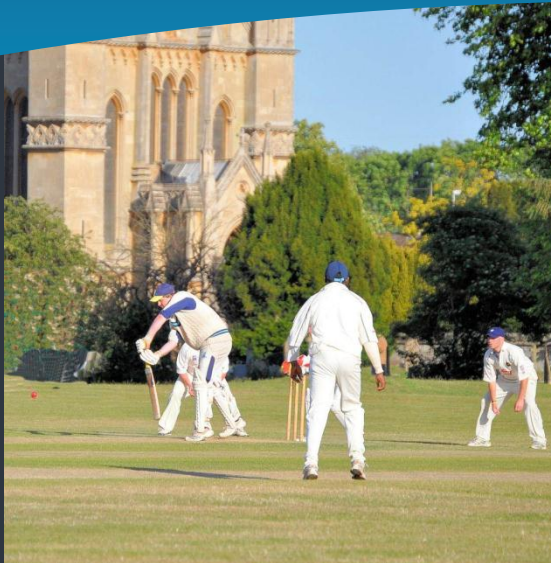




Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club Newsletter

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2012 pre-season



membership

Membership renewal date is 1st April, but help us by completing your form and submitting your payments as soon as possible. You'll also benefit from an early renewal discount available for those who complete their registration by 31st March.

We have introduced a small membership fee for all youth age-group members in order to help cover our costs relating to the running of youth cricket (e.g. hall hire for indoor nets, training equipment, maintenance of outdoor nets, insurance etc).

youth & education

Fees for all youth age groups and senior playing members in full time education fees are £15, discounted to £10 if paid by 31st March.

The discounted fee will also be available to any youth members joining the club at the start of the outdoor season in April / May, and to returning youth members who were unable to attend the indoor sessions, provided it is paid by 31st May.

senior members

Over 17 on 1st September 2011 fees are £40, discounted to £30 if paid by 31st March.

non playing members

FREE but please complete a registration form.

See page 7 for the full membership policy and details of eligibility requirements for the Thames Valley League. Membership forms are at the end of the newsletter and on the website.

James Codd

chairman's welcome

Hello to everyone and a belated Happy New Year.

Firstly I hope you all like the look and layout of the new club newsletter and I'd like to thank Phil Mead for all the hard work and effort he has put in to pull this together. 2011 season seems a quite a long time ago now. It was another very decent year for T&TCC.

Youth cricket continues to thrive with growth in membership levels and the number of youth members and former youth members playing and contributing regularly in senior cricket.

On Sundays we put two sides out every week and performed well. This remains a fantastic vehicle for giving opportunity to youth members to

experience senior cricket and play alongside some very good cricketers and learn more about the game.

We had some great success in the Thames Valley League with the 3rd XI winning promotion as divisional champions and 2nd XI promoted as divisional runners up – well done Alan and Phil. It was hardly a shabby season either for the 1st XI with a fourth place finish in division 4b.

All this success suggests the Playing Committee, who do have a very difficult job selecting the sides to be competitive yet to try and ensure everyone gets to play and has opportunity to show what they can do, did a very good job.

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However, the majority of club members present at the AGM in November voted to replace the Club Captain, the Chairman of the Playing Committee. I would like personally to acknowledge and thank Andrew Wigmore for the huge amount and time, effort and commitment he has always put in and for the great dignity that he has shown since the AGM.

It is now crucial that the entire membership get behind and offer their full support to Sunil Kumar, as the new Club Captain and to the rest of the Selection Committee and to the Full Committee to ensure we are able to continue to develop the cricket club in a positive and pro-active manner. I would urge anyone who has an issue or concern to come and have a quiet word with me or to direct it in a professional manner to one of the Officers of the Club so we can address the matter.

2012 has the potential to be yet another great year but this will only happen with your full support and backing.

I look forward to seeing you all on 9th March supporting the Club's fundraising Race Night.

Philip Jenkins





senior practise

indoor

All sessions will take place in the Little Heath School Sports Hall.

7-9pm on Tuesday evenings 7th February to 10th April inclusive.

The cost of each session is £3.

structured

Like last year the sessions will be structured so make sure you are there for the initial briefing.

outdoor

In April outdoor practise will take place at the club's ground in Englefield Road, Theale.

The practise evenings will remain Tuesdays.

fitness

Saturday pre-season sessions will commence on 28th January 2012 at the club's ground in Englefield Road, Theale.

Start at 10:30am and will last for 1 hour. Please be there 10 mins before the start at the Gooch Room for each session.

