

# Aspley Guise Cricket Club Newsletter

## Latest Club News

**The first cricket game of the 2011 season has yet to be played, but it has already been a busy, action packed start to 2011 for Aspley Guise Cricket Club.**

Firstly, we are delighted to announce and introduce our new sponsors to you for the 2011 season:

**The Jalori Indian Restaurant – Club Sponsor**

**The Fir Tree – Club Sponsor**

**Frosts Garden Centres– Club Youth section Sponsor**

**Cantium Electronics – Under 16 Team Sponsor**

The club would like to thank everyone involved in securing these sponsorships deals and the businesses themselves for agreeing to sponsor the Guise this season; it will make a massive difference!

The club is still looking for new sponsors ahead of the 2011 season. If you are interested in sponsoring the Guise in 2011 then please contact Dave Quick (david\_e\_quick@yahoo.co.uk).

The club has already held its first fundraising event of the season a Curry Night hosted by The Jalori, which took place in March. The night was a fantastic success and the club raised a lot of money, which will be used to help improve the facilities up at the Common. A massive thank you must go to Colin Hudson for organising the event as well as Mr Hai and his team at the Jalori for hosting the event for us.

On the playing side of things all adult and junior team fixtures for the coming season have been announced and they can be found on the Aspley Guise CC website ([www.aspleyguisecc.co.uk](http://www.aspleyguisecc.co.uk)).



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## The view from the Chairman's deck chair

**So, another season is about to start.**

New bats are being knocked in, old bones are creaking in the nets (none more so than mine!), the square has been cut for the first time this year and all is just about ready for a new season.

This year we will be competing in at least 8 competitions/leagues that I am aware of across the junior and senior sections of the club and will probably use around 30 senior and 60 junior players.

I expect that there will be nearly 40 years age difference between the youngest and oldest players representing Aspley Guise this year.

None of this happens by accident and we all need to support the efforts of the committee to raise funds, coach teams, make teas, mark boundaries, drive to games, umpire, score etc by doing our bit.

The time for all the talk ends soon and I am really excited that the stewardship of the playing side of the club is passing to Matt Funge as Club Captain. Having seen Matt grow (and grow!) into the person he is from the callow youth he was in my days as Captain it is with great pride I see him take on the mantle.

I know that the support he will get on the playing side from Quicky, Paddy, Mike and all the other senior players will be of great assistance to him and I look forward to lying back in the deck chair and letting it all unfold.

Colin



## NatWest Cricket Force 2011

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Aspley Guise Cricket Club took part in the nationwide NatWest Cricket Force event where members of the Cricket Club were asked to offer their help and support to get the cricket facilities up at the Common ready for the start of the 2011 season.

The event proved to be very successful with many Aspley Guise Cricket Club members giving up some of their Sunday afternoon's to help paint the green shed and the pavilion as well as repairing both the mobile and the fixed net facilities ready for the Cricket Club to use at the end of April when the 2011 season begins.

## A reminder!

As part of the club's big fundraising push in 2011 we are looking for people to take part in our **Fantasy Cricket Competition** and our **Darts Tournament**. Both competitions only cost £5 to enter and all details regarding the competitions can be found on the club's website ([www.aspleyguiseecc.co.uk](http://www.aspleyguiseecc.co.uk)). It would be great to see a few more people entering these competitions because all of the money that is raised will be put towards improving the club's facilities, which are in desperate need of improvement.

If you are interested in entering the Darts Tournament please contact Richy Armstrong ([greenshed2000@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greenshed2000@hotmail.co.uk)), if you are interested in entering the Fantasy Cricket Competition then please contact Dave Quick ([david\\_e\\_quick@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david_e_quick@yahoo.co.uk)).

## Dave Quick – Sunday Team Captain

**As Captain of the Sunday team I would like to welcome you to the 2011 season.** Last year, the Sunday League Team won Division Five of the Bedfordshire County Leagues at the first time of asking, which was a fantastic achievement.

Thank you to everyone who supported us last year you know who you are and I cannot thank you enough for the incredible support. I hope the Sunday team can rely on your support again in 2011 when the aim once again will be to win more trophies!

