



Dipper's Despatch

Apperley Cricket Club

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New Extension to the Pavilion Built



The hot news this year is the extension to the pavilion. Not only have the changing rooms been enlarged and reconfigured with facilities for the disabled, there is also a brand new kitchen featuring all new mod cons. Norman and James MacPherson worked hard on this project and completed the extension on schedule for the start of the season. The first game was a disappointing loss to

Dumbleton in the National Village Knock Out Cup. This has been followed by two comprehensive league victories.

We have invited Tom Graveney to officially open the pavilion (date to be confirmed) The bar will be open and everyone is welcome to come, have a drink and take a tour of the new facilities.

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Social Events! Spring Fling "... a triumph"

A massive thank you must go to the second team captain Martin Griffiths for organising the "Spring Fling" and doing so much to ensure it was a financial and social success. He has been given the rest of the year off now to plan next year's AUTUMN BALL. All the normal crew, who know who they are, deserve a vote of thanks as does Kensall for showing that even old men can still dance! Ideas welcome for social dos!

COMING SOON...

IT'S A KNOCKOUT ... start getting teams organised. All the fun of the fair organised by Sam Butler (01452 780 091)

PETANQUE COURT: a taste of France comes to the Apperley

POKER NIGHT: Texas Hold 'em

HOO's DO: By the River

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Special points of interest:

- Noz named cricketer of the month!
- Apperley ladies through to regional final of national cup
- Men win first two league games
- Advertising and Sponsorship available
- Web-site coming soon
- Petanque coming soon

Ladies Cricket: new kitchen built ... and women through to regional final

The Ladies are hoping for an improved season this year, following a disappointing summer of cricket in 2004 that was ruined by bad weather and a lack of competing teams. The fixtures that were played we won, beating Bushley and fierce local rivals Corse and Staunton. Congratulations must go to local girls Emma Bunyan and Jade Atkinson for playing age group county games.

The start this year could not have been better as the ladies thrashed Hawkesbury with Helen Clark and Jude Lack (her maiden one, no pun intended!) both scoring hundreds. Obviously the coaching by Norm and Rakey at well attended practice (including Wheelo!) has paid off. Rachel even took a catch in the match! Just a few games and a chance to play at Trent Bridge. Well, as the blokes aren't going to Lords this year, why not?

Once again we have received another lottery grant from Awards for All, for £4972, some of which will be used to buy equipment for the ladies team. Thanks to Rakey for doing the paperwork.

Please contact Captain Sue Dimond-Brown by email for more information, sue_dimondbrown@hotmail.com This year's fixture list is up on the noticeboard. The match against the men from the original team of 1976 will be good!



Some are keener than others for practice

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Youth Cricket: practice on Friday nights ... and the old 'uns

Every Friday night is packed with kids being trained to play cricket with skill and the right attitude. It is good to see Ed Burrows and Jimmy Williams equipping themselves so well in playing for the adult first and second teams.

It has been a mixed season so far with notable victories over Staunton & Corse (always nice!) and a narrow defeat to a strong Canon Frome team.

Thanks to Ian Wiseman, Pete Ross, Bruce Somerton and Dave Tattersall for all the hard work that they do coaching (in both ways) the children.

The over 40's had a rain out so could not defend their sixes title. There will be a number of games for the old 'uns to prove they can still strut their stuff (if a little slower these days!) against local teams and an Australian team from Manley in Sydney (always nice to beat them!) Next year Harold is available!!! Watch out ...

APRES-CRICKET

"all parents are welcome to visit the bar when it comes time to collect their kids from cricket on Friday evening and any match day. Hot dogs will be cooked every now and then. Check noticeboard for details. The more the merrier..."

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Worst Shot of the Month: Run out Trophy Already Decided

This was a fiercely contested category with many nominations but there could be only one winner! Despite the best efforts of the Somerton father and son combo getting out to silly shots to complete a double hat-trick (Bruce, you should know better! Ed.) and Rowan's one innings one slog routine it had to be captain courageous who, after seeing Chewy and Ray "dio" Gorton get out to a 17 year leg spinner in successive balls, slams a hat-trick ball straight down long-off's throat. Well done Scuttler.

The chairman's epic innings of 31* not out in 47 overs included 2 run-outs and hence the "yes, no, sorry" trophy looks set to return to the Leekes. Rakey obviously taught Harold how to run...



A true captain's innings!!!

Hall of Fame '05: the highest ACC olade ... Indoor Results

Only the Great and the Good enter the 'ply hall of fame!

Batting

Helen 136*

Judy 120

Noz 89*

Noz 88*

Best (snr) 73

Best (jnr) 65

Scuttler 65

Scuttler 63*

Get a 50 or five wickets and join the roll of honour!

Bowling

Noz 5-31

Indoor 6 a Side

It was a winter of mixed performances for the indoor team, The team dealt out thrashings (*really? Ed.*) to several teams, including Corse and Staunton (still nice at any age!!), but could not maintain the challenge for honours after the disappointing loss to Kingsholm.

