



BEYOND THE BOUNDARY NEWSLETTER



Oulton Park, photo by Joanna Litler

Pre-season nets

As you will no doubt know, our pre-season winter nets are starting across all our divisions. This training is crucial to help all players get prepped and primed ready for a successful season ahead. Nets has already started in the junior teams, with Men's, U15s, and Women's softball training commencing from February.

Information for the individual team sessions can be found below. For more information on your specific session, please contact your team Captain, coach, or one of the Committee.

Team	Day	Where
U9s	Monday 6pm	Winsford Academy
U11s	Monday 5pm	Winsford Academy
U13s	Tuesday 8pm	Winsford Academy
U15s	Thursday 7.30pm	Hartford High
Mens	Thursday 7.30pm	Hartford High
Womens	TBC	TBC

For more information on your specific session, please contact your team Captain, coach, or one of the Committee.

Happy New Year!

I hope your year has started on a bright and positive note for everyone. As we look ahead to the upcoming cricket season, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our players, teams, and supporters a fantastic season across every division.

This year promises to be an exciting one at the Club, with plenty of developments happening both on and off the pitch. Here's a quick look at what's coming up:

- Preparations for the new season are already well underway, with winter nets in full swing to sharpen skills and build momentum.
- Investment in club facilities continues, ensuring we provide the best environment for cricket and our community.
- Club events, including our popular Race Day and Golf Day, giving everyone a chance to come together, have fun, and support the club.
- The introduction of SPOND, our new membership and team management platform, will streamline communication, payments, and team organization for the season ahead.

Whether you're a player, coach, volunteer, or supporter, your involvement is what makes this club such a special place. Together, we'll work towards another successful year filled with great cricket, camaraderie, and shared achievements.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Here's to a season of runs, wickets, and wonderful memories for all at Oulton Park Cricket Club!



Mike
Chairman, OPCC



Membership update

As we step into another exciting year at the club, I'm pleased to share an important update about our membership and team management system. This year, we're making a big change by moving away from Pitchero and adopting a new solution: SPOND.

SPOND is not only a more robust and user-friendly platform, but it's also significantly more cost-effective, helping us save valuable resources to invest back into the club.

You may have already received some notification emails from SPOND - if so, don't worry! Below, you'll find clear instructions to help you get set up and make the transition smooth.

In the next few weeks, you will start to receive membership fee notifications from the app:

- **SPOND users:** Notifications will appear in the app's payments section. Follow the onscreen instructions to pay.
- **Non-SPOND Users:** Look out for an automated email from SPOND with payment instructions.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Inge Bevers or Simon Hunter. Simon will also be available at the Men's Winter Nets with the U15s for any help you might need.

Accessing SPOND

All members (both playing and social) who are new to SPOND:

- Download the SPOND app from your app store.
- Create an account, and follow the instructions to join using the appropriate group code on the right.

Members who are already a SPOND user for other sports:

- Search for the correct OPCC group and request to join:
 - Men's Cricket: Use group code "YYZFZ"
 - Women's Cricket: Use group code "FODDN"
 - Social Members: Use group code "MYRLS"



OPCC has a new website!

Discover our club, committee, events and more... simply visit www.oulttonparkcc.uk

Junior Members: A separate communication from Simon will be sent out with more information.

Around the club

The Club has started its repair and upgrade to the training nets at Oulton Park. They're currently looking ery bare, but we hope they'll be fully refurbished, up and running in February, ready for the 2025 season. Many thanks goes to the company, Stuart Canvas who is working closely with Mike to repair the nets.

Do you want to help OPCC?

From groundskeeping to bartending, there's always something to do at the Club. Interested? Simply message Mike at oulttonparkcc@gmail.com



OPCC outdoor nets, Jan 2025



Dates For Your Diaries

- **Race day:** Our annual OPCC race day at Bangor Racecourse is on Saturday 12th April. This highly popular club event is open to all members, starting with breakfast at the Red Lion in Little Budworth. Bus there and back, your breakfast, and entrance ticket to the races is all included in the price. £50 per person. Contact Jodie Daniel (07720 386 832) for more information or book your place.
- **Golf day:** Our annual OPCC golf day is on Friday 23rd May to raise money for the club. This is a great day out for golfers and non-golfers alike. Enter a team of 4 or individually, £55 per person. Contact Simon Hunter for more information (07725 496 253).



At the races, Bangor-on-Dee 2024

2025 club kit

We are proud to confirm that Leslie Homes is our club sponsor once again this year. This partnership is highly valued by the club, and is testament to the relationship that we have and the work we are doing at Oulton Park.

Senior Men's kit:

The kit design for 2025 remains the same. However, the committee has decided that instead of the compulsory OPCC trousers from Skkits, you can now wear any cricket whites trousers alongside your official OPCC top. Please no large logos or colours on show.

Women's & Junior kits:

In the junior and women's sections, every OPCC player will be provided with a match shirt, funded by our club sponsor. The new kit will be ordered in January ready for the season start in April. More information on the supply of these shirt will follow from your club representatives.

In Other News

- **Raffle donations:** Have you found yourself with one too many bottles of wine in dry January, or a Christmas gift that just isn't for you? We are now on the hunt for club raffle donations to support us in our events throughout the year. If you have any suitable donations, please feel free to drop them to the club, or hand them to one of the committee, or coaches at pre-seasons nets.



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**We couldn't do it
without you...**

Thanks to our club sponsor for providing the juniors with their new coloured match shirts!



**Visit the
Skkits store...**

www.skkits.co.uk/oultton-park-c-c
to order your OPCC kit, other clothing & accessories.



Club sponsorship

When our community comes together, we can achieve great things! As we kick off 2025, the club faces rising costs alongside our ambitions to grow and support members. If you or your company can help through sponsorship, fundraising, or a personal donation, please contact Emma Hunter at sponsor.opcc@gmail.com.

This year, we're launching our Family Tree initiative to celebrate our 2025 members and raise funds. For just £10, you can add a signed photo of yourself to the tree in the clubhouse. We invite all members, supporters, friends, and family to join in and watch our tree grow!

Thank's for reading!

Here's to a fantastic season ahead for everyone at Oulton Park Cricket Club. We can't wait to see you at the club and on the field. Stay tuned for updates, and let's make 2025 a year to remember!

Warm regards,

Pete

Secretary, Oulton Park CC

P.S.



Congrats to our Women's Team!

Our women's team celebrated their inaugural win at the indoor cricket league in December. We wanted to spend a moment to celebrate this fantastic team effort!

If any ladies want to stay fit while having fun and are interested in joining the women's team please get in touch with the team via social media.

Our confirmed sponsors in 2025

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