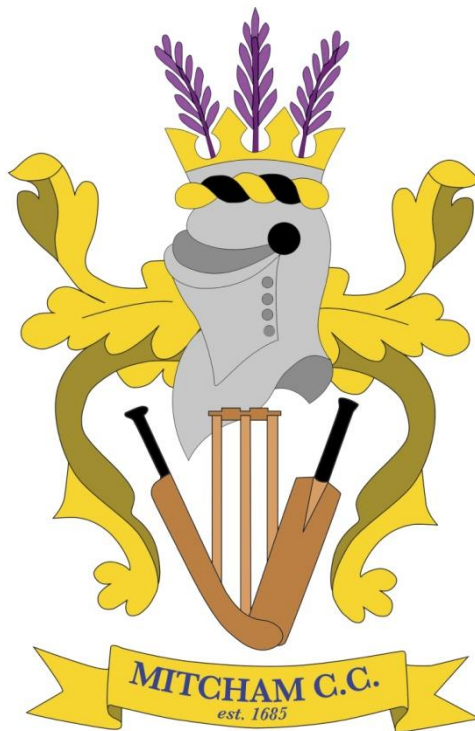


***The Mitcham Cricket Club  
Annual Report and Accounts  
2018***



***Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018***

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## About Us

Mitcham Cricket Club have an active membership of senior players – fielding three senior league sides each week during the season and ladies team as well. It also has 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 around 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 Club, many Mitcham players played for Surrey. Mitcham Club members have also represented England in men's and women's cricket.

## Prepare the Ground Day

Thanks to those players, colts and parents who came down to help at the beginning of April to prepare the club for the 2018 season. Local company SITA UK yet again kindly donated a skip to the Club to remove the junk that had accumulated...there was even more than usual to do as the "Beast from the East" had caused a pipe burst a few weeks earlier...which meant we had to replace carpets and other damaged items. We are grateful to John Mansfield and Alan Hutchings who completed much of the remedial work

Thanks also go to Damian Greenall and Den Seymour (jr) who refurbished the sight screens and repainted the outside of the pavilion this spring. Smart job lads.



## Ladies Squad

We were lucky to have such a sunny summer for our Ladies squad's first season. The squad trained hard all winter and were grateful for the coaching help from Hugo and Shaz.

The ladies focused on softball cricket, participating in as many "Smash It" festivals as they could. They received some softball equipment from Surrey so they could train with the right kit. The squad is very friendly and reflects a wide range of backgrounds and ages (from teens upwards). We welcome further recruits, experience is not necessary, but a willingness to have a go and practice regularly is vital. It can be a great way to get some exercise and make new friends.

## Agenda AGM 8pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to be received and confirmed.
2. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 2018 to be received and adopted.
3. Presentation of Awards for 2018

Memorial Awards

Burn Bullock Tankard  
Fred Cole Cup

Dhruv Rupal  
Azizullah Andar  
Alan Hutchings  
Dennis Seymour (jr)

4. Election of President

The Executive Committee nominates D M Smith to serve as President.

5. Election of Vice Presidents

The Executive Committee nominates the following to serve as Vice-Presidents:

C L Bashford*	R Humphreys	J Strover
P D Batty*	K Jones*	T Todd
D Bell	J Mansfield	D Webb
Mrs J Bellamy MBE	C A Peacock*	P White-Young*
K Bond	J C Rattle	G Williams*
F G Day*	D Seymour	Mrs R Williams
A Gault*	M Short	M J Wilson
Mrs J Gault	P G Smart	J C Wray*
E J Green*	B Smith	
R M Hines*	R A Stevens	*Life Member

6. Election of Life Members

7. Election of Officers

Office	Current Holder	Office	Current Holder
Chair	P White-Young	Ladies Captain	J Gault
Hon Secretary	J Gault	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Vice-Captain	A Razzaq
Hon Treasurer	A Gault	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Vice-Captain	J Jones
Hon Fixture Secretary	S Kumar	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Vice-Captain	A Wood
Cricket Committee Chair	D Seymour sr	Ladies Vice Captain	V Selvachandran
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	D Greenall	Colts Secretary	D Bell
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	S Patel	Welfare Officer	K Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Captain	S Ali	Head of Colts Coaching	A Gault

8. Election of Executive Committee (all officers listed above plus J Strover, Shellina Finnegan and Alan Hutchins)

## 9. Appointment of Examiner

The Executive Committee nominates Roshni Gocol as Examiner of the Accounts.

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## **Minutes of Mitcham Cricket Club AGM**

**Held 8pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

### **Present**

1. The following full members of the Club were present

Peter White Young (Chair)	John Mansfield
Pat Batty (President)	Barbara Mansfield
David Bell	Ahsan Khan
Adrian Gault (Treasurer)	Alan Hutchings
David M Smith	Ken Jones
Eric Pillinger	S Udaya Kumar
Barbara Holgate	Jeffrey Southgate
Fred Day	Damian Greenall
Joan Day	Imran Khan
Ewan Green	S Suganthan
Dennis Seymour sr	Nora Khan
Joyce Bellamy	Shellina Finnegan
Martin Gouma	Julia Gault (Hon Secretary)
Richard Parboo	

### **Apologies**

2. Apologies were received from James Gault, William Gault, Lindsay Bashford, Trevor Todd, John Wray, John Strover, Shreyash Patel, Tony Burton, Richard Bellamy, Don McKinley and Ron Taylor

### **Minutes of 2017 AGM**

3. John Mansfield proposed and Ken Jones seconded that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were received and confirmed as a true record. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

4. Adrian Gault presented his financial report and the Statement of Accounts for 2017. He noted that the out turn for the year was a loss of £2,200 – significant, but less than the £4,000 loss of the previous year. There had been increases of both expenditure (e.g. cost of cutting the outfield) and income (in particular fundraising). Although more subscriptions had been paid compared with 2016, unpaid annual senior subscriptions and match fees were responsible for the 2017 gap. Captains for 2018 were due to strictly enforce the no pay, no play rule. The Committee was still pursuing unpaid amounts from players for 2017.
5. In response to questions from members, the Treasurer explained:
  - that the 2016 accounts had included gift aid for several years – as it had not been claimed for a few years. The Club was up to date with claims now, so the 2017 accounts only reflected one year's worth of gift aid.

- Sponsorship and advertising was lower than in 2016 as the Club had been unable to replace the main advertiser on the pavilion (previously Goodfellows)
  - Ground hire income had increased in 2017 as there had been two teams using the pitch on Sunday's this year.
  - The Fighting Fund was ringfenced for ensuring the long-term future of the Club and not to be used for ongoing running costs.
  - It had not been possible to get the accounts examined before the AGM, but this would be completed in the New Year.
6. Richard Parboo proposed that the accounts should be accepted and this was seconded by Dennis Seymour.

