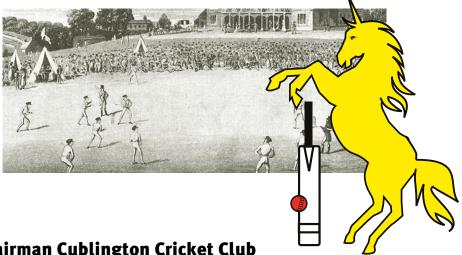




# Welcome to the Cublington Cricket Club Newsletter 2020 – the Covid-19 edition!



Note from Michael Reilly, Chairman Cublington Cricket Club

We know cricket has been recorded as having been played at Cublington since 1863 (see inside for more on that). The sport of cricket has a known history beginning in the late 16th century. Having originated in south-east England, it became the country's national sport in the 18th century and has developed globally in the 19th and 20th centuries. International matches have been played since 1844 and Test cricket began, retrospectively recognised, in 1877. The pandemic is a painful reminder of our vulnerability but also of our community spirit and determination & spirit. Whilst many grass roots clubs for many different sports will cease or decline — Cublington Cricket Club will thrive and continue in our mission to provide boys, girls and adults an outlet for their sporting ambitions.

2020 proved to be challenging for us all and lockdown restrictions prevented league cricket during the Summer and indoor nets during the Winter. No games, no teas, no match fees and mostly no annual subscriptions (some kind members and ex overseas paid subs – thankyou sincerely!). But we fought back and used all our resources to make considerable improvements to the ground, in part due to receiving £3,000 from the English Cricket Board and £2,000 from the Orchard Ground Committee through their successful grant application to Buckinghamshire County Council.

Almost all these monies are being spent repairing equipment, Orchard Ground field maintenance, drainage and aeration and tackling a contagion of poa grass, which if we didn't control would render large parts of the outfield dead and unplayable!

#### This Newsletter is about keeping the Club engaged with members.

We have gone into our archives and found some photographs and press cuttings that reflect our history and shows good times and strange times. Cricket reveals what is within. The players (we were all young once!), the short tours, the achievements on the field and above all else the camaraderie and friendship. This Newsletter is a short homage to both the game of cricket – those who play, do the ground, make the teas, score, manage, coach, parent and administrate. All of these people involved truly reveal what is within – generosity, kindred spirit, humour and fun! We are planning for 2021 and we want to see all our members back – training, playing and supporting.

I hope you enjoy the Newsletter, keep safe and see you all in 2021.





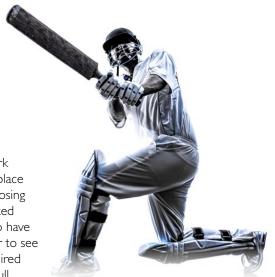
BUCKS CRICKET BOARD

www.buckscb.org

MANAGING DIRECTOR: RICHARD HUDSON RICHARD.HUDSON@BUCKSCB.ORG

#### Cublington Cricket Club are an ECB Clubmark Club.

ECB Clubmark is an accreditation scheme for cricket clubs shows that a club is sustainable, well run and provides the right environment for its members. Clubmark accreditation also means your club is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages, as well as assuring parents and carers that they are choosing the right option for their young people. The requirements for Clubs to be accredited include having a Club Development Plan, for all officials to be DBS checked and to have the relevant qualifications for their role and a site visit from a Bucks Cricket officer to see that the Club runs safe and engaging coaching for junior cricketers. Clubs are required to complete an annual self-assessment and update of documents and undergo a full reaccreditation process every 3 years,





# **Junior Section News for 2021**

#### CCC have entered the Bucks League in three age categories - under 11, 13 and 15.

We want all the young people of Cublington and surrounding areas to be involved - **BOYS AND GIRLS!**Regardless of ability or experience of cricket get active, get involved. We also have great social events throughout the year.
Lets make 2021 a year to remember - for fun, sport and fitness!

**PARENTS** - do you want to get involved and support your local cricket club? Coach? Play? Manage an age group? Great fun, and we have great facilities in Cublington.

**Contact** Nick Webb nick@pwwpl.com or myself Michael Reilly on mtcreilly@aol.com.



Tom Gadsby shaping up nicely - oh wait, it's a YAHOO!

## Sunday XI report 2020

#### By Our Man in the Stands

We never thought this might happen when everything was cancelled in March, but we actually played some cricket this year. The season restarted in July the day after the Four Counties League decided to cancel league cricket for the season. We could have played half a season. Oh well, never mind. The upside was that we played lots of friendly cricket. Competitive, but friendly, which everyone rather seemed to enjoy.

