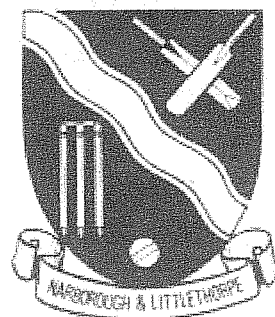


Narborough & Littlethorpe C.C. Newsletter



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NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of the Narborough & Littlethorpe Newsletter. This is an experiment of sorts which will try to get more news and information to all members of the club whether you are a playing member or not.

This edition, coming at the start of the season, will be shorter than hopefully future editions. They will include match results and league tables for the preceding month, 100 Club results, future draw dates and news from the first and second teams. Junior sides news can be obtained from Rich

Cooper and can be contacted via me at the addresses below.

As a result we will also be looking for stories to print as well. So as the saying goes "Don't be shy!" Let me know your point of view on current events, results and news. Also, rather than sending by post this newsletter can be emailed if you have Microsoft Publisher on your PC.

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WELCOME—AGAIN

2004 has began with the addition of two new players, Stefan Ward and Richard Wilson. We also have the pleasure in welcoming back Mick Whitmore from Kibworth.

Pre-Season Friendly

Saturday 17th April saw the first match of the season for the club, a 12-a-side friendly against Old Wyverians. There were also three players in their side that also play for N&LCC, so fifteen players from both first and second teams had a run out on a bright but breezy day.

Batting first N&L soon lost opener Paul Julian and Simon Francis joined Neil Young, who hit an unbeaten 50 and was retired by captain Neil Whitmore on 61. Karl Eddington then preceded to smash the ball to all parts of the boundary, finally being bowled just short of his half century. Neil

Whitmore then joined Simon Francis who had started to open his shoulders and was retired on 64. The innings was brought to a close by Richard Bray and Dave Wray with the N&LCC total standing at 224 for 2 after 40 overs.

After a tea provided by Patsy Whitmore, Narborough took to the field and opened the bowling with new player Richard Wilson from the motorway end and Paul Thompson with the wind from the potato field end. A spell of tight bowling and two catches from Paul Julian soon had the visitors in trouble. Wickets fell at regular intervals but resistance from Ryan Wakeling towards the end of their innings meant that the Old Wyverians finished on 100 for 8.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE 2004

This was once again held at The Lutterworth Golf Club with the majority of those attending taking advantage of the coach that Roger Key had organised. Our new President Bob Childs was very disappointed at missing the occasion due to a family commitment. He had attended every Dinner previously since 1989.

The presentations took place after a very enjoyable meal and were made as follows

The Bert Oakley Batting Award

This was awarded jointly between Neil Young and Neil Whitmore.

The Paul Bennett Bowling Award

For the second year running this was awarded to Chris Armitage,

The Phil Needham Fielding Award

Wicketkeeper Graham Wenlock received the Phil Needham award.

The Den Remington Award

This award was made to the person whose performance had a major significance in either changing the direction of a game or formed a large part in a successful outcome. This years winner was Paul Warrington.

During the evening, Chairman Roger Key presented bouquets of flowers to Patsy Whitmore and Sue Dunne for the tremendous work they had done behind the bar during the season.

The major presentation of the evening was The J E Briers Memorial Rose Bowl. This is awarded annually for outstanding service to the club and is in memory of Ted Briers a past Chairman. This was first presented in 1965 to Tony Rogers and was won the following year by Len Briers, son of Ted. It was nice to have Len present at the Dinner to hand over the trophy to this years winner, Simon Francis. Simon played his first senior match away to Earl Shilton on 27th June 1979. He has been playing ever since at Senior level and has been in recent years Promoter of the very important 100 Club.

Simon made a short response in which he stated how honoured he was to be awarded this trophy , a typically modest response from Simon.

Following the presentations, members were given the opportunity to either dance or listen to Julie Bateman who worked hard to entertain

MATCH REPORTS

24TH APRIL FIRST XI AWAY AT IBSTOCK

Batting first, Narborough made 188 for 5 in their 45 overs with Carl Bateman top scoring with 52, Neil Whitmore 42 not out. Ibstock were bowled out for 174 with Paul Warrington and Alan Wakeling returning figures of 3 for 41 and 3 for 42 respectively.

24TH APRIL SECOND XI AT HOME TO ASHBY HASTINGS II

On a gloriously hot first day of the season captain Neil Young lost the toss and was asked to bat by the opposition. This must have been a decision they soon regretted as Paul Julian and Neil Young put on 69 for the first wicket before Julian was dismissed for 22. A second wicket stand of 56 with Mick Dunne and 74 with for the third with Rich Key (44) and Ashby were up against it. Young was finally bowled for exactly 100 and the innings closed on 257 for 5.

Ashby began their reply slowly against the opening attack of Chris Hall and Paul Thompson. Wickets fell on a regular basis and Stefan Ward, making his league debut, took 4 for 26. Andy Jackson took 3 for 18 and Rich Key 2 for 3. Most notable piece of fielding being a mid air right handed catch by Eddie Crouch at mid-on. Ashby were eventually bowled out for 107 to give the second XI the best possible start to the season.

