



# THE BEAMER

## CRICKET BACK IN THE NEWS!!

"It's the start of April and the summer is already approaching quickly. The days are steadily getting longer, the sun is slowly getting warmer (when the fog clears) and the England team have been hammered in various limited over formats on the other side of the world. All age old signs that the time for breaking out the flannels is closing in.

We here at The Beamer are starting to feel the same sickeningly cyclical need to check the various mail order cricket catalogues page by page, just to make absolutely sure we don't need *another* new pair of gloves (2 pairs already on order) or a revolutionary new all-in-one skin tight body stocking.

As the season gets closer, so the net and circuit training have reached a crescendo. Regularly there are now players waking up on Wednesday and Monday mornings struggling to lift the spoon into the cornflakes and for once it is not because of a promotional offer on at Mariners!

*Ed.*

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## THE BEAMER NEWS...

### Barbados Cricket Tour

After the circulation of information regarding the exciting prospect of a 2009 tour to Barbados with the last issue, many members have already indicated their availability. If you have not seen the plans and you are interested, e-mail 'Richard.Bassett@dfes.gsi.gov.uk' OR Vic Hewitt at 'vic\_hewitt@arsenal.fc.net', ASAP. For these tour arrangements to progress, an early indication of numbers is vitally important!

### New Leigh-on-Sea teamwear details!

The full range of Leigh-on-Sea teamwear is available to buy from Richard Stubbington. A product listing is contained in this edition, so if you need new teamwear please contact him as instructed...

### Stars turn out for new net practice

The newly restructured net format has been a hit so far with plenty of established players turning out, as well as some fresh new faces. Extra incentive to turn up is that after the sighting of leg spin legend Michael Whyley at nets, who knows what previously forgotten heroes will be resurfacing before the league season commences?! With just two sessions to go, get along and turn your arm over!!

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- Sponsor -





### Sponsor the Club

#### **Would you like your company to appear HERE in our Newsletter?**

The club is currently looking for sponsors, and has a range of options that any potential-sponsor would be able to consider, from kit, equipment, or pavilion sponsorship, to event sponsoring and more media-prominent projects.

If you'd be interested in investigating Leigh-on-Sea cricket club sponsorship further, please get in contact with either:

- Richard Stubbington (RICHARD\_STUBBINGTON@YAHOO.COM)
- Simon Burch (SIMON.BURCH@VIRGIN.NET)

#### **RECOGNISING PERFORMANCE...**

In the coming weeks a new honours board is to be installed at the club\*. This board will recognise exceptional performances at Saturday First XI League level – namely scores of 100 or more and wicket taking performances of five wickets or more.

Backdated to the 2000 season, this will provide those players who excel at the highest level the club competes at with the opportunity to have their achievement recognised in a lasting and public fashion.

*\*subject to final approval from Gen. Comm.*

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#### **PAVILION NEWS...**

##### **Gents toilets fully re-furbished!**

After a number of false starts, the Gents toilets at the pavilion have now been completely refurbished, including new urinals, ceiling and wall tiles, new plumbing and full re-decoration. Appreciation should be shown to Ben Giles for having organised this work, which should not be underestimated in either logistical complexity or time commitment required.

##### **Pre-season Pavilion Working Party**

As ever at this time of year the pavilion is in need of some loving care to have it looking at its best.

Work required includes completion of upstairs benches, external painting and tidying, internal cleaning and tidying, and repair to some internal fixtures (showers, window frames etc).

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April**, there will be a volunteer working party gathering to carry-out this work! For this to be successful as many club members as possible are required to assist! Such events have always been poorly supported with the same faces putting in all the effort! PLEASE PLEASE help buck this trend and come and help your club to maintain its environment.

Refreshments on the day will be provided. All volunteers should assemble at the clubhouse at 10am.

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#### **▲ THANK YOU...**

Mike Green would like to extend his thanks to all those who have helped and offered sympathy to the Green family after the very sad death of Shirley Green.

The Beamer would like to extend its heartfelt condolences to Mike Green and his family at this time. Our thoughts are with you.

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### THE BEAMER'S XI...

