



# Windsor Cricket Club

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## The Bronx Reunion Special

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## Reflections of what makes WCC great

As you will see, this edition of the newsletter has a large portion based around the Bronx nightclub, a former Saturday night haven of Windsor Cricket Club members. With this, some of you might be asking a fair question as to why? A fair question, but one that I hope to answer as a former attendee.

My memories of the Bronx are from when I first joined the cricket club. Not knowing what the club was really all about on day 1, all I heard after the game was whether I was going to "Bronx it" tonight. Not understanding whether it was some strange southern initiation ritual, I politely declined the first week. But it didn't take long for the guys to drag me in there.

So, what were my first



An ever expanding club thoughts as I was finally let into the club? ...well to be fair it was something like "is that it?". But I soon realised that it was a home away from home as I looked around the small club and saw all the lads that I had been playing cricket with all day.

The lasting memory for me was the night the first team gained promotion at the end of my first season. Everyone and I mean everyone, took the trek from Home Park up the hill to the Bronx and we

were at least 25 strong in the club. The regular call-out to Windsor CC was replaced with a "Well done on your promotion to all the lads at Windsor CC!", which as greeted with a huge cheer.

So is this a case of rose tinted spectacles looking back on "how it used to be better"; well not at all. It is more a case of "some things don't change thank god!". Windsor is still a welcoming club and new boys are now asked if they are going to Charlie's after their first game.

So whilst we all love our cricket, it is still the fact we love to go out together that makes the club strong. So RIP to The Bronx and long live Windsor CC and all who sail in her!

Hope you enjoy the newsletter as ever -BD

## Thoughts from the Chair (by James Jordan)

It's already June and it seems like we've been playing cricket for ages already this summer - hopefully the good weather will continue.

Early season results have been very good with all senior sides doing well in their leagues - if you haven't been reading the match reports on the website then you should, they are really entertaining and informative. The weekly selection meetings are working very well again this season and generating some good discussions with lots of players competing for places. It has been pleasing to see we have put out a 5th team every week who are competing very well in their matches. Even I have been persuaded to turn out for the 5ths and I must say

Sarab's pre match team talks are the stuff of legends!!

Looking to the juniors, again there have been some good results across all age groups but we do seem to be experiencing some availability issues and cancellations by the opposition. Saturday morning training is again proving very popular but we could do with some more coaching assistance from 10am to noon.

Looking forward, the 6s tournament on 21st August is moving ahead very well - more of this elsewhere.

New nets - thanks to Tony these are getting ever closer.....watch out for work starting soon.

On the social front Birchy and his team are concentrating on lots of fun events on a Saturday evening - they are well worth staying for.

Planning for the end of season dinner is well advanced and now we need your commitment in the form of hard cash!! Last year was a cracking do and this years' will be just as good - not one to miss!

Finally, as I'm sure you've noticed, Edgy has done a great job revamping the website which now looks very very good - thanks Edgy.

Finally finally - thanks to all those who do great work behind the scenes, doing all those things that generally go unnoticed but without which the club wouldn't function.

## A Month in the Life of WCC by Wes Nichols

### LOSING FRIENDS

Windsor was lucky enough to get 25 points at Chiswick and there was some pleasant exchanging of words between mates in the slips cordon and Chiswicks Jason Stocks.

*WN: Come on lads, Stocksy does not want to be here, this is the last place he wants to be...*

*AW: Come on Kempy send him back...*

*BM: He doesn't like it out here, this is too big a job for him, he would rather watch from the boundary...*

*JSJ: He doesn't fancy it, way to big an ask here*

*Umpire: That's enough Windsor*

*WN: Nah it's alright ump, we are all mates*

*JS: We were...*

### OUR KIT

Our kit has been a right disaster for the last few years, but the desperation of poor old Taz could not be highlighted any better when reading this exchange with the club president...

*JJ: OK Taz, what proof do we have that this clothing supplier is going to deliver?*

*Taz: They have a branded van, so they seem pretty legit!*

### TWINS?

A classic faux par from Ben Harris that I am sure Tommy Hartridge will never live down...

*BH: What? Why is Andy Doree here?*

*AW: That's not Andy, that's Tom Hartridge...*

*BH: Oh dear....*

### SAUCEHEAD QUOTES OF THE MONTH

After a game we were chatting about our week and I managed to get these pearls from the great man. Firstly about his social life!

