



# PCC NEWS



Paignton Cricket Club Newsletter

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## Welcome from the Chairman...



I have been a player and member of Paignton Cricket Club for some 40 years and it is a privilege and honour to continue the role of Chairman and welcome you all to this great community cricket club.

Currently our first team is in the A division, 2nd team in D Division West and our 3rd team F West. This is the new 'All Through' league where every

team belongs to one vertical structure so there are no more separate 2nd or 3rd team leagues. We have a number of promising players who I have no doubt will strengthen our performances on the field this season.

We run a vibrant youth section from the ages of 5-19. Our all junior training sessions are on a Friday evening offering a high level of coaching support. Youth development is a key priority for the club to sustain a successful future. We are the only club in Torbay to currently offer girls cricket in age groups U11, U13 & U15 and this year we will also be running two women's team. Last year we launched the Wine and Wickets initiative where we had in excess of 30 women attend each week. Our coaching philosophy is simple in that we aim to provide everyone with the opportunity to enjoy cricket where our players can learn and improve their game, have fun in a safe and friendly environment.

The clubs reputation in offering a welcoming family friendly atmosphere whilst offering quality cricket is critical to our continued success. We host a range of touring sides, County games and also the Devon Lions.

I look forward to welcoming you this season whether it's watching the great cricket on offer or partaking in our many fun social events throughout the season. We have an active social side to the club, with a number of activities planned which we hope the parents of the youth section, players and the partners of the senior players will all participate.

The club depends on members volunteering to take on roles so please, if there is anything you would like to do, you will be very welcome to join in. New members of all ages and abilities are also very welcome whether they are players, supporters or volunteers to help with the many aspects involved in running our Club.

Enjoy the Season  
Tim Ward

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## Key Dates

4 May—Signing on night

11 May—Youth training starts

25 May—Quiz night

29 Jun—Band—The Rockoholics

6 Jul—Band—Double A and The Bay



## 1st XI—The Season Ahead



It seems a long time since the last game of the 2017 season where we came agonisingly close to staying in the Premier Division. It was tough to take as a team and a club but we will be looking to bounce back straight away with an immediate return to the Premier. A lot has changed since last year, 5 players out and two players in. 1st team regulars Connor Bryan and George Yates have moved on to play for Stoke Gabriel. Connor Ashworth has gone to Brixham, Oli Higgs has moved to Bristol and Tristan Coetzee has found a new club as an overseas. We welcome Cole Harford from Barton, a promising young left arm seamer and South African batsman Kevin Renecke. Kevin racked up an impressive 877 runs at an average of 51.59 in the Essex Division One and will be looking to hit the ground running.

The squad is looking strong this year with Justin Mann making a return to the 1st team squad, Chris Kelmere is back and available for most of the season and plenty of youngsters will be looking to make their mark. The team looks to have a nice balance with George Benton leading the bowling attack. Backed up by seamers Stephen George and Rob Shergold and with Kelmere and Sam Woodcock leading the spin attack, we have the variety that should trouble most batting line ups. Batting wise we are looking as strong as ever. Noah Wright looks set for a successful season at the top of the order after proving himself in the Premier last year. The middle order of Dan Wolf, Kelmere and Renecke looks formidable and valuable lower order runs are likely to come from the likes of Benton and Shergold. The likes of Luke Medlock and Harry Ward will be looking to turn county and colts form into 1st team runs so look out for them over the season.

The A Division will be tough and there are plenty of strong teams this year, Torquay, Cornwood and Budleigh to name a few, but we are confident of a top two finish and promotion back to the Devon Premier. We start away to Abbots on May 5th.

Rich Ashworth 1st XI Captain

## 2nd XI

Last year, the 2nd team had a fantastic season by winning the A division title. A tremendous effort by all involved. The key aim of the second team is to give the youth a chance to develop as cricketers with support of mature experienced players. At Paignton we are blessed with a fantastic youth section and when they are ready these players need to be exposed to playing adult cricket to develop. Paignton Cricket Club is fortunate to have a group of very good and experienced cricketers who continue to guide and encourage these players in a supportive manner on the field.

2018 brings in the new 'all through' league so for the first time we will play against first team opposition. I can promise our youth that they will be given every opportunity and am confident we may surprise the odd team with our youth talent!

Tim Ward  
Captain

## 3rd XI



I take a slightly different role this season as I will be match managing the first team on a Saturday afternoon and my role with the 3rds will be selecting and coordinating the team for each game. The 3rd team will have a different captain each week and this will be shared amongst the senior players in the side, this will help share the responsibility and lessen the burden of captaincy and all that goes with it. The 3rd team will be playing at Torre Valley North this year and a move that will provide a better playing surface for our players, which is a good thing. With only a few weeks before the start of the season and with the new all

through league we see ourselves playing in the F division west. It will be a challenging year for the team and if we maintain a mid table place this would reflect as a successful season.

The main priority is that we continue to give opportunity to our young developing players and this is the main purpose of the 3rd eleven and we should not lose track of this. The club has lost a few players this season but have also gain some new fresh spirited players.



3rd XI continued.....



