# **Maldon Cricket Club**

The home of the Dons!

# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

March 2024

Following the successful release in February 2024, our monthly newsletter is back as we are already in March and the season is now just over one month away...

## **TFP Agree Extension**

We are delighted to announce that we have agreed with TFP Financial Planning to continue as our main club sponsors for the next three years. Having first joined forces in 2021, TFP have been superb in assisting the club towards its goals as a key member of the local community. Club Chairman Alan Coker said, "We are pleased to continue our partnership with TFP. I know the team at TFP are passionate about cricket, and we share their values of helping people find purpose and confidence. We look forward to continuing our long partnership for many years to come. We have some exciting news to announce in the coming weeks and months that this agreement has helped to make possible."

Dan Haylett of TFP added "I'm delighted to extend our sponsorship of Maldon CC. The club form one for the sporting bedrocks for Maldon and surrounding areas and provide opportunities for girls, boys, women and men of all ages and abilities to experience and play the wonderful sport of cricket. I'm looking forward to seeing the club build on the successes of last season and go from strength to strength across all its teams and initiatives."



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# Mayor's Quiz Raises Funds

Maldon CC have recently benefited from the Maldon Town Mayor's Quiz Evening. The event was held on Friday 23 February 2024 at the Town Hall. The quiz masters were the Mayor himself and Cllr Driver. An amazing £1188 was raised for Maldon Cricket Club which will go a long way to supporting the club in 2024.

The thanks of everyone at MCC goes to the Mayor, Andrew Lay and Cllr John Driver for their hospitality and efforts for our cricket club. We would also like to thank all those who attended the event and assisted in raising much needed funds.



The Mayor is pictured with MCC Chair, Alan Coker.

# **Games Night Takes Place**

There were nine teams participating on Games Night which was another great success. A great night was had by all those who entered! Thank you for Chris, Ross and Steve for organizing which raised a further £355 for club funds.

# **Subscriptions Now Due!**

You will be getting shortly your annual subscription reminder. We would really appreciate all members arranging payment in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact Stuart Coker.



# **Junior Update**

We are planning to run teams at the following age groups.

Under 11 Under 13

Under 14 (Sir Alastair Cook Trophy) Under 15

Under 17 Cup Under 19 (Ravi Bopara Cup)

The junior leagues will shortly be announced. Please note that the fixtures will be put on Play Cricket with target play by date.

Your junior managers will have an individual team fixture list in due course. We have also joined All Stars and Dynamos Cricket on a Wednesday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm. These commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> May. We are also planning to run Friday night sessions commencing from 12th May.



# **Two Counties Rule Changes**

There are a few rule changes for 2024 that you need to be aware of. All Two Counties games will now have wide lines 17 inches from the wide guideline should be marked from the inside edge of the return crease. If the ball passes between the wide line and the return crease it will be considered a wide in all divisions.

For the first team, they will return to 50 overs per side. There is also a power play for the first ten overs which means that only two fielder can be stationed outside the 30-yard circle. This will be prorated in the event of a shortened game. The maximum overs is 10 overs per bowler.

For the second team, in a 45 over game a bowler can only bowl a maximum of nine overs. For the third team, the league have been regionalised in division 8, which means the furthest trip is to Long Melford in the forthcoming season. There is also a change in promotion and relegation with 2 teams being promoted and 3 teams being relegated.



We have a lot of work to complete at both Drapers and the Prom to get the grounds ready for the start of the summer.

We are always in need of volunteers to do this work so please let us know if you can spare an hour or two over the next few months.

We are therefore having a preparation day at both grounds at both grounds from 9.30am onwards on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

We would really appreciate your help as many hands make light work. Please could you let Ross, Ben, Joe or Jas know if you are attending.



# **Events Calendar!**

There are several events in the forthcoming weeks:

#### **Vice Presidents Lunch**

On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, we are organising a lunch for Life Members, Vice Presidents and friends of Maldon Cricket Club at Drapers. The first team will be hosting Clacton that afternoon.

A three-course meal for £25 per head - the food is being supplied by Sue Edwards. We need a minimum of 30 people for this event to take place. If you are interested in having lunch, please contact Alan Coker on (07815) 501376. Anyone with dietary requirements, please let us know in advance.