*AH: I was out at Smokey Joes during the week*

*BH: Did you pick up?*

*AH: Yes I did, I was well in, but when I started feeling her boob, she told me to stop.*

*BH: Why?*

*AH: Well she told me she was here with here daughter and she wouldn't approve...*

Then about his employment;

*WN: So what's the deal with your job, do they just contract someone new every year, so you have to leave anyway?*

*AH: Pretty much, but it wouldn't matter anyway if I wanted to stay?*

*WN: Why is that?*

*AH: Well apparently I am not particularly good at my job...*

Whilst this is going on a 70 year old man goes "upstairs" with one of the girls. The lads roll their eyes as they realize what kind of place they are in...

*BL: Sauce head, you are the youngest, go tell them we want to see some cans*

*AH: But Lewdog, it's probably not that kind of place?*

He will be a massive loss to the club when he goes...

### HANDS FOR FEET

Birchy has shelled 2 sitters after 3 games this season and his once very safe hands are failing him. After dropping the most recent one at Eversley this exchange took place...

*OB: I think I must have the "yips"*

*BH: what does "yips" mean?*

*WN: Means you are sh#\*e in the head, and can't catch...*

*AW: Tuggers has had the "yips" for 10 years then...*

*BH: Nah, Tuggers is just sh#\*e...*

So much for respect for senior players at the club!

### THE SEED

In Mark Huggins first game in the 1's he got cleaned up (as many have) by Andy Dick. The following is a post wicket chat he had with other departed opener Oliver Birch.

*MH: It was a seed*

*WN: Dicky told me it pitched off and hit off...*

*OB: Well either way, you don't expect to get a ball on off-stump first ball you face.*

### THE GUARENTEE

Mark Lines has informed me that personally that he will bathe upon his first 1<sup>st</sup> XI league 50. You heard it here first. Bets are being taken to see who bathes first between Mark and Ben Harris.

## The WAG's Section

Very timely look-a-likey here. Both tall, blonde and feminine.



On one hand we have Apprentice star and unfortunate runner up Kate Walsh.

The Apprentice final was on Sunday and Kate was up against Yasmina Siadatan to hear Sir Alan Sugar say "you're hired."

On the other hand we have Stuart Broad. Effective executor of the innovative and effective round-the-wicket-at-the-death ploy, although not quite so effective at the hitting-the-stumps-with-the-ball-when-attempting-a-run-out ploy. Young Stuart is currently competing in the T20 Cricket World Cup.



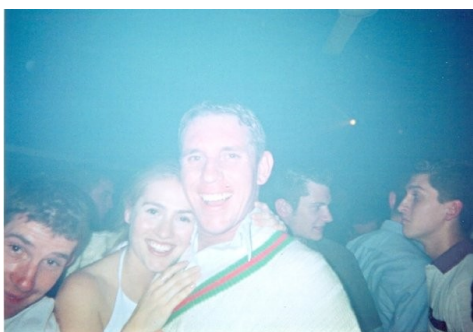
### .....and finally

Shock news: Flintoff has remembered how to bowl. He even managed to do that thing where he kind of runs, lets go of the ball at some point, aiming at a poor man only armed with a wooden thing, and then some guy catches the ball. I think this is called getting a wicket??



Bye for now x x

## Windsor CC—The Bronx Years



Enders in full Windsor CC kit, just in case people aren't sure where they were from



Seem familiar, yep this is the long walk up from The Home Park to the Bronx. About a mile longer than to the Arches.....



Even back then, Richie Nod gave the obligatory simple looking photo!

## The Bronx and the Overseas Boys



Here is a team photo of the class of 2000.



Here is Tristan O'Shannessy and Bec celebrating their last night at the Bronx in 2003

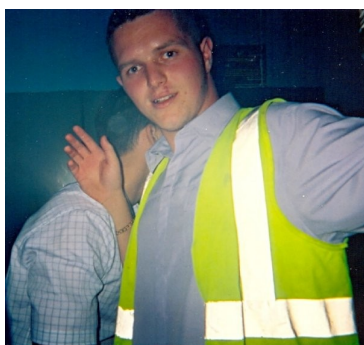


Whilst not necessarily a overseas, Guy Botha could have been.

## WCC then and now



Even at 13, Richie Nod was able to get into the Bronx. Here Andy Shields is trying to hide him from Banksie.



