



# WESTCOTT CRICKET CLUB

## 2011 Newsletter #1



April 2011

### Welcome

#### Forthcoming and Recent Events

- Junior Football end of season: April 9<sup>th</sup> at Stable Meadow (9.00-1.00)
- Ground and Pavilion Working Parties (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10.30-1.00; Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 9.30-12.30)
- First Friday Training: April 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.00-8.00

#### *Winter nets*

The season will shortly begin. In fact, for some age groups it began several weeks ago at winter nets. These are now over. This year we were able to run them for u11, u12 and u13 age groups. All our age group coaches are volunteers, and which groups have nets is simply down to whether the age group coach has some spare Sundays over the winter.



#### *Friday training*

This starts again on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's a strange Easter as you know; very late and then there's an extra public holiday, because of some wedding or other. So we are training on these first 2 Fridays even though we fully realise a lot of people will be away. Some age groups have very early matches (at our opponents' insistence) so we need to get into the swing early.

#### What's new this year?

- We are going to try to communicate with you a bit better. This means we will be using the website more. Please check it out regularly. There is lots of info there.  
<http://www.westcottcc.com/>
- Some coaches have changed. First, **Guy Timson** has stepped down from involvement from cricket as he is about to have a further addition to his family at the start of the cricket season. Congratulations, Guy and Ev. ☺☺☺ Guy has been involved in coaching and running the junior section for several years and we thank him for all his past work (and we'll still see him around on Fridays I'm sure). **Pete Moore** will start his third cycle through the age groups and take over Guy's u11 group.
- **Graham Scott-Barnes** has coached for several years and isn't able to do it this year. The U15s won't be playing any junior league games this year, but they will have plenty of opportunity to play in Sunday adult league matches where several of them distinguished themselves as U14s last year. We are still trying to arrange a coach for the U15s.
- Two of our junior assistants **Josh Shrives and Alex Gregory** have been doing coaching courses over the winter and they will run the U10s/U9s this year.
- **New professional coach, Paul Griffiths**, is hired for the season. He will run two 1-hour workshops every Weds 6-7 and 7-8 on Weds evenings at the club. Over the season, every Westcott junior will get 1-2 sessions in small groups of 6-7 with Paul. You can read about Paul here:

<http://www.cricketcoach.info/index.htm>

## Ground Works Days

We need to do some small running repairs to the facilities in preparation for the cricket season. We particularly hope that parents will come along and help out on the morning of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Even an hour will help. Look on the website for further info, including details of the sort of tools/equipment that you might bring with you. Please contact Alan on if you can come along, [westcottcc@gmail.com](mailto:westcottcc@gmail.com)



## Volunteering

We urgently need parental help with running your club. No cricket knowledge or skills are needed for most of these jobs. The most important thing we need help with is various small admin tasks throughout the season. Some examples are:

- Taking the register as juniors arrive on Friday nights
- Being responsible for first aid kits for the coaches
- Supervising junior matches and perhaps umpiring (we would arrange a 2-hour course at Westcott to introduce parents to umpiring if a half-dozen of you volunteer)
- Selling junior kit on Friday nights
- Being volunteer coordinator for the club. Surrey CC will provide some basic training in how to get others in the club to become volunteers.
- Please contact Alan [westcottcc@gmail.com](mailto:westcottcc@gmail.com) a.s.a.p if you can help with anything like this.

## Sports Club volunteering

Alan Reif ([alanreif@aol.com](mailto:alanreif@aol.com)) also needs volunteers for small jobs around the clubhouse and grounds throughout the year. Please contact him asap if you can do anything to help.

Examples include:

- Small simple maintenance jobs in the clubhouse or around the grounds
- Help with organising social events (such as Bonfire night)
- Putting the bins out every Thursday night (from the clubhouse to the entrance in Milton St)
- Tending the flower beds in front of the clubhouse
- And many many little things like this.