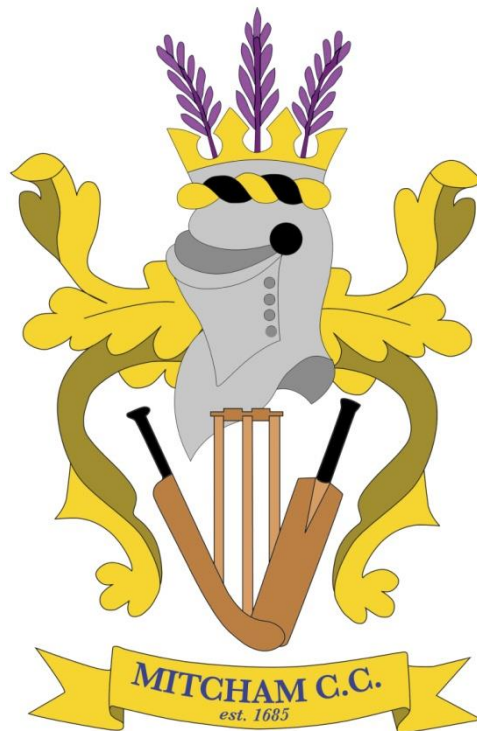


# The Mitcham Cricket Club

## Fixtures and Officers

### 2019



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**Mitcham Cricket Club**  
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Surrey CR4 4LA

# **Mitcham Cricket Club**

## **Welcome to the 2019 Season**

The future of the Club and cricket on the Green remains under threat, although discussions with our freeholder are continuing and we remain hopeful of a positive outcome.

We enter the 2019 season with plenty to be very excited about. We will again have three adult men's teams in action on Saturdays, plus age group teams at under 12, 14 and 16. And our Ladies squad will host a Festival on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Over the winter, Facilities Manager Alan Hutchings has been working hard to repair and improve the pavilion – this includes converting the seating in the visitor's changing room into much needed storage and replacing the damaged umpire's room door.

Shaz Mahmood has taken over as 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain. Following a mid-table finish last year, Shaz has plenty of talent to draw on and so we hope to be competitive. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI survived their first season back in the Surrey Championship – indeed at one stage in 2018 they were threatening another promotion. In 2019 under a new captain Anwar Ul Haq who knows what they can achieve? I am sure they will enjoy continuing to play at this higher level.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI sees the return of Martin Gouma as captain and again will be made from a really good mix of experience and youth. We have a growing cadre of young players who have just graduated from the colts, they have a real opportunity for senior league cricket to really develop their game. Our T20 side, the Mitcham Warriors, made it to finals days in 2018, lets see whether we can better that in 2019 under the leadership of captain Shreyash Patel.

Our Ladies XI will continue to focus on softball cricket, their captain Julia Gault will make any woman wanting to play most welcome.

Following the excitement of international cricket returning to the Green last September when we hosted the Lashings World XI, in September 2019 we will be hosting an Australian XI. The match on 14<sup>th</sup> September will mark the centenary of the Australian Imperial Forces XI playing Mitcham at the end of their British tour in 1919. We hope the event will maintain the profile of the club within our local community and help raise much needed funds. So loads of cricket in prospect!

Our Club depends on its volunteers, so please, where you see an opportunity, do get involved. We would welcome people to coach, umpire, score or do the teas. Also fundraising and assisting with Saturday evenings. All help will be very much appreciated!

**Peter White-Young - Chairman Mitcham Cricket Club**

# **MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB 2019**

## **President**

David M Smith

## **Chairman**

P. White-Young\*

## **Hon. Secretary**

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## **Hon. Treasurer**

Adrian Gault\*

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## **Chair of Cricket Committee & Hon Fixture Secretary**

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## **Hon. Colts Secretary**

David Bell

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\* Life Members

## **THE MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019**

The President, The Chairman, Captains of all Elevens, Vice-Captains of all Elevens, The Hon. Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer, The Chair of Cricket Committee, The Hon. Colts Secretary, The Welfare Officer, The Hon. Fixture Secretary, John Strover, Shellina Finnegan and Alan Hutchings

### **Sub Committees**

Awards      A Gault, K Jones, D Bell, P White-Young and senior Captains.

