



# Wendover CC

## NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2021

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### Message from the Chairman (Andy Glazebrook):

2021 was a momentous year for the Club as we bade farewell to our Ellesborough Road Ground. The event to mark its last game was an excellent event and it was great to see so many Club members, their friends and family at the event - it was definitely a fitting farewell to our old ground. Planning and preparation for our new ground continues, under the leadership of Jonathan Seabrook, who continues to battle and keep the pressure up on HS2 in equal measure. Although we will be nomads for the 2022 season, we hope that we will be able to use some of the new ground in 2023. I ask for your forbearance and flexibility over the next couple of seasons but any inconvenience will be worth it when the new ground, pavilion and facilities are up-and-running.

The AGM at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25 January 2022 will be conducted again via Zoom. Connection details will shortly be available in the members' area of the Club's Pitchero

website. I would encourage you to log on and join to get the latest information on all matters affecting the Club and, technology permitting, an opportunity to ask questions of the Management Committee. If you can spare time to volunteer in any capacity it would be greatly appreciated - please contact me or Jonathan Seabrook. There is a lot to do to maintain the Club while we are nomads and to prepare for the new ground. For those who already volunteer a massive thanks from all of the Management Committee and Club members. Until then, stay safe and healthy, as we look forward to another great season of Cricket.

**For more information on any story, follow-up or contact details, etc., then unless stated otherwise, contact Jonathan Seabrook on 01296-623286 / 07767-148 119 or email [jseabrook@talktalk.net](mailto:jseabrook@talktalk.net)**

### HS2 Update by Jonathan Seabrook

We are now nearing the stage where we will be able to see real action and progress on the ground. The pre-works site can be seen as it's the unploughed part of the field next to the Vets in Tring Road.

The timelines remain more or less as envisaged 12 months ago, namely:

**Spring 2022** – work on the ground construction is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> May, followed by the new pavilion and other facilities.

**2022 season** - ground-sharing with other clubs for both training and matches where they cannot be accommodated at Witchell. Some senior matches will be at Witchell in August

and September. 2 grounds have been lined up for the Saturday league matches and 2 others for junior cricket, but final details remain to be confirmed.

**2023 Season** – training and some matches on an artificial pitch at the new ground. Older junior and adult matches may be at the new ground as well as at other grounds; the League 1<sup>st</sup> XI at least will be ground-sharing for a second season.

**2024 Season** – The new ground should be fully operational.

The Planning Application was submitted in October and a decision is expected in January 2022. Members were notified via Pitchero and had the opportunity to view the submission and make comments. The application and all documents should still be viewable at <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications> with ref. 21/04122/APP.

The tender for the ground construction is due to be issued late January 2022 and that for the pavilion /other works a couple of months later.

Liaison is continuing with HS2 Ltd and there have been more productive meetings with them than was the case earlier in 2021. Our MP Rob Butler has been kept abreast of developments and is prepared to assist to support us as and when called upon.

Club land at Ellesborough Road:

The cricket ground and half the car park were compulsorily purchased on 25/02/2021 and the remaining car park and paddock was temporarily possessed (by HS2 Ltd) in 2 tranches during 2021. In December 2021, the club was served with a further compulsory purchase notice for half the paddock; this will make the other part of the paddock unviable and negotiations will begin with HS2 in due course over compensation.

Other compensation claims are on-going to reclaim costs incurred and recover lost income. The club received advanced funding for the initial consultants fees for the new ground and this is assisting with the cashflow of costs incurred. (The treasurer will touch on this in his report accompanying the accounts at the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> January.)

Much work was done last September to clear everything out of the buildings/ off the land at Ellesborough Road, with the contents stored or disposed of. The site was handed over to HS2 on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Although HS2 will have an impact on **Witchell** in respect of noise, no-one really knows to what extent until it happens. Members are urged to keep tuned in to Wendover HS2 and the Parish Council for any updates and to be ready to make your views known as and when opportunities arise. Follow news at <http://www.whs2.org/> and other websites.

## The Club Websites

News stories and match reports etc. have been posted intermittently on <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wendovercricketclub> during the past year. If as a member you have not already registered, simply go to the website and click on “join” and follow the instructions. Most stories are viewable even if you’ve not signed up.