Here, Kev Condon takes a unique approach to making the most out of the Bronx's UV lighting



The entrance to the Bronx. This is shortly before Enders would disappear and get in without paying

## Tail Enders by Enders

63 Victoria Street, some of my post may as well have been delivered to this address, but to most people it was known as the 'Bronx Nightclub'. The self styled "**SMALL CLUB WITH THE BIG PARTY**"

Described on one website as "Bronx - small, dark, and smelly - but cheaper than most of Windsor's pubs, music ok - if there was a fire though, you'd die" And that in simple words summed up the Bronx brilliantly. A complete sh\*thole, but more than good enough for a the players of Windsor CC.

Of course that doesn't mean our relationship with the Bronx, (as most of our relationships at that time) could be described as 'exclusive'. Nobsey would always lead us to the International Club on a Thursday, Pete 'Fritz' Fryer picked Harrys in Slough as the club of choice and the likes of old man Dawson would prefer the bright lights of 5th Avenue in Maidenhead.

But I will always be synonymously associated with the Bronx. Who could forget the New York skyline, Britain's 4th strongest man, Paul Banks on the door, that other doorman who you will now find at Havana's, Lorna that bird on the cash desk who always let Edgey and I in for free, big bad Dave Pusey on the decks, plus of course Steve and Chris Morle who always ensured a trip to the Bronx was nothing if not cheap.

Of course we all have a number of favourite

memories:-

**Wazzman and international rugby player Braam van Straaten**, South Africa had just lost to England at Twickenham and what better way to drown your sorrows than a trip to Britain's favourite nightclub - In Birchy's words van Straaten, "*not a small lad, asked Warren 'Big Show' Griffiths where the toilets were and Wazza kindly showed him the front door. Paul Banks wouldn't let him back in from memory either.... He was livid*".

**The stairs of death** - Andy Bullock stood at the top of the stairs minding his own business, when Banksy threw some miscreant down the stairs, not for the faint hearted. Said miscreant grabbed Andy's collar and pulled the poor unsuspecting Bullock down with him...

**Irish Coffees and Hot Dogs** - legendary. Unfortunately the doris who normally served us up some Irish coffees hadn't shown one night, so rather than go thirsty, I was asked to take over. Needless to say all my mates and reet good night, especially Richie Nod, who's love affair with free Irish coffees began there.

**Bobby Ferreira** - You haven't lived until you've been someone else. Whether that be a pig farmer from Queensland, an FA Cup programme seller from Cardiff, a dolphin trainer from Cape Town, Brendan Trummel's Australian Air Force pilot, Wazza's career in street theatre, or everyone's favourite Zimbabwian *Bobby Ferreira*. If you've not heard the story you need to have a one to one with a double G&T and an old Bronxian.

**2001 Promotion party** - one of the best nights ever and total and utter carnage. in Brians words "and there was (an unnamed WCC bowler, who that day had taken a 7 wicket haul that day and watched England beat Germany 5-1) in the middle of the dance floor apparently receiving 5"

**Tommy Gun** - Fancy dress do's always got us into trouble in Tommy's words "I went to Cricket Club fancy dress party dressed as a soldier when we decided to go to Bronx afterwards. There was ½ of Victoria Barracks in there who thought I was taking the p\*\*\*!

**Chorley's one to one's** - Not content with the post match review in the Middleton room, 1st team skipper at the time Andy Chorley would take an unsuspecting player to one side over by the cocktail room. Buy a double G&T in an luminous glass and digest the days events. These had been known to stretch over at least 6 or 7 Bronx visits, every time with a double G&T in hand.

**Dance moves** - Barney held WCC's early title of club dancer, Richie Nod became a pretender to the throne, but Edgey soon stole it off him with a routine of sheer genius, which no doubt will be re enacted on Saturday night. The only official dance competition won was by Danger Granger in Smokies, but that's all whole different 20/20 match idea.

No doubt there were lots more stories, not that I would ever dream of compromising us all now that we are all married or practically headed that way....Just one more night of hedonistic Bronx fun left. Enjoy it!

## Generation Games

With all the discussion about the forthcoming Bronx weekend, I have cast my mind back 9 seasons to my first season at the cricket club (2001) and how many of the players back then compare to those out there now.

This led me to think about who of Windsor CC's current young free and singles compares in the Saturday night tactics to those back then.