Cricket      Matt Devon (Chair), S Mahmood, A Ul Haq, & M Gouma

Fundraising      Alan Hutchings, Shellina Finnegan, P White-Young, D Bell, A Gault, J Gault

### **Other Officers**

#### **Welfare Officer**

Ken Jones\*  
**07528 432212**

#### **Club Coach**

Richard Crompton  
**07824 353773**

#### **Head Colts Coach**

Adrian Gault\*  
**07739 329708**

#### **Facilities Manager**

Alan Hutchings  
**07930 562746**

Website Administrator  
Junior Coaching

James Gault  
A Gault & D Bell

## About Us

Mitcham Cricket Club has an active membership of senior players – fielding three senior men's sides each week during the season. New for 2018 we have a ladies' squad. We also have a significant and growing junior section including three junior league teams. Most of the Club's playing membership is drawn from the Merton area and the Club plays a vital role in offering the opportunity for young people to play cricket as few have the facilities to access cricket through their state schools. We also provide an important social hub for non-playing members, many of which are former players. Our membership has an age range of seven to over eighty.

Our cricket pavilion is registered as an Asset of Community Value. Further, it is locally listed and in a conservation area. The pavilion is of heritage significance and has a long communal history. Mitcham Cricket Pavilion was opened in 1904. It was purpose built as a cricket pavilion and has only ever been occupied by Mitcham Cricket Club. The neighbouring cricket ground, which we use during the playing season, is registered as a Town Green. There is good evidence that it is the oldest continuously used cricket ground in the world. We can trace its use for cricket back to at least 1685. The Green is also an important recreational asset in the Wandle Valley Regional Park.

The Cricket Green in Mitcham also has global importance in the history of cricket for a variety of reasons – reflected in its inclusion in the recently published Remarkable Cricket Grounds of the World (Brian Levison, Pavilion Books 2016). The Green was a place where cricket was regularly played prior to the formalisation of the rules of the game. In the 19th and 20th centuries it has played host to international matches – the Club and its Green acted as a training base for the first Australian national Test teams touring England; women's international cricket teams have also played there. Mitcham players played a key role in setting up the Surrey County Cricket Team, many Mitcham players played for Surrey. Mitcham Club members have also represented England in men's and women's cricket.

## MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB 2019

# Fancy a Day out at the Oval?

### **Royal London One Day Cup**

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April Surrey v Essex

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April Surrey v Middlesex

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April Surrey v Hampshire

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May Surrey v Kent

**Validity T20 Blast** – Tue 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Surrey v Somerset

**Kia Super League** – Mon 12<sup>th</sup> August  
Surrey Stars v Southern Vipers

Exclusive adult ticket prices for Mitcham CC Members from our Friends of Surrey Membership



Tickets: Adults 2 for £5, U16s FREE



Tickets: Adults £5, U16s FREE



Tickets: Adults £20, U16s £5

Contact David Bell 07765 221650 now, as we only have a limited supply of tickets at these prices.

## **MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB 2019**

### **Captains 2019**

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI
Shaz Mahmood	Anwar Ul Haq	Martin Gouma
Tel:	Tel:	Tel:
07380 795333	07597 688554	07554 833976
T20	Shreyash Patel	07450 263218
Ladies XI	Julia Gault	07900 221467

### **Vice Captains 2019**

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI
Ahsan Khan	Naimit Patel	Alston Wood
Tel:	Tel:	Tel:
07429 430741	07805 710590	07886 722898

### **Develop New Skills with Mitcham CC**

Why don't you make 2019 the year you try something new?

Junior and Senior players can access training to further develop their cricket – our new artificial nets will provide a great boost for this.

There are many other ways of getting involved and there is training out there to help you get started. Surrey Cricket Foundation offers introductory courses for colts, senior players and parents to get more involved in cricket. Their Coach Support Worker course is ideal for parents who want to support their child's cricket development and help to train the next generation of cricketers. Please see [surreycricketfoundation.org](http://surreycricketfoundation.org) for more detail.

The Surrey Association of Cricket Officials is the umbrella organisation for the ECB affiliated umpires' and scorers' within Surrey. Currently they have 2½ hour evening courses providing a basic introduction to scoring and an introduction to umpiring. More information can be found at [www.surreycricketofficials.org.uk/](http://www.surreycricketofficials.org.uk/)

Speak to David Bell or one of the Colts coaches about how Mitcham CC can support the costs of your training.

# MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB 2019

## Wildlife on the Green

As well as a vital venue for cricket, our Green is an important habitat for wildlife. It is also part of the Wandle Valley Regional Park. In addition to the usual pigeons and seagulls you can sometimes spot some more unusual birds on the Green. Which of these have you seen?



### Mistle Thrush

These large members of the Thrush family can often be seen in small family groups foraging in the outfield. At 26-29cm in length they are noticeably larger than the more frequently seen Song Thrush.

### Ring Necked Parakeet

Most frequently seen in the late afternoon, in a flock flying over the pitch to roost in trees near the scoreboard. These green parakeets have escaped into the wild in London. They are native to the Indian subcontinent so maybe we shouldn't be surprised that they have an affinity for our Green!



### Pied Wagtail

This delightful small, long-tailed and rather sprightly black and white bird. When not standing and frantically wagging its tail up and down it can be seen dashing about our outfield – often in pairs.



# **2019 Mitcham CC Colts Festival and Community Day**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 10.30am**  
On Mitcham Cricket Green

## **6-a-side Cricket Tournament**

**Raffle – Refreshments – Music – BBQ – Prizes**



Yes, its back! Our IPL-style event will be making its return to the Green in June. Which team will triumph in this year's competition? Will the Strudwick Superkings (above) defend their title or will another team lift the cup? Come and join in the fun. Spectators very welcome, come and spend the day with us.

**Helpers, donations and sponsors wanted**

**Contact David Bell 07765 221650**

## Net Practice and Training

### Outdoor Training on the Green

From April to September

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI** Every Tuesday from 9<sup>th</sup> April 6pm – 8.30pm

**Any senior members** Every Wednesday 6 - 8.30pm

**Ladies XI** Every Thursday 6pm – 8.30pm

**Colts all ages (in groups)** Every Sunday 10am-12pm.

First Colts session for 2019 will be 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Training is vital for success on the field.

Please try and attend every week.

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Peter Wraight on 07723 630092

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For more info contact:  
Brenda Inwood on 07584 419562

For boys and girls 10½ - 14½ years  
We meet Fridays 7.45 - 9.45pm  
For more info contact:  
Steve Little on 07850 047147

For boys and girls 14-18 years  
We meet Thursdays 7.30 - 9.25pm  
For more info contact  
Peter Tregust on 07793 552477



## Role of Mitcham Cricket Club Captains

As a Mitcham Cricket Club Team Captain, it is your responsibility to:

1. Generate **Team Spirit** by motivating players on and off the field; promote involvement of all team members, including by ensuring that English is the language used on the field of play and in the dressing room; train regularly yourself and encourage your team members to do the same.
2. Be a **role model** by being on time for meetings, training and matches with all necessary equipment; promote the Clubmark ethos; and emphasise the Club's expectations for a high standard of behaviour and discipline both on and off the field and a smart appearance.
3. **Know the laws of cricket** and the rules of the league and any other competition your team is entered into; ensure that your team abides by them and plays in the Spirit of Cricket.
4. Comply with the ECB **Safe Hands policy** to ensure that junior members are safeguarded and support the development of junior players by assisting with the Club's colts section.
5. Actively participate in the **team selection process** with the other Captains, considering team balance and Club priority. In the event of your unavailability you should ensure that the acting captain accepts and understands his responsibilities in leading the team in your absence.
6. **Lead your team** guiding with a positive approach; be the most active player on the ground during games and organise training (including field drills) in collaboration with the other captains.
7. Ensure that **subscriptions and match fees are paid** by team members; collect and record match fees and ensure they are passed promptly to Treasurer.

## Role of Mitcham Cricket Club Captains (cont)

8. **Organise** teas, umpires and scoring for your matches. In liaison with the Grounds Manager, make sure your team gets everything ready for a prompt start to home matches – the pavilion is prepared (including dressing rooms, showers and the upstairs room) and the ground is ready (including boundary rope and sight screens in place, poles around square removed and scoreboard open).
9. Make sure the score book is tallied at the break between innings and at the end of the match. **Upload results**, facilities reports, scorecards etc on the Play-Cricket website within the time limits set by the league as necessary. The captain will be liable for any fine imposed by the league for failure to submit any required information about their team.
10. Be an **ambassador for the Club** - greet the opposition warmly to make sure the spirit of the afternoon starts well; and thank umpires and scorers at the end of the game.
11. Work with your Vice Captain to **keep your team united** as far as possible, without seeming to unduly favour any one player or faction. Try to reduce politics between the team members, if and when they surface. Assist with resolving any dispute or grievance amicably.
12. Be a **team spokesman** acting as their representative on the Club Executive, so that their views and concerns can be heard.

