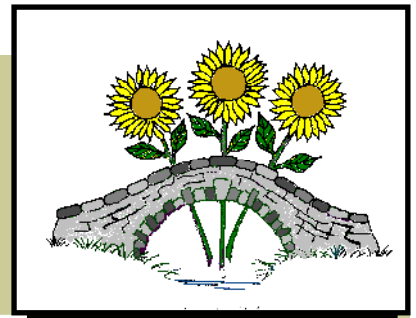


**NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2019**



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019. We have an exciting year ahead of us. Hopefully this will update you with all that's been happening at the club over the close season

Nick Jones
Chairman

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HEADLINE NEWS

- New Nets for 2019
- 1st Team - Back in the Premier League
- New Electronic Scoreboard - Courtesy of MBNA Bank

Why not join our

100 Club ?

For only £2 per month you could be in with a chance of winning a monthly prize up to a £100

There is also a weekly draw for £5

All proceeds go to fund the club activities & overheads

More details on page 2.

**NEW TRAINING NETS
& ARTIFICIAL PITCH**

In the next few weeks it is hoped that our new two-lane nets will be installed. It has been quite a journey to get this project to the stage that we are at and thanks must go to Ian Hampton for all his hard work as project manager. The project was initially started in the Autumn of 2015 under the Chairmanship of Roger Eltham when Ian took the reins as project manager, I don't think any of us thought it would take this long to arrange but we have encountered many hurdles along the way.

In order to satisfy all the requirements set out by the ECB for grant aid and loans, we have had to obtain additional land from our landlords and renew our lease, obtain planning permission from FCC and permission from Natural Resources Wales (thanks to Nick Thomas for his input on this matter). However, all the paperwork has been

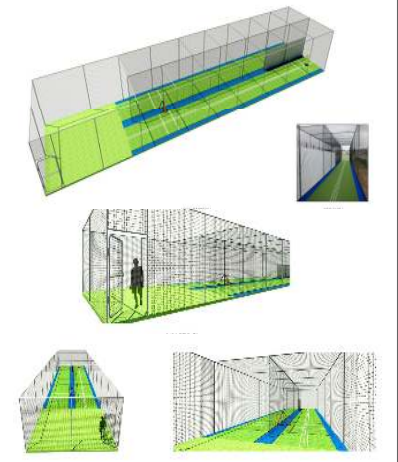
completed and we are currently waiting for the ECB to rubber stamp our grant and loan application which will then enable us to arrange a date with the suppliers to come and install the nets.

The nets will be larger than our existing ones and are a fully enclosed system that will allow them to be used when there are matches being played on the field as there will be no danger stray balls from the nets going onto the field of play and vice versa. (see drawings to the right).

Artificial Wicket

As part of this project it was also planned to install a new artificial pitch in a position much closer to the club house and replace the existing one with an additional grass pitch, however this work would have been too costly (largely down to the loam required for the grass pitch) so it has been decided to install a new artificial pitch in our preferred position and

Design Images for PCC new nets facility



convert the existing one back to part of the outfield. We can look to develop this as an additional grass wicket at sometime in the future.

We have been informed that we require Planning permission for the new artificial pitch in it's new location, this has been applied for but it's not likely to be passed before the start of the season, which has resulted in us having to make the difficult decision to postpone work on this until September in order to allow the remedial work to be completed with out any disruption to the use of the field.

1ST TEAM — PREMIER LEAGUE FOR 2019

Our first team return to the North Wales Premier Division as the 2018 Division One Champions. The team that played the final game of the season (picture opposite) contained 8 players that had all played as junior players at Pontblyddyn which is proof of how important our junior players are – they are our future.



2018 Division One Champions
Junior Competition - Name the players in this picture—see page 2

ALL STARS 2019



All Stars is cricket for 5 to 8 year old boys & girls and returns to PCC for 2019.

We will be running All Stars for 8 weeks from Friday 17th May to 5th July. Start - 6:30pm

Sign up at:

www.ecb.co.uk/all-stars

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Junior Competition

(Open to all 2019 Junior team players)

Enter the names of the first team players in the photograph on page 1 on a piece of paper with your name on it and place it in the box in the clubhouse.

All the correct entries will be entered into a draw to win £25

Closing date 5th July 2019

Pontblyddyn CC 100 Club

Here's how it works...

Join the 100 club for a monthly cost of £2 payable monthly by cash to bar staff or preferably £2 per month by standing order or £24 per year by standing order. You will need to choose a number that is available or have a number allocated to you by the 100 club administrator.



£2 a month and you could win £100.

The prizes are as follows:

January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November:

1st - £50, 2nd - £10 and 3rd - £5

March, June and September:

1st - £100, 2nd - £50 and 3rd - £10

December:

1st - £100, 2nd - £50 and 10 x 3rd prizes of - £10.

Results will be published in the clubhouse and on the club Twitter account

Weekly Draw on Friday evening – A number will be drawn for a prize of: £5. The winning number will be published in the clubhouse and on the club twitter account, if the winner does not claim the prize by 9:00pm on the following Friday the prize money will be put back into club funds. In the event of a number being drawn that is not allocated it will be redrawn until an allocated number is drawn.

