



"FROM THE SCOREBOX"

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Welcome to the dawn of a new season and era for Rougham Cricket Club

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2011 season.

In this newsletter we look back at the 2010 season and then forward to the new season about to start.

2010 was a great season for Rougham Cricket Club with us been division 4 champions and winning promotion to division 3.

Also we have made the momentous decision to set up a 2nd IX and entering this team into Hunts County Bats Suffolk League division 5. This does mean we have to have a squad

of over 25, as both teams will be playing on Sundays.

With two teams this season we will need some more support to produce teas to the same excellent level as we have over the past few years. This is a great ask but if we want to see Rougham CC grow as a club we need to do this...

We have been fortunate enough to receive a BT Community Champions Award in the sum of £470 towards Club development!

Here's to a great season.

Editor

Here are the first few matches for the 1st and 2nd XI's

24th April	2nd XI	v.	Nowton CC Academy	(Home)
1st May	1st XI	v.	Nowton CC 2nd XI	(Home)
8th May	1st XI	v.	Thurston CC 2nd XI	(Away)
8th May	2nd XI	v.	Elmswell CC 1st XI	(Home)

It would be great to see you there, playing or watching.

Review of the 2010 season by

Ralph Pruden

1st XI Captain

As years go 2010 was a pretty special one. A 20/20 World cup secured, retaining the Ashes with a dominant swagger down under for the first time in my memory and of course, sandwiched in the middle, the first ever league title for Rougham!

Our season rather spluttered into action, a bleary eyed captain substituting behind the stumps and failing to do anything other than gently guide the team to comfortable defeat on a flat track. The only highlights being runs for Jay and a stylish not out for Nick Drewry, things we would see many times more. Two outstanding away wins followed at Cornard and Melford with Alex contributing 133 runs in total. We were soon brought crashing back down to earth however as we succumbed to a horrible home defeat to Elveden, totally imploding from a winning position to give the visitors their only win of the season.

These two early defeats left promotion looking decidedly

unlikely. The outlook changed dramatically though as we went on a run of eight victories in a row including total demolition of Cornard (190 runs), Woolpit (8 wickets), Risby (8 wickets), Sudbury (107 runs), Elmswell (8 wickets), Haverhill (6 wickets). Undoubtedly the best game came at top of the table Horringer, set 201 on a sticky wicket we chased it with 2 balls and 3 wickets to spare, a stodgy 87 from Rob Dovaston and the nerve and running of the long legged Firths seeing us home.

A home drubbing by Melford made us sweat but comfortable wins by 10 wickets, 99 runs and 7 wickets left us knowing that 9 points from our final two matches would see us guaranteed to finish top. Sudbury sent a strong team to Rougham but we continued our form, bowling them out for under 200. Following yet another great partnership from the run machine Jay and Rob at the top of the order we gradually fell away, as the 8th wicket fell we were still 43 runs from the

championship and almost 60 away from outright victory. I can say without a doubt that it was my proudest sporting moment to hit the runs that took us past the 9 point barrier and subsequently those that secured the win, again with 1 wicket and 2 balls remaining. By the time we finished our season the following week our minds were elsewhere and as is traditional we lost away to Risby!

Our success stemmed from many outstanding individual performances, enormous strength in depth and a group of players who love their cricket and of course the opportunity for the odd cheeky (be it net or pint)!

The coming season is fast approaching and I cannot wait! Division 3 holds no fear for us and although I want to stop short of making brash predictions about consecutive league titles, I do feel that we will be very competitive.

Ralph Pruden

1st XI Captain

Well, we've gone and done it... On the back of a fantastic season which saw us crowned Division 4 champions, we've decided to go ahead and enter a second team in the Hunts County Bats Cricket League.

Are we mad? Maybe.

Are we being ambitious? Perhaps.

Am I going to have a headache ringing round trying to get enough players each week? Guaranteed...

And that is where you can play a massive part in supporting the new team. It became evident at the end of last season that we have too many players who want regular cricket to only have one team, however, it's obvious that we don't currently have enough players to support 2 teams.

So, if you know anyone who wants to play regular league cricket, then ask them if they'd like to join our welcoming and friendly club. One of the main 'selling points' of Rougham Cricket Club is the people we have around us. We all get along very well, and have great families behind us who not only come along and support us, but provide some great teas and help out the club whenever they're able to.

As you may or may not know, I've put myself forward to run and Captain the Second XI.

