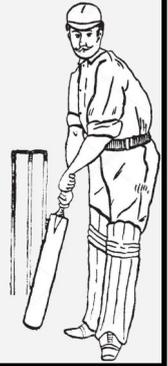




Old Colfeians' Cricket Club Past Players Newsletter

May 2021



Past players will be saddened to hear that Jim Farmer died on Saturday May 8th aged 94.

He was taken ill a week or so ago and admitted to Farnborough Hospital but did not respond to treatment.

No further information is available at present but more details including the funeral arrangements will be circulated in due course.

It is probably fair to say that Jim had a legendary impact on so many of our sporting lives.

Cricket Report

Our 4 Saturday sides were due to start their league campaigns on Saturday 8th May, though ultimately all were rained off.

The 1st and 2nd elevens were promoted in 2019 and as there was no league cricket in 2020 this will be their first season in their new divisions in Kent League. The 3^{rds} and 4^{ths} remain in same divisions as 2019 in Kent Regional League.

The 1st and 2nd elevens are probably in the highest divisions they can realistically reach without a financial investment in players to compete with other clubs which we will not do. The 3rd and 4th elevens however can achieve promotion from their respective divisions.

The 3^{rds} lead by Richard Burton ably supported by senior pros Richard Thomas and Geoff Rameaux are my tip to be the most successful side this year.

I am pleased to report that such are the numbers of people interested in playing for us that a trial match was held for the 4th X1 where Possibles defeated Probables in a close match.

On Sunday 6th June we start our 2021 All Stars programme for 5 to 8-year olds and also Dynamos cricket for 9 to 11-year olds. Both are ECB promoted programmes with Dynamos linked to the new 100 competition.

Also, on Friday nights we are starting coaching sessions for over elevens as the first steps towards building a colts section. This is the key to our future if we are to evolve as a Club.

It is early days but all very encouraging.

Look forward to seeing you at Past Players' lunch if not sooner.

Pike

Past Players' Lunch

This year's Past Players' lunch is scheduled for Saturday 26th June. More details will be circulated nearer the date.

Although the Past Players lunch will be a cricket club event it has been suggested that soccer past players be invited to join us as guests. A reciprocal arrangement will be offered when the soccer lunch is organised in the autumn.

Club Reopening

The Club reopens indoors from Monday May 17th. Initially it will open on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday only.

OCS 300 Club

The OC Society is still supporting via the 300 Club 6th form pupils from local state schools who receive full bursaries. If you are able to help by joining the 300 Club please reply to occcpp@btinternet.com or contact Russell Joyce at the School directly(rjoyce@colfes.com).

John Edrich

John Edrich died earlier this year and it is believed that he played for the RABBITS at the club when he was in his teens.

Alan Igglesden

Sadly, it was reported this week that Kent and England player Alan Igglesden is receiving end of life care due to a brain tumour.

See <https://www.kentcricket.co.uk/news/iggys-toughest-test-alan-igglesdens-story/>

The 1st X1 played against him when he was a member of the Westerham X1.

Joan Harmer

We also have to report that ,very sadly David Harmer's wife Joan has died.

She was the sister of Clare Tarrant, mother of Roly and aunt of Chris and Nick Tarrant.

We send our sincerest condolences to all of the family and are sure that the thoughts of older Past Players will be with you at this difficult time.