

MANOR PARK,
HOME OF HORSFORD CC
AND NORFOLK CCC

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Partners Again!

Horsford Cricket Club was founded in 1947 at first playing friendly cricket but then joining the major leagues and progressing until the success of promotion into the EAPL after the 2005 season. A major development came when Norfolk CCC moved from Lakenham and an agreement was made that they would share Manor Park with Horsford CC and develop the ground for mutual benefit. The 10 year agreement struck in 2000 came to an end in September 2010.

During the winter discussions took place between Horsford CC (represented by Steve Read, Duncan Sears and Philip Heyburn) and Norfolk CCC (represented by Graham Littlewood and Steven Skinner) that produced a new 9 year agree-

ment to keep Norfolk CCC at Manor Park. Both organisations are delighted with this agreement and are committed to develop the ground further and maintain



Norfolk CCC at Manor Park

its reputation as one of the finest Minor County Grounds in the country.

Some of the benefits of the last

10 year arrangement are the dual scoreboards, the extension to the Clubhouse, the excellent net facility, new covers and water mopper as well as the maintenance of our ground equipment.

Many of the teams coming to Manor Park to play Norfolk CCC have made positive comments on their welcome at Manor Park and complimented us on the facilities. They have also added how much they enjoy coming to us with the splendid crowds that turn out to watch.

It is a pleasure to report that for at least the next 9 years Manor Park (the home of Horsford CC) will remain "the home of Norfolk Cricket".

General News

It has been busy this winter and by the time you receive this newsletter the 2011 season should be about to start on Saturday April 16th with the traditional 1st XI pre-season friendly away to Brooke CC.

As well as securing new arrange-

ments with Norfolk CCC there have been successful discussions with Robert Carter (our landlord) and Drayton Farms, major sponsors have been secured for the Club in general and for the Norfolk Twenty20 Competition, the Clubhouse repairs are complete, a dangerous tree near the

Norfolk Room has been removed, the gates have been replaced and the surface of the nets has been repaired as well as two of the side screens. As usual a lot of work has taken place to ensure the squares and outfielders of both pitches are of a high standard.



Chris Sabburg, our Overseas Amateur in 2010, has decided not to return to the UK this summer. He is now a significant member of the Queensland squad having made his 1st team debut since returning

Another Aussie

Reece O'Connell from Perth, Western Australia

home. He needs to be part of the Queensland winter and pre-season training squads and is therefore remaining in Australia.

Reece O'Connell will be joining us in his place as this year's Overseas Amateur. Reece, who is in his mid 20's, is a member of the Western Australia 2nd XI and is a prolific run scorer as well as a useful spinner. He has played in the Birmingham and Surrey leagues

in past years and scored over 1,200 runs in his last year in the UK with Maldon in Surrey.

Reece will be joining the Friday night Junior Coaching Team and is keen to play a major part in general coaching within the Club.

Reece is bringing his partner with him who is English. They met while he was playing in Surrey.

We would like to welcome them both to Horsford CC and hope that Reece is able to reproduce his successes of the past in the UK.

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2011 Teams

The playing structure of our teams for 2011 will remain unchanged with one exception. Chris Brown will Captain the 1st XI after achieving our equal highest place in the EAPL last year. Alex Lincoln will remain Captain of the 2nd XI and should be congratulated on achieving the long awaited promotion from Alliance Division 3 in 2010. Adrian Bryan almost managed to achieve promotion for the 3rd

team in his first season as Captain. As a result of teams folding and others merging the Lucas Fettes divisions have been reorganized and I am delighted to report that as a result our 3rd team has been promoted to LF Division 2 having finished in third place in Division 3 in 2010.

The one major change is the return of Mike Spenceley as the young, slim and athletic Captain of the 4th

team. Mike ran the Junior section of Horsford CC for many years and has also managed several of the County Youth squads in the past.

It is a pleasure to welcome him back and to know that the future of one of our development teams is in such good hands.

Chris Browne ("Big Bird") remains Captain of the successful and happy Sunday XI.

Another Appeal

Even if you do not have the time to volunteer as a Club Officer you may have an expertise that can help the Club in these difficult times. You may be able to complete a "one off" job or guide the Club with your expertise.

