

OUSEBURN CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Indoor Training Sessions

Winter indoor training sessions for all junior age groups will commence from the weekend 9-11 January 2009 at Boroughbridge Leisure Centre. We would encourage all juniors to attend these sessions as they enable them to develop their skills and have some fun with their friends at the same time. Full details will be published on the web site (www.ouseburncricket.org.uk) nearer the time.

New Players

We are always looking to welcome new members to our club. If you know of any juniors (including girls) who would enjoy playing cricket, please invite them along to our training sessions. We are especially interested in encouraging those who are aged between 7 to 9 years old.

Club AGM and Annual Dinner

On 20th October it is the Club's AGM followed by the Annual Dinner on 15th November. All members will receive full details of these events.

Message from the Chairman

Dear All,

I must say a big thank you to all the coaches, helpers, mums and dads for all their help they give on a Friday night to help our youngsters with cricket practice.

This season has been the most successful ever. All our junior teams finished in the top three of their respective leagues, a fantastic achievement. In particular the U17's won their league and the prestigious Arthur Barrett Cup. The U13's reached the final of their league play off's and the U9's reached the semi-final stage.

With our club now awarded Clubmark status, it means we can move forward with confidence in the future and all our juniors have the chance to move up in the structure of the Club.

Many thanks to all concerned, long may it continue.

Jeff Gill Chairman

Ouseburn Under 17's achieve Cup & League Double



The Final of the U17s Arthur Barrett cup took place at Bilton CC on the evening of Tuesday 22nd July between Birstwith CC and Ouseburn CC. Ouseburn put in a fine performance to win the cup. This came on top of the team winning the Nidderdale U17 League.

Review of the U11's 2008 Season by Richard Lever

The most pleasing aspect of the season for me was to see the boys develop their skills. By the end of the season we had a number of very accomplished batsmen in Chris Atkinson, Ryan Davidson, Jordan Newlove, Sam Rose, Luis Rust and Dan Lawson. On the bowling front Dan Lever, Connor Freeman and Declan Blacker Meek have all developed into very impressive bowlers. Tyler Stringer and James Reilly, who both only started playing cricket this season, are developing in to very good cricketers.

The team played ten matches during the season, winning seven of them. These great results meant we finished 2nd overall in our group, which was a fantastic performance.

Thanks must go to all the very loyal parents who despite the cold evenings and a few early starts provided great encouragement to the boys.

Review of the U13's 2008 Season by Simon Driver

2008 was a hugely successful season. The Owls finished top of their division and the Ospreys finished third in their division. Congratulations to everyone.

This means that the Owls will play Studley Royal in a final play-off to determine the overall winner of the Nidderdale U13 League on 21 September.

Throughout the season, we regularly had a group of 25 boys of all ability levels practising on a Friday night and everybody had an opportunity to represent Ouseburn in a match.

Individual Prize winners were: -

	Owls	Ospreys
Batting	Sam Taylor	Tom Howson
Bowling	Glen May	Mark Chester
Fielding	Reece Farren	Josh Gardner

Good luck to those boys moving up to the Under 15s next year and we look forward to welcoming everybody else back next season for the Under 13s. Bring your friends too!

Review of the U9's 2008 Season by Chris Rose

The new season saw us start off with our old adversaries Knaresborough at home and although we played well we were outplayed on the day. With lessons to be learnt we soon started to play to the standard we knew we could, beating Helperby at home. With our first points on the board the team started to relax and enjoy the games as we notched up yet another victory away at Cundall and again away at Studley Royal. The home game against Whixley played on a glorious evening saw us go into second place in the league.

The second half of the season saw the return leg against Knaresborough. Ouseburn won the toss so all boded well, but once again we fell short against a very good team. More training on fielding and on my field placing seemed to work as we once again beat Cundall. Studley made their return to Ouseburn and although a close game, they went away empty handed, could we keep it up!

In the semi finals we faced Knaresborough AGAIN! Once again the weather would have its say, the air was cold and the wicket was wet but we won the toss- hooray. Could we win this time!!... Well we didn't but we gave them a real scare. We had them on the backfoot from the word go and on a better day I think we could have won.

The coaches of the U9's are moving up an age group in 2009. I personally will miss the enthusiasm the U9's give on match & practice nights. Keep on working hard and believing in yourselves and you will all become fantastic cricketers!

The Club now four ECB Level 2 coaches (Simon, Paul, Janette and Pete). In this article Janette Howson recounts what she went through to get qualified.

We were all thrilled this year to have passed our level 2 ECB coaching exams...but getting there certainly wasn't easy. Through out the winter months we had to attend training sessions and classroom work with top coaches who ran the level 2 course.

