



BELLS YEW GREEN CRICKET CLUB

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Chairman Men's Senior Cricket Update March 2024

Happy March Everyone,

To give a summary of where we are the 2024 season at Bells Yew Green Cricket Club (BYGCC) I anticipate it being an exciting one with the committee and myself identifying some development projects and target dates to help move our club forward.

Ground Works and Preparations Despite the wet weather delaying ground preparations, we are hopeful that outdoor activities will commence in April. We are working on a number of upgrades at the ground including redecorating the pavilion, car park repairs, new lighting and fencing and some electrical works including a new power socket down by the nets.

We have also a revised "trial year" with Wadhurst CC regarding Cousley Wood the main change that we will have management over the ground and pitch preparation with a view to improving the surface over the longer term. All being well we will look to agree a longer-term lease with Wadhurst CC later this year.

Senior nets and Player Development Senior nets have been running since early February and have been well attended. The sessions have included a considerable number of younger players showcasing their talent. We want to continue giving our young players a pathway into senior cricket and Mark Roughley has agreed to communicate and support our young players during their cricketing journey with BYGCC.

I also want to welcome all the new members to our club and will write a separate note on this next month. However a quick mention to Karim Abdullah, who has moved to UK from Canada with his family and young South African Warren Keeley, a left arm seam bowler and promising batsman, both who have been extremely active with practise during the winter.

Chairman's Aspirations for 2024

- **Team Performance:** Building on the success and progress from 2023. My aim is for more senior team successes, with a goal for top 2 finishes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams in their respective divisions.

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- **Club Culture:** I want to us continue to build a strong club culture with members enjoying their cricket at BYGCC and ensuring that every member feels part of the club and that their contribution is important and valued by the club.
- **Young Talent:** We have a great deal of talented young players coming through our junior teams at Bells Yew Green. My expectation is these young players continue to develop at age group level and that we have a pathway for them and we offer senior playing opportunities into the senior teams as they progress.
- **Teamwork and Personal Commitment:** Our success club is dependent on teamwork. During the 2024 season I would encourage everyone to have a strong personal commitment to BYGCC and contribute to the club wherever possible.
- **Recognising former BYG Legends:** We will continue to recognise and celebrate the contribution from our former players who without we would not be the club we are today.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and successful season ahead, both personally and for your respective teams in the club. Taking an active part in BYGCC is not just about cricket but also about building friendships and a sense of purpose for all our members.

Overall, the 2024 season promises to be an exciting one for Bells Yew Green Cricket Club, with a focus on teamwork, development, and collective success both on and off the field.

Best Wishes

John Allum
Chairman Bells Yew Green Cricket Club