

Aspley Guise Cricket Club Newsletter

Latest Club News

The 2011 season is in full swing and this month in particular the club is really pushing forward with its fundraising campaign to help to improve the facilities and equipment we use up at the Common.

Here are details of the upcoming events being held by the club this month:

Vice Presidents Day – This Sunday!

The Annual Aspley Guise Cricket Club Vice Presidents Day will be held on Sunday 12th June up at the Common.

The day will begin with a youth match in the morning (Under 10's vs. Flitwick B Under 10's) followed by Lunch (a BBQ), which will be served from 12 to 2 with the main Vice President's v Cricket Club game starting at 2pm. There will be a licensed bar in the Pavilion, which will also start serving at 12 during lunch.

The Race Night – Friday 17th June!

Aspley Guise Cricket Club will be running a Race Night on Friday 17th June at the Woburn Sands Memorial Hall.

The night will start at 7:30pm with Adult tickets costing £5 and Junior and Student tickets costing £2.50. A raffle will also be held on the night. Alcohol will not be sold on the night; however, alcohol can be brought in and consumed on the night (the CO-OP shuts at 11pm just for your reference)!

The club would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend the event this year, building on the impressive turn out of last year's race night. Tickets can be brought from Dave Quick or Richy Armstrong before the night itself, or alternatively, you can purchase your tickets on the night.

It would be great to see as many A.G.C.C. members and supporters attending the Race Night on the 17th as well as the Vice Presidents Day on the 12th, in this very important fundraising month for the club.

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Thoughts from the Chairman's deck chair

So, the season has started and all is well with the world. Well, it would have been if I had not been called upon to play for the 1sts in the season opener against Caddington. Fortunately the old bones got me through to tea time – a family affair provided by Mrs H. I avoided any doubt in the mind of the skipper about where I wanted to bat by putting on my shorts and flip flops and getting out the deck chair. Then disaster struck..... The deck chair gave way under the pressure of my slight and athletic frame – clearly a design flaw. Situation resolved by getting out the other deck chair, which is now also known as the Chairman's Deck Chair.

It is great to see Aspley teams doing so well – there have been some cracking wins for all teams and the mood of the players is very positive and encouraging. Well done the skippers and all the players. I am delighted that Matt is making such a positive start as Club Captain and I know he appreciates all the support he gets from those around him.

So far we have had centuries from Chris Beales Snr, Paddy O'Jones, and Little Johnny Rowbottom, along with jug avoiding 90's from James N'Gage and Didi Papworth. In my day we had to wait until June for an Aspley century, and only then if Foll felt like it! Vice President Tobin, J asked me about this after a "few" beers the other week. I was able to assure him that the bat technology has advanced since our day.

Ralph and the juniors are off and running. We desperately need help from any and everyone who can do so as we have become victims of our own success with over 60 youth of various ages swarming over the Common on a Friday night.

Finally two more things – firstly the social events are up and running (race night, fantasy cricket, VP Day) and we need everyone's help and support and finally, **PAY YOUR SUBS!!**



NatWest Cricket Force 2011

On the 10th April 2011, Aspley Guise Cricket Club took part in the nationwide NatWest CricketForce event.

This event was primarily aimed at encouraging as many of the club's members and supporters to take part and volunteer some of their time to help the club rejuvenate the facilities up at the Common. The event proved to be a great success with a great turnout from youth players and parents in particular during the course of the day. Once again a massive thank you to everyone who either donated or helped support the event your support is greatly appreciated (see photos from the day on page 4).

You can still contribute today by entering AGCC into the Big Club Comp being run by the ECB this year (a competition for all clubs that took part in NatWest Cricket Force). To enter Aspley Guise CC into the competition [please click here!!!](#)

Dave Quick - Sunday Team Captain

Hello all, the Sunday season is now well under way and so far results have been fairly mixed, with 3 wins, 2 defeats and 1 game falling foul of the weather.

The highlight of the season so far by an absolute mile was the 11 run victory over current league leaders Eggington Foresters. The spirit, determination and togetherness of the Sunday team on that day is something that all of the Aspley teams will struggle to match this season and is something that I will never forget.

Individual performances that need to be mentioned from this season so far include James Gage's two knocks (92 and 73) against Dunstable and Henlow respectively, along with Chris Beales's knock (82) against Henlow. With the ball Aaron Jenkins has been his usual self yet again this season, he was particularly impressive against Eggington claiming 3-21 on the day.

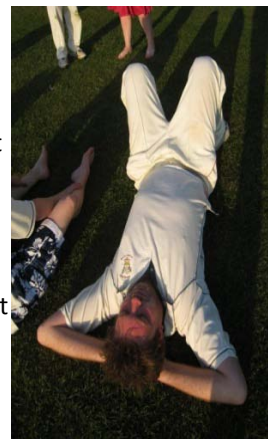
4 of our next 5 games will be played up at the Common so hopefully we can use that home advantage to push ourselves back into promotion contention along with the advantage of having some of our younger players back after exam enforced absences.