We were allowed back in the nets from May with the result that many enthusiastic Cublington cricketers were properly in the groove by the time the season started. The most avid netters were Jack Gotzheim, Harry Gadsby, Harvey Knights and James Taylor (see league table below). There were many sightings of the Bailey family, Middleton family and team Gregory. Also the occasional Ollie Fairhurst (well, once) and Kit Gordon-Stuart. I'd like to say that net practice translated into form in the middle. In Jack's case it did. He bowled quick and accurate left arm seamers all year and is now definitely the quickest bowler in the club (Ollie who?). Harry Gadsby, however, couldn't buy a run until the end of August when he hit consecutive 50s.

Harry, the new Sunday skipper, didn't lose a toss all year. The one game for which Bainesy stepped up to lead he made a shocking mess of the toss. Can't remember what happened in the game, but Bainesy, we give you ONE job...

Nick Clarke and Jack Gotzheim both got 3-fers against Wooburne Narkovians who were rolled over for 120. Easy win for Cubs. Nick Clarke also got 20 runs for a solid man-of-thematch performance. Alec Howe had figures of 2 for 9 off 7.4 overs opening the bowling.

A fine effort from the main cricketing Gadsby in notching up 25 net sessions over the summer with honourable mentions for anyone else in double figures. The Gregory family (featuring Martin Palmer) were the most regular family group to attend. Could you play a few games next year too, please? And how on earth did the Bullock family, permanently injured and mainly held together with sticky tape and string manage six appearances? Or was that just Ness?



Tom Gadsby and Martin Middleton opened the batting against Hyde Heath for a partnership 60 off 10 overs in a game that almost didn't happen as we went to their place and they came to ours. Many thanks to the Hyde Heath groundsman for getting the game on with 30 minutes notice

Gus Macleod smacked 56 against Haddenham, while Harry Gadsby nurdled 53, although not enough to secure the win.

We had a good game against the Prince of Wales' XI (Prince Charles couldn't make the game himself). Cubs batted first knocking up 182 with 67 from Venables and 36 from KGS. A good shift from Harvey Knights opening with 29. Harvey also got either a 3- or 4-fer (blame the myopic scorer for the lack of certainty) as we bowled them out for 138.

A big shout out to Adam Bosompen who opened the bowling in pretty much every game he played and picked up useful wickets in pretty much every game. Worth noting that he always bowled against the oppo's best bowlers. Also to the Middletons (Martin and Ferdy) with the bat and Oscar with many wickets with his off spin.

How great to be out there playing cricket and spending time with mates, revelling in their triumphs and disasters, as ever. Enough cricket was played to fill the off season with plenty of banter fodder.

# Can't wait for 2021.

# Outdoor (in their bubbles) Nets league table

Harry Gadsby 15 Jack Gotzheim 15 Harvey Knights 15 Gregory family 13 Bailey family 13 James Taylor 10 Middleton family 6 Bullock family Ladies team Harry Gotzheim Gore family 2 Nick Clarke 2 Jack Rodnight Kit Gordon-Stuart Vikram Pandit Tall Paul Tony Lewis Michael Chater Charlie Ings-Chambers Nick Rowe Tom Gadsby Ollie Fairhurst

## **The Eccentic Ways of Cricket**

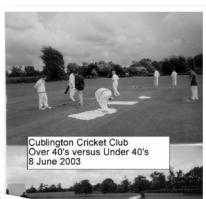
It has to be said that our Club has had some eccentric members in the past, and the present. Who can ever forget Tom Gadsby's efforts to "get the game on". The players were ordered home for towels to soak up the rain. Legend!

Below the annual Posh versus Tosh cricket match (captained by Tom Gadsby and Adam Farr respectively, with Ollie Fairhurst and Steve Mackie also pictured).









# The History - Cublington and Cricket

We have had some famous players at Cublington. Pictured is the legend Adam Farr and some other bloke who played for the Club! Yes he did!

This great image is from 1905 and relatives of the Beckett family are still living in the village today. >>>>>

Moving on to 1954 another great image. But a Club's success is based on developing quality coaching for our young players. How many can you spot from this archive collections below?







Cublington and Swanbourne in the summer of 1863.

SWANBOURNE.

