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Change at the top

Following the 2020 Annual General Meeting there have been some changes in office within the club. Firstly, we have a new Chairman in the shape of Pat Carmody who has stepped up from his role as vice Chairman to take over from Pete Owen for the 2020 season. Pete will remain involved and will be vice Chairman. Pete has been a fantastic servant to the club since the merger of the two clubs in 2001. Pete has overseen great change for the club including our move to the current site in 2007 and will continue to Chair the joint club committee alongside the football club. He has been particularly proud of the clubs 2 promotions to division A and we would like to dedicate last season's league and cup double to Pete. Pete will continue to be actively involved with everything at the club and will remain on the committee in his new capacity.

We also have a new secretary as Pete Guest will take over the reins from Stephanie Carmody who has held the position for a number of years. We would like to put on record our thanks to Steph and she will still be providing the best teas in the league for many years to come.

Your Captains for 2020

The 2020 season will see 2 new captains in place alongside 2 familiar names. Following the AGM the new captain structure will be:

1st XI: Steve Carmody

2nd XI: Carl Blake

3rd XI: Jake Daly

Sunday XI: Iezaz Ul Hassan

We would like to congratulate all captains and especially Carl and Iezaz who will be new to their roles for this season.

Derby Professional Signs

The club are proud to announce that for the 2020 season we have successfully negotiated the signing of current 1st class cricketer Anuj Dal. Anuj plays for Derbyshire and could be seen representing the team in the T20 finals days last summer. This is a real coup for the club and shows how attractive a proposition this club is and how our reputation is out there in the wider community. This will be a great opportunity for our players to learn from Anuj and to see the standards they need to achieve should they wish to make it in the game.

Your club needs you

As the club continues to grow and produce excellent on-field results this does add extra pressure to our few existing volunteers who do a great deal of work and fulfil multiple roles within the club. Therefore, we are putting a call out for volunteers to help the club in any way possible. Our biggest gap within the club surrounds the academy and youth set up.

As a club we are looking to take up the ECB-run programmes that give the opportunities to grow the club and increase the number of children involved. There are currently two programmes used, the All stars cricket which is entering its 3rd year and the newly launched Dynamos. For 2020 we will again be running the All Stars programme. This is very easy to run but with our current coaches currently busy running the main academy we are looking for volunteers to assist our main All stars coach to ensure everything runs smoothly so if you can spare any time please let us know.

Also, as the academy continues to grow and we look to offer more teams we need to look at increasing the number of coaches/assistant coaches and managers. If you have a child that you either already bring to the academy or are looking to bring and would be interested in getting involved in the running of the team we would love to speak to you.

If you are interested in adding your help to the academy in any way please contact us as soon as possible.

We also need help with many duties around the club in general. As you will be aware we do have a bar which is often manned but by very few volunteers, if you feel that you can help with any time every so often on a rota basis, either on senior match days or at the Sunday morning academy, please let us know and we can look to establish a rota.

A final area where we are looking for volunteers is to help with our senior teams at the weekend in the shape of scorers and umpires. If there are any of our younger members that would like to get involved with scoring and earn a little bit of pocket money this is an ideal opportunity as well as an opportunity to learn more of the game through watching and focusing on what is happening.

President and Chairman's Day

The 2020 annual Gedling and Sherwood President and Chairman's day will be held on Sunday 5th July at Regatta Way. This is an opportunity to help to showcase the club as well as saying thank you for the continued support of our President and Chairman. We will be aiming to have a past XI vs a current XI on the first team pitch with another fixture to be arranged on the bottom pitch. Last year was a great success and we would love to build on this with another great day. We will be looking for availability nearer the time but please add this to your diary to attend and support the club. We intend on making this an entire day encompassing the academy in the morning and looking to get the two sections joined up and hopefully giving the academy boys and girls the opportunity to watch and meet some of the players from the senior teams.

As last year we will be holding a raffle/prize draw and also an auction. We are looking for items to use for these and any donations are more than welcome. If you are able to donate anything or know someone that can please contact Steve Carmody either on 07796134338 or steve@gedlingandsherwood.co.uk Last year the top auction item went for £200 which would be great to beat this year. Confirmed prizes so far are a 4 ball round of golf at The Nottinghamshire Golf Course, a brand new SM cricket bat and a voucher for a meal and bottle of Wine at the Poppy and Pint in Lady Bay. Please get your thinking caps on and look to get any prizes you can.

