



Orpington Cricket Club

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Orpington CC Newsletter October 2014

Dates for the diary

- **18th October** - The annual Dinner Dance is due to take place on Saturday 18th Oct at the New Inn, Hayes. The bar will be open from 6.00pm, the meal being served at 7.00pm

Please contact Pabs for last minute tickets etc

- **6th November** – date of the next OCC Committee meeting
- **28th November** – the club's AGM will be held at the club on Friday 28th Nov, 8.00pm start. Please come along and have your say. There are a few positions that have no nominations currently e.g. Club Development Officer, Fixture Secretary, Senior Club Registration Secretary – please contact the secretary if interested. Nominations are being taken for all other positions – if you wish to stand you please ensure that someone nominates you and someone else seconds you and this information is sent to Pete Shaw

Good News

- Congratulations to the OCC 2nd XI for winning their league – they will be collecting their winners' trophy at the Kent League dinner in early November.
- Well done to the Orpington Nomads, our ladies section for coming 2nd in their league.
- Good Luck to the 8 OCC colts who are trialling with the Bromley district squads in the autumn term and the 2 that have been put forward for Kent trials in December.
- This year's new venue for the Annual Dinner Dance has already sold approx 100 tickets. It should be a great time – the more the merrier.
- The club has been approached by the Kent Disability team with a view of forging closer links with us, possibly joining as club members to form a team that would play mainly on Sundays. We will keep you posted on this.
- We have had confirmation that we were re awarded the Clubmark after passing the re accreditation process. Well done and a huge thank you to Ian Game
- The OCC Young Leaders who completed their programme in the summer were presented their awards at Lords on 5th Oct.

Finances

- Finances continue to be very tight and we anticipate that we might just about break even this season. We always welcome ideas on how we can increase fundraising including any potential sponsors.
- New members for the 100 club are most welcome – contact the secretary.

Ground & Facilities

- The working party completed the essential winter maintenance jobs – big thanks to Moff for all his efforts in ensuring our ground and facilities are up to scratch. Thanks to the few that turned up to support him at the working party. Nets, sightscreens and covers were prepared for the winter months. The squares were re-roped.
- The bowling machines are not currently in working order, and the batteries need replacing.
- We are looking at repairing the mobile cage that is currently next to the lock up tin. The lighter of the mobile cages has proved very useful but is in a poor state.
- We will continue to work with Westcombe Park Rugby Club to ensure when they are aware of what is required for the cricket season when any redevelopment work starts.
- The committee is continuing discussions with Orpington FC about the use of a 3rd pitch in Goddington Park. OFC have had many hurdles thrown at them which is delaying the work on this.

OCC Web Site, Twitter and Facebook

- A couple of extra volunteers have come forward to help keep the club's social media channels current.