The new season is fast approaching and we will start the new season on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May away at Sandy with high hopes of another successful campaign.

Dave Quick

## Message from the Skipper

Hi my name is Matthew Funge and when I'm not taking long walks in the country side and making daisy chains, I am the Club Captain of Aspley Guise Cricket Club, I would like to welcome you to this new club newsletter.

With the season fast approaching, I would like to thank each and every one of the club's supporters and sponsors who have given very generously to the cricket club so far this year. Your time and support is very much appreciated and without it we couldn't run the club or as many teams as we currently do, so thank you very much.

We have already had a great start to the off field season with money being raised largely thanks to a hugely successful curry night which was held at the Jalori back in March.

A big thank you must go out to Colin Hudson and Mr. Hai at the Jalori and his team for an excellent night; it was by far the most successful Curry Night we have had and seems to go from strength to strength each time. Thank you to everyone who attended or made a small donation.

Pre season nets have been a huge hit, a big hand must go to Ralph Greenwell for leading the youth sessions and continuing his great work with the youth section at the club. The spirit has been superb and has just picked up where it left off from the winter nets at Northampton.

With not long to go now till the season I for one cannot wait to get started and I know everyone feels the same,

I would like once again to thank each and every one of you for your support and look forward to seeing you throughout the season.

Matt Funge



## Ralph Greenwell – Youth Report

The long hot summer of 2011 beckons... but first a quick look back at 2010. Last year was one of our most successful junior seasons ever and we had lots of children trying out cricket!

There were some memorable wins including the under 16s achieving an historic 'double' over Eversholt, however, the icing on the cake was undoubtedly the under 14 team winning their league.

Who knows what will 2011 bring, but I'm excited about the new season. Many of last year's players have moved up an age group, which will present fresh challenges and opportunities for them to develop their cricket skills.

We're delighted to announce we have two new junior sponsors! Frosts Garden Centres are supporting our youth cricket generally and Cantium Electronics are the under 16 team sponsors for the 2011 season. Thank you to all concerned.

The season starts with a registration evening on Friday 15th April at the Common from 6-8pm – even if it rains. If the weather is good we will run some cricket drills and activities. The first full training session will be on *Thursday* 28 April (because of the Royal wedding bank holiday). From May 6<sup>th</sup> onwards junior training sessions will be on Fridays. Sessions will start at 6pm and end at 7.30pm for the under 10s, 8pm for the rest.

Offers of help are always welcome; we don't just need coaches but people to help with things like refreshments and setting up for matches. Most importantly, why not come along and watch our juniors play; who knows, you could be watching some future England stars in the making!

Ralph

## The Annual Tea Ladies Dinner

The Annual Tea Ladies Dinner was held again at Moore Place Hotel, on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> April and it proved to be another enjoyable event for everyone who attended.

Everyone at the club is extremely grateful for all of the support shown by our tea ladies and we hope that we can again rely on their support in 2011 when we will need it more than ever before.

The club would also like to thank Moore Place Hotel for hosting the dinner for the club.

## Mike Herrick – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain

As the new, slightly nervous, 2nd team Captain, I'd like to welcome you all to the 2011 season.

I feel I should begin with a quick overview of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team from last season. Firstly, I'm sure all the lads who played would like to thank Mr. Ian Foll for his guiding hand through our first season together. He did a truly fantastic job, which has hopefully laid the foundations for a successful season to come. Results were a little mixed, with the standard of cricket in the division surprisingly high, but none the less, as a team, we performed admirably, and the experience should stand us in good stead for the season ahead.

Congratulations must also go to Matt Thompson for winning the 2<sup>nd</sup>s bowling trophy, he had a fantastic season with the ball, and the award was very well deserved.

Concentrating now more on the season ahead, I'd appreciate it, if those of you who are interested in playing this season, could drop me a note at [mike.herrick@lineone.net](mailto:mike.herrick@lineone.net). This will be a good opportunity for me to check your details are correct and also capture anyone I've missed.

That's it for me, for now. But if any of you need any information, feel free to drop me a mail (and I'll ask Dave).

Mike