Cost for each fitness session is £4.

Contact Paul Ager for more information on senior practise or fitness sessions.

all stand for the president

Hello everyone, and a Happy New Year to you all. Let's hope that 2012 will be at least as successful as last year for Theale & Tilehurst Cricket Club.

We start this season with a new Club Captain (as well as a new President!). May I urge everyone connected to the Club to do all you can to support both him and the Club Committee in their efforts to advance the cause of this Club both on and off the field?

There can't be any of you who do not want to see your team become more successful on the field, otherwise you would not be playing cricket, but being a club member entails more than turning up at a weekend to wield a bat or ball.

There is a band of dedicated members & volunteers who give a lot of their time to ensuring that the club is run efficiently and that facilities both on and off the field are as good as possible. Their work would be greatly eased if more players were prepared

to join in with the more mundane activities that help to keep the club buoyant.

As my first task as President may I please make a plea for everyone in 2012 to put as much effort into off the field activities as you do to playing. Please support your committee in its efforts to advance the cause of Theale & Tilehurst Cricket Club.

Have a very happy & successful season. Ralph Jenkins.

10 things to help your skipper

There is a lot of organising involved in playing the volume of cricket we play. Here are ten ways you can help the Playing Committee over the season. Please do your best to help us to help you by:

1. Informing the Playing Committee about your availability for the following weekend by the end of Monday using:

- a. The team sheet from the previous week's game.
- b. Emailing, texting or phoning your "usual" captain or any member of the selection committee.

2. Responding promptly to selection emails, texts or messages and by Thursday evening at the latest; don't assume the captain knows that you're okay to play. Teams are usually picked on Tuesday evenings with messages sent out on Wednesdays so keep an eye open for them.

3. Confirming any transport arrangements or other logistics as soon as possible and not leaving requests for lifts or the like to the day of the game. It is your responsibility to arrange travel to a fixture. It will be said if there is a planned meet at Theale for an away game. Captains can supply contact details for players who may be able to supply lifts. The club does not compensate drivers for petrol costs; it is up to players to arrange compensation between them.

4. Letting your captain know as soon as possible if your availability changes. If leaving a message, texting or emailing please ensure that the captain acknowledges your message. Also leave a message with the Vice Captain just in case.

5. Being punctual - arriving at least 45 minutes before the scheduled start of home games and in good time for meets for away games.

6. Being 'ready to play' 30 minutes before the scheduled start so teams can perform any practice drills in good time.

7. Helping with all the jobs that need to be completed before home games. The following jobs must be completed:

- a. Opening the pavilion, including all the shutters.
- b. Removing the rope and posts from the square.
- c. Putting the stumps into the pitch.
- d. Putting the scoreboard up.
- e. Putting a table and chairs out for the scorers and spectators.
- f. Ensuring the sightscreens are in the appropriate Positions.
- g. Putting out the boundary markers.
- h. Putting the sightscreens keys and spanners back after usage.

8. Helping with all the jobs that need to be completed after home games before showering and changing. The following jobs must be completed:

- a. Making sure that the pavilion shutters are closed, it is left tidy and in the correct layout.
- b. Roping off the square.
- c. Putting the stumps away.
- d. Putting the scoreboard away.
- e. Putting tables and chairs away.
- f. Ensuring the sightscreens are in the appropriate positions and the keys & spanners back in the shed.
- g. Collecting in the boundary markers.
- h. Tidying up the net area.

9. Helping with all the other jobs that need to be completed after home or away games. The following jobs must be completed:

- a. Ensuring the scorebook is completed for both Innings.
- b. Collecting match fees, filling in the match account sheets and making any payments for teas.
- c. For league games ensuring the Thames Valley League match result sheet is correctly filled in and signed.



And Finally number 10. Please supply at least one tea for each of the teams you play for over the season (i.e. one on Saturday and one on Sunday if you regularly play both days). Don't wait to be asked - volunteer a date when you can do the tea.

2nd eleven

I think there is little doubt that the 2011 2nd XI was the strongest 2nd XI that T&T have ever put out and that in 2012 we're likely to be just as strong. The team has a good blend of youth and experience or height and girth depending on how you look at it.

Our main strong point of last season was contributions throughout the team. Most weeks we had 6 proper batsmen who all contributed at some point and at least 5 proper bowlers all capable of match changing spells. My philosophy remains that all members of a team should have a role and the opportunity to contribute. If your role isn't clear to you then it's likely that you're in for your excellent tea or maybe it's your week for match report but feel free to ask me if it's not clear!