#### 'What happened to him?' LOSCC XI

1. **Daniel Linton** – Pint sized, railway driver cap wearing Linton, was a regular player for the 3's at one point and once famously took on John 'The Dentist' Maynard in the outdoor nets, although, only after strapping on every piece of protective gear imaginable!
2. **Neil Jackson** – Around the club forever as a top Leigh batsman, then suddenly wasn't anymore!
3. **Andy Wrigglesworth** – Top order bat and ace fielder who had a strange corkscrew throwing action that enabled him to hurl the ball absolutely miles!
4. **Gary Cleverley** – Scored a hundred on debut for the 4<sup>th</sup> team, followed by back to back tons for the 3rds, then disappeared without trace.
5. **Daniel Gulley** – One time regular third and second eleven batsman/seamer, Daniel decided to turn his hand to leg spin, his first ball the next season landed off the cut strip and he went downhill from there.
6. **Alan Van Lindt** – Arrived with a large reputation but got injured after only two games, not been seen since.
7. **Hasan Quereshi** – Arrived at a net session billed as an under 16 Pakistan player... he wasn't.
8. **Ramesh Powar** – Fat, average, and incredibly now representing the Indian national team!
9. **Ian Blackburn** – Human cheetah that appeared in flashes for the youth and lower men's sides. Ran 100m in 11 seconds.
10. **Rob King** – Inventor and purveyor of the dreaded 'King bouncer', Rob flattered to deceive at 3<sup>rd</sup> team and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> team level. Turned up to a Sunday game so hungover his first three deliveries all went between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> slip.
11. **Neil Johnson** – Neil burst onto the scene like the energizer bunny after a healthy dose of speed. Soon promoted up the teams his easy wit, tidy bowling and constant movement promised much. He left for pastures new after 2 seasons and, despite repeated promises, has not reappeared.

### HIDE UP...

This section of The Beamer will be available for all members of the club to use. If anyone would like to provide any feedback to any stories covered in 'The Beamer' then please get in touch.

We have an email address that you can use to send in your feedback:

[THEBEAMER2008@YAHOO.CO.UK](mailto:THEBEAMER2008@YAHOO.CO.UK)

*\*The beamer is also looking for a few regular columnists for the upcoming issues this season, if we have any budding journalists that want to write a report on a Leigh-On-Sea function, a game involving any Leigh-On-Sea team, if you have a point to make about something happening at the club or a different view to give on something already reported on, please let Steve Brown know and he will find room for your work.*

Ed.

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### YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU...



If you would like to join the fine folks on the bar committee please contact Damian Liston on 07813 019 339.

All extra assistance is appreciated.

Please note the club rooms are always available to book for events. Please contact Lee Willson to arrange bookings and available dates on 07789 221 973

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**THE GRILLING...**

**1. Name?**

*"Paul Boughtwood"*

**2. What is your favourite nickname that you have been given by Leigh?**

*"I've only been given the one nickname really and its one that I'm proud to have had bestowed (courtesy of Messrs Sexton and Burch).....The Judge!*

*The nickname came about in the lead up to the Sri Lanka tour where I officiated over the regular Tour Courts to; punish, humiliate, castigate, chastise and generally embarrass rule breakers with appropriate hard cash fines and pointless, but nevertheless amusing, deeds. My favourite ruling was to sentence Dennis Freeman and Ken Webb to do the Morecombe and Wise 'Bring me sunshine' routine at the Tour Dinner in front of everyone."*

**3. What is your most embarrassing moment?**

*"Being awarded the dreaded 'Duck' trophy 2 seasons ago. Although Tom was more embarrassed than I was at the time as he had to collect it at the Dinner & Dance in my absence! Some would argue that my fielding is an embarrassment, but not many to my face for some strange reason."*

**4. What phrase are you most likely to be heard using on the cricket field?**

*"If I'm lucky enough to be playing in the same team as Tom, then an emotional, wobbly voiced "C'mon son...make me proud!"*

*For the Saturday 4ths team it's usually something eloquent, sophisticated and well thought out like... "Shut up Reece, for \*\*\*\* sake!". I like to think I encourage everyone though, rather than dishing out negative comments"*

**5. In what area are you looking to improve this season?**

*"Waistline!*

*I would like to play a straight bat off-side shot this year. Yes, I'm well aware that many of you would like to see me play any straight bat shot but I love that cross bat cow corner slog way too much!"*

**6. Who is your all time hero?**

*"Do you mean apart from the landlord of any alcohol based drinking establishment?"*

**7. What is the most you would ever consider paying for a pint?**

*"I did shell out €19.50 (about 13 quid) for a bottle of lager once in France, but I was desperate (what is the French for drunken English idiot? Le mug Anglais I suppose)!*

*If I was having a great time with excellent company (and a little hammered) then I'd pay anything and suffer the consequences in the morning when I opened my wallet."*

**8. If you could give one piece of advice to a young cricketer at Leigh what would it be?**

*"Enjoy your cricket. Always play the best you can and don't get disheartened if you have an off day, be positive, play to win, but not at the expense of your overall enjoyment. Listen to the advice of some of the old farts at the club; they actually do know what they're talking about...most of the time"*