Here are my thoughts:

**Old Bronxian:** Enders

**Tactic:** The Percentage Player

**Most likely to say:** "Points are points lads"

**New Generation:** Alex Haynes

**Most likely to say:** "Alright boobs, fancy coming back to my yacht?!"

**Old Bronxian:** Ben Lewis

**Tactic:** The Direct Approach

**Most likely to say:** "Get your Rat out!"

**New Generation:** Ben Harris

**Most likely to say:** "Get your Rat out!"

**Old Bronxian:** Paul Huggins

**Tactic:** Talking in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person

**Most likely to say:** "stick with me sweet cheeks, I'll put you in the movies"

**New Generation:** Tom Hartridge

**Most likely to say:** "No, Doree doesn't like that!"

**Old Bronxian:** Wazza

**Tactic:** Creative Careers Approach

**Most likely to say:** "What do I do, oh I am a Pilot"

**New Generation:** Birchy

**Most likely to say:** "Yeah, I work with the big boys in the city!"

**Old Bronxian:** Rob Noble

**Tactic:** Multiple Personalities

**Most likely to here:** "Are you Nobsey, Nodsey or Scruffy tonight mate?"

**New Generation:** Chris Kellard

**Most likely to here:** "Oi, Mallard, Mullord, Turnip!"

**Old Bronxian:** Rob Dawson

**Tactic:** The Penny Pincher

**Most likely to say:** "How much?"

**New Generation:** Dave Riches

**Most likely to say:** "Don't I get a student discount!"

I'm sure you can think of a lot more and could be a hot topic for discussion.

## Editor's Notes - Here come the Ashes!

**Right then, as I am liable to not get a word in edgeways over the coming Ashes series with Wesley, I now have my chance for the Windsor Newsletter preview.**

So the Aussies have gone home early from the Twenty 20 (well to Leicester for 2 weeks, same difference). But what does this say about the coming series,

well to be fair nothing.

The Australian team is without a doubt nowhere near the side of 2005, but neither is the England side. Both sides have great players, Pietersen and Ponting respectively, that are not playing great at the moment and are trying to carry their side.

So, like in many previous series, it is

going to be decided by a player that has the summer of his life. Simon Jones and Stuart Clark in the last two and either James Anderson or Mitchell Johnson in this one.

But I do think it will be a tight one and my prediction is 2-2, with the draw being at Headingly (as we have last day tickets). Lets hope for another classic!

## Windsor CC 2008 Season in Review

**Just in case you were wondering, here is a review of the season to date.**

### Sat 1st XI

**The 1st XI's season started slowly, but has recently taken off in a big way.**

After scratchy performances in the warm-up games and defeat in the first league game, the 1's have hit a hot streak with four consecutive wins and currently sit proudly a top of the Division 2A table.

Strong performances on the batting side have come from Birch and Nichols at the top of the order (finally a settled opening partnership) and from Weston, Malloch, Malik and Kemp down the order.

What is really telling is the quality of the bowling attack. The resurrection of Kemp has added a new dimension and along with Hartridge a mean edge to the bowling attack.

All is set for the team to have a strong season where the (fingers-crossed) contend for the title.

### Sat 2nd XI

**By contrast the 2nd team flew through the pre-season friendlies and the first two league games with strong wins. But more recently have lost a little form.**

Runs have come from multiple sources with all of the top 7 batters having scored runs so far this season, but not always at the same time. Paul Huggins has come through with two league fifties already, with Chana and Murray also batting well.

On the bowling side, Alex Hill has started the season with a bang, picking up 6 wickets and a hat-trick in the opening week and continuing to take wickets since. Added to that has been good performances from Kellard and Edge, with the latter setting up a lively end to the BA game with his 5 wickets.

### Sat 3rd XI

**So far the 3's league season has been slightly stop start. With 2 wins and a loss, form is good, but the two rained off games have caused frustrations.**

After a strong pre-season campaign, the 3's entered the first game with players in fine form. With Haynes and Noble in particular starting strongly.

What has changed greatly from last year is the bowling at their disposal. The additions of Greene, Caldow and Jones making for a fine seam attack with Bean. Jones in particular is in fine form and is currently the leading wicket-taker in the

club.

### Sat 4th XI

**The 4's have started where they left off last season. Doree's merry men are near the top of division 7B and playing some good cricket.**

Ward in particular has batted very well, with two league fifties already this year. With the strength in depth in the club, the 4's can only get stronger.

### Sat 5th XI

**A welcome addition to the club in recent weeks has been the new 5th team and they are certainly making a splash.**

Sarab and the boys are taking their league by storm and helping to ensure that the club is able to offer more and more cricket in a welcoming team.

