

# U's NEWS



Sponsored by

**HUNTER AND CO. LTD**

Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chartered Tax Advisers

**THE NEWSLETTER OF UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB**

[www.upminstercricketclub.com](http://www.upminstercricketclub.com)



# **FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

With Autumn now upon us, it's time to bring the curtain down on an eventful, and at times dramatic, season for UCC with a bumper edition of U's News!

It's been a broadly successful season on the field, with strong finishing positions in the leagues and a wonderful title winning performance from Josh Lamont's 3rd XI. It's not many seasons that the title remains undecided until nearly 6pm on the final day, and great credit to the team to keeping their nerve on the final day.

We must reflect over the winter about the loss of the 6th XI due to diminishing playing numbers, and consider how we react to this as a committee and membership as a whole. I would urge you to attend the club AGM on Sunday 2 December and give your views.

We've had a vibrant social scene this season, culminating with a fabulous Dinner & Dance at de Rougemont Manor. Our thanks to Elaine Brown for driving this event for the last nine months, and it was fitting to see Elaine recognised for her sterling efforts this season by winning the Keith Martin Memorial Award for the Club Member of the Year.

My thanks to all of our volunteers and sponsors for their ongoing contributions throughout the year. We are a large and successful club, and it is not possible to operate without the many selfless contributions made from a large number of people.

I wish everyone a good winter, and do keep an eye out on the website for ongoing news and events.

*Oliver*

**WELCOME TO UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB  
SURRIDGE WEBSHOP**

[www.surridgesport.com/upminster-cricket-club](http://www.surridgesport.com/upminster-cricket-club)





## ***NICKY ISON - FIRST XI CAPTAIN***

A second half comeback which can only be beaten by the time Manchester United come back from 3-0 down at half time against Tottenham to win 5-3 in September 2001, the Upminster 1st XI finally showed their quality in the latter end of the summer. We won 6 games in a row in July and August to ease any relegation worries and seal a mid-table finish.

A couple of very memorable wins were actually against two of the stronger teams in the league in Colchester and Hutton. A superb Shahbaz Butt match winning ton helped us chase down 236 at Castle Park, but even better was the demolition job done by Ejaz Khan and John Curtis who together routed Hutton for 49 all out. Mid-season addition Nabeel Aziz was crucial to our change of form – he finished the season with 21 league scalps, including two match winning five wicket hauls.

Due to a persistent injury, the experienced Ollie Peck stepped in for the 2nd half of the season and his nous was also vital to the change of fortunes. The team showed a lot of character and skill to come back so well after being bottom at half way of the season. Shahbaz Butt finished our top run scorer for the 2018 season with 517 league runs, ably assisted by youngsters Kiran Kullar (471) and Louis Pickering (442), the slightly less young Farid Butt (423)

Ejaz Khan led the way with the ball and finished the season with a very impressive 31 league wickets. John Curtis backed up him with 27 league wickets as the new ball pair spear headed the revival.

Of course, we also recorded a rare win over Essex in the Benefit Match to take my 2018 T20 record to Played 4, Won 3! I'll look forward to being sold for 5 goats and a Shilpa Shetty DVD in this year's IPL Auction.

# A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS



Firstly, we wish to extend our congratulations to the Hunter Hurricanes on their solid performance in the Windmill Whack this season. Unfortunately, they couldn't retain the title from 2017, but finishing comfortably ahead of the Chairman's Choice provided some welcome consolation!

We had the pleasure of attending the Club's Benefit match against Essex on 2 September. A glorious afternoon in the sunshine was had by all as we watched Upminster CC beat Essex CCC XI in their annual charity event in support of the Essex Cricket Foundation. Our thanks are extended to the club for hosting ourselves and our clients for a very enjoyable day.

Now the summer months are over, we have found ourselves busy with our own accounting season preparing accounts and tax returns for clients. Remember the final date for personal tax return submission is 31 January 2019. With Christmas only 12 weeks away, the deadline will soon be upon

## CHANGES FOR BUY TO LET LANDLORDS

An issue which has affected a number of clients relates to the restriction of loan interest relief from 2017/2018. Some landlords with residential property have found their tax bills increase as a result of HMRC no longer allowing the full mortgage interest suffered against their property income.

HMRC have phased the restriction in relief, but the landlords to be hit the hardest will be those who currently pay tax at 40/45%.

In 2017/2018, the deduction against income will be restricted to 75% of the interest cost, the remaining 25% will be allowed as a basic rate tax deduction only.

In 2018/2019, 50% of the interest will be allowed as a deduction, 50% given as a basic rate deduction.

In 2019/2020, 25% of the interest will be allowed as a deduction, 75% given as a basic rate deduction.

From 2020/2021, all financing costs incurred by a landlord will be given as a basic rate tax reduction.

The restriction applies to the costs of dwelling related loans, but does not apply to furnished holiday lets.

If you would like further information on this, then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01708 255555 or feel free to pop into our offices at 195 St Marys Lane, Upminster.

Esin Hunter

# ABOUT OUR SPONSORS

A big thank you once again to all of our club sponsors to your continued support this season. We hope you've all had a successful year and it's been great to see a great level of engagement and involvement with the club once again.

Having strong relationships with our sponsors is vitally important for the club, and the financial support they provide helps us plan for the medium and long term with a level of certainty that wouldn't otherwise be possible. You will have seen significant investment back into the club's facilities again this season, and it's something that the committee is keen to ensure continues over the coming years.

The club is always happy to hear from potential sponsors who would like to partner with us, and any enquiries can be sent to [sponsorship@upminstercc.co.uk](mailto:sponsorship@upminstercc.co.uk), or via any member of the committee.



**kingpin**  
**sports design**  
SPORTS DESIGN & PROGRAMME SPECIALISTS

WANT A NEW LOOK FOR THIS SEASON?  
**GET IN TOUCH NOW**

E-MAIL: [KPSPORTSDESIGN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KPSPORTSDESIGN@GMAIL.COM) - TELEPHONE: 07985 404213 - TWITTER: @KINGPIN\_32

The image also features several sports-related graphics: a 'Town Cricket' magazine cover, 'The Raider' magazine cover featuring a hockey player, a 'Kingpin Sports Design' tournament poster for Sheffield, and an 'Upminster Cricket Club' 2018 fixture book cover.

