



Maldon Cricket Club

The home of the Dons!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2024

TFP Corner

With the 2024 season now underway we want to wish all the teams at Maldon CC the best of luck as they chase promotions, wins and personal achievements over what we hope is a good, dry and warm summer!

We would like to extend a special welcome to TFP sponsored Alex Pyecroft to the club, and we can't wait to see him tear through opposition batting line-ups as well as seeing the impact he has on the whole club.

Like facing Alex on a damp April grass covered wicket, we know that thinking about and planning your retirement can be very tricky to navigate so if anyone within the club would like to have an informal conversation about their retirement plans then please book in a time for us to have a chat [click here](#):

And, as a starter for ten please help yourself to a free copy of a brilliant book we give to all our clients by filling in the form by [clicking here](#). If you want a physical copy then drop me an email at dan@tfp-fp.com with your address and I will pop one in the post.

Regards,
Dan



2024 Preview

The 2024 season is dawning, with the club having over 160 fixtures across all of our teams.

The first team are returning to Division One after a highly successful campaign last year in promotion last year with four games to spare. The first team squad has been bolstered by Alex Pyecroft (pictured).

Alex possesses a superb cricketing CV, having represented Tasmania in 8 first class matches. During these matches Pyecroft took 22 wickets at an average of 31, with a best of 5/28 against Queensland in 2018. He can count Australian test match players Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne amongst his victims in an impressive career record.

Alex has spent many years in the UK as a professional player for several clubs at Premier League level. Last year he represented Marshfield in the Bristol Premier League, scoring almost 700 runs at an average of 44 while also taking 33 wickets at 15 runs apiece.

Off the pitch, Alex is already well-known to club members having attended many club events in recent years.

He is a Level 4 coach, adding serious knowledge and expertise to the club having been Tasmanian Tigers & Hobart Hurricanes Female Senior and Pathway Lead Coach.





2024 Preview Cont...

Speaking of the club's new addition, 1st XI captain Ross Walpole said *"Alex has been well-known to the club for many years, and this is the culmination of several efforts on both sides to come together. We are delighted to welcome Alex into the club, and we can't wait to see what he can add to our already strong squad this summer. We feel his signing is a real indication of our aspirations for the years ahead."*

Ross also added that *"I am pleased that Max (Bryant) has recovered from his foot injury over the winter as he is an integral part of the first team. I am also really pleased to see the hard work that many of our younger players have made over the winter at nets and getting to know them better. I am hopeful to see this progression pay off over the course of a long summer and allow us to challenge at the top of Division 1."*

The second and third team will be looking to improve on their league position from last term of 8th and 7th respectively.

The fourth team have a new captain with Jaz Bains moving from Sunday to Saturday captaining. Jaz is looking to continue to give everyone a game in the fours and use this as a pathway for our Under 15s into open aged cricket.

Joe Gregory has been appointed the new Sunday captain. He has targeted success in the Warsop league and is hoping for a youthful core to his team to achieve this

Ladies captain Bethan Bailey is "delighted" with the additions that she has made to the Ladies squad in the off season and is looking to give her team the opportunity to develop further in the forthcoming summer.

Simon Hull has Head of Colts Cricket commented that he is delighted to see the improvement in so many juniors players in the winter particular in the Under 11s and Under 13s section which is encouraging to our club as a whole.



2024 Ground Force

We were delighted that the pitch maintenance team have all met up in the last couple of weeks. As a group, they look forward to preparing pitches at both Drapers and the Prom in 2024.



Visit Tesco & Give Us Your Tokens!

Tesco have agreed for us to have a token collection for the next quarter of the year. This is to raise much needed funds for equipment to help keep the grounds in good condition. Please can we get everyone involved and get the Dons to the top!

Subscriptions Now Due!

You will be getting shortly your annual subscription reminder. We would really appreciate all members arranging payment in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact Stuart Coker.



Junior Update

We have joined the ECB led initiatives for All Stars and Dynamos Cricket, with sessions taking place on Wednesday evening's between 6.30pm and 8pm. These commence on the 15th May.

[Click here to sign up.](#)

We are also planning to run Friday night sessions commencing from 10 May for Reception to Year 6 children.



Well done, Rosie!