If you have information to go on the site or any queries or joining issues, please contact Anshuman Pandit on 07795-204 471 or email [anshumanpandit@gmail.com](mailto:anshumanpandit@gmail.com)

<https://wendovercc.play-cricket.com> is still in use as it’s the one the ECB, Bucks Cricket Board and the Mid Bucks League use generally and for fixtures. There are more stories on the *pitchero* site, but contact details etc. are on both sites.

## News

**Nick Morley** has relocated to Cumbria, so it is appropriate to thank him for his major contribution to the club. He held roles including vice-chairman (2007-2017), colts manager (2011-2012) and joint Sunday captain (2007); he was also a regular and dependable volunteer on work parties. His playing record for 2004 to 2021 was:

### Batting

I	NO	HS	R	Av	50	100
196	12	103	3,668	19.94	13	1

### Bowling

O	M	R	W	Av	BB
68.4	4	330	19	17.37	2-3

Catches - 58

He won 2 playing trophies, the Silver Bail in 2018 and 2nd XI Player in 2019.

Nick may well consider his most memorable playing record was his opening partnership with his son Chris in 2018, when they added 160 together at Ellesborough Road against White Waltham.

### Witchell Hire:

The booking system is run by / all hiring enquiries should made to Angela German, tel. 07804 671 445 or email

[stanneshallwendover@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stanneshallwendover@hotmail.co.uk)

### Grants

We were able to secure grants during the last financial year as below, being particularly pleased to be given local support by Wendover Parish Council, with £1,700 towards costs of coaching and other development courses, and £1,266 for the Defibrillator installed at Witchell. Also:

ECB Return to Cricket £3,000

ECB Funds4Runs £1,000

Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (FlicxPitch ) £2,700

We also benefited from Buckinghamshire Council's Covid 19 grants of £9,765.

## Girls Cricket

To get a girls section up and running, we signed up to the ECB's Dynamos scheme for 8 to 11 year olds. Jonathan Seabrook ended up doing all the admin as well as leading the sessions. There was initial scepticism up to a few days before the official start on 16<sup>th</sup> May but after BCB's Emma Boswell-Harris ran a taster session on the Wednesday preceding the 16<sup>th</sup>, there was a flood of applications! 37 signed up and due to its popularity, the initial 8 week programme was extended by 7 weeks at no extra cost. About 30 girls were weekly kept fully occupied during the 90-minute sessions, although numbers fell during the holidays.

Ideally we'd like a female lead or someone else to take over the leadership from Jonathan and if anyone is interested, please contact him on 07767-148 119.

Help with coaching and/or support is also needed, especially as this season we are entering some all-girls teams into Bucks competitions, so there will be some matches.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Sarah Horsley's daughter and friends ran a cake sale during the session and raised an incredible £146.55 for the Dogs Trust.

## The Grounds

Farewell to the Ellesborough Road ground (ERG) (1956-2021).

The last weekend of actual matches was 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September when we played 2 home matches (see the Non-league Matches Report later for how they went). Captain Chris Hunt and Pete Swinford made the Sunday game more 'special' with a sound system in place, blaring out sounds/ music and music to accompany each in-going batter. As luck would have it, we batted second and so Jonathan Seabrook (in at No.11 as usual) was the last batter to make his way to the middle; Pete



filmed it and you can see it on this U-tube link  
<https://youtube.com/shorts/wmwzV4EUWDg?feature=share>

Photos from the last event – Presidents Day - at the ERG can also be found on the playcricket website and has a lot more than shown below.



Brian Goodwin umpired all day.



Tony Mogford and John Willard viewing the play.

The winning team having struck a big total . . .



Will Digby, Hector Charlesworth, Marc Weltenius and a trio of Robinsons – Harry, George & Matt.

. . . overcoming the usual suspects representing the president



(L to R) Chris Watts, Charlie Nicholson, Tony Fish, Kevin Jackson, Iain Digby, Richard Jones, Nick Heafford.

Past & current club captains present



Iain Digby, Jonathan Seabrook, Mike Harding

The ceremonial removing of wickets for the last time with Andy Glazebrook, Tony Mogford & Jonathan Seabrook







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### Pictures at the ERG

A May evening with the pitch covered (*James Wootton*)



After the last event . . .



Special thanks are particularly due to the Grounds Team in 2021 for maintaining the grounds and producing the tended playing surfaces and pitches for all the practices and games.