# SPOTLIGHT ON.....

# JAKE EADE



This edition sees us talking to one of UCC's new signings for 2018, Jake Eade, to find out how his debut season went and what life is like 'down south'.

1. What was your first impression of Upminster CC?

*Thought the club seemed great from the get go, everyone made me feel welcome.*

2. Funniest Moment at UCC?

*Tricky one really, but my random curry night with Will Bottoms and his in laws.*

3. What was your favourite game at UCC?

*Has to be my last game with the 2's, because beating a team who tried their hardest whilst drinking and a pretty big run chase.*

4. If you could chose a drink to join Stella 4% at the pumps?

*Strongbow.*

5. Have you noticed in difference between cricket down south compared to up north?

*Yeah 100%, a lot more private grounds up north but warmer down south and miss having oatcakes for tea*

6. What song would you have playing when walking out to bat?

*Here Comes The Boom*

7. Which three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?

*Zoey Deschanel, Jennifer Aniston and Holly Willoughby*

**Don't get caught out  
by YOUR insurance  
company...**



**...speak to the experts at**



**BRENTS**

**Business Insurance**

Shops • Offices • Tradesmen • Property Owners • Warehouses  
Manufacturing • Motor Trade • Fleet • Contractors  
Homeworkers • Professional Indemnity • Directors & Officers

**Personal Insurance**

Car • Home • Travel

**Call us on 01277 223344**

**stuart@brentsinsurance.co.uk**



BRENTS

**Brents Insurance, 95-97 Kings Road,  
Brentwood, Essex CM14 4DR**



Healthcare  
Practice

**Quality Health Insurance**

For individuals and families, the self-employed, professionals and companies of all sizes.

To find out more contact your local Healthcare Partner:

**Terry Upham**

Director of Tau Advisory Ltd, an Appointed Representative of WPA Healthcare Practice Plc

**07928 491232**

**01268 282885**

terry.upham@hcp-plc.org.uk



Please note: pre-existing and long-term medical conditions are generally not covered. Applications are subject to medical underwriting and a maximum joining age applies on some policies.



WPA Healthcare Practice Plc ("Healthcare Practice") is part of the Western Provident Association Limited Group of Companies. Registered in England and Wales No. 07320330. The Healthcare Practice is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Registration No. 757721.

03/18367

SPRING 2018

130th  
ANNIVERSARY

**BIG SPRING  
GIVEAWAY**

Win this Constable Grand Sofa!\*

NEW



Simply fill in an entry form in-store or on the back of our Spring Sale brochure...

\*Of the equivalent cost of £1499 in store vouchers. Terms and conditions apply. Entrants must be over 18. Closing date is Monday 7th May 2018.

Make yourself a home...



Sofas | Dining | Beds | Bedrooms | Flooring | Curtains

www.roomes.co.uk @ f i

ESTABLISHED 1921



**GATES, PARISH & CO.**

Chartered Surveyors • Estate Agents • Valuers

32 STATION ROAD, UPMINSTER, ESSEX RM14 2TX

Telephone: (01708) 250033

Fax: (01708) 220844

Email: sales@gates-parish.co.uk

Website: www.gates-parish.co.uk



**THE ESTABLISHED UPMINSTER ESTATE  
AGENTS FOR OVER 90 YEARS**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING  
UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB

# 200 CLUB

The latest 200 Club draws were made in front of a packed house at the D&D in October, including the bumper annual prize for the October winner. This went to Daisy & George Middlemiss, capping a fabulous night for the Middlemiss family!

The latest lucky winners are:

**AUGUST: NICKY O'DELL**

**SEPTEMBER: MAY WRIGHT**

**OCTOBER: DAISY & GEORGE MIDDLEMISS**



PROUD TO SUPPORT  
**UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB**  
FOR THE 2018 SEASON

# CONNECT PROMOTE GROW



Whatever your challenge, we can help give your company brand the care and attention it deserves.

BRAND  
PRINT DESIGN  
DIGITAL DESIGN  
EVENT GRAPHICS  
MARKETING  
INTERNAL COMMS

Ray Calder  
01708 733 111  
07710 392 503  
raycalder@acumendesign.co.uk

[www.acumendesign.co.uk](http://www.acumendesign.co.uk)

**acumendesign**

**R**  
RealityWealth



**Don't get caught out  
by YOUR insurance  
company...**



**...speak to the experts at**



**BRENTS**

**Business Insurance**

Shops • Offices • Tradesmen • Property Owners • Warehouses  
Manufacturing • Motor Trade • Fleet • Contractors  
Homeworkers • Professional Indemnity • Directors & Officers

**Personal Insurance**

Car • Home • Travel

**Call us on 01277 223344**

**stuart@brentsinsurance.co.uk**



BRENTS

**Brents Insurance, 95-97 Kings Road,  
Brentwood, Essex CM14 4DR**



Healthcare  
Practice

**Quality Health Insurance**

For individuals and families, the self-employed, professionals and companies of all sizes.

To find out more contact your local Healthcare Partner:

**Terry Upham**

Director of Tau Advisory Ltd, an Appointed Representative of WPA Healthcare Practice Plc

**07928 491232**

**01268 282885**

terry.upham@hcp-plc.org.uk



Please note: pre-existing and long-term medical conditions are generally not covered. Applications are subject to medical underwriting and a maximum joining age applies on some policies.



WPA Healthcare Practice Plc ("Healthcare Practice") is part of the Western Provident Association Limited Group of Companies. Registered in England and Wales No. 07320330. The Healthcare Practice is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Registration No. 757721.

03/18367

SPRING 2018

130th  
ANNIVERSARY

**BIG SPRING  
GIVEAWAY**

Win this Constable Grand Sofa!\*

NEW



Simply fill in an entry form in-store or on the back of our Spring Sale brochure...