There may be occasions where having been a regular first teamer for a number of seasons, you may be asked for whatever reasons to come and have a game in the Seconds. I'm hoping that if this happens, I'll be able to call on your assistance as senior club members to guide and help any new and inexperienced players who may be playing with us. Naturally the Second XI will be a backup to the First XI, so if you are asked to come and play in the Seconds, you'll give the same effort and commitment we saw from every one of us last season.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who made last season so successful. Let's hope for another great season in 2011. See you at nets in February.

Nick Horsley

2nd XI team Captain 2011

Hunts County Bats Suffolk Cricket League Awards night



A well dressed Ralph, with Division 4 champions cup.
Glad to see you made an effort to look the part Ralph....!!!



Thanks to Nick for these photos from the Awards night, where Rougham CC pick up the Cup for been the Division 4 Champions 2010.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that even though the Club made a deficit, this was still an improvement from the previous year. This was mainly due to an improvement in the method for collecting our match fees and a surplus from our 2009 Awards Night

It was decided at the AGM that our match fees and standing orders will remain at the same level as of previous years as it was felt that through this economic downturn it wasn't right for us to increase our fees. However, as a Club we need to increase our income to support the ambitions and vision to expand and develop the Club.

Following the AGM it was decided to set up a sub-committee to look into fundraising and other methods of income generation for the Club. We are looking to find a main Club sponsor who would appear on our shirts and would feature on any advertising promotional events. Ideally this would run over a 3-year deal generating some regular income for the Club. There are a number of other areas we are looking to get sponsored, i.e. scoreboard, ground, match ball, etc. If you are aware of any-

body who may be interested in supporting the club in this way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As mentioned above we are looking at running fundraising events during the year, more details on this will appear as plans are confirmed, so please watch this space. If you have any ideas about how to raise money for the club please speak to me, Alex or Sam.

Please see below a copy of the Accounts for 2009-2010.

Please remember that there is one way we can support the fundraising of the club – by using our link to Buy.at via the Rougham Cricket Club website. This links to a whole host of online sites where we can earn a percentage of the purchase cost. Over the last 3 years this has raised an additional £200 for the club with no effort other than thinking before you buy!

David Norburn

Treasurer

Income £				Expenditure £			
	2008/09	2009/10			2008/09	2009/10	
Monthly Subscription	1,428.00	1,408.00	-18.00	Club Shirts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Club Jumpers	0.00	0.00	0.00	Stamps etc	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations/Sponsors/Fund Raising	109.59	74.56	-35.03	Awards Night	661.61	540.00	-121.61
Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00	Water	49.30	24.86	-24.44
Match Fees	141.20	384.00	242.80	League Subscription	211.00	113.00	-88.00
Indoor Nets	14.00	12.50	-1.50	Suffolk Cricket Subscription	0.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Interest	2.17	0.80	-1.37	Indoor Nets	120.00	75.00	-45.00
Awards Night	150.58	328.00	178.41	Hire of hall	375.00	270.00	-105.00
Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	Building	5.99	100.00	94.01
				Kit	0.00	0.00	0.00
	1,843.55	2,208.86	365.31	Insurance	308.98	308.98	0.00
				Pitch Maintenance	71.42	587.28	495.84
Expenditure over Income		-108.55		Teas	82.00	35.20	-47.40
		2,102.31		Web site	0.00	0.00	0.00
				League Fine	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Other Payments	40.00	0.00	-40.00
Transfer From Deposit Account		250.00			1,983.91	2,102.31	118.40
Balance as at 30th September 2010			£				
	Current Account		741.83				
	Deposit Account		1,258.88				
	Cash in Hand		2.56				
			2,003.85				
Balance as at 28th November 2010			£				
	Current Account		387.37				
	Deposit Account		1,258.88				
	Cash in Hand		2.58				
			1,649.59				
					DN 29/11/10		

Competition time...!!!!

