



The Carlton Lockdown Newsletter

Till the gates of Grange Loan are open again

ISSUE 4

Introducing Carlton's New Junior Convenor



Meet Siobhan Fontenla, pictured here with her two children Gabriella and Harrison. Siobhan says,

'I'm really looking forward to undertaking the junior convenor role although I'm very aware that I have big footsteps to follow in!

'My introduction to Carlton came a long time ago when my children, Gabriella and Harrison, attended Grange Nursery.

'We used to stay a little later on a Wednesday evening and watch the juniors play and they both caught (pun not intended) the cricket bug.

'Since the day they joined Carlton they have both loved playing cricket, spurred on by the brilliant coaches and fantastic club spirit. Fast forward a few years and they are as excited and enthusiastic about playing now as they have ever been and there is no bigger compliment and testament to the club than that.

'We are very fortunate that the club is so inclusive across all age groups. I've even been roped into playing a few matches myself, but the less said about that the better!'

Next week - Siobhan updates on plans for the junior section this year.

Social Isolation Quiz 2

Congratulations to **Kerry and Tom Simpson** who held off strong competition to win the second quiz last Friday.

Watch the Club Twitter for news of the next event.

In this issue:

U8s in 2013 - Martin Firth remembers

**Catching up with Hannah Rainey
U15s in 2015 - the final instalment**



Martin Firth remembers an introduction to Kwik Cricket

This is the Carlton Under-8 team from June 2013 about to play their first tournament. It was the first time any of these boys had played in a competitive kwik cricket game. They did well, they ran Watsonians close, beat Carlton girls, and lost only to a very strong Hawick team.

What I particularly like about this photo is that 5 of the 9 are still playing regularly for Carlton, and one of the others is playing regularly elsewhere.

Many will recognise those five. They have been stalwarts of the U12 and U14 teams, and would normally now be starting a season at U16, Two are also Eastern Knights, and at least four are frequent members of our senior sides. The final player moved to a club across town, and I've therefore had the great pleasure of watching him play excellent cricket both for and against Carlton.

Ten days later, we went to a 3-way event at Boroughmuir. The U8s came mighty close to beating their own U9 team, and were ahead of the run rate in the chase until the very last over. Both the U8s & the U9s won their other match too.

Less than a year later, seven of this team appeared in the first U10 team I managed, in an early-season Kwik Cricket festival at RHC. And I've been enthusiastically watching them play cricket ever since.

Who?



v Forfarshire in July 2016

MEET HANNAH RAINEY - CARLTON AND SCOTLAND

When did you first come to Carlton?

What was it like? How does it compare now?

I first joined Carlton in 2008 after moving to Edinburgh from Kent. My best friend introduced me to the girls' Kwik Cricket sessions on Wednesday evenings, and I never looked back. I remember it being a lot of fun, we didn't take it too seriously and I was always getting in trouble for messing around with my friends. One thing I think has changed, is the integration of junior girls. Now I see young girls playing in the junior age-group teams along with boys and I think that is great!

Who particularly helped you at Carlton?

It is very hard to name just one person. Leigh Kasperek helping to run the Kwik Cricket sessions at the start definitely inspired my love for the game. My teammates (Helen Blair, Lily Cartwright, Ruth Willis and Katie McGill to name a few) made me feel very welcome when I joined the women's section. Since joining the Carlton Performance Academy last winter, both Fraggie and Gilly have really helped me to develop my technique and skills.

Favourite Carlton match?

It has to be the T20 Scottish Cup Final last year. It was a beautiful day in Stirling and such an enjoyable match and of course, we came home with the trophy.



How has lockdown affected you?

It has been quite an adjustment going from training 3/4 times a week, going to the gym 3/4 times a week and being in uni full-time to being home all the time. I am lucky to have been given a thorough training programme to help maintain and hopefully keep improving my fitness and strength. I have also been trying to do some skill and tactical work.

Aside from cricket, I was due to start my final year of veterinary medicine on 1st June, which has now been postponed to late August. My placements over Easter were cancelled and all our teaching has moved online. However, everyone is in the same boat and the university are doing everything they can. There are so many resources online which I am trying to make the most of!



Rob continues to relive the 2015 u15 Cup Adventures

Next we were drawn away at Tynedale CC, Northumberland champions, at least we knew, after a pleasant bus trip through the borders that it couldn't be any closer than the last round.... or could it? Here's how this one was reported;

They've done it again. The Carlton Under 15s have made it into the third national round of the ECB Club Championship [after another nerve shredding win](#). Without Olly Brown and Angus Hinton who were on Scotland duty for the win over Durham in Glasgow, the youngsters posted an impressive 121 for 6 in their 20 overs, based around a fine 46 from keeper Tom Simpson. After a threatening second wicket partnership, a clutch of wickets brought Carlton right back into the game. However, Tynedale weren't about to lie down and a great fightback took the game to the last ball, where a direct hit runout as the home batsmen scampered for a second run tied the scores, taking Carlton into the next round by virtue of having lost fewer wickets.

Once we had recovered, our group of fine young men and a sizeable entourage dusted themselves off and boarded the train to York CC.

While we weren't able to win our two games against Plumtree and Clitheroe, I have no doubt that the experience gained during the competition contributed to these lads moving on to bigger and better things. See how many of them now feature in the top teams at Carlton and in representative sides!

What a ride! You can see scorecards, match reports and photos from that season by using [this link](#).

Do You Wanna Dance?

Cricket like you haven't seen before in this great sketch from India - 6s, DRS and all - simply brilliant!

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1082972052049575936>