\*Of the equivalent cost of £1499 in store vouchers. Terms and conditions apply. Entrants must be over 18. Closing date is Monday 7th May 2018.

Make yourself a home...



Sofas | Dining | Beds | Bedrooms | Flooring | Curtains

www.roomes.co.uk @ f i

ESTABLISHED 1921



**GATES, PARISH & CO.**

Chartered Surveyors • Estate Agents • Valuers

32 STATION ROAD, UPMINSTER, ESSEX RM14 2TX Telephone: (01708) 250033

Fax: (01708) 220844 Email: sales@gates-parish.co.uk Website: www.gates-parish.co.uk



**THE ESTABLISHED UPMINSTER ESTATE  
AGENTS FOR OVER 90 YEARS**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING  
UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB

# HOUSE & GROUNDS

By Bobby Mack - House & Grounds Secretary

With the season now finished, attention has turned to post season preparation of the wickets at each of the club's grounds. Following some disappointing pitch marks and umpire's and captain's reports in the early part of the season, it was decided by the committee that the club needs to be proactive and look at long-term options in improving the facilities at the main ground. Over the years, the main square has gradually become raised and the incline into the popping creases has become more profound. In addition, the 'saddles' on the creases have also become more noticeable, which in turn affects the drainage and the overall quality of the playing surface. Furthermore, following a soil sample, undertaken by Phil Jeggo, the ECB County Pitch Advisor for Essex, it transpired that there was a 'root break' in areas of the square, which contributed to the uneven bounce and problems would persist unless the matter was addressed.

The committee met with groundsman Mark Severn and discussed the various options at length and it was decided that the square should be 'Koro' treated, or in simple terms, have up to four inches of the square removed taking the surface down beyond the root break. On 17th September, the tractors and machinery came down to Upminster park and over the course of a couple of days, the top surface of the square was shaved off, leaving it unrecognisable as a cricket pitch (see photos below).



Approximately twenty tonnes of soil was taken off of the entire square, which exposed the root break (below left) and the entire square was then dressed with three tonnes of fresh Ongar Loam and seeded. In order to protect square and give it the optimum opportunity to settle and grow, wire fencing was erected and the committee is grateful to Ray Calder, Stewart Hammond, Mark D'Cruz, Kevin Roome and Mark Schofield who gave up their time to assist just before the rain came on Saturday afternoon.



All that is now required is for mother nature to take her course over the winter months, before the square will be 'aerated' (or deeply spiked), to encourage root growth and prevent future root breaks, which will result in an even bounce and good carry of the pitch.

Although the squares at Coopers and Campion did not require the level of work needed at the main ground, both squares were deeply scarified and dressed and seeded by Mark Severn, with the help of Andy Berry & John Curtis (at Campion) and Josh Lamont, Tom Daniels, Dave Brown and others who assisted Mark at Coopers. The aeration programme will also be completed at Coopers and Campion over the course of the winter and it is hoped that the amount of time and money that has been invested in the playing surfaces will significantly improve facilities for all club members.

I would like to thank all of the members who have assisted in the various tasks at our grounds during the course of the season, your support has been greatly appreciated by myself and the committee. Enjoy your winter and I'll soon be badgering people for help with the start of season work in the spring!

# ON THE FIELD

The performances of the 1st XI and 3rd XIs are well documented elsewhere in this newsletter, but the season turned out to be a relatively successful one for all of the club's senior sides, although that didn't always look like being the case!!!

The 2nd XI didn't take a wicket in the first two weeks of the league season, let alone win a game. The fact that they then made it to Week 17 with a realistic chance of claiming the Premier Division title is a testament to the character within the team, and the skills and enthusiasm of Billy Wright who took over the reins as captain when Ollie Peck moved into the 1st XI. Wright used 38 players, unheard of for the 2nd XI, but managed to get some brilliant performances from his side and for a while raised hopes of a first ever Premier Division championship. With the bat James Evans and Jordan Tigg were the most consistent performances but there were also eye catching performances from Harry Jenkins, with a remarkable match winning century against Harold Wood, and Terry Wyatt, with two brilliant hundreds to help win two further games.

With the ball the stand in captain led the way and was well supported by Mark D'Cruz, Arun Kullar, Mark Schofield, Nicky Ison and Will Chuter. There was also good signs for the future with promising performances from Ollie Heazle, Nathan Bright and Tom Daniels, the latter of whom took an amazing 6-25 to help secure a thrilling tie with Wanstead and Snaresbrook. With three weeks to go Ison claimed the winning Shenfield wicket with just a ball to spare to set up a title showdown with Brentwood the following Saturday. Unfortunately Brentwood proved too strong and went on to win the title, while Upminster, with a last day win at Woodford Wells, ended in third position to complete an excellent season.

After eight games of the season the 4th XI were without a victory and looked set for relegation. However, a change of captaincy seemed to inspire the side as it did the 2nd XI, and with Stewart Hammond at the helm the team produced a number of gutsy performances which ended with the team not only escaping the drop on the final day of the season, but climbing to a highest ever finishing position of 7th. In the first half of the season it seemed like it was Hammond alone who was playing the opposition as his batting kept Upminster in touch with the rest of the table. After a win in Week 9 over strugglers South Woodford, Upminster then put in two wonderful performances in the second half of the campaign to beat Wickford and high flying Billericay, and although they went into the final day of the season in the bottom two they knew a win and other results going their way would see them safe. Hammond, Ian Munn, Rob Mack and Sam Twine piled up the runs against already relegated South Woodford and then Rohan Mayor and Ryan Brown bowled them to victory. With other games ending as they needed to the side climbed to 7th. As well as the captain there were other good contributions with the bat during the season from Twine, Munn and the fast improving Will Frost, while Kevin Roome, Ryan Brown, Max Gordon and Frost shone with the ball.