It would be great to see a few more faces up at the Common cheering on the team in what could be a pivotal few weeks for the team, I hope to see you all soon!



Message from the Skipper

So it's been a while and with the league firmly under way it has been a great start to proceedings. After 6 games, it has been a better start than I could have ever thought of winning 4, a winning draw in one and only one defeat (and on another day it could have been so different but that's cricket for you). We are currently sitting 2nd in the league with everyone playing well and contributing to the great team effort and spirit.



Two centuries have been hit so far this season, John Rowbotham, cracking a very impressive ton against Shenley in an 8 wicket win, and Pat Jones hitting a buoyant century against Old Bradwell (the highlight being the proud Aussie sporting a glorious New Zealand black cap).

David Papworth has also hit 97 and various 50's have been hit by Pat Jones, Jim Watson new boy Steve Miller along with great knocks from Chris Beales Jr. and Ben Savage, proving we have what it takes to continue the great start to the season. We have had some great games so far, including the last ball victory over Cranfield, and the 146 run victory over Caddington bowling them out for a measly 61, with Rob Harrison and myself taking 4 wickets each.

This weekend is the annual Vice Presidents game. It would be great to see as many people there as possible as the club side take on the old boys, and with my job on the line it could be a very interesting day indeed. There will be a bar and bbq, and a great day of cricket for all.

Hope to see all of you soon and thank you for your continued support of Aspley Guise Cricket Club.

Ralph Greenwell – Youth Report

The long hot summer of 2011 is here! With no rain to get in the way, junior cricket is now well and truly up and running.

An odd combination of factors has meant that we haven't been able to play as many junior games as we'd hoped at this stage of the season. We've had mixed results so far from the games we have managed to play. The u16s beat Leighton Buzzard Town CC u16s B, but lost to Luton Town & Indians. An u15s team were knocked out of the u15s Bedfordshire County Cup after a brave fight against Dunstable Town. The u14s and u12s have so far only played one game each and unfortunately lost.

Individual batting highlights so far have been Tom Batchelor (55*) against Ampthill B u16s on debut, Matt Woolaway (24) and Ziggy Akhtar (26) against Dunstable, and Tom Frost (29) against Eversholt. We've also seen good bowling from many players. Congratulations too to Kathryn Hudson on being selected to play for Northamptonshire Girls u15s.

Anyone who has been to the Common on a Friday evening would have seen that we have 60+ children attending training this year. This is fantastic and puts us in a great position for the future, but causes us a few headaches organising training. More people to help run some activities would greatly improve our ability to provide our youngsters with real quality coaching. Please get in touch with Ralph Greenwell or David Quick if you can help at all.

Finally, a date for you diaries – August Bank Holiday Monday (29th) will be the annual Family day featuring the famous Parents & Coaches v Kids games, a barbecue and players' awards.

In the meantime please keep an eye on the fixtures lists and why not come along to one of the junior matches, they are great fun!



Mike Herrick – Saturday 2nd Team Captain

The publishing arm of Aspley Guise Cricket Club (Lord Quick) has advised me it's time for another newsletter article so here we are:



Well, it's been all go. We've won 3, Lost 2, and for a fleeting moment we were top of the league, but don't panic, we soon took care of that (There will be no mention of the North Crawley game for the rest of this article)!

It's fair to say the team is coming together nicely, a really good mix of Wisdom and Youth, has led us to some very exciting games, and after 5 matches I see no reason why, with a bit of luck, we shouldn't be aiming for promotion.

The stand-out performances so far have been: A stunning 130 knock from Chris Beales Snr. against Great Brickhill (We're all praying for a quick recovery from your injury Chris!).

Ian Foll hit 65 against Bletchley then followed this up in the same game with figures of 2-0. Now convinced he's an all-rounder, we gave him the ball against Stoke Hammond and much to our surprise he did it again ending with 3-14.

Matt Bird's also got a bit of form; he hit an excellent 41 against Thurleigh & 54 against Stoke Hammond & in the same game also finished with figures of 3-14. Dave "Taff" Evans has been his normal self, taking wickets with stunning regularity, 2 against Bletchley, 4 against Thurleigh another 2 against Stoke Hammond, with runs against him are a rarity. Taff's also been chipping in with some cracking batting performances, great work.

Many Thanks must go to Jane Thompson and Yvonne Russon for the stunning teas; we've put an application in to the league to see if we can extend tea to an hour in order to fully appreciate it!

Last, but in no way least, get well soon Skidder!! The Gully region has never been so quiet!

So Far, so Good, keep up the great work lads!

NatWest Cricket Force Day - Photos

A massive thank you has to go to Ralph Greenwell for taking the photos on the day and a massive thank you to everyone who turned up or supported the day. You can find more photos from the Day on the A.G.C.C website (www.aspleyguisecc.co.uk).

