

Cricket at Cublington



Exciting news for all members, young and old.

End of season Newsletter 2018



Groundsman Wanted

Cublington Cricket Club are seeking a groundsman (or woman) for the 2019 season. Recently retired? Want to keep fit? You may have some experience playing cricket and perhaps preparing a cricket strip? CCC will ensure you get full training on ground preparation and how all the equipment works.

If interested, please contact Michael Reilly at mtcreilly@aol.com or telephone 07876593434

Winter nets

We have booked Waddesdon School sports hall for the following net sessions for seniors and all juniors who aspire to play senior cricket in 2019:

Thursday 28 February

Thursday 7 March

Thursday 14 March

Thursday 21 March

Thursday 28 March

Thursday 4 April

All sessions are from 7pm until 8.30pm.

for more details contact:

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Ben and Felix receive their award from Kent Bowler, Harry Podmore

Congratulations to our Young Leaders in Cricket

We again participated in the ECB 'Young Leaders in Cricket' initiative with a group of our boys and girls successfully completing this highly beneficial life skills development programme.

As well as the youngsters gaining valuable experience to add to their CV or Personal Statement, the club benefited from their volunteering in support of CCC. They were all invited to Lords to in October to receive their awards.

We will again be offering this next year to all Juniors in Year 9 and above.

Ladies Cricket in 2018



It was a mixed season this year with not many games played, as we were very unlucky with the weather. We played three and won 2 and had 3 rain or holiday affected which was a shame as we are beginning now to move on and play a more recognised form of the sport!

We have some great ladies who are very committed and a good collection of girls who are really good and joining in and are an important part of the team.

We have had some good coaching from both Steve George and Steve Bullock who were really helpful and have moved us on to playing at a higher level which we hope to progress further next year.

As always if you want to join our ladies team - experience isn't necessary but enthusiasm is!

Please contact me on 07941 172118 or mrsrodders@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to come and be part of the Cublington Ladies.

Thank you to the coaches and to all the ladies and girls who made this season a good platform for next.

Catherine Rodnight



Awards Evening 2018

The end of season awards evening saw 40-odd (not 40 odd) players, family and friends attend an excellent evening at the Unicorn. It was a great chance to catch up with friends and reminisce over events from the season, the good, the not so good, and some frankly imaginary. Some cricketing highlights included Ethan Viljoens taking the award for young player of the season, John Munday the most improved player and Matthew Sparke winning player of the season, well deserved for his attitude on the field, keenness to attend every possible training session and match and for his cricketing contribution.

Some of the less serious awards were strongly contested. Mike Reilly and Tim George tied for the champagne moment of the season for their batting contributions in two games for the first XI (yes, really).

Brown Ale moment was scooped by Chris Baines for defending a free hit, and he also took the Duck of the Season award for a spunky and attritional duck spread over 18 balls and including an lengthy spell off the field for an injury break.

Tom Gadsby was delighted to receive the Ben Orchard Man of the People award which came with a framed copy of the Gadsby coat of arms and a fine speech.

Many thanks to all who helped arrange the evening, especially Mike Reilly and Ollie Fairhurst and to the Unicorn for hosting us and providing a delicious dinner. The event raised a significant sum for the club's coffers so our thanks, too, to all who attended and supported the event.

Tom Gadsby



1st XI report

It was a tough season on the field, but there were certainly a number of positives to come out of it, especially the performances of some of the younger players. The season did not get off to a great start as we were unable to get the ground ready for the first game against Oxford Downs and in the second week we travelled to Great & Little Tew where we lost by 10 wickets. Things could only get better, and they certainly did, we beat Great Brickhill by 91 and the following week nearly defended 130 against Banbury. However, comfortably our best performance of the season came when we defeated eventual champions Bicester and North Oxford. A fantastic counter attacking partnership from Oscar Williams and Matthew Sparke laid the foundations for a superb win. For the rest of the season we simply struggled to score enough runs to put teams under pressure and only won one further game in the return fixture against Great Brickhill.

A huge thank you to all 42 players who represented the 1st XI this season, especially those who stepped in at short notice. Here's to some more wins in 2019.