### Sunday Cricket

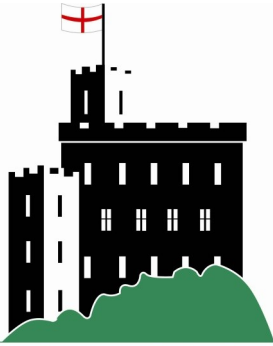
The First XI have struggled throughout the first weeks of the Sunday League season and have come face to face with a number of strong outfits. That said, Umar and Chris are doing a fantastic job ensuring that the side is going and that we are even able to compete in games.

With availability as it currently is, it is also RIP to the Sunday 2nd XI. Let's hope that this is temporary measure as this has always been a great starting point for young players at the club.

## Windsor CC Diary

All dates are provisional and may change:

12 <sup>th</sup> June	20/20 Bronxians vs Old Bronxians	10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> July	Ashes Barbeque to coincide with the First Test	31 <sup>st</sup> August	Windsor Pub's Tournament
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Bronx Reunion Night	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Race Night	12 <sup>th</sup> September	End of Season Ball
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Tour Match: Windsor CC vs. Eleven Star Cricket Academy	8 <sup>th</sup> August	Carribbean Cocktail Night	For up to date details, please see <a href="http://www.windsorcc.com">www.windsorcc.com</a> . Also looking, if anyone has any further ideas, please let me know.	
June	Social TBC	21 <sup>st</sup> August	Windsor 6's 6-a-side Tournament	O. Birch Esq.	
		23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Presidents Day		



## WINDSOR CRICKET CLUB

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### Player Profile: Rob Dawson



Name: Robert Mark Dawson

Age: 34

Skills: None to speak of

HS: 94 not out

BB: 5 for spit

Nickname: Too many to mention, to be honest I wish people would just call me Rob

Favourite Ground: Nana Glen Oval

Cricketing Heroes: Dennis Darroux, Quasar Kayani, Steff Stuff

Cricketing Highlight: Seeing an Endacott half volley being hit onto the third floor balcony of a block of flats

Aims for 2009: Average more than Ben Lickley

General Heroes: Edmund Trebus, Terry Hurlock, Desmond Douglas

Personal Highlight: Spending a weekend in Hong Kong with Chris Edge, Paul Huggins and Warren Griffiths. Who could ask for more?

Ideal Career: Housewife

If I could be anyone, I would be: Edmund Trebus

Favourite Haunt: My living room

Favourite Food: Chips

Favourite Restaurant: Anywhere that sells chips

Favourite Drink: Fosters preferably warm and flat

Bronx Memory: "What's the Bronx, never heard of it!"

Favourite Quote: "I've laid better sh#ts than that!"

- Daniel Pitcher 2001

## The Windsor 6's

Friday 21st August will see the inaugural Windsor 6's at Home Park. An event that it is hoped will be the flagship event each season for Windsor Cricket Club for years to come.

It will represent the start of a big weekend of cricket on the Home Park, with the first team playing at home on Saturday and the Presidents Game on Sunday. It is hoped that this may rekindle interest in a Windsor cricket week.

The principle of the event is a standard 6-a-side competition open to any team of any shape or size. Whether they be a club side, corporate team, nomadic or social side; all are welcome to the event. It will be 5 overs per side, with everyone except the keeper bowling and

The initial take-up for the event has been very positive with teams from Bracknell Rugby Club to Kimberly-Clark to the resurrection of Windsor & Eton CC being put forward for the event. The hope is to have 20 teams and there to be cricket played



on all four of the club's squares on the day.

As with events of this size, the club needs the help of the members to help run the event on the day. We will be needing bar staff, parking attendants, umpires and scorers on the day.

The hope is to make it a great event and a great fund raiser as the club looks to improve further.

For further information on the event and/or to enter a team please contact: Brian.Davis@kcc.com

Club Nets, every Wednesday at the Home Park from 6pm to 8pm

## Contributions

As ever, a newsletter can't be put together without the help of the various writers who add articles to the newsletter each time. So thanks go to:

Ali Howarth

Wes Nichols

James Jordan

Richard Endacott

I am always looking for new people to add their talents to the newsletter (as it saves me having to write too much). So if you would like to write a piece for the next newsletter please let me know. Each article is between 200 and 400 words long and don't take too long to write at all.

So if you fancy writing something, please drop a note to [brian.davis@kcc.com](mailto:brian.davis@kcc.com)