Winter spiking and spring rolling fortunately created extra bounce compared with 2020, but there were other challenges with a huge number of junior matches to accommodate and dealing with a square that was saturated for 10 days in May.

The primary helpers were Harry Robinson, Jonathan Seabrook, Simon Thornton and Owen Watts.



There is always room for more grounds volunteers and once we move to Tring Road, a bigger team will be required as there will be a much larger area to maintain.

## The previous AGM in January 2021

See the Minutes of this AGM which accompany this newsletter.

The Club's Officers until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 are given below, with only Tom Mayer not standing for re-election:

**Chairman:** Andy Glazebrook 07712 891 458  
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## Senior Cricket Awards

The senior section enjoyed a competitive season although the bowling proved much more successful than the batting. We fielded 2 Saturday and 1 or 2 Sunday teams most weekends. Sunday cricket maintained its popularity after its resurgence in 2020.

The full averages are on the website, both for the individual teams and a Combined set, plus the leading ones are given in the playing reports later.

The trophy winners are:

Batting	<b>Dominic Ealand</b>
Bowling	<b>Jonathan Seabrook</b>

Fielding	<b>Nick Roberts</b>
Silver Bail	<b>Thomas Duff</b>
Most Promising Young Player:	<b>Charlie Barrett</b>
David Boardman Clubman	<b>Adam Ealand</b>
President's Box	<b>Tom Jackson</b>
1st XI League Player	<b>Jon Green</b>
1st XI League Bowler	<b>Jonathan Seabrook</b>
2nd XI League Batsman	<b>Anshuman Pandit</b>
2nd XI League Bowler	<b>Rahul Kedia</b>
Non-League XI Player	<b>James Heafford</b>
Non-League XI All-Rounder	<b>Chris Hunt</b>

Although Chris Hunt topped the **batting** averages (332 runs @ 41.5), he benefited from not outs as a late middle order batter, whilst Dom usually opened the innings and had the season's best score of 149 – 559 runs @ 37.27.

Jonathan Seabrook reclaimed the **bowling** after a 3-year gap – 54 @ 12.65 – with a strong showing in the league with 38 wickets. Charlie Barrett had 15 @ 9.33 and Thomas Duff 30 @ 12.27.

Charlie Barrett was the **Young Player**, ahead of Dom and Thomas.

The **Silver Bail** for outstanding achievement – Thomas Duff's 5 for 26 in the 1st XI league win at Bradenham pipped Charlie's 2 amazing catches at Lt Gaddesden, Dom's 149, Matt Robinson's 4 for 6 in 9 balls and U12 Emile JVR's 35 at Ballinger.

**President's Box** to Tom Jackson for his encounter with an electric fence at West Wycombe.

**Clubman** to Adam Ealand for his invaluable support in scoring or when pipped, umpiring.

## The 2022 Season

The first scheduled weekend of senior matches is  
**23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> April.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI will play in Division 1 & the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in the  
**lowest Division of the Mid Bucks League** (divisions  
to be confirmed), **starting probably on 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

All league matches 40 overs per innings and with  
results of Win or Lose (or Tie) only.



## Winter Training & Nets In 2022

The current programme of indoor junior training began on 8<sup>th</sup> January; all existing members have been contacted. Halls are being used at the Mandeville and John Colet Schools; no one hall can accommodate all the sessions. Girls sessions start on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Junior enquiries to Viral Patel, who handles the admin side, contact No. 07930 360495 and email: [wccjuniorscontact@gmail.com](mailto:wccjuniorscontact@gmail.com)

Senior nets are at Mandeville School on Saturdays, 9.30 to 11.00 a.m. from 5<sup>th</sup> March for 6 Saturdays.  
All indoor training/ nets cost £5 per session.

## Umpires / Scorers / Coaches

The Club always needs more umpires and scorers to cover Saturday league matches, plus extra coaches for junior cricket. These roles can be rewarding, even if sometimes challenging.

Contact Jonathan or Viral Patel if interested and/or wanting to go on a course, which the Club will generally pay for.

### **UMPIRING – Your Club needs you!**

The club welcomes anyone who would umpire on a regular or occasional basis in 2022. Please contact Jonathan Seabrook if you could help and/or to discuss.

