



Brentwood Colts

Welcome to 2008—what you need to know!

Welcome back! Lets hope we see more sun and less rain in 2008!

After our U13 cup triumph last year we are hoping for another successful year and the winter has already shown us how strong the U11A squad is—they are through to the final in the indoor league—14:00 on 30th March—supporters welcome!

Winter training is drawing to a close—around 100 Colts took part—a big increase on numbers from last year reflecting our growing membership and the increase in capacity available.

It was great to see you working at your drills and skills and we look forward to some excellent match results in the coming months!

We will assess the winter training times again before next year—we tried adding a 5pm session on Fridays but this was under-subscribed due to school commitments etc. We will have to see if there are any other locations available that will give us better availability of times as our options are limited with Sawyers Hall.

Back to summer, our

membership has grown considerably and we are aware that we cannot just grow and grow—we need to ensure that we offer value and quality for members. Numbers within age groups will therefore be restricted according to our coaching availability. **Membership will be first come, first served.**

As an existing member you are receiving this newsletter in advance to ensure you can register promptly. **Registration evening is from 6pm on 18th April— please park on the back pitch.** There will be no training but the bar will be open. We are hoping to have Warsop along in the evening with a range of equipment.

Training begins on 25th April. Colts who are U9 and under will train from 6pm until 7:30 each week with all other age groups training until 8pm. **2008 membership is U11 and under—£60, U13—£65 and U15 and over—£70.** Our motto is Community Cricket for All and we do not want cost to be a bar to anyone with a desire to play sport from joining. If you need to discuss, in confidence, please do not hesitate to contact Dave, Julie or Jan.

Included in the cost of subs is a Brentwood cricket club training shirt which must be

worn each Friday. This allows us to ensure that only registered members take part in training sessions Included is Social Membership for Colts' parents/guardians. We hope you agree that subs represent good value - the money is invested back into facilities and coaching. Our planned expenditure for 2008 shows a large increase in coaching fees over 2007 which in itself was a big growth over 2006. Aside from the nets and strips (see later) we are also building up our stock of equipment.

Finally some admin details. **Parking on Fridays is on the back pitch only.** This avoids inconveniencing those who pay for their parking spaces within the ground and avoids congestion. Poor weather may result in the need to cancel training (possibly at short notice) in order to protect the pitches. **we will use web site Message Board www.brentwoodcc.co.uk to announce cancellations.** The bar will be open on Friday and food will be available to order from the kitchen. If we have enough support and help we can run a BBQ each week—please let me know if you can help.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 30/03/08
U11 Indoor Final—Chelmsford

Friday 04/04/08
Golf Day

Friday 18/04/08
Registration evening—no training.

Friday 25/04/08
Coaching starts. Parents meeting to be held

Friday 25/05/08
Quiz Night

Tuesday 27/05/08
Whitsun Coaching Clinic

Saturday 14/06/08
Midsummer Party

Saturday 19/07/08
Race Night

Friday 15/08/08
Quiz Night

Monday 25/08/08
6-a-side tournament

Tuesday 26/08/08
Summer Coaching Clinic

Sunday 31/08/08
Lingwood Memorial Match

Friday 12/09/08
Colts presentation evening

Youth Capital/Youth Opportunities and Net Update

You will remember that last season we were applying for funding through the Youth Capital Fund/Youth Opportunities Fund and also through Jack

Colts' use. We have laid two 19 yard strips either side of the existing strips. These will be used to play matches for U11 and younger and

Welham and Aaron West.

The Coaching Clinics provided a valuable contribution to the funds and we are grateful to the coaches for their support in putting on such successful training weeks and to you for supporting them so well—we look forward to you attending again this year!

The Finance and Development and House and Grounds sub committees carried the project through once the funding had been secured..

We are beginning to discuss potential new projects for the club to apply for funding for—please let us know if you have any ideas or if you would be willing to help us in our fundraising.

Petchey to enable us to build new outdoor nets that are fit for purpose for a club the size of Brentwood. We applied for 4 grants throughout the year and when this was added to the 2007 and 2008 Jack Petchey leadership awards as well as the funds we raised ourselves by holding the Whitsun and Summer Coaching Clinics we reached our target figure for the nets at the end of 2007.

