

GUILDFORD CRICKET CLUB

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Clubmark Accreditation

Guildford Cricket Club has now completed the ECB and Sport England accreditation process and now holds the full "Clubmark" status.



"This confirms that our junior development programme and club infrastructure meets the benchmarks for a high quality community cricket club" reports Hon. Secretary Mike Templeman, who led this project. "We had to present evidence and demonstrate implementation of best practice in club management, including the area of safeguarding children. We also had to produce a Club Development Plan."

Neil Snowball (Club Chairman) added: "Mike has done a fantastic job, working over many months to secure Clubmark for us. He has had great support from Sharon Evers, the Surrey Cricket Development Manager for West Surrey. Achieving Clubmark status is an important milestone."

New Outdoor Nets Project

As stated in the September Newsletter, the Club is proposing a major refurbishment of its outdoor practice nets at The Sports Ground at Woodbridge Road. The existing nets were first installed in 1994 and, despite regular spending on maintenance and repairs, are in poor condition due to intensive utilization.

Club President David Watts encouraged the Committee to investigate a complete redevelopment, as this type of project can attract generous grant funding.

Accordingly, we have now applied for planning permission for a new, state of the art four-lane practice net facility to replace and extend the present nets. The design is for a fully enclosed installation with extended run-ups. Three ECB approved suppliers have submitted tenders to do the work, which will cost around £65,000. The Club has applied for substantial grant funding from various sources and we expect to know whether we can proceed before the end of the year.

Guildford Cricket Festival 2010

The first class fixture list for 2010 is not yet published but, provisionally, it looks as if Guildford Cricket Club will host a four day County Championship match from Tuesday, 20th July to Friday, 23rd July and then a 40 over match in the new one day competition on Sunday, 25th July.

It is stressed the dates and arrangements for the 2010 Guildford Festival are provisional at this stage and the identity of Surrey CCC's opposition is not yet known.

New 1st XI Captain

The Cricket Committee is delighted to announce that **Richie Bowers** has been appointed to captain Guildford's 1st XI in the Premier Division of the Surrey Championship next season. The 2009 captain, Ross Skidmore, will undergo extensive knee surgery early next year and does not expect to be fit to play cricket at all in 2010.

"It is very disappointing news about Roscoe," said Cricket Chairman **Tim Walter**. "However, Richie did an excellent job on his return to the Club last season in captaining the mid-week team that won the Flora Doris Trophy. He has matured considerably as a person, is hugely enthusiastic and works extremely well with 1st XI Coach Bill Clutterbuck."

"It is a fantastic honour to be asked to lead Guildford next year. I am looking forward to it enormously" said Richie.

Overseas Professional for 2010

The Cricket Committee has also announced that it has made a contract offer to **Carman Mapatuna** to re-engage him as Guildford's Overseas Cricket Professional for the 2010 season. This will be Carman's tenth successive season with the Club.

Carman is presently playing first-class cricket in Sri Lanka. He has not been able so far to return to Melbourne to take up a playing contract, as the Australian immigration authority is not issuing visas to cricketers, following breaches of the regulations last year by a small minority.

Carman and his family send their best wishes to their many friends in Guildford.

Trialists and potential new players

Bill Clutterbuck and Cricket Chairman Tim Walter are running two indoor net sessions for trialists and potential new players. These are on Wednesday 25th November and Wednesday, 2nd December from 7-9 pm at the Surrey Cricket Centre at George Abbot School, Woodruff Avenue, Burpham. Those wishing to attend should advise Tim on 01483 560201.

Senior Indoor Nets

Players may wish to diarise that Men's Indoor

Practice Nets will run on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm from 3rd February 2010 up to and including 7th April. These sessions will take place at the **Surrey Cricket Centre at George Abbot School, Burpham.**

Quiz Night

Max Templeman makes his debut as Questionmaster at a Quiz Night at the Club on Friday, 4th December at 7.30 pm. Ticket price is £5 per head to include supper. Teams of six. Prizes on offer! Email to follow.