*All Mitcham CC playing Members  
(junior and senior) are expected to  
support our Captains and Vice  
Captains to fulfil their responsibilities  
as described above.*

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## Sponsors wanted

There are many great sponsorship opportunities available at the Club. If you are a local business that wants to increase your visibility by linking up with our historic cricket Club, while at the same time putting something back into the local community, then get in touch.

The Club's pavilion and grounds are local landmarks that get lots of passing traffic. Could your company's name grace our shirts, our pavilion or our sight screen? We are also active on Twitter and have our own e-newsletter.

If you are interested in exploring the benefits of a connection with us, please contact our Treasurer Adrian Gault [adrigault@aol.com](mailto:adrigault@aol.com)

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## The Weather Lottery

Support us and have the chance to win up to £25,000 in a weekly lottery. Each Monday the recorded temperature in six major cities is used to generate the winning numbers. Match those numbers to win. £1 per entry per week (you can pay monthly, quarterly, six-monthly or annually). Every new lottery entry raises money for the Club.



Pick up a leaflet in a pavilion or join online at [www.theweatherlottery.com](http://www.theweatherlottery.com)



Wear your Mitcham Cricket Club connection with pride. Only available through the Club are our enamel pin badges. You cannot buy them in the shops. They are about 25mm (1 inch) high.

See the Club Secretary Julia Gault to buy one for £2 or send us £2.80 get one by post.

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# Mitcham Cricket Club

## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Fixtures 2019

Date	Opponents	Time	Venue
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	CHALDON CMO	noon	Home
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interclub match		
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	No match		
<b>MAY</b>			
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	HAM & PETERSHAM	1pm	Home*
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	MERTON	1pm	Home*
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Morden	1pm	Away*
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	TEDDINGTON TOWN	1pm	Home*
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Old Tiffinians	1pm	Away*
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	WEST END (ESHER)	1pm	Home*
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ewell	1pm	Away*
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	WOODMANSTERNE	1pm	Home*
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	EFFINGHAM	1pm	Home*
<b>JULY</b>			
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ham and Petersham	1pm	Away*
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Merton	1pm	Away*
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	MORDEN	1pm	Home*
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teddington Town	1pm	Away*
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	OLD TIFFINIANS	1pm	Home*
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	West End (Esher)	1pm	Away*
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	EWELL	1pm	Home*
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Woodmansterne	1pm	Away*
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Effingham	1pm	Away*

\* Fullers League Fixtures  
CAPITALS Games on Mitcham Cricket Green

**Mitcham Cricket Club**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Fixtures 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	No game		
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	SINJUNS	1pm	Home
<b>MAY</b>			
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	No game		
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Chobham Avorians	noon	Away*
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	MAORI OXSHOTT	noon	Home*
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Battersea Ironsides	noon	Away*
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	SINJUNGRAMMARIANS	noon	Home*
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Old Pauline	noon	Away*
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	MERROW	noon	Home*
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alleyyn	noon	Away*
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thames Ditton	noon	Away*
<b>JULY</b>			
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	HAMPTON HILL	noon	Home*
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	COBHAM AVORIANS	noon	Home*
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Maori Oxshott	noon	Away*
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	BATTERSEA IRONSIDES	noon	Home*
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SinjunGrammarians	noon	Away*
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	OLD PAULINE	noon	Home*
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Merrow	noon	Away*
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	ALLEYN	noon	Home*
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	THAMES DITTON	noon	Home*
<b>SEPT</b>			
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hampton Hill	noon	Away*

\* Surrey Championship League Fixtures  
 CAPITALS Games on Mitcham Cricket Green