During the winter, the old nets have been completely demolished and removed to be replaced with the shiny new nets now present. The old surface has been dug up and removed and replaced with a high quality surface. The new nets need to be treated with respect—they have cost close to £30,000. There will be rules and guidance published for net usage but the most important thing is that **spikes must not be used in the nets. If you wear spikes for training please ensure you bring trainers as well otherwise you will not be able to use the nets.**

You will also see that the new nets have a cage around them. This is to avoid vandalism which is an increasing problem unfortunately in this day and age.

The total funding we achieved has also enabled us to create additional strips specifically for the younger

allows us to play two concurrent matches for these age groups. This will help enormously as we have entered 3 teams at this age group into the league this year. We plan to cut 4 further strips (probably at the



end of the season) to the full length which will enable us to net on grass strips without impacting the wickets to be used for matches.

A lot of hard work went into raising the funds—Pete Lowman got the work off the ground and did a huge amount of paperwork bringing successful bids with both YOF and Petchey. Our Colts also played their part in the early days—a number of them attended meetings with YOF to present information about our bids—those members were Tim Barbone, Matt Lowman, Sam Rounce, Chris Stockwell, James

In the meantime we are very keen to increase our outreach—in particular we would like to create a girls section. If you have daughters or know of any girls who would like to take up cricket or who already play and would

like to join us please invite them along. We are also exploring links with local schools.

The club has ambitious plans for the future and our Colts are a driving force behind this. We are committed to delivering the best facilities we can and allowing each and every Colt reach their full potential - thus maintaining our core principle—**Community Cricket For All.**

THANK YOU YOF/YCF



Team plans for this year

We have increased the number of teams entered into the league this year. We have entered 3 U11 sides - the U11A squad will be formed by the strongest players in the age groups up to U11 (School year 6 and younger) with the strongest 12 available players being picked for each match. The A squad are entered into the cup competition. The B and C teams are our development teams helping us build for strength in our future U11A sides. The B team will be generally aimed at the older end of the age group—i.e. age 10 and 11 while the C team will provide an excellent opportunity for our younger players to experience competitive cricket. We have entered a team to

play in the Mini-Matchplay tournament at the end of the season.

We have entered two U13 sides. Again the A squad will be formed by the strongest players in the U12 and U13 age groups with the strongest 11 available players being picked for each match. The A squad is entered into the cup competition. The U13B side is our development team ensuring that all players in the two years within the U13 age group have plenty of opportunity to play competitive cricket.

At present we do not have enough players to make an U15B team viable but numbers permitting we will look at this for next year. We have en-

tered out U16s into the Matchplay Competition.

Jan will also carry on her hard work organising as many friendlies as possible for all age groups as well as some mini-tournaments for the U8s and U9s. If we ply her with enough valium she may even run another couple of intra-club matches for our U5-U7 age groups!

Please offer to help in any way you can to support the number of matches we now run—umpiring, scoring, phoning round, setting up the pitch, making refreshments etc. etc.—you all need to pitch in to make this a success for your children.

Fund Raising plea!

The club incurs a lot of expense and is always looking for ways to increase income. Years like last year where many matches are cancelled and match fees are not collected (while often having paid out for food and drinks for teas and lunches) mean that there is even more pressure on increasing regular income.

There are a number of social events organised over the course of the year and support from Colts parents is needed to ensure that they are suc-

cessful. There are generally two quiz/curry nights, one race night and a mid year disco as well as a bank holiday 6 a side tournament. Support in person would be great for any of these events. In the case of the race night the purchase of jockeys and horses in advance of the event would be great.

Another way you can help is to join the 50/50 club. You can enter for £1, £2, or £3 per month (paid annually as £12, £24, or £36). A winner

is drawn each month who receives 50% of the total entered—the other 50% helps the club to meet club running costs. This is a joint initiative with the Hockey Club—funds split according to the number of entrants per club. The more people that enter the bigger the prize is so join today!

Either complete the form enclosed with the start of season pack or create an internet standing order using the account number and sort code provided—please help us and enter!