### **Outgoing President's Address**

7. Pat Batty welcomed those present, especially those who had travelled long distances to attend the AGM and also the President Designate former ex-colt and senior player David M Smith. He thanked Club Secretary Julia Gault for the production of the Annual Report and Ewan Green for the "unofficial" biography of Pat which had been included in the report. He expressed regret that there were no 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> XI reports in it.
8. Pat reflected on the sad passing of members and friends in 2017 - Ken Burgess, David Day and Yvonne Green. He noted the new energy that had been seen in the Club's social calendar this season – the return on the New Year event, Golf and Heritage Days, but also the new International Evenings and the expanded Awards Night (again kindly sponsored by Joyce Bellamy). He expressed his appreciation to Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage and the Mitcham Society for their continued support.
9. Turning to performances on the field, Pat congratulated 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain Shreyash Patel on securing a further promotion this season – returning the team to the Surrey Championship for 2017. He also praised the gutsy performances of the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI who had finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had looked good as a bowling unit and had fielded well, but had shown no responsibility with their batting, so unfortunately had been relegated. He thanked Jane and Nora for their magnificent teas.
10. Pat praised the strong base of the colts section and paid tribute to the coaches for their unstinting work with the juniors. He noted the success of the new All Stars scheme with over 40 young players being introduced to cricket (including 25% girls). The U16s had been close runners up in their league and it was good to see U9s matches being played as well. He was proud to see that Mitcham juniors had formed part of the guard of honour for the Oval ODI.
11. He thanked the Committee and commented that he had confidence that they would take the Club forward in 2018 with the new President.

## **Awards**

12. The outgoing President presented Club awards for 2017 as follows:

Memorial Awards	Bilal Mohammed and Sami Abdul
Burn Bullock Tankard	Martin Gouma
Fred Cole Cup	Shellina Finnegan

## **Chairman's Report**

13. Peter White Young explained that since the last AGM the Club's Freeholder was still not responding to letters. They had submitted plans on the development of the Burn Bullock site (including 24 flats) to the Council in early 2017, but these had been strongly rejected. A potential buyer had also fallen away due to unwillingness of the freeholder to engage. The Council was understood to be creating a development company which might be more able to do a compulsory purchase. The Club was ensuring that cricket was reflected in the next Merton local plan. The Committee would be writing to the Council to advise them of our plans to reinstate the net surfaces in the corner of the ground.

## **Election of President**

14. Outgoing president Pat Batty said he was proud to endorse the election of David Smith as the Club's new President. At age 17 David had made his debut for the Surrey 1<sup>st</sup> XI and had then had 22 years in the First Class game – at Surrey for about half of this, but also for Worcestershire and Sussex. He had scored 24,000 runs including 35 centuries and was another Mitcham cricketer who had played for England. David had been goalkeeper for Old Grammarians (under Roy Hodgson) and was a fair golfer. He also had a career as a racing driver.

15. His election was welcomed unanimously by all members present.

16. David Smith thanked the Club's Executive Committee for the significant honour of being the Club's President and expressed his thanks to Pat Batty. David said that Mitcham and its Green was the most important place to play cricket. He reported that his Mum was very proud about his election as Mitcham CC's President and his Dad would have been too. David was also honoured to be included in the prestigious list of cricketers on the Ruff Stone. He said his aim would be to bring pride back to the Club.

## **Vote of Thanks to Outgoing President Pat Batty**

17. Peter White Young led the Club's thanks to Pat for his 67 years of service to the Club. Pat had been captain in Mitcham CC's most successful period in the field – largely down to his people management skills. Pat had been Club chair in 1981-83 and then President since 1990. He would be missed as a President, but remain a regular supporter.

18. Ewan Green also voiced his appreciation of Pat's contribution to the life of the Club. The tribute sent by Lindsay Bashford was also read out.

19. Pat received a copy of the 1896 Wisden as a token of the Club's lasting thanks.

### Election of Officers

20. The following individuals were elected to serve as Club Officers for 2018:

Office	Individual Elected	Proposed	Seconded
President	David M Smith	Executive	Unanimously
Vice Presidents	The list shown below were re-elected	John Mansfield	Jeff Southgate
Chair	P. White-Young	Julia Gault	Dennis Seymour
Hon. Secretary	Mrs J. Gault	Pat Batty	Ewan Green
Hon Treasurer	Adrian Gault	Peter White Young	John Mansfield
Hon Fixture Secretary	S Udaya Kumar	Damian Greenall	Ahsan Khan
Chair of Cricket Committee	Dennis Seymour	Ken Jones	Richard Parboo
Colts Secretary	David Bell	Peter White Young	Dennis Seymour
Head of Colts Coaching	Adrian Gault	Peter White Young	David Bell
1st XI Captain	Damian Greenall	Elected following secret ballot as two nominations were received – Ahsan Khan & Damian Greenall	
2nd XI Captain	Shreyash Patel	Ahsan Khan	Imran Khan
3rd XI Captain	Saj Ali	Martin Gouma	Dennis Seymour
Ladies XI Captain	Julia Gault	Shellina Finnegan	Nora Khan
1st XI Vice Captain	Abdur Razzaq	Damian Greenall	S Suganthan
2nd XI Vice Captain	Jay Jones	Dennis Seymour	Ahsan Khan
3rd XI Vice Captain	Alston Wood	Martin Gouma	Ahsan Khan
Welfare Officer	K. Jones	Peter White Young	Adrian Gault

The following were re-elected to serve as Vice President

C L Bashford*	K Jones*	J Stover
P D Batty*	C A Peacock*	T Todd
D Bell	J C Rattle	D Webb
Mrs J Bellamy MBE	D Seymour	P White-Young*
K Bond	M Short	G Williams*
F G Day*	P G Smart	Mrs R Williams
A Gault*	B Smith	M J Wilson
Mrs J Gault	R A Stevens	J C Wray*
E J Green*		*Life Member
R M Hines*		
R Humphreys		

21. Having been nominated by the Executive Committee, it was unanimously agreed that John Mansfield should also be elected to serve as Vice President.



### **Life Membership**

22. Peter White Young nominated Adrian Gault for life membership in view of his breadth of service for the Club. Adrian had secured a level 2 coaching qualification, had started and continued to manage the U12 XI, he was now the Club Treasurer and had also established himself as the Club's archivist – putting together the annual Heritage Day displays. As part of this he had enabled the rediscovery of James Southerton's grave in the local parish churchyard. This was agreed unanimously by those present.

### **Executive Committee**

23. All of the officers listed above were elected to serve as the Executive Committee plus J Strover and Shellina Finnegan as ex-officio members. This was carried on bloc by the assembled membership.

### **Appointment of Examiner**

24. The Executive Committee nominated Roshni Gocol as examiner for the accounts, this was seconded by John Mansfield.

### **Any other Business**

25. John Strover encouraged those present to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> January event run at the Golf Club to raise funds for the Club.

26. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.16pm.

## **Mitcham Cricket Club Chairman's Report 2018**

Our first season under new President David Smith has seen huge highs and lows – with some particularly tricky developments off the pitch.

Before the season had even started our historic pavilion was struck by “the Beast from the East”. This intense spell of cold weather caused burst pipes and a major flood which did extensive damage to the pavilion and its contents. All the carpets had to be replaced and significant remedial works were required over March and April to get the building fit for cricket by the time the season started. The Club is very lucky in its friends and supporters and they came to our rescue again this time – Alan Hutchings, John Mansfield and Caroline Muller Carpenter in particular rallied around helping with the immediate tasks of staunching the leak and drying everything out! Alan, supported by John then put in many hours undertaking work to repair the damage particularly in the kitchen and changing rooms. They’ve also restored the fence between us and the Burn Bullock car park which had blown down in sections over several months.