There were a total of 25 on our course all of mixed abilities, some had never even played cricket, but as we were told you don't have to play to be able to coach. Sometimes non players had an advantage as players tend to get into bad habits and we had to get out of these to be able to coach the techniques correctly. You must remember if you see any of us playing, don't expect to see what we teach! After being observed by the coaches for many weeks, to prove we knew how to coach correctly, we were let loose on our Ouseburn team where we had to get many hours of coaching in, being observed doing this correctly.

We had loads of paperwork to complete (and I mean LOADS) on health & safety, child

welfare, lesson plans for each session we ran (just like a teacher!) how we felt the sessions went, how we could improve these, did the children enjoy it etc. When we had all this together, we then had to complete an assessment day where qualified coaches came to assess our skills. We were very lucky that we could get groups of children from Ouseburn club to participate in this and I think we all benefited from this. We were all really nervous, it was like going back to school for exams all over again, not being able to eat or sleep – hoping you're not the only one to fail in the courses history, etc, etc.....but we all managed to PASS!

Joking apart though, the course was invaluable and taught everyone taking part something new and now we can pass this on to our Ouseburn juniors. Parents can be assured that we as coaches will do our very best to look after and train your child in a safe and fun environment.... enjoyment is a must! Here's to next season.... bring it on!

Looking for Help and Support from Parents

We are always looking for help and support within the junior section. This may be in the form of helping with the tuck shop, helping with tea and coffee at matches and helping with the supervision of the coaching of the U9's. It all helps! In particular each of the junior teams needs help with scoring. It may sound a daunting role to undertake, but it's not, honestly! You just need to learn a few strange hand signals and have a sharp pencil! We will be running an informal coaching session in March for anyone who is interested in learning how to score. Please let one of the coaches know if you are interested in helping with scoring.

We want to step up our efforts as a junior section to start raising more funds so that we can invest in some new equipment. Can you help in any way? Could you organise a coffee morning or a social event to help raise funds? We are open to any ideas and Caroline would love to discuss it with you (01423 330231). Alternatively, could you get your firm to sponsor us in any way (a set of new team jumpers, a portable score board, new nets or even a bowling machine!)

U13 Indoor league

This year we have entered an U13 team in the Nidderdale Indoor Cricket League competition for the first time. The matches are held at the Pateley Bridge Leisure Centre and take place on Saturdays between 26 September and the 28 March.

Given our excellent performance during this season we see this as a great opportunity to compete at a high level of cricket during the winter season, maintaining skills and having some great fun. We are really looking forward to it and we will keep you informed as to how we get on.

Investment in Coaching

As the junior section grows and develops, we want to continue to invest in the quality of the coaching. Over the winter Dan Burton and Richard Lever will be taking their ECB Level 2 coaching qualification. Two of our U17's, Sam Dale and Jamie Bryant, who both started as U9's with the Club and are now amongst the most talented young players in Club, are going to do their Level 1 coaching qualification and will support the coaching of juniors in the Club.

Two more dads, Martin Knights and Mark Amsden are also going to do the Level 1 course this winter. It is then envisaged that Martin will assist with the U11's and Mark with the U9's.

Visit to Headingley, Guests of Yorkshire County Cricket Club

In May, 15 boys from the U13s and the U11s enjoyed a great day at Headingley as guests of Yorkshire CCC. In the morning they took part in a 2 hour coaching session in the indoor Cricket Centre which was brilliantly led by Andy Rowsell (Cricket Centre Manager). The quality of the coaching was excellent and the boys were able to practise their skills and have some fun at the same time. For the rest of the day the group settled down to watch the opening day of the Roses Match against Lancashire. We received some



great feedback from Yorkshire on the excellent attitude and behaviour of all the boys. Thank you to Yorkshire CCC and also to Ian Townsend for making this opportunity available.

Club Web Site

We have now got a great new web site up and running at www.ouseburncricket.org.uk. Please take a look and add it to your favourites list! You will see that there are direct links to the all the junior results and league tables. There is a calendar for all our home fixtures, a photo library (scary!), a club Forum where you can post messages and an SMS texting facility.

We will be developing this further over the coming months and will be using this as the primary method of communicating within the club. So please use it and pass on the address to others! Finally, a huge thank you to Keith Scott who has developed the web site for the club.

Teams and Coaches for 2009

We are pleased to be able to confirm that we will be fielding an U15's team for the 2009 season. This will mean that we will have a team in each of the age groups – U9, U11, U13, U15 and U17. The lead coaches for each of these age groups will be:

U 9's	Richard Lever (tel 330231)
U11's	Chris Rose (tel 331260)
U13's	Simon Driver (tel 01347 838133) & Janette Howson
U15's	Paul Gill (tel 322494)
U17's	Tricia Bryant (331001)

The Clubs Child Welfare Officer is Tricia Bryant (331001)