A huge well done to Club Secretary, Rosie Digweed who completed today's London Marathon in an impressive 4 hours and 45 minutes. Rosie ran the marathon for the Alzheimer's Society after her Dad, the legend that is Diggers, has recently been diagnosed with Vascular Dementia.

With her fundraising aim of £500 being more than doubled, Rosie has now raised over £1200 for the Alzheimer's Society. Rosie's online donation page is still open and those wishing to donate can do so by [clicking here.](#)





Cricket Week - 2024

After a two-year experiment, Cricket Week has reverted back to its old home commencing 23 July to 28 July.

The intention is to have a Beer Festival commencing on 26 July to 28 July . We will need members support with this to assist running the beer festival as any profits made will be going to club funds.



Events Calendar!

On **Saturday 11th May**, we are organising a lunch for Life Members, Vice Presidents and friends of Maldon Cricket Club at Drapers. A three-course meal for £25 per head - the food is being supplied by Sue Edwards. We need a minimum of 30 people for this event to take place. If you are interested in having lunch, please contact Alan Coker

On **Saturday 18th May**, we are holding a Race Night at Drapers, we will soon be starting to sell Horses, Jockeys and Trainers. A Tote will be running on the evening together with the Golden Draw. Further details to follow. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Alan Coker (07815) 501376.

The Kwik Cricket tournament for Primary Schools will be **on the 28th June at Drapers Farm**. The tournament will start at 6pm. This event is a highlight of the summer but we will need all of the assistance that evening.

We are also doing a ladies softball tournament on the **30th June** as Drapers for the first time as an introduction to the game. This event is scheduled to start at 2pm.

Other Events:

- Saturday 6th July – Club event in memory of David
- Sunday 25th August – Rock up for Randall
- Monday 26th August – Sir Alastair Cook Trophy Final Day

Statto's Stats:

2023 saw a record-breaking statistical summer. Chris Harris got two consecutive double hundreds. Chris beat the club record highest score with 263 not out against Copdock & Ol in June. This was the fifth highest individual score recorded on Play Cricket in 2023. He also beat the opening partnership records in two consecutive week with Ross Walpole. The first team beat the club highest score of 418-3 against Copford. Chris became the first player to score 1,000 in a summer since 2017.

There were other batting records in 2023 with David Richardson getting to 10,000 runs. New club captain Andy Barnes, Jimmy Ainscough and James Ellis all getting to 9,000 runs. They start 2024 ten runs apart and they are now all within reach Paul Bardo, Keith Bannister and Dave Gozzett run tally in 2024. Jake Collins scored his 8,000th run against Earls Colne on the final day of 2023 and was promptly dismissed the very next ball. Paul Gregory also reached 2,000 runs for the club.

It was also pleasing to see Tom Doherty make his first senior fifty for the fourth team. It was also pleasing to see Bethan Bailey, Sarah Welton and Jessica Pugh making all of their highest scores for the club in 2023. Joe Gregory having a breakout summer in 2023 with 613 runs including five fifties and Cameron Blackboro getting 91 for the twos in a last over win against Eight Ash Green. The threes also achieved their record chase of 282 at Boxted in June. Harry Grant got a personal best for the club of 81 not out versus Copdock & Ol. He is also one of the best catches I have ever seen from a Maldon player on that day.

Moving ahead to 2024 Ian Elliott needs 187 runs to reach 30,000 club on his own. Will this record ever be beaten? Max Bryant needs a further 107 runs in 2024 to join the 6,000 run club.

April 2024 Results

Saturday 20th April

Maldon 1st XI – 94 all out (41.5 overs)

Matt Wild 24*, Ian Elliott 23

Mildenhall 2nd XI – 95/4 (19.4 overs)

Matt Wild 2-27, Connah Thompson 1-20

Mildenhall 2nd XI beat Maldon 1st XI by 6 wickets

Sunday 21st April

Maldon Sunday XI – 105 all out (30 overs)

Joe Figg 35, Paul Gregory 14

Brentwood Victorians – 106/4 (22.5 overs)

Paul Gregory 3-13

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April 2024 Fixtures

Saturday 27th April

1st XI **Home** to Coggeshall (Two Counties Division 1)

Ball Sponsored by Ian Elliott.

