

# Boughton Cricket Club Newsletter

May 2017

## Latest News

Welcome again to Boughton Cricket Club(BCC) - Now that the winter is over and the season has just begun I thought I would give you all an update on recent events within the club as we look forward to a glorious English summer of cricket.

Firstly the cricket and I can tell you that we have a pretty full calendar of fixtures which I hope will appeal to all comers. We have a good mix of friendly 40 over matches on Sundays and also a comprehensive program of evening T20 matches to be played on Tuesday evenings running in-between our regular Tuesday night net sessions at the ground overseen by Hugh Jenkins Ash Legge and Ollie Short.

Further to this and the biggest news is that Boughton CC have entered the Norfolk Saturday league for the first time in several decades. This means that we now have the full complement of all grass root formats and should be able to accommodate any player wishing to get involved in whatever capacity.

Fixtures are posted on the website [www.boughtoncricketclub.co.uk](http://www.boughtoncricketclub.co.uk) - follow the 'Fixtures' link on the home page.

If you would like to play in any of these games please get in touch via the contact link on the website or via twitter @boughtoncc - we are an inclusive club and will always try to get you a game whatever your ability.

If you just want to watch or get involved as a social member we would love to see you. The T20 evenings are always exciting with a bit of a party atmosphere and the £5 match fee includes a beer or soft drink at the end for everyone including spectators. It's much more fun than sitting at home watching Eastenders on a Tuesday evening!! so let's hope for some warm summer evenings.

So as you can see from this comprehensive fixture list cricket is well and truly alive in Boughton.



In other news you may remember that the club was awarded a grant from Sport England of approx. £54,000 towards the building of a permanent pavilion at the ground in Wretton Road. Following a very successful fundraising effort within the club last year and with a £5000 additional grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation, who recognised the community benefits that our club provides, this pavilion is now finished and operational. It is a wonderful asset for the club and the result of a great team and community effort from the village and club. This is all fantastic news for club and at some point over the summer there will be an official opening of the pavilion.



*The finished pavilion April 2017*

The playing surface also continues to develop and improve as the wicket beds in further and starts to benefit from regular attention and the outfield is looking in great condition despite the dry weather thanks to the regular mowing by David Cooper. With the additional fixtures for the 2017 season we are extending the square to include five playing strips. This is work in progress at the present time and we won't really see the benefits until next season.

We have an enthusiastic and loyal following of players but are always on the lookout for more players, helpers and social members to enable the club to flourish and progress in the years to come. There are no special criteria for joining only that you have to

enjoy being involved in a community organisation and/or playing or watching cricket and maybe want to have a bit of competitive fun with a great bunch of people.

We pride ourselves on having a very diverse range of ages, genders and abilities. Whether or not you have played recently doesn't matter, as I mentioned previously, we have regular net sessions during the season and you can brush up on your technique or learn more from some of our more experienced players – there is always plenty of free advice available. Also we have our own very good equipment for you to borrow so all you need is a pair of trainers!

We will continue to post fixtures, net sessions updates and other news in G4 News and on the website and twitter account but in the meantime please feel free contact me on 07768807534 or email me at [theoldstablesboughton@btinternet.com](mailto:theoldstablesboughton@btinternet.com)

If you are interested in joining or coming along just for a look or if you know someone locally that might be interested please let them know - there are no geographical barriers to membership.

Also continue to look out for more news of our upcoming fund raising events.

## **CLUB INFORMATION**

**Chairman** - Steve Short

**Vice Chairman** - Ben Wilkinson

### **Team Captains:**

Ashley Legge- Saturday Captain

Hugh Jenkins - Sunday/T20 Captain

**Vice Captain:** Ollie Short

### **Other Committee Members**

Owen Chandler - Welfare officer

David Cooper -Groundsman

Jon Allen -Committee member

Karen Short- Committee member

James Webb - Committee member

Tim Madgwick - Committee member

Clare Insall- Public relations

Rosemary Wilkinson- Secretary

Paul Coultan- Treasurer