Fantasy Cricket to Return

The 2020 season will see the return of Fantasy cricket to Gedling and Sherwood CC. This is a great opportunity to raise money for the club while having fun and supporting the senior players. This will be based solely on performances in the Saturday senior sides and will make every run, wicket, catch and stumping mean that little bit more. The rules and players lists will be distributed soon. The cost for entry will be £10 per team with the winner getting 25% of all money taken

This will be great fun for all and will really add a bit to the season for all involved. Information will be sent through shortly and look out for pages on the website.

Fundraising / Sponsorship

As we continue to progress as a club this does make the need for additional funds to support this. So if you are looking for a way to support local sport and benefit a great club why not get involved as a sponsor at Gedling and Sherwood. This can range from Match ball sponsors, shirt sponsors, and an advertising board at the ground or a team sponsor. You can also help by sponsoring a match ball for a game at the minimal cost of £15. If you would be interested in getting involved please contact one of our club representatives or visit the sponsor's pages on our website. Please also find attached our sponsorship packages document.

Also, if you have any fundraising ideas that you think would benefit the club please get in touch also.

100 Club

For those of you that are unaware we currently run a monthly draw called the 100 club. The aim is to sell all 100 numbers within this to bring in revenue and to also increase the prize pot. This is a very simple process, each month one number is drawn and the owner of that number receives 50% of the money for that month. So if there are 80 numbers sold then the winner will receive £40 and the other £40 will go to the club. To put it in simple terms the more numbers sold the more money to the club and more money to the winner. If you are interested in joining please contact Pete Guest and set up a standing order to cover your numbers. Pete's contact details are either 07986585191 or p_guest@sky.com. The bank account for the direct debit is

Sort code 77-22-18, Account no. 23624760, Account Name: Gedling and Sherwood 100 Club

It would really be great if we could exceed 100 numbers and even make the 100 club a 200 club!

Annual Subs

Annual subs for all senior players are due and we would love to see all senior club members fully paid up before the season starts. Our preference is that individuals set up a standing order but we will also accept payment in full. The cut off for this is 31st May by which time we would need the standing order set up or payment in full having been received. Failure to pay could result in non-selection of the individual. The rates of pay are below:

Employed: £60 (£5 per month for standing order)

Students & Unemployed: £30 (£2.50 per month for standing order)

For the 2020 season there has also been a slight increase in match day subs as per below:

Employed: £12

Students & Unemployed: £6

2020 Academy Registration

The registration for joining our academy will be opening shortly. An email will be sent out to all members of the mailing list including the registration form. All details will be included in the communications and we hope to see all our existing members return plus any new members. Please share the details when received with anyone else you wish to get signed up.

Easy Fundraising

We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gedlingandsherwoodcc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=fm-n1

This is such a quick and easy way to help raise funds and support the club while you shop. We have already raised money through members booking holidays, switching energy suppliers and purchasing items online. Why not help the club while treating yourself?

Club Shop

We would like to remind all members that we do have an online shop with our kit providers SM cricket which allows you to purchase all club kit including match day kit and training wear. It always looks great when all players wear the club kit and allows us to look like a real team. Please visit the club shop pages on the SM website to see what is available and what you would like to purchase using the below link:

<https://smcricketukltd.co.uk/collections/gedling-sherwood-cc>

We are currently negotiating sponsors for the junior hard ball sides and some of our sponsors are currently reviewing and changing their logos so we would ask that all academy players wait for further information before purchasing playing shirts. This only relates to playing shirts and all other items can still be purchased from the website.

England Captain heading to Regatta Way

We are really pleased to announce that in association with club kit provider SM Cricket current England Ladies captain Heather Knight will be attending Regatta Way on Monday 18th May 2020 for some coaching, question and answer sessions. The full details of the event will be released shortly but this will be a great opportunity for children and adults to meet what could potentially be a T20 world cup winning captain.

Here's to a great 2020 season and we hope to see you all soon