

# Grantham Cricket Club

Dear Member,

The Grantham Cricket Club Committee would like to thank you for your support of the club in joining as a member for the 2018/19 year. There are a number of small changes that have taken place since last year and we would like to draw your attention to a few of them here:

## **Membership**

Membership with Grantham Cricket Club is an annual subscription which can be paid equally over 12 months if preferred. Please complete the appropriate form and return it either via email to [secretary@granthamcricketclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@granthamcricketclub.co.uk) or by post to GCC Secretary, 10 Guildhall Street, Grantham, NG31 6NJ.

The AGM is being held at Gorse Lane on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:30pm. New and prospective members are encouraged to attend and raise any issues or concerns they have there or to any members of the committee. Grantham is a growing club and is always open to new members whether in a playing or non-playing capacity.

## **Fees**

Grantham Cricket Club has structured their membership fees to limit the administration required by players and captains throughout the year. By charging a single membership fee we do not have to deal with match fee collections each week or to charge per training session attended. This structure, we hope, encourages all members to use the club's facilities and arrangements to the fullest without additional concern of cost.

As the club continues to grow, it is vital that the club continues to be financially sustainable. As such, the annual membership cost has been agreed by the club committee as follows:

- Under 12's or younger - £180.00 or £15.00/month
- Under 13's to Under 18's - £240.00 or £20.00/month
- Full Time Education/Unemployed - £240.00 or £20.00/month
- Female Cricketers over 18 - £180.00 or £15.00/month
- Over 18's - £360.00 or £30.00/month

Please note that fees remain payable until formal cancellation is received by the club.

These monthly amounts include a number for each player in the in the 200 club. If a player wishes to opt out of this, then the monthly payment will be reduced by £2.50 to reflect the fact that half the £5 is used for the benefit of the club. This option is on the registration form. For example, the under 13s to under 18s would pay £17.50 per month and not be allocated a number in the 200 club.

The committee understand that this is an increase, we do not anticipate significant increases over the next few years. We believe that the new pricing structure is reflective of the outstanding quality of coaching and opportunities for cricket at Grantham CC. Our juniors are trained by two level three qualified coaches and five level two qualified coaches, with the Club having a further five level one and two qualified coaches available to support and to ensure that every training session, and every junior fixture, from AllStars at age 5 to our U15 squad, is professionally run and managed. Our playing facilities are now of a standard that the Club has been invited to host first class cricket from 2019 onwards, in partnership with Nottinghamshire CCC. All playing members benefit from these coaching and playing facilities, and membership of the Club must be reflective of the costs of running the club.

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There have been huge efforts to raise sponsorship and fundraising over the last 2 years to enable the club to continue to subsidise both junior and senior membership costs. The support for fundraising activity has been far lower than anticipated, which leaves the club with no option but to set fees at an unsubsidised market rate, reflecting the range and quality of coaching and facilities available at Grantham CC. The cost of membership for each playing category fairly represents the amount of cricket these members have access to.

The club has a hardship fund to enable people from all financial backgrounds to access cricket. Applications to the hardship fund can be made to me, by writing to [ianmihill@thetrustgroup.co.uk](mailto:ianmihill@thetrustgroup.co.uk) or [secretary@granthamcricketclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@granthamcricketclub.co.uk)

## Cricket

As well as providing cricket to children from 5 years old upwards, the club continues to run 12 teams playing and training throughout the year. The teams being entered in to formal leagues are as follows:

- Juniors – Under 10's, Under 11's, Under 13's (Lincoln), Under 13's (Newark), Under 15's
- Open Age – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, Development XI\*, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, Ladies XI

*\*The Development XI is new for 2018 in order to help our juniors transition in to open age cricket.*

This equates to a total of nearly 100 fixtures being held at Grantham Cricket Club over the course of 2018. Alongside the Grantham fixtures, Grantham hosts a number of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games throughout the year.

## Fundraising

To continue to provide the quality of cricket Grantham aspire to, fundraising for the club continues to be a priority. Please support the club whenever you can by participating in the 200 club, attending the events put on throughout the year or volunteering your time to organise an event. Even staying for a drink in the bar after a game or training will help the club.

To this end, if you choose to pay your annual subscription monthly, you will receive a half-price entry to the "200 Club". This gives you the chance to win one of a number of cash prizes each month up to a maximum cash prize of around £100 and we hope you will help give your additional support to the club. You may opt out of this contribution and the monthly cost will be reduced by £2.50/month.

I would like to personally thank you for your continued support and membership of Grantham Cricket Club and wish you the best of luck with the season ahead. I look forward to hearing of your success over the coming months.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Mihill  
Club Chairman