Although strenuous efforts were made to minimise costs of this work (e.g. much of the fence is recycled from the existing panels and donated timber and parts), some unplanned expenditure on this remedial work was unavoidable – notably new carpets on both floors in the pavilion. And it’s important to remember that our continuing lack of a current lease prevents us from having insurance against such eventualities.

There have also been developments this year on our tenure. It is far from resolved, but at least we are now engaged in discussions which for the first time in a decade could potentially lead to a resolution. Our landlords (Phoenix Grp Investments Ltd) started to consult in June on a new proposal for the Burn Bullock and pavilion site which would put a hotel development in the back carpark, bring the Burn Bullock back into use as a pub/restaurant and reconfigure the cricket club portion of the land. Significantly the proposal would reduce the footprint of the cricket club and require demolition of our equipment shed.

Since their plans were first revealed at a public consultation, the Club has sought to engage with Phoenix and their new venture partners Westbury Investments. This has been facilitated by their architect Marcus Beale Associates. Our ideal outcome is to secure the freehold of our current footprint. It is unclear whether we can achieve that. We also remain to be convinced that the current version of the proposal based on a smaller footprint for the Club would be viable – especially for our storage needs (we have just provided them with a long and detailed list of what we need to store). Phoenix have, however, indicated that they might be willing to consider selling the site to us, we are awaiting details of what land is on offer and the associated terms e.g. on access rights. And although the architect has drawn up plans for a reconfigured pavilion which we assume would form part of any planning application, Phoenix have been clear throughout that they have no intention of paying for the works. We remain hopeful, but not optimistic that this may eventually end the ten years of uncertainty about our tenure. Through Graham Jackson at the Surrey Championship we have also begun a dialogue with the ECB about our pavilion and what we need to include if we are to apply for funding from them. This discussion is ongoing.

On the field we had, perhaps, a steadier year than we have managed recently. All our senior sides finished broadly mid-table (6<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively) so there are no relegations to report! Indeed the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at one stage was threatening yet another promotion.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI continued to secure results below what the talent in the team is really capable of. They put in some better batting performances and on occasions showed the necessary determination to win tight games.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI again gave opportunities for our colts to experience senior cricket – putting in some memorable performances including a first senior 50 for Dhruv Rupal (one of this year's Memorial Award winners). Next season the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI will be playing in a new configuration of their league which will see them play against a mixture of third and fourth eleven teams, some of whom they have not played previously.

Our three Colts sides also had a good season, with our U16s runners up in the Beddington Festival and the U14 league side runners up in their League.

It was great to see us offer more cricket for our younger Colts – another successful year of All Stars and two friendlies played at U10.

In the press attention that followed the launch of our campaign for survival, we were also proud to see our Colts speaking so passionately to the media about how important the Club is to them and other local young people.

Our new Ladies Squad had a lively inaugural season and we look forward to a Ladies Festival coming to the Green in 2019.

Despite all the off the field challenges we continue to make progress in implementing our Development Plan. Notable achievements include the restoration of artificial net facilities. These new demountable nets have been well used by playing members of all ages – our challenge for 2019 is to find a way of securely and invisibly storing the heavily metal poles nearby as they are very heavy to carry across the Green which means that the nets are not used as often as they might be.

As part of the spring “spruce up” Damian Greenall and Den Seymour (jr) completed the refurbishment of the sight screens (which had been started 12 months previously). They also refreshed paintwork around the pavilion over a series of weeks.

When our President David Smith spoke at the AGM last year he said that he wanted to bring pride back to Mitcham CC. Through him we accessed smart new club kit for both seniors and juniors. He also brought the Lashings World XI to the Green for the last weekend of the season. It was fantastic to see Mitcham CC take the field against former international players and there was a great spirit throughout the day. We hope this will become a regular fixture.

The visit from Lashings was part of a wider weekend dedicated to fundraising activities. Friday night was our Club awards night, kindly sponsored yet again by VP Joyce Bellamy

MBE. Despite some teething troubles with the generator, this was a very enjoyable night where we celebrated good performances in our junior section. A new award was made for the Ladies squad – with Sam Selvaraj receiving the Hazel Sanders Medal as the Most Improved Player of the 2018 season.

On the Saturday the pavilion was open as part of Mitcham Heritage Day. Again there was an excellent cricket history exhibition on display. We also held a Colts match so there was plenty for our many visitors to see. In the evening we held a very successful Comedy Night with a cast of local up and coming comedians there were plenty of giggles on the Green. We are grateful to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the weekend a success.

I must thank all of the officials for their efforts over the last year especially our hon sec Julia Gault who has kept us all to task and so much more, Adrian Gault for his efforts as treasurer, colts coach and club historian, David Bell for his work as organiser of colts and Saturday evenings. Shellina Finnegan as the backbone of our fundraising activities.

All the captains worked hard to ensure we put out three sides each week. The tea ladies were immense and our teas the envy of many other clubs.

Again I must thank Andy Goulding for his work in maintaining the square throughout the season with often four matches a week on the Green.

We are continuously looking for new volunteers. There is always more to be done, so anyone who would like to be involved would be most welcome.

We need more players, umpires and scorers. People to become involved in fundraising, helping with socials and assisting with maintaining the building and grounds. Our big challenge is to raise sufficient funding so that if we have the opportunity to purchase the pavilion we can do that and also refurbish it.

Thank you.

**Peter White Young**

## Team Reports

### 1st XI

The winter nets began in February and were not terribly well attended to start with; in fact, the first net consisted of two of us who managed to rope in a couple of other players from other clubs to net with us for the two hours and pay!

Things improved, however, towards the middle of the sessions to where we actually had enough to cover the evening. It is hoped that the nets will be better attended next year, time will tell!

Before the season began, there was good news mixed with bad. The Committee agreed to install 2 artificial nets where there used to be nets at the road end of the ground. These were eagerly anticipated as this would provide the facility for more people to practice in a more constructive manner and would allow the square to recover quicker with less use. On the other side of the coin, was the Clubhouse flood. Whilst the cost was high, my view is that this was in some ways a blessing in disguise – replacement carpets were well overdue and other essential work was carried out - principally by Alan and John with some volunteer efforts, most notably young Dennis Seymour. The sight screens were re-painted over the winter and a program of repainting the clubhouse has been started.

The season began for the 1st XI against CTCO on Sunday on 22nd April following a win by the 2s on the previous day! Being the first game as Captain of Mitcham, I have to admit, there were butterflies fluttering about the tummy as I had captained two games before and lost both, only one way to go then. We bowled them for 128 in under the available 35 overs and, although a couple of catches were dropped (5!) the bowling was good and the fielding pretty tight. A particular mention to Imran who showed that he could control the ball well and create a problem for the batsmen with a ball, bowled wide of the crease that darted into the stumps. An early find for the season! Dennis Jr then provided a fabulous batting display, scoring 94\*, supported by Pruvesh who scored 'gently', but by the time he had a swish and was caught, the game was won. Prash, who played the occasional Saturday, finished the game off with Dennis Jr. Great result and hopefully boded well for the season.

The next game, and the first I personally played in, was rained off. The only game that was for the 2018 season. Following which we had a 10 wicket win against Chobham. Unfortunately, that ended up being one of the higher points of the season as we went about the up and down travails of MCC on the field of play. A very close game against West End Esher, where we almost had them more than once, a fantastic run out from a direct hit thrown from a sitting position by A. Khaya, heightened the tension of the game but it was not to be, pipped by 2 wickets; they knew how to bat on their wicket.

