

# Newnham Cricket Club News

## News

- AGM set for Sunday 13th Feb at The Club
- First net of the Season—Monday 7th Feb at Dean Magna
- Help wanted!
- Ground Share Agreed for this summer
- New roller purchased
- New Mobile net on the way

## New Season's Fixtures

**The league season opens on Saturday May 7th with the 1st XI away to Kings Stanley.**

**The first home game in Division 6 is Saturday 14th May when we entertain Cam.**

**There is a pre-season friendly away to Bharat on Saturday 30th April**

**We will be entering a team in the mid-week league and so far 12 friendlies have been arranged for Sundays**

## The Ashes are Ours!

Forget the outcome of the Pyjama form of the game – entertaining though it can be. The pinnacle of all forms of cricket is the Test Match and the premier competition in the longest form of the greatest game remains The Ashes. Apologies to India, South Africa and the West Indies, but nothing matches the intensity and the rivalry of an England – Australia Test Match. Admittedly it is galling to lose to Aussies at absolutely anything – tiddlywinks, snakes and ladders, football, or ODI's but Test Match cricket is what it is all about and Australia, after almost 30 years dominance, are firmly in second place! So what has made the difference? Quite simply a matter of class. The Aussies are a team in decline (or rebuilding if you're from DownUnder!) – you cannot replace all-time greats such as Warne, McGrath and Gilchrist overnight, whilst England, for the

first time in 20 years, have a young balanced side, not over reliant on one or two stars, and are spoilt for choice, particularly as far as bowlers are concerned with Finn, Woakes, Bresnan and Tremlett all vying for a chance to team up with Anderson and Broad to spearhead England's pace attack. If only KP could curb his egotistical impetuosity we might have the beginnings of a truly great side! So why the woeful performance in the ODI's? In fairness we should have won three games and could have won them all. Luck plays an important part in the shorter form of the game – as shown by the lottery of T20, but clearly England have much to do before the World Cup if they are in any way to compete. Why this should be is a mystery, as a good shot is a good shot in any form of the game and difficult to play against consistent line and length bowling – so failure at this level must be a matter of confidence.

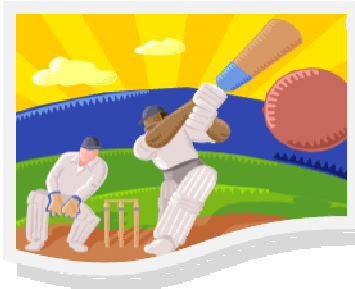


Despite rumours of its diminutive size, the Ashes Urn is in fact more than six feet tall and weighs 3 tons. It contains the incinerated remains of over 100 kangaroos, three convicts, a didgeridoo and a koala bear and was assembled by a group of astonished England supporters, following defeat by the colony at the Oval in 1882. It was the only game played that summer, and set no more than 85 to win in the second innings, England managed to scrape a miserly 78. Bill Cornwall, a seasoned Newnham veteran who was at the game said, " I couldn't believe it. When Ted Peate, the last man in, got to the crease, we only needed 10 to win, but Harry Boyle bowled him after he managed to score only two. I was gutted! I'd paid for a full day and the game was over by lunchtime!"

# Youth the Future!

The important expansion of Newnham Cricket Club over the last two years has been exclusively the result of the Club's investment in youngsters—the future of the cricket in the Village.

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Such as is shown by a number of youngsters last season in the U15's, that a number of players can expect to get a regular call into the 1st XI.

Rules and regulations have to be observed and anyone under the age of 18 will be required to wear a helmet whilst batting or fielding close and will need written permission



## The Club's Finances!

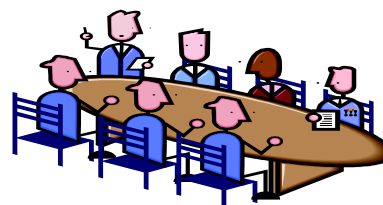
Running a cricket club is not a cheap option these days and last season the outgoings for the Club were in excess of £3,800. A full statement of income and expenditure is presented to members at the AGM together with a budget for the coming season, but with match fees and subs netting little more than £1,300, you don't have to be Chancellor of the Exchequer to work out that we have our own annual deficit crisis!

Last year we made a profit of almost £1,000 on the bar—including the various BBQ etc, and the Vice Presidents generously donated a further £350. Other income added up to around £300, making a total of less than £3,000! The good news is that much of the equipment was serviced or repaired and is now in first class working order, and there was sufficient in the bank to enable the purchase of another roller. Hopefully we can sell the old one and re-



Work this one out! The batting side need 8 runs to win off the last over. This they manage off the first two balls with each batsman scoring 4! There are no byes wides or no-balls or additional deliveries. Two balls, 8 runs, 4 to each batsman. How?

## AGM



The Club's

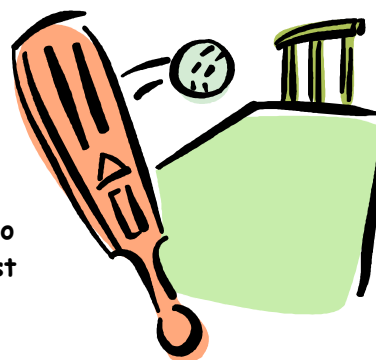
AGM will take place at the Club on Sunday 13th in the Skittle Alley at 6pm. The usual business will be transacted—presentation of the accounts, and election of officers—all of which are up for grabs so if you have always wanted to be a secretary or treasurer or

## Help!

Fancy lending a hand? Help is always wanted in running a club in every department from working the bar to cutting the outfield. We especially need help next season

## Vice Presidents!

A big thank you to all those who made a donation to the Club last season. Please be as generous again this year!



## Winter Nets

The first net of the year will be held at Dean Magna School at 7.00pm on Monday 7th Feb. If this proves popular this could be a regular weekly slot. U 15's welcome!

## FAIR PLAY!

For the second season in succession. Newnham have won the league's Fair Play award! This is a commendable achievement and speaks volumes about the way we want to play cricket. We play hard, we play to win, but we play fair. We respect the opposition and their umpires, we applaud skill and if we nick it to the keeper we walk!!



## Ground Share Proposed

Proposals are being drawn up for Newnham to share the ground for this season with Crescent CC from Gloucester. Although this will mean twice the work, it will provide the Club with much needed additional income!