### **Race Night**

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, we are organising a Race Night at Drapers, we will soon be starting to sell Horses, Jockeys and Trainers. A Tote will be running on the evening together with the Golden Draw. Further details to follow.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Alan Coker (07815) 501376.

### **Other Events:**

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Kwik Cricket Festival
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June Ladies soft ball tournament
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July Club event in memory of David
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Rock up for Randall
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August Sir Alastair Cook Trophy Final Day

## **Match Ball Sponsors:**

The Dons are looking for individuals and businesses to sponsor our match balls throughout the 2024 season. Each match is available for £40 and covers both home and away games, for all our senior mens and ladies teams.

## **Easy Fundraising:**

Do you shop online? Did you know that when you shop online you can earn commission for the cricket club including when booking holidays, food deliveries or train tickets? If so, please register to the club's page. To join please go on <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk">www.easyfundraising.co.uk</a>

Click on Find a Cause and type in Maldon Cricket Club. For everyone who joins we get entered in a draw which the winning cause gets £100.

# **Dons Turning 50!**

2025 will be the current Maldon Cricket Club golden anniversary. If you have any ideas on how we should celebrate this, please let us know.

We would also be grateful if some of our founding members would write their memories of the merger between Maldon Strollers and Old Maldonians and the early summers for our younger members as part of the celebration.

# **April 2024 Fixtures**

### Sunday 14th April

1<sup>st</sup> XI Away to Frinton (Friendly)

### Saturday 20th April

1<sup>st</sup> XI Away to Mildenhall II (Two Counties Division 1). Ball Sponsored by The Maldon Town Mayor.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI **Home** to Haverhill II (Two Counties Division 4) Ball Sponsored by The Maldon Town Mayor.

### Sunday 21st April

Sunday XI Away to Brentwood (Friendly)

### Saturday 27th April.

1<sup>st</sup> XI **Home** to Coggeshall (Two Counties Division 1) Ball Sponsored by Ian Elliott.

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Away to Nowton (Two Counties Division 4) Ball Sponsored by John & Maureen Hill.

3<sup>rd</sup> XI **Home** to Long Melford II (Two Counties Division 8A) Ball Sponsored by Skippers Ground maintenance.

4th XI Away to Benfleet V (Friendly)

### Sunday 28th April

Sunday XI Home to Boreham Royals (Friendly) at Drapers.

The first Ladies game to be played at home will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> May when Bethan and the team welcome Rayleigh, for their first league game.



# **Player Sponsorships**

We are delighted to announce that the following players have been sponsored so far for the coming year.

Jimmy Ainscough SB Electrical

Bethan Bailey Chelmer Footcare

Andrew Barnes Bob & Jan Barnes

Jamie Brown HE Hill

Martyn Coker Warsop

Stuart Coker HE Hill

Ian Elliott Chis & Glora Elliott

Callum Figg Essex Kids Camp

Charlie Figg Essex Kids Camp

Joe Figg K & B Tatum @ The New Forge

Mason Foakes Barney Reece Tree & Garden Management

Ben Gibbons D P Roofin & Renovations

Joe Gregory TMA

Chris Harris Geoff Cook

Michael Newman Ian Elliott

Toby Pugh Peter Wargent

Joshua Servis Dukes Park Automotive

Connah Thompson AJH Home Improvements

Ross Walpole Carpenters Arms

To register your interest in either sponsorship opportunity please email <a href="mailto:mail

# 250th Anniversary Match In Harlow

In 1774, the precursor to the current Maldon CC played in Harlow Cricket Club inaugural fixture at Harlow. There will be a repeat of this historic match in Harlow on Sunday 28th July at Harlow CC which will be a 1pm start with 35 overs per side and afternoon tea. We have been asked to provide a team comprising players from all of our adult section.



We're always on the hunt for new players of all abilities and volunteers to join our clubs.

### Maldon Rugby Club

We have a brilliant mini midi youth section with kids from 5yrs to 17 yrs old. We run 3 senior teams too!



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### Maldon Cricket Club

We run 6 senior teams and 1 ladies team. We are building a strong junior section ready to take the field in 2024.



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