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Shepshed Town Cricket Club Newsletter, No. 7, March 2007

What's all this then?

Some people used to use the newsletter as a beer mat or to scribble directions to the next away match, but actually, we're hoping to keep everybody in the club informed not only about the cricketing activities, but also all the other enterprises that are essential to enable you to play cricket.

And that means grounds, buildings, maintenance, socials, and fund-raising.

As a non-playing member, who enjoys sunny summer afternoons at the edge of the field, nodding off in my leisure chair, I've become aware that there are actually many 'affiliate' members of the club, such as Mum and Dads of cricketing juniors, who don't know anything about the running of the club to which their sons, and increasingly daughters, belong.

How can that be, you may ask? There's a very strong tradition of lads following Dads into the teams in Shepshed. You only need to look at the roll call of the cricket squads. But there are other parents who aren't closely involved and who often remark that they 'don't know what's going on.'

STCC is expanding. We need to keep up with more-stringent standards.

Thanks to the president, Squire de Lisle, the club has the use of the land for playing the game. But everything else, such as the upkeep of the ground, the equipment, the maintenance of facilities, has to be paid for out of club funds. Which means subscriptions and whatever we can raise through fund-raising.



Tamping or tampering?
Jono, Gaz and Nick inspect the footings for the new Bryan Smith scoreboard

As we all know, costs are escalating. Raising subscriptions is always a moot point in any club. Apart from anything else, it debars people who are on a low income from playing the game. So we need to raise far more money in other ways to provide not only equipment and services, but also to ensure that the facilities meet both insurance and health and safety requirements.

A few years back, the club ventured positively into junior development, because the only way to keep the club viable was to 'turn on' enthusiasm amongst youngsters. Shepshed Town has been very successful at doing this with the introduction of Kwik Cricket and Incrediball. Last season, the U15 team became county champions.

Let's keep the good work going by supporting the club on, and off, the field. Look inside for some ideas about how you can help. The newsletter, we hope, will bring players and supporters together to do just that.

What should be the name for the Shepshed Town Cricket Club newsletter?

The Thick Edge		11%	2
Inside Edge		50%	9
The Googly		28%	5
Other? Enter here...		11%	2
		Total: 18 responses	

How you voted

There were 18 responses to the online poll for the title of the newsletter, but the page was actually looked at 100 times while the poll was running!

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Getting the grounds ready what needs to be done

Grey skies over Morley Lane and a chill east wind whipping across the outfield didn't deter the usual suspects from getting together to supervise the infilling of the footings for the Bryan Smith scoreboard.

Jono, Gareth and Nick were there putting in the muscle to move a home-made chute down which the concrete was poured, ably watched and abetted by young Owen Bailey, one of the young generation of Kwik Cricketers.

Asked whether he was playing cricket too, Owen agreed that he 'didn't really have a choice about it', which made us all laugh.

Management was on hand. Ian Palmer seemed to have found a 'man who can' to deliver the concrete on this mid-March Saturday morning. Channy was there and so was Pete Pratt.

But where were the rest?

This is the view that greets the visitor on arrival at the ground - piles of gravel, unmade paths and a semi-functional scoreboard.



Be honest, would you be impressed?

Our infrastructure goals this season are to get the approach to the club smartened up and made safe, which is going to be a substantial investment.

Then there's also the old scoreboard which is going to be converted to girls' and ladies' changing rooms. Yes, really, we have lady cricketers

Not forgetting the Bryan Smith scoreboard.

If you want to see the improvements take shape, come on up and give a hand. And the Ground Force weekend is just the time to start.



Owen Bailey, 9, Kwik Cricketer and concrete supervisor

Our Very Own Lottery

The STCC 100 Club

The new 100 club is Shepshed Town Cricket Club's very own lottery. Just like the National Lottery in fact, but this way, the profits go to upkeep of STCC and not something else.

Fill in the form which will be handed to you at Signing-On and hand it back to your rep with £10. You'll be given a card with a number. That number is yours for the season.

Every week at the clubhouse after the matches on Saturday, for ten weeks, we shall draw for a prize. Half of all money used for buying tickets will be allocated to the 'pot' for the season. If we sell enough tickets, we can hand out more prizes which should give more people a chance to win something.

Any member of the cricket club can join and you can buy as many tickets as you like at the beginning of the cricket season. You can also buy tickets on behalf of family members and friends as presents.

The first draw will take place at the clubhouse on the first Saturday in June. All joining forms and payments must be

handed in by 26th May. There will be 10 draws, to be held each week at the club house during the cricket season.

Pay by cash or cheque payable to Shepshed Town Cricket Club to the fund-raising reps as follows:

1 st team	Bet Thompson/Gaz Bennett
2 nd team	Mandy Newbold
3 rd team	Sheila Danvers
4 th team	Alison Bremer/Neil Palmer
U17	Pete Pratt/Ian Palmer
U15	Nigel or Sarah Hooley
U13	Anton Myers
Kwik	Jono Bailey

Here's an example.