All proceeds from the 100 club are used to fund club running costs and activities

Anyone wishing to join please contact us (at the clubhouse - bar) or

Nick Jones:

07834 375183

chairman@

pontblyddync.org.uk

JOIN OUR 100 CLUB TODAY AND YOU COULD BE OUR NEXT WINNER!

CLUBMARK



Pontblyddyn is an ECB Accredited Club and holds the prestigious CLUBMARK award, with annual health checks, and re-accreditation taking place every 3 years.

This shows the club is sustainable, well run and provides the right

environment for its members.

Clubmark accreditation also means Pontblyddyn is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages, as well as assuring

parents and carers that they are choosing the right option for their young people.

2019 sees us undergoing the re-accreditation process which involves ensuring that we follow all the ECB guidelines and regulations and that this information is stored and made available to all.

It is currently available in the clubhouse or can be viewed at: www.pontblyddync.org.uk

CRICKET FORCE - 13TH & 14TH APRIL



We will again be participating in Cricket Force this year on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April.

This is our chance to get everything ready for the season. Some of the things on the to do list are:

- Some interior painting in the clubhouse
- Painting the kitchen and tea room ceiling around the light fittings
- Weeding the patio area
- Filling car park potholes
- Repair some of the pitch side benches
- General tidying up of the outside areas

CAN YOU PLEASE SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO HELP?

Membership Subscription - 2019

The club is a member's club and all players (junior and seniors) must have paid the relevant subscription to be eligible to play. The membership fees are due from 1st April and are discounted if paid by 31st May, if not paid by 30th June the player will become ineligible for selection until it is paid. (In the case of senior players this has to be paid before they can be released to play for another club).

Senior & Family - £100
(discounted to £80 if paid before 31st May)

Junior & Student (in FT education) **Membership** - £60
(discounted to £50 if paid before 31st May)

Social Membership - £10

*Family membership is for 2 adults & 2 juniors, additional juniors at cost of £10 each.

Benefits of membership

Membership helps to support the club and offers discounted bar prices (approx. 10%) and discounted / free use of the clubhouse for private functions.

Membership Instalments

Membership Subscription can be paid in instalments by credit/debit card - you will receive an invoice by email that contains a link to make a secure card payment.

Instalments can be paid as shown		
Month	Senior / Family	Junior
March	£30	£20
April	£30	£15
May	£20	£15

To request instalment payment

Please email :

Howard Griffiths:
membership@pontblyddyncc.org.uk
or

Nick Jones:
chairman@pontblyddyncc.org.uk

YOU CAN NOW PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY INSTALMENTS

NEW ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD

Thanks to the assistance of Darren Hewitt (second team captain) we have been able to secure a grant to cover 80% of the cost of a new electronic scoreboard.

As an employee of MBNA bank Darren passed on information to Mark Roberts our funding officer and the application was completed and we were fortunate enough to have been considered as eligible to receive a grant.



Image of score board similar the one on order

If you know of any organisations that may be able to help in anyway—please let us know

FUNDRAISING

The new nets and artificial wicket project is the largest single investment that the club has made and despite financial assistance from the ECB in the form of a grant and interest free loan the club has to find a considerable amount of money to fund the project.

It is therefore important that we continue to raise funds and we welcome any suggestions for fundraising. If you have any suggestions, please

mention it to any of the committee members.

We would love to hear from anyone willing to help out, with anything from assisting the junior coaches, selling scratch cards, manning the BBQ on Friday evenings (all goods will be supplied it's just a matter of turning up and cooking).

We are also offering the opportunity for businesses

to sponsor the club - a document detailing this will be published very soon. Match Ball sponsorship starts at £10 for a junior game and is £25 for a senior match.

Previous Fundraising events:

Big Breakfast
BBQ
Live Band / Disco
Gin Tasting
Anyone wishing to help out please let us know.

“If anyone knows of organisations that may offer funding to local community sports clubs please let us know”.

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Having a party?

The Clubhouse
is available to
hire for private
functions
Please contact
us for details.



Discounted / Free for
members



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Club Funding Officer—Mark Roberts - funding@pontblyddyncc.org.uk

easyfundraising
.org.uk

Did you know that you can raise money for the club when shopping online? Its easy sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Pontblyddyn Cricket Club. Many major retailers are involved and will give a donation to your chosen cause, it all helps.

When going shopping go to the easyfundraising.org.uk page and search for your retailer (e.g. John Lewis, eBay, Amazon), you will then go to the retailers web page where you shop as normal and when finished the club will get a donation.

Pontblyddyn Cricket Club

PRESENTS A SPORTSMANS EVENING FEATURING

Liverpool Legend

**BRUCE
GROBBELAAR**



Hosted by comedian
JOHN MARTIN

AUCTION OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF SPORTING MEMORABILIA

SATURDAY 16th March 2019

PENYFFORDD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ADMISSION £20

DOORS OPEN 19:00

SHOW STARTS 20:00 PROMPT

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

Rhys Jones - 07782 248445

Phil Davies - 07894 980824