

# Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club

## June Newsletter



Welcome to the June edition of the HHTCC newsletter. It has been an exciting month with plenty of great cricket on show and some real stand out performances. There have been some fantastic results on the pitch and some great work going on behind the scenes as well.

Various committees have been liaising with the view of putting on some great events at the club as well as improving the current facilities currently available to members.

The club has recently changed bank accounts for playing subs and all the updated important information can be found on Page 4 of this month's edition.

Keep in mind *OSD Healthcare's* injury prevention session on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July (7:30pm) which is open to all members. Those still wanting to attend can confirm via either Andy Turbutt on 07912105563 or through the event page on the club's Facebook group.

And in the same week Karaoke Night returns to the club, so get ready to warm those vocal chords and start working out that dance routine!

The annual Raja Curry Night is also fast approaching and will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 8:30pm. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Paul Thompson as soon as possible.

And finally, don't forget the club's Beer Pong Tournament tonight! If you haven't registered your interest yet it's not too late! Entry is £5 per person playing in teams of two. And remember, there's a cash prize for the winners!

It's shaping up to be a good summer for Hemel!

### *View from the Chair – Professor Richard Grayson*

I just want to write about one issue this month: our nets.

Twenty or so years ago, our junior nets were state of the art. Since then, they have been used well, but also become worn out and overgrown. As a result, we are in the process of trying to replace them so that we can have nets to be proud of, fitting our standing as a club within Hertfordshire.

The club General Committee is discussing how we can raise the funds to replace the nets, and I hope that we can do that before the start of next season.

However, if we are to do so, we are going to have to raise some money and the reason I am flagging this is to ask you all to think about possible sources of income. total cost of the project will be around £20,000.

Anything which can help us get towards that, perhaps one-off sponsorship targeted at this project, would be invaluable.

Please let me know if you have any ideas.

### *Upcoming Events*

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Cricket Injury and Prevention Presentation (OSD Healthcare)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Club Karaoke Night

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Heath Park Cup Final

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Raja Curry Night

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – Emerald Kitty – Be My Baby – The 60's Show

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August** – Vice-Presidents Day

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August** – HHTCC Golf Day

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – HHTCC End of Season Party



## Junior News

It has been a difficult past month for junior matches with rain causing so many postponements.

However, as a club, we try hard to get every game on, and Paul Thompson as fixture secretary works wonders juggling everything. As things stand, very few (if any) games will be lost.

A lot of that is down to the dedication of our coaches (all of whom are volunteers) as in the week of writing, some of them have been involved in games on three evenings. But we also recognise that getting players to matches is down to parents and the club would like to thank parents for contributing by helping us field 11 (or 6, 8 or 10 as appropriate).

All our junior teams are doing well this season. Many are at the top, or near to it, of their divisions, and those who are lower down are learning in every game and improving.

There have been good performances by the U9 Boys, who won two games in consecutive days, namely against Potten End and Berkhamstead, and they remain top of the league going in to July. The team also put in a “stunning” bowling performance against Tring Park to earn another June victory.

The U10A Boys also got a win against local rivals Boxmoor, winning convincingly by 54 runs, whilst the U10B Boys completed the double over St. Albans, defending 10 runs off the final four overs.

Hemel teams have been making a habit of winning more than once in a week and that was also the case with the U11 Boys side that were victorious twice over Chipperfield and Clarendon.

The Girls have also played some good cricket this month playing several games under the Grand Union collaboration with Boxmoor. There was also a lot of fun to be had in the ‘Little Bash’ which took place on the World Cup Family Day which was hosted at the club on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Judging by the photos a lot of fun was had by all!



## Club and Bar Opening Times

The bar at the club has new opening hours, so please feel free to join us for a drink or pop in to say hello!

**Monday** – (Poker Night) 7:30pm – 12am

**Thursday** – 7:30pm – 10:30pm

**Saturday** – 9am – Til late

**Sunday** – 12pm – 9:30pm (12pm – 6pm off-season)

The club runs a friendly Poker League on a Monday night which all members and friends are welcome to join! Novices are welcome!

