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Dear North Enfield,

It’s my pleasure to welcome you to the 2020 season as the club’s new Membership Secretary. My name is Dan Vanniasingham (or “DVD” for those of you who cannot spell/pronounce my surname), and I have taken over the reins from Glen Halley. It’s a privilege to assume the position for our club, and I’m certain everyone reading this is as thankful to Glen as I am for his exceptional work over the years in keeping all members and friends updated and registered.

As a brief introduction, I joined NECC in 2009 with no previous playing experience, armed with a similar level of enthusiasm (high) and natural ability (questionable) as I still possess now! Over the years, and including a controversial loan deal to gain playing time, I have progressed to a regular 1st/2nd XI and occasional Sunday XI player, whilst also assisting the development of our now U14 age group. I’ve also nurtured a reputation for running (overly-complicated?) fundraising sweepstakes – so please keep an eye out for a Euro 2020 special this summer!

The club has continued to develop throughout 2019 with all junior sides showing progress, and an increasing number of our older juniors making the transition to all three of our Adult teams. Our club aims to provide a warm and welcoming environment for all players, as well as maximise opportunities to participate and socialise off the pitch. We intend to continue our efforts through 2020 and beyond, on behalf of all our members.

As a not-for-profit organisation run by a committee of dedicated volunteers, we rely on membership subscriptions at this time of year to help fund all the ground & match supplies required in preparation for pre-season. Every pound raised goes directly towards the continued existence of our club, & we are especially grateful to receive prompt applications/renewals in advance of “play” commencing in April.

As agreed at the recent AGM, our membership fees for 2020 have increased slightly to reflect the similar increase in our various outgoings. A summary of our prices is as follows:

Full Senior Membership = **£140** (was £130) (inc. Social Memb. for partner)

New to NECC Senior Member – First Year Discount = **£70**

Social Membership = **£45** (was £40)

Student/U17-18 Junior = **£45** (was £40)

Junior Member = **£85** (was £75) (inc. Social Membership for parents/guardians)

(note: **£40** for Senior/Life Member son/daughter not requiring Social Memb.)

Siblings of Junior Members = **£50** each (unchanged)

We now have **THREE** payments options available – you can either:

* Make a payment online direct to our HSBC account**:**

**Sort Code 40-12-03 A/C Number 41313029**

Please both state: ***your full name – subs*** as payment reference **AND then drop me an e-mail** to let me know you’ve sent your subscription, together with all members’ contact details (**name, address, email & tel. no**)

* Pay by debit/credit card via our NECC club till! Ask any committee member for assistance on your next visit, **and please subsequently e-mail** me all members’ contact details (**name, address, email & tel. no**)
* Or complete the 2020 Membership Form and return to my personal address as shown above with your cheque made payable to: **North Enfield Cricket Club**

If there are no changes to your existing membership details, it would still be very much appreciated to receive a “No changes” confirmation email/text.

Similarly, should your details change at any time then please do keep us updated. We will also process any requests to be removed from our database, should you no longer wish to receive NECC emails/letters.

Thanks in advance for all subscriptions/renewals, and if you have any queries regarding membership then please get in touch via email/text/Whatsapp & I will be happy to assist further.

To conclude this pre-season letter, please mark the following key dates in your diaries:

St Patrick’s Night: Sat 21st Mar 7:30pm @ NECC Pavilion

NECC Pre-Season Work Rota: Sat 28th/Sun 29th Mar AND Sat 4th/Sun 5th Apr

Junior Training (Week 1): Wed 22nd Apr

First Friendly Fixtures:

Sat 25th Apr: (H) v Old Finchleians

Sun 26th Apr: (H) v Highgate Taverners

First League Fixtures:

Sat 9th May: 1st XI (H) v Datchworth – Div 3A

2nd XI (A) v Preston IV – Div 10B

More events, news & updates will follow in our regular “Mail from the Chair” email newsletters throughout the season.

On behalf of NECC, best wishes to all for an enjoyable & successful year!

**Dan Vanniasingham**

**NECC Membership Secretary 2020**