

# The BOAR

## *The Newsletter of Eversley Cricket Club*

### HEADLINES

- HAMPSHIRE CCC & the MCC return to Eversley
- End of Season Dinner Dance confirmed
- New 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain and Head Groundsman

### NEWS

The 2016 cricket season is underway, although it didn't begin with a bang so much as a "squelch", as can be seen on the right. All the senior fixtures on the opening weekend, April 16/17, were victims of the cumulative rainfall over the past couple of months.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI did manage to get on to the field on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> though, against Wokingham CC.

A rather damp Cross Green on opening day!



### **BIG GAME HUNTING - Eversley to face Hampshire in T20 Contest!**

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** Hampshire CCC return to our ground after an 8-year absence. Eversley take them on in a T20 game for **Sean Ervine's benefit season** and it's sure to be a tough match!

Hampshire are the powerhouse team of the T20 Blast competition, having played in the last six T20 Finals days, winning twice. No other county has reached finals day more than 3 times in the same period!

Hampshire signed Shahid "Boom Boom" Afridi for the 2016 T20 Blast, and have 4 England players in their squad – James Vince, Reece Topley, Michael Carberry and Liam Dawson. It promises to be a great day!

For more information, please contact: Alan Budge on **07904 949798**, email: [abudge@btinternet.com](mailto:abudge@btinternet.com) or Grant Whelan, email: [grant\\_whelan@msn.com](mailto:grant_whelan@msn.com).

## CAPTAINS

There have been a couple of changes to the announced line-up of Captains and Vice-Captains. Stepping into Scott Dyer's shoes is new 1<sup>st</sup> XI skipper Chris Last. He has asked Ben Saville to step up to play in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI this season and Ben has thus relinquished the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI duties. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will now have co-captains, in Matt Salter and Mike Judd. Also Jimmy Forsyth has undergone knee surgery, so he has stepped down as 4<sup>th</sup> XI vice-captain. Tony intends to appoint a replacement once the League season gets underway (and he knows exactly who is playing!).

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice-captain</u>
1st XI	Chris Last	James McGowan
2nd XI	Matt Salter & Mike Judd (co-captains)	
3rd XI	Rob Saunders	Dave Howorth
4th XI	Tony Critchley	tba
Sunday	Colin Webb	tba
Village KO	Chris Last	James McGowan

## COACHING

We're pleased to confirm Aftab Habib as club coach for the 2<sup>nd</sup> season. He's already been heavily involved with the adult indoor nets, as well as the junior teams. The cricket committee will also provide feedback to "Affie" after a weekend's game, so any skills that need improvement can be tackled at Wednesday training.

## OVERSEAS PLAYER

With the re-appointment of Aftab, we have not actively looked to recruit an Overseas player this season. This is chiefly down to financial considerations.

We would of course like to thank Tino Mutombodzi for his efforts for ECC last season.

We also wish to congratulate Tino for playing 9 ODI's for Zimbabwe last October, taking his International caps to 14 (11 ODI's and 3 T20's) – which shows that Eversley can be a stepping stone to greater success!

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26 year old Chris Last – "Pasty" - has been playing at Eversley for 14 seasons already. Having come up through the colts section, he's now taken on two key roles within the club – as 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain and Groundsman.

## CAPTAIN'S LOG

Talking to the new 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain, Chris is quietly positive about the coming season. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI players at indoor nets have taken advantage of 1-to-1 sessions with coach Affie to hone and improve techniques. He mentioned the improvement of lads at University, who've returned looking fitter and stronger and has high hopes for his opening attack of Joe Howorth and Lewis Sharp.

The additions of Tom Mustoe and former colt James Kirkwood should help to overcome the loss of a number of players who have moved on – notably Jack Sever who led the Eversley attack brilliantly for so many seasons.

Chris's ethos this season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI – and equally applicable to all teams – is very much "let's play cricket this year for the reason we started playing - to enjoy it" and make sure we support all the teams through 2016, both home and away.

Let's make sure we support Chris too!

## HEAD GROUNDSMAN

Following the retirement of our long-time Grounds team (see "Thanks" section), Chris has stepped forward to become club Groundsman. His chief responsibility will be for the Cross Green pitch. It's something of a busman's holiday for Chris as his day job is as Groundsman for Reading F.C !

He's being helped by Sam Glaze, with assistance from Jon Last and Scott Sharp. However, Chris would like 3 or 4 people each week to assist voluntarily as there are always things to be done (mowing the outfield for example).

If you're able to assist on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, after about 4pm for an hour or more, that would be immensely helpful and even if you can only manage once a month, he'll be happy to see you!



Chris in his mobile office!

Chris can be contacted on 07787 744637

## WORKING PARTIES

We held 3 working parties, two over Easter and one on April 9<sup>th</sup>. These were to assist Chris with various tasks as the new season approached. Things certainly started with a bang, as Jonny Last will confirm!

The April 9<sup>th</sup> session was tagged with the “Nat West Cricket Force” label. This saw around 15 players carrying out various tasks, including painting and creosoting, checking and readying or repairing equipment (sightscreens, covers etc.) in preparation for the new season. Great effort from all those who attended any of these - thank you!



