



Neyland Cricket Club



Over the last few years we have made great strides forward as a cricket club. We are now writing to all friends, members, past players and parents of junior players of Neyland Cricket Club to keep you informed of progress, and offer you a chance to assist us in our efforts.

In 2007 our net facility was deteriorating rapidly, and the bounce was excessive and a little dangerous. Our roller had given up the ghost after many years of faithful service, and we were having to pay £80 each weekend to hire one. Costs generally were rising and even with a few thousand pounds in club funds it was hard to see how we would be able to replace the roller or significantly improve our practise facilities.

Our fortunes changed when we became aware of the new Clubmark accreditation scheme being backed by the ECB and the Cricket Board of Wales.



After a lot of hard work during the Summer and Winter of 2007, Neyland achieved Clubmark status in May 2008, the fourth club in Pembrokeshire to do so.

This was only possible thanks to the huge efforts, optimism and determination of Paul Miller, coupled with the excellent junior setup we have in place, led by Martin Jones.



Matthew Maynard of Glamorgan presents Neyland's Clubmark Accreditation Certificate to Paul Miller, at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, in August 2008.

As a direct result of our achieving accredited status we were awarded £1000, and via the ECB's machinery grant scheme we were able to purchase a £10k, 2 year old roller for just a quarter of it's market value. In addition, as we were one of the first clubs to be accredited we became a 'Focus' club, and this led to us receiving backing from the CBW with the offer of a 75% contribution to a new net facility.

The new net facility cost £43,109 overall, which meant we still needed to find £10,770. We secured a £1000 donation from Neyland Town Council, £4000 from the Lord Taverners, but unfortunately a few applications we submitted for the final funding we required to complete the project were unsuccessful.

However the committee agreed that this was not an opportunity that we could afford to miss. Consequently we funded the £5,750 needed to complete the project via an interest free loan from the ECB. This must be repaid with quarterly repayments of £300 for the next 5 years.

We are therefore writing to you to offer you the chance to become a member of our new '100 club', to help us to repay this loan.

There will be one £100 prize drawn each month, with £250 for each December draw, and a pair of tickets for the prime fixture of the summer in Sophia Gardens each June.

Membership of the '100 club' will be via £5 monthly direct debit (only just over £1 per week). Put something back into the community, support our efforts, and help to create the next generation of Neyland cricketers - join the '100 club' today!



Ashley Sutton (left) and Scott Jones (right) are the latest Neyland juniors to represent Wales.



Enthusiastic junior cricketers receive their awards at the 2008 presentation evening.

The players come together pre-season to prepare the ground for the new nets to be built on.



The old scorebox and the old net facility were both demolished to make way for construction of the new nets. The machinery shed / scorebox is to be relocated adjacent to the new nets before the 2010 season.



The good, the bad and the ugly of the demolition efforts.

Dura-Sport put the finishing touches to the new nets.



All that now remains is for the external security fencing to be added to protect the whole facility, and to ensure it remains in great condition for many years to come.



Groundsman Rob Bellerby pictured on the club roller, acquired with the help of an ECB machinery grant in 2008.

Recent Match News (29th July 2009)

Harrison-Allen Neyland beat 2007 league and cup double winners StIshmaels in the first round, followed by Llanrhian, then 2008 league winners Haverfordwest in the QF, and 2008 Harrison Allen winners Carew in the Semi-Final. Neyland now play Cresselly in the 2009 final, 1st Aug. To view the match reports go to the web site, www.neylandcricketclub.co.uk, then click the button "fixtures&Results", then "Mens 1st XI 2009" from the drop down and click on the relevant "Match Report" link.

Ladies Following Neyland's period of dominance in the league (league winners 2003-2007), 2008 saw Neyland and Hook finish with equal points. Neyland top the league having beaten Hook at home, and play Hook in the cup final

Have you seen the Honours section of the website? Here you will find a record of all the trophies Neyland Cricket Club have won over the years, along with pictures and scorecards associated with many of these, including the division 1 league winning season of 1996, the Harrison-Allen wins of '63,'71 and '83, the ladies cup win in 2006 and many more. Visit the website, at www.neylandcricketclub.co.uk, then click on the button 'History', then 'Honours', and click on the relevant link.