The 2012 season is likely to be the toughest yet as a selector. Established players continue to perform but the youth members are improving fast. Blending these factors is always a difficult line to tread. I must at this point thank the unsung players who turn out at the last minute to ensure we have 11. Sometimes playing at a difficult standard for them and sometimes not getting much of a game. It's a rare weekend where all the league teams selected on a Tuesday are the same teams that play on the Saturday and these late substitutes are crucial to us being competitive without disrupting the whole club.

Looking forward to division 5 a few things spring to mind. We're likely to have a significant portion of the 1st team who did so well at that level in 2008. In particular Fingers and Doc who were the mainstays of both the 2011 2nd team and 2008 1st team; finishing top of the bowling for both teams.

Our fielding was so much improved in 2012 but we still need to work hard in this area. I'm sure indoor and outdoor practice sessions will be well attended and enable us to continue our progression. I imagine that after joining the TVL 4 years ago we're now approaching the right level for us. Games will be more competitive but our depth and recent improvements in all areas should set us up for a good solid season.

I look forward to some new grounds where we meet, new players to greet, great teas to eat and new teams to win against.

Phil Mead



1st eleven

"A cricketer's life is a life of splendid freedom, healthy effort, endless variety, and delightful good fellowship", W.G. Grace's famous words which are apt to this very day and describes every member of our Cricket Club. Building on that theme, I would like to highlight a few points that will help lay the foundation for a successful 2012 cricket season.

Splendid freedom

With this being my first year as a First XI Captain, I would like to emphasise that we all should play with freedom that will enable us to build upon the successes of previous years. With new members like Steve Du Cros and Rob Dimmack making a very positive impact last year, I am confident that this year we will play with a lot more freedom and confidence and aim for promotion into Division 3. Osman will be my deputy this year and I hope he and the entire team will help to achieve our objective.

Healthy effort

Last season we stuck together brilliantly and backed each other up to be 4th in the division after a tough season in 2010, which speaks volumes about our team spirit. Our batting clicked as a unit against some tough opposition with Ash top scoring supported by Jamil, James, Wiggy and myself. I believe that in order to be successful our top/middle order needs to click more often. Our seamers were ably led by Cooky with good assistance from Lemmy, Du Cros and Rob. This year we will work harder on the 3 key aspects of the game; batting, bowling and most importantly fielding. I would recommend all club members to attend training and coaching sessions led by Paul Ager which will be complemented by a much coordinated pre-match drill this year.

Endless variety

In terms of individual performances, Ash led both our batting and bowling department which is evident by the number of awards on display at his home. We have a lot more variety in terms of bowling with Osman and the now established bowling pair of Rob and Du Cros. We also have a growing number of youth players who are



Delightful good fellowship

Both on and off the field we have always stuck together as a team and supported each other and this year will be no exception. This year the Wooden sightscreen project being implemented by Wiggy will be one of the best examples of fellowship and I would request all Club members to fully support this initiative. I would also like to thank each and every one of the club's supporters, sponsors and especially all our families who have supported very generously to the cricket club so far. Without your support we wouldn't be in this position where we are today and I hope we can rely on your continued commitment to achieve new heights at our Club.

"I cannot wait to get started and I am sure you all feel the same."

At the time of writing, there are 109 days, 22 hours and 26 minutes to the first league game, I cannot wait to get started and I am sure you all feel the same. I would like once again to thank each and every one of the club members for their support and look forward to seeing you at the pre season nets which start on 7th February. If you have any issues or concerns please come forward, I am contactable at all times.

I wish all the teams a very successful 2012 season and in conclusion let me sign off with another quote from W.G. Grace which will be the motto of our 2012 season "Let's be getting at them before they get at us".

Sunil Kumar

prawn potato snack reports

We asked the four senior XI 'skips' their views on last year and the coming season

3rd eleven

Welcome to a new season from the Division 9a Champions.

After a few close calls we finally made the step back up to level 8 with a strong performance throughout last season.

Arsalan led the batting and his match report writing was without doubt "Home counties premier league standard". Batting contributions from the rest of the were widely spread with 6 others aggregating over a 100.

Raj led the bowling and can definitely be described as a "wily old fox". Teams generally struggled to get away from us in the field. Again looking at the stats you can see good bowling figures right down the list of bowlers.

Next season we should enjoy a full set of games and that'll make a huge difference. More regular



cricket will allow us to improve our performance levels and I expect the extra momentum to be useful in reaching for the upper parts of the league table.

