

Bentley Heath CC Newsletter

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- Club targets double promotion
- Don't miss
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- Register your
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Welcome to the 2015 Season

Welcome to the first ever edition of the Bentley Heath CC Newsletter. The newsletter will aim to keep members up to date with performances on the pitch as well as events off it.

Last year was a 'nearly' season for The Heath and this year we will hope to go one better.

The 2015 season started with a convincing victory over Old Merchant Taylors CC. Followed by a heavy

defeat to Holtwhite Trinibis on the Sunday and then a *tie* in the return fixture the following Saturday.

The ground this year looks to be in good shape and will host its first game this Saturday in the T20 Herts Village Trophy.

The club and committee would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and successful season!



Nets/Training

This year nets will take place every Wednesday (weather permitting) from 6pm at the ground.

Net sessions proved to be very successful in the 2013 season but failed to take off last year.

We have 2 nets and it would be great to use both simultaneously.

Our newly qualified ECB coach Rohan Francis will be leading master class session each week ranging from ground fielding to in swinging slower balls.

The net sessions are open to ALL players from the 1s, 2s and Sunday teams. So please do feel free to come along and sharpen your skills. It is also a good opportunity to introduce potential new players to the club.

The first training session of the year will take place this Wednesday (29th April) from 6pm. See you there!

Fantasy Cricket League

We will be running our very own Fantasy Cricket League this year.

Entry is £10 per team. There will be a prize pot of £50 or a signed cricket bat for the winner.

Points will be scored only in league games.

See the website for more details and to enter your team.



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DC15 Electronic scoreboard

Ground Improvements

Having secured a grant and with the help of some generous donations, we plan to make some major improvements around the ground this season.

We plan on purchasing a set of flat sheet covers for the first time. This should hopefully help to improve the quality of the square and also have few games postponed due to the weather.

We also plan on building a new

score box to house an electronic scoreboard (Similar to the one on the left). If anyone knows any bricklayers, please put them in contact with the club.

As you will be aware, it takes a lot of work and effort preparing the ground for matches each week. With nets taking place every Wednesday this season, this will be a good opportunity to also carry out a bit of ground work.

Sponsorship

To further develop the ground and to help pay for new kits this season, the cub are still seeking potential sponsors.



The 2015 Sponsorship proposal can be found on our website. If anyone would like to sponsor the club or knows of any potential local sponsors, please do get in touch.

With funding from the Small Grant Scheme Waitrose For more information go to ecb.co.uk/waitrose



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2015 Subscriptions

Ideally we would like all 2015 subscriptions paid before the first league game of the season.

Like last year the cost of subs will be at a reduced rate if paid before 31st May 2015.

There are still some outstanding subs for last season to be paid along with unpaid match fees. If you are unsure if this includes you, please check with Terry Jones.

2015 Subscription fees

Playing member: £50*

Under 18's: £30

Non playing member: £20

*If paid before 31st May 2015; £60 thereafter.

If you are paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to **Bentley Heath Cricket Club**. Alternatively please give cash directly to Terry Jones, or your captain.

To try and make things easier this year you could also transfer the money directly to the club's account with a clear reference:

Please contact Terry Jones for details.

Cup & League competitions

This first competitive game of the season takes place on Saturday 02 May 2015. It sees the 1st XI play hosts to Little Berkhampsted Sahibs in the first round of the *Twenty20 Herts Village Trophy*. Please come along to the ground and show your support, play starts at 2pm.

This year the 1st & 2nd XI league season will both start on the 09 May.

There is a new format to the leagues this season. The 1st XI will play in Division 5A, with the seconds aiming for promotion from Division 10B.

Both teams will play limited overs matches as well as timed games.

The first 5 and last 4 matches of the season will be the limited overs format (Win/Lose,



possibly tie). During the middle part of the season games will be the same format as last season with wins, draws, losses and again, possibly ties.

Both teams will have a real chance of gaining promotion this year and will be targeting that top spot in their divisions!

As always we will have friendly games on Sundays throughout the season, so please do try you keep your availability up to date online.