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## BEXLEY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new Bexley CC Newsletter. It will be sent weekly by email to all club members on a Thursday and a hard copy will be on display in the Clubhouse.

Any news items, photos or suggestions will be welcomed and can be sent to Lesley Griggs on [griggsys@btinternet.com](mailto:griggsys@btinternet.com)

### The Ground

Dave Sealey (groundsman), assisted by Brian Willmott, have worked hard to maintain one of the best kept grounds in Kent. From the winter snow to the start of the cricket season, it is now looking immaculate.

Thanks to all those who assisted during Cricket Force Weekend, as many of the general maintenance tasks have been completed, leaving more time for Dave, Brian and the Ground and Pavilion Committee to concentrate on the playing area and Clubhouse.

We can all do our bit by picking up litter or taking glasses and bottles back to the bar.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Only plastic glasses should be taken outside the Clubhouse. Broken glass, especially on the grass, is dangerous for players, spectators and children alike.



Winter to Summer at Manor Way



### Entertainment News

Saturday 9th May is the '**P**' Disco. 8.00 pm 'till late. Come dressed as anything associated with the letter 'P'. All members welcome. Celebrate the start of all league games.

On sale in the Clubhouse from the 9th May will be **football scratch cards**. Help raise funds for the Club and be a winner.

## Member Profile

### Brian Kennett – President

Brian first became involved at Bexley CC in 1973 when he started umpiring for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI until health reasons forced him to hang up his white coat a couple of years ago. He has served on the Playing Sub-Committee since 1980 and is currently its Secretary, ensuring that others can concentrate on their cricket.

At the 2008 AGM, Brian was elected President, succeeding David Kelsey and sees the role as one of support, especially to the new Chairman, Chris Woolley, “to advise, to be consulted and to warn”.

“I feel deeply honoured to have been asked to serve in this position and am very proud of the Club’s achievements. We set high standards for adults and colts, along with a great social side. If I have contributed and can continue to contribute to our success, that is all I ask.”



## Latest Match News

Sunday 3rd May saw the first round of the **Cockspur National Knockout Cup**, where Bexley hosted Hartley on a sunny afternoon, supported by vocal partisan spectators. Bexley, batting first, made 238 in their 45 overs, led from the front by Captain, Steve Richards, who made a creditable 94 before being caught near the boundary. Excellent fielding and a bowling attack, spearheaded by Steve Silver, who took 5 wickets, saw Hartley bowled out for 218.

The game took an unexpected turn when Hartley’s spin bowler, ex Kent and Bexley player Min Patel, was called to attend his wife who had gone into labour after only bowling one over. Our best wishes go to Min and his family.

The next round is another home fixture on Sunday 24th May against Hastings. Please put the date in your diary to come and support the Team.

The new **Club Cricket Conference Cup** (replacing the Evening Standard Trophy) starts with a home game for the 1st XI against John Fisher CC on Sunday May 10th 1.00 pm start.

There is also the 2nd round of the **MCC Spirit of Cricket National Cup** for the U13’s against Old Colfeians at Manor Way on Wednesday 13th May. The bar will be open and spectators are very welcome.

All match fixtures and results can be found on the Club’s website [bexley.play-cricket.com](http://bexley.play-cricket.com) along with player’s statistics.

## Colts’ News

### Early Bird Catches the Worm

Stanley Wells, in the first colt’s game of the season, returned outstanding bowling figures, taking 6 wickets for 2 runs off 3.3 overs against Beckenham, in the U16 Division 1 match at Manor Way.

Let’s hope this sets the tone for a season of success for our colts in all age groups. Good Luck and enjoy your cricket.





## Team Captain Profile

### Steve Richards – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain and Club Captain

Steve started in the colts section in 1990 and played his first men's league game for the 5ths in 1995 with Dickie Griggs and John Trice. He scored a fifty in that game and hasn't looked back since. He made his 1<sup>st</sup> XI debut in 1998, batting at number 9. He was often picked for cup games for his agility around the field but slowly rose up the batting order. With talent and hard work he was eventually elected 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain in November 2006, leading the team last season, of predominately home-grown players, back into the Kent Premier League.

"I am excited about the upcoming season with a side now very experienced for their age. Defeating the Kent League Champions last Sunday is a great start to our season and I expect a lot from this group of players over the season and the next few years. Hopefully we can give the Bexley faithful more to cheer about over the course of the season.

Good Luck to all players in whatever team they play and see you in the bar for a chat at the end of the day!"

## Finally

### Volunteers

Bexley Cricket Club is run entirely by volunteers, as the club expands and paper work increases, so do the demands on personnel. If you feel you can offer a few hours or have a trade or profession that could be useful, please contact Chris Woolley on [cdwoolley@hotmail.com](mailto:cdwoolley@hotmail.com) or Lesley Griggs on [griggsys@btinternet.com](mailto:griggsys@btinternet.com). The Club needs help from administration to manning the bar or even fixing the electronic ignition on the BBQ! **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.** Any help is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference.

### Plants Appeal

If anyone has plants suitable for the hanging baskets at the Club they could donate, please contact Lesley on [griggsys@btinternet.com](mailto:griggsys@btinternet.com). It will be nice to get them planted up in the next couple of weeks.

### Photographs

Throughout the season we try and take as many photos as possible of games and events at the Club. There is a photo album in the Clubhouse which is added to throughout the season. If you take any photos you think would be of interest to others, please send them to Steve Griggs on [griggsys@btinternet.com](mailto:griggsys@btinternet.com) and he will print copies for the album.