

# Old Blundellian Cricket Club



Newsletter

Spring 2021



#### April.

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021. In what has been a very different and difficult last twelve months we are hopeful of a full cricketing season. The season has started behind closed doors with a couple of friendlies already. We have now heard from SCCC that after 17th May limited numbers will be admitted to the ground. Sadly the Box will not be available because SCCC are using the whole of the Ondaatje Pavilion as the away dressing room for matches played during this period. The consequence of this is this pavilion will not be accessible to any other person apart from the away team squad. This is to prevent transmission of the virus from the public to the team. SCCC are currently trying to accommodate us in another box but there will be a limit of five in the box at any one time. We will keep you informed as and when we have a decision from SCCC regarding our new accommodation.

From June 21st the box can be used as normal but members will have preference over visitors for the matches.

Post 21st June we will have, at least, 14 days of cricket encompassing T20, County Championship and 50 over matches. A list of these fixtures is below and the full fixtures list can be found at

https://www.somersetcountycc.co.uk/fixtures-results/.

SCCC Fixtures Post 21st June

Day	Month	Date	Duration	Opposition	Туре
Fri	June	25	1	Hampshire	T20
Fri	July	2	1	Middlesex	T20
Sun	July	4	4	Leicestershire	CC1
Mon	July	5		Leicestershire	CC1
Tue	July	6		Leicestershire	CC1
Wed	July	7		Leicestershire	CC1
Sun	July	18	1	Gloucestershire	T20
Sun	July	25	1	Derbyshire	50L
Wed	July	28	1	Glamorgan	50L
Sun	August	1	1	Yorkshire	50L
Tue	August	10	1	Leicestershire	50L

#### **100 Club**

The draw this year has been made with the entrants being those who paid membership for the 2020 season. The results are:

£100	Nigel Preston
£75	Micheal Powell
£50	David Fursdon
£ 25	Peter Spens Black
£25	Andrew Roberts
Congratula	ations to all the winners.

If you know of any potential new members or you haven't paid your membership yet please contact Grant Dee Shapland at

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#### **OBCC Trust**

Many of you will be aware that Sir Christopher Ondaatje set up a trust in 1990 for the benefit of Blundell's School. There was a separate capital sum set aside for the Old Blundellian Cricket Club, with the Club entitled to the interest income only. With interest rates for some time being negligible, the trust did not make much sense. As a result, Sir Christopher and his trustees recently re-purposed the trust and have converted it into a cricket scholarship endowment for the School. The OBCC received a very generous cash sum and is no longer a beneficiary.

As a result, the OBCC has funds with which it can rejuvenate Old Blundellian cricket and also resume support for Blundellian cricketers, cricket projects at the School, and local clubs in Devon. Several younger OB cricketers have expressed interest in an OBCC cricket tour. Andy Giles (OBCC Chairman) and Chad Murrin (Hon. Treasurer) would be pleased to discuss this and receive any sensible suggestions as to how the OBCC can best use the money. As ever we are indebted to Sir Christopher for his generosity.

#### 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.

#### 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 for £12 when you next visit.

## OBCC FIXTURES Club Captain Andy Giles 07818 085928 andgiles@aol.com

Date	Start	Opponents	Ground	Match Manager
Thurs 25 June	5.30	Blundell's School	Blundell's	Liam Lewis
Mon 26 July	12.00	Sou'westers	Blundell's	Justin Williams
Wed 28 July	11.30	Old Tauntonians	Taunton School	John Day
Sun 12 Sept	13.00	Lynton & Lynmouth	Lynton	Richard Pugsley
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