

# The Young Spectator



Bradford on Avon Cricket Club's Newsletter - for all people who enjoy their cricket

Welcome to the 5th special edition of The Young Spectator that focuses on the Youth section ahead of the 2016 season

## Outdoor Coaching – 2 start dates

The summer group coaching will have a staggered start this year. The u11, u13s and u15s will start on Friday 8th April at 6pm. Please get there early as possible.

The u6s and u9s will start the week after on Friday 15th April.

The Under 6s (School Years YrR-Yr1) will be a 60 minute session.

The Under9s & other age group (Yr2 upwards) sessions will last for a minimum of 90 minutes dependent upon the available light and weather.

Signing-on can be completed in advance or on the day itself and there are forms on the Club website (see below) if you wish to save time.

New members are welcome to try before signing up for membership but are expected to do so after attending 3 sessions.

Reminder - Parents of Children in School Years YrR to Yr4 are expected to stay for the session and games.

## Medals from 2015 Coaching

We've still a number of medals left over from the end of season presentation evening last year. If you were unable to make it & want a medal, please let Paul Vooght know!

## Safety - Cars

Please continue to drive carefully down Pound Land and onto Culver Close. As always, if you can park on Pound Lane please do.

This year, cars will be stopped from driving into the ground 5 mins before the 6pm start time. So please arrive early.

If you're just dropping off your child, please don't drive onto the field. There simply isn't the space to have two lanes of cars.

## New Club Sponsorship

You may have heard the Club has secured new sponsors for the 2016 season. Our previous 3 year deal came to an end & we have been able to agree another 3 year to reduce the impact of swapping over.



Hemisphere.fm & McCloy Legal are joint sponsors of the whole club which means the Youth now wear the same shirts as the senior players.

We would like to thank Dutch Barton for their support over the last 3 seasons.



**NatWest CricketForce – 2/3 Apr – 09:30 – 15:30 both days**



This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year of taking part in the ECB's 'CricketForce' initiative. As usual we'll be working inside and around the Clubhouse to get everything ready for the start of the season. We've a range of tasks to get

stuck into & estimate we need 80 hours of effort to get it all done. Usual things from cleaning, painting & fixing.



Our recent working parties saw 33 people collectively give over 100 hours of effort to tame the Beech hedge

If you can spare some time please come along to give a hand, even if only for a few hours.

## Coaching Team

There have been a few changes to the lead coaches for each age group this season. The age group leads are:

U6s (YrR-1)	Matthew Harrington David Pippett
U9s (Yr2-4)	James Pike Rufus Lakin
U11s (Yr5-6)	Paul Vooght
U13s (Yr7-8)	Paul Wilson
U15s (Yr9-10)	Jonathan Moss

As always, our leads will be ably supported by players & parents.

## Youth Match Fees increase

After 3 years of maintaining the same fees structure, the Youth committee agreed that the Youth Match Fees (charged when playing in festivals or competitive matches) should increase from £2 to £3 for this season.

This decision reflects the rising costs of playing cricket at Culver Close after Wiltshire Council announced it wasn't going to maintain the weekly grass cutting

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which the club will now take on. The Club is also planning to undertake two projects this year. The first is to build an electronic scoreboard and the second is to level the cricket square in September. These projects will cost approx. £5-6K but will also benefit the Youth.

## Club Clothing

We recognise that buying personal cricket equipment & clothing isn't a cheap thing to do and we know some parents may only have bought an old style shirt last year.



So to help in this transition year we will again provide a £10 discount on each Club shirt bought.

## Girls Cricket

Last year we had 19 girls within our ranks (from u6s to u11s) enjoying learning to play cricket here in the town. Many of these girls have played within mixed teams (boys and girls) at u9s tournaments and a few played in u11s friendlies and league matches with a hard ball.

*Did you know that girls can play in mixed cricket teams an age*

*group down? E.g to play for the u11s as an u13 (yr7-8).*

Since the Club first created the latest incarnation of the Development Plan in 2012, we recognised that one day it would be good if we could provide girls-only cricket matches. So this year a number of 'girls only' teams have been entered into u9s festivals & other fixtures will be arranged if our numbers begin to grow. Parents James Mawer and Dean Bird have kindly agreed to help manage the Girls team(s).

*Please help spread the word!*

## Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016

Active kids has already started and so ends on the 3rd May and once again we're collecting the vouchers. Our collection box will be inside the Clubhouse. We'd be grateful to receive any vouchers you may have left and I'm hoping we can beat last year's total of 2049 vouchers. Your vouchers really do make a difference & help us keep our costs down.



## Sportsman's Dinner with Mark Ramprakash – Sat 24 Sep

The Club are pleased to announce that England batting coach & 2006 Strictly Come Dancing winner, Mark Ramprakash MBE, will be joining us for the evening. Back by popular demand will be the renowned sports impressionist & comedian Aaron James to lead the entertainment. Tickets cost £45 per head and will include a three course meal. The venue will again be St Margaret's Hall on the 24th September 2016 commencing at 7.30pm.



To buy tickets please contact James Edwards (07894 332310).

## Club Website

If you've a spare 5 mins please take a look at our website (see link below). There you'll find a range of Youth info (see the menu on the LHS) as well as links to our Club Shop (Kalibazar) where you'll be able to purchase our Club clothing.



## Helmets - ECB Guidance for U18s

The ECB has recently updated its guidance on helmets for adults but this remains the unchanged for u18s. In essence, batsmen and wicket-keepers standing up to the stumps must wear head protection when playing or practising. (www.ecb.co.uk/youngplayersheltguidance). The latest British Safety Standard is BS7928:2013 (for both adults and juniors).