



Blundell's

Old Blundellian Cricket Club



Newsletter

Winter 2020



We were hoping that by September we may have been able to watch some cricket from the Box. Sadly, despite the Bob Willis matches and the T20 tournament taking place spectators were still not admitted to the ground. Trial schemes were supposed to take place at various grounds but as COVID numbers increased these initiatives were shelved and we were only able to watch on line or on TV. Naturally this is very disappointing but there is little we can do. This news letter is to keep you informed as to what has been going on behind the scenes to maintain the box and ensure we are ready to start as soon as we get the go ahead in 2021. In the meantime we hope you have a Happy Christmas!!

OBCC Cricket

Sadly these matches didn't take place due to COVID and the weather. Several OBs arrived at Heathcoat CC for the match V Souwesters in July only for the game to be rained off.

Subscriptions



Many thanks for all those who continued to pay their subs.

The monies raised were used, in part, for the £10K refurbishment of the Box which took place early in the year. The whole room has been redecorated, new lighting installed, new fridge and the bar area has been restyled and brought up to date. Many thanks to David Dibb for overseeing the works and I'm sure you will be impressed when you next visit. As a gesture of goodwill we have decided to offer a complimentary 25th anniversary silk tie to those who subscribed and these will be available from the box when you next visit. All members will also be included in the 100 club raffle.



Dom Bess

As many of you will be aware Dom has decided to continue his career at Yorkshire CCC and we wish him well. We have invited him to become an honorary member and hope that he will visit us when playing at Taunton in the future.

Christmas Lunch

This has been cancelled for this year but we would still like to hold the 100 club raffle. Members are all entered on receipt of their subscription and the draw will take place at the next committee meeting in February 2021.

Committee

Matt Morgan recently offered his resignation as Secretary. We are very grateful for all Matt has done over the years and wish him and Sally well. At the recent virtual AGM current officers were re-elected and David Dibb agreed to take over Matt's role. Former Housemistress and head of PE at Blundell's, Debbie Hosking has accepted an invitation to join the committee and we look forward to welcoming her at the next meeting. There was little to report!

School Cricket

No cricket was played at school during the summer term due to the closure but in this unprecedented year the rugby season was cancelled and some cricket was played in September and October. The postponed MCC game was played and the MCC batted first scoring 175-9 with Tom Murphy taking 4-22. In reply Tom Reynolds top scored with 45 in a total of 145 giving MCC victory. It was also good to see so many OBs managing to get part of a season in and play some meaningful cricket. Old Devon rivals with strong links to Blundell's, Heathcoat CC and Sidmouth CC met in the final of the Premier league and no less than 7 OBs played. These included Zac Bess, Matt Hague, Cameron Evans Grainger, Christian Cabburn, Jack Menhennett, Tom Frankpitt, Dylan Penberthy, Joe Hancock and current pupil Tom Reynolds.



Pictured left to to right Cameron, Matt and Zac

Caps

We have bought some Blundell's cricket caps for use on the balcony when the sun is in the west. The caps are cloth and are fully adjustable to fit all sizes. They can be bought from David Dibb when you next visit.



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