CRICKET — CUBLINGTON V SWANBOURNE.— A friendly match at cricket was played at Swanbourne, on Wednesday last, between the elevens of these two villeges. The weather was all liast could be wished for. Swanbourne won the toes, and sent Cublington to the Swanbourne won the toes, and sent Cublington to the Phillip's slows and Walker's round handers made it rather teasing and they went out pretty quick, till. The training and they went out pretty quick, till J. Young Walker bowled excellently, although only 15 years of age, and under the disadvantage of a great rise to his wickets. He is a very promising bowler, rise to his wickets. He is a very promising bowler, rise to his wickets. He is a very promising bowler, the first innings should result in a tie, thus leaving that the first innings should result in a tie, thus leaving that the first innings should result in a tie, thus leaving that the first innings should result in a tie, thus leaving the game to be won by the second innings, which kept it the more alive. T. Biggs commenced the 2nd innings for Cublington, and made some capital hits, 5 lours, ings for Cublington, and made some capital hits, 5 lours, he could do no better; Biggs was at last caught by he could do no better; Biggs, sen, played deadly upon the "timber-yards," his balls being all upon the ground, Hedge bowled very aswiftly, and a hye was attempted, but the long-stop (T. Biggs,) much there over to the far wlockt, and out went Gates.

This showed very bad, but always to the wicket-keeper. "Duck's eggs." were very plentiful, 17 being scored altogether. "En score at the end of the match stood as onder:—

CUBLINGTON.

Comme	2nd inn.
J. Halsey, 1bw	c Gates. 24 b Phillips 6 ditto 4 st Walker 0 c ditto 0 b Phillips 0 l not ant 1 l is Phillips 7 8 1 b w 0 0 run out 0 5 bys, &c 6
	35 48
SWANBOURN	2nd inn.
lat inn. E. White, b Hedges J. Phillips, o Simmons J. Grace, b Biggs, sen T. Seatron, b Biggs E. Belgrove, 1 b w T. Gates, c Hedges W. Walker, jun W. Ludgate, c Clarke H. Colegrove, b Hedges T. Kemp, not out W. Walker, sen., c Biggs Byes, &c.	7 b Biggs 10 5 b Hodges 6 9 1 b w 0 0 b Biggs 1 1 not out 0 2 run out 1 1 b Hedges 2 1 c White 1 5 b Biggs 0 0 ditto 0 0 title 4 byes, &c 2
The return match will be Friday, the 29th.	played at Cubington on

#### CUBLINGTON

CRICKET.—SWANBOURNEY CUBLINGTON.—On Thursday last, at, Swanbourne, a third cricket match was played to determine upon which side victory should remain (in other words, who were the best cricketers), as on the two previous occasions the above villagers won and lost ait-mately. How-ver, this time it was soon decided in favour of Cublington, as will be seen by the following soure:—

2nd Innings.

18t Tuttuge	_	1
E. White. c Biggs, junr	5	h Hedges
G. Walker, c Jos. Bigg	6	b Riegs, senr
D. Allerman, c Biggs, junr.	O	a Bigga, junr
D. Alterman, c. 1985. T. F. Freemantle, Esq. b Simnons T. Senton b Hedres J. Philip, c Biggs, junr W. Walker, b Simmons J. Grace, b ditto N. Colgrove, c Cheney J. Colgrove, not out Ludgate b Hedges Wides Byes	-	h H-dges I h w Biegs, sen: c Biggs, sen: not out Biggs, sen: b H-diges h set: b Biggs, sen: Wites Liyes
	25	
CUBLIN	OTO	N.
1st Iun	ing	1.
C. Halsey. b Seator J. Hedges, I b w, b; G. Cheney, b Walk T. Biggs, juur., c W Simmons, b Wal J. White, b Seaton T. Biggs, seur., c J. J. J. Halsey, b Walk — Clarke, not out — Brazier, c T. F. Wides	hit ker H. (	10 0 3 11 Colerove 2 7 6 6 8 emantle 0
1110.0		4

**Lublington victorious!** 



Celebrating our 150th Anniversary a 2 day match versus Swanbourne followed by a black tie supper.









# A Note from our 1st Team Captain

It was slightly disappointing that the notification of the resumption of cricket came 3 days after the league had been abandoned and that nothing was put in place in that respect. However, we tried to make the most of the opportunities by playing as many fixtures as we could. It was a really good opportunity for some of the younger players to gain experience in some lower stakes games. This was certainly the case in the game against Great Brickhill when the whole

We started with a fixture just down the road against Whitchurch which was the first showing of what the younger players could do, with Matthew Sparke scoring his first senior century and we ended up comfortable winners. Our second match against Great Brickhill, played at the second time of asking, following a rained off game the previous week, was a high scoring affair with Great Brickhill chasing 270 in their 40 overs. As mentioned earlier this match was notable for the age of the bowling attack, the standout performance coming from Jack Gotzheim who bowled with pace and accuracy, to end up with 4 wickets. Buckland & Aston Clinton provided the next opposition and were allowed to get too many runs courtesy of extras and we fell 50 short chasing 214. The less said about the (unscheduled 2) games against IAS the better, which unfortunately ended up being the last Saturday game to complete, as the rain ended the game at Eaton Bray when it was delicately poised and the opposition cried off the final game.