## The 200 Club

### ***Can you support Wendover Cricket Club?***

As you will know, work will soon start on the new Tring Road Cricket pitch, nets and other facilities (the plans look amazing by the way). I'm definitely looking forward to some balmy Summer evenings sitting on the banking in front of the new Clubhouse with a small glass of shandy or an occasional pina colada watching the sun set over Waddesdon Manor.

Inevitably, there is a cost to the Club of moving to a brand--new site. Clearly HS2 Ltd will pay for most of the new facilities, but we, the Club, will have to pay for lots of the “nice-to-do” elements that will make this Club into one of the best in Buckinghamshire.

For just £2 per month (annual fee of £24), you could help by taking part in the 200 Club, which has its 41<sup>st</sup> birthday this month. Originally set up by Philip Seabrook in January 1981 and run by various stalwarts of Wendover Cricket Club, the 200 Club provides an annual contribution towards junior cricket, the joyous village cup as well as Club facilities.

There is a live draw each month, with 250 tickets. All players have an equal chance of winning several prizes of up to £100 each month. The Club receives approximately 40% of takings and players split the remaining 60% in prizes.



We've all suffered the effects of COVID in one way or another – please don't play if you can't afford it. For full details and an application form, please email Stuart Holcroft or David How at [wendovercc200club@gmail.com](mailto:wendovercc200club@gmail.com)

Draws are conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, on Facebook “Everything Wendover”.

For the next 2 or 3 years, also live in the King & Queen if allowed...

The last year's winners are given below.

### **February 2021**

£60 (71) Jonathan Seabrook; £50 (54) Brian Goodwin; £30 (207) Jane Ellis; £25 (127) Lesley Coggins, (165) John Carroll, (237) Ryan Greer, (161) Chris Pim

### **March 2021**

£60 (227) Richard List; £30 (107) Peter Walton; £25 (165) John Carroll, (38) Ian Sansbury, (149) Eddie Robinson

### **April 2021**

£60 (154) Peter Kent; £50 (245) Alec Kemp; £30 (112) Marion Clayton; £25 (13) Gill Godden, (157) Robert Phipps, (55) Paul Gregory, (57) Andrew Heaton

### **May 2021**

£60 (175) Iain Matheson; £50 (151) Adam Bell; £30 (222) Jon Wilson; £25 (95) Jack Thomson, (58) David Watts, (199) Steve Winchcombe, (145) Andy Hammond

### **June 2021**

£60 (173) Paul Miles; £50 (165) John Carroll; £30 (114) Jon Sharkey; £25 (78) Werner Van Rensburg, (172) Matthew Winterburn, (105) David Ridgley, (176) Andrew Tallyn

### **July 2021**

£60 (36) Ivor Saunders; £50 (184) Michael Newstead; £30 (191) David McAleavey; £25 (122) Andrew Morrison, (95) Jack Thomson, (95) Jack Thomson, (50) Steve Louis

### **August 2021**

£60 (118) David Morgan; £50 (238) Alex Noall; £30 (198) Chris Mathew; £25 (173) Paul Miles, (48) Simon Shirley, (42) Anne Jimson, (221) David King

### **September 2021**

£60 (3) Simon Thornton; £50 (86) Tom Mayer; £40 (234) Chris Sutton; £30 (107) No fee – no winnings; £25 (130) Matthew Jackson, (200) Graham Russell, (168) Simon Barnes, (60) Mike Sendell

### **October 2021**

£60 (16) Margaret Seabrook; £50 (188) Paul Spitzberger; £30 (49) Nick Morley; £25 (30) EA Moody, (39) Mark Endean, (2) Gareth Jenkins, (232) Craig Johnson

### **November 2021**

£60 (197) No fee – no winnings; £50 (33) John Hinton; £30 (32) Harry D Robinson; £25 (184)

Michael Newstead, (228) No fee – no winnings, (29) John Wilkinson, (245) Alec Kemp

The “No fee – no winnings” amounts will be re-drawn in the January 2022 draw.