There were debuts for four players this year, Andy "Chewy" Moore, John "Jacuzzi" Hottinger, Jimmy Williams and Neil Wallace. The relative inexperience of the squad should not be such a factor next year as the league has been extended to include two games between teams instead of one.

A special mention must go to Jimmy "the mullet" Williams who had to retrieve his kit from the loft when we picked him up, as he thought that we were joking when we asked him to play.

Sherdons Golf Centre: 01684 274 782

Who's who in Apperley Cricket Club...

CHAIRMAN:	BRIAN "RAKEY" LEEKE 01684 29092
SECRETARY & YOUTH PROTECTION OFFICER & 2X1 VICE-CAPTAIN & ALL ROUND GOOD EGG:	ROGER TAYLOR 01452780 561
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2X1 CAPTAIN:	MARTIN "GRIFFO" GRIFFITHS 01452 731 051
SUNDAY CAPTAIN:	LEN "JAV" ATTARD 01452 780665
EVENING CAPTAIN:	ALEX "SCUTTLE" JENNINGS 01242 820632
EVENING V-CAPTAIN:	NEIL "CAN'T SEE" WALLACE 01684 295891
LADIES CAPTAIN:	SUE "SDB" DIMOND-BROWN 01684 291796
SIXES CAPTAIN:	NICK "TROUBLE" STACEY 01452 780 884
SOCIAL SECRETARIES:	SAM "THE MIDDLE ONE" BUTLER 01452 780 091 CHARLIE "CHUCKA" CHATHAM 01684 295 752

*Ray Gorton wins the award for the most nicknames for one person... any prefix or suffix with ray will do. Dio, Sting etc.
John "Bealzi" Bubb probably has the best one tho!*

Message from Oz! G'day

Following on from Graeme "bappuss" Wormell's visit last season, two members of Apperley CC, Nick Stacey and Alex Jennings went to play for Graeme's team Margate CC in Tasmania.

Nick spent most of the year playing in the seconds for the League and Association representative teams and gave a good account of himself and English cricket (drinking etc!).

Alex played in the senior Association representative team scoring 41 for the winning team in the final. However, his league form was less good where he played for first team until he scored 10 in 20 overs! It was back to the second team for Scuttler, especially after he used his nose to stop a fast moving ball! (photo on noticeboard)

Graeme has obviously benefited from his stay in England, having taken 31 wickets at an average of around 11 (stop press! Graeme says it is more) and was the leading wicket taker in the competition. He has some empathy for Alex though, as his season's top score was 50 out of a partnership of 207. And he's back (... with Pam!!) to ensure Harold is not the oldest in the team!

Hally has been advised to keep quiet on Tewkesbury CC, following a session of 'sledging' several of their players during a night on the tiles. Since then, Tewkesbury have made a big money move for Margate's top player. Co-incidence?

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE: CHANGES IN '05

Welcome to this year's Members' newsletter that will help keep you up-to-date with what is happening to your club.

We have raised a huge amount of money to fund the extension of the pavilion, which has been well built by Norman and James MacPherson. The next stage is to install the new nets in July.

We want the club to be a rural centre of cricketing excellence that plays an increasing role in the community's well-being. To achieve this end we will need to raise money to have the kind of cricket club we want. Hence, the pavilion and bar are for hire for social events and cricket matches and we are looking for sponsors and advertisers. If you or your company want to sponsor an event please contact me.

Above all, we want to continue to improve our facilities so that members can enjoy the cricket. .

Brian Leeke

Thanks to Neil for instigating this newsletter and his work behind the bar. And also to Nick for improving and updating the Apperley section of the web-site on www.play-cricket.com. Our own web-site, www.apperleycc.com will be ready soon!

N S Macpherson, Builder: 01684 292262

Player of the Month: Noz

Supporter of the Century: TED

Memo to opposition bowlers: Be afraid, be very afraid...

It can hardly escape the notice of anyone in the club that the Sherminator, James MacPherson, is back. The broad stomach and the broad bat smashing the balls to certain parts of the ground that used to be called "cow corner" but really is wide mid-wicket! Luckily the old "blue circle" shovel over the boundary didn't cause any damage. Sherm has sent Cirencester and Redmarley packing (Redmarley captain overheard to say, "Get Noz and we'll win this" Good shout!) and deserves this award of a drink from chairman Rakey. Oh yeah, and he got a Michelle (Pfeiffer, "five-for") against Cirencester

As ever, come rain or shine, come Apperley scoring 300 + or 30, Ted is there to support the team and dispense his wise little sayings ("tedisms" maybe?) Unfortunately, some of them can not be repeated in a family publication! Thanks for the support Ted!



Ted is not happy as Apperley go for over 200 in 18 overs at Kingsholm.

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