



**COLTS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021**  
**IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN CONTACT – WE ARE NEARLY BACK!**

**Out of Lockdown:**

As you will all know by now, the Government's "Road Map" back to normality (remember that?) provides a number of increasingly relaxed sets of rules.

While the rules don't currently allow for us to provide training or even 1 – 1 sessions, with the 29<sup>th</sup> March seeing the "Rule of 6" back we can begin our outdoor training as we have historically done.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME – PLEASE TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**BOYS AND GIRLS FROM AGE 7 UPWARDS**

**St James' Cricket Ground**

As you might know, the whole Hospital site is subject to a planning proposal. Whichever way the planners decide, we remain confident in our continuing to operate from our ground. Late last year and over the winter our Grounds team have done loads of work on the outfield and we are planning to replace the artificial pitch before this season begins to make it an even better place to play.

**Membership and Fees**

We will confirm membership arrangements when we begin (when can be more certain of what our season will look like). We will have a single fee (all-in) membership option but until this is settled we will charge **£4 per session/match**

Some of you hold outstanding credit balances with us from last year, we will of course ensure you benefit from then this year. Thank you for supporting us through this tough year!

**Outdoor Training - Monday Evenings 6 – 7.30pm**  
**From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

While we have tended to begin in the last week of April with so many people keen to get going and a collective need to blow the winters cobwebs away, we are planning to get together earlier this year. Weather permitting of course, we aim to start on **Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 7.30pm**. All ages will be given age and ability specific training.

We also have news for any prospective players from Age 5. (see Allstars & Dynamos Initiative <http://allstarscricket.co.uk/pscc> below)

As mentioned, in a new initiative, through Dynamos Cricket we will provide another ECB designed scheme. Our soft ball, fun filled Dynamos sessions will be specifically for Girls aged 8-11



## **The Weather and Clothing**

When we do start please consider it could be cold so wrap up appropriately.

Any sports clothing is fine to train in. Whites and club training gear look fantastic but aren't required. Be comfortable.

This season we are again using pink balls for our matches and will wear our coloured tops. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our sponsor Bynwells who have provided our stock of maroon shirts for our sides so matches will be played t20 Blast style.

Some existing members of course have their own shirts, others may wish to buy their own (we have a small stock) or we can lend them for matches. For a picture of what they look like please see this link: <https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/portsmouth-southsea-cricket-club/ss-core-training-shirt-2-maroonblack/>

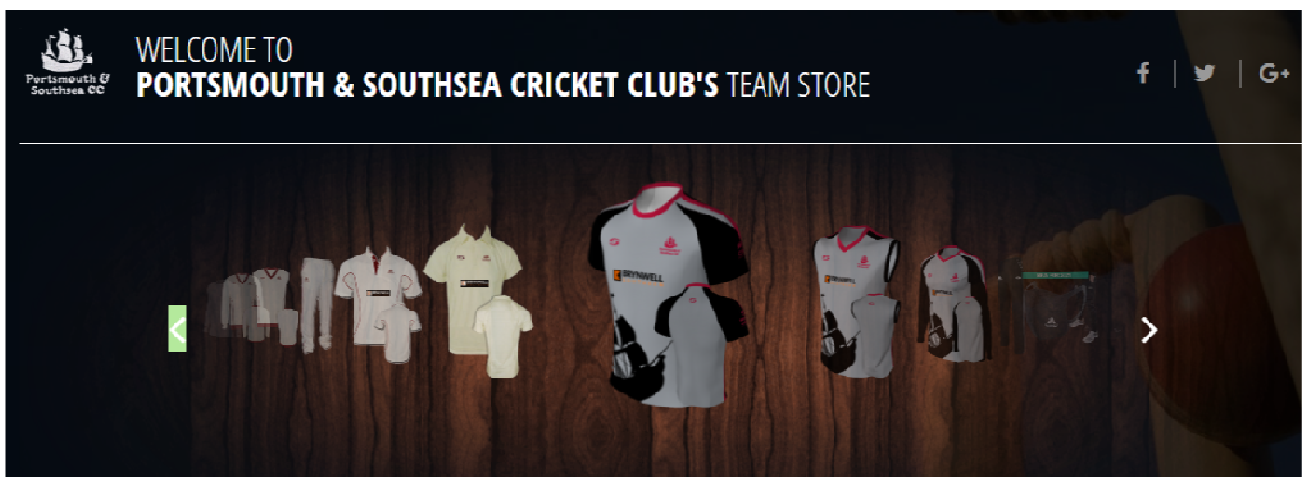
## **Virtual Serious Cricket Roadshow – Details to Follow**

On the subject of kit, we have for a number of years teamed up with Serious Cricket to provide all our club clothing. Please see this link for the full catalogue <https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/portsmouth-southsea-cricket-club/>

In the past we have invited Serious to bring their wares to a Training Evening but in the interests of remaining as safe as we can, we plan to do this virtually this year. The plan is to have one of the Serious Team and at least one the P&S Colts team in on Microsoft Teams Meeting which can be accessed by any member so that we can help answer any Kit or Club related questions and take orders too. There will be a 15% discount for orders on the evening.

We will be in touch with news of the date very shortly.

The example below shows our Adult T20 Kit – wearing which, our 1<sup>st</sup> team have made two Southern Premier Leagues finals in two years!