If we sell 100 tickets at £10 each, we raise £1000. £500 is retained in club funds. The remaining £500

will be shared out as a prize of £50 per week over the period of the draw. Double the number of tickets and you get one-off prizes of £100 a week, unless the treasurer decides to split the weekly prize into two or three.

Easy, isn't it. And you don't even have to rush home after the match to watch those plastic balls tumbling around, for those millions you're not likely to win.

Instead, stay on and have a drink with your mates and watch our very own lottery.



*What we're aiming for
We want one of these at Shepshed*

Now then Lads!

This is your captain speaking

Well the season is nearly upon on us, some of us are thinking, at last! Others may be thinking, already? Either way, it is! And there is plenty of work that needs doing before hand I can assure you.

With the scoreboard now well on the way, it is important that the rest of the ground will be up to the same standard as our magnificent new structure. The approaching Cricket force weekend is our best opportunity to get the million and one jobs done, working together in what could be a fun and successful weekend. I really hope to see you all there! Bring tools and money for beverages.

On the playing aspect, this season is shaping up to be a good one for the club as a whole, all four teams on a Saturday will be building on some great performances from last year and I fully expect them all to be challenging for promotion. (This year 3rd team....this year!)

Our juniors are starting to flourish now and it is time for some wonderful potential to be realised. With the guidance they will receive from senior players (Nigel, Jono, Steve you know who you are) they can really push for places in the top teams.

Outdoor training is currently being organised with all seniors from all teams welcome, I personally would like to try and get a real good atmosphere going between the sides and make training a proper club night with some hard work and a few beers after. Any ideas on training structure or drills etc

will be greatly appreciated so don't hesitate to approach me with anything at all.

At this point I would like to say a big well done to a certain Mr Cross for winning the Division 2 League Averages for last season, 30 wickets was a tremendous achievement, and I'm sure he thanks the rest of the team for holding all those catches and getting him to Melton Mowbray on time....without going through Quorn.

Good luck to the all the captains this season, myself and John will help out Daniel Dawson (3rd team) and James Riches (4th team) as much as possible with development and selection. It is worth noting that captaincy is not an easy job and the support of your players is very valuable indeed.....PLUS a Sunday captain is still required, so if you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer please don't be silent about it.

Good luck to everyone this year and lets start the season with four wins, and a very good evening to follow!

Love you all x
Nick



Squads 2007

1st team

Gaz Bennett
Danny Brown
Steve Chantrill
Russ Cross
Michael Griffin
Steven Hall
Sean King
Ashley Palmer
Raj Samal
Ahsan Sayeed
Phil Shaw
Karl Shaw
Gregg Siddell
Adam Smith
Sam Smith
Nick Thompson

2nd team

Jono Bailey
Martin Booth
Steve Chantrill
Tim Evans
Michael Griffin
Trevor Hall
Stephen Hall
Nigel Hooley
Josh Newbold
Ashley Palmer
Adam Revell
Karl Shaw
John Shilliam
Sam Smith
Adam Stewart
James White

3rd and 4th team squads under discussion

Silly Mid-On

There is a widely held and quite erroneous belief that cricket is just another game.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

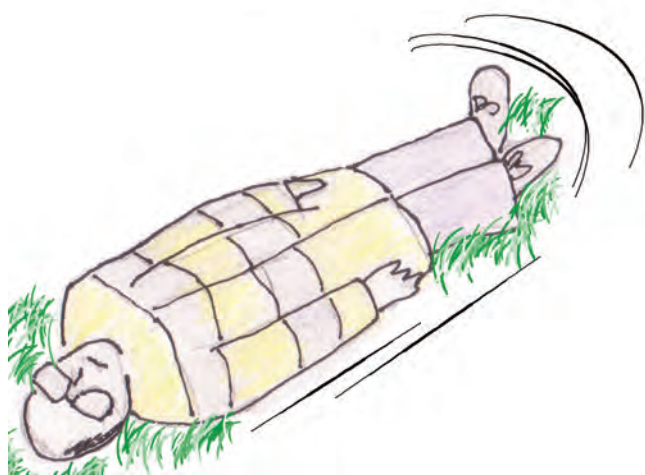
Cricket is basically baseball on valium

Robin Williams

"Man, it don't matter where you come in to bat, the score is still zero."

Viv Richards to Sunil Gavaskar at Madras 1983

Gavaskar had decided to come in at no 4 for that test. But Malcolm Marshall got Anshuman Gaekwad and Dilip Vengsarkar for ducks, Gavaskar had to walk in at 0/2. Gavaskar made 236*



Ian Palmer offered to roll the outfield

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