



The Morley Cricket Club Newsletter

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NEW NETS CAMPAIGN HITS THE HEADLINES



Morley CC's New Nets campaign got underway with an excellent piece in the Morley Observer. This is a key development for the club, one that will hopefully benefit juniors and seniors for years to come. To get there though we need to raise between £3k - £4k and this will clearly be a big ask in this current climate.

The Junior section helped get the fundraising underway with a very well attended Halloween party and there are lots of other events planned over the next couple of months to get us up towards that target.

This year, for the first time in several years, the cricket section has organised a **"Heroes and Villains" New Years Eve party**. Tickets are **only £5 and will include a buffet on the night**. This event is open to all, so cricket, football and rugby teams, get your names down in the clubhouse and let's see if we can fill the place out, have ourselves a great night and at the same time, raise lots of money for the new nets.

In addition to this, half a dozen members of the first team squad will be taking on a sponsored 3 peaks walk early in 2010, so watch out for more details on that.

We have also now launched our big fundraising **"buy a brick"** campaign. We are trying to "build a wall" with donations from players, club members and local businesses. The display is now up in the club, so please support our initiative where you can. Bricks are available to purchase from £5 up to £50 and all money will go towards the New Nets.

STARS IN THEIR EYES CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



Tickets are almost sold out now for the 3rd Morley Stars in Their Eyes night. Hurry and get your name down in the Clubhouse for what is bound to be a fantastic pre-Chrimbo night out.

All Welcome!!!

Dates for the diary

Friday 27th November is a social night in the club. There will be a quiz on the night for adults and juniors and there will be a pie and pea supper. Everyone welcome – come along and help the club out.

Watch out for details of a racenight with a difference in January.

Presentation Night

The 2009 Presentation night took place on Saturday 17th October in the Willows Lounge at the club. The new style event, which featured a 3 course meal, followed by the presentations to award winners for the senior sides and the Under 17s and then a disco, proved to be a great success and made for an excellent night. It was certainly a good night for Phil Carter, who picked up the First X1 batting award and the Players' Player of the Year award. Graeme Roberts also took two Second team trophies for fielding and the players' award. Richard Winn rounded off another successful year with both the Second X1 batting and bowling awards.

Overseas player Josh Walker will have considered staying on in the UK well worthwhile as he picked up two Performance of the season awards - for the First X1 and the 20/20 team. There were trophies also for newcomers Matthew Green and Andy Wear. Popular clubman Rob Daly walked off with the Graham Pullan trophy.

Award winners included:

First X1

Batting	Phil Carter
Bowling	James Russell
Fielding	Dave Nebard
Performance of the Season	Josh Walker
Players' Player of the Year	Phil Carter

Second X1

Batting	Richard Winn
Bowling	Richard Winn
Fielding	Graeme Roberts
Performance of the Season	Matthew Green
Players' Player of the Year	Graeme Roberts

Third X1

Performance of the Season	Andy Wear
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20/20

Performance of the Season	Josh Walker
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Hat-tricks

Matthew Davies - 3rd X1 versus East Ardsley

Michael Cooper - 20/20 side versus Hanging Heaton

Most promising junior playing senior cricket James McNichol

The Graham Pullan Award Rob Daly

New arrival

First Team Wicket Keeper Michael Cooper and his partner Kelly are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, a bouncing baby boy.

Elliot arrived Sunday morning (11th October), weighing in at 8lbs 8ozs and both mother and baby are doing fine. Congratulations to Michael and Kelly from everyone at the Club.

Pollington Link Up

A number of our junior and players are going to be involved in an exciting link up with Pollington CC. Pollington are based near Goole and will be entering a team in the Central Yorkshire league for the 2010 season. As part of joining the league, they have to also enter a second team and that's where some of our young lads fit in.

Arranged via ex-Morley player Sam Strickland, up to 6 of our junior players will form part of their 2nd team, which will give them exposure to competitive senior cricket every Saturday. They will continue to play junior cricket for Morley but this arrangement will hopefully help build on the work of the development group in the last couple of years and prepare them for senior Morley CC cricket in the next few years.

We will keep you updated with how they progress then the 2010 season gets underway.

Winter Nets

Behind the scenes arrangements are being finalised for this years winter nets for both juniors and seniors. More details will be announced on the website in the near future.

The Development Group will also take place in the New Year and the format of that is being worked on as we speak. Again, details to follow shortly.

Kasa Rosa

Kasa Rosa in Morley are one of our main sponsors and as a thank you to them we are hoping to take a small group down there for a meal on Thursday 3rd December. Please let Simon Barraclough or Michael Cooper know if you would like to attend.

Race Night

Look out in January for a Race Night with a difference. 2nd team skipper Graeme Roberts will be in the chair for this one, so watch out for more details in the near future.