

THE PHILANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

To: Founder Playing Members and Vice-Presidents

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Dear Philanderer

At long last, and after months of promises, I am very pleased to be sending the inaugural official Club letter on the opening day of our first Season. Needless to say the first match has of course been postponed owing to the usual inclement English weather but we shall endeavour to play the match versus Gonville & Caius College as soon as the weather permits, hopefully on Saturday the 26th of April (2.00 pm start).

As you will observe from the enclosed Club membership/fixture card I have managed to dupe/pursuade 28 otherwise sane local gentlemen into joining this pet enterprise of mine and, even more impressive, all have paid their initial subscriptions - for what purpose at least one gentleman from Sweden is still rather unsure! However, it is my only wish that the collection of 12 carefully arranged cricket matches during the Summer months will cater for the needs of the playing membership whilst the twelve 'slightly bemused' Vice-Presidents will hopefully join us occasionally on the field of play and more frequently in the bar afterwards and at the occasional social function which I hope to arrange during the Winter months.

I very much hope that the Club crest, which is based upon a crossed cricket bat and wine bottle, will give a certain distinction to our venture. I feel that it suitably encapsulates the aim of combining enjoyment of reasonably competitive cricket with other occasional social activities. Should anyone have noticed that the Club also possesses a distinctive Latin motto Graham Sanderson will be overwhelmingly pleased to explain its meaning and hidden innuendos at great length should anyone be foolish enough to enquire.

Enough said (for the time being!) I feel except to express the hope that all of the membership will support the Club to the best of their ability although I fully appreciate that we all lead busy lives. However, I very much hope that it will provide an interesting diversion from the mainsteam of life and that a reasonable amount of enjoyment is obtained by everyone. If the spirit is willing we can of course continue playing cricket and drinking for ever - well nearly!

Yours truly

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