Our youth players continue to improve and evolve. I'm sure this year they'll be a big part of our success.

Nets, fitness sessions, social events and then games are now just around corner and I'm sure you all looking forward to the new season as much as I am. Good luck to all the captains for the up and coming season.

Alan Why

friendly eleven

The 2012 Friendly XI season promises to be the busiest yet for T&TCC.

Again we will be fielding two Sunday sides throughout the season and there is the intention on selected Sundays to have three games. This is to give us more opportunities to bring through younger players in to the senior game. It will also give more opportunities to those that play regularly on Sundays.

Thanks as ever go to John Morris for all the work he does organising all the fixtures; there are over 60 senior friendlies being planned for 2012 that will take us from mid-April to the end of September. I can remember as a youngster when the final games of the season were those on the August Bank Holiday weekend; I can also remember as fixture secretary having to organise only about 25 fixtures. The season has grown and extended considerably!

In terms of leading the Sunday sides this year we are having a change of approach. Whereas last year we looked to give a large number of people an opportunity to captain on an occasional basis this year we have decided that there are

advantages to be had from having a small pool of captains who captain the majority of the games. As such Dennis Robertson, Hammad Ali, James White and me will form the pool that will regularly captain matches. There will be occasions when others will be asked to captain sides but this won't be as often as was the case last year when we used 20 captains in friendly fixtures. If you have a particular desire to captain please let me know and we'll try and find an opportunity for you.

Also, with the volume of cricket played in friendlies it's not easy to keep track of who does what on any one week let alone across several weeks. If you feel you are missing out or would like a go at something in particular please raise it with me, one of the other regular Sunday captains or a member of the Playing Committee and we'll see what we can do. The usual price of such a conversation, with me at least, is one pint of bitter which seems very reasonable!

Good luck to the league sides and to Sunil in particular as he takes over the 1s in what will hopefully be a promotion winning season for them.

Brian Cooper

events

pre-season race night

9th March at 7:30pm in the Crown, Theale. To support our fundraising for the sightscreen project with food available from the Crown "Chippy" .

As well as betting on the races we will also be auctioning horses and jockeys so if you can't make it along on the night why not support us by buying a horse or jockey in advance.

Please make every effort to support this event which is looking to provide funds for a project to improve the cricket club's facilities and that will benefit us all.

Brian Cooper

pre-season groundwork

See the 'new sight screen project' on page 5 plus general pre-season grounds working party will take place on the morning of Sunday 8th April 2011. Please make a note of this and further details will be circulated nearer the time.

kwik cricket

T&TCC is hosting its 11th Annual Kwik Cricket Festival for the local primary schools at the Englefield Road Ground on Tuesday 12th June between midday and 4.30pm.

Please note the date in your diaries – all offers of help on the day would be greatly appreciated, please contact Philip Jenkins.



your committee

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Chairman	Philip Jenkins
Treasurer	James Codd
Secretary	Simon Bond
Youth Manager	Brian Cooper
Welfare Officer	Micky Mehta
Development Officer	Andrew Wigmore
Membership	James Codd
Fixture Secretary	John Morris

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1st eleven	Sunil Kumar
2nd eleven	Phil Mead
3rd eleven	Alan Why
Friendly eleven	Brian Cooper
Indoor A	Chris Cook
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clear views ahead

club development officer, andrew wigmore, outlines the new sight screen project

This spring as our Cricket Force project, we are going to build 4 new sightscreens for the ground at Theale. This is the first major construction project since the nets were put up 7 years ago and is well needed as I am sure everyone will agree that the old ones have seen better days.

The planning has been going on for a while on committee. However to achieve our goal of having these ready for the first game of the season we are going to need a lot of help from all club members. The help needed is three fold.

Firstly for the actual construction of the screens we need to get as many people as we can down for the painting and construction weekend over Easter. The main painting day is scheduled for Friday the 6th April (Good Friday) with Easter Monday scheduled to finish off any loose ends. The weekend after is scheduled as a reserve weekend just in case there is bad weather but I am sure we will not need it.

The woodwork will have been done in advance by an expert team of carpenters but over this weekend we will need to paint over 200 pieces of wood, hoist the sails and bolt the screens together. Completing this in one weekend will be a huge

challenge but 15 years on from the merger it is also a great chance for us to show that we can achieve a great deal both on and off the field. Please make sure you are available to help if you possibly can as the more people we have there the better.