Jack Petchey Foundation

I am pleased to announce that in our third year as members of the Jack Petchey Foundation, we have been upgraded from Silver to Gold reflecting the number of members we have. An award will be made each month and each winner will decide how to spend £300 for the club. We also award one leadership award each year which provides £1000 to invest. 2007 awards were made to :- Matt Thorpe-Apps, Rhys Furlong, Will Ashby and James Welham with the leadership award given to Ken Hobbs. 2008 awards have been made so far

to Shreyas Moorti and Richard Horwill and the Leadership award to Dave Barbone in recognition of his hard work within the Colts. So far the Petchey money has helped to buy:- catching cradle, boundary rope and trolleys, shed and general coaching equipment. The leadership awards were put towards the nets as well as a £7,000 grant.



If you feel that there is equipment we should purchase please let us know so that we can put it on the shopping list for award winners to choose from. Also please nominate Colts you see that deserve recognition by informing Julie, Jan or Dave.

We look forward to a continuing relationship with the Petchey Foundation and are grateful for all the help we receive from them.

Web site address
www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

Coaching update and Awards for All England

At the end of last season the committee carried out a detailed review of our coaching. We took honest feedback from parents by issuing evaluations and also from the coaches themselves. We acknowledged that we need to increase the number of qualified coaches if we are to be able to offer the right quality of coaching to our members. As a Clubmark club we also have to meet ECB guidelines which are getting more stringent.

All this sounds simple but getting coaches is not easy—they are in huge demand from all of the various clubs in the area and

they are costly. We therefore needed to think about this more widely. We decided to apply for a grant from

Awards For All England to help us put our Colts Coaching Development Plan into action and I am pleased to let you know that we have been successfully awarded £10,000 to invest in this area. This allows us to meet a number of objectives, full details are on the web site but here are some of the key aspects.

We were able to offer both general and Advanced training this winter—this ensured that the coaching was aimed at the right level for all Colts. The coaches of the general sessions were able to really focus on the core skills ensuring a thorough grounding while the Advanced programme allowed the coach to take these a little further. Feedback so far has been very positive.

As well as cricket skills we are keen to offer our Colts the op-

portunity to develop leadership and life skills and a "Young Leaders" course is being run during Easter open to Colts over the age of 14. Passing the course provides a first step towards coaching qualifications. The grant enables us to fund this course for our members.

There are a few spaces still available so if you are interested please contact Jan West. We hope to make this a regular offering each year—funds permitting—we will review the uptake and success.

Some of our members have also passed their Level 1 coaching courses — congratulation to Dave and Tim Barbone, Aaron West and Mick Payne.

Rhys Furlong, Ed Nation, Julie Welham and Stuart Harper-Horn are all due to undertake their courses soon.

The grant also enables us to fund these courses but it is a two way commitment—we are supporting the development of our members and the successful members will help to support our coaching in return ensuring we have enough coaches per child at Friday evening sessions.

We will offer further courses in the future so please let Jan, Dave or Julie know if you are interested.

In order to provide a permanent improvement in our coaching we have hired a Head Coach who will plan our coaching activities and most importantly train and mentor our coaching team in line with current best practice. We are pleased to welcome Pete Williams into this role—he has worked at Essex for a number of years and brings lots of experience. He worked with our Advanced Training squads during the winter so some of you will already know him.

We are also pleased to welcome back on the coaching team this summer Terry Charrington, Steve West, Kevin

Brailey, Phil Ayres, Jeff Salt, Steve Bull, Jon Walford, Ken Hobbs, Phil Rees, Alston Bobb (who has had a successful winter), Ian Moore, Ian Coleman and Mick Payne. We also have three new coaches on the team—Dave Lucy, Helen Letch and Paul Kirby.

Unfortunately Kevin Brazier is unable to return this summer. Jan will run this age group on a regular basis and we also have Robert Francis from Brentwood Prep who is keen to work with us and will work alongside Jan.

Pete Williams will meet all of the coaches in advance of the season getting underway so that he can lay out how we will work this year. At the end of the year Pete will be carrying out coaches assessments so that we can continue our improvement programme.

2008 looks to be an exciting year and having the support of Awards for All England allows us to move our Colts section onto a more professional footing, in line with ECB regulations.

THANK YOU AWARDS FOR ALL!

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