

**BETHERSDEN
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CLUB**

Bull Green
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Kent TN26 3AP

President: Geoffrey Yeandle



17/5/19

Dear Parents/Guardians

Ref - Bethersden Cricket Club Junior Cricket Training Sessions 2019 from 6.15 pm to about 7.45pm on Thursday nights at Bull Green.

As Chairman, I am writing to you on behalf of Bethersden Cricket Club introducing our club and offering the opportunity for your child/children to join in on our junior training programme.

The junior cricket training sessions were again a fantastic success last year. Peter Moralee and his team, who has first class cricket experience, works with youth training schemes and is mainly based at Ashford School amongst others, will continue the training programme. This will allow us to have continuity and a controlled structure this year. Depending on the age spread (five years to fourteen) and numbers we will have two coaches, each taking a balanced age group catering for their abilities.

The Bethersden Charitable Trust has again donated funds to allow us to keep the fees at two pounds fifty pence per child. Again I know that you will appreciate this gesture.

The first training evening was at Bull Green on, Thursday 16th May 2019 with Peter Moralee and his team and next week would be the last before half term. They will recommence a week later, up to the summer holidays, when it will be decided if we continue through them or complete the course, plus additional sessions if requested, afterwards.

As per last season, we will require you to pay for the first ten sessions upfront, however for new children we appreciate that parents would like to see our set up first hand, so their first session would be paid for on the night. I have enclosed our registration form for your records.

These sessions are designed to make cricket fun and develop hand eye coordination skills (which apply to most sports) and being part of team all in a safe environment. The parents usually sit on the sidelines with a drink and nibbles and put the world to rights, giving them a couple of hours off from children! Please let me know by email (d.r.jahnz@btinternet.com) if you wish to participate this season.

Bethersden Cricket Club is now playing social cricket on Saturday afternoons. We have twenty-two fixtures against local sides for the 2019 season, so it is never too far to travel and we are looking for new members.

If you or your partner is interested in playing social cricket, no matter how good you are, please let me know, it is fun and, maybe will encourage your children to embrace a healthier life.

Games will start at 1.30pm and normally play for thirty overs each, with a tea interval, and finish about 6.30pm, thus allowing the evening to be free for other activities.

We have a pool of players of all genders and all ages and abilities from which to choose our team, so you are not tied to playing every week and all are welcome. Should we be short on numbers we will broker a game with the opposition, therefore we always try to fulfill a fixture.

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There is a one off payment of twenty pounds as a subscription for the year and each fixture there is a ten pounds match and tea money fee. Juniors and non-playing members pay ten pounds subscriptions and five pounds for match and tea money if they play.

We hold 'Nets' on Wednesday nights from 6.15pm; weather permitting for anyone over twelve. The 2019 fixture list is available on our Facebook page.

We are repeating various fundraising events from 2018 such as the lunch at London Beach Hotel, date to be announced, (you pay twenty eight pounds fifty pence each), eat as much as you like and the club gets the fee back, so you win as do the club. The Dog Show will be bigger and more organised to be held in July 2019, The Rounders match TBA, the Summer quiz on 5th July 2019 and the Christmas quiz is 29th November. We are planning another Murder Mystery evening.

We are negotiating to repeat the 'Cockney sing-along' evening, hosted by Mr Tom Carradine and his piano at the village hall for September 2019, tickets will about ten pounds per adult and five pounds for children under sixteen. With songs from the music hall era, both the World Wars and coupled with West End stage shows and songs from the 60's, 70's and 80's, it promises to be a cosy, fun evening. Tickets are available online and through the usual outlets. Please see our Facebook page for all the dates and details of upcoming events.

We are still preparing and applying for various grants, fund raising events, various schemes to highlight and promote Bethersden Cricket Club, and for ground maintenance work.

Again, you will appreciate this has taken, and will take, a lot of time, effort and sacrifice to achieve our goals. We are living in financially tight times but appeal to you for any financial help, however small and/or expertise in achieving this. We also have to comply with the GDPR changes so please would you confirm you are happy for us to retain your personal data for exclusive use for Bethersden Cricket Club. We have a Whatsapp group, which is easier to communicate. If you do not want my emails please let me know.

We are looking for someone to prepare the wickets and some groundwork so if you know of anyone, please tell me.

The future of the club is in the youth and with your help, we will be playing cricket at Bull Green for the foreseeable future, opening the ground and pavilion to other sporting groups or private parties, within the village, which will benefit the whole community and utilise our facilities all year round.
For club updates, like us on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

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