

# Barford Cricket Club

Hareway Lane



## Club News 2007

### Diary Dates

You may wish to make a note of the following dates, all of which are now confirmed:

- The Pre-season party: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April at the Leek Wootton clubhouse
- The Quiz : Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- AGM: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

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### Leek Wootton

The proposed move to Leek Wootton is progressing as planned, and we have now agreed financial terms with their committee and paid for the first year at the ground.

Over the coming year we need to make good the ground at Hareway Lane, and to dispose of those things which we will no longer need at our new home. It is likely that the committee will need help in doing this, and I will let you know of dates for working parties once they're arranged. One of the first tasks is likely to be transporting our mat to the new ground, where it will be used in the nets. As many of you know, the mat is very heavy and we will need a good turnout to make the job as easy as possible. Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated.

### Pre-season Party

We will be holding this year's pre-season party on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April (starting around 12:00), at the Club House at Leek Wootton. Lunch will be provided, and is rumoured to include the famous Pierson lamb curry, which has been very popular in the past (vegetarian and non-curry options will be available for the feint-hearted). The cost will be £5 per person for adults, £3 for juniors (aged 10-16) with under 10s eating for free. Please contact Mike Suffield (01926 403304) if you are able to attend.

### Fixtures

Simon Clark has again grasped the management nettle, thought outside the box, pushed the boat out and shaken the tree to compile an excellent fixture list for the forthcoming season. For the latest information, please check the club website (<http://www.barfordcc.org.uk/>). After a brief hiatus, we plan to produce fixture cards again this year and these should be available at the pre-season on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### Midweek Matches

Following last year's debacle, we will again be mounting an assault on the 3<sup>rd</sup> division of the midweek league, unless they've invented a fourth division especially for us. We have arranged with Leek Wootton to play our home matches on Wednesday nights. I will mail round further details nearer the time.

### Midweek Nets

If there is sufficient demand, we hope to run midweek nets throughout the summer at Leek Wootton. The favoured night is currently Tuesdays, although I will confirm this once the season has started.

## **6-a-side**

Unfortunately the ground at Leek Wootton is in use every Saturday throughout the season and we have been unable to come up with a practical alternative, so we will be “resting” the 6-a-side tournament this year. We will review the situation in 2008, once we are more established at the new ground.

## **Match Secretaries**

The following match secretaries have been appointed/press ganged:

April/May	Paul Johnstone (01926 624623)
June	Martin Lusby (01926 624369)
July	Tim Jolly (01926 624524)
August	Richard Jones (01926 624173)
September/ October	Mike Suffield (01926 403304)

## **The Committee**

Suspensions that the AGM “Committee Idol” text vote was rigged to maximise income for the club where not allayed when the same lot were elected again for 2007:

Chairman:	Sandy Peirson
Captain:	Mike Suffield
Vice Captain:	Richard Jones
Fixtures Secretary:	Simon Clark
Social Secretary:	Mike Suffield
Secretary:	Simon Hawkins
Treasurer:	Martin Lusby
Tour Secretary:	Mike Ireland
Ex Officio Members:	Paul Johnstone & Tim Jolly

## **Subscriptions**

Club subscriptions will again stay the same as last year. Please complete the attached subscription form and return it, with your cheque, to Martin Lusby. As part of our arrangement with Leek Wootton, every member of our club must also become a member of the Leek Wootton Sports Club. In order to process this before the season starts, we request that you pay your subscription on or before the pre-season party on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Suffield – Kingsize to Funsie**

As most of you know, many years of hard gambling have taken their inevitable toll on Mike’s kidneys, which have now shrunk to the size of a walnut or inflated to the size of a beach ball, whichever is worse. Unfortunately, new organs don’t come cheap, even if you buy them from that gentleman in the pub with an eastern European accent, so Mike has embarked on a sponsored weight loss to raise funds for the local renal unit and to ensure that he fits in a normal sized surgical gown. Webmaster and committee member with special responsibility for political correctness, Paul Johnstone, has created a new [“Flabwatch”](#) feature on the website, which will help you monitor your investment. Paul has also used powerful computers and sophisticated mathematical modelling to produce a photographic representation of how scientists believe Mike might look once his diet is complete.

## **Update your contact details**

Please let me know if you change your address, email or phone numbers so I can keep the club list up to date.