



Old Owens Cricket Club - Winter Newsletter 2017

Fellow Owenians,

*We hope you are wintering extremely well. There is an enormous amount going on in the club, so we thought we would update you about some of it. You will be able to keep up to speed with all this and more by following the sage advice given in the “**How To Stay In Touch**” section at the end of the newsletter. Please also read the minutes of the AGM, which have been emailed out.*

Tour of Norfolk Sunday 28 – Tuesday 30 May 2017 (put this in your diary now)

May 2017 will see the reinstatement of the tour to Norfolk, in the stomping ground of Old Owens CC legends Jimmy Everton and Pete Salisbury.

Our accommodation will be the **Wensum Valley Hotel** (Golf and Country Club) <http://www.wensumvalleyhotel.co.uk/>, where a **single room on B&B will be £59 and a twin/double etc £42.50 per person**. The Sunday fixture is to be confirmed, we will play our good friends from Reepham and Salle on the Monday and Great Witchingham on our way home on the Tuesday. As ever we will spend our evenings in Pete’s dangerously good watering hole, **The Kings Arms** in Reepham (<http://kingsarmsreepham.com/>) but as the hotel on the same square we used to stay in has gone somewhat upmarket, Pete is kindly arranging transport to get us to and from our new hotel base:



To secure your place on the tour please let Shaun Flook know & pay £20 per person into the club account, marking the payment as “Tour Deposit 2017” -

Sort Code: 40-06-23

Account Number: 81118803

If you have any queries about the tour please contact Shaun Flook via email at shaunflook@aol.com

Old Owen's Cricket Club Online Shop

Club Merchandise

There is a great range of quality Old Owens CC "merch" available through our **online market place** at <https://shop.kalibazar.co.uk/club/oldowenscc>. So go there for all your kit and casual needs.

One thing you can't get there is a super-exclusive colours baggy cap, already sported by many of the more discerning members of the club. And also by Ralph.

These little beauties will be available from Brad Lane (bradleylane9@googlemail.com) before and during the season for only £25.



Old Owens Fantasy Cricket League for 2017



The club will be running a **fantasy league** next year, wherein you will be able to (having paid a **small entry fee of £10 per team**) select a team of Old Owenians containing 4

batters, 4 bowlers, 2 all-rounders and 1 wicket keeper, where runs, catches, run-outs, stumpings, not outs, maidens, centuries and more by your players will all earn your team points and could potentially win you a (modest) prize! Sounds simple? But each player will have a value and there will be a maximum value for your whole team, so knowing players from all 3 league teams is likely to be a huge advantage....

There will be more about this via the usual sources, but although our Fantasy League website is currently in development you can take a sneak preview and see the full rules here <http://old-owens.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk> and to find out more you can contact Shaun Flook at shaunflook@aol.com



Boxing Day Cricket!

The club are keen on arranging a cricket game on the artificial pitch on Boxing Day, followed by some warming seasonal food and drink (we can taste the vintage port right now..) in the clubhouse, around a roaring log fire! If you are interested please let Tim Lane know via tlane@cosmur.co.uk

Winter Nets

Nets will commence weekly from **Thursday 26 January at 8pm - 9pm** at the University of Hertfordshire. All are very welcome, especially new members of all standards.

New Captains

Huge congratulations to **Umair Atta** and **Ian Tyler** for becoming 2nd and 3rd XI captains and massive thanks to the departing Andy Battersby and Alan Hunter, whose teams both missed out on promotion by one place this year. Let's hope Umair and Ian can go one better in '17.

New Scorers and Umpires

We are always on the lookout for new match officials, whether officiating for the club itself, or through the league's panel systems. We can arrange appropriate training for people who are interested, so if that includes you please contact shaunflook@aol.com.

New Club President

Tradition decrees that the school's Head Teacher will be our Club President and as there is a new Head Teacher, so we have a new Club President. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Hannah Nemko, both to the school and to the presidency of our great cricket club.



Annual Awards 2016

This year's Top Strivers were announced at the dinner on 25 November, where those of them who were able to attend were presented with their respective trophies. Here are your winners:

Award	Winner
Best overall bowler	Bradley Lane
Best overall batsman	Alan Hunter
Best overall fielder	Chris Palmer for 20 catches and 5 stumpings
1st XI batting	Chris Palmer for 411 runs at 25

1st XI bowling:	Javed Mir for 24 wickets at 19
2nd XI batting	Robinson Thiruchelvam for 687 runs at 57
2nd XI bowling	Robinson Thiruchelvam for 24 wickets at 29
3rd XI bowling	Ricci Achillini & Tony Palmer jointly with 17 wickets at 17
3 rd XI batting	Alan Hunter for 387 runs at 64.5
Most improved player	Naman Paropkari
Special Award	Inshan Hadgie for 181 Not Out - a new club record individual innings
Young player of the year	Tom Fuller
Club Man of the Year	Gavin Flook

Spot the Ball Competition Winner

The inaugural Old Owens Cricket Club Spot the Ball competition took place at the end of the post-season dinner. The lucky winner is Dr Robin Gupta and here is the photographic evidence that the judges found to be decisive. Well done Robin!



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Have a fantastic Christmas and...STRIVE WITH A WILL OWENIANS!!

