

DITCHLING CRICKET CLUB

NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 2005

Hey! It's Cricket Week. The sun is shining and England have the Aussies on the rack. It is a great time to be a Ditchling cricketer.

Here is the news:

- **Wedding Bells:** congratulations to the following players and supporters of the Club—Giles (and Nikki) Wheeler, Johnny Coburn, Justin Webb and Lucy Douglas-Mann—all of whom got spliced in July.
- **Commiserations:** to Jamie O'Meara and Jim Nolan – both of whom broke legs in July – one on the cricket pitch; one on the dance floor!
- **Cricket Week:** please don't forget the unveiling of the tree for Lawrence. 4pm on Friday afternoon. There will be food every evening at the Club. Tim Claringbull will have Club kit to purchase.
- **Charity:** Bob Gandalf eat your heart out! In July, the Club sent cheques for a total of over £2000 to two charities – Mark Robinson's benefit and (courtesy Jim Nolan) Sri Lankan Tsunami relief. We also made a small donation to Sussex cancer relief. I think this is pretty good going for a village cricket club and we can give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back.
- **Juniors:** this summer's coaching programme now successfully completed and we achieved our ambition of staging our first match (we came second against Scaynes Hill under-10s, but it was a start.) We are just seeing if we can fix up an under-11s game before the end of the season. Huge thanks to Matt Dean for his tireless work.
- **Ground:** we spent £500 on a new sprayer and chemicals for Les Brown. This should help continue our plan to improve the quality of our square—a plan that is already working really well. Les has put up a second practice net at very little cost.
- **Bull Invitation Trophy:** because a few key people are unavailable, this will not take place this year. But our visitors enjoyed the day so much last year, that I'm told they definitely want to take up the challenge next August. Perhaps we could stage a 20Twenty game or a 6-a-side tournament on the Bank Holiday instead.
- **Golf Day:** we plan this as a bit of fun for all members of the Club in February/March next year. Contact Ed Burns if you're interested.

Enjoy your Cricket!

All the best

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