



BRENTWOOD CRICKET CLUB

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the 2023 Season!

“Cricket should be fun, it should be entertaining, thrilling, exciting. It should be about expression...and if you can win while you’re doing it, well that’s even better isn’t it?”

No matter your age or whether your preference is for red ball or white ball cricket, the emergence of ‘Bazball’ has surely brought a smile to everyone’s face as England’s fearless and expressive approach has not only won them games but has also clearly allowed them to have fun whilst doing so. When there are league titles and cups to be won, and relegation to be avoided, sometimes it is easy for us to forget that actually we play for the enjoyment of the game. And, of course, for the enjoyment that comes with winning.

As an ambitious Club we are understandably keen to have some silverware to show off. We still run six League XIs and we have high hopes of honours throughout those XIs this season, such is our strength across the Club. We are blessed with stunning facilities, facilities that we will continue to improve for the benefit of all members, both at The Old County Ground and The De Rougemont Ground. If you’ve still not been to the latter please find a reason to go – it really is a wonderful place to play and to watch cricket.

The maintenance, and improvement, of those facilities obviously doesn’t come cheap so please pay your annual subs now. Don’t wait to be chased. Your captains have enough to do. Subs are £145 for Full Playing Members, £90 for Students and £60 for Social Members. I’d be grateful if you would please pay whichever amount applies to you into the following account as soon as possible.

**Lloyds Bank
Brentwood Cricket Club
S/C 30-91-17 Account 00725786**

Don’t forget that if you enter the Club’s **50/50 Draw** by paying just £5 per month you stand the chance every month to win back your subs and some. Please let me know if you need details. It seems a no-brainer to me!

We do understand that times are still tough for some so if you have any questions or concerns around making this payment, please do contact me to discuss in strictest confidence. If you are a colt or a parent of a colt you should have received a separate communication from Jonathan Bell and his fantastic team.

I am excited to say that after the successful return of our annual match against the **PCA England Legends** last year the date for the event this year is **Friday 21st July**. Invite letters have recently been issued so you should have the details. If you don’t, please do get in touch and I’ll tell you how to reserve your place. This year we



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are supporting **Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity**, a cause which is particularly close to a number of us within the Club. Please help us to make it another amazing event, both for the Club and for the charity.

I am equally pleased to say that we already have a calendar of other events planned so please get these in your diary and get involved where you can:

Friday 24th March – Golf Day
Saturday 20th May – Beer Pong
Saturday 24th June – Spanish Night

We will also have our annual **Pink Stumps** fundraiser, probably in August, and we hope to run a **Sports Quiz** as soon as we can arrange a date. More details will follow so please look out for messages and posters.

As a Club and as a committee we are always looking for people to help us to run and organise things. I am not expecting hours of commitment but if you think you might be able to offer a little time, or even just some ideas, please do get in touch with me. We are a big Club run by a small group and we always need fresh energy. The more volunteers that we have, and the more revenue we can generate, the more we can keep subs and match fees down and the more we can continue to enhance and add to our facilities.

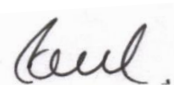
Our Colts section remains something of which we are immensely proud. Friday night training is due to start on **Friday 21st April** and the bar will be open, as it will be every Friday evening, for all members to enjoy. Colts numbers continue to increase and it is hugely encouraging that so many young people continue to play and enjoy their cricket throughout the age groups. We will continue to develop our colts and give them every encouragement to work their way up through the senior Club sides. We will also continue to expand our women's section and encourage even greater participation. We want cricket to be available to all.

We continue to be fortunate enough to attract and retain a number of Club sponsors and we are extremely grateful to them all. The support that we receive from **Lilley Plummer Risks, CIK Construction, Howe Chartered Surveyors, Walford & Phelps, J&G Solar Maintenance** and **eTech Southern** helps us to cover some of our costs. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support. This year we are also hoping to add to the advertising boards around the boundary to generate more revenue for the Club and additional exposure for those businesses that wish to support us. If you are interested in supporting the Club in this way or you know someone that might be, please let me know.

Our relationship with **Fenton Sports** remains as strong as ever and it is a sign of where we are as a Club that we are always able to rely upon the support of **Gray Nicolls**. Fentons have a fantastic online service so please check their website for new Club kit - <https://www.fentonsportsonline.com/collections/brentwood-cc>.

I always start this letter with a quote and the one I found this year seemed particularly appropriate. We all have our own reasons for choosing to be involved with Brentwood Cricket Club. We *are* an ambitious Club but one which will not lose sight of the fundamental reason we all play, and watch, cricket – to enjoy it and to have fun with our friends and families whilst we are doing it.

See you soon,



Club Chairman



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