Karim Govani's 5th XI enjoyed a steady season, despite unusually poor availability throughout the club meaning the side looked very different from week to week. They went unbeaten for the first five games of the season and it looked like they may mount a challenge for promotion but the limited overs games were not to their liking and they lost ground on the leaders during that period. The star of the season was undoubtedly 12 year old Callum Berry who in his first season of senior cricket looked like an old hand with bat and ball. With the bat he was supported by Jake Eade, Alex Bottoms and the captain, while the captain also shone with the ball, as did the consistent Aalok Latey. Nathan Brown was superb behind the stumps throughout the season and a number of other youngsters also showed much promise for the future.

There was no doubt who had the toughest season at the club. The 6th XI suffered more than anyone from the club's availability problems and even conceded two games during the campaign (only the second and third time that has happened in the history of the 6th XI). That they managed to complete the season at all says so much for the enthusiasm of captain Ray Calder who managed to remain upbeat throughout the season. Ray was well supported by a few older heads, a few returning guests and two youngsters who despite the results never once complained or made themselves not available. Molly Amrani and Mushoon Mustofa will have learnt a lot from the season and we hope they both continue to show the same commitment, loyalty and enthusiasm for many years to come. It became clear during the year that this would be the last year, for now, that the 6th XI would be able to compete in the league, and so it was fitting that they finished the season with a fine win over Hutton, and that Mushoon was at the crease as the winning runs were struck.

Whether the 6th XI return in the future is down to the membership. Senior members who don't regularly make themselves available or drop out in the weeks before games need to ask themselves if they can show more commitment to the cause. The 6th XI has been a great breeding ground for so many of the club's youngsters over the years, a number of whom have gone on to play in the 1st and 2nd XI, and it is a shame to see it come to an end at this time.

Sunday saw the Sunday League side top the end of season Premier Division table, for the first time, but unfortunately lose out in the play offs to a strong Waltham side. Meanwhile the Sunday Friendly side, expertly led by David Brown, played a number of fixtures at home and around the County and thoroughly enjoyed the season.

COLTS - Winter nets are confirmed again at Coopers Company & Coburn School. The session session is Saturday 13 October, with an 8 week run taking us up to the Christmas break.

The team co-ordinators have distributed all of the information and booking forms required, but please contact Andrew Berry if you haven't yet received details.



# PLAYER SPONSORS

PLAYER NAME		SPONSOR
Casey Adams	All Rounder	Matt Chapman
Farid Butt	Wicket Keeper / Batsman	Munahid Faheem
Shahbaz Butt	Batsman	Jamie Green
John Curtis	Bowler	Dave Middlemiss
Nicky Ison	Bowler	Daisy & George Middlemiss
Alan Ison	All Rounder	Ian Munn
Mike Larke	Wicket Keeper / Batsman	The Brown Family
Steve Limn	Batsman	Karim Govani
Paul Middlemiss	Wicket Keeper / Batsman	Gus Siggins
Jack O'Dowd	All Rounder	Nicky Ison
Shafiq Rahman	All Rounder	Kevin Roome
Kevin Roome	Bowler	Lloyd Sutton
Joe Simpson	Bowler	Billy Wright
Pete Thompson	Batsman	Oliver Peck
Nathan Woods	Batsman	William Murphy
Will Frost	All Rounder	David Frost
Ben Calder	Batsman	Ray Calder
Callum Berry	All Rounder	Andrew Berry

Many thanks for all those who sponsored players this season. We will be offering a similar Player Sponsorship package for next season – please contact a member of the committee if you'd like to reserve your favourite player for 2019!



Windmill Whack III concluded with an exciting final, on a chilly Bank Holiday weekend, with the Root 66ers seeing off the Govani Maestros to claim their first WW crown.

It was a shame that the final weekend of the competition saw some of the worst weather of a hot and dry summer, but that didn't stop the competition reaching its climax and a large crowd taking in the action.

Sunday's semi-final play off, between the Maestros and Kushoom Bugh Tigers, was bought forward to a morning start as the weather forecast indicated heavy rain in the area from early afternoon. The Tigers batted first and moved towards a good total mainly thanks to the innings of captain Ant Limn. He looked set to make the first century of the 2018 competition before running himself out for 86 in desperate fashion! The Tigers still posted a competitive score but the Maestros made a good start in reply thanks to Josh Lamont. The promised rain soon began to fall and the game was brought to an early conclusion, with the Maestros progressing thanks to D/L.

With the rain set in for the day, the final was moved to the following day, the Bank Holiday Monday, and was preceded by the 160th Anniversary Match between Upminster and Ingatestone & Fryerning. Ingatestone won that game, by five wickets, and most of the players from both sides stayed on to watch the Final, meaning a large crowd was present for the occasion.

The Maestros won the toss and asked the Roots to bat, and it looked like a good choice as Lamont, Jordan Tigg and Connor Whetstone worked their way through the Roots powerful looking batting line up. It looked like the Roots fragile mentality was going to cost them once again on the big occasion, but captain Mark D'Cruz, not renowned for his batting skills, combined with youngster Sam Twine to allow their side to post a competitive total of 114.

D'Cruz then followed this up by removing Lamont for 0 as the Maestros chased victory, but Nathan Woods and Dave Wainwright got their side back on track with a good second wicket partnership. When they fell though, Twine and Mike Rath ran through the middle order to put the game back in the balance. With the run rate climbing Connor Whetstone became the Maestros only hope, and although he finished on 25 not out he couldn't find the boundary regularly enough, and with a lack of support at the other end the Maestros finished on 106-8 to give the Roots a tense 8 run victory. D'Cruz was deservedly named man of the match for his all round performance. Congratulations must go to both teams for reaching the final and to their sponsors, the Healthy Roots and Govani Chemists.

The competition was once again a huge success, with nearly 100 people taking part at some point during the summer and many close and exciting games being played. We must say a huge thank you to all of our six sponsors for making the competition viable, and also to Chairman Ollie Peck for co-ordinating the event, along with all those who scored or umpired any of the games and those who ran the bar and BBQs during these matches.

We look forward to Windmill Whack IV in 2019!!!



# CHAMPIONS

It was way back on 1st September 2001 that the 3rd XI beat South Woodford in a Division 1 clash and claimed promotion to the Premier Division. To put that into context, it was the same day Emile Heskey inspired England to a 5-1 victory over Germany in Munich.