# Mitcham Cricket Club

## 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Fixtures 2019

Date	Opponents	Time	Venue
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	WIMBLEDON CORINTHIANS	1pm	Home
<b>MAY</b>			
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	No game		
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Addiscombe	1pm	Away*
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	EPSOM	1pm	Home*
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ewell	1pm	Away*
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	MERSTHAM	1pm	Home*
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wimbledon	1pm	Away*
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Woodmansterne	1pm	Away*
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	BANSTEAD	1pm	Home*
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dulwich	1pm	Away*
<b>JULY</b>			
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Old Emanuel	1pm	Away*
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	ADDISCOMBE	1pm	Home*
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Epsom	1pm	Away*
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	EWELL	1pm	Home*
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Merstham	1pm	Away*
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	WIMBLEDON	1pm	Home*
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	WOODMANSTERNE	1pm	Home*
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Banstead	1pm	Away*
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	DULWICH	noon	Home*
<b>SEPT</b>			
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	OLD EMANUEL	noon	Home*

\* Championship/Fullers League Fixtures

CAPITALS Games at Dundonald Rd Rec, except 7<sup>th</sup> Sept when match is on Mitcham Cricket Green

# Mitcham Cricket Club 2019

## Twenty20 Fixtures



We await confirmation of the dates of our T20 fixtures in the Surrey Slam. In this competition we play as Mitcham Warriors. The group stages matches need to be completed by the end of June. Our group includes Cheam CC, Merton Mammoths (Merton CC) and Old Emanuel CC (Rumdog Millionaires). In 2018 we made it to finals day, so good luck to the Warriors for another good run.

  
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## Mitcham Cricket Club 2019

### Ladies XI Fixtures



As we go to press, we are still waiting for Surrey to confirm the list of softball Festivals that will run in 2019 – so we have been unable to include them here. One thing is for sure...the Mitcham ladies will be playing in the softball festival on 16<sup>th</sup> June as it is taking place on our Green. We hope we will be joined by plenty of visiting players and have a lively afternoon.

Hopefully the other festivals will soon be confirmed and uploaded to the ECB website at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/womens-softball-cricket-festivals>. We are actively looking for new women and girls to join our ladies section, so if you fancy giving cricket a go, please don't hesitate. Our focus on softball means maximum fun, minimum fuss. No pads, no hard ball, no heavy bat, no head-scratching rules.

**For more information contact Julia on 07900 221467**

#### Volunteers Wanted

The Club has recently advertised a range of opportunities for volunteers to get involved in the running of the Club. Volunteering can be a great way to expand your social life, give something back to your local community or to learn a new skill.

We are seeking:

- Volunteer coordinator
- Assistant ground manager
- Umpires and scorers

If you know someone who might like to take on one of these roles, please encourage them to get in touch with the Hon Secretary Julia Gault on 020 8661 0663.

# Mitcham Cricket Green

## Sunday Fixtures 2019

Date	Opponents	Time	Venue
<b>APRIL</b>			
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	A Sunday XI	1pm	Home
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	No Fixture		
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	No fixture		
<b>MAY</b>			
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sri Lankan League	Hire Out	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sun 2 <sup>rd</sup>	Sri Lankan League	Hire Out	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Smash It Festival	1pm	Home
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Colts Festival	10.30am	
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Church Service on Green		
<b>JULY</b>			
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sri Lankan League	Hire Out	
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sri Lankan League	Hire Out	
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>			
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sri Lankan League	Hire Out	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	African/Caribbean Assn	Hire Out	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>SEPT</b>			
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>			
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents v Colts	10am	
All Games on Mitcham Cricket Green			

# International Cricket Back on the Mitcham Cricket Green

## 14th September 2019

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1919 Mitcham Cricket Club played host to the Australian Imperial Force Touring XI for the touring side's last game in their 33 match British tour – of which they only lost four games. Surrey CCC helped with the organisation of the tour and the Australian team was managed by former Mitcham captain Howard Lacey, who had played a major role in maintaining cricket on the Green during the years of the Great War.

The Australian XI beat the 16 strong Mitcham CC team – surpassing Mitcham's 200 with a score of 207 for 5. The Australian team included five players who made their test debuts during 1920. The match raised funds for the Mitcham groundsman – Harry Histed's benefit. A photo of the Australian XI hangs in the pavilion.



To commemorate the centenary of this match, on 14<sup>th</sup> September Mitcham CC will again be facing an Australian XI on the Green. More information about the 1919 players will be included in this year's exhibition in the pavilion which will be open for Mitcham Heritage Day that day.