The second way in which the club needs your help to achieve this goal is by supporting the fundraising efforts (see page 4) which are going to go on throughout the season to pay for the new screens. The screens will cost approximately £2,000 to construct which is a huge saving on buying them from a supplier but still a great deal of money.



The last way in which you can help is if you own any heavy duty cutting equipment (i.e circular saws, table saws etc) or portable workbenches that you would be happy for us to borrow the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of March when the woodwork is taking place.

If you are available to help on the Easter weekend or have any suitable equipment please contact myself as soon as possible.

Andrew Wigmore

devon tour

July tour dates:

Sunday 22 nd	Holberton
Monday 23 rd	Whitchurch
Tuesday 24 th	Cornwood
Wednesday 25 th	Feniton
Thursday 26 th	Farley

Places are limited so book early!

The accommodation for the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night will be the Smithleigh hotel, located approximately 10 miles north of Plymouth.

The accommodation for Wednesday night is located about 5 miles from the Feniton CC ground at the Turks head lodge.

For more details or to book your place please contact John Morris.



youth practise

Indoor sessions will take place in the Little Heath School Sports Hall and the details for each age group are as follows:

under 9s & 11s

Up to and including year 4 and year 6 respectively.
6-7pm on Thursday evenings
9th February to 12th April inclusive.

under 13s

Up to and including year 8
7-8pm on Thursday evenings
9th February to 12th April inclusive.

under 15s

Up to and including year 10
6-7pm on Tuesday evenings
7th February to 10th April inclusive.

under 17s

Up to and including year 12
7-9pm on Tuesday evenings
7th February to 10th April inclusive.

The cost of each session is £3.

In April outdoor practise will take place at the club's ground in Englefield Road, Theale.

The practise evenings will remain Thursdays for the u9s, u11s and u13s and Tuesdays for the u15s and u17s.

If you have any questions on youth cricket contact Brian Cooper.



youth section report

The start of the youth season with the indoor practise sessions is imminent. Details have been circulated and are available on the club website and earlier in this newsletter.

It would be great to see all of last year's members coming back along with any friends who are interested. The price of the indoor net sessions remains £3 per session with the venue still Little Heath School.

For the first time this year we are introducing an u9 team so we will have teams across 5 age groups. Thanks to Stuart Brown and James White who have agreed to manage and coach the u9 team and hopefully they will have a successful inaugural season in the Berkshire Youth Cricket League.

Thanks also to the other volunteers who have put themselves forward to help run teams for the 2012 season: Stuart Coker and Nigel Halliday for the u13s, Lorraine Colam and Andrew Wigmore for the u15s and Kevin Holder and Ash

Misra for the u17s. We are still looking for a manager for the u11s so if there is a volunteer from amongst their parents or from elsewhere please contact me and I can let you know what's involved.

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help in the running of the youth section so if you feel you might be able to help out on



a regular or ad hoc basis let me know. This could be assisting at coaching sessions, umpiring or scoring at youth matches or helping with refreshments and transport I can (just about) guarantee that if you do get involved with the youth section you will enjoy it and find it very rewarding.

raised the match or practise fees for the youth section for a number of years and this has been identified as the best way of raising the extra funds we need to run the youth section.

The costs we face include paying for the sports hall for indoor practise sessions, the practise equipment we need and the training courses that our

volunteer coaches need to attend in addition to the costs associated with playing matches.

Membership forms are now available on the website so if you are able to bring along a completed membership form and the membership fee to the first practise session that would be very much appreciated.

As for previous seasons the results and scorecards for all the youth matches will appear on the club play-cricket website.

Brian Cooper



Umpires Needed

Contact any of the playing committee if you're interested in umpiring for the club in senior or youth cricket.

This year we have introduced a youth membership fee starting at £10. We haven't

Follow the progress of our youth teams on the Berkshire youth cricket league [website](#).

membership policy

Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club has adopted the following ECB guidelines:

"Membership shall be open to all irrespective of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status and sexual orientation."

"Players, officials, members, supporters, and employees must adhere to the club code of conduct which prohibits racially abusive comments and actions against fellow players, officials, members, supporters and employees. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offender(s) as specified in the club constitution."

T&TCC is committed to ensuring that the club provides a safe, friendly and enjoyable experience for children and vulnerable adults by adopting and implementing the ECB's "Safe Hands - Welfare of Young People in Cricket" policy and any future versions of the policy.

Remember that you need to be a registered member in order to take part in Club activities, including nets, training sessions and matches (including Indoor League), and to be covered by our insurance.