Owen Venables

2nd XI report

The 2nd XI endured a tough season in which we were relegated, nevertheless there were many moments to celebrate and much to look forward to in 2019. Dawie Viljoens proved an excellent skipper, when not being poached by the 1st XI and has grown into the role. We look forward to him leading us to more victories next year. We scored one 100 (Steve Godfrey) and six 50s (Godfrey again, Steve George, Tom Gadsby and Charlie Perkin). Five players averaged over 40. Godders also finished top of the wickets column with 14. Our role as a development XI was vindicated with Ethan Viljoens, Jack and Harry Gotzheim, Rhys Nicholas and Cameron Bullock all making valuable contributions with bat and ball and we look forward to more from all of them, and other younger players next year. Most importantly they, and all of us continued to enjoy our cricket even if results didn't always go our way.

Tom Gadsby



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The Pitchero website platform has proved a useful hub once again for the club. In particular this year the increase in the use of the website for managing availability for selection has helped the our teams selected both more easily and earlier. Many thanks to Chris Scott who has been managing the membership databases on the back end to help with this. We look forward to further improving the news and events sections as we go into the new year.

Any thoughts, drop me a line or feel free to make changes yourselves.

Alec



CCC old boy now playing for Sydney University 1st team

This is how to catch a ball. Cublington CC old boy, Ben Joy now playing for Sydney University 1st team down under starts his season with a fine boundary catch. Well done Ben - all those years of CCC fielding drills and coaching paying a dividend! See it on the website or at this address.

http://videos.eu.pitchero.com/1788586/133156_elastic_transcoded_1538603182.mp4

Cublington Sunday XI 2018 Season

Another great season of social cricket with many players enjoying great performances. Special mention for the Gotzheim brothers who have shown real quality with bat and ball and Harry, with his leg spin, is a serious contender for senior league next season. Adam Farr, Kit Gordon Stuart, John Munday, Chris Baines, Ollie Fairhurst and Tom Gadsby continue to be a spine of the Sunday team and the young Jonathan Marsh (both for Saturday league and on Sunday has shown he can see the ball - sublime performances, a ton in the season but also a bizarre dismissal on 98 against Haddenham). The bowler, a young CCC player lent to the opposition - Charlie Taylor. Jug avoidance! Chris Baines, as ever, carried on his Geoff Boycott appreciation, with a dogged 76 against Soulbury, a match which also saw Charlie Taylor making his senior cricket batting debut. A great game also versus Chorley Wood strollers, Steve George's old team. CCC posting 148 for 5 with the strollers winning by a nose - 152 for 8. Tom "cow corner" Gadsby bagging 39 runs and bowling machine Fairhurst taking 3 wickets for a mere 14 runs. Steve George got himself a wicket - as he trundles from his fine leg home. Well done Garth Taylor also for a great contribution during another, hot and memorable Sunday season.



Pictures from the 2018 cricketing season

U13s won their Aylesbury District League title with the help of a couple of talented girls as we were short!

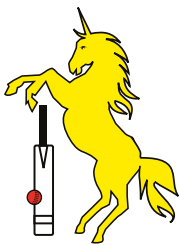




Pictures from the 2018 cricketing season

YOUTH CRICKET REPORT 2018

Junior Cricket



Our young cricketers enjoyed another successful season in 2018.

Boys' teams competed in leagues from U9 to U15 with a good level of success. Both our U15s and U13s won their respective Aylesbury District League titles losing only one game during the season. The U12s again competed extremely well playing some of the best cricket in the Junior section. The U11 and U9s included many players new to the game and showed genuine progression during the season. Our U11s, U13s & U15s all played in the Bucks County Cup competitions.

Girls Cricket continues to flourish at the club such that we were able to field both an U13 and U15 side in the Aylesbury District League this season. Cublington CC now has the strongest Girls section in the area. Both our Girls' teams competed exceptionally well and remained unbeaten throughout the season against good boys' teams until their final game.

Well done to all our Junior Cricketers who are a credit to the club. Huge thanks to all our Coaches and Managers who put so much time in to make it possible for us to offer Junior Cricket. Special mention to Garth Taylor who has been a great supporter of the club. We will miss the whole family but wish them well as they start a new life in Malaysia.