**9. Is wearing socks and sandals ever acceptable in this day and age?**

*"A footwear combination worn only by the fashionally-challenged and Germans! Nuff said"*

**10. What do you see as your role within Leigh-on-Sea?**

*"Getting the beers in and trying to hit the ball harder than Mr. Waller."*

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**RESULTS...**

**Indoor League:**

**Wed Feb 6th**

Leigh-on-Sea 107-5                    9 pts  
Rankins 108-3                         19 pts

<b>Indoor Table - Top</b>	P	W	T	L	Pts
Hadleigh & Thundersley	6	6	0	0	114
Basildon & Pitsea	6	4	0	2	95
Leigh on Sea	6	4	0	0	94
Southend Trinity	6	3	0	3	68

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**FIXTURES & AVAILABILITY...**

**Early Season Fixtures**

19<sup>th</sup> April : 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs Westcliff  
26<sup>th</sup> April : 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI vs Old Parks  
26<sup>th</sup> April : 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> XI TBA

**Availability**

Please advise your availability to Alex Camp (07809 380409) before 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008 if you intend to make yourself available for the first week of the season.

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**CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLUB WEBSITE...**

The club website [WWW.LEIGHCRICKET.COM](http://WWW.LEIGHCRICKET.COM) is still available online 24/7 to broadcast your news and views.

If you would like to contribute to the website, either by posting straight to the live site in the 'News' and 'Captain's Logs' areas, or if you are really feeling creative you can have a specially crafted feature column created just for YOU!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, EMAIL [winnsworld@yahoo.com](mailto:winnsworld@yahoo.com) FOR ACCESS!

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**MEET YOU THERE!...**

**Nets (indoors)**

The new season is now just around the corner, and if net sessions this far are anything to go by competition for places will be fierce. To get that form going before we venture outdoors, get yourself down to a practice session in the next week or so.

**Nets**

Where - Southend High School for Boys  
When - Sunday mornings until 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Times - 9.30am - 10.30am  
          10.30am - 11.30am

**Please note!!!:**

9.30 - 10.30 Only attend if you are contacted to do so by first team captain Stuart Elliott.

10.30 - 11.30 senior players only, no youth players unless asked by a captain.

The above is in place to reduce over crowding so structured practise can take place

**Pre-Season Players Meeting**

Where - The Clubhouse, Chalkwell Park  
When - Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008  
Time - 8.00pm onwards

**Please note!!!**

This season is a big season for all at the club. There is a real focus to get one or more of the playing sides promoted, so please help get in to the club spirit by attending the players meeting!

**Details of other events will be listed here in future months so please take note and mark them into your diary! If you want your event advertised then please contact us at**

[THEBEAMER2008@YAHOO.CO.UK](mailto:THEBEAMER2008@YAHOO.CO.UK)

**PAST TIMES**

**Sri Lanka Tour memories**

As you may have seen in issue 1 of the Beamer, there was a gathering taking place of the intrepid Sri Lankan explorers recently. On Saturday 23rd February twenty-eight members of the tour party met at the Pavilion for a few drinks and a catch up. Various people brought photo albums and cds along to show others. Hundreds of photographs provided wonderful memories of a very successful tour.

Thank you all for those who participated and brought photos along.



## THE VOICE...

As this season approaches, The Voice has been very impressed with the general positivity around the club inspired by the new captaincy regime's emphasis on preparation and practice before the real cricketing business gets underway in late April. New first team captain Stuart 'Juande' Elliott has looked at his first team squad and taken the decision to put forward a radical new fitness programme to slim down his charges and get everyone fighting fit. You may have read these quotes in the media from Leigh-on-Sea fitness coach James Chisholm, who told BBC Essex:

"Taking into account the players' size, the team was basically 200kg overweight. We realised straight away that the team was carrying excess baggage. They have now lost between 40 and 50kg. Getting the rest off is the most difficult part."

"I immediately talked to the players and we set the wheels in motion to change things" he added. "We have turned a lot of fat into muscle."

Starting his side on a new diet of squat thrusts, sit ups and mashed up fruit and veg, has meant that the first team captain has become rather less popular amongst his charges. The Voice believes that the fact more arguments have not been seen is possibly purely down to the widespread exhaustion experienced when the session comes to a close.

The proof of the fitness however is, not in the pudding (strictly off the menu), rather it's in the results it will provide. Although there is still two months until the action starts, all the signs remain positive that the new regime is bringing the team closer together and this could be a very productive year for the men in blue and silver.