Since that time the 3rd XI have been a permanent fixture in the top flight, a period totaling 16 seasons before the 2018 campaign. In that time even Chelmsford and Wanstead have spent at least one season out of the division. It did nearly all come crashing down in 2015 but we won't talk about that at a time like this!!!

Prior to 2018 the side had finished 3rd three times and runners up on four occasions. For the most part those finishes came after spending the season in pursuit of Wanstead and/or Chelmsford, although in 2007 Upminster threw away their big chance. Needing just one win or a good draw from their final two games they were heavily beaten in both, and Chelmsford claimed the title (one of six in a row for Barry Clayden's side). The Upminster side was fiercely competitive over the years, well liked and respected by the opposition and known to have a good laugh along the way, but they had never quite had enough to win the title.

For 2018 there was a new skipper in place. Josh Lamont had enjoyed a title winning season as 4th XI captain in 2017 and had shown enough in his own game to prove he was more than ready to move up the sides. Josh had some new ideas and a different attitude to previous captains, and some of his views may have been seen as controversial by some, but underneath that was an astute and clever captain. As the season began Josh was careful to include a number of the "old guard" in the side but at the same time bought in some new faces who he trusted to get results.

The new style appeared to work well as the team shot out of the blocks with three wins in the first three weeks, including thrilling wins over Harold Wood and Wanstead. The good form continued and the team approached the halfway stage with a healthy lead at the top of the table. Individually the star performances had been shared around. The Limn Brothers, stalwarts of the club's 4th and 5th XIs up to this season, were in the runs. Youngster Tom Daniels was shining with bat and ball. Andrew Berry and up and coming spinner Nathan Bright were in the wickets. Veterans Pete Thompson and Rob Mack had made important contributions. And the captain was showing his pedigree with bat and ball.

But it was Week 9 that was to bring the most special individual performance of the season. The team travelled to Woodford Wells on World Cup Quarter Final Day and were left with a target of over 250 (not unusual on Wells' ground) to chase to keep their unbeaten run intact. Steve Limn proceeded to smash an amazing unbeaten 170 and, with help from Dan Tyler, victory was secured. It left Upminster with a substantial lead over Hornchurch, Wells and Brentwood as the second half of the season began.

That second half of the season began with a thrilling tie against Harlow and then a first defeat of the season against Wanstead, which allowed Hornchurch and Wells to close the gap just slightly. However, any concerns at that point were soon forgotten as three consecutive wins meant that with four games to go Upminster's lead was still 25 points. Those last four games looked very tricky on paper, three of them being against the three teams immediately behind them in the table, but the first of these was negotiated thanks to a real team effort at Brentwood. Chasing a tricky target of 173 Upminster held their nerve, most notably through Sam Twine and Will Frost, to pick up a two wicket win. Then on Week 16 disaster struck, and against of all people, old friends and rivals Hornchurch!!! On a typically sporting Coopers pitch, under grey skies, the 3s were shot out for 122 and Hornchurch cruised to victory. This not only meant Hornchurch were now within three points but Wells were also back in the hunt. Remarkably, considering the wicket at Monkams Lane, Wells were somehow putting together a run of 25 point wins (by bowling out the opposition second) which had closed the gap on the top two.

The penultimate game of the season followed at Buckhurst Hill and after Hill had piled up 259-3 Upminster were 89-4 and looking in trouble. Had the side run out of steam at a crucial time?? Had the nerves got to them?? Worry not as youngster Tom Daniels and old head Rob White joined forces to push Upminster towards victory with a magnificent part-



nership. When they both fell, Daniels for a marvelous 82, Oliver White and Ant Limn, two unsung heroes of the season kept their nerve to see Upminster home. Meanwhile just a mile down the road Wells were at it again, picking up another 25 points with a remarkable performance that all but ended Hornchurch's title chances. What did it all mean?? Upminster 286 points, Wells 286 points, one game each to go. And that game was against one another on the final weekend at Coopers!!!

It's fair to say that for a number of the team the game with Wells would be one of the biggest games they would ever play in. That may sound silly to players in a higher eleven, but for many the 3rd XI is as high as they will play. Youngsters such as Tom Daniels, Oliver White and Josh will go on and play in many big games higher up the Club, but for a number that will probably not be the case. With that in mind when Upminster slumped to 15-4 and 59-6 on another lively Coopers track, it looked like they would be the bridesmaid once more!! But Ant Limn and Paul Middlemiss dug in and fought back and somehow got the side up to 177. Not a massive target but always likely to be a challenging one at Fortress Coopers.

Cue Andrew Berry and Will Chuter to step up to the mark as the Wells innings followed a near identical pattern to the Upminster one!!! 3-3 then 52-5 before Wells fought back. Captain Charles Scott and veteran Wade Goodlet combining to take Wells towards victory. But on a day for stalwarts and old heads there at the other end was former captain Rob White. It seemed like every ball was a boundary or a wicket as White kept his nerve as the gloom set in. For a while even a low scoring draw seemed a possibility, which could have seen Hornchurch sneak in and beat both sides to the title, but the ninth wicket falling meant it was now just Upminster or Wells. 15 runs needed, 1 wicket in hand, 9 balls remain, and a large crowd now situated on the bank behind the bowler. Will Chuter wraps the last Wells batsman on the pads. Huge appeal, upheld by umpire Cyril Hickson and cue the celebrations. After 17 seasons and 306 games in the top flight Upminster were champions!!!

The game itself was a fitting way to the end the season. Two teams, who have always been good friends, competing to the last, playing the game in great spirit and then having a drink and laugh afterwards. It was a great advert for lower eleven cricket.

Many will debate why this Year was different and the team finally got over the line. Some will argue that the two big guns of the League, Chelmsford and Wanstead, were not at their best, and while that may be true it shouldn't detract from the brilliant performances that the team put in. Collectively and individually people stood up when it mattered and helped to win games. The team were also superbly led by Josh. Sometimes brash and occasionally rubbing people up the wrong way, underneath this bravado is a very clever and thoughtful captain. He backed his own decisions and trusted those he picked to deliver, and they repaid him by performing when it mattered. He can also play a bit himself, and will no doubt go on to represent the Club at a higher level.

