



Blundell's

Old Blundellian Cricket Club



Newsletter Spring 2025

Welcome to the 2025 season and we trust you have wintered well. You will have noticed that many of the Somerset players have been featuring in various T20 competitions world wide and we hope you have been able to keep your finger on the pulse of events. We have more days of cricket being played at Taunton this year largely due to increased Women's games. There is also a womens one day international on June 7th between England and West Indies. These have been highlighted in green in the fixtures page at the end of the letter. Following the AGM in October, Chad Murrin has become our new Chairman and we would like to thank Nigel Preston for his service in the Chair over the last decade. Chad has been busy updating websites, FAQs and arranging special dates for the Box, details of which are below. We have another committee meeting at the end of February and will report back after that.

A reminder that the Membership Renewal Invitation was sent in December. If you have not already done so, please action this, amending your Standing Order to the new annual subscription of £40 (adults) and £5 (younger OB's who have left School in the last five years).

Information about visiting the Ted Crowe Room including the comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions document are at: https://my.blundells.org/obclub/obclub/ted_crowe_room.htm

If you are not a Member and wish to become one, please download the Application Form from https://my.blundells.org/obclub/obclub/ted_crowe_room.htm.

The season opens with the four-day County Championship match **Somerset v Worcestershire** starting on **Friday 4th April**. This year is the 150th anniversary year for Somerset CCC. The Club has never won the County Championship. We have a fine young team and should be strong contenders this year.

During the season, we have arranged a few special days:

- On Friday 16th May (Day One Somerset v Sussex) – a group from Lynton & Lynmouth CC will be our guests. The OBCC has a long connection with Lynton, with Sir Christopher Ondaatje being the Patron of both clubs.
- On Saturday 17th May, we have invited Jon Filby, Chairman of Sussex CCC and members of his Committee to join us.
- Tuesday 1 July (Day Three Somerset v Notts) – the Old Blundellian “Twaddlers” group led by Peter Price will visit the Box for the day and have their monthly lunch there.
- Sunday 17 August (One-Day Cup Somerset v Warwickshire) – active OBCC playing members are invited to visit the Box.

We look forward to seeing you at the box.

Following the AGM the following members were re elected to the committee.

Chad Murrin (Chairman)

Grant Dee Shapland (Vice- Chairman & Membership Secretary)

David Clements

Tom Cowle (School & OB Liaison, database)

Ali Deighton – Gibson (Newsletters & communications)

David Dibb (Box Manager & Booking Co-ordinator)

Hugh Duder

Debbie Hosking (School Liaison)

Graham Poulton (Treasurer)

Nigel Preston

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If you have any news which you think should be included in the Newsletter please contact Ali Deighton Gibson by email or phone. aliandpenny@gmail.com 07968032263

			Fixtures	April-June			
Month	Day	Date	Versus	Type	Start	Availability	
April	Friday	4	Worcestershire	CC1		Available	
April	Saturday	5	Worcestershire	CC1		Available	
April	Sunday	6	Worcestershire	CC1		Available	
April	Monday	7	Worcestershire	CC1		Available	
April	Sunday	27	Lancashire	50 over W		Available	
May	Thursday	1	Essex	50 over W		Taunton Vale	
May	Friday	2	Essex	CC1		Available	
May	Saturday	3	Essex	CC1		Available	
May	Sunday	4	Essex	CC1		Available	
May	Monday	5	Essex	CC1		Available	
May	Sunday	11	Surrey	50 over W		Available	
May	Tuesday	13	Hampshire	50 over W		Available	
May	Friday	16	Sussex	CC1		Available	
May	Saturday	17	Sussex	CC1		Available	
May	Sunday	18	Sussex	CC1		Available	
May	Monday	19	Sussex	CC1		Available	
May	Friday	30	Surrey	T20 W		Available	
May	Friday	30	Surrey	T20 Men		Available	
June	Saturday	7	England v WI	Women ODI		Available	
June	Thursday	12	Middlesex	T20 Men F		Available	
June	Friday	13	Lancashire	T20 W F		Available	
June	Sunday	15	Durham	T20 W		Available	
June	Sunday	15	Kent	T20 Men		Available	
June	Thursday	19	Hampshire	T20 W		NOT Available	
June	Thursday	19	Hampshire	T20 Men F		NOT Available	
June	Sunday	29	Nottinghamshire	CC1		Available	
June	Monday	30	Nottinghamshire	CC1		Available	
		CC1	CountyChampionship	F= floodlit	WODI	Women's One day International	

			July -September			
Month	Day	Date	Versus	Type	Start	Availability
July	Tuesday	1	Nottinghamshire	CC1		Twaddlers
July	Wednesday	2	Nottinghamshire	CC1		Available
July	Friday	4	Glamorgan	T20 Men F		Available
July	Tuesday	8	Essex	T20 W		Available
July	Tuesday	8	Essex	T20 Men F		Available
July	Friday	11	Birmingham Bears	T20 W F		Available
July	Wednesday	16	The Blaze	T20 W		Available
July	Friday	18	Gloucestershire	T20 Men F		NOT available
July	Tuesday	22	Durham	CC1		Available
July	Wednesday	23	Durham	CC1		Available
July	Thursday	24	Durham	CC1		Available
July	Friday	25	Durham	CC1		Available
July	Wednesday	30	Durham	50 over Women	TBC	Available
August	Friday	8	Durham	50 Over Men		Available
August	Sunday	10	Lancashire	50 Over Men		Available
August	Sunday	17	Warwickshire	50 Over Men		OBCC Players
August	Tuesday	26	Northants	50 Over Men		Available
September	Sunday	7	The Blaze	50 over Women	TBC	Available
September	Monday	8	Yorkshire	CC1		Available
September	Tuesday	9	Yorkshire	CC1		Available
September	Wednesday	10	Yorkshire	CC1		Available
September	Thursday	11	Yorkshire	CC1		Available
September	Saturday	13	Warwickshire	50 over Women		Available
September	Monday	15	Hampshire	CC1		Available
September	Tuesday	16	Hampshire	CC1		Available
September	Wednesday	17	Hampshire	CC1		Available
September	Thursday	18	Hampshire	CC1		Available