## SOCIAL EVENTS

We have a NEW Social Secretary – Matt ‘Gooner’ Spooner has kindly stepped into the role and very quickly a number of Social Events have been arranged - please see the “Diary” section.



‘Spoons’ soon put together a good social evenings

programme, This was all done in the same manner he approaches his running between wickets, fielding and downing of pints – rapidly!

Please give Matt and these events your support – they all include a Bar-B-Q which will feature the excellent cuts provided by our Chairman and master butcher, Gary Ford and no - he didn’t ask me to mention that!

**The main Event will be the ECC Dinner Dance**, arranged by Emma and Scott Sharp. This is to be held at the Coppid Beech hotel in Bracknell, on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are £35 per person and available from Emma Sharp on 07766 696829 or via [eesharpandson@btconnect.com](mailto:eesharpandson@btconnect.com).



## THANK YOU

The end of the 2015 saw a number of important people step down from their roles.

Firstly the **Head of Colts Cricket**. Mike Tresise’s dedication to and enthusiasm for the role has been remarkable and our thriving colts section can be attributed to his sterling efforts. To thank him for his contributions, Mike was presented with a memento at the Colts Presentation Evening at the end of last season.



**The grounds team** – Derek Budd, Graham Donne, Chris Kent, with assistance from Keith Lowe and Alan Tonks. Although we rarely saw them, they spent much of their spring and summer mornings working on Cross Green, preparing hundreds of wickets and ensuring the ground looked good in preparation for the many, many games. We’re indebted to Derek, Graham and Chris’ efforts which were celebrated with a day out at the Rose Bowl to see Hampshire CCC play.



**In addition**, thanks are due to captains Scott Dyer, Ben Saville and Jimmy Forsyth. Scotty led ECC for 2 seasons in TVCL Division 1, granting 1<sup>st</sup> XI debuts to a number of our younger rising prospects.

Similarly Ben led the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to promotion last season, scoring 752 runs, at an average of 84 at the same time.

Jimmy played an important role in ensuring we had enough players for the Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI last season, which enabled a number of the younger colts to make their senior debut – sometimes in the company of their dad too!

We should also thank Cameron Hutcheon and Louise Cox for their efforts arranging social events last season - sadly for us Cam is heading back to his previous club, so we wish them both well.

## PLAYERS

### New Players:

We are always on the lookout for new adult players or former players returning. Please contact **Scott Sharp** (Chairman of Cricket) for further information, on **07831 369854**

### Availability.

The most difficult task every week is finding out who is available! Ensuring captains are aware of when you're available is crucial, we do not want to have to chase a dozen different players each week!

So please LET THEM KNOW before 6 p.m. Monday evening, if you wish to play the next weekend. Better still, update your availability ahead of time:

[www.eversleycc.hitscricket.com](http://www.eversleycc.hitscricket.com)

## COLTS

### Colts Committee.

We are looking for some assistance for the Colts Committee, in the form of a Colts Administrator or 2!

Initially this would be to arrange meetings, take minutes and handle communications. If you could spare the time to help, please contact **Martin Perkin** on **07803 850863**

### Colts Players

Please respond to your team managers when they ask if you can play.

Any prospective new Colts should contact Martin Perkin, as above.

## GROUNDS

### Assistance required

To keep Cross Green looking great and playing well, Chris Last needs assistance! This will be to help rolling the wickets, mowing the outfield and other tasks as required.

If 3-4 people each week could assist, even just once a month each, this would certainly help and Chris would be delighted to see you!

Generally this would be on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon, from about 4pm.

We would much rather people assist voluntarily – far better than for us to have to start press-ganging!

## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

### Introductory session

The Umpire and Scorer roles are essential for every team and game – we won't know who wins if no-one keeps score!

Mike Tresise (scoring) and Jimmy Forsyth (umpiring) are running an introductory session to both on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, at the clubhouse. It's a 6.30pm meet for a 7.00pm start and should be finished by 9.00p.m. Please contact Mike for info, on **07951 565887**

Thursday  
28<sup>th</sup> April

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Websites: [www.eversleycc.hitscricket.com](http://www.eversleycc.hitscricket.com)

[www.eversley.play-cricket.com](http://www.eversley.play-cricket.com)

[www.tvlcricket.com](http://www.tvlcricket.com)

... for availability, Colts news

... for match results & scoresheets

Thames Valley Cricket League,  
for results, tables, statistics

# 2016 DIARY

(Saturdays unless stated)

- 28th April (Thursday)** - overview of Scoring & Umpiring – at the clubhouse, 6.30 for 7.00pm start
- 7th May** - Start of League Season & **'Christmas' Barbecue social**
- 10<sup>th</sup> June (Friday)** - **ECC v HAMPSHIRE CCC**  
Sean Ervine benefit T20 match
- 18th June** - **Race night social**
- 2nd July** - **'Bad Shirt' social**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July (Sunday)** - President's Day – ECC v MCC
- 18th - 22nd July (Mon-Fri)** - **Sussex Tour**
- 4<sup>th</sup> August (Thursday)** - MCC T20 Tournament, at Eversley (both grounds)
- 13th August** - **Pub Quiz social**
- 3rd September** - End of League Season & **Fancy Dress Party**
- 1st October** - **Dinner Dance** at Coppid Beech Hotel, Bracknell. £35/head, 3 course dinner and DJ