



The Morley Cricket Club Newsletter

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SENIOR UPDATE

The cricket season may have been over for a while, but it hasn't been quite at all behind the scenes as the club looks forward to the 2011 season.

As many of you will be aware Danny Lloyd, Jimmy Russell and Michael Cooper are all moving on to pastures new for 2011. Danny and Jimmy are moving up the road to Gomersal, where they will be joined by young Jack Seddon, who has been given the opportunity to take the 1st team gloves at Oxford Road. 'Coops' is also moving on to take up the keeping role at Central Yorkshire League outfit, Liversedge, where he will join up with ex Morley players Tom and Rob Smith. To all these guys, the club would like to thank you for your contributions over the last few years and wish you all the best at your new clubs for 2011.

To fill some of those gaps, the club is pleased to announce the signing of batsman **Matt Baxter**, who joins from Townville and wicket keeper **Chris Dyer** who joins from Brighouse. 26 year old Matt has been a consistent run scorer in the CYCL for the last few years and will add strength to the Morley middle order. 21 year old Chris finished 2nd in the end of season victims table in 2010 and will be a popular new recruit around the club.

There is still a lot going on behind the scenes as the club tries to recruit a high profile top order batsman and opening bowler. It is hoped the club will have further news on these positions as well as welcoming back a couple of 'old' faces in the near future.

It is worthy of note, that the club is making a determined effort to improve at all senior levels without being held to ransom by excessive payment demands by potential new recruits. Everyone is aware of the difficult economic times at the moment and so we have to build, try to improve and invest in our junior set up to get the most cost effective way to progress the club forward. The ambition is still there at all levels, but we have to continue to run the club in a sensible and sustainable manner.

Junior Update

This season we will have Under 9s playing festival cricket as we introduce them to the basics of the game. 11s, 13s and 14s will play in the Leeds League and the 15s and 17s will play in the Heavy Woollen Junior League.

Junior Nets start on Friday 28th January at Morley High School from 7-9pm and continue through to the 1st April.

Summer Nets will again run on Friday evenings from 6pm – 8pm, starting just before Easter.

Age Group Coaches:

Under 9s	-	TBC
Under 11s	-	R Elstub
Under 13s	-	A Jenkinson
Under 14s	-	A Jenkinson
Under 15s	-	P Elliott / N Payne
Under 17s	-	R Seddon / A Jenkinson

Subs letters will be out shortly and once again their will be a signing on evening on Saturday 19th March.

Sponsorship 2011

We are making an appeal for commercial sponsors who would like to work in partnership with the club to promote cricket and their businesses in the Morley area.

We have a variety of packages available from as little as £30, from pages in the match day programme, boundary boards, match ball sponsorship, player sponsorship and new this year...junior age group and trophy sponsorship

If anybody out there owns, manages, or works for a business they think may want to get involved, please get in touch with Dave Nebard.

Dates for the diary

Saturday 12th February – Valentines Meal

Saturday 1st April – Sportsman's Dinner

Saturday 16th April - Senior teams season starts

Easy fundraising!!

The Morley website now has a link to the Easyfundraising service but we need to get more people using the service. Please take a few minutes to have a look and see how you can help raise valuable funds for the club.

It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and you will be raising funds for Morley Cricket Club every time you use this site.

Is your house, car or travel insurance up for renewal?

If so, use www.easyfundraising.org.uk to search for some of the most popular insurers out there and you may even save yourself some money. One member recently saved over £100 on his house insurance renewal and at the same time raised £45 for the club.

Are you planning your summer holidays or a weekend break?

If so, use www.easyfundraising.org.uk to book your holidays on line and donate between 1 and 2% of the cost of your holiday to Morley CC.

Please remember us each time you plan to shop online and let's see if we can't raise some valuable funds for the club at no extra cost to you. We are targeting £200 this year so please do your bit to help.

Some of the many retailers are shown below.



For more details, speak to Joanne Jenkinson or Simon Barraclough or see the poster up in the club.

VALENTINE'S MEAL – 12th February

Join us for a 2 course Valentines sit down meal from caterers 'Black Tie Occassions'. The menu consists of :-

'Chicken in white wine, garlic & mushrooms served with mashed potato and fresh vegetables'

and,

' Cheesecake served with a fruit coulis and mint'.

In addition, we will have music on the night from female vocalist, Sarah James

Tickets are £15 and include a glass of wine with you meal. Get the date booked in your diary and get your name down at the club. Numbers restricted to 60 for this event.

Heavy Woollen Draw

The Heavy Woollen Cup draw has given Morley CC an attractive home fixture against Huddersfield League side, Skelmanthorpe. Skelmanthorpe won the Sykes cup last season, as well as being semi finalists in the Heavy Woollen Cup.

The fixture is scheduled for 17th April, but with the ground in use for the Town's St George's Day celebrations, it is likely to switch to the following Sunday. The 2nd team play the reverse fixture in the Crowther Cup on the 17th.

Last season they boasted the league's highest run scorer in Overseas star Wasim Jaffer. Former test player Jaffer, amassed a huge 2083 runs in the season, which included 10 centuries! An amazing feat! Will he be back this year and appearing at Scatcherd Lane? only time will tell!

SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

The club has also organised its annual Sportsman's Dinner. Put the 1st April in your diaries now for what promises to be a top night with guest speaker Steve Daley.

Ex Wolves and Man City star, Steve was voted soccer speaker of the year 2009 and recently retained the award as soccer speaker of the year 2010.

The evening will be hosted my Malcolm Lord, one of the countries best MCs and comedy will come from Lea Roberts.

Tickets for this event can now be booked via Dave Nebard or Simon Barraclough at the club. Tickets including a 4 course meal are £35. Tables of 10 are available at a discounted rate of £325 when paid for in advance.

Bonus Ball Draw

The club continues to run a weekly bonus ball draw. This is a valuable fundraiser for the club. Bernard Cooper is the man in charge and for just £1 per week, you can get your name entered into the draw.

There are spare numbers available at the moment, so if you fancy trying your luck, call in and see Bernard at the Club.

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