



The Horse's Mouth

April 2019

Welcome to the new FCC newsletter...

FCC's Committee are keen to improve communication to Club members, friends and families and have decided to set up a newsletter to spread the word about all things FCC. We already have a thriving social media presence which helps with this but wanted to make sure we have a platform which reaches out to all the FCC family (including those who are not engaged on social media!)

The Horse's Mouth is designed to be a brief, occasionally amusing but *always* informative update on club news, stories, star performances, fundraising activities and upcoming events. We plan to issue newsletters every other month during the season and twice during the off-season.

Pre-season news

As we prepare for FCC's 152nd season, there's plenty that's been happening behind the scenes. A working party of about 20 club members took part in the annual pre-season tidy-up and preparation of the ground and

clubhouse on Saturday 6th April.

Sightscreens and pitch covers were assembled, changing rooms tidied, bar stocked,

rabbit holes filled and bacon baps eaten. New groundsman Gordon Corrie was on hand to direct the troops in putting the final touches in to the most healthy looking pre-season square for many years (great work JR!)

Juniors Update

Our 'Friday Night Juniors' training sessions were launched last year to great success (helped by some balmy summer evenings!) For 2019, these kick off on **26th April at 6pm**. The bar will be open and we'll have regular BBQ's throughout the summer so bring the family and enjoy a well-earned drink in the Friday sunshine. We're always looking to recruit new junior players so tell



your friends and bring them along. For more information about the junior section please contact Junior Manager, David Glover on 07720 849057 or by email at djglover@btinternet.com

Congratulations to Matthew Glover who has been appointed Junior Captain for 2019 and to Sophie Whittington who has been appointed Junior Vice Captain for the forthcoming season.



Fundraising

At FCC we're lucky to own our ground and clubhouse (not true of many clubs in Worthing). We also enjoy a unique setting in the South Downs that makes it one of the most picturesque grounds in the country.

However, this privilege comes at a cost...

Our lovely, traditional, but ageing clubhouse requires plenty of maintenance. Major roof repairs are being undertaken in early May and the concrete terrace requires replacement, both of which will cost thousands. The practice nets, bowling machine, sightscreens, covers and grounds maintenance equipment all require continuous upkeep and replacement.

SO WE NEED YOUR HELP...!

There are lots of ways that club members, friends and family can help...

1. We rely on income from membership fees to keep the club sustainable. Please make every effort to pay your membership fees promptly and if you're a parent of a junior member why not consider joining as a social member (£15 pa) to help support the club. Click here to join <https://bit.ly/2XaYxJo>
2. Support our regular social events (see below for details). Income generated through the bar keeps us afloat, helping to pay for the running of the club.

FCC Social Calendar 2019

Saturday 27th April - Welcome Home
Finley / FCC Catch Up

Sunday 19th May - T20 Double Header with
BBQ + Pimms

Saturday 15th June - Shocking Shirt Night

Saturday 13th July - Wimbledon Party

Sunday 18th August - Friends of Findon Match

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Friday 23rd August - Quiz Night from Down Under

Saturday 24th August - 80's Disco

Sunday 25th August - 6-a-side Cricket
Competition

Saturday 21st September - Drink the Bar Dry

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for more
information on events throughout the year:

@FindonCricketClub

3. Subscribe to the FCC 150 Club – just £3 per month on a standing order and you can win monthly cash prizes of £75 (see below for details).

4. Sponsorship – we're always on the lookout for new sponsors. If you have a business or know someone who might be interested in sponsoring the club please contact Paul Judges on 07966 265945.

5. Grant applications – there are a range of opportunities for grant funding available to clubs like ours. If you have experience of applying for grants or are willing to provide some time in helping with these, we'd love to hear from you.

6. Fundraising ideas – if you have ideas for fundraising, either a one-off event or an ongoing initiative or are willing to spare some time in organising something then we need to hear from you! Contact Club Chairman Mandy Bridson on 07803 179515.

Our first fundraising event for 2019 was a sponsored bike ride. Jabe Rogers, Archie Cairns and Alex Roberts from FCC's Under 19s team cycled from Worthing Pier to Brighton Pier and back on Saturday 13th April. So far they've raised over £1300 but you can still donate...click here!! <https://bit.ly/2U5rfZT>



Team News

FCC are pleased to welcome back one of our favourite Aussies, Liam 'Sandy' Freeman for another season.



A talented all-rounder, solid drinker and all-round nice guy, Liam arrives in time for the first league match away at Broadwater on 4th May.

FCC 1st teamers Curtis Howell and Glen Bridson have returned from successful stints playing in Australia over the winter - season stats for each can be found here...

<https://bit.ly/2Dmo>

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<https://bit.ly/21Lukg3>

And we also welcome back club mascot Finley the Penguin who had a chance encounter with a cricketer



great whilst on tour...nice work Finley. Shame Beefy didn't see the funny side!

Bradley Bridson continues as 1st XI Captain and Cameron Young takes up the reins for his debut season as 2nd XI Captain – best of luck Cam! Nigel Lambert continues as 3rd XI Skipper. Please come along to support the teams on a Saturday – details of fixtures throughout the season can be accessed here... <https://bit.ly/2G8OoWA>

Senior nets - Tuesday evenings from 6pm.

Friends of Findon Day 2019

2018 witnessed the sad passing of some of the club's most illustrious and well-loved members - Steve 'Scruffy' Duffield, Sheila Chapman, Chris Green and Tony Botting. Each of these colourful characters played a key role in making our club what it is today and we're planning to commemorate this by hosting a very special 'Friends of Findon' match on **Sunday 18th August**.

More details of the day will be provided soon but please keep this date clear in your diary for now!

Junior Kit Sale

We know that keeping your kids well equipped can be quite costly! We are therefore looking to collect any kit that your son/daughter has grown out of and then have a sale of second hand items for anyone looking to buy kit for the coming season. Money collected will go towards club funds and the leftover kit will be donated to a charity working with disadvantaged children.

Please search your lofts and sheds to see if you have anything to donate- playing or training kit, bats, pads, gloves, helmets etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Nick and Keri Hawke (from the U.13's) will be collecting donations on the second Friday training night (3rd May) and then looking to set up a sale for the following Friday (10th May). If you want to contact Nick directly his email is nick@hawkemetcalfe.co.uk

FCC 150 Club

The FCC 150 Club has been running for 15 months. We have paid out nearly £1,500 in winnings so far and raised over £500 for club funds. **For just £3 a month paid by standing order you'll be entered into a monthly draw for cash prizes of up to £75.**

If you want to join please contact Bradley Bridson at FCC150club@gmail.com.

Winners of the latest draws below:

March:

1st Place ball 40 - Neil Simmonds - £75
2nd place ball 44 - Richard Blake - £25
3rd Place ball 16 - Elsie Metters - £10

April:

1st Place ball 30 - Lisa Young - £75
2nd Place 39 - Neil Higgins - £25
3rd Place ball 23 - Harvey Cairns - £10

All Stars Cricket

FCC will again be hosting All Stars Cricket sessions for kids aged 5-8 years.

These fun and friendly sessions

provide an ideal introduction to cricket for younger children and take place at FCC on Saturdays 9-10am from 11th May - 29th June. Click here for more information and to register... <https://bit.ly/2Ddrj14>