As of the end of May anyone who has not completed their membership and paid the subscription **will not** be considered for selection in any T&TCC side.

thames valley league eligibility

We now require everyone to confirm their eligibility to play in Thames Valley Cricket League fixtures. This is due to the TVCL enforcing this rule more strictly and the League have made it clear that it is the club's responsibility to ensure their players are eligible. The penalties for non-compliance are severe, in terms of points deductions.

The key criteria are that players should either be UK/EU passport holders or, if not, then to have been continuously resident in the UK/EU for a minimum of 2 years in the last 4 years. Anyone not meeting either of these criteria **must** be registered with the TVCL as an overseas player before they can play in the League. This is a straightforward process if required. Please help us to ensure we comply with TVCL rules by completing this section of the form, and if you have any doubt about your status then please contact the Membership Secretary to discuss.

James Codd



are you ready?

Each of our 3 League teams are playing at a level where the margins for victory are getting smaller. This is due to our progress and success on the pitch over the last few seasons and it's something we rightly should be proud of.

There is no reason why we as a club can't continue to achieve success but the days of achieving this by being simply better with the bat or ball than the opposition are becoming fewer.

Last season, the coaching team introduced specific fielding drills in pre-season and the results were tangible on the field when the season started. I was pleased and proud to see the hard work pay off with fielding standards improving across all players from the 1st team to the casual Sunday player. I congratulate you all on your efforts and will to improve your all round games.

So what else can the individual do to give them the edge against the opposition? We will obviously continue with our good work from last season by honing our skills with bat, ball and in the field, but is there anything else we can do to ensure we reach our potential in these skills? A sizable proportion of our senior players have been playing cricket for a long time. I wonder if, year upon year those players develop attitudes that stop them reaching their potential.

The work starts long before the beginning of the season. People neglect or mess up their pre-season training and simply never recover when the weather improves. If only they realised this and took positive action. By working hard in pre-season, you can take that positive attitude and momentum forward into the summer and give you and your team the best chance of success. I want to take this an opportunity to debunk some of the myths surrounding pre-season training and in season game preparation in the hope that I can encourage you all to embrace the idea of being as well prepared for the game as possible.

1. You have to be a talented professional to train pre-season

Anyone can benefit from pre-season training no matter how talented they perceive themselves to be. In fact, the worse you are to start with, the more important and effective winter preparation can be. Many people say to themselves that they are not good enough to bother, "it doesn't matter at our level". These people would rather fail and have the handy excuse ready; 'what do you expect? I didn't prepare.'

That's fear talking. They fear that if they failed after

taking the winter seriously by training hard they would reveal their true lack of talent.

But the truth is that we always do better if we prepare better. Anything else is just rationalising our fears.

2. All that fitness is not relevant to cricket

Doing squats and press ups in the depth of winter seems a long way from bowling and batting. It is no wonder some people still think badly of fitness training. But a well tuned body is the foundation of good cricket.

Do this right and you will hit harder, bowl faster, last longer before technique fails under fatigue and be less likely to become injured.

Yes, fitness training will never replace a good technique, but it's not an either-or situation. They complement each other perfectly.

3. It takes a lot of time to do pre-season properly

The more you can do the better, but you don't need to commit your life to pre-season training to get an improvement effect.

You can net once or twice a week, hit the gym two or three times and make noticeable improvements over a few months.

Everyone has more time than they think; it's just a matter of priority. You may have higher priorities than cricket, but you can still make time to improve your skill and fitness in the winter months with careful planning and good knowledge of what works fast.

4. You need to have an expert to guide you through pre-season

Most players are not lucky enough to have access to a strength trainer and personalised coaching. If you are in that boat there is still plenty you can do without experts on hand.

We however do have access to a trainer who is willing to help all members of the club to improve their fitness and to ensure that the training that they do undertake is both relevant to cricket and set to a level that that they can successfully complete.

So what's stopping you?

Full details of the senior practice and fitness sessions are on page 2.

Paul Ager



over & out

knitted jumpers

Club clothing items are available to buy individually, with the exception of traditional knitted jumpers, where there is a minimum order of 6 in any style (long or short sleeved), with at least 2 of any size. If anyone is interested in purchasing a traditional club jumper then please contact James Codd who will co-ordinate an order if there is enough demand.