Spectators will be able to enjoy refreshments while they watch the match. We would love to see you there.





## ICC World Cup 2019

From 30<sup>th</sup> May to 14<sup>th</sup> July, England and Wales will be playing host to the Cricket World Cup.

This ODI tournament will see 48 matches played between the ten participating nations. Many of the white ball stars have been warming up with some exciting performances at the IPL – including Bairstow, Rashid Khan, Rabada and Moeen Ali. So, whoever you are supporting - Afghanistan, New Zealand, England, Pakistan - there are going to be some great games.

The first match will be England v South Africa at the Oval. The final will be played at Lords. There will also be plenty of World Cup related fun at the Club as we are a Cricket World Cup Club – including our Colts Festival family day on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Look out for details of other World Cup related activities – are you in?

2019 is also an Ashes year, so once the World Cup has been decided, we will be straight into the England v Australia tests over August and September. The final test (as is traditional) will be at the Oval and is the same weekend as our commemorative match against an Australian XI.



What a fantastic summer of cricket to look forward to!

## Colts 2019

Mitcham CC is proud of its growing group of talented and enthusiastic Colts. With the support of a number of trained coaches we aim to give at least two hours of cricket training each week on Sunday mornings (10:00 – 12:00) on our historic Green. We are open to all ages from 8 to 16 and welcome all abilities. We particularly want to increase the number of girls playing the game at Mitcham. This year's training starts on Sunday 29th April and continues until Sunday 1st September.

This year we are participating in the ECB's All Stars Programme. The programme, which aims to get 5 to 8 year olds playing cricket, runs for eight weeks from 19th May to 7th July. To secure a place on the programme register on the ECB website ([allstarscricket.co.uk/mitcham](http://allstarscricket.co.uk/mitcham)).

We will again be entering three teams – under 16 (Y10/11), under 14 (Y8/9) and under 12 (Y6/7) - in the North, East and Central Surrey Colts League. The teams will play competitive T20 evening cricket against teams from across South West London. In order to run three teams, we need the support of parents. If you can offer lifts to away games, or help with scoring or umpiring, or offer food and refreshments for the players at home games we want to hear from you. Please speak to one of the coaches at Sunday training. Our junior teams are always looking for sponsors. It's a great way to promote your company's name and to support your local community.

Mitcham has a strong tradition of promoting the elite colts into our senior sides. Many of our 1st team players are former colts and our 2nd and 3rd teams provide regular opportunities for the best juniors to test themselves in 50-over cricket. We also submit our best players for trials with Surrey CCC.

Our annual colts 6-a-side festival is now in its 6th year and will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The all-day festival of cricket is always popular and we hope parents will come down and support the cricketers as they compete for the trophy. Volunteers to sell food and refreshments are always welcome.

We will end the season with our traditional Parents vs Colts game on the Green on 8<sup>th</sup> September. We are yet to fix a date for this year's End of Season Party & Awards Night. Look out for the date and venue to be confirmed and we hope that all the colts and their parents support the event.

Enjoy your cricket!

David Colts Secretary 07765 221650

# MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB

## COLTS FIXTURES 2019

### UNDER 16s

Date	Opponents	Time	Venue
<b>JUNE</b>			
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Dulwich	6pm	Away*
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	OLD RUTLISHIANS	6pm	Home*
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Addiscombe	6pm	Away*
<b>JULY</b>			
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	BEDDINGTON	6pm	Home*
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer	6pm	Away*
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Old Whitgiftians	6pm	Away*
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALLEYN	6pm	Home*
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity Mid Whitgiftians	6pm	Away*
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	ROEHAMPTON	6pm	Home*

\* League fixtures

### Raise Funds for Mitcham CC

If you like to grab a bargain shopping on the web you can generate income for the Club at no extra cost to you. Open an easyfundraising account – it's free and easy to do at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) – then select Mitcham Cricket Club as the organisation you want to support.

Each time you want to buy from your favourite online retailer go through the [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) site to access their website. For each purchase the retailer will make a donation to the Club. It costs you nothing. Loads of the most popular retailers can be accessed through easyfundraising like Amazon and eBay. Give it a go. Since the Club joined the scheme in 2012 we've raised over £900. Let's see if we can top the £1000 in 2019!



# MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB

## COLTS FIXTURES 2019

### UNDER 14

Date	Opponents	Time	Venue
<b>MAY</b>			
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer	6pm	Away*
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	ROEHAMPTON (Cup)	6pm	Home
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	OLD RUTLISHIANS	6pm	Home*
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Roehampton	6pm	Away*
<b>JUNE</b>			
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	ALLEYN	6pm	Home*
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dulwich	6pm	Away*
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	SPENCER B	6pm	Home*
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Beddington	6pm	Away*
<b>JULY</b>			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	No game		
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	STREATHAM & MARLBOROUGH	6pm	Home*

**U14 Coach and Manager      David Bell      07765 221650**



# PRIDE OF LIONS



This is Surrey CCC's junior membership scheme open to young people under 16 years old. You can find out more and sign up at [www.prideoflions.co.uk](http://www.prideoflions.co.uk).

Colts that sign up get access to a membership pack, fixtures and exclusive events.

**MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB  
COLTS FIXTURES 2019  
UNDER 12**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>MAY</b>			
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	SUTTON	6pm	Home*
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wimbledon (Cup)	6pm	Away
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Old Rutlishians	6pm	Away*
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	CHEAM	6pm	Home*
<b>JUNE</b>			
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alleyn	6pm	Away*
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	DULWICH (likely to change)	6pm	Home*
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spencer	6pm	Away*
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	BEDDINGTON	6pm	Home*
<b>JULY</b>			
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	OLD RUTLISHIANS	6pm	Home*
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cheam	6pm	Away*

\* League fixtures

**U12 Coach and Manager      Adrian Gault      07739 329708**

**Want to see your advert here in 2020?**

This fixture card is distributed each year to around 150 households in the Mitcham area and beyond.

If you are interested in advertising in the fixture card for the 2020 season please contact our Hon Secretary

Julia Gault 020 86610663

## Aussies on the Mitcham Cricket Green



The theme of our Mitcham Heritage Day 2018 exhibition in the pavilion was 150 years of Australians on the Green, recognising the long connection between our Club and our Southern Hemisphere cousins.

Our links go back to the first Australian tour in 1878, where James Southerton (Mitcham, Surrey & England) and licensee of The Cricketers pub welcomed the touring team. The Aussie test team returned in 1880 using our Green as a training base.

During and after WWI with so many Australian volunteers in the Forces, I suppose it should be no surprise that they took the opportunity to play cricket including on our Green. The most notable match took place in September 1919, when the Australian Imperial Army Touring XI finished their tour of England with a match against Mitcham CC – we will be celebrating this centenary at the end of the 2019 season (see page 19 for more details).

In 1937 it was the turn of the Australian Ladies' side to play on our Green. The final match of their first English tour (v Surrey) was watched by a crowd of 10,000 seated around the Mitcham ground on deckchairs and picnic blankets – and the spectators thoroughly enjoyed the quality of the cricket played. The Aussie ladies returned to Mitcham again in both 1951 and 1963.

In 1951 the Surrey side that played the Australians on the Green included Mitcham member Hazel Sanders – you can see her taking a catch in the display above. In

2018 the new Mitcham CC ladies section inaugurated an award for most improved player – this medal has been named in honour of Hazel Sanders. You can find details of who received this medal (and also other Club awards) on page 28.



*The 1880 Australian touring party at practice on the Green*



Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage takes an active interest in the future of the Cricket Green Conservation Area (designated in 1969) and its environs. We are the civic society for this part of Merton and part

of the wider civic movement through membership of the national charity Civic Voice. We have a very close and longstanding bond with Mitcham Cricket Club.

We were delighted to support Mitcham Cricket Club during its 333<sup>rd</sup> year.

Fundraising activities including the well-established Pirelli Golf Cup and our New Year Social raised much needed funds to help the club continue its world-beating run of continuous play.

We've also been very involved in helping the club off the field with its continued work with the owner of the pavilion. Sadly, movement on this was very slow during the year, but we were with the club every step of the way, and we will continue to support and work with them as much as we can. We remain hopeful of a positive outcome.

We were of course very pleased to have the club join our Mitcham Heritage Day celebration in September again, and it was a very happy coincidence that this coincided with the Lashings appearance on the Green. What a thrill it was for cricket fans to see some of the biggest names in the game on 'our patch', and how very exciting it must have been for the players who got the opportunity to face some of the sport's greats. We appreciate all the hard work the club's volunteers put into both events, and indeed the work they consistently put in to keep the club thriving.