The club is also open on Wednesday evenings after men’s training and for the majority of junior matches throughout the season!



## 100 Club

It's time to announce the winners for the April, May and June draws of the 100 Club!

Each number you buy has a 35% chance of winning across the year so you could be in with a real chance of claiming a cash prize!

It's not too late to enter, and costing just £1 a month it's a real bargain! Excluding prize money, all funds raised go back into the club and this year will be used to fund training equipment for the Junior Section!

Make sure you enter before June 30<sup>th</sup> though, otherwise you'll miss out on being entered for the bumper Christmas draw with a grand prize of £100 up for grabs!

With any luck, the next set of draws should be going live on the club's Facebook page so keep an eye out for your number!

All the details for joining and the draws can be found here: <https://www.hhtcc.co.uk/membership#100Club>

	£20	£10	£5
<b>April 2019</b>	Bessie Howard	Cyril Turbutt	Derek Tomlin
<b>May 2019</b>	Derek Pratt	Robert Benson	Lucy Grayson
<b>June 2019</b>	Nick Wright	Neil Morgan	Olivia Wright

Congratulations to the winners!

## Club Cricket News

It has been another good month for the club with all five competitive teams picking up wins across June. It was a superb moment last weekend as Dan Keene took the last wicket to give the 4<sup>th</sup> XI the win over Hertford, securing a clean sweep of wins on Saturday with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI all emerging victorious earlier in the day.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team have enjoyed a much more fruitful month picking up three wins from a possible four during June. This included wins over Old Owens, Dunstable and Letchworth Garden City to help Hemel move clear from the drop zone.

Similarly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won three of their four games in June, picking up wins in a nail biter against Langleybury, Harpenden and promotion-chasing Potters Bar. On another day it might've been four from four had a close game against West Herts gone their way.

The 3s had an unusual June, putting their feet up for one weekend after Eversholt had dropped out the league earlier in the season. Two out of three for the team has kept the side right in the hunt for a promotion place. A low scoring and difficult chase against Old Chomelians a highlight for sure, but perhaps nothing on the superb run chase of 213 against Bushey which saw the side get home with two overs to spare.

A quieter month for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI with just the one win over Hertford, albeit a convincing one by 45 runs. The 4s have had a host of new and old faces amongst their ranks this month yet have still managed to keep the league leaders within two points which shows the strength in depth the club now possesses. They will be hoping July brings with it another winning run. (Continued on Page 4)



*Above: 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Vice-Captain Rory Fraser watches on as Hemel take on Potters Bar.*

(Continued from Page 3) Although having only played one league game this month the Sunday team have continued to go well, winning games against Saracens and Roving Reporters. A young team went down at Eastcote but will be looking to bounce back against Hertford this Sunday.

Once again there have been a number of notable performances this month including some determined half-centuries and yet another hundred!

Gareth James, hit a sublime 106 against Old Owens for the 1s, whilst there was half-centuries for Lewis Hodgins and Ed Langley in the win over Dunstable.

Lewis also had a good time with the ball snaring a five wicket haul against Old Owens, and a week later Shidu Kanade repeated the feat taking 5-35 against Dunstable.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Craig Weston smashed 89 against Harpenden, whilst in the same game, skipper Tom Waterton also bagged a 50. A week later there was another landmark as Suren Perera biffed 81 against Potters Bar and although not quite as spectacular, there was also a 50 for Aaron Wilson against West Herts.

In Division 6A the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI have been adjusting to life well, particularly skipper Graham Clark who hit 62 not out to help win the game against Bushey.

In the very same match, Jim Langley managed to take four wickets for no runs in just 8 deliveries. Not bad for a fifth change bowler!

New boy Freddie Lippiatt also scored 75 not out against Mill Hill from number three to give him his first half-century for the club.