This will also create opportunity for our young developing players from the first team down to the 3rds. Last year we broke new grounds with Charlotte Massey being the first Lady to play senior cricket at Paignton. This year we will see another lady cricketer playing, Hollie Perkin, join our squad. Hollie joins us from Brixham and has played senior cricket for them, it's great that the talented all rounder will join us for the 2018 season.

I would like to take this opportunity to wishing all the players at the club a successful season and hope many wickets are taken and runs are plentiful. Good luck to all and let's enjoy the season.

Terry Farkins

## Message from Tony Medlock our Youth Section Manager



Over the past few years Paignton CC have grown their Junior and Colts sections to the point whereby we now run 9 teams in the South Devon Youth League as well as two younger sides which play in festivals organised by the League. We also cater for older teenagers with our U19 Team competing in the County Cup. Our league teams are for both boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 15 years old.

As well as our competitive teams we also offer an introduction to cricket for children from 5 years old. This season our Junior Club sessions will be on a Friday evening, to run alongside the training with the older players. We hope that this will foster an even more inclusive club feeling and also give our very youngest players the opportunity to see the pathway into competitive cricket. With the BBQ running, the bar open and regular social events, our Friday evenings will not only be an opportunity for us to move players on based on ability, but also allow parents access to all the club coaches and managers and give everyone the chance to meet other members and help develop further the strong community feel within the club.

We are very lucky at PCC to have a magnificent bunch of volunteers who give their time freely to our Youth section, and with their help and tireless work we have become the largest provider of Junior cricket in South Devon. However with so many teams we are always seeking further volunteers to help with coaching, managing teams, umpiring, scoring, raising funds (running a Colts section is not cheap!) and helping with the BBQ or the Tea Hut, so if you feel you can offer some of your time in any capacity please get in touch.

This year we will be running various "Holiday Cricket Camps" during May Half Term and the Summer holidays, these will be run by Achieve4All they will be held on Friday 1 Jun, June 26th 27th 31st, August 3rd 9th 10th 16th 17th 23rd 24th 30th 31st and run from 9-3:30.

They are for school years 1 –8—the camps will cater for softball and hardball and all abilities.

For more details and to book go on line to [www.achieve4all.co.uk](http://www.achieve4all.co.uk)

Lets hope the sun shines in 2018 and here's to another successful season for everyone involved with Paignton Juniors and Colts!

Tony Medlock  
PCC Colts Manager



## 2018 promises to be an exciting season for the girls and ladies at Paignton



We will be once again fielding girls' teams at U11, U13 and U15. This season, for the first time, Paignton Cricket Club will be entering a team in the Devon Women's Cricket League. "It will no doubt be a steep learning curve for us but we're excited about this new adventure," says Lois Hussey – the inaugural ladies' captain, whose grandfather played at Paignton and whose father Richard has been involved with the club for almost 60 years. The first fixture of the season is a home game against Exmouth on Sunday 3rd June.

Coach, Trevor Massey's daughter Charlotte, is one of the girls who played in the club's first ever girls' hardball team in 2012, and is now one of a number of players to represent Devon. She even played men's cricket for Paignton last year. "When we first introduced our girls to cricket, we had a team of enthusiastic 10 year-olds playing softball cricket. Most of the girls who started out with us still play today. 6 years on it's been a natural progression to offer ladies cricket. By focusing on the girls' enjoyment, we've kept a core group together and welcomed new faces too."



Ladies cricket team pictured following a softball festival

Once again social cricket will also be on the cards with Wine and Wickets on Fridays and the opportunity to play softball festivals.

If you're interested in finding out more, email Nick Harman via [nharman1@virginmedia.com](mailto:nharman1@virginmedia.com) or Lois Hussey on 07780 677543, or pop down to Queens Park from May onwards and join in!

### Adult Fixtures for May

Date	Opponents	Time	Team	Competition	Venue
Sat 5th May	Abbotskerswell 1st XI	12:30	1st XI	A Division	Away
Sat 5th May	Plymouth Civil Service	13:30	2nd XI	D Division West	Home
Sat 5th May	Shaldon 2nd XI	13:30	3rd XI	F Division West	Away
Sat 12th May	Bideford 1st XI	12:30	1st XI	A Division	Home
Sat 12th May	Barton 2nd XI	13:30	2nd XI	D Division West	Away
Sat 12th May	Dartington & Totnes 2nd	13:30	3rd XI	F Division West	Home
Sat 19th May	Plympton 1st XI	12:30	1st XI	A Division	Home
Sat 19th May	Torquay 2nd XI	13:30	2nd XI	D Division West	Away
Sat 19th May	Kingsbridge 2nd XI	13:30	3rd XI	F Division West	Away
Sat 26th May	Torquay 1st XI	12:30	1st XI	A Division	Away
Sat 26th May	Plymouth 2nd XI	13:30	2nd XI	D Division West	Home
Sat 26th May	Chudleigh 2ndXI	13:30	3rd XI	F Division West	Home

You can now pay your subscriptions for 2018—please up date your membership ready for the season.

To keep up to date with what is going on in the club please 'like' the Paignton CC Facebook page and you can also visit the website at [www.paignton.play-cricket.com](http://www.paignton.play-cricket.com) and the club noticeboard will have full details of planned events.