All Stars Cricket

Cublington were again a host centre for the ECB All Stars Cricket initiative this season. We had over 30 boys and girls, 5- 8 years old, coming along on Friday evenings. Friday is now very much a Family Night at the club. As well as the All Stars we run a BBQ every Friday and it's also training night for the Girls and Ladies teams. Many thanks to James Gregory for looking after the All Stars this year and to all the parents who helped out with the BBQ.

Looking forward to 2019

Winter nets will commence in February for both the Boys and Girls teams with outdoor training getting underway in mid April. Our boys will be welcoming a touring side from the Port Elizabeth area of South Africa at the beginning of July. Whilst we are hoping Bucks County will be starting a Girls league in 2019.

Gordon Sparke *Head of Youth Cricket*





Membership for next year... pay online only...update your details

Fees unchanged across all categories for 2019

Some small tweaks but substantially no increase in subs for next year and the introduction of a few more membership categories to reflect the changing requirements of our members.

The one major innovation is that ALL membership fees must be submitted via our Club website (<http://www.cublingtoncc.org>). When doing this please take the opportunity to update all your contact details. We plan to use the web and its social media tools in all our communication from next season, so unless we have up-to-date information, we will not be able to tell you which team you are in, when the annual dinner is, whether you were man of the match... Thanks

Category	2019
* Senior (full playing member)	90
Non-playing	25
* Youth (NB Now 16-23)	70
* Junior (9-15)	90
All Stars** (5-8)	40
Ladies	50
Family membership fees combination of juniors and adults	
* 2 family members	145
* 3 family members	155
* 4 family members	190
* 5 family members	225
Life membership	on application

NOTES

** All Stars fee goes to ECB/CCC and is separate and in addition to Family membership fees

*£12 for each category of membership marked * goes to Orchard Ground 100 Club



Introduce a new member - 50% off your fees

Can you invite/cajole/persuade a friend, a relative, a neighbour to come along and get involved at the club? The Club needs more senior playing members, scorers and umpires and as an incentive to our members, we are offering a 50% reduction in your membership fee if you can introduce a new member (playing or non-playing umpires/scorers) who pays the full appropriate fee.

Dates for your diary

AGM is Tuesday 22nd January, 2019 8pm at the Unicorn

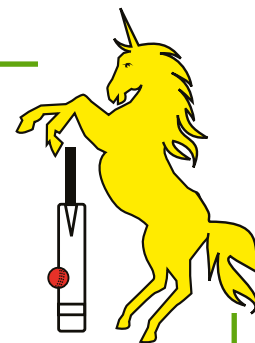
Groundforce day - 6th April, 2019

First Outdoor Nets - 9th April, 2019

Pre Season Social -

Friday 26th April, 2019 at the Unicorn Public House 7.30pm

Annual CCC Golf Day - Monday 27th May



CCC – 2018 Finance Report

The 2018 accounts have not yet been finalised but the Club's financial position remains stable and secure, but we must not be complacent.

We have had great support from our sponsors and generous club members, which has compensated for the marked reduction in income from social events and membership numbers. Subscription collection via Pitchero and the Club website has gone relatively smoothly, with some useful learning for next year, particularly around new members. Match fee collection has continued to be much more efficient and is an important income stream. The sad loss of Niall Mackay has meant that a significant income stream from eBay sales has ceased and any volunteers to step into that role will be very welcome.

Our major outlays have been focused on maintaining and improving our highly regarded 'square' and ensuring that we have the quantity and quality of machinery to maintain high standards throughout the season. Bucks CC are always keen to host county events at Cublington, which is testament to the work put in by both volunteers and our regular contractors.

Our commitment to having an overseas player/coach each year is a significant cost to the Club, but is one that helps to differentiate us. As always, it will be important to ensure value for money with next year's recruit.

To ensure that the Club thrives we need to increase our membership numbers next year, generate significant income from social events and retain and develop our sponsors and advertisers. Many costs are unavoidable, but there is always scope for savings. By keeping a keen focus on both sides of the balance sheet the Club will continue to be a very viable enterprise to support the increasing success of the on-field activity.

