

Boxted Cricket Club Newsletter – March 2024



The weather may not be suggesting the cricket season is imminent, but we're at the halfway point of our winter nets and the first matches are next month on 20th and 21st April! It has been great to see nets so well attended, and everyone, be they 1st team through to Junior hard ball players, are encouraged to come along to be well prepared for the upcoming season.



There are of course many activities underway or planned that the committee would like to bring to your attention, some of which would welcome your help and support.

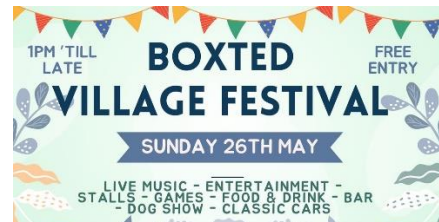


We are pleased to announce that the club will be running the ECB [All Stars](#) and [Dynamo](#) programmes this summer for under 8's and 8-11's respectively. Do take a look at the information on the ECB website and keep an eye out for updates from the club in April to sign up.

Junior training for the older children will continue alongside these programmes on Saturday mornings in the summer. Meanwhile, **we do need a new manager to run the Kwik Cricket team.** If you would like to know more then please contact [Garry Green](#).

All the fixtures for the upcoming season are available on the club [website](#), so please do start putting the dates in your diary, or use the handy iCalendar export if you prefer. You can even start updating your availability if you already know it.

Another date for your diary is the annual [Boxted village fete](#) on 26th May. We have been invited to give a demonstration and promote the club. **Volunteers will be required to help set up and run the equipment** on the day, so if you are interested, please contact [Katrina Cooke](#) or the Club Chairman, [Steve Crayston](#).



As you are aware, the club is run by volunteers, and the committee always welcome additional help to spread the load. Apart from organising matches and selecting players which the captains are responsible for, some of the other activities which require support include –

- **Ground keeping** – we are proud to have a beautifully kept square, but this requires a lot of maintenance pre-season, during the season and post-season. **Volunteers to help with moving the sight screens into position in April would be welcome.** Also, during the season, help with cutting and marking the square before matches.
- **Running Junior Training** – we're pleased to have some great coaches, a coach support worker and volunteers, as well as the ladies' preparing drinks and food. It would be fantastic to have some additional help from parents to assist the coaches or making the drinks and rolls.



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- **Fund raising** – we have had many fun events together, but these are often organised by the same few people. Please let us know if you would be prepared to help with this.
- **Sponsorship** – we were excited to announce our shirt sponsors, [Stanfords](#), last year, as well as [Woodchests Glamping](#) and [Moon Digital Design](#) as week sponsors. We are keen to engage with more local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring the club. Any contacts or help with this would be welcome.

If you are happy to devote a little spare time to support one or more of these activities, or you have a specific skill which you would like to offer, then please contact [Katrina Cooke](#) or [Steve Crayston](#) who will be glad to connect you with the right person.

Finally, a social event is planned for Friday March 22nd where we will be having a curry night at ‘Bees’ Indian restaurant. This has been booked, but if you would like to attend then please let [Katrina Cooke](#) know asap.

More news and updates will follow on our [Website](#), the WhatsApp group, and on social media via our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

We look forward to seeing you all enjoying your cricket this season!