The celebrations continued long into the night, and will still be going on at various events as you read this!! Those in the side will no doubt be boring future generations of the Club about their heroics for many years to come, but hopefully this will be the catalyst for other sides to push forward and bring home some silverware in future seasons.

It was great that in the days after the game so many other players from the 3rd XI League and so many ex Upminster players, many of whom came to watch that final game, contacted members of the team to congratulate them. So for everyone who has played for the 3rd XI since their resurrection under the great Gwynne Mack in 1995, we can all now proudly shout together.....WIIIIIIIIIIIIINNNNNNNNNNNNEEEEEEEEEERRRRSSSSSSSSSS.....



# Congratulations



Mark Schofield and Tasha for getting married in September!

Dan and Suzie Tyler for making their dream move to New Zealand.

Sunday League XI for finishing top of the league (sadly failing to win the play-offs).

UCC U9's for winning the 2018 Met Cup competition.

Oh yes, and the 3rd XI for winning the SNEL 3rd XI Premier League Title!



Mark & Tasha Schofield

## SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON – TOP PERFORMANCES

Tom Daniels 50\* in the Benefit Match v Essex CCC

Terry Wyatt (129\*) and Nicky Ison (79\*) 189 run partnership to beat Woodford Wells 2nd XI

Jake Eade 97 for UCC 5th XI v South Woodford 4th XI

Tom Daniels 82 for UCC 3rd XI v Brentwood 3rd XI

Martin Davis 77 for UCC 6th XI v Harold Wood 5th XI

Ray Calder 79\* for UCC 6th XI v Wanstead 6th XI

Harry Jenkins 166 for UCC 2nd XI v Harold Wood 2nd XI

Sam Twine 69\* for UCC 4th XI v South Woodford 3rd XI

Callum Berry 67\* for UCC 5th XI v Brentwood 4th XI

Paul Middlemiss 88\* for UCC 3rd XI v Woodford Wells

Tom Daniels 6/25 for UCC 2nd XI v Wanstead 2nd XI

Josh Lamont 6/60 for UCC 3rd XI v Brentwood 3rd XI

Billy Wright 5/37 for UCC 2nd XI v Hornchurch 2nd XI

Rob White 5/48 for UCC 3rd XI v Woodford Wells 3rd XI

Shafiq Rahman 6/30 for UCC 1st XI v Hainault and Clayhall 1st XI



# Roll of Honour

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO PLAYED ALL 18 LEAGUE MATCHES IN 2018:

NATHAN BRIGHT

SHAHBAZ BUTT

KARIM GOVANI

STEWART HAMMOND

KIRAN KULLAR

STEVEN LIMN

SHAFIQ RAHMAN

KEVIN ROOME

OLIVER WHITE

# 2018 BENEFIT MATCH - REVISITED -



In contrast to the 2017 Benefit Match which had seen rain for the first time in the 20 year history of the fixture, the 2018 match was played out in glorious September sunshine, without a cloud in the sky. The wonderful weather, plus a change in the format of the day, meant a huge crowd flocked to Upminster Park to enjoy the occasion. Always one of the most pleasing aspects of the day is that the local community comes to support the event, and in 2018 that was most certainly the case.

Having followed the same format for the day since the first game in 1997, the committee and representatives from the Essex Cricket Foundation had discussed during the winter the possibility of changing things around a little. Firstly we wanted to make the match itself more appealing to both spectators and those playing, and secondly we wanted to show the work the Club and the Foundation does by involving more people in a playing capacity. From this we agreed that the game itself should move from a 30 overs a side contest to a T20 format, and that before this game started we would host a Ladies Softball Festival and a junior game to get things underway.

And so at 11.00am the day began with more than 30 ladies, in five teams, taking part in the Softball Festival on the outfield. After 90 minutes of action "The Youngsters" came out on top, but everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and threw themselves into it. Chairman Oliver Peck presented awards to all teams and the player of the festival as the event concluded. We must thank Elaine Brown, Oliver White, Ryan Brown, Alex Bottoms and Callum Berry for all their assistance on the morning, and also Kelly Castle and Natalie Samaranayake from Essex Cricket in the Community for their help in making the event happen.

No sooner had the festival finished than Dave Siggins' U11s, who had recently been crowned as Havering League Champions, faced up to a local Invitational XI in a 12 overs a side contest. Players from a number of local sides helped make up the Invitational side, and we are grateful that they were able to come along and play a part in the occasion. The game itself was a tight affair as the boys entertained the growing crowd, but the Invitational XI had just too much and ran out winners by 11 runs. Thanks to Graeme Lawes for completing scoring duties during the match and to Jordan McManus and Mike Ashby for umpiring.

While this game was concluding a number of our sponsors and guests had been arriving for lunch in the Pavilion, supplied by Kushoom Bugh Tandoori Restaurant and Hogit Catering. Of course, the Benefit Match would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors, and we thank all of them for their support, on this day and throughout the Year. A number of our sponsors have been involved with the occasion ever since 1997 and we hope they will continue to support the event for many years to come. We were also privileged that Esin Hunter, from our main sponsors Hunter & Co, was able to join us for the day, alongside a number of their clients and guests. We trust that they all enjoyed their afternoon with us.

As our sponsors and guests took their seats outside the Pavilion, Essex captain Nick Browne won the toss against Upminster skipper Nicky Ison and Browne decided to make use of a fantastic looking wicket at Upminster Park. Jamie Porter and Sam Cook, more used to opening the bowling together for the County than the batting, got the Essex innings off to a good start but Nabeel Aziz and Nicky Ison led the Upminster fightback. Essex Ladies Captain Kelly Castle made 12 before falling to Ison and Toby Howe of the Essex and England Physical Ability side finished not out as Essex closed their innings on 185-8.

