



CHALLOW CHATTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CHALLOW AND CHILDREY CRICKET CLUB



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AND OFF WE GO!!!!

Whilst we waited with baited breath for the confirmation of the Return to Cricket we wanted to be able to communicate the impact to our activities, so please accept our apologies for the slight delay in the publication of this edition of Challow Chatter.

The confirmation of the return of recreational cricket was fantastic news, but of course it comes with its own problems around how we implement the various restrictions and requirements. We've worked our way through and are now some way towards getting ourselves sorted (it's not simple!!)

We can confirm that Senior Training has commenced - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm, and Youth Cricket will start to return from 23rd April. Full details are later on in the newsletter and on our REFRESHED website www.challowcricket.co.uk

The clubhouse will remain closed for patrons until we enter Step 3 of the Governments Roadmap, but the bar will be reopening for the first time since the 5th November (Remember, Remember!!) - full details are below.

We would ask that everyone helps us by sticking to the rules, supporting the volunteers who are trying to make things happen, and of course enjoying yourselves!!



SENIOR CRICKET

After Boris said we could start again, we indeed did that with Senior Training resuming on the 30th March.

Training for those not in Youth Cricket (ie Year 11 and above, or 'Grown ups' as some people like to be known) is on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6pm. Tuesday is the main night, with selections for teams being done afterwards, and Thursday is an additional 'net night' for those who want/need/enjoy an additional session.

Matches start on the 17th April with Langford CC the visitors, followed by a double header against Oxford CC on Saturday 24th (with the First team at home).

The following weekend sees another double header against Didcot CC (Second team at home) and then regular visitors Letcombe making the trip up the hill on Sunday 2nd May.

All games start at 12.30, with the league programme starting on Saturday 8th May - for full fixture details see our [website](#)

Don't forget you can renew your membership via this link

YOUTH CRICKET

We can now confirm the details for the 2021 Youth Cricket Programme

Whilst we still have a bit of work to do on the logistics of training nights, we're now able to confirm the timings for each of the groups. All training youth training will take place on Friday nights, with a few tweaks to the times from last year to allow us to manage the flow of people better and keep all of our players, families and volunteers safe. The bulk of the groups will start on Friday 23rd April (cue the torrential downpour), with All Stars, Dynamos, and the Girls groups only starting on Friday 7th May.

All Stars Cricket - 4.30pm-5.30pm (starting Friday 7th May)

Dynamos Cricket - 5pm-6pm (starting Friday 7th May)

Under 11s (Years 5&6) - 6pm-7pm

Under 13s (Years 7&8) - 6.30pm-7.30pm

Under 15s (Years 9&10) - 7pm-8pm

Girls Only (Years 7 upwards) - 7.15pm-8pm (starting Friday 7th May)

Womens Cricket - 7pm-8pm (starting 7th May)

Full details, along with the links to sign up are [on our website](#)



BAR REOPENING

Whilst we get our heads around the requirements for the reopening of the bar for the first time in nearly 5 months, we're looking at a slightly staggered and reduced opening - we'll look to be open when there is activity on, but may not be able to be as accessible as normal in the first few weeks, and certainly whilst we are in Step 2 of the Government Roadmap.

The simple rules are

- outside service only, for patrons who are seated at a table/bench, with social distancing
- no indoor access except for toilet usage
- compliance with the NHS Track & Trace is mandatory
- The bar will be open during any matches or youth training at the club ([please see our website for fixtures](#))

Core Opening Times (**for the month of April**) are

Monday - closed

Tuesday - open 4pm - 8pm

Wednesday - closed

Thursday - open 4pm - 8pm

Friday - open 4pm - 9pm

Saturday - (from 17th April) open 12noon - 9pm

Sunday - open 12noon - 3pm

As we move through the season and indeed the Roadmap, our opening hours will adjust accordingly.

PLEA FOR MEDIA

As you may have seen, we've got a new website (www.challowcricket.co.uk).

You may also have noticed that many of the photos are not of Challow!! We don't really have a good stock of pictures of the club, our activities, the grounds etc except those that we've managed to grab over the last few years (mainly from press photographers).

So - can you help us?

If you have, or know anybody who has, good quality pictures of any aspect of the club, ground or activities and would be willing to let us use them (we will of course credit where necessary) on our website, social media, club stationary please send them to admin@challowcricket.co.uk

If you are a keen photographer, or know one, we'd be keen to discuss with you getting regular picture updates and building up a library of pictures that we can use for various purposes.

Having a regular presence at matches and events would be brilliant

We're also looking for anyone who can help us to get 'drone' style pictures of the ground (in various states of use). Again please get in touch if you can help.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB?

TUESDAYS / THURSDAYS 6PM - 7.30PM - SENIOR TRAINING
FROM 12TH APRIL - BAR REOPENS (see opening hours above)

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL - YOUTH TRAINING STARTS (see above for details)

UPCOMING HOME FIXTURES

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL - LANGFORD (12.30pm)

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL - 1ST XI VS OXFORD CC (12.30pm)

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL - UNDER 11 PAIRS VS GORING CC (10AM)

SATURDAY 1ST MAY - 2ND XI VS DIDCOT CC (12.30pm)

SUNDAY 2ND MAY - UNDER 11 T20 VS DIDCOT CC (10am)

SUNDAY 2ND MAY - SUNDAY XI VS LETCOMBE CC (1pm)

THURSDAY 6TH MAY - UNDER 13 T20 VS E&W HENDRED CC (6pm)

SATURDAY 8TH MAY - 1ST XI VS BNOCC (12.30pm)

SUNDAY 9TH MAY - OXFORDSHIRE CCC VS BERKSHIRE CCC (11am)

All fixtures results, and match reports can be accessed via our website

www.challowcricket.co.uk

Don't forget you can renew your Adult Membership (which is for everyone who isn't in Youth Cricket) [via this link](#)