A broken finger excluded myself for the next 4 weeks, thanks Imran!! A good win against Ham and Petersham, loss to Woodmansterne and a losing draw to Roehampton (I got the tactics totally wrong with this game) brought London Gymkhana, who proved too powerful, they won the league in the end. The less said about the Putney game the better, although one could put this down England progressing in the World Cup and attention being elsewhere! A bounce back against Merton CC brought West End Esher back into view for the return rubber. Some sparkling batting from the top order provided a score of 275/5. However, we were unable to wrinkle them out and they clammed up for the draw at 231/4. Loss to Chobham did not sit well after the earlier in the season drubbing. The highlight of the next 4 games in August was a win against Morden, proving that without their best (pro) player, they are not much of a force. After that game, there were 3 losses on the trot, Ham and Petersham, Woodmansterne and London Gymkhana which put MCC in the unsavoury position of relegation.

One of the better games in the season involved almost all of the players, wickets being shared about by all, other than the unlucky Razz who, incidentally, suffered from bad luck (and my inability to catch) all season. Fielding was generally excellent, and they were contained to 205. Bearing in mind, at tea, MCC needed to win this game NOT to be relegated. The openers went cheaply which brought Shreyash to the wicket and then myself. Shreyash made batting look easy, which is why I would have liked him in the 1's all year, I struggled to 19 before a poor attempt at a late cut and was caught behind. Den Jr was next in and contributed his usual elegant runs but an LBW shout went in favour of the fielding side, Jaimin next and looked good for 15 before the predictable catch was offered. This then brought Razz to the crease. Shortly after, Shreyash fell and Abhi joined Razz in the middle. What happened next was just what dreams are made of on a cricket pitch. Razz has

always been the most belligerent of middle order player, walking down the wicket to every ball, which is guaranteed to irritate any seamer but that is just his style. Abhi, notable for his languid left-hand style maybe less so for any long innings, played a mighty role supporting Razz, including a back foot (from memory) drive that clattered to the boundary. Eight down and closer and closer we came. Unknown to the team, we did not actually need to win the game but win we did, convincingly by the end. A brilliant all-round effort. What it showed was the MCC are quite capable of winning tight games. Whilst this is not a frequent occurrence, the ability and talent is there and the future is bright.

A fabulous weekend was had with the Lashings XI. Some of the biggest names in cricket were there, great to see the support for the Club and hopefully, a start of something regular that is of enormous benefit to the club.

To sum up the year for the 1st XI – Frustrating. The players who one wanted in the 1's were not always available and the number of unforced errors where high.

I would like to wish Shaz and AK all the best for 2019; younger players are what is required for success and leave the old dodderers to the 3's!

**Damian Greenall**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Final Results Table</b>	<b>played</b>	<b>conceded</b>	<b>abdn</b>	<b>Win Draw</b>	<b>Win</b>	<b>Pts</b>
London Gymkhana CC	18	0	1	1	14	297
Putney CC	18	1	0	2	12	282
Woodmansterne CC	18	1	0	0	12	274
Merton CC	18	0	0	0	9	226
Ham and Petersham CC	18	0	1	1	6	181
<b>Mitcham CC</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>171</b>
West End (Esher) CC	18	1	0	1	5	158
Morden CC	18	2	0	2	4	157
Roehampton CC	18	1	0	1	5	156
Chobham CC	18	1	0	0	3	108

## 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

The second eleven returned to the 2018 Surrey Championship after several years away in the Fullers League. Promoted as champions, the season started well with seven victories from the first nine matches (with only one loss and an abandoned match due to rain for the other two). This was largely due to a number of great individual performances including Jaimin Patel (56\* v Thames Ditton, 99 v Hampton Hill and 50 v Old Emanuel), Jay Jones (4-8 v Hampton Hill), Naimit Patel (4-25 v Guildford City) Shreyash Patel (42\* v Guildford City, 61 v Merrow and 74\* v Old Emanuel), Abhi Raval (5-27 v Merrow), Faridullah Hosseini (4-14 v Alleyn), Anwar Ul Haq (56\* v Alleyn) and a man of the match performance by Ashan Khan against Old Emanuel (4-71 and 84\*).

These results saw the team sitting comfortably second in the table at the halfway stage of the season. Unfortunately, the second half didn't prove to be as successful, and following a number of internal player promotions, the side struggled to compete to the same level.

That said, strong team performances were still achieved against Maori Oxshott (winning by 47 runs), Thames Ditton (by 57 runs) and Battersea Ironsides (chasing down 189) and the team were still chasing promotion going into the last two rounds of the season. Individual efforts during this period included Abhi Raval (5-25 v Old Hamptonians and 4-39 v Maori Oxshott), Jaimin Patel (55 v Maori Oxshott, 90 v Hampton Hill and 54 v Thames Ditton), Ashan Khan (4-41 v Maori Oxshott and 4-33 v Thames Ditton), Shreyash Patel (52 v Guildford City and 84\* v Battersea Ironsides), Alston Wood (4-16 v Merrow), Wahid Ulla Khan (61 v Merrow) and Damian Greenall (55 v Old Emanuel).

An abandoned match, followed by a run of three key losses in a row to close the season proved the difference and ultimately ended our chance of promotion. A fourth place for our first season back was a positive result and will be back next season to try it all again.

**Matt Devon**

2nd XI Final Results Table	Played	won	Win draw	conceded	abdn	Pts
Old Hamptonians CC	18	14	1	0	1	333
Old Emanuel CC	18	8	2	2	1	264
Battersea Ironsides CC	18	10	1	0	1	252
<b>Mitcham CC</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>241</b>
Maori Oxshott CC	18	8	1	0	1	210
Hampton Hill CC	18	6	3	1	0	205
Thames Ditton CC	18	6	2	0	1	184
Alleyn CC	18	5	0	1	1	142
Merrow CC	18	4	0	0	1	130
Guildford City CC	18	1	0	2	1	33



### 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Final Results Table

	played	won	Win draw	conce de	abdn	Pts
Purley CC	18	14	1	0	1	305
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	18	11	0	0	1	266
Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	18	10	1	1	1	262
Addiscombe CC	18	7	3	2	1	235
<b>Mitcham CC</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>218</b>
Epsom CC	18	6	0	2	1	211
Merstham CC	18	8	2	1	1	202
Old Emanuel CC	18	4	0	4	1	126
Woodmansterne CC	18	1	0	1	0	99
Wallington CC	18	0	0	6	0	53

## **Ladies Squad Report**

I am delighted to pen the report on the inaugural season for the Ladies squad.

The decision to form a Ladies section was taken in the latter part of summer 2017. The core members of the squad started to train on Sundays starting from scratch with advice on the correct grip for bat and ball. As the autumn progressed with support from coach Hugo we continued to train on the Green. We moved on to practicing specific strokes like the front foot defensive and front foot drive; and working on overarm bowling actions. Such was our enthusiasm by November it was too cold to train outside so we hired the scout hall to continue working on our skills. We then joined the colts for winter nets early in 2018. In between training sessions, we practiced at home...including with Nora's infamous "sock-ball"!

Once the season started training moved outside and we started to prepare in earnest for playing in the Smash It Festivals. These six-a-side festivals played with incrediball and specially made plastic bats are part of the ECB's drive to increase women's participation in cricket. This season most of the Surrey festivals seemed to be in the south of the county so we had some long journeys to get to them.