## **Colts Teams 2021**

Having not seen anyone for ages we do need to check we will have the playing capacity but at the moment we plan to enter at least one colts league side at every age group again this year. Fixtures will be set up when the League know which Clubs are entering. We do know the fixtures are expecting to start in the week commencing Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. As usual the fixtures will be on various mid-week evenings and on Sunday mornings.

Obviously, more details will follow but at the moment we expect to enter various teams at U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s. Each team will be entered into leagues at a standard appropriate to provide challenge and/or provide a safe and enjoyable way to learn about our great game.

## **Can you Help Us?**

Working with our young cricketers can be very rewarding. We are always on the lookout for Managers, Coaches, Scorers, Umpires and Administrators.

If you feel you have something to offer, please get in touch we would love to hear from you.

We are keen to ensure our members have the best of experiences when they are with us and that means all of our Colts Team leaders and officials are trained and supported to the level they want and as best we can. Whether that means taking a formal coaching qualification or just learning from one of our senior qualified coaches, learning to score in a book or on a tablet, getting to grips with formal umpiring or helping our little ones simply have a great time – we can find the right solution for you.

Historically, some of these learning opportunities have been significantly male dominated. Feedback has suggested it might help to offer female only sessions. Therefore, this also can be arranged. Just let us know if this is of interest.

## **Transitions to Adult Cricket**

The adult club are again running a 4<sup>th</sup> Team with the express aim of providing young players a way into adult cricket. Also, following our success of the last two years, we will be running two Mid-week Adult Teams, so there could be opportunities there too.

With appropriate leadership (being DBS checked and Coaching badged), colts players will have the support to show what they can do in adult cricket. The 4<sup>th</sup>'s were a real success again, just missing out on matching the promotion they managed two years ago. The Colts that do play for them will find their skill levels are likely to more than sufficient to take proactive roles in matches. Our club has an excellent record of promoting youth through our adult teams and will be sure to see young players selected in any of our 4 senior teams on merit. If you are good enough, you are old enough.

Last season saw an existing 14 former and 1 current U15 players play for our 1<sup>st</sup> XI at various times. There were many more colts and ex-colts playing across our other sides too, with loads of wickets and catches to celebrate.



## **ALLSTARS – P&S will again be offering this course for 5 – 8 year olds and New This Year P&S will be offering DYNAMOS for 8 -11 year old Girls**

The ECB is again driving the exciting Allstars initiative, offering cricket for boys and girls from age 5 to 8. Follow this link for more information and news on how to sign up <http://allstarscricket.co.uk/pscc> . (With the scheme not yet formally launched this year the direct link to our sessions isn't there yet – but don't worry - it will be)

The all new Dynamos initiative follows similar themes but is designed to keep the older participant engaged. As we are keen to encourage more girls into our club we propose to run this as a girls only group. Of course, any boys in this age group who want to play (or girls who might prefer) will be very welcome to our usual club training.

Sessions will be running at St James commencing Monday 10th May. A number of last year's cohort have signed up to the wider club. We expect more returning Allstars and hope to see plenty of new faces too and hope we'll soon be unearthing the next Joe Root or Heather Knight (England captains for the uninitiated).

Joining the All Stars and Dynamos programmes is separate/additional to the main club membership and includes following the ECB specific training plan and provides a few added extras. What's not to love!



## **What is Dynamos Cricket?**

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.





## Our Sponsors

We are very pleased to let everyone know our key sponsor is [Brynwell Southern](#) . Their support over the years has provided shirts for our Colts, helped fund the summer's match balls and supported our winter training arrangements. We again look forward to you all wearing their logo with pride.



They also sponsor of our Adult Club too. So from our newest Colt to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain (seen below alongside our Brynwell's built clock tower) Brynwell's will be involved.

Brynwell Southern are building and joinery specialists with many years' experience in both commercial and residential projects. Regardless of the size of the project they work hard to manage every venture professionally and efficiently to ensure customer satisfaction. Operating from their new Hilsea headquarters, they manufacture copious amounts of joinery and furniture as well as successfully complete new build projects and refurbishments across the entire country. If you are planning that "Grand Design" we are sure they would be happy to hear from you to see what they could do for you!





## **Clubmark & Safeguarding**

We are pleased to confirm P&SCC remains Clubmarked

For those who don't know, Clubmark is the universally acknowledged cross-sport accreditation scheme for community sports Clubs. It stands for: Higher standards of welfare, equity, coaching and management in community sports Clubs. It makes sure the nation's sports Club infrastructure is safer, stronger and more successful.

The very comprehensive review is undertaken via site visits and back office work. We have been tested on our abilities to deliver:

- Proactive Leadership and Direction,
- A welcoming atmosphere,
- An inspiring and diverse offering,
- Ensuring Every Person Matters



As Safeguarding obviously forms a large part of our responsibilities to all our members we thought we would remind you of, or if you are new to us introduce you to, our Safeguarding Officer – Lou Etherington. Lou is actually soon to move on from this position (as she is now the Clubs new Secretary). Her replacement is being trained up and will be introduced to everyone very soon. In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns about anything safeguarding related please do continue to speak to Lou or email her at [louetheringtonpandsc@gmail.com](mailto:louetheringtonpandsc@gmail.com) .

And Finally:

## **Membership and Subscriptions**

As mentioned, due to the slight uncertainty that remains we have not finalised our Subscription plan for this year.

We will have membership forms ready and waiting for our first training session and we can explain how everything will work then

So all that remains is for us to keep winning the fight against the pandemic and of course, the weather to “play ball”. Roll on summer!

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