1ST MAY FIRST XI AT HOME TO ASHBY HASTINGS

Again batting first, Narborough made 205 for 4 with Mick Whitmore scoring 111 not out and Simon Francis 32.

Ashby Hasting first team faired little better than their seconds the week before. As they hung on for a losing draw, making just 149 for 9. Best bowling was by Rich Cooper who took 3 for 27. Alan Wakeling and Chris Armitage took 2 for 26 and 2 for 29 respectively. It was a shame that the last pair hung on at the end but the winning draw still bought 19 points for the first XI.

SECOND XI AWAY AT EGERTON PARK

A damper and colder venue for the second XI this week and on losing the toss they took to the field and restricted Egerton Park to 148 for 6, Rich Key having the best bowling of the day with 4 for 58.

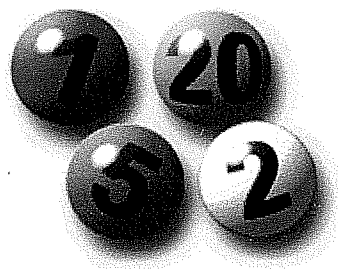
Unfortunately, the reply was slow and with a rash of wickets between overs 10 and 20 meant that they were always up against it. N Young top scored with 41 and Stefan Ward made 19 at the end of the innings including two sixes. Alas the damage had already been done and when Ward was bowled Narborough had made only 130, disappointing after last weeks start.



100 CLUB DRAW

New 100 Club Plus Promoter

After filling this position for seven years and raising around £4500 for the club, Simon Francis has passed this job on. Our new promoter is Gillian Bray and on Saturday 1st May the first draws for the year were made. Anyone wanting to send their money to Gillian can by cheque or postal order made payable to N&LCC to 4 Strudwick Way, Whetstone, Leicester LE8 6YS.



January's Winners:

Frank Stratford	£15
Barbara Bray	£10
Diane Bray	£5
Katie Dawson	£5

February's Winners:

Dot Hughes	£15
Mick Dunne	£10
Eddie Crouch	£5
Jason Dobbs	£5

March's Winners:

Eric Hall	£15
Will Byland	£10
Jim Neale	£5
John Dawson	£5

April's Winners:

Graham Dunkley	£15
Tim Collins	£10
Jack Woods	£5
Dave Wray	£5

MAY'S DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE GROUND ON

SATURDAY 15TH MAY.

**SO WHY NOT COME ALONG HAVE A DRINK AND
A CHAT AND COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS!**

Last Months Results

First Team Results

Opposition	Home/Away	Result	Points
Ibstock	Away	Win	24
Ashby Hastings	Home	Winning Draw	19

Total Points Gained 43

Second Team Results

Opposition	Home/Away	Result	Points
Ashby Hastings	Home	Win	24
Egerton Park	Away	Lost	3

Total Points Gained 27

Evening Team Results

Opposition	Home/Away	Result	Points
Countesthorpe	Home	Abandoned due to wet ground. To be re-arranged.	

Total Points Gained



TABLES AND FIXTURES

First Team Division 2

	Team	P	W	D	L	A	PTS
1	Earl Shilton	2	2				47
2	NARBOROUGH & LITTLETHORPE	2	1	1			43
3	Leicester Ivanhoe II	2	1	1			37
4	Rothley Park	2	1		1		26
5	Shepshed Messengers	2		1		1	21
6	Ratby Town	2		1		1	18
7	Loughborough COB	2		1		1	17
8	Cropston	2		1		1	13
9	Kirkby Muxloe	2		1	1		12
10	Ibstock Town	2		1	1		12
11	Loughborough Town II	2			2		11
12	Ashby Hastings	2		2			10

Second Team Division 6

	Team	P	W	D	L	A	PTS
1	Egerton Park II	2	2				48
2	Shepshed Messengers II	2	2				45
3	Barkby United II	2	1	1			42
4	Shepshed Town II	2	1	1			36
5	Enderby II	2	1	1			31
6	NARBOROUGH & LITTLETHORPE II	2	1		1		27
7	Loughborough COB II	2		1		1	23
8	Cropston II	2			2		13
9	Electricity Sports II	2			1	1	12
10	Thorpe Arnold II	2		2			12
11	Loughborough Greenfields II	2			2		9
12	Ashby Hastings II	2			2		1



Dates for Your Diary

Why not come and support your local team? Bar open, friendly atmosphere, only the weather is not guaranteed!

May's Fixtures

Date	Team & Opposition
8th May	First XI –v– Ratby Town
8th May	Enderby –v– Second XI
13th May	Blaby 96 –v– Evening XI
15th May	Leicester Ivanhoe II –v– First XI
15th May	Second XI –v– Loughborough Greenfields
18th May	Cosby –v– Evening XI
22nd May	First X -v- Earl Shilton Town
22nd May	Thorpe Arnold –v– Second XI
25th May	Evening XI -v- Bitteswell
29th May	Kirby Muxloe –v– First XI
29th May	Second XI –v– Electricity Sports