



DELPH & DOBCROSS CRICKET CLUB

# APRIL '22 NEWSLETTER



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## OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Hello and thanks for taking the time to read our brand new monthly newsletter where we'd like to keep you abreast of what's happening down at your local cricket club. One of our objectives is to create stronger links around the local villages and hopefully you'll enjoy reading about our progress too!

With three thriving senior teams and an ever-growing junior section there's lots to keep up with. We've really stepped it up a notch to make the club a welcoming place to visit by having entertainment on most Saturday evenings during the season. If you like it we have some fantastic social membership schemes which entitle you to free drinks and more!

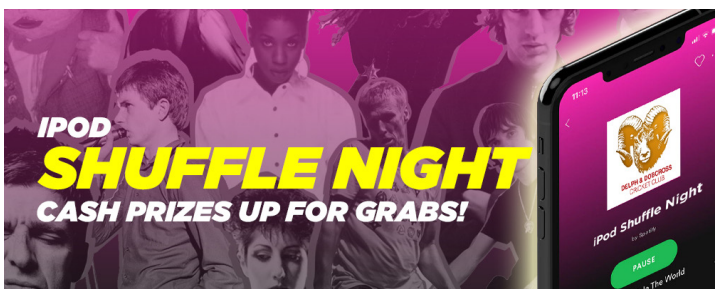


### APRIL ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CLUB

**DELPH'S GOT TALENT**  
HOST: ANDY MUNRO

SAT 23 APRIL

Are you the Saddleworth singing talent that's yet to be unearthed? Well, you can have your chance to shine in front of our four judges. If all four hit their X's, then it's time to leave the stage! Andy Munro presents it all!



SAT 30 APRIL

The hugely popular iPod Shuffle Night makes a welcome return. All you do is 'buy' your chosen track for a fiver. The final three tracks to be played on the night win cash prizes from the pot. See our website for details and how to pick your song!

### JUNIOR CRICKET UPDATE



#### Junior Secretary Claire Holland provides us with an update from our junior sections.

The lifeblood of our club couldn't be in a better place this season! We have five thriving junior sections and most play in competitive Huddersfield Junior Cricket league fixtures. However, we're still looking for more to join. Not only is cricket a brilliant outdoor pastime for the kids, the parents are welcoming and enjoy a drink at the club after a hard working week! See our website to inquire or drop in on one of the weekly training sessions.

Summer training starts this month too. U9's and U11's begins on Thurs 21 April and each Thursday thereafter. U13's & U15's is on Friday 22nd. The U17s join in with senior outdoor training most Tuesdays (weather permitting!). The first proper fixtures are **Wed 21 April**, Golcar U11 (a). **Sun 1 May**, Almondbury U13 (a), **Mon 25 Apr**, Marsden U15 (h) and **Wed 27 April**, Golcar U17 (h). The U9's are working towards a tournament on **Sat 14th May**. We'll keep you posted on their progress throughout the summer!



## 1XI CAPTAIN'S LOG



### 1st team skipper Xander Selby updates us with how our main senior team is shaping up...

When spring and the warmer weather approach, it's always an exciting time to be looking forward to the start of a new cricket season.

This year is certainly no different and we've been helped by some exciting additions to the club that we're extremely excited about. Firstly, we welcome a new major cricket sponsor in K&M Global who have stepped in with a very generous package. This will allow senior teams to train, arrive at games and play looking super-smart in new kit. If one thing that my winter in Australia has shown me, it's that teams who prepare well and look like a team generally perform to high standards. Thanks to K&M, we're in a great position to showcase their brand in a winning environment and we thank them - as well as all our other sponsors and partners - for their support.

On the playing front, we've recruited sensibly and certainly with one eye on

the future. Retaining a batsman of the quality of Mosun Hussain, adding bowling firepower of Adnan Ghani, backing that up with the young talent of wicket keeper Nathan Walker, as well as some of Lancashire's finest age group players gives us a great blend of experience and youth. We're also hopeful that an emerging star of the recent under 19 cricket World Cup will also boost our ranks. I'm also fully expecting some of the 2nd XI players to be pushing for 1st XI places this summer.

Unlike the last couple of seasons, we're approaching April with a degree of certainty about playing conditions, rules and regulations that are more like those we were used to pre-Covid. Last season was about consolidating our position in the top flight. This summer, I'm expecting us to push ahead, win more games and continue to learn about what it takes to make Delph a contender for silverware once again.

## 2ND TEAM LATEST



### 2nd team captain Danny Jones puts down his thoughts ahead of the new season...

It's been a surreal and sometimes tough last couple of seasons for obvious reasons. However, I think the lads are just happy to be back to some normality as we approach the new season. We're back in indoor net practice and we've been hitting hard for 12 weeks, pleasingly numbers higher than we anticipated.

Going off the training we have done, the ambition and the strength of the team is increasing session by session. We've welcomed some new faces, including one or two in the Lancashire junior setup, and with the power of the youth coming through, we're in a confident mood. The 2XI should be able to push the older, more established sides, such as Scholes and Honley and the boys and myself are eager to get back on that field in April! The 3XI Sunday side, led by Zak Pemberton, will also be looking to gain valuable experience at a senior level too.

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## UPCOMING HOME MATCHES IN APRIL

Team	Day	Date	Start	Fixture
1XI	Sat	09-Apr	12:30	Shelley 1XI (friendly)
1XI	Sun	10-Apr	12:30	Moorside 1XI (friendly)
1XI	Sat	16-Apr	13:00	Shepley 1XI
2XI	Sat	23-Apr	13:00	Skelmanthorpe 2XI
U15	Mon	25-Apr	18:00	Marsden u15
U17	Wed	27-Apr	18:00	Golcar u17
1XI	Sat	30-Apr	13:00	Skelmanthorpe 1XI