



# THE MIKE KNOTT DEVELOPMENT FUND



IN LINE WITH OUR 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR  
DORKING CRICKET CLUB IS LAUNCHING THE MIKE KNOTT DEVELOPMENT FUND

SUPPORTING SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR INITIATIVES  
THAT OBTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD  
OF FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND COACHING OF  
CRICKET THROUGH DORKING CRICKET CLUB





# MIKE KNOTT

Member	1953 - Present
President	2013 - 2019
Chairman	1992 - 1999
Treasurer	2000 - 2011 2016 - 2018
2nd XI Capt	1972 - 1977 2000 - 2011
Bar Secretary	1965 - 1967
Groundsmen	1993 - 2012
PSGA REP	1990 - 2019



## ABOUT THE MIKE KNOTT DEVELOPMENT FUND

Mike is devoted to Dorking CC. Unlike the modern day junior, Mike learnt cricket at Glyn Grammar School and captained their 1st XI in 1961. He notes how things have changed since then, “Unless you are fortunate enough to go to a private school, most juniors rely on local clubs to provide their introduction to cricket and the development of playing skills.”

Mike’s introduction to Pixham came through his father, a right arm medium-pace bowler, who joined the club mid-1940s when they moved to Dorking. Mike’s first Dorking CC match was in 1953 on a Wednesday afternoon (Wednesday was half day closing enabling shopkeepers to play) and as the team were one short Mike who was on school holiday filled in.

Following a 30 - year career for an oil company Mike took early retirement in 1993. The following year the council advised they would no longer be maintaining Pixham’s outfield and that in future Dorking CC would have to pay to have the grass cut. After purchasing the council’s grass cutting machinery Mike took over the outfield maintenance and ran the operation on a not-for-profit basis until 2012.

As a keen sportsman through his youth Mike played badminton and cricket for various clubs, but Dorking CC is where Mike’s commitment to sport can be evidenced; he guided the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to league winners in 1975.

Mike is always happy to contribute part of his time to Dorking CC. “I believe that you should enjoy anything you do, and I have certainly enjoyed the roles I have performed at Dorking CC”.

Above all, he is a keen believer in keeping facilities up to date and machinery in good working order so that Dorking CC can play its matches on great pitches and grounds and have good practice facilities. Due to Mike’s self-less and unrelenting efforts Dorking Cricket Club has grown into the club it is now, supporting 5 weekend senior teams and 180 junior boys and girls.

Often commitment like Mike’s goes unnoticed, but it’s hard to imagine what Dorking CC would look like if not for Mike’s unwavering commitment and desire to move the club forward with his visions of the future.

There is no better example than, in 2006, together with Chairman David Spackman, both oversaw the design and managment of the building of a new pavilion at Westhumble. Together they contributed their time and energy to complete the construction of the pavilion exterior and get hands-on with installations. With help from Roy Ridgway, Mike then created the two additional youth squares at Westhumble, allowing Dorking CC to field youth teams across varied age ranges since 2007. Since then, Mike has enjoyed seeing his grandson using the facilities to good effect.

“I look forward to sitting on the boundary watching the youthful members continuing to represent Dorking as a leading cricket club.”

Some members encapsulate the meaning of “a club-man” As Mike moves to his 70th year as a DCC member, we can only be infinitely grateful for everything that he has done for the club since taking to the field in 1953.



The Westhumble Pavilion in 2020, built by Mike Knott and David Spackman and opened by Micky Stewart in 2007

### The Fund

The Mike Knott Development Fund has the primary aim of financially funding or part funding specific projects or initiatives in the support of obtaining the highest possible standard of facilities, equipment and coaching of cricket through Dorking CC, with particular emphasis on Youth Development, securing the future of Dorking CC.

The fund is being launched in order to:

- Support projects like coaching and participation-based events primarily benefitting the youth sections, although other sections will also see the benefit in line with our desire to integrate junior and senior sections of the club.

- Benefit U23 senior members who show significant dedication to Dorking CC on and off the field.

- Commemorate the significant contribution made by Mike Knott over many years, enabling cricket to be played by a wider range of abilities and ages.

- Enable Dorking CC players to achieve a higher level of performance and enjoyment through coaching and education on the game of cricket.

- Provide an opportunity for many of our passionate supporters and members to put that little bit extra back into the club and game they love.

### To Donate

The fund will encompass the popular 100 Club that Mike has organised for years to re-develop the current pavilion in order to bring it up to date with modern standards.

The fund will incorporate all Mike’s hard work to ensure the pavilions redevelopment as well as extending to other branches of the club.

### To Donate

£5 per month or £60 per year please set-up your own standing order to Dorking CC:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<b>Mike Knott Development Fund</b>
<b>Bank:</b>	<b>Barclays</b>
<b>Account No:</b>	<b>10328030</b>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<b>20-23-97</b>
<b>Reference:</b>	<b>your name</b>

A monthly draw for a prize of £100 will be held during season and prizes of £250, £150 and £100 following April.

If you would like to make an additional donation, please use the details above or speak to a bar member about completing a direct debit mandate.

### Become a Patron or Benefactor

Individual club members, a couple, family or a company can become Patrons or Benefactors of the Mike Knott Development Fund. Regular monthly or yearly contributions via standing order are encouraged, although one-off donations to launch and support the Fund are also much appreciated. In return for your support you will receive regular news about the Fund.







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## 250 YEARS OF DORKING CRICKET CLUB



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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