



# The Morley Cricket Club Newsletter

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## NEW NETS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Things are moving along nicely with the new nets. The current total stands at around £2000, so many thanks to all who have donated and supported our efforts so far. Long-standing club member Peter Thompson has come forward to offer to provide the concreting at cost price and given this is our main expenditure; this is a terrific gesture from Peter.

There are a couple of events on the go at the moment. It is round 2 of the "Out with the old campaign" – After the success of the first appeal, we are again asking people to donate bags of old clothes, shoes, bedding etc to the Club. The **next collection date has been put back to early March**, so please hassle friends, family and work colleagues to clear out their wardrobes and put them to our worthy cause. Please bring bags up to the club and we will store away ready for collection

In addition, the senior squads are gearing up for their **3 peaks sponsored walk will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The idea is for 2 teams of 6 to complete the gruelling 23.5 mile route in just 12 hours as the guys scale Wherside, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent. A sponsor form will be going up in the clubhouse this week, so again give these guys the support they deserve.

Part of the money raised will go towards the "Beating Bowel Cancer" charity. A charity selected by our own Hilary Smith, who has unfortunately found her cancer has returned. Best Wishes to Hilary from all her friends at Morley CC in her fight against this horrible disease.

## SENIOR UPDATE

Well the season is fast approaching, winter nets are under way and league fixtures have now been published. Have a look on the website for more details.

## NEW SIGNING

Morley CC are pleased to announce the signing of left handed opening batsmen, Neil Johnson. Johnson has for the last two years has played for Windhill, where he scored 677 league runs last year and finished in the end of season league leading averages. He has previously played in both the Aire-wharfe and York and District senior league. Neil brings a wealth of experience and is looking forward to the new challenge at Morley.

## Sponsorship 2010

We are making an appeal for commercial sponsors who would like to work in partnership with the club to promote cricket and their businesses in the Morley area.

We have a variety of packages available from as little as £30, from pages in the match day programme, boundary boards, match ball sponsorship and / or player sponsorship.

If anybody out there owns, manages, or works for a business they think may want to get involved, please get in touch.

## Dates for the diary

Saturday 27th February - Signing on night

Thurs 11th March - Premier League Darts (see over for details)

Saturday 20th March - Club Racenight

Saturday 27th March - Senior sponsored 3 Peaks Walk

Saturday 17th April - Senior teams season starts

## Easy fundraising!!

The Morley website now has a link to the Easyfundraising service but we need to get more people using the service. Please take a few minutes to have a look and see how you can help raise valuable funds for the club.

It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and you will be raising funds for Morley Cricket Club every time you use this site.

### **Is your house, car or travel insurance up for renewal?**

If so, use [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to search for some of the most popular insurers out there and you may even save yourself some money. One member recently saved over £100 on his house insurance renewal and at the same time raised £45 for the club.

### **Are you planning your summer holidays or a weekend break?**

If so, use [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to book your holidays on line and donate between 1 and 2% of the cost of your holiday to Morley CC.

**Please remember us each time you plan to shop online** and let's see if we can't raise some valuable funds for the club at no extra cost to you. We are targeting £200 this year so please do your bit to help.

Some of the many retailers are shown below.



For more details, speak to Joanne Jenkinson or Simon Barraclough or see the poster up in the club.

## NEW CLUB SHOP!!!

Our website now has details of our new club shop. Via a link to Surridge Sports, our junior kit suppliers for 2010, we have now made available Morley CC badged merchandise. There is lots of stuff on there – sweatshirts, hoodies, rain jackets, tracksuits, polo shirts etc etc.

Samples will be available for inspection on the signing on date, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb and orders will be taken on the day and every couple of weeks during the season.

Take a look on [www.morleycricketclub.com](http://www.morleycricketclub.com) for more details.

## Premier League Darts – 11<sup>th</sup> March

Simon Barraclough has organised a trip to watch the superstars of the darts world in Manchester on Thursday evening, the 11<sup>th</sup> March. The response has been good, but we still have a few tickets left. The cost is £33 and this includes return coach from Morley. Please let Simon know if you are interested.

## Junior Update

We have had fun and games during the winter organising the junior age groups. With 26 Under 15s and only 2 Under 17s on the books, it has been a challenge organising the age groups, but we have finally got there.

This season we will have Under 9s, 13s and 2 teams from the Under 15s competing in the Heavy Woollen league. Under 11s and a further Under 13s team will also play in the Leeds League. The Under 9s will play festival cricket only this year, but we have an exciting new ECB backed skills training in the pipeline for these lads as well. More details to follow on that in the next couple of months.

With insufficient numbers for the Under 17s, we have had to opt out of this age group this year. However, the Heavy Woollen is introducing a 40 over per side, Under 18s competition this year. These matches will take place on a Sunday afternoon and will give an opportunity to some of our promising youngsters to compete in the longer format of the game.

## Buy a Brick

The buy a brick campaign has been very well supported since its launch in November. There are now less than 35 bricks to sell. The poster is up in the main club, so if you fancy donating between £5 and £50 add your name to the poster. Please contact Bernard Cooper for more details

## Race Night

Look out in March (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>) for a RaceNight with a difference. 2<sup>nd</sup> team skipper Graeme Roberts will be in the chair for this one. So if you fancy coming along and / or sponsoring a "pig" then get your name down at the club. Tickets just £5 to include supper..

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