



NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL PARTNERS





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Project Front Foot (UK)

Cover Picture

Monsoon mayhem in Mumbai as exceptionally heavy and prolonged rains bring traffic to a virtual standstill. See also page 7.

Kit 4 Kids

In early May – a little later than usual due to our Afghan Cricket Aid adventure – we launched our annual Summer Kit Appeal. Since October 2009 we have, with the support of British Airways, taken over three tons – and counting! – of clothing and equipment to Mumbai. To this end, August brought further news of our fly/cover drive partnership with British Airways with confirmation from their Community Investment Team of our nine bags (200kgs) for Mumbai this autumn. It was with renewed vigour then that we set out on a busy month of kit collections.

In early August we embarked on a ten hour (360 mile) road trip taking us to Leeds, Newcastle and Newark before finally unloading the van at base camp in Lincoln. Peter Mason (pictured opposite) is a long-time supporter of PFF along with fellow members of The Forty Club. As much as the light roller would be a welcome addition to the *mali's* equipment at the Gymkhana in Matunga we opted – in light of the welfare of the baggage handlers at both Heathrow and in Mumbai – to leave it behind. Sincere thanks to Peter and The Forty Club for their continued support of PFF.



The pursuit of clothing and equipment has taken PFF far and wide in the last nine years including road trips to Cardiff, Canterbury, Truro, London, Worcester, Manchester, Nottingham, Leeds and Derby. In early August we added to this with a visit to Ian Wardle (pictured opposite) in Newcastle. The Northumberland Cricket Board had been a key contributor to our Afghan Cricket Aid adventure in March, but this was the first time we had had the chance to visit Ian. With rain and several hours back down the A1 in prospect, it was the shortest of visits. More than enough time, however, to thank Ian for his valued support. Not that our day was over, as we gladly kept our coffee and kit appointment with Steve Archer and the Yorkshire Cricket Board on the outskirts of Leeds.

The key to all donations of clothing and kit is size: small is best. To this end, our wish list can be divided into two:

Dharavi Cricket Academy: bats, balls, pads, gloves, thigh pads, arm guards, helmets and plastic wicket sets.

Rural Schools Initiative: anything Kwik Cricket or All Stars Cricket related – plastic wicket sets, bats, wind balls, and ultra-light pads and gloves.

The kit opposite arrived courtesy of Kim Price and our friends at the Surrey Cricket Board. This will form part of the small kit packages destined for communities in and around Maharashtra as part of our Rural Schools Initiative.



Old Trafford Fundraiser

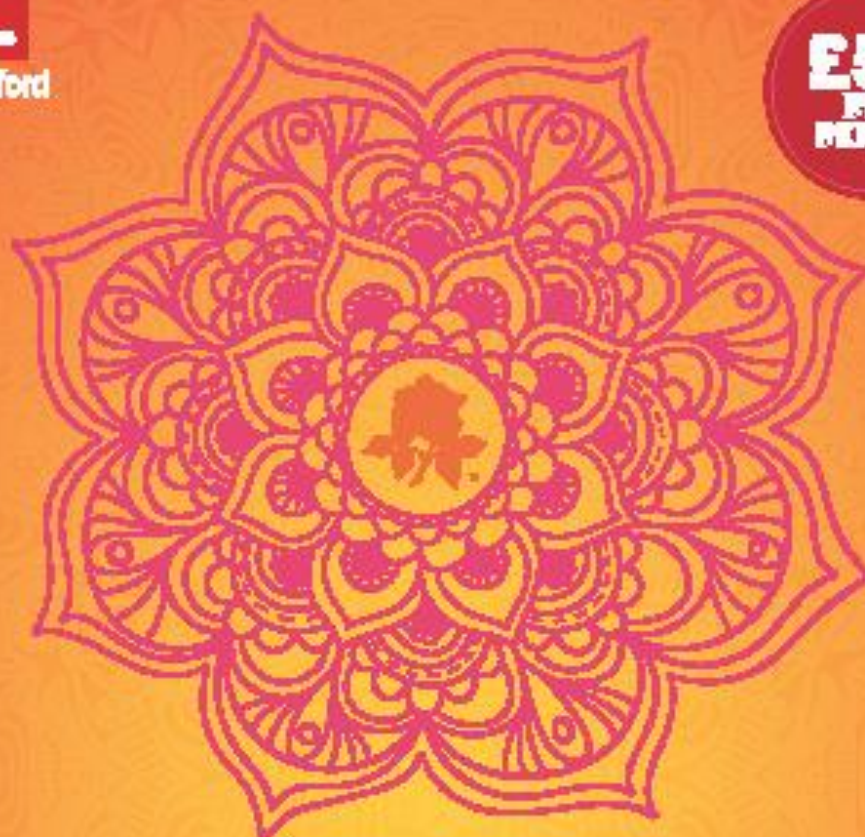
A year ago, as part of our on-going partnership with the Lancashire CCC Foundation, Sandy Mitchell and I spoke of the possibility of organising a fundraising luncheon, targeted at the Indian Business Community. This became a reality during August as the final touches were put to the promotional flyer pictured below.

