

NEW MATCH DAY SPONSOR

Following the introduction by Danny Schwick BLUE LIZARD Travel have now joined our list of 2009 Match sponsors. They will be sponsoring Grayshott II v Lurgashall on Saturday 11th July.

Blue Lizard Travel are based at Lodsworth and both Chris Hawkins and his wife Helen (known as Billy) have been connected with the travel business for some 25 years.

They can be contacted on 01798 861935 or via email chris@bluelizardtravel.com. Visit their website at www.bluelizardtravel.com

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They have some great offers in respect of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. They have promised a donation to the Cricket Club in respect of any business placed by our members.

PHOTO SHOOT AT TOTAL PROFILES

At the end of January, at the kind invitation of Total Profiles, the first winner of the Total Profiles Shield (4th XI Player of the Year), Sam Moseley, together with Club Chairman Paul Roberts and sponsorship Co-ordinator Ken Williams, attended a photo shoot at their factory in Woolmer Way Bordon.

Sam now has a framed photograph of the presentation by Managing Director, Alan Flavell and included with this article is a photograph of Sam with Peter Blackburne, Sales and Marketing Manager. Total Profiles are sponsoring the 4th XI this year.



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STEVENS CUP DRAW

Grayshott have been drawn away to Hindhead in the first round of the 2009 Stevens Cup. The game is due to be played on the 12th May

COUNTY COACHING FOR REBECCA POTTS

Rebecca Potts one of our Under 11 Girls cricketers who joined the club last year has been invited to attend Surrey County Coaching Sessions for her age group.



Rebecca attended some pre xmas coaching courses and was then invited to attend the District Coaching Sessions. Rebecca has obviously made a good impression to be then invited to the County Coaching sessions. Congratulations Rebecca

and good luck this season. A great incentive for our all our girls.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF YOUTH CRICKET

Further to the article in the January newsletter, the Club as part of its 50th anniversary will be celebrating on the field of play with a game against Hampshire Under 10s.

A Grayshott XI will play Hampshire on Sunday 31st May and everyone is welcome to come along and support our boys.

The following week County Cricket comes to the Sportsfield again when Grayshott stage a County fixture between Hampshire and Sussex Under 10s

ANTHONY BRIXTON COLLECTS SPORT HASLEMERE AWARD

Anthony Brixton recently collected a Sport Haslemere 'Coach of the Year' award in recognition of his services to the Club and the sport for coaching.

Last year Anthony coached the U13 team, the Ladies team and ran after school sessions at both Beacon Hill and Grayshott primary schools. Congratulations Anthony, well deserved.

CLUB SHIRTS FOR MEMBERS ON SALE

Club shirts for members at a discounted price are now available at The Sportslocker shop in Haslemere.

The shirts bearing the club badge will be on sale for just £10, thanks to our Shirt Sponsor Scquare International. Members are expected to wear the Club shirt in matches when representing the Club.

Find on us on the world wide web at www.grayshottcc.co.uk



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR NEW COACHES

Many congratulations to Andy Wheble, Peter Lewis and Tim Fry who over the winter months passed their UKCC2 coaching course at the Rose Bowl. Andy and Tim will be coaching our Under 9s this year and Peter will be coaching our Under 10 age group.

Congratulations are also due to Dominic Holland who passed his UKCC1 Coaching Assistant's badge. Dominic will be helping Sri with the Under 11 coaching session.

Well done chaps.

If you would like to get involved with coaching at the club or assist in running a team please give Youth Manager, Graham Sampson a call on 01420 88616.

SAM HITS THE AIRWAVES

Ladies Captain Sam Rance hit the local Airwaves with Delta Radio recently promoting Ladies cricket at Grayshott. It was a live studio interview with presenter Matt Pike and just as you would expect from a Grayshott Captain she did tremendously well.

The Ladies are keen to attract more players to the game, so if you are interested in playing or know someone who is please give Sam a call on 01420 488577.

SECOND HAND CRICKET CLOTHING FOR SALE

The club has a selection of second hand clothing on offer mainly for Junior members.

If you are interested please contact Amanda Casalis De Pury on 01428 604792.

In exchange donate some cricket clothing or make a donation to our chosen charity Macmillan Cancer Support.

CHARITY CRICKET MATCH



On Sunday 24th May, we are staging a Charity Match between a Club XI and a Grayshott Pottery Select XI.

All proceeds on the day will be given to the Macmillan Cancer Support. Not only are we supporting

the Macmillan Charity but the day will recognise the valuable support the Club has received over many years from Grayshott Pottery.

From the mid 80s when they supported our Youth Section to the period from 2001 up to date when they have been our Main Club Sponsor we have valued their support.

Phil and Shirley Bates (the latter, of course, manages the Macmillan Shop in the Square) will join us on the 24th as will Ed Snell, Managing Director, who will present the 2009 Sponsorship cheque during the extended tea interval.

Ken Williams, Glenn Myers and Ashley Cook have been busy putting together the Grayshott Pottery Select XI which is as follows:

Ashley Cook (Headley) Capt, Glenn Myers, V Capt, Michael Absolom (ex Grayshott), Ben Fisher (ex Grayshott), Tim Fry (ex Tilford & Grayshott), Michael Gulliver (ex Grayshott), Matt Hall (Lindford), 'Jingles' Hall (Lindford), Richard Lake (ex Grayshott), Stephen Marshall (Hindhead) and A N Other.

Umpires: David Head and Richard Sampson. We hope to see some of our Vice Presidents and older players on the day. Betty Clapham has agreed to organise a good raffle on the day.

On Sunday 23rd August, we are again staging the Village 6 a-side tournament, following two successful years in 2007 and 2008.

We are sure that all participants in both events will generously support us and the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.

To find out more about Macmillan Cancer Support visit the Macmillan Cancer Support website at www.macmillan.org.uk