A draft copy of the full years accounts will be available at the AGM in January and the full audited accounts will be posted on the Club's website as soon as they have been approved.

Chris Scott - Treasurer



Umpires/scorers always needed

CCC 1st XI plays in a division of the Cherwell League where the standards are high. There are ground standards which have to be met and the quality of cricket is good. Standards are kept high by the Leagues insistence that each team provides a 'panel' umpire and their own scorer. We are struggling on both counts which is unfortunate, because without umpires and scorers you can't play at the level we want to play at. As a club, we can provide funded training so all we need is an expression of interest from anyone who might be interested and can help the club.

Many congrats...

Many congratulations to the Ground Team and all who helped prepare Orchard Ground during the difficult summer. The marks are in from Umpires and opposition captains rating the pace, bounce, outfield, overall ground and umpires facilities and we achieved 15 out of 20.

If you would like to join our ground team for 2019, please contact Michael Reilly.

Chairman's View

The end of another season, with mixed success and many challenges. The main success has been the strength of the Junior section, the increased interest in girls/women's cricket and a well attended All Stars programme as well as a great showing in the Last Man Standing midweek format. The junior talent that Cublington has is incredible and I look forward to seeing many more junior players break into the senior sides during 2019. Well done to Garth Taylor, Catherine Rodnight, Debbie Knights, Gordon Sparke and all the superb junior coaches and team managers! However, the 2018 senior season in the Cherwell League saw both our 1st and 2nd team relegated - dropping down to Division 4 and Division 9 respectively.

The main challenge for our senior sides is player availability. In 2016 the English Cricket Board conducted a major survey on the state of cricket across England and Wales. The data collected resulted with the conclusion that as of September 2016 approximately 278,600 adults in England play cricket on a monthly basis. As of 2015 there were approximately 292,600 cricket players participating on a monthly basis in England. Since 2008 the number of cricket players has thus been decreasing from 428,000 players. This makes a decrease of about 35 percent over seven years. When compared to the share of children and adolescents playing cricket it shows that the decline in cricket players is not as apparent. Compare this trend with cycling. In 2016, a Social Attitude concluded that 1.9m adults over the age of 18 cycle every day! The growth in this sporting activity has been astounding, and reflects a change in how young and more mature adults wish to use their recreational time, and how much time they want to allocate to their chosen sport. We ask a lot of our members with the current format employed by the Cherwell League. Early departures, 100 over formats, some hefty miles to travel and late back to home. Some have no issues with this, but many do as their leisure/work and home priorities change. Not surprisingly, we seldom have a problem fielding a Sunday side (limited overs, early finish). But even with Sunday sides we have seen an increase in cancelled fixtures.



Cricket is responding - we have seen the popularity of T20, 100 ball cricket and indeed Last Man Standing. Exciting formats, full of action and crucially quick to conclude. Increasingly, leagues are responding to the challenges but change seems painfully slow for the Cherwell League as big towns dominate the league and have the population to field two teams as well as the financial resources.

If every senior member of the Club could encourage one new senior member, the challenge soon dissipates! I urge all the Club members to take as a personal objective the recruitment of at least one new player for the 2019 season. As Chairman, I have spoken to many club members about what CCC's cricket development plans need to look like? This reflection is ongoing, and we may have to make decisions over the winter to ensure we deliver on our vision - enjoyable sport for all, inclusive, greater participation and value for money! Our priority is long term sustainability of the cricket club - we have superb members, superb coaches, great juniors and a great ground. Let's work for a great 2019 season, and hope that leagues and national cricket officials make the right choices, as we at Cublington must make, to ensure the long term success for the sport we love.

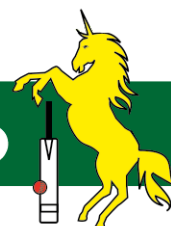
Finally, my sincere thanks to all members - especially the Coordinating Action Group, the captains, the coaches, the team managers, the tea rota, the umpires, the scorers and all other volunteers.

A club such as ours has many moving parts - we cannot thrive without you!

Michael Reilly
Chairman



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