All season we have struggled with numbers – there are half a dozen stalwarts who stuck with it, turning out to training regularly and available to play. A couple of the festivals we were able to field a Mitcham team, but more often we played in teams with other players. Our best performance was at the Egham festival where our five Mitcham players were split between two Chertsey teams and those teams finished second and fourth that day.

Youngest member of the squad Leah can certainly hit the ball and at times bowls at serious pace. Shellina has really worked on her bowling and is starting to take wickets, but it is her batting that has really come on. Vice captain Vasi is a real all rounder – she has a great eye, loves to keep wicket, bats with power and can also spin it when bowling. Nora has also made great strides with both her bowling and batting. Sam has made the biggest improvement in her skills in the last year. She can now bowl accurately, at pace and can swing the ball. She scores regular boundaries with the bat. Sam's determination and hard work on her skills earned her the new Ladies award – the Hazel Sanders Medal for Most Improved Player.

It's been a privilege to lead this team, we've had great fun and we are all looking forward to next season. And in 2019 we'll be hosting our own Smash It Festival on the Green! If you know of anyone that would like to give cricket a go, we would welcome some new recruits.

**Julia Gault Ladies Captain**

## Colts Report 2018

The investment in juniors over the past five years continues to pay dividends. This year four boys were entered for Surrey trials, three were selected for the end of season League representative side and several of the Colts impressed for the senior teams.

Juniors benefitted from the winter indoor net sessions at Rutlish School. The new nets on the Green were also well used by the juniors, providing an opportunity for individual coaching on core skills from Adrian Gault, Richard Crompton and our team of coaches.

We again entered three teams in the North, East and Central Surrey Colts League. The star performers in the league were the Under 14 team who finished second in their league. The Under 12 team improved as the season went on and the Under 16 side reached the final of the Beddington festival.

For a second time we hosted the ECB All Stars programme. We gave 38 boys and girls aged 5 to 8 a fun 8-week programme. The group included many returning kids from the 2017 programme and several of the players went on to join the club. With these recruits we were again able to arrange a couple of under 10 games.

The Colts 6-a-side festival in June was well attended and provided a chance for kids of all ages to play together.

Dozens of our juniors received an hour of coaching from the Lashings side when they visited in September. Parents and kids were delighted to have the opportunity to learn from the former Test stars. For the first time we organized a Father's Day event to allow Dads and their kids to play pairs cricket together on the Green.

As news spread about the dispute over the pavilion, television crews arrived at the Green. Mitcham's juniors were interviewed and were a credit to the club and their families as they articulately explained why the club is so important to them.

We were again indebted to parents who stepped up to support our junior players. Parents able to support coaching, umpiring and scoring, as well as offering lifts to away games are essential to enable us to enter teams in leagues.

We were pleased that more than ten of the players who have been Colts in the past two years are now playing regularly in the senior sides. And with numbers growing and new teams being established, we hope to produce more players for the senior sides while also providing a safe and fun learning environment for our younger players.

The club will need ever more support with coaching, transport and fund raising if we are to keep the Colts engaged and developing. You don't need to be a parent to get involved. Anyone who can spare a Sunday morning or a weekday evening would be most welcome.

## **Under 14**

The Under 14s started the season in explosive style with a big victory at Old Rutlishians. Openers Zubair and Maywon made 158 for the first wicket, batting into the 20th over. That set the tone for the summer as the openers shared 600 runs and six 50s over the course of the season.

One of many highlights across the season was the home game against Dulwich. The away side won every game of the season, but Mitcham managed the best batting performance of the season against them to make 145-1 in their 20 overs. Again Maywon (65\*) starred with the bat, ably supported by Shamali (41). An even better batting performance saw the boys make 177-5 at Spencer. This time it was Zubair who top scored with 74\* as Mitcham won by 18 runs.

On the rare occasions when the top 3 failed with the bat the middle order stepped up. In the home game against Old Ruts, the top 3 were gone inside the first 21 balls. It was the middle order of Yosef, Abiram, Sulaiman and Ibtisam that steadied the ship with patient batting for 14 overs. They laid the platform for Muneef (26) and Hammad to plunder some late runs as Mitcham scored 75 off the final 8 overs. Mitcham's 116 didn't seem enough but great bowling saw us home by 11 runs.

Against bottom side Alleyn, Mitcham hit a slightly below par 147-9 with all-rounder Janardhan making his highest of the season. But two Mitcham bowlers put on a remarkable performance. Zubair (3-1-7-5) and Muneef (4-0-12-5) bowled the team out between them for a 60-run win. Their performances were recognized by website Cricket World, who made them winners of their Junior Performance of the Week.

With Spencer losing in the final game of the season, Mitcham secured an impressive 2nd place, by far the best performance since we first entered an u14 team in this league in 2012. We were proud that our top three batsmen, Maywon, Zubair and Shamali were all selected in the end of year League representative XI, with Maywon - who led Mitcham excellently all season - also asked to captain the League side. All three were sent for Surrey CCC trials.

In the end of season awards, the hard working Abiram won most improved player. Consistent spinner Hammad won the bowling award, and Zubair who averaged 48 picked up the batting award. Credit to Royanne and Ayaan who both contributed with the ball through the season but it was skipper Maywon who picked up the Player of the Year award.

## **Under 16**

The Under 16s struggled to get games through the season as other teams dropped out of the league or conceded individual fixtures. Their season finally got under way on 28 June when the boys were heavily beaten by eventual champions Spencer. The following week they somehow lost a game against Old Whitgiftians that they always looked like winning. Azeem (55) and Maywon (61\*) put on 74 for the 2nd wicket as the boys posted 155-4 in South Croydon. But great late batting from the home side saw them home with three balls to

spare. A defeat to Trinity Mid-Whitgiftians left Mitcham in the bottom half of the table but they knew with matches being conceded to them, if they could beat Old Rutlishians at home then 3rd place could still be reached.

In a game that will live long in the memory of everyone who saw it, the boys posted a below par 109-8, which was boosted by 13yo Ayaan making 19\*. Mitcham knew they would need to bowl well to restrict the visitors. With wickets falling frequently and only nine boundaries made, Old Ruts went into the last over knowing 7 runs would secure the win. Two great boundary-saving stops from Mahesh and an easy run out left Ruts needing two off the final ball. But U14 all-rounder Shamali bowled the ball of the innings to topple the timbers and see Mitcham home by 1 run.

A share of third place was a good result for a side that was well led by new skipper Dhruv. Batsman of the year Faraz was well supported by Azeem, Sami and Maywon. Wickets were well spread through the team; Armaan was Bowler of the Year, with Mitesh, Mahesh, Vaksalan, Zubair and Hammad all taking wickets. Azizullah who stepped up as captain towards the end of the season was Player of the Year.

Mitcham u16s played well in the 8-a-side Beddington Festival as they reached the final of the 40-ball contest. In the final they faced Old Whits, beaten finalists in previous years, who had won all of their group games. Whits explosive batting saw them reach an incredible 88-4 off their 40 balls. Everyone except the Mitcham eight assumed that was game over. But the Browncaps scored 20 off the first over and 20 off the third to set up a last over shoot out. In spite of hitting 8 sixes in their 40 balls Mitcham were eventually 11 runs short after they posted 77-1 - the second highest score of the day. Old Whits deserved the title as they batted better all day. But the u16 reached Mitcham's first ever final and they didn't let anyone down.

