



OLD RUYMIAN CRICKET CLUB

2022 (AD HOC) COMMITTEE

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Senura Ratiyala**

Cricket Week: 8th to 12th August, 2022

Old Ruymian cricket week has a long tradition. The Summer of 2022 will be the centenary of the first cricket season for Chatham House Grammar School for Boys, made up from the merger of the original Chatham House School and The County Boys School (once based at the Clarendon House site).

The OR cricket week has a long tradition, with some golden years. In the 1930s, 'Con' Davies, of Warwickshire CCC and JB Guy of Oxford University and Warwickshire CCC, venerable old boys, put opposition bowlers to the sword. Con, played for many years for Alexandra Park CC, the ORs oldest standing fixture.

In the 70s and 80 Tommy Thomas with his wonderful family and a few friends, catered for a wonderful week of cricket, well supported by a wide range of cricketing ORs, from many different eras at the school.

Ian and Caroline Flower maintained this momentum into the new millennium, but the decline in cricket at the school and locally, as well as new working patterns, meant fulfilling fixtures became more difficult. Issues at the school since the merger have not helped. However, this year, being the centenary of the old school, we are committed to making a big effort to reinstate the cricket week as a major fixture in the local sporting calendar.

Fixtures:

Monday 8th August, 1pm: Nelson CC (Ramsgate based club, formed in 1948, the club is full of ORs)

Tuesday 9th August: Free Day

Wednesday 10th August, 1pm: Band of Brothers CC (New fixture. Band of Brothers originated as the third wandering side of its type in 1858. The key distinction was the link solely to the county of Kent. Known commonly as “BB”, the club founders, the original “brethren”, were previous members of the East Kent Rifles.)

Thursday 11th August, 1pm: Ramsgate Corinthian CC (founded in the 1930s, Corinthians are one of the longest surviving local clubs, again with a number of ORs as present and past members)

Friday 12th August, 11am: Alexandra Park CC (the longest running fixture. ‘Con’ Davies was a member of AP for most of his life. So, the link with the ORs was made back in the 1930s)

We look forward to seeing you in August as a spectator, sponsor, or, most importantly, as a player. Please let the match-managers, (Dennis and Senura) know of your availability as soon as possible. We will send out the provisional sides by the end of May.

Yours,

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(Hon.Sec.)

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