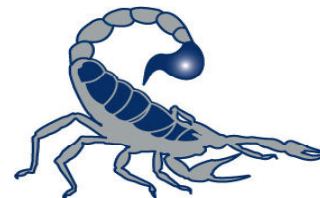




Hampset News

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Dear Members

Welcome to Hampset News. Please try to think of it as **your** Newsletter and feel free to send any comments or suggestions to Paul Huxtable, at the Club address or by email - phux00@waitrose.com.

Cricket Update

Senior training standards have been better than for many years so we can be very optimistic for the 2009 season. Thanks to Pat Legge for overseeing senior training - he has made a really positive impact on the club. **Please let Captains (Mark Prentice 07806 559471, Stan Szczotko 07841 383503, Roger Perkins 07930 301872, Alex Lear 07515 378997, Matt Ball 07727 476463) know your availability as soon as possible.** Selection is likely to be very competitive so please don't wait for a phone call – get in early!

Senior training is currently running on **Thursday evenings from 6pm**. Even if it rains, some form of training (indoor or outdoor) will take place so please still turn up. Coaching is available for those who want it but is not forced upon anyone. Anyone who is 15 years old or older is welcome to attend. Training will switch to a **Wednesday evening from 15 July** onwards.

The Hampset **tour** to Brighton (2 to 7 August) is nearly full so please pay your £50 deposit as soon as possible to Jon Solly if you would like to come.

Please let me know if you have an interest in **umpiring or scoring**, as the club will support you in attending a training course if required.

Our season started on 11 April, with the first league game on 2 May. I hope that 2009 will turn out to be a great season for the club. If playing days are behind you, please come along and **support our teams** if you fancy a day out in the sunshine (hopefully!), your support is greatly appreciated.

Jon Solly, Cricket Manager
(07813 122160 or jisolly@hotmail.com)

Junior Cricket

Junior Cricket development is an integral and important part of Hampset Cricket Club. **More information regarding arrangements for 2009 is enclosed.**

Hampset Cricket Force 2009

The Cricket Force held on 4 and 5 April was a great success. The Chairman of B&NES council, David Bellotti, Odd Down Councilor Nigel Roberts, and Alison Baker, B&NES Active Sport and Leisure Manager, joined President Alan Hack and Chairman Jon Flagg in starting the event.

Over 50 members of the Club helped out on each day to prepare the ground and clubhouse. There was also chance for everyone to have a bit of fun with the various social events that took place.

Chairman Jon Flagg commented, "Once again this has been an outstanding effort by the Clubs' membership. It makes me a very proud man to see the dedication and commitment of our members giving their time selflessly and also in reflecting on how much we have achieved in such a short time. This was 500 hours of volunteered time in the weekend alone to add to the all year round effort in running our Club".

"I hope everybody who participated enjoyed themselves as much as I did and I truly believe it's events like these that galvanises our Club and makes it so special in our community. Thank you to everyone that helped and particularly to Jon Solly and Adrian Jeffrey who did so much work to bring it all together."

Subscriptions

If you haven't paid already, **subscriptions for 2009** are now due please.

Payments (cheques payable to Hampset CC please) can be made to any committee member.

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| Senior Player | £35.00 |
| Full-Time Student Player | £15.00 |
| Student 16-18 Years Player | £10.00 |
| Junior Player | £6.00 |
| Ordinary Member | £10.00 |
| Senior Citizen | £2.75 |
| Family Member | £15.00 |
| Family Senior Citizen | £4.50 |

It's cricket sir, but not as we know it!

Visitors to Hampset might hear the word 'Stellas' used in hushed tones from time to time, or, on a Thursday in summer, there might be a group of lively chaps recounting tales of bravery. In that case, you have found the Stellas, or, to give them their full title, the Hampset Stella Select XI. This is the Hampset social cricket team, or Beer Team as it was in less politically correct times.

The Stellas are a team of part time cricketers, with a range of experience and expertise - from the club cricketer to the person who happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Stella rules use variations on the standard Laws of Cricket so that everyone gets some involvement in a game.

It is the ideal forum for anyone who likes the idea of spending a summer evening pottering about on the boundary followed by a degree of socialising. Talented players should be looking elsewhere!

This year, the Stellas eleventh tour will include the Isle of Wight. If you fancy going on a Bash Street Kids' outing, this could be for you. Interested players should make contact either via the website (<http://www.stellaselectxi.com>), by asking around at the club or by turning up at a match.

Bar Rota

The Club maintains a totally voluntary rota for manning the bar and is **constantly in need of new volunteers**.

It is essential that as many members as possible take a turn on the bar to ease the burden on the few that currently help out on a regular basis.

If you are able to help out and run the bar for an evening once a month it would be appreciated. Please contact John Nicholas or Stan Szczotko at the Clubhouse or email somersetstan@aol.com, for more details. It's not too onerous and can be an amusing evening.

Cricket Teas

We still have a shortage of **tea volunteers** this year, particularly for senior matches – if anyone is willing, or knows someone who is willing to help, then please contact Ruth Solly on 01225 837085 or at ruthsolly@fastmail.fm.

Hampset Fashion

Hampset tops and fleeces are available at £20 and blue polo shirts at £12. Female and junior sizes are also available. Contact Nick Lear (nickandkatielear@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

Clubhouse Opening Times

Opening times are 8.00 to 11.00 pm Monday to Saturday and 12.00 to 2.00 pm on a Sunday.

Details of what's on each week are displayed on the notice board just inside the front door. We hope to add the diary of events to the Hampset web site in the near future.

The Clubhouse can also be made available for use by Club Members at a cost of £15.00 per event, or £50.00 per event for non-members. All events need to be approved by the Operations Committee. For more details on using the Club contact Stan Szczotko (somersetstan@aol.com).

Social Calendar

The Social Calendar has been finalised by the Operations Committee and the Social Secretary, Jeanette Porter (jeanetteporter@hotmail.com), **and a copy is enclosed**. Details are also in the Fixture Card, on the Clubhouse notice board, and on the website.

Fixture Cards

Fixture Cards are now available at the Clubhouse and are being distributed. If you haven't received your Fixture Card by the end of April then please let Paul Huxtable know.

Club Structure and Contacts

Details of the Cricket Committees and Officers for 2009 are also enclosed. Hopefully, this will help all members in identifying who to contact if you want to discuss any issue. Having said that, just come along to the Clubhouse and someone will help!

Hampset Website

Development of the Hampset website (www.hampset.org.uk) has progressed and will continue to make it more useful. Please bear with us as we introduce more improvements.

Your Newsletter

Please let Paul Huxtable know if you have any feedback you have on this issue, particularly how often you would like to see a Newsletter issued and what's good or not so good.

If you would like more information regarding any matters raised in this Newsletter, or the Club, or you have any difficulty in contacting any of the people mentioned, then please contact Paul Huxtable, who will be happy to help.