



North Perrott Cricket Club

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Hi everyone,

Wow...It's great to be writing to you after a few fresh sunny days and having seen a great turn out at our first senior training session of 2021! Hopefully a sign of more positive times ahead as we emerge from lock down and restrictions on our way of life start to ease.

As always there has been lots going on at your Club. Whilst the 'all weather training nets facility' is still work in progress with just the base laid at the moment they will be finished in the next couple of weeks and will be a great addition to our facilities as the players up their training regime to make up for the lack of winter nets and ensure they are at their best for the full season ahead. Fixtures for the season will be published shortly and fixtures booklets will be available for all our members so you can come and join us when the situation allows. We look forward to seeing you all having a drink in the sunshine and enjoying the cricket. Whilst there will be some early restrictions both in game play and being able to watch this won't be for ever. For clarity here's a summary:-

Area of activity	Not before 8th March	Not before 29th March	Not before 12th April	Not before 17th May
Play Outdoors	Not permitted	Can resume - maximum of 30 participants and restricted play		
Grounds	Remain closed	Organised cricket can resume (no spectators allowed)	Organised cricket permitted Spectators allowed subject to social distancing guidance & contact limits	
Pavilion/Bar	Remain closed	Remain closed	Outdoor beverages only rule of 6 or two households	Indoor beverages rule of 6 or two households

For more detailed guidance please refer to the Government or ECB websites. As we get closer to the dates and the Government confirms further easing of restrictions your committee will put in place appropriate guidance and procedures to ensure compliance and the safety of our members.

Now that the Teams are able to get together and look forward to a full season we should start to see the players we have, both old and new, and as part of April's update I will give you a fuller picture on this and the Youth Section. Needless to say Rick and the playing committee along with Pascal and the youth committee continue to make plans and engage our playing members to ensure we are ready.

Whilst we may have only just started cricket training we wouldn't be able to do so outdoors at this time of year without Tom and the magic he works to ensure our playing surface is at it's best and Mike, Mark, Duncan, Phil M, Barry and Rick are likewise keeping the wider grounds up together too as part of their daily exercise. Our thanks go out to all of them.

Similarly away from Willis Lane the committee continue to meet each month 'virtually' to ensure the safe and secure running of the Club. To keep you all as informed as possible here is an update on a couple of discussion points this month that I'd like to share:-

1) **Membership Subscriptions** - thank you to those that have already paid their 2021 membership. As the current view of the season looks positive with all leagues set to run normally the club has now posted this years membership forms on our website and looking for subscriptions to be paid. It has been a challenging 12 months for the club financially and although we remain in a strong position these are much needed funds required to support our ongoing costs which as I have previously outlined run at circa. £600pm.

2) **Ground Maintenance** - with the restrictions enforced by lockdown it has been harder to get some of the pre season jobs completed at the ground so if you can spare a couple of hours please contact Mark Downing as we'd be grateful of the support. For those of you on SPOND Mark regularly post dates and times of working party activities - all socially distanced of course.

Anyway, I hope you've found the update useful and let's continue to look forward to warmer weather and dream of relaxing weekends watching Perrott play cricket.

Thanks

Jules

Jullian Marshall-James

NPCC - Chairman

31st March 2021