**David Bell**

## **Under 10**

The under 10s had 2 friendly games in the season. Both were pairs games - the first in early June away against Spencer; then in July a home game against Purley. Each pair got to bat for 4 overs and has 4 overs to bowl as well. With 5 pairs in each team, that means a 20 over a side game.

The Spencer game was mighty close. With every wicket taken counting for minus 6 runs, it came down to the very last ball with Spencer hanging on to win by 1 run.

The Purley game was great fun. Mitcham made 83, with significant contributions from Michael (9), Ismail (10), Leo (9 off 8 legitimate balls) and a highlight performance from captain Ayaan who plundered 20 off his last over and a total 24 off 14 balls faced. But only 3 wickets (meaning the loss of 18 runs) were taken across Mitcham's innings. That made a big difference to the outcome, because when Purley batted they lost 8 wickets (minus 48 runs), reaching a total of 52. Star bowler was George, who took 3 wickets in his 2 overs, all

bowled. Ali and Ayaan took 2 wickets each. Special mentions too for Niyamat who joined the Club from All Stars and bowled 2 overs for 5 runs and Ralph, 1 wicket and only 4 runs conceded.

## **Under 12**

The under 12s, captained by Muhammad, finished 6th in their league. They won 1 game in the league and 2 friendlies. There were some tough games, but only in a poor defeat against Spencer did heads go down. Elsewhere a lot of fight was shown, including in scoring 137 against Old Ruts, and 112 against A.J. Academy.

The win was against Alleyn. Muhammad made 30 retired, including 3 fours and a six. He was ably backed by Faebian, not out 27, and Michael with a quick 13, as Mitcham posted a total of 109 for 3. Alleyn were always behind in the chase, as wickets fell steadily. They finished 10 runs short on 99 for 8. The bowling was tight, with Mohammed Butt taking 1 for 14 off 3, Daif 1 for 12 off 4, and Ahmed 3 for 7 off 2.

Daif was the find of the season. We haven't seen the best of his batting, but he bowled tightly throughout and took the bowling award for the season. Ahmed, Michael, Dhruv and Muhammad also had good spells with the ball. Leah took a couple of wickets. Faebian is fast and will improve further as he gains more control.

On the batting front, Madyn, Ahmed, Dhyey (top score 24 not out), Michael and Sher (32 not out), all contributed. But the backbone of the side was provided by Faebian and Muhammad. Faebian had 2 scores of 27 and took the batsman award. Player of the season was Muhammad. He either scored zero or a lot. But it was an impressive run over the season as a whole - 32\*, 0, 0, 23, 30\*, 0, 30\*, 33\*, 30\*.

Ahmed took the all-rounder award and Sanat most improved player. There are a host of good young players who will still be eligible for the under 12s next year - Ayaan, Ismail, Reuven, Madyn, Amaan, Michael, Dasun, Dhruv, Leo and George.

Thanks to all who helped with lifts, scoring and coaching - especially Victoria Learmond, Simon Levine, Shellina Finnegan, Michael Davidson and Madyn's grand-dad.

**Adrian Gault**



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.

Throughout the year we have taken a strategic role working with the Club to obtain a secure legal footing for the pavilion, as the owner has begun to progress plans to develop the Burn Bullock pub and car park. Our commitment to supporting the Club in this ongoing work remains as strong as ever, and we look forward to a positive outcome both for the Club and for the wider site, which is a key location in Mitcham Cricket Green Conservation Area.

We were again pleased to see the Club join us at our Community on the Green event in July, opening the pavilion to local people on what turned out to be a beautiful summer's evening.

We were also delighted with the Club's support of Mitcham Heritage Day, which continues to go from strength to strength every September. This year the Saturday event coincided with the Lashings cricket weekend, making a very busy time for all concerned. Mitcham Heritage Day 2019 will take place on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to every Club volunteer who gave their time in both July and September, helping to show what a lot Mitcham has to offer.

We work hard for the Conservation Area in all aspects. One point of note for the past year is the near completion of flats on what used to be the Cricketers pub. The 1950s pub that was demolished for the flats replaced an earlier pub with a strong association with the Club. Before the pavilion was built in 1904 the team had changing rooms there, and the scorer was based on the pub's balcony. The new flats have a relatively sympathetic design, and are certainly far less intrusive than earlier alternatives. We had been fighting inappropriate designs since 2012!

We continue to play our part in delivering the Lottery project for The Canons, which will see £4.7million spent over the next few years on The Canons House and surrounding open spaces. The rich sporting heritage of the area of benefit of the grant does not quite extend to cover the Cricket ground, but we know the Club will be keen to play its part in celebrating that heritage as the project matures.

MCGC&H is steadfast in its support of Mitcham Cricket Club. If in turn you would like to support us then please do consider becoming a member. You will find a membership form at <http://mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk/join/>.

John Strover

Chair

Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage

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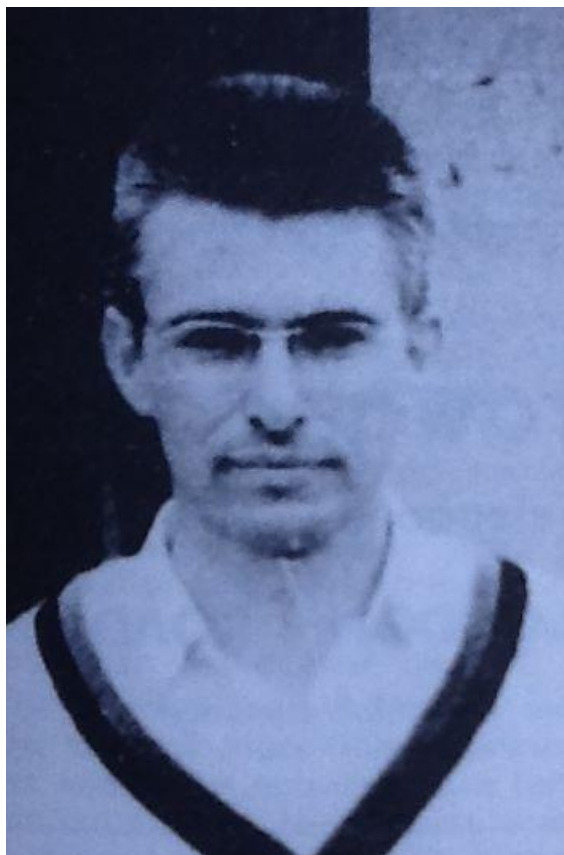
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## Peter Johnson



One of Mitcham's most elegant and stylish batsmen, Peter Johnson died in May of this year at the age of 79. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's Disease for some time, something he had initially handled with great fortitude before the illness progressed in its severity during Peter's final four years.

The last phase of his life was spent in a care home in Essex, this being in the vicinity of his closest relatives; and in particular his cousin Christine who devoted a lot of time to Peter's needs and welfare.

An architect by profession, Peter had lived in the attractive Surrey town of Ashted for some years, initially with his wife Connie and later with their son

Matthew too. Sadly Connie passed away five years before Peter and tragically, a few years before that, they had lost Matthew in early adulthood.