### **December 2021**

£100 (100) Philip Seabrook, £50 (192) Kit Sharkey, £40 (41) Dave Venn, £25 (162) Andy Ray, (120) Jon Sharkey, (73) Nigel Paget, (65) Colin Riley

### **January 2022**

£100 (94) Philip Hanson; £60 (35) Luke Buthee; £40 (120) Jon Sharkey; £30 (223) No fee - no winnings; £25 (163) John Willard, (238) Alex Noall, (55) Paul Gregory, (41) Dave Venn

## **Village Cup**

This continues to be a popular and well-run tournament, last season organised by **Charlie Nicholson and Simon Barnes**, but this season, Simon is due to be in sole charge.

Simon organised a late season charity match which raised approximately £1,000 for breast cancer.

## **Review of the 2021 Senior Season**

### ***Kookaburra Mid Bucks League***

We were more or less back to normal, albeit with no teas being provided which was a godsend to many clubs through not having to organise them. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had the full 18 fixtures in Division 1 but lost one when Haddenham scratched, whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in Division 3 only had 14 fixtures and then lost 2 more when Haddenham 2<sup>nd</sup>'s scratched all their games. There were some covid guidelines in place, but they didn't affect the cricket.

Availability was generally good but the hoped for surge in young players rarely materialised and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, which should be a development team of youth and experience, was often loaded with over 40's/ experienced players.



One new young player of note did emerge – Thomas Duff, an U13 left arm spinner; he impressed on 3<sup>rd</sup> July in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and then when the 1<sup>st</sup>'s were short the following Saturday, he was promoted and never looked back and certainly didn't look out of his comfort zone.

Both teams finished lower than they could have done by not having regular umpires and scorers, which are worth 6 points per match. Until regulars are found and/or current/ex-players take it up, then the teams will continue to fail to finish high up their respective tables.

**1st XI: Fixtures 18, won 7, lost 7, cancelled 2, abandoned 1, walkover 1.**

**Division 1: 7<sup>th</sup> of 10.**

1<sup>st</sup> May: Cadmore End 2<sup>nd</sup>'s batted first at home and Jon Green's 5-47 ensured that once the openers were out, the rest didn't last long; with Jonathan Seabrook's 2-7, they made 119-10 off 29 overs. James Wootton 33 and George Robinson's 58\* off 44 balls gave us a 7-wicket win in only 18 overs.

15<sup>th</sup> May: With rain forecast later, our game was reduced to 30 overs at Holmer Green. We batted first and our 150-10 in 27.3 overs included contributions from George Robinson 41, Jean-Marc Maujean 32 and Finn Barnard-Weston 24. Heavy rain then delayed the re-start before Jonathan Seabrook had one opener caught by George on the midwicket boundary and Jean-Marc took a stunning one-handed catch running back at slip off Jon Green. Shailesh Govekar took 3 cracking catches at midwicket off Jonathan (8-2-18-4) and Hector Charlesworth 2 stumpings off George (3-17) as they subsided to 53-8. They closed on 107-8 with Cara Duggan getting a maiden league 50 – our win by 43 runs.

29<sup>th</sup> May: A late night party had something to do with some dire batting on a lively pitch at

Waddesdon and Jon Green's late cry off. All out for 83 and lost by 6 wickets in 15 overs.

5<sup>th</sup> June: At home, Parvez turned up to open the batting for Haddenham, a position he'd always hankered after when playing for us; he came up against the virtually unplayable Charlie Barrett and was out 4<sup>th</sup> ball and Charlie's figures were 10-5-9-4. Everyone else's were more expensive, with Jonathan's 4-44 helping dismiss them for 164. Ben Pope had to keep after Hector hurt a finger and took 2 catches. George was in imperious form, striking 124\* off 86 balls (20 fours, 3 sixes) and with Hector's 27, we romped to a 7-wicket victory in 23.4 overs.

12<sup>th</sup> June: 58 added for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket at home to Bradenham, George 32, then only Jean-Marc 29 until at 120-8, Jon Green joined Chris Hunt and together they added 42. Green 22 and then another 22\* for the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket with Chris 38\* in our 184-9. Jon's 10-4-24-1 kept one end type whilst runs flowed at the other and they reached the target with 5 wickets down.

19<sup>th</sup> June: The short boundaries at Whitchurch Kings always makes it a challenge for bowlers, especially when fielders don't take all the chances on offer. Star of the show was Matt Robinson's brief spell of 9 balls which cost 6 runs and he twice had 2 wickets in 2 balls! His 4-6 precipitated a collapse to 139-10 and in reply at 65-2 with Finn Barnard-Weston (22) and Jean-Marc (36), we were seemingly well set. But wickets then tumbled and 9 overs later, we were 99-8. No.10 Jon Green (36\*) largely added the 32 for the 9<sup>th</sup> wicket and then the extra 9 including a 6 through long off's hands to secure a narrow one wicket win.

