



BLYTHE CC NEWSLETTER 2023 #1 (28TH APRIL 2023)

Over last weekend (22/23rd April) we played 3 senior fixtures and won the Sunday cup game in exciting fashion. A bowl off meant that our team kept their nerve and progressed to the next round! Well done indeed.

The ladies would have had a great tournament I'm sure but unfortunately we were thwarted by the weather and it had to be cancelled. This was a great pity as Zara had prepared lots of sandwiches, wraps and scones and Claire G a great chilli! However, in true Blythe fashion we rallied round and bought the food ourselves. Thank you to everyone who did that and I'm sure like us you were sorted for the whole week! A particular delicacy we sold was the potato...they were carefully wrapped in tin foil, but we forgot to mention that they hadn't been cooked! As yet, we haven't been challenged for trade descriptions! I think this was hilarious and just adds to the fun of organising a tournament.

The juniors teams unfortunately lost in the week but there were some very positive signs which will be reported separately.

As Chairperson I can't thank you enough for all the hard work that has gone into making the start to this season run so smoothly. We have had so many helpers in different ways and I hope you can continue to support your club throughout the season. Thank you!!! Many people are helping to make this a successful club and by keeping together we will do exactly that. Thank you once again, Mark.



CHAIR'S WELCOME



Come and check out our new look bar with new offerings on tap – old favourites Carling and Madri, Carling Black Fruits, Cold River Cider and Atlantic Pale Ale and Guinness.

We now also stock alcohol free Old Mouts.



1st XI

Great effort without the pro in a close game. Junaid Ali (the pro) is hopefully over in a couple of week. New signing Limar took his first wicket for Blythe...he is 6ft 5 and bowls spins. Toby bowled 'up the bank' and only moaned twice (well, during the match that is – he moaned quite a bit leading up to the game too!) From Blythe's junior set up, to senior set up, Almas top scored with 43 🏏 Young Ben Sharp got 25 not out on his league debut for the 1sts 🏏 Simon's kit had rotted in his garage over the winter so he played in borrowed kit – boots, box etc. He was fined heavily! 😂 Oh, and Pete got a wicket with a ball that was so wide it's questionable whether it was pitched in this country!

ON A SEPERATE NOTE, TOBY TOLD CLAIRE THAT THE BEST THING FROM THE GAME WAS HIS DIVING CATCH! CLAIRE'S RESPONSE 'IS THAT FOR REAL?'

SUNDAY XI

Rain stopped play – Blythe won the bowl off. After all 5 bowlers had bowled 2 balls it was all even at 1 each. Sudden death – Qmer with the winning bowl! Through to the next round of the cup!



2ND XI

Great team effort and morale from the 2nd XI
Bilal great innings scoring 45 and young Isaac brilliant at wicket keeping letting 0 byes through

Blythe CC, Staffs - Under 12 61 / 4(16.0) Net Score 241	BURSLEM CC WON BY 51 RUNS	Burslem CC - Under 12 97 / 1(16.0) Net Score 292
Checkley CC - U14 112 / 4(20.0)	CHECKLEY CC WON BY 62 RUNS	Blythe CC, Staffs - Under 14 50 / All out(15.4)
Blythe CC, Staffs - Under 10 33 / 15(16.0) Net Score 158	CHECKLEY CC WON BY 110 RUNS	Checkley CC - U10 Kestrels 93 / 5(16.0) Net Score 268

UNDER 10S

UNDER 12S

UNDER 14S

UNDER 10S

An outstanding effort by the under 10s in their first match. Captain Jack took the role seriously, foregoing homework after school in his excitement of getting the teamsheet ready! Blythe won the toss and chose to bowl/field first. The team looked strong out on the field, with great communication, encouragement and excellent teamwork. Some fantastic fielding from all, backing up, quick thinking and returning the ball to the stumps quickly. 2 wickets bowled by Dylan B one after the other, with further fabulous wickets from Ben D, Jamo E and Will P (but unfortunately for Will Sammi messed up the score so it didn't show on Play Cricket) and George keeping wicket fabulous against them all.

Batting faced its challenges, playing against an older, more experienced team (noting that we only had two 9 yo's, four 8 yo's and two 7 yo's against their four year 6 girls playing down with all others in their team being at the top age). However, our team never gave up or got disheartened keeping the communication strong and taking every opportunity to defend their wickets and get in what runs they could. Welcome to Farhaan and Stanley making their debuts for Blythe, defending their wickets amazingly against some really tough bowlers.

So, on a very cold April evening our young boys faced their first hardball match, never giving up and showing real Blythe Spirit!

UNDER 12S

The under 12s did very well against a strong Burslem team. Captain Jamie did a great job leading his team. Evie made her debut at this level and bowled very well and batted with real determination. It was great to see Olly S get a wicket and also Harry batted and bowled superbly. Ozair in his first game bowled with a lot of skill. Joe kept wicket well and didn't get out when batting Jack and Jamie also batted well and we are sure that this team will keep getting better.

UNDER 14S

The under 14s played their first match of the season against Checkley on Monday and did superbly well despite only having 9 players. The team spirit was impressive and was extremely positive led by Archie and Shabaz, as captain and vice captain respectively. The energy and enthusiasm on the field was amazing particularly as this is a quite a new relatively young side (with a few from the under 12s) who don't really know each other. Jack P opened the bowling with Shabaz and both bowled extremely well. Jack picked up an early wicket and was accurate. Shabaz bowled with pace and Archie did well keeping wicket to him. Bella and Harry also bowled well and kept the runs down and it's great to see two younger age group players coping at this level. Noor and Rehan who have joined us this year also bowled very well and with real pace. Rehan got 2 wickets and Rehan 1. Olly F also bowled well on his debut and its great to see all the new faces bonding so quickly. Well done to Joe also who bowled well particular as he is the under 12's wicket keeper! When we batted we didn't get off to the best start having Archie run out without even facing a ball! However, wonderful batting form Olly and Rehan meant we got to 50 all out with them both joint top scoring on 17. Harry was unlucky to be stumped as the umpire must have had good eyes as it got dark. Also well done to Joe and Bella who batted a long time together too with Bella finishing not out. Overall it was a great effort and coach Toby was over joyed at the end (he has had a good week from moaning!). It's a great season to look forward to and it was lovely to see the parents on a very cold night.

DATES FOR DIARIES

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2023

BURSLEM CC 1ST XI V BLYTHE CC 1ST XI 12PMBLYTHE CC 2ND XI V STONE SP CC 3RD XI 1PM

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023

WEDGWOOD CC SUNDAY 2ND XI V BLYTHE CC SUNDAY XI 1.30PM

MONDAY 1ST MAY 2023

BLYTHE CC UNDER 14 V OAKAMoor CC U14 OAKS 6.30PM

OAKAMoor CC UNDER 10 V BLYTHE CC UNDER 10 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2023

HEM HEATH CC UNDER 12 V BLTYHE CC UNDER 12 6.30PM

EVENTS COMING SOON

BEETLE DRIVE

RACE NIGHT

CAR TREASURE HUNT

WE ALWAYS NEED ITEMS TO FEATURE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE PHOTOS TO LIVEN IT UP! PLEASE SEND ANY CONTRIBUTION TO CLAIRE AT 07780686964! WE CAN'T PROMISE TO INCLUDE EVERYTHING BUT WILL LOOK TO INCLUDE WHAT WE CAN. THANK YOU!