1. Which England bowler took a hat-trick in the 1998/9 Sydney Ashes test?
2. For half a point each, can you name the five captains who have led England to Ashes series victories in Australia since 1945?
3. At the very start of the 2006/7 Brisbane test, who was the second player to touch the cricket ball?
4. In the 2002/3 Sydney test, which bowler took 7-94 as he bowled England to victory in his final test match appearance?
5. In 1970/1, the abandonment of the third test at Melbourne after three days of rain was the inspiration for which highly significant cricketing innovation?
6. When David 'Bumble' Lloyd was struck by a Jeff Thomson delivery in the 1974/5 Ashes, he suffered an unusual breakage...what?
7. The score line of the 1920/21 Ashes has been repeated only once since...what was it?
8. "Which one of you bastards called this bastard a bastard?" For a point each: who made the famous remark, who was the 'bastard' in question, and during which series?
9. Who made his fourteenth and final test century at Brisbane in 1986/7?
10. In the 2006/7 series, which England player was dubbed 'The Shermanator' by Shane Warne?

It does not matter how many of these questions you know, the winner will be the person with the most points—there is a maximum of 15 points on offer here, so have a go

Answers to Andy Norburn by email, and **only** email, to andy.norburn@btinternet.com

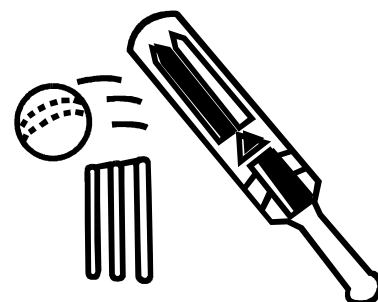
Closing date 31st April 2011 First correct answer drawn out of the hat will win something!

Editor's decision is final.

Info about Rougham Cricket Club fixtures is available at www.rougham.play-cricket.com
We also have a new Club web site at www.roughamcricketclub.btck.co.uk which has more info about the club and what is going on throughout the year.

INDOOR NETS AND TRAINING

are to be held every Friday evening from 11th February till 16th April at Culford School Sports Hall from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. There will be two indoor nets, one with a bowling machine. There will be cricket coaching for all levels from beginners to seasoned pros. For more information about these training evenings please get in touch with Ralph Pruden on 07795 282927 or Nick Horsley on 07500 894760.



Armchair Ashes

Jetlag in the living room

Many of the Rougham players enjoyed the Ashes from the comfort of their own homes. Who needs sun kissed east coast beaches and BBQ'd turkey when you've got the comfort of your own sofa, a couple of tinnies (Fosters banned) and an online Rougham Facebook community chatting their way through the nights play...Jetlag in my living room? Worth every minute! Here vice captain Rob Dovaston describes his top 5 ashes moments...

5. Kevin Pietersen is chucked the ball for a twirl with his occasional offies. He gets one to spin to Clarke who offers an easy chance to Cook. Fairy tale stuff. It was KP's second best (and only other meaningful) contribution of the series. End of the day, and Kev tells anyone who will listen he's the premier spinner!

4. Shane Watson's hilarious run-out mix-up with Phil Hughes on the fourth day in Sydney summed up

the shambolic nature of Australia's cricket during this series. We have waited so long for England to be so good and the Aussies so bad. Watching the highlights on Channel 9 made it even better. 'I feel sick,' said Ian Healy. Shame. And not Watsons only run out...

3. Collingwood's catch to get rid of Ponting at Perth. Simply Stunning. Ensured workhorse Colly made a key contribution in his final test series.

2. Australia 98 all out, England 157 for 0 in reply: extraordinary day, one of the very best in English cricket history. Unfortunately I didn't see, hear or follow one minute of it. I was at a hotel on the Algarve. In the morning I thought we were simply 157-0 and the rain had come in the afternoon session. Seeing the bowling effort on CNN half an hour later was nearly unbelievable. Room service!

1. The first over at Adelaide. Simon Katich was run out without facing (by guess who) and Jimmy Anderson snared Ricky Ponting first ball. Impossible to recall a more dramatic start to a Test. Add to that the wicket of Clarke who you could hear in the stump mike groaning as the ball flew to Swann left the Aussies 2-3. Or is it 3-2? Who cares? A position from which we never released our stranglehold...

Not to mention the unbelievable knocks from Cook, Trott, Pietersen and Bell, and the brilliant selectorial move to bring in Tremlett and Bresnan who weighed in with key wickets...Swanny bowled well and took a few, but the image of the sprinkler will long live in the memory. And will probably feature on the mighty Rougham sports field this summer.

Rob Dovaston

We have now been a member of Buy.at for over 5 yrs. By simply clicking through to your favourite online shop via the buy.at web site in www.rougham.play-cricket.com you will raise money for Rougham Cricket Club.

There are now over 100 retailers available through Buy.at ranging from Activity Superstore to Zavvi.



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