26<sup>th</sup> June: 3 wickets apiece for spin twins George and Jonathan as Aylesbury made 134-10, whereupon we crashed to 56 all out.

3<sup>rd</sup> July: The skipper's strategy half worked at Cadmore End when Jonathan 2-18 & George 3-42 had them 60-5 after 20 overs. The occasional spinners Anshuman Pandit 1-20 and Matt R 1-52 allowed them 72 off 8 overs, although Chris Watts, belatedly brought on, took the last 3 wickets. Chasing 174, there was another batting collapse to 112-10, Anshuman 36 and Waqas Hussain 24.

10<sup>th</sup> July: More batting woes at Frieth, 107 all out, Chris Hunt 29 but this time the bowling plan worked. George 10-4-19-2 and Jonathan 10-5-27-4 was followed up by Charlie Barrett's 2-4 as they were bowled out for 57.

17<sup>th</sup> July: At home to Holmer Green 2<sup>nd</sup>'s, our 10 batters managed 146-10, Chris Hunt 42. At 97-3, they should have walked it but Jon Green's 2<sup>nd</sup> spell turned the game around and amid rising tension, he took the final wicket at 131 and achieved exemplary figures of 9.2-4-25-6. A narrow 15 run win.

24<sup>th</sup> July: The team was short so youth was promoted including U13 Thomas Duff after his debut bowling the previous week in the 2<sup>nd</sup>'s. Lt Gaddesden racked up 230-6 with Thomas the most successful bowler with 2-39, both thanks to brilliant catches by Charlie Barrett, one on the midwicket boundary running in and the other at extra cover, diving to scoop the ball up. Hector got 2 stumpings and a run out. As so often recently, the batting failed with only Hector 40 and Jon Green 27 contributing much, 138-10.

31<sup>st</sup> July: A wet day reduced the game to 20 overs each against league leaders Waddesdon at home. We fielded first and restricted them to 87-7, spinners Jonathan 3-23 and Thomas 5-2-10-3 doing the damage. We'd made 22-2 off 4 overs when it rained again and after much debate, Waddesdon preferred to take the abandonment points rather than completing

the game, not prepared to risk the conditions or losing!

14<sup>th</sup> August: We elected to bat at Bradenham on a difficult pitch, lost 3 early wickets and only George R 32 and Jean-Marc 28 made double figures in our 116-10, with 37 extras. Thomas Duff was to the fore again with 5-26 (should have been 6, Shanil dropped a sitter at slip) as they slumped to 68-9. However, it went to the wire and only Charlie Barrett's death bowling with 1 conceded off 2 overs ensured a 2 run win, as their last wicket fell to a run out on the final ball.

21<sup>st</sup> August: At home, Whitchurch Kings 201-10, Jonathan taking the first 4 wickets (4-33). Hector hit 52 in our reply and too few from the rest, apart from a brief cameo from Harry Robinson snr 14 (a late call-up) in adding 20 for the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket.

28<sup>th</sup> August: Away to Aylesbury, our last game summed up a disappointing season – too few runs with Finn Barnard-Weston 30 and a promoted Jon Green 43 in 127-10 in 31 overs. Lost by 6 wickets. Finn also took an amazing boundary catch. The averages reflect the season – very thin batting but some great bowling – wickets taken/ low averages,

#### 1st XI League

<b>Batting</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Av</b>
Chris Hunt	3	1	42	109	54.50
George Robinson	13	2	124*	349	31.73
Jon Green	8	2	43	165	27.50
H Charlesworth	9	1	52	171	21.38

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>BB</b>
C Barrett	43	15	114	10	11.40	4-9
Thomas Duff	32	6	145	12	12.08	5-26
J Seabrook	121	25	460	38	12.11	4-18
Jon Green	81	23	274	17	16.12	6-25
G Robinson	103	17	443	21	21.10	3-14

**2nd XI: Fixtures 14, won 5, lost 6, cancelled 1, abandoned 0, walkover 2.**

**Division 3: 5<sup>th</sup> of 8.**

1<sup>st</sup> May: Away at Ivinghoe & P, we were put in and Parijat Sinha batted through our 40 overs for 106 off 121 balls. Will Digby provided the main support with an excellent 46 (4 fours) as we made 219-4. They had a 1<sup>st</sup> XI batter guesting and as opener, he smashed the ball to all parts before edging behind for 77 out of 86 for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket. The rest struggled and Puneet Kapoor 10-1-32-3 hastened them to 156-9. Their last pair added 55 but were 8 runs short at the end, so victory by 8 runs for us.