As a cricketer Peter's classical style of batting and his regular availability to play in virtually all Saturday and Sunday matches, plus his keenness to play as much midweek cricket as possible for representative XIs and assorted other teams (usually by invitation), saw him scoring heavily each season. His total commitment to the game resulted in him amassing around 55,000 runs in all club cricket. This included over one hundred centuries for a career average of just under 46.

In his 14 years with Mitcham CC he scored almost 18,000 playing for us from 1968 to 1981. Peter was for most of this time the backbone of our batting, which became more so when the legendary Brian Ward retired in 1972. Mitcham had many fine batsmen in their ranks, but Peter's consistency stood out. He invariably topped the averages, comfortably exceeding 1000 runs each season. He had two outstanding hauls in seasons 1978 and 1979 with aggregates of 1823 and 1782 respectively.

Peter's unassuming and gentlemanly manner belied a very determined and competitive cricketer, something he was able to embrace throughout his long career which lasted into his sixties.

His club cricket started with an East London club, Hogarth who were based in the vicinity of Stepney, Peter's birthplace and where he was still residing at that time. Although very young at 14 years of age, he quickly hit the headlines, not only being a prolific run scorer, but by also showing considerable prowess as a talented off-spin bowler.

His cricket with Hogarth was very enjoyable in good company with players from various countries and backgrounds, this also included his elder brother Ronnie. The time came, however, for Peter to test himself in a higher grade of cricket, which he did by joining Honor Oak who were based in the Dulwich area. He did this in 1957 and after a season or so settling in, he became part of a very powerful batting side, usually in the No 3 spot and joining such luminaries as Ron Best and Wally Cheeseman.

Following eleven successful years with Honor Oak and with commencement of league cricket in the South of England and with the formation of the Surrey Championship, Peter decided to change club and joined Mitcham. Honor Oak at this time were not part of the Surrey Championship. This formed part of the reason for him joining us in 1968, as he considered league cricket to be a further and interesting challenge. Added to this was the important factor in Peter's mind – the excellence of the Mitcham batting surface and fine outfield. The atmosphere at the Green with the large crowds of those days was also an attraction.

Peter's batting was now in the process of getting even better, as he was introducing an array of additional legside strokes into his repertoire. His offside play and particularly his off and cover drives were always his hallmark and were of a supreme quality. His bowling by now had become part-time such was the abundance of superb bowling at Mitcham's disposal, but when the opportunity and need warranted, Peter could always be relied upon to do a good job.

Peter was proud to be a member of our four Surrey Championship title winning teams (mid back row in photo below) and the two Surrey Knock Out (Decca) Cup successful teams of the 1970s, the latter two honours being achieved at the Oval. He was also delighted to be a joint holder of three record partnerships in the league which stood for a few years. Two of them were with Brian Ray and both ironically against Sunbury. The first and opening stand of 206 was achieved at Sunbury in 1972. The second a

partnership of 236 was on the Green in 1981, this time for the second wicket. In between these, in company with Vinnie Brewster, they added an undefeated 195 for the third wicket on the Green in 1976 against Sutton.



After many happy and successful years with us and following much careful thought, Peter decided that he would like to return to the scene of his earlier days with a “trip down memory lane”, he therefore, with a slight degree of sadness on leaving us, rejoined his previous club Honor Oak in 1982. This was in part a way of repaying them for the welcome he originally received and for the encouragement and opportunities given to him when he was developing his talents at a senior level.

He continued to play 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket for a further four years, before gradually stepping down into the lower elevens and finishing by playing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI cricket. This perhaps rather surprisingly extended his career by 20 years. During this period Peter regularly returned to Mitcham representing the President’s XI or Old Mitcham XI in annual matches. As always we were especially delighted to see “P J” as he was known, back at the Green and although a considerable number of years had passed since he had first stepped on to our hallowed turf as an opponent, his batting had lost none of its artistry and grace.

Off the field of play his friendliness and modest self-effacing charm, always made him excellent company. During his years with us at Mitcham, he was a spectator’s delight and a most likeable and loyal team mate.

**Pat Batty**

## **Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Adrian Gault**

Provisional figures are shown in the tables that follow. Sorting everything out, aided by a couple of meetings with our Examiner, has proved difficult – a legacy in part of previous gaps in record-keeping. But we are getting there. A final set of accounts will hopefully be circulated at the AGM. I don't expect them to be much different to what appears here, but to fill the balance sheet gaps and allow for depreciation on the assets acquired this year.

The Club sustained a loss in the year to 30 September 2018 of around £2,370. This excludes any allowance for depreciation. When it is included, I expect the loss to increase to around £3,500. Despite substantial fund-raising efforts around the Big Weekend that pre-depreciation loss is similar to the loss last year, and deeply disappointing.

Income of £20,651 was up on 2017 (£17,175). This is largely a reflection of donations and fund-raising. Donations from Club members, the Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage Group and Mitcham Society amounted to £4167. On top of this £2300 was donated to the fighting fund - through the online launch of a crowdfunding campaign (<https://uk.gofundme.com/save-mitcham-cricket-club>), or prompted by that campaign (these donations are not available for day-to-day running costs of the Club).

Earlier in the season funds were raised through a Father's Day pairs cricket event, our Colts Festival, a World Cup Sweepstake and an International Food Evening. The major fund-raising effort after that was devoted to the Big Weekend (colts award evening; Mitcham Heritage Day; comedy night; games against Lashings XI). Net of expenses, this weekend added around £3500 to Club funds (including donations). Obviously, that is welcome, but it reflected the efforts of a very small band of volunteers - who would not want to repeat the experience of so many events in one weekend; and even organising them individually in another year will require wider support.

Income from annual subs of senior players was hardly changed from last year. 24 senior players paid subs (23 last year). That still leaves some non-payers, though mainly not regulars. At senior level the exception was the Ladies Squad where 100% of subs were paid. Income from socials and from match day fees was down, and we need to look to captains and all players to raise the social side of the Club.

Colts income was down, reflecting a slight fall in numbers this year (though those who played were very keen and we seemed to have fewer problems this year in raising full teams for our league games). The All Stars programme was a success. Raising the scheme price to £15 per participant did not significantly affect numbers taking part, and so nearly tripled income from this source.

Advertising income was limited, as last year, to ProCom. Ground hire income was down, reflecting a decision for the Club to make greater use of the Sundays, hoping to provide opportunities to bring more older colts through to senior cricket.

So, there are positives to say about the rise in overall income.

Unfortunately, expenditures also increased. This was down to a number of factors. We had unexpected costs of £1257 to replace carpets in the pavilion following the flood caused by frozen pipes in the kitchen. Costs of hiring Dundonald Rd Rec for 3rd team fixtures were up by £400. Most disappointing, there was a net loss of almost £900 on shirts purchased for players, with little income received. Costs for maintaining the ground are the largest item of expenditure (£11,000) were similar to last year.

With expenditures up by about the same as income, we sustained a similar loss to last year.

The overall balance sheet remains ok, though with reductions in our holdings in the bank and fighting fund. This reflects capital expenditures of £28,000, on two assets – the heavy roller and practice nets. The first a forced purchase due to the terminal breakdown of our old one; the second aimed at improving training facilities and the attractiveness of the Club to members. The mechanised roller was replaced at a cost of £6,850. We invested 21,200 in new nets in the north west corner of the ground.

With a battle our hands to secure tenure of the pavilion, we must now focus on fund-raising - to build up the Fighting Fund **and** to ensure that next year our income covers our running costs.