MCGC&H is active in its efforts to support and sustain the whole of the Cricket Green Conservation Area and its environs, and working with MCC only represents part of what we do. This year we are celebrating the Conservation Area's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you would like to support us then please consider becoming a member. You will find a membership form at our web site.

John Strover, Chair

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[info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk](mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk)

Follow us on Twitter @MitchamCrktGrn

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## Dates for your Diary

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September

First Colts Training Session

Early Season Social

Ladies Softball Festival

Colts Festival

Community on the Green 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary celebration

Parents v Colts Match

Mitcham Heritage Day

### THE CANONS ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

Join us to find out what lies beneath the  
East Lawn of The Canons!

This archaeological dig is open to anyone who is  
interested, all ages welcome.  
No experience required!



Just show up on the East Lawn during the times listed  
and the team will teach you how to dig and get you in  
the trenches. If you'd rather just come along and watch,  
you are also very welcome.



LOTTERY FUNDED



Thursday  
23 May  
14:00-17:00

Friday  
24 May  
15:00-17:30

Saturday  
25 May  
10:00-15:00

Please bring  
water, snacks and  
sensible clothing  
and footwear for  
getting dirty and  
being active.  
Lunch is not  
provided.



## **MITCHAM CRICKET CLUB 2019**

### **AWARD WINNERS 2018**

#### **Burn Bullock Tankard – Alan Hutchings**

Presented to the member who has rendered the greatest service to the Club during the year

#### **Fred Cole Cup – Den Seymour jr**

Presented to the member who has most typified Club or team spirit during the year

#### **Memorial Awards**

##### **Dhruv Rupal and Azizullah Andar**

Presented to the two most promising junior members

#### **Senior Players' Player – Shreyash Patel**

Awarded for performance on the field during the season, selected by senior players

#### **Hazel Sanders Medal – Samantha Selveraj**

Presented to the most improved female player

# Mitcham Cricket Club

## Vice Presidents 2019

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# Mitcham Cricket Club

*are pleased to present*

## The 9<sup>th</sup> Pirelli Golf Tournament

*The Annual Pirelli Golf Cup*

*The Andrew Scott Robertson Cup*

*The John Stover Pirelli Mush Cup*

*Fundraising for*

## Mitcham Cricket Club

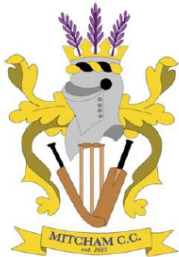
*Established 1685*

*Supported by members of*

*Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage & Mitcham Society*

*To be played at Mitcham Golf Club*

*On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019*



*Stapleford Competition for teams of four playing for the Pirelli Cup*

*The Andrew Scott Robertson Cup will be awarded to the lowest individual score*

*Individuals wishing to play will be allocated into teams*

*All draws will be decided by normal rules*

*Donations of Raffle & Auction Prizes are always welcome*

### **COST:-**

**£70 per head – (discount for Mitcham Golf Club members)**

**To include breakfast – tea/coffee and bacon roll**

**18 holes of golf**

**2 course luncheon**

**Luncheon only - £22 (non golf attendees)**

**8.00 am for breakfast – 1<sup>st</sup> tee off at 8.30 am**



*To register your team or yourself for the competition or for further details please contact*

*John Stover at [js.maximsdeparis@gmail.com](mailto:js.maximsdeparis@gmail.com) and Alan Hutchings at [alanforfaxes@aol.com](mailto:alanforfaxes@aol.com)*

*Entrance for the John Stover Pirelli Mush Cup (played on the 9 hole putting green) please see separate entrance form for details.*

*Mitcham Golf Course, once one of the most exclusive in the country, still enjoys the benefits of those far off days when famous members of Parliament regarded it as their own special playground. The Lords and Commons played many matches here with the Earl of Chesterfield and AJ Balfour among those who spent their leisure hours at the Prince's Club as it was then called. The club, formed over a100 years ago, was owned by Sir Henry Mallaby-Deeley, who also established a Prince's course Sandwich. He along with other influential members had Mitcham Junction Station built just a stone's throw away from the Club House.*