In addition to the new fitness training programme, winter nets are also at the forefront of Leigh minds now. The Voice has always had an uneasy relationship with nets, during his short football career, whilst the opposition net was never in danger, his own net seemed to only too keen to welcome a misplaced back pass in with open arms and the least said about The Voice's fishing exploits the better!

Cricket nets however are a strange place filled with opinion and counter opinion. One bowler's chipped catch to a midwicket 'halfway back' is another batsman's short arm, one knee, slog sweep for 6 over the short boundary! Without the fielders and the pressure of a game situation, batting in the nets is a very strange affair indeed.

There are many different ways to play, from the 'revolving door' batting style of Threadgold/Elliott (J), to the more 'straight bat' correct approach of Dyos/Wallace. The bouncy plastic surface is also a strange one to get your head around, whilst it can give your military medium bowling a much needed shot of human growth hormone, when it comes to batting you are suddenly aware that even Damo and Rob Catchpole have the ability to fizz one past your nostrils... (well maybe not Damo thinking about it)

It is not simply a case of the batsman being in danger of suddenly sprightly bowlers; the bowlers themselves can sometimes be brought down by straight hitting batsman. Last season Dean Waller was in a murderous mood at King John's when Leigh rolled in for a net session there. Simon Wallace having to take evasive action after an obligatory half volley was slammed back at him at a million miles an hour by the big man. Later in the session whilst batting Simon was laid low again, this time by a pull shot from the net next door which forced the rather flimsy net out sideways and hit Simon in the head before the net was able to stop its momentum.

Simon has not always been the victim of net violence however, as many have seen him deliver the 'Brian Pettitt' 18 yard delivery to devastating effect. One of the most infamous episodes in a Leigh-on-Sea net was the 2 on 1 ambush of Wallace (S) & Afzaal vs. Wallace (M). When, in conditions that can best be described as 'murky', Matt was subjected to a barrage of bouncers from the then jokers of the Leigh-on-Sea pack, with the last straw being Matt taking two deliveries on the hands before throwing his bat down and walking out the net.

In recent weeks there was a more evenly contested duel in the winter nets when Messrs Waller and Catchpole battled for indoor supremacy. After Deadly Dave forced a (perceived) catch behind of an outside edge, he declared the score to be "1-0 Catchpole". His next ball to Dean was ripped straight back at him at waist height, and struck him a fearsome blow on the right wrist, sending him to the ground in pain just in front of the bowling crease, needless to say everyone rushed to his aid and of course didn't just stand around laughing and shouting "1-1"!

After running a cold tap on his now swollen wrist (good old cold tap, always cures the pain!) Dave returned to the fray and speared in two nasty bouncers both of which Dean avoided leaving the contest declared a draw on all three judges' scorecards.

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**TEAMWEAR 2008...**

The range of Teamwear that is available for purchase for the 2008 season is listed below.

Two orders will be placed during the course of the season; 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 for delivery during May, and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 for delivery during July.

A small stock of some items will be maintained throughout the season as listed below.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Sizes</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Stocked</b>	<b>Personalised</b>
*Cap	Navy	One Size	10.00	Y	Y
*Sun Hat	White	One Size	10.00	N	Y
Playing Shirt	Long or ¾ Sleeve, 100% Cotton	S - XXL	15.00	Y	N
Short Sleeved Sweater	100% Wool	36" - 52"	40.00	N	N
Long Sleeved Sweater	100% Wool	36" - 52"	45.00	N	N
Sweatshirt	White	S - XXL	15.00	N	Y
T-Shirt	Any Colour; 100% Cotton	Boys - XXL	8.00	N	Y
Polo Shirt	Any Colour; Cotton/Poly Mix	Boys - XXL	12.50	N	Y
Rugby Shirt	Quartered Navy/Sky; White Collar	S - XXL	26.00	N	Y
*Tracksuit Jacket ('08 Style)	Navy; White Piping	S - XXL	23.00	N	Y
*Tracksuit Trousers ('08 Style)	Navy; White Piping	S - XXL	17.00	N	Y
Rainproof Jacket	Navy; White Piping; Concealed Hood	S - XXL	15.00	N	Y
*Training Shorts ('08 Style)	Polyester Cool-Mesh fabric; Navy, Sky, White	S - XXL	TBC (Subject to demand)	N	N
*Training Shirt	Polyester Cool-Mesh fabric; Navy, Sky, White	S - XXL	TBC (Subject to demand)	N	N

*\*denotes new item/style for 2008 Season. Prices correct at time of writing, but subject to change.*

Personalised items take longer to order and incur an additional charge. For options please enquire. Other items available on request.

To order please contact Richard Stubbington (07968 348603 or richard\_stubbington@yahoo.com)