Some simple examples that would help would be electricians, plumbers, accountancy or financial affairs,

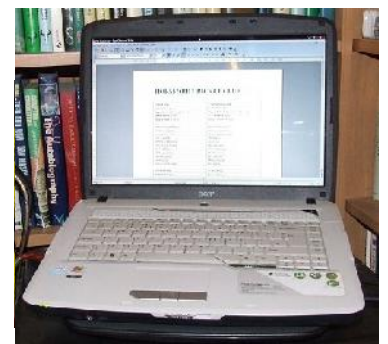
business contacts, carpentry, decorating skills and computing. The list is endless and you will know if you have a skill that could help us.

If you are able to offer your services, even if only irregularly, it would be very helpful to us to build a list of members with these skills.

Please let the Club Secretary, Duncan Sears, know if you can spare

some time if necessary (his e-mail address is on the Committee Page on the website).

We need to build on the existing resources within the Club rather than always seeking outside agents.



Do you have a skill that you can share with us?

The Boring Bits!



To play for Hosford CC the appropriate paperwork must be completed even if it is an annoying and boring process. All Junior players must complete the Club's Junior Membership form. Senior existing players only need to complete their

Forms — a sad but necessary fact of life!

equivalent if any of their circumstances have changed. New players must complete the senior form in addition to the forms related to the league in which they are due to play.

All 1st XI players are registered for the EAPL and Alliance, all 2nd XI players must register for the Alliance (some will also be registered for the EAPL) and all 3rd and 4th team players will be registered with

the Lucas Fettes League by completing a Horsford CC Senior Membership form. All the forms are available from the club website.

If transferring from another club special forms need to be completed as well. If in doubt as to what to complete please discuss with your team captain, the Chairman of the Cricket Committee or the manager of your team.

If you play without the appropriate registration the Club can be disciplined (points deduction) and fined.

“Any embarrassment caused is purely intentional”

Who Are They Now?

In order to add a lighter side to HCC News from time-to-time we will include a “guess the baby” competition using photographs of an established club member. In the tradition of the Club there will be no prize but take some time to work out the identity before turning to page 4 for the answer.



Any embarrassment caused is purely intentional. If you wish to appear in a future edition please send a photograph to the editor. All pictures will be converted to “black and white” to increase the confusion.

You are warned that you may be “head hunted” for this section.

Clubmark Again

The off season of 2010/11 marked the time for our major 3 year Clubmark review. Clubmark status is vital for the progress of the Club and compliments our Focus Club status that was confirmed in 2010.

The major review involves a lot of administrative work and we owe a debt of gratitude to our Clubmark Officer, David Bowker, and to

David Browne and Chris Brown who helped develop our future development plan as part of the process.

This assessment is a general outside appraisal of the Club at all levels including playing and management structures, adherence to ECB general and welfare policies, youth policies, strategic development

plans, coaching arrangements and community liaison.

We have completed the “paperwork” element and it only remains for our examiner to assess and be satisfied with the activity of a Junior Training night for the process to be complete.

Fingers crossed!



So important to the Club's future



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Brief News

The Junior Section is again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to bolster Club funds. If you shop at Sainsbury's please save them and a collecting tin will be on the bar from early in the season.

To contribute to HCC News please contact the editor. Articles should be no more than 150 words. Photographs should be in JPEG format.

Answer to the photo quiz: Philip Heyburn

(well, you have to lead by example!)



Profile: Ben Watson

After a competitive interview Ben Watson has now been appointed a Community Coach for Norfolk Cricket Board. He will now be involved with coaching in schools across the county for the next generation of Norfolk cricketers.

Ben has been at Horsford for a number of years and is a regular member of the senior 2nd XI who gained promotion last year. In 2009 Ben was 2nd team player of the year. He now holds a level 2 coaching qualification and is a regular instructor at the Friday night Junior Training sessions. With his colleague, Luke Caswell, Ben initiated the successful summer camps for Junior Players two years ago.

In 2009 Ben's work was recognised with the "Norfolk Young Coach of the Year" award, sponsored by the

ECB and Sky Television. He travelled to Lancashire CCC to receive the award and to take part in a coaching session with Peter Moores and Steve Seligman (both then from the ECB).

The Club is fortunate in having three active young coaches in Luke Caswell (who also made his debut for Norfolk CCC 1st XI in 2010), James Leck

(who coaches sport including cricket at Langley School) and Ben.

All three of them have plans to enhance their coaching qualifications in the next year or two and we wish them well with this and their coaching activities in 2011.

Anyone wishing to gain a basic coaching qualification or to enhance the one they hold should discuss their plans with Chris Brown (Horsford Head Coach and NCB Performance Manager) who will be happy to help (contact details available on the club website).



Ben with Peter Moores at Lancashire CCC in 2009