**Adrian Gault**  
**Hon Treasurer**

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018</b>			
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Pavilion Rent	400	Socials	2,161
Ground Maintenance	11,077	Fund raising	3,411
Pavilion Maintenance	1,531	Colt subs	2,238
Utilities	1,346	Senior subs	2,451
Insurance	1,240	Ladies subs	250
Affiliation fees	557	Hon subs	260
Minor equipment	747	All Stars	581
Awards	390	Donations	4,167
Fixture bk, stationery etc	452	Gift Aid	363
Ground hire	2632	Match day surplus	1,107
Junior coaching	980	Adverts/sponsors	360
Miscellaneous	1,094	Interest	41
Debts written off	575	Gofundme donations	1,585
		Fighting fund donations	721
		Clothing	220
		Ground Hire	735
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,021</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,651</b>
		Deficit for the year	2,370

<b>BALANCE SHEET as at 30 September 2018</b>						
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>			<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance b/f	tbc	15,992	Furniture & fittings		7,200	7,200
Savings account	-	310	Machinery & Equipment	5,443		
Less deficit for year	tbc	(2,622)	<i>Addition</i>	28,090	33,533	5,443
	tbc	13,680	Total		40,733	12,643
Rent fund	tbc	3,000	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Other creditors	tbc	4,516	Bank balance		4,357	5,158
Fighting fund	tbc	82,000	Savings account		310	310
Equipment addition	tbc		Fighting fund		52,792	82,000
			Cash in hand		127	1,655
			Debtors		2,060	1,230
			Stock		440	200
	<b>tbc</b>	<b>103,196</b>			<b>100,818</b>	<b>103,196</b>
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## Dates for your Diary 2019

1 <sup>st</sup> January	2019 Subscriptions Due
January	Annual dinner dance – date tbc Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage members, MCC members and friends enjoy an evening of music, dancing, socialising and more. A contribution from the proceeds of this event is donated to MCC. Enquiries to <a href="mailto:info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk">info@mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk</a>
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Colts winter nets start – £2 a session. Ladies winter nets start £5 a session – both at Rutlish School, Watery Lane, Merton Park SW20 9AD
March	2019 Fixture book available
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Prepare the Ground day – we need all players to come down and help get things ready for the 2019 season.
28 <sup>th</sup> April	10am - start of weekly colts training on the Green
31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>All subscriptions for existing members must be paid in full or a suitable instalment arrangement be in place by this date</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Ladies Smash It Festival
September	Parents v Colts Match – date tbc
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Mitcham Heritage Day – pavilion open to the public
September	Annual Awards Night – date to be confirmed
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Annual General Meeting - 8pm in the Pavilion.

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## Fundraising in 2018

This season we've again been grateful for the ongoing support of Mitcham Cricket Green Community and Heritage and The Mitcham Society. They have continued to raise funds through the annual Golf Day and other events.

The Club has also run a number of social events to raise vital funds – including another International Evening, a new Fathers' Day pairs cricket event and a World Cup sweepstake.

In the second half of the season all our energy went into The Big Weekend in September which started with our Awards Night, followed the pavilion opening for Mitcham Heritage Day. That evening we had Giggles on the Green comedy night and the weekend culminated in the visit from the Lashings World XI on the Sunday.

There are already plans for further events in 2019 which we hope will include a return visit from Lashings. We hope to see plenty of members and friends joining in the fun.



## Colts 6-a-side Festival

On a scorching day, seven teams vied for the 2018 trophy across 17 matches with some tremendous performances with ball, bat and in the field.

The final was contested between the Richardson Royals and the Strudwick Superkings with the Superkings (pictured left) taking the victory. Royal's captain Maywon took the Batting Cap for the day - he was retired in each match he played. Daif from the Superkings won the Bowling Cap and was immediately signed up for the U12 team. Thanks to all the parents who helped with set up, clearing away, food, the raffle, scoring and umpiring.

We are already looking forward to festival 2019!

## New Net Facilities

In June we restored the artificial nets and enhanced our practice facilities. This has considerably reduced the pressure on the square and has enabled us to offer higher quality coaching to the juniors.

Here you can see the Ladies Squad training session.

We'd like to thank SITA UK who came to our rescue and removed the vast amount of soil which had to be excavated to lay the new artificial surfaces.

This picture also gives you a sense of how parched the ground became in the hot summer – nice to see it green again now!







## Fighting for Survival

Since late June we've been in discussion with our landlords about their plans to develop the site that includes our pavilion. We hope that we will soon have the opportunity to purchase the freehold of our pavilion which will give us vital control over our destiny.

As part of our battle for survival we have launched a crowd funding appeal to raise the funds to purchase and refurbish the pavilion. We're grateful for the donations we've received so far. If you want to make a further donation you can contact the Club Treasurer Adrian Gault or contribute online via our Go Fund Me page <https://www.gofundme.com/save-mitcham-cricket-club>.

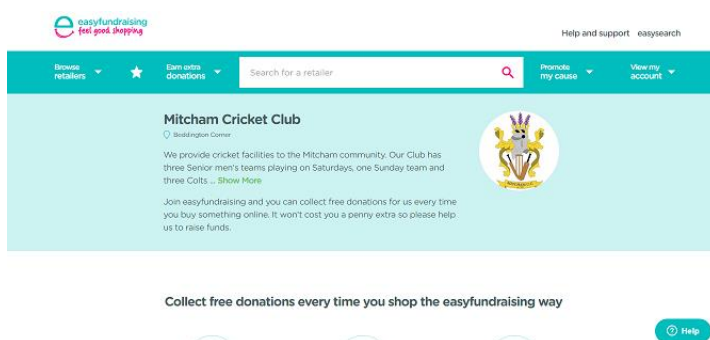
## Raise Money for us When You Shop Online

If you plan to do your Christmas shopping online then signing up for easyfundraising could give a great Xmas gift to the club - **and not cost you a penny.**

We've now got 22 supporters signed up helping us raise funds through Easyfundraising - who between them have raised over £900 since the Club joined the scheme. While this is great, the more members and friends we get to sign up the more funds we will raise. This will be a good way to continue to help the club over the winter while you wait for the new season to start again next spring!

It is free and easy to open an easyfundraising account at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mitchamcc/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mitchamcc/).

Each time you want to buy from your favourite online retailer you just go to their site through the easyfundraising website. For each purchase the retailer will make a donation to the Club. **It costs you nothing** you get your goods at the same bargain price you would otherwise pay. Loads of the most popular retailers can be accessed through easyfundraising like Amazon and eBay. Go on sign up today! If you don't shop online, do you have family or friends who might be willing to support us this way?



## Mitcham CC Christmas Gifts

Only available through the Club are our enamel badges. You cannot buy these in the shops. They are about 25mm (1 inch) long. Buy one for yourself to wear your Mitcham Cricket Club connection with pride or give as a novel gift for family and friends. You can buy one from the Club Secretary Julia Gault at the AGM for £2. Or send us £2.80 get one by post. Gift Honorary Memberships are also available for 2019 for £20 (inc P + P) and include a badge and membership certificate.

Cheques should be made payable to Mitcham Cricket Club and sent to Julia Gault 4 Salisbury Ave Cheam Surrey SM1 2DQ

You can also purchase copies of the two booklets about eminent Mitcham players – Outstanding and Outstanding II – from the same address