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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**Update to the March 2018 Update**

Dear all,

With less than a month to go, a quick update of club news. As ever, the quickest way to keep informed are via our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMCricketClub/) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/smcricketclub?lang=en) feeds so please do join/follow them if you can.

Let’s start off with some good news…

**New club sponsor comes on board!**

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| cid:image010.png@01D2C430.2065EA30 | The club are thrilled to announce that [Brown Building](http://www.brownbuilding.co.uk/) has come on board as a sponsor. Brown Building have agreed to be the main sponsor to the junior and ladies sections, and we managed to twist his arm to be a secondary sponsor to the men’s section. The deal will last a minimum of three years. Many of you will know the owner - David Brown - as our current (joint) Club Person of the Year, a member who donated huge amounts of time and skill at CricketForce 2017 and the current Sunday 2s captain. He is also currently leading the effort to repair the damage to the club caused by an attempted burglary and damage from burst pipes following the “Beast from the East” - we’re not sure what we’d do without him!As you can imagine, it’s been a tough ask getting a sponsor so please do think of Brown Building for your next project – I can happily recommend them both from a quality of work perspective and just as a top bloke!*We are still looking for a main sponsor for the Senior Men’s section so if anyone else has any leads, please do let me know and we can discuss what packages we can provide.*  |

**CricketForce 2018**

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| cid:image011.jpg@01D3B60E.FF6C4780 | **UPDATE: Date now set -** **Saturday 7 April and Sunday 8 April**Last year, the Club kicked off [CricketForce](https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-events/natwest-cricketforce) nationally – for info, see [The Guardian](https://www.theguardian.com/cricket-has-no-boundaries/2017/jul/19/save-our-stumps-how-cricketforce-came-to-the-rescue-for-uk-clubs) and this [ECB video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQgPTzADHf4) - and made some substantial improvements to the facilities with almost 200 volunteers doing their bit. This year, we plan to continue the improvements and we hope to see many of you there. Please contact Raj Patel (rajnaldo@aol.com) who is heading up the project for further information or if you want to assist! |

**Men’s Winter Nets / Men’s and Ladies Summer Training**

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| cid:image013.jpg@01D2B90A.9B143510 | The final men’s indoor net session takes place this Sunday, 25 March. As soon as the ground firms up, both the men and ladies section will switch their training to a Thursday evening at the club (Dulwich Common, SE21 7EX) from 18.30 and will continue (weather allowing) until the end of the season. All are welcome. |

**Membership**

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| cid:image010.jpg@01D2B386.6E2A2110 | **UPDATE: Only four senior members have paid as of Sunday – please can we get that number up…!**We are now able to start accepting membership fees for the 2018 season. [More details can be found here](http://streathammarlboroughcc.co.uk/index.php/membership/) but the club would like to re-iterate that **cost will not be a barrier** to play and we will continue to cater for no / low income members requiring assistance on a case-by-case basis. A reminder that our membership secretary changed at the last AGM so please contact Dan Johnson (daniel.johnson11@nhs.net) with any queries.  |

**Selection**

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| cid:image008.jpg@01D2B386.6E2A2110 | In short, our intention is to select a **strong, well-balanced side** to give a **fair and equal opportunity for all XIs** to perform. We ask that players **play where selected** to the best of their ability and **uphold the club’s code of conduct** when representing the club.You can help us by sending your availability for the upcoming fixtures (please specify Saturday, Sunday or both) to the various captains or via our Chair of Cricket (Justin Sbresni, justin@busbyproductions.com / 07951 601 948) before Monday evening on the week of the game. If we haven’t heard by then, we will assume you are unavailable to minimise disruption later in the week. |

**Danny Haxton Memorial Game @ Faversham CC – 6th May**

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| cid:image012.jpg@01D30087.BF8B03A0 | In July last year, we lost a valued former member of the club. Danny Haxton joined Marlborough (1870) CC as a junior in 1992 and progressed to represent the 1st XI of the merged club until 2006 before moving to Kent. His last club, Faversham CC, are hosting a 6-a-side tournament on 6 May in his honour. If you are keen to find out more, please let me know or see the post on our Facebook page.  |

**Club Discount – Woodstock Cricket**

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| cid:image007.png@01D2C42A.AE4E8E20 | If you need any kit, the Club has an arrangement with [Woodstock Cricket](http://www.woodstockcricket.co.uk/) who I can personally recommend having used them for a number of years. For a more learned opinion on the quality, [Wisden Gear Test 2018](http://www.thecricketer.com/Topics/features/the_cricketer_good_gear_guide_2018_we_test_the_latest_bats_on_the_market.html) placed them third overall to add to wins and second places in previous years - high praise indeed. The discount works out to be roughly 35% but I’ll be happy to provide a full price list for those who want to look further.   |

If you have any questions, please let me or another member of the committee know.

Cheers,

Dan

Men’s Club Captain



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Upcoming Pre-Season Fixtures

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
| Saturday 7 April | 13:00 | Combined 1st / 2nd XI | Catford & Cyphers | Away |
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| Saturday 14 April | 14:00 | 1st XI | Catford Wanderers | Away |
|  | 12:30 | 2nd XI | HSBC | Home |
|  | 13:00 | Inter-club Fixture | N/A | Home |
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| Sunday 15 April | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Mpingwe | Home |
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| Saturday 21 April | 11:30 | 1st XI | Malden Wanderers | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 2nd XI | Bexleyheath | Home |
|  | TBC | 3rd XI | Dulwich | Home |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI  | Purley | Away |
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| Sunday 22 April | 12:30 | Sunday 1st XI | Jesters | Home |
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| Saturday 28 April | 13:00 | 1st XI | Old Whitgiftians | Home |
|  | TBC | 2nd XI | Cheam | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 3rd XI | Old Whitgiftians | Away |
|  | 13:00 | 4th XI | Battersea Ironsides | Home |
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| Sunday 29 April | TBC | Ladies 1st XI | Godalming (league) | Away |
|  | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Spencer | Home |
|  | 13:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Greenleaf | Home |
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| Saturday 5 May Onwards - League Fixtures can be viewed on our [Play-Cricket site](http://stmcc.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/112572) |