It was fantastic that we were able to play the games we did on a Saturday, when in May it looked like we would not be able to play at all, although frustrating that the rain prevented 3 and another one was cancelled. It was great to see many of the younger players performing in senior cricket alongside some of the more experienced heads. A huge thank you must go to the grounds team for getting the Orchard Ground ready to play, especially the outfield repairs.

We look forward to, hopefully, resuming the League next season with the future looking bright in terms of quality.

# The Game being played

We are looking forward to 2021, and we want to see all our members back on the field of play. Get your bats and kit together. Never too early to get the linseed oil on the bat, change the grip and check your boots. Let's banish 2020 to history - onward and upward.







# Tennis is the perfect sport for all fitness, health & wellbeing.

Especially at this difficult time. New members always very welcome. Or why not have a game while the kids are playing cricket?!

- Social and competitive tennis
- Free floodlights
- New season begins May 1st



#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** Caroline Lane 01296 681373 carolinelane@btinternet.com

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION &

NON MEMBER COURT BOOKINGS (£10 PER HOUR): Gary Brazier 01296 688548 gary@cublington.com or 07713 723788

## **Cublington CC**

# Financial Report for 2020

As we are close to the year end, the situation I can report now will very likely be what we carry over into 2021 and it is good news!

Our bank accounts hold a total of just over £5000 and, although we have some expensive outfield repair work to fund in the Spring, we have more than sufficient funds to see us through the early months until our main income streams of membership subscriptions and match fees come on line.

We should be very grateful to our sponsors, Malvern Garden Buildings and Jonathan Marsh, who have remained fully supportive during this unusual year. Thanks must also go to our Chairman, ably assisted by Martyn Waters, in securing various valuable grants together with important contributions from the Orchard Ground Committee. Generous Vice Presidents contributed over £500 to Club funds and many members paid part or full subscriptions totalling over £1100.

As always our main expenditure relates to preparing, maintaining and improving our ground and facilities and we have been very fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers led by Tim Taylor, who have helped considerably to reduce our usual outgoings in

**Chris Scott, Treasurer** 

# **CCC Ladies/Girls**

CCC Ladies/Girls have entered the Home Counties Women's League and will be in the Super 8s competition. If you would like to be involved in our growing Girls/Ladies section, regardless of age or experience, contact Sophie O'Toole via email on sophieshopping@live.co.uk. Get active, have fun and lets make 2021 a year to remember! Competitions start on Sunday May 2.

The Ground the Ground









Cricket has two obsessions – the stats and the ground. To maintain the ground to a quality standard costs about £8,000 a year. Seed, loam, rolling, top soil, spraying, cutting and equipment maintenance. It takes a huge volunteer effort and 2020 has seen major challenges – due to wet weather, poa grass contagion, degrading drainage. All of the above requiring investment of money and time. Special mention for Tim Taylor, Ryan Bullock, James Taylor, Dennis Allen and Howard Gregory. Special mention also goes to Mick Farr who has rolled the square for many years but has now retired from this critical role. Thankyou Mick for your service to the Club.The ground also benefits from an annual "Ground Force Day" where volunteers gather to open the ground for a new season and close the ground for the Winter. Great effort by all.

### HELP: THE CRICKET CLUB NEED VOLUNTEERS!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ON THE GROUND, SCORE, UMPIRE, COACHING OR PLAY? CONTACT ME

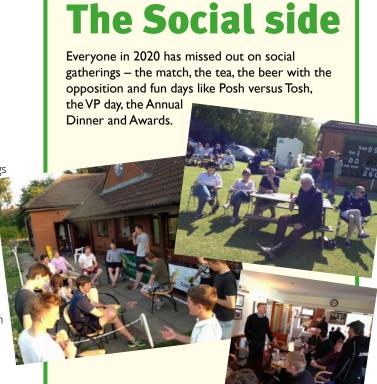
Michael Reilly on 07876593434 or email on mtcreilly@aol.com



what3words The Centre of the cricket square: ///excavated.requiring.manuals The Biggs Pavilion: ///image.rejects.steady

The Unicorn: ///pizza.crackles.tasters

**Member of the Four Counties Cricket League** www.cublingtoncc.org



We will be back in 2021 - see your friends, play the game and make merry.