Junior Membership

The mailing to invite renewal/new applications for Junior membership in 2010 will be sent out at the end of November. Existing junior members will have priority until 31st December and, as most age groups are likely to be oversubscribed, **early application is recommended.** You will also be able to download the Application Pack from www.guildfordcc.com.

Junior Winter Indoor Training

This year new arrangements will apply. Training will be at the **Royal Grammar School's Sports Hall.** This is located at the top of the High Street in Guildford town centre, with the entrance being in Denmark Road.

The sessions will be on Sunday afternoons starting on **Sunday, 24th January 2010** and continuing for 10 weeks up to and including Sunday, 28th March. The format is

1-2 p.m. Under 9 Boys and younger
2-3 p.m. U-10 and U-11 Boys
3-4 p.m. U-12 and U-13 Boys
4-5.30 p.m. U-13 and U-15 Girls
5.30-7 p.m. U-15 and U-17 Boys

The effective date for age groups is 01.09.09 (i.e. U-9 means birthdays after 01.09.00).

Guildford CC Ladies

Guildford Ladies' indoor net practice will also be at the Surrey Cricket Centre at George Abbot School, Woodruff Avenue, Burpham. It will be on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm, starting on 3rd February and running for 10 weeks.

Club Profile: Clive Harpley

"Clive Harpley is the classic volunteer without whom clubs like Guildford would cease to exist" writes Chad Murrin. "Few members have any idea how much he does behind the scenes".

Clive is best known at Guildford as our Bar Manager. Many members will be unaware that he is also Pavilion Manager,



undertaking maintenance and repairs inside and outside. He also deals with all lettings of the Clubroom (for parties, meetings, etc), which generate valuable additional income for the Club.

As Bar Manager, Clive serves "front of house" in the Pavilion Bar, but the role also involves dealing with suppliers, ordering stock and managing the cellar. "As with anything he takes on, Clive is meticulous and highly professional" continues Murrin. He has qualified as a Personal Licence Holder (BIAB Level 2 National Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003) and acts as our Designated Premises Supervisor during the annual Cricket Festival.

Just as his wife Jeanette has done with the Club's catering side, Clive has developed the Bar operation very significantly. He has built up the trade – including out of season – such that the Bar makes an important financial contribution to the running of the Club. He has also improved the Beer Tent operation during the Festival.

Along the way, Clive has developed considerable expertise in real ales (establishing relationships with local independent breweries) and wines. Whilst Shepherd Neame is our main supplier, members have been educated in the delights of many award winning ales, always cellared in perfect condition - "in fine fettle ... drinking particularly well" as Bill Clutterbuck has been heard to intone. Members have enjoyed TEA, HBB, Hop Garden Gold and others from **Hogs Back Brewery**, Moondance, Dazed & Confused and Stairway from **Triple F Brewery** at Alton, and Ranmore, Giltcomplex and Hammer Mild from **Surrey Hills Brewery**.

With his know how, experience and qualifications in the licensed trade, and with his wife Jeanette an accomplished caterer, do they have ambitions to take on a pub of their own at some point? "We've looked and continue to look at businesses that come up for sale," said Clive. "However, there are many going out of business in the present economic situation. You have to be incredibly selective ... but maybe one day, we'll take the plunge!"

Clive was born in West London (he remains a fan of Fulham FC) and followed his father by becoming an electrician. He met Jeanette at school, and has been married for 33 years. Their sons Steve and Michael are regularly at the Club – Steve has become an accomplished part-time chef when not playing cricket for Avorians.

On those rare days when Clive and Jeanette are not at Guildford Cricket Club, he likes nothing better than a visit to "The Good Intent" at Puttenham or "The Jolly Farmer" at Bramley.

Taking advantage of his contacts, Clive has led a select group from the Club on a couple of brewery tours in the last couple of years. He intends to arrange another one this Winter – watch out for details!