



Challow & Childrey CC

Pre Season 2006

News in Brief

- New shirts, and caps available to order from Will Clarke.
- Tour planned.
- Training due to start in Feb-details inside.
- Do we have your correct contact details?
- Volunteers required for 'Cricket Force' day - find out more inside.

Inside this issue:

<i>This years subs...</i>	2
<i>Cricket Force-what is it?</i>	2
<i>Fund Raising Calendar</i>	3
<i>Training news</i>	3
<i>Club Tour proposed</i>	4
<i>Kit news</i>	4

Positive Outlook for 2006

1st XI

Will Clarke has agreed to remain as 1st Team captain with Mike Konschel continuing as vice captain for the coming season. After a successful season in 2005, the Cricket Committee are very pleased that Will and Mike have agreed to continue.

2nd XI

We hope to recruit at least 6 new players, all potentially 1st and 2nd team prospects. As a result, the makeup of the 2nd team at this

stage, is difficult to determine therefore making the selection of the captain an issue.

This year sees the welcome return of Julian Penney from injury which will further strengthen the club.

If anyone is aware of prospective players, please inform a member of the Cricket Committee.

3rd XI

Steve Pritchard will captain the 3rd team ably assisted by Stefan Pilcher and Fran-

cis Brown.

With regard to the Sunday League XI, Adam Hunter has been approached to lead the side.

The Sunday friendlies will operate by the appointment of match managers.

Overseas Player

The Cricket Committee is currently making arrangements to recruit this years overseas player. They plan to invite a strike bowler who can bat in the middle to lower order.

Prompt Payment of Subs helps.....

This year, there are no plans to increase the subscription fee that remains excellent value at £30 for the season.

Many of you will have already seen the improvements made to the club last year following the efforts of members to

Olly Dimbylow will be promoting a bat raffle this year (bat donated by Bill Clarke), please keep an eye out for the poster.

raise funds and do a lot of the work. Whilst most of the expense has been met, club funds have been depleted so prompt payment of your subs is essential to

meet the day to day costs of running of the club.

There are a number of pictures available on a link

through the club website (address at the top of the front page) which show various stages of the club development.

Contact Details—do we have your correct contact details so we can keep you informed of club news? Please email Phil Cox—coxphlp@aol.com with your e mail address and mobile number.

Great Opportunity with the ECB's 'Cricket Force'

With the coming season quickly approaching, there are always a raft of tasks to be undertaken enabling the club to be ready for the first matches. This year is no exception but working together with a new ECB initiative called Cricket Force the club is going to organise an activity day for members to get involved and have a bit of fun as well.

The idea is simple. Cricket Force in association with NatWest are providing resource packs

for clubs to organise a day of activities around tidying, litter picking, equipment organisation and general sprucing up. The hope is to have a barbecue for the volunteers and, undoubtedly, have the bar open.

Cricket Force also provides a lot of additional support around identifying resources for clubs at no or reduced costs—they aim to improve communication and the clubs abil-

ity to 'do business' in the modern world.

*Check out the Cricket Force website on www.ecb.co.uk/cricketforce
Your Club Needs You!*

If you would like more information, please check out www.ecb.co.uk/cricketforce.

More importantly, if you would like to volunteer to help on the day (8th April 2006) please call John Pilcher on 01235 867254.

Fundraising Calendar for 2006

At the end of the 2005, some of the 1st and 2nd XI players got together and produced a limited edition Cricket Calendar for 2006. The intension was to raise funds for the teams to use during the coming season.

Having braved the cold weather to take the pictures, the calendar shows various players in the dressing room and on the

field-each in a thoughtful and artistic cricket pose....albeit without-Clothes.

Thanks to the talents of Will Harvey's photog-rapher

wife Jo, the results are rather good and the calendars are selling well.



If you would like to buy one to support the club, they cost £15 and are

available from Justin Penrose now. Justin can be contacted on 07799 275675 but hurry as they are disappearing fast

Our thanks to Will Clarke for organising and Jo Harvey for her donated time.

Pre Season Training and Practice

This year, the venue is The Park Club, Milton and will be on Sunday Mornings from 11.00am to 12.30pm as follows:

- 19th February 2006
- 5th March 2006
- 19th March 2006

It is important to note that nets are NOT available-we shall be using the facilities for fitness, fielding drills/practice and batting practice.

In addition to this, there will be outdoor practice at

the Club from 11am to 12.30pm, weather permitting, on the following dates:

- 26th February 2006
- 12th March 2006

These sessions will be based on fitness, outdoor games and some fielding if conditions allow.

Outdoor nets are subject to weather conditions but it is intended to commence these

on the morning of Saturday, 1st April and to practice on most evenings until Easter (14th April). Thereafter it is proposed that senior training and net practice fall on the same nights as last year-Mondays and Thursdays.

Please make every effort to attend training- focusing on fitness as well as skills will only improve our success on the field

If you have any questions around training or fitness, please call Ted Heape on 01865 821637.

Club Kit for 2006

Club Contact Details:

Challow and Childrey Cricket Club
Vicarage Hill
East Challow
WANTAGE
Oxfordshire

Phone: 01235 763555



Planned Tour in August....

Plans are afoot to run a tour somewhere in the UK during August, probably from Sunday to Friday. Whilst the details are yet to be confirmed, we need to get an estimate of those who would be interested.

The tour will form an agenda item at the players meeting which was held on 5th February.

If you were unable to make the players meeting and would like to put your name down for the tour, please contact Will Clarke on 0784 3020926.

We are striving for a more “together” look this season by purchasing more club clothing from Boundary Sports. Boundary Sports are very competitively priced for quality clothing and are experts at producing kit for clubs.

Kit will be discussed at the players meeting on 5th February 2006 to gauge order numbers. The hope is that the minimum order quantity will be reached quickly so an order can be placed as soon as possible and be ready for the new season.

Visit www.boundarysports.com

In addition, there is a limited supply of kit from the last couple of seasons which is being sold off at bargain prices. Please contact Roger Podbury for details and note that the stock will be sold off on a “first come, first served” basis.

Early Season Fixtures

15th April-1st XI v Newbury (Home)

22nd April-1st XI v Purley (Away) - Border League

23rd April-Letcombe (Home)

29th April-1st XI Sandford St Martin (Home)

2nd XI Sandford St Martin (Away)

30th April-1st XI Hungerford (Home)

1st Round of the Cockspur Cup

6th May- 1st XI v Falkland at Home

7th May- One Day Friendly, Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire

13th May- 1st XI v Milton Keynes (Home) Cherwell League

2nd XI v Milton Keynes (Away) Cherwell League

14th May- 2nd Round, Cockspur Cup v F'hampstead (Away)

3rd XI - Start of OCA League