Mike Samuels scored 58 on his return to 4<sup>th</sup> team action last weekend, whilst Jim Langley was busy again scoring 60 in the same match to help the team over the line against Hertford.

Darryl Barnett, who has been in good form of late, crashed 66 against Sandridge whilst Dan Keene took four wickets in the same match.

In the only Sunday league game during June Will Langley (79) and Tom Waterton (60) both notched half-centuries away to Eastcote. Langley also added another fifty in a friendly against Roving Reporters earlier in June.

However, it was the Lewis Hodgins show in the traditional Sunday friendly against Saracens with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI opener hitting a classy 116, including 5 sixes and 9 fours. Sunday specialist Billy May also chipped in with 71 of his own as Hemel posted nearly 300 against the visitors.



*Above: Suren Perera hit 81 before taking 3 wickets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI victory over Potters Bar.*

Manager	Total
Darryl Barnett	1563
Mike Samuels	1531
Nicholas Benson	1508
Susan Waterton	1459
Neil Morgan	1451
Stanley Hayden	1399
Emma	1373
Piow Khumsap	1358
Ed Langley	1342
Matthew Scears	1313

### ***Have you joined our Fantasy League yet?***

It's completely free and competition is hotting up as we move into July.

Just 250 points separate the Top 10 (left) so its all to play for over the coming months!

Sign up now at: <https://hemel-Hempstead.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk/new-user>

## How to get the most out of your HHTCC Membership Card

The HHTCC membership card features a **pre-pay facility**.

This allows you to load funds onto your personal card account so you don't have to carry cash all the time.

When you pay with your card at the bar, your account funds will be debited, but here's the best part...when used in this way you receive a **20% discount** off snacks and cold drinks!

If you lose your card, don't worry your funds are still safe on the till system, you'll just need a new card to be allocated to you.

To load on funds, simply present your Membership card to the bar staff along with your debit/credit card and ask them to top up your account.

Unfortunately cash cannot be used to top-up accounts.



## Have you updated your payment details?

The club has recently moved its banking facilities to **Metro Bank**

The reasons for switching were to:

- Reduce "business rate" bank charges
- Access real-time online internet banking
- Enable easier access to deposit and coin change facilities



This does however, require all of our members that pay **Membership** and **100 Club** subscriptions by **standing order** will need to update their payment instructions.

This should be done with immediate effect, in order to help us with a seamless transition.

### Membership

Account: **33768664**

Sort Code: **23-05-80**

### 100 Club

Account: **33768656**

Sort Code: **23-05-80**

If you have any further queries please speak to Mike Samuels or contact [httcc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:httcc.membership@gmail.com).

Thank you for your co-operation!

## Need Kit?

Have you got your new HHTCC shirt yet? For all your kit and equipment needs please visit the club shop at Romida via:

<http://www.romida.co.uk/catalog/category/view/s/hemel-hempstead-cc/id/299>

## The New HHTCC Senior Shirt Is Here!



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## Coming up in July...

Karaoke is back next month on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Our resident DJ will have all the tracks, from 60s swing to modern day hits, so get ready to blast out a ballad or two!

The inter-club game will be taking place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July so please try to make yourself available so we can get two full teams out. It should be a great day!

As mentioned, please do feel free to attend OSD Healthcare's talk on injury prevention on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Later in August (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>) there will be a swinging 60s and 70s night hosted by Emerald Kitty. Tickets will be available from the bar or via Emma Benson.

Also keep your eyes peeled for more information on the much anticipated end of season party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September! It's going to be a big one!

To stay up-to-date with the latest club events join our Facebook group via: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hhtcc/>

## Whilst you're here...

The club would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support for this season. Why not check out their websites below? You might find one of the brilliant exclusive offers to HHTCC members is just what you're looking for!



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## Got a story?

If you have any news or photos you'd like to share in next month's newsletter or have any feedback then please email: [aaronwilson96@gmail.com](mailto:aaronwilson96@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!

Look out for the next HHTCC newsletter at the end of July!

~ Aaron ~

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