2nd XI **Away** to Nowton (Two Counties Division 4)

Ball Sponsored by John & Maureen Hill.

3rd XI **Home** to Long Melford II (Two Counties Division 8A)

Ball Sponsored by Skippers Ground maintenance.

Sunday 28th April

Sunday XI **Home** to Boreham Royals (Friendly) at Drapers.

Ball sponsored by Maldon Frames Ltd.

May 2024 Fixtures

Team	Opposition	Venue	Time	Ball Sponsor
Saturday 4 May				
1st XI	Worlington	Away	1:00pm	Sue Randall
2nd XI	Ipswich	Drapers	1.00pm	Bob & Jan Barnes
3rd XI	Witham III	Prom	1.00pm	Skippers
4th XI	Herongate	Away	1.00pm	
Sunday 5th May				
Sunday XI	Wickford	Drapers	1:00pm	Maldon Frames Ltd
Friday 10th May				
Ladies	Rayleigh	Drapers	6:00pm	
Saturday 11th May				
1st XI	Clacton	Drapers	1:00pm	Sports Turf Management
2nd XI	Mildenhall III	Away	1:00pm	
3rd XI	Earls Colne	Prom	1:00pm	Skippers
Sunday 12th May				
Sunday XI	Benfleet	Drapera	1:00pm	
U13s	Hutton	Away	09:30am	
Friday 17th May				
Ladies	Hutton	Away	06:00pm	
Saturday 18th May				
1sr XI	Witam II	Away	01:00pm	Neil Foster
2nd XI	Chappel & Wakes Colne	Drapers	01:00pm	Barrie & Shiela Ellis
3rd XI	Elmstead II	Prom	01:00pm	Skipper
4th XI	West Mersea III	Away	01:00pm	
Sunday 19th				
Sunday XI	Hatfield Peveral	Drapers	01:00pm	Maldon Frames Ltd
U15s	Ingatestone	Drapers	09:30am	
Friday 24th May				
Ladies	High Roding	Prom	06:00pm	
Saturday 25th May				
1st XI	Wivenhoe	Drapers	01:00pm	John & Maureen Hill
2nd XI	Wivenhoe II	Away	01:00pm	
3rd XI	Long Melford II	Away	01:00pm	
4th XI	Old Chelmsfordians VI	Away	01:00pm	
Sunday 26th May				
Sunday XI	Hatfield Peveral	Away	01:00pm	
U15s	Great Baddow	Drapers	09:30am	
U11s	Chelmsford Willows	Away	09:30am	
Friday 31st May				
Ladies	Galleywood	Away	06:00pm	



Player Sponsorships

We are delighted to announce that the following players have been sponsored so far for the coming year.

Jimmy Ainscough	SB Electrical
Bethan Bailey	Chelmer Footcare
Andrew Barnes	Bob & Jan Barnes
Jamie Brown	HE Hill
Martyn Coker	Warsop
Stuart Coker	HE Hill
Ian Elliott	Chis & Glora Elliott
Callum Figg	Essex Kids Camp
Charlie Figg	Essex Kids Camp
Joe Figg	K & B Tatum @ The New Forge
Mason Foakes	Barney Reece Tree & Garden Management
Ben Gibbons	D P Roofin & Renovations
Joe Gregory	TMA
Chris Harris	Geoff Cook
Michael Newman	Ian Elliott
Toby Pugh	Peter Wargent
Joshua Servis	Dukes Park Automotive
Connah Thompson	AJH Home Improvements
Ross Walpole	Carpenters Arms
Finn Jones	Richard Buckby

To register your interest in either sponsorship opportunity please email maldoncricketclub@outlook.com or speak to Alan Coker or Paul Gregory directly. Players are available for £100 for the entire season.

In Memory of Michael Randall

Michael's family would like to pass on their sincere thanks to all members who attended his funeral service on Wednesday 6 March 2024 or donated to the collection in his memory.

Collections were received in aid of two causes close to Michael's heart, the David Randall Foundation and All Saints Church, Purleigh.

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Maldon Cricket Club

We run 6 senior teams and 1 ladies team.

We are building a strong junior section
ready to take the field in 2024.



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