In reply Farid Butt continued his excellent league form with 33 from 14 balls as he and Kiran Kullar set about chasing down the Essex total. When they both fell John Curtis played nicely to keep Upminster in the hunt, as did Rob Bannister, chosen to play in the game for his off field work over a number of years at the club. However, the innings of the day came from Tom Daniels, a day after his 17th birthday, with the youngster making an unbeaten 50 from just 34 balls. With support from Nabeel Aziz Daniels was able to lead Upminster to a fantastic four wicket win, with three balls in hand.



# 2018 BENEFIT MATCH - BEHIND THE SCENES -

Of course, the cricket is only half of the story, and the day is all about the club and the local community coming together to put on such a great event. Within the club there are too many people to thank. Work to make sure the event is a success begins 10 months before the big day, and on the day of the game itself there are club members and helpers on site from 6.00am to start making things happen. Then throughout the day there are bar staff, programme sellers, beer tent volunteers, raffle ticket sellers, people looking after guests and sponsors, umpires, scorers and numerous other people working hard to keep things running smoothly. There are too many people to mention individually but they all know who they are!! As well as this we must also thank Hogit Catering and the 1st Upminster Scout Group for feeding hungry members of the public as they afternoon went by.

The game would also not happen without the support of the Essex Cricket Foundation and the Essex players. Year after year the County has sent sides to Upminster Park to play the game, either in aid of the individual county beneficiary or more recently in aid of the Foundation, and we are truly honored that they continue to keep up this tradition. It is a great thing for the Upminster public to see these players in action in their local park, and that was especially the case in 2018 as Essex came to town as the reigning County Champions!! A special thank you must go to Dan Feist and Arfan Akram of the Foundation for their assistance in making the day happen, and to Essex captain Nick Browne for bringing along such a strong side this Year.

We hope to see everyone again in September 2019, for more of the same.

*Upminster Cricket Club*

# *Dinner & Dance*

The revamped Dinner & Dance for 2018 lived up to its high expectations, as over 140 people enjoyed an action packed evening at the de Rougemont Manor. It was great to see a complete mix of players, parents, sponsors, VPs and other friends of the club all come together and enjoy a night of celebration.

Our thanks again to Elaine Brown, able assisted by Claire Bannister, Anita Frost and Amy Frost, for putting the event together and to all of you who attended and made it such a fabulous night.



# Awards

Alongside the eating, drinking and dancing at the D&D, we also saw the star performers of the 2018 season recognised with the announcement of the playing awards.

Batsman of the Year award went to Stewart Hammond for this efforts in dragging the 4th XI away from the relegation spots in 3rd XI Division One.

Nathan Bright scooped the Bowler of the Year award, taking 27 league wickets as the 3rd XI sealed the championship trophy.

Fielder of the Year was awarded to Oliver White for his excellent and ever enthusiastic fielding throughout the season.

The full list of award winners for 2018 are:

**Batsman Of The Year – Stewart Hammond**

**Bowler Of The Year – Nathan Bright**

**Fielder Of The Year – Oliver White**

**1st XI POTY – Farid Butt**

**2nd XI POTY – Billy Wright**

**3rd XI POTY – Steve Limn**

**4th XI POTY – Will Frost**

**5th XI POTY – Callum Berry**

**6th XI POTY – Molly Amrani**

**Colt Of The Year – Kiran Kullar**

**Team Of The Year – 3rd XI**

UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB

# LEGEND

PAUL MIDDLEMISS

On 6 October 2018, Upminster Cricket Club added Paul Middlemiss as its 8th Life Vice-President. This is the highest honour the club can give one of its members, and is awarded for exceptional and ongoing service to the club.

“Middle” joined Upminster Cricket Club in 1992. Despite being a newcomer to the game, it wasn't long before he was made the captain of the colts team, leading the side to numerous league successes and culminating in the team reaching the final of the Mobil Matchplay competition in 1996. This was a quite phenomenal achievement given the club at the time was playing in the Marrant League. It is a testament to Middle's leadership that most of this squad still continue to play league cricket for the club some 22 years later.

After continuing his captaincy with the Sunday Team, Paul moved through the sides and it was in 2004 when he broke into the First XI and was an ever present as wicketkeeper in the title winning side from Division Two.

As the club went through a boom period on the playing side, Middle found a niche for himself on the playing side as the Third XI captain, a role he took on for a number of years. Many stories hail from this era, and it was during this period Paul scored a Third XI record of 161 not out in an match away to Woodford Wells.

It is no coincidence that a number of younger players came through the side at this time who moved onto playing First and Second XI cricket with a good understanding of the game and the values of the club.

Having taken on other roles in more recent seasons including running the Seventh XI and Fifth XI to help bring through youngsters into the adult side, Paul has moved back up the teams and now plays again for his beloved Third XI. It was fitting that the team finally secured their first Premier League title this season with a defiant Middlemiss carrying his bat for 88 not out in the crucial last game of the season.

However, for all of Paul's efforts on the pitch, it is his off the pitch commitment to the club that sets him apart.

It was around 1997 when Paul became involved with the Club Committee, and a protégé for the future. Since then he has undertaken the roles of Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman of Youth Cricket, League Rep, Bar Liaison Officer, Pavilion Club Rep, Pavilion Club Chairman, Press Officer, Benefit Match Secretary





and Chairman of Selectors.

In all of those roles, without exception, Paul has gone above and beyond what would reasonably be expected of him, and is also a constant sounding board for other officers and club members who need some guidance or assistance.

Basically, if it's got anything to do with Upminster Cricket Club, it's probably got Paul's fingerprints on it somewhere.

Perhaps the club owes Paul the biggest debt of gratitude is for his organisation of the annual Benefit Match against Essex CCC, which he has organised for the last 10 years. This is an event that is quite unique to Upminster both across Essex and much further afield.

As well as being a fantastic advert for the club in the wider community, it is a very important fundraising day for the club. The money raised from these events over the years has been crucial in a number of the larger projects the club has undertaken in recent years. Without these funds, the club would not be able to exist in the form it does currently.

In more recent seasons Paul has spread his wings further and is now a committee member for the Shepherd Neame Essex League, and a Member of the Metropolitan Cricket Board.

