

# BRADNINCH CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER



## !!! HOWZAT !!!



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### ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

Reporting on the first BCC Dinner & Dance to be held in the Pavilion for 21 years, it is impossible to describe the total transition that produced such a successful evening. If you weren't there, you missed a life changing experience and it is only through speaking to someone who attended that you will truly appreciate the splendour that met the delighted guests, as they arrived for a most enjoyable celebration of the last year's achievements, on and off the field.

The following photo, although a little out of focus, captures the moment and the general ambience, which was enhanced by the refurbishment of the lounge area, including new curtains on the entrance to the skittle alley, and new wall lights

throughout, which set off the decorations and created an attractive backdrop to the banqueting area.

The artistically painted Ladies' Loo was a credit to the hours of creative effort expended to add the all important finishing touches and the many, many hours of general painting visibly sparkled, as the new furnishings blended in and blossomed with the extra attention the 57 guests brought to the surroundings.

More improvements are planned, with a new carpet and patio furniture in time for those warm Summer evenings, completing a total makeover, that makes the BCC Pavilion a very alluring venue for future events.



### ALL HANDS ON DECORATING

BCC Secretary Chris Dean would like to remind and thank members for the fantastic pre-season refurbishment effort last year (see photo above) and turn our attention to the one or two outstanding

tasks to complete before the new season commences.

Please contact Chris if you are able to help with this year's pre-season painting & decorating.

### HOT NEWS

#### FUTURE EVENTS

☺ **Early season nets** have started and new members are always welcome.

Please contact Club Captain, **Chris Acton** on **01392 882223** to attend.

☺ **Colts Registration & Cricket Force Day** - Saturday April 8th.

Senior Coach, Mark Stanbury has all the details on **01392 881424**.

☺ **Casino & Race Night** - Saturday April 8th.

**Gary Newall** has the starting orders on **01392 881881**.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

☺ **Umpires needed** to share the success of the Saturday and Sunday XIs.

Armchair critics and television replay experts welcome. If you have a love for Cricket then we would love to hear from you.

☺ **Tea Ladies** are treated like royalty at BCC. If you would like to be a Princess this Summer, we will pay you £40 a match to purchase and prepare our Cricket Teas.

Please contact **Nat Davey** on **07967 654852** for more information.



For more news and membership details: please browse the BCC website at [www.bradninchcc.org.uk](http://www.bradninchcc.org.uk)

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## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Sporting one of the most picturesque Cricket grounds in Devon, Bradninch has much to offer benefiting from beautifully maintained grounds, a dedicated pavilion with first class changing facilities and a choice of Cricket for all members of the family.

Starting in early April, we play through to the end of September running three Devon League weekend teams, a Tuesday evening league side and a much envied Colts set up including Under 11s, 13s & 15s Boys and Under 13s & 15s Girls.

We are always keen to welcome new members, both playing and non-playing, and it is well worth a stroll up to the ground on a Saturday afternoon as, with two league sides performing, we can guarantee there will be a home game to watch.

For those who wish to par-

ticipate, net practices are an ideal way to meet club members and we run a full programme of indoor winter nets, with Colts being coached throughout and the senior players enjoying the impressive facilities at Somerset County Ground's Cricket Centre of Excellence and Blundell's School, Tiverton, from early January through to April.

During the season, net practices are held every Thursday evening at the ground, 6:00pm onwards and once again it is worth a visit to meet new friends and put your name forward to be selected for a game at the earliest opportunity.

If you would like to join Bradninch Cricket Club, please have a browse of the website and make contact with one of the officers whose details are shown on the Contacts Page.



## AUTUMN MAINTENANCE

A year on from receiving valued Cricket Foundation funding to help with the 2004 Autumn maintenance, a keen set of volunteers gathered at the ground to give the cricket square its annual makeover.

The excellent work completed 12 months previous had extended the playing area and established a much stronger root growth. This was apparent throughout the 2005 season when the consistency of bounce provided the ideal conditions for safe, competitive cricket at all levels.

The 2005 Autumn maintenance followed the same procedure of cutting, scari-

fying, spiking and seeding prior to spreading a generous amount of fertilizer and top soil to replenish and sustain the grass covering for the 2006 season.

The programme of work was completed in October and there was enough time for germination and a good showing of new grass before the Winter set in. It will be a couple more months before we can expect to see the full benefits of the working party's notable efforts, but the above picture provides an encouraging reminder of the result we would expect to see as the Spring unfolds.



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