At present we have provisional orders for:

Short Sleeved Traditional jumper – 2 x medium, 1 x X Large, 1x XX Large
Long Sleeved Traditional jumper – 1 x medium, 1 x Large, 1 x X Large

If there is any further interest then please contact James with details of the style / size you require.

webshop

The club has an online webshop which pays commission to the club when purchases are made via the link on our website.

The webshop has been expanded and includes a number of popular high street retailers. The price you pay is the same as the price you would pay if you visited the retailers' website direct. Please consider using the T&T Webshop for your purchases, as it's a straightforward way we can raise additional funds for our club.

<http://www.spendandraise.com/thealeandtilehurst/>

firstly thanks to all the contributors of articles and pictures to the theale & tilehurst 2012 pre-season newsletter.

Hopefully you've noted the 10 tips to keep your captain happy. When selection is on a knife edge maybe these are the things that can swing it your way.

Those of you who follow the website will know that spelling isn't my strong point. In this newsletter practice and practise have caused me considerable problems that even dictionary.com hasn't solved.

If you have any pictures, stories, movies or profile information for the website please pass them on or put them up on the web and send me a link.

Also don't forget you can follow us on facebook or join the conversion on twitter by mentioning @tntcricket.

Phil Mead

Apologies to Alan for finding the above picture from the Royal Navy U25s game. Perhaps the more observant of you can tell me what Alan is doing wrong?

I hope you all have enjoyed the reading the newsletter as much as I enjoyed putting it together. See you all again at nets or in the curry house.

official club kit



Download the catalogue, price list and order form [here](#).

Download the bundled kit offers [here](#).

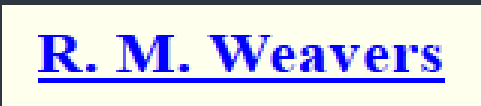
Download the size guide [here](#).



To order online go to [Classic Sportswear](#) and login with the username **theale & tilehurst**

To receive the password email sales@thealeandtilehurst.co.uk or text Phil Mead.

thank-you to our sponsors



become a sponsor

If you know of a locally based business or anyone else who may be interested in supporting T&TCC, or if you would like to volunteer to contact local businesses and 'sell the cricket club' to them please contact Philip Jenkins.

General sponsorship available. Also availability for placing an advert in the fixtures card, having a banner at the ground, sponsoring match balls, or having their name associated with the Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Festival.



Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club

Affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Board and Berkshire Cricket

2012 Youth Membership Form

Member's Name:

Home Phone:

Address:

Mobile Phone:

Post Code:

Email Address:

Emergency Contact Name (1):

Tel No:

Emergency Contact Name (2):

Tel No:

Please note all medical conditions that which might be aggravated by participation in cricket and coaching sessions below:

The details supplied above will not be passed outside the membership of this club

Please register me as a youth member of Theale & Tilehurst Cricket Club for the 2012 Season. Membership is from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013. The Membership fee is £15, discounted to £10 if paid by 31st May 2012.

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) (...../...../.....)

Age Group (please tick)

U8 (birthday between 01/09/2003-31/08/2004)

U13 (birthday between 01/09/1998-31/08/1999)

U9 (birthday between 01/09/2002-31/08/2003)

U14 (birthday between 01/09/1997-31/08/1998)

U10 (birthday between 01/09/2001-31/08/2002)

U15 (birthday between 01/09/1996-31/08/1997)

U11 (birthday between 01/09/2000-31/08/2001)

U16 (birthday between 01/09/1995-31/08/1996)

U12 (birthday between 01/09/1999-31/08/2000)

U17 (birthday between 01/09/1994-31/08/1995)

I enclose my annual subscription of £.....

Please return this form together with your membership subscription to:

Mr James Codd, Membership Secretary
10 The Close, Stadhampton, Oxfordshire, OX44 7TS
(Cheques payable to Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club)

When your completed membership form and payment has been received your details will be added to our list of members for the current year. We will then be able to notify you of any club activities, usually via email, so please supply a valid email address if you have one.

Please Note – You are only covered by the Club's insurance if you have completed a membership form and have paid the appropriate subscription for the current year. The insurance cover includes personal accident, dental & optical treatment and temporary total disablement from attending occupation.

A summary of our insurance cover is displayed in the pavilion.

Youth Member's Consent Form

As part of the ECB's *Welfare of Young People in Cricket* policy, T&TCC requires all Youth Members and their Parent/Legal Guardian to complete the enclosed *Youth Members Consent Form* as part of their membership application.