The club is delighted to have acknowledged Paul with this recognition, and welcome him to the exclusive list of Club Life Vice-Presidents.



## CONGRATULATIONS MIDDLE



# SOCIAL SCENE

On the social side of things, 2018 has been one of the busiest years in recent history. It seems a long time since we were wondering “is it coming home?”, as big crowds enjoyed two very tense evenings watching the football World Cup in the pavilion as the blazing sun was setting over Upminster Park.

During the season, we have drunk cocktails, been quizzed by Dave Brown, played golf, and enjoyed many a Friday and Saturday night at the club. The final event of the year is the Christmas Curry Lunch at Kushoom Bugh on Sunday 9 December. Please contact Bobby Mack if you like to attend.

Plans for 2019 start now, so please do put your hand up and offer to run or support an event next year. New ideas are always welcome, so don't be shy!



We were delighted to see our latest crop of Jack Petchey Award winners receive their awards from Essex's Nick Browne at the Benefit Day this year. We have received wonderful support from the Jack Petchey Foundation over the years, and it's great to see our winners get such public recognition for their efforts. The funds we have been awarded this year have been allocated as a contribution to the purchase of new sightscreens for our Campion ground for the 2019 season, reaffirming our commitment to investing in our facilities.



[www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk)

Who said a healthy lifestyle can't be fun?



BREAKFAST  
LUNCH  
DINNER

We don't just sell  
**FOOD!**  
we sell a LIFESTYLE

Live music!

Open 7 days  
a week!

**HEALTHY ROOTS**

HEALTHY FROM THE GROUND UP

Book a table or have a questions?  
01708 641555 or email [info@healthy-roots.co.uk](mailto:info@healthy-roots.co.uk)  
[www.healthy-roots.co.uk](http://www.healthy-roots.co.uk)

38 Corbets Tey Road Upminster RM14 2AD

# Govani's

THE FAMILY CHEMIST

The Govani family have three shops in Essex. You can find these shops in Cranham, South Woodham Ferrers and Upminster. All shops open every day of the week, with restricted hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays, to offer advice and help on a range of family medical problems.

Each shop is a dispensing pharmacy / chemist able to service your nhs / dental / private prescription needs, and also sells a range of natural alternative herbal medicines (homeopathy, homeopathic), along with various drugs to combat most ailments. They also stock a range of family planning: toiletries: pain killers: baby goods: health foods: female sanitary items: male grooming products: perfume: make up: cosmetic, baby products / food, shampoos and birthday / anniversary / Christmas gift ideas and don't forget the camera. A range of films and prints from digital cameras are also available in store.



87 Front Lane  
Cranham  
RM14 1XN  
Tel: 01708 224083

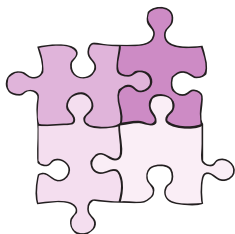
Monday - Friday 9.00am - 6.30pm  
Saturday 9.00am - 5.30pm  
Sundays & Public Holidays  
10.00am - midday  
(Please phone to check times)



64 Station Road  
Upminster  
RM14 2TD  
Tel: 01708 220044

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 7.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am - 5.30pm

WITH COMPLIMENTS, WE WISH GOOD LUCK TO UPMINSTER CC



## Apple Financial Solutions

34 Parkland Avenue  
Upminster  
Essex  
RM14 2EX

Tel: 01708 641155 Fax: 07092813142 Mob: 07791 879146  
e-mail: [kevin@applefinancial.org](mailto:kevin@applefinancial.org) web: [applefinancial.org](http://applefinancial.org)

**Kevin Heazel - Mortgage Consultant (CeMAP)**



**For First Class Mortgage and Protection  
Advice that will bowl you over**

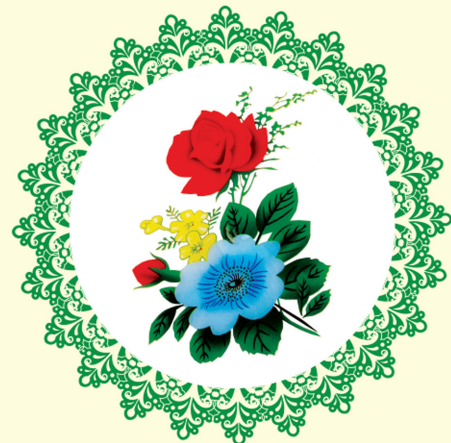
**Broker fee of £295 waived for UCC members  
or their referrals**



Apple Financial Solutions is an Appointed Representative of  
Pink Home Loans.

Pink Home Loans is a trading name of Advance Mortgage Funding Limited  
which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

# KUSHOOM BUGH



## RESTAURANT

Family Run Business - Established Since 1978

**Fully Licensed & Air-Conditioned**

*Kushoom Bugh Restaurant is situated in Upminster.*

*Kushoom Bugh is a family restaurant since 1978. It has provided excellent authentic Indian food for over three decades.*

*Our aim is to provide a very high standard of food and service to our customers. Your satisfaction is our pride and joy.*

**10% discount for club members on all takeaway orders  
on presentation of membership card**

(on minimum orders of £15)

174 St. Marys Lane, Upminster, Essex. RM14 3BT - Telephone: 01708 220038 or 01708 22606




**MAIN SPONSORS OF  
UPMINSTER CRICKET CLUB**



**HUNTER AND CO. LTD**

Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chartered Tax Advisers



At Hunter and Co, we strive to provide a professional, friendly and efficient service. We recognise that clients require reliable assistance to help manage their accountancy and taxation needs.

Since the practice was established in 2000, it has grown mainly due to satisfied clients' recommendations, moving to its Upminster offices in 2002.

We offer a free initial consultation where we can discuss in person your accountancy and taxation needs.



195 St. Mary's Lane  
Upminster, Essex  
RM14 3BU

Tel: 01708 255555 | Fax: 01708 255556

E-mail: [egh@eghunter.co.uk](mailto:egh@eghunter.co.uk)