



## The Philanderers CC

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With the opening fixture of the season imminent I am afraid that I need to inflict another Newsletter onto the membership. Despite your natural fear of reading through my usual selection of verbs and adjectives I shall be grateful if you all would bravely scan, as carefully as you can muster, the entire missive. However, I will at least start with nouns at the forefront by dealing with the movement in membership which has taken place during the close season.

As regards Playing Members there have been reasonably significant changes. One match wonder Tom Bale and similarly limited Tom Barnard have disappeared into the ether as has unfortunately Tom Sherwin after several years of intermittent appearances. Youngsters Amith Hariharasudham & Dineth Wijewardena are now furthering their education at a distance and have declined membership renewal as has Jack Rusted who is now apparently roving in various parts of the planet. Stuart Harris & Hugo White have let age get the better of them and retired to become backbench VPs as has Mihir Chandraker whilst on two-year work placement in Singapore.

On the recruitment front we have been joined by Clan Marshall of Kings School, Ely heritage, namely father Andrew and sons Ben & Connor. The remainder are OPs comprising Nick Cox, freshly returned to practice lifesaving at Addenbrookes, and Ed Whyte, at last persuaded from his London base to join the club. Also acquired are Alex Fullarton, part of Will Hammond's golden school teams of a dozen years ago, and Peter Richer, plucked from the grasp of Granta and the Anglia Premier League. I very much hope that you all enjoy the experience of playing for The Philanderers.

Turning to the Vice President situation we seem to have mislaid Jane Coe, Paul Leary, Tim Middleton (again) and very long serving member Geoff Miller, scorer of the club's first century. Dr Cox has chosen to be upwardly mobile joining the playing ranks. As mentioned earlier Messrs Chandraker, Harris & White are now safely settled in the comfy VP armchairs.

Bear with me and keep going please as I turn to availability, sorry. It has been a real trial getting eleven players for the opening fixture with Crusaders although we've ended up with a strong XI albeit with no reserves. With a slightly smaller playing pool this season support must be stepped up. I believe that we shall just about be OK for the Sunday fixtures but I have severe doubts about being able to fulfil our midweek games, now reduced to 5. We need to attract more locally based players otherwise we are in danger of becoming exclusively a Sunday club.

In respect of playing please note that there are two relevant attachments. One is concerning insurance, or rather the lack of it, which everyone should read. The other pertains to club apparel which is set out for your delectation and is especially relevant to our new members. Ideally, I would like all players to have at least a club shirt.

The fixture cards have been printed and will be made available from now onwards for those who actually have a mantlepiece or still wear a jacket (with an inside pocket). Such individuals are of-course becoming ever rarer!

Socially the Elders are still enjoying their regular lunches and Gerald Coteman kindly organised a popular curry evening recently and a photograph of this joyous occasion is placed at the foot of this Newsletter.

Well, you will be relieved to know that the end is nigh. Just a reminder that increased availability will be incredibly helpful as would generally prompter responses to my "selection" emails please. Above all enjoy the cricket.

Phil

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