PTO - PLEASE READ AND SIGN OVERLEAF



Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club

Permission for the use of photographs and recorded images

Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all Young People in Cricket. As part of this commitment we will not permit photographs, video images or other images of Young People to be taken or used without the consent of the Parent/Guardian and the Young Player. The Club will follow the guidance issued by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on the use of images of Young People which is available on <http://www.Play-Cricket.com> and www.ecb.co.uk. The Club will take steps to ensure that these images are used solely for the purpose they are intended, which is the promotion and celebration of the Club or Individuals cricketing activities. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform the Club Welfare Officer immediately.

Some photographs e.g. team or action shots, are submitted to the Press and published on the Club website. In circumstances where there is a need to identify an individual player in the Press parental permission will be sought beforehand.

Please tick this box if you **do not** consent to photographs being taken

Transport to matches and practice sessions

Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club policy is that parents or other responsible adults are responsible for transporting players to and from all matches and practice sessions and therefore the Club will not be registering Private Vehicles for the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixtures or practice sessions arranged by the Club. The implementation of this policy is not intended to exclude any player from participation and parents or guardians should contact the Club Welfare Officer if they have any problems with the transportation of players to matches or practice sessions.

Club Changing Policy

For players under the age of 16 playing in adult teams the following policy applies:

- Girls will have their own changing facilities
- Young players uncomfortable with changing or showering with adults are under no obligation to do so and are advised to change and shower at home
- Parental consent must be given if Young Players are to share changing facilities with adults
- If Young Players are sharing changing facilities with adults, parents have the option to supervise them whilst they are changing. The Club will make reasonable efforts to arrange this.

If this young player participates in adult cricket and does not change at home then:

- Please tick this box if he/she is **not** allowed to share changing facilities with adults
- Please tick this box if he/she **needs** parental supervision to change in the club

Player Consent

By signing below, I accept and will abide by all rules of the Club, the Club Constitution and its Code of Conduct. I also accept and abide with the above policies.

Signed: Print Name:

Date:

Consent by Parent/Legal Guardian

Under the above terms and conditions I confirm that I have legal responsibility for this young person and am entitled to give this consent. I accept and will abide by all rules of the Club, the Club Constitution and its Code of Conduct. I also accept and abide with the above policies.

Signed: Print Name:

Date:





Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club

Affiliated to the England & Wales Cricket Board and Berkshire Cricket

2012 Senior Membership Form

Member's Name:

Home Phone:-

Address:

Mobile Phone:

Post Code:

Email address:

Please note all medical conditions that might be aggravated by participation in cricket and coaching sessions below:

The details supplied on this form will not be passed outside the membership of this club

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) (...../...../.....)

Type of Membership (please tick) (Membership is from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013)

- Senior Playing Member - (i.e. over 17 on 1 September 2011) £40.00 discounted to £30 if paid by 31st March 2012
- Senior Playing Member - in full time education £15.00 discounted to £10 if paid by 31st March 2012
- Non Playing Member FREE

I enclose my annual subscription of £.....

Thames Valley Cricket League Eligibility:- TVCL requires overseas players to be registered with the League.

Do you hold a UK / EU Passport? YES/NO If NO:

Have you been continuously resident in the UK/EU for a minimum of two years in the last four years? YES/NO If NO

Have you been a member of a TVCL Club for a minimum of four consecutive years prior to the start of the current League Season? YES/NO

If the answer to all these questions is NO, you will need to be registered as an overseas player in order to play for T&TCC in the TVCL.

Please return this form together with your membership subscription to:

Mr James Codd, Membership Secretary
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(Cheques payable to Theale and Tilehurst Cricket Club)

When your completed membership form and payment has been received your details will be added to our list of members for the current year and you will be eligible for selection for our teams and to take part in other Club activities. Members are reminded that Match Fees are payable on the day of the game and it is your responsibility to ensure the fee is paid on time. Members with more than one match fee outstanding will be ineligible for selection until the debt has been cleared.

Please Note – You are only covered by the Club's insurance if you have completed a membership form and have paid the appropriate subscription for the current year. The insurance cover includes personal accident, dental & optical treatment and temporary total disablement from attending occupation. A summary of our cover is displayed in the pavilion.

Please register me as a member of Theale & Tilehurst Cricket Club for the 2012 Season. I agree to abide by the Club Constitution, Club Rules and Codes of Conduct.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE _____

Welfare of Young People Policy

T&TCC is committed to ensuring that the club provides a safe, friendly and enjoyable experience for children and vulnerable adults and has adopted the ECB's **Welfare of Young People in Cricket** policy.