To this end, Project Front Foot is delighted to announce a joint fundraising event with the Lancashire County Cricket Club Foundation at Old Trafford on 27 September. The Business Lunch, of special interest to the Indian community, costs £50 per person including luncheon in the Maiden Suite and match ticket.

On the day you will see Lancashire take on Surrey in the Specsavers County Championship as well as have the opportunity to hear from our special guest speaker, former Indian and Lancashire cricketing legend, Farokh Engineer.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to support the partnership between the LCCC Foundation and Project Front Foot's flagship work both with the children of Mumbai's Dharavi slum and village communities through our Rural Schools Initiative.

To book your tickets, call 0161 868 6849 or email foundationevents@lccc.co.uk.



BUSINESS LUNCH

RAISING FUNDS IN SUPPORT OF

PROJECT FRONT FOOT AND THE LCCC FOUNDATION

Emirates Old Trafford, Wednesday 27 September 2017

Maiden Suite, The Point 12pm - 4pm (two-course lunch on arrival)

Aimed at the Indian community, the event will cost £50 per person including a ticket to the Lancashire v Surrey Specsavers County Championship Match.

With special guest speaker and former India and Lancashire Legend Farokh Engineer interviewed by our very own Lancashire and England Wicketkeeper, Warren Hegg.

Plus, you could win two VIP tickets to watch England v India in the NatWest International T20 at Emirates Old Trafford in Summer 2018.

Project Front Foot provides kit, coaching and age group matches for the children of Mumbai's Dharavi slum during the November to May season. In addition to their work in Dharavi, they also provide kit packages to schools, orphanages, sports clubs, hospitals and village communities in and around Maharashtra through their Rural Schools Initiative.

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Front Foot Forum

For more details and pictures of Project Front Foot's work in August please click on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/projectfrontfoot/.

PFF Volunteers

There was one omission from news of our epic road trip in early August and that was Gary (White Van) Rook. As one of a loyal band of project volunteers Gary (pictured below left) gives freely of his time along with his consummate skill behind the wheel. To this group of driver/volunteers can be added Tim Gill (pictured below right), Tony Cross, Dicky Donnerstag, Matt Pickering, Andy Farrant, Jeff Lustig, Sue Carter and Jane Bennett-Powell.



In early September we take the donated kit from Lincoln to project base camp in Reading. It is then that the volunteer sorter/packers come into their own. A small but hardy group, this is the business end of the project as the donated kit is made ready for its journey to Mumbai. Pictured below left we have Ron Corbett and Tim Gill hard at work sorting coloured clothing, while below right Fred Williams surveys the end product of a long hard day in March.



As the worth and performance of a marathon runner is often judged by his or her support team, so it is with a charity such as Project Front Foot. You are only as strong as your team members. At Project Front Foot we have a dedicated band of hardworking volunteers who give freely of their time and vehicles and, although they may never make it to Mumbai, have already left a huge impression on the city and its children.

Project Front Foot (India)

Monsoon Mayhem

Thanks to intrepid Reality Gives staff member, Ravi, we have some decidedly waterlogged images of our ground in Matunga. The Indian Gymkhana, along with everywhere else in Mumbai, was deluged in late August by exceptionally heavy and prolonged monsoon rains.



All of which meant that deep mid-wicket morphed into a very deep mid-wicket. Thankfully the worst appears to be over allowing Mumbai to dry out, take stock, and bounce back. As for the Gymkhana? Come hell or high water our ninth season will start in the first week of November.



Female Cricket 2016-2017

One of the success stories of the past twelve months has been our partnership with Vishal and Srinath at Female Cricket. To reprise this new and rewarding partnership we have no hesitation in recreating some of the moments that made it such a memorable first season.







Lions Club of Dahisar

We will again be looking to support our friends at the Dahisar Lions Club this autumn. I've already had an email from Lion Murthy talking kit packages. Such support is invaluable to a project like ourselves as we would find it almost impossible to source deserving schools. With the Lions help such school visits, while hard work negotiating traffic and temperatures, are some of the most rewarding of our stay.



And finally

So it begins



Vic Mills. Berlin. September 2017.