15<sup>th</sup> May: Rolled over by Lacey Green, 199-6 v 97-10 – should we have batted first?

12<sup>th</sup> June: Whitchurch Jacks 130-10, Rahul Kedia 10-4-24-4, and then won by 4 wickets with Anshuman Pandit 43 and Vincent Jansen Van Rensberg 40.

26<sup>th</sup> June: At Bradenham, Nick Morley 62 and Anshuman 96 put on 160-odd for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket before the innings fell away to 203-7. Lost by 5 wickets as only Rahul kept it tight with 4-49.

3<sup>rd</sup> July: A wet day at home, we were put in by Ivinghoe and only made 98. Rahul again took early wickets (3-25) and his similarly left-arm spinning counterpart Thomas Duff, an U13 on his senior debut, bowled immaculately for 10-3-27-3. 2 late wickets by Shailesh Govekar bowled them out for 81 to win by 15 runs.

17<sup>th</sup> July: Anshuman 81 and Shanil Patel 33 in our 208-10. Lacey Green were dismissed for 104, Chris Watts 3-17 and yet another left-arm spinner in Thomas Poole (U14) produced a career best 5 for 14.

24<sup>th</sup> July: Shanil Patel 69 and Andy Glazebrook 49 opened the batting v Downley but the

innings subsided to 183-6 and we lost by 5 wickets.

14<sup>th</sup> Aug: Anshuman 58 and Waqas Hussain 34 helped get the total to 190-9 v Whitchurch Jacks. They also had a good opening stand before Vincent JVR (2-18) got the danger man out and also held 2 catches. Rahul and Arshad Mahmood both captured 3 wickets and in a tense finish, their 10<sup>th</sup> wicket pair were kept in check as they closed on 185-9, giving us a 5 run victory.

21<sup>st</sup> Aug: At Aylesbury, James Harrington 23, Anshuman 41 and Rahul 30, plus 40 extras got us to 182-10 but they comfortably won by 5 wickets.

28<sup>th</sup> Aug.: Bradenham 186-10, Puneet 3-16 and in reply, Rahul made 42 whilst Tony Fish ran out of partners and ended on 21\* in our 164-10 off 37.2 overs.

<b>Batting</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Av</b>
A Pandit	7	0	96	337	48.14
Shanil Patel	3	0	69	123	41.00
Parijat Sinha	4	1	106	108	36.00
Rahul Kedia	8	3	42	155	31.00

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>BB</b>
Thomas Poole	17	0	83	6	13.83	5-14
Rahul Kedia	84	13	367	20	18.35	4-24
R Arulanandam	36	4	128	6	21.33	2-14
S Govekar	39	7	181	7	25.86	2-19

Our thanks go particularly to all those who umpired and scored our league matches during the season.

### **Non-league Matches Report:**

**Matches 30, won 9, lost 17, abandoned/drawn 4**

“Sunday cricket” carried on where it had left off in 2020, but we were able to play a full season and twice even managed to field 2 games on the same day. Skipper Chris Hunt



usually ensured we had enough players and although we lost more than we won, many of the games were competitive. Match highlights included:

24<sup>th</sup> April: Our usual match at Lt Marlow was a high-scoring game – they made 309-4 and in reply, James Wootton struck 124 off 90 balls (13 fours, 5 sixes) and was dropped 3 times at long off by the same fielder off consecutive balls in the 90's! Sam Holcroft hit 47 as we closed on 261-9.

26<sup>th</sup> April: Wooburn Narkovians purportedly had a strong team out but their batting was undone by the guile of Luke Britzman 4-15 and the pace of Jordan Richardson 3-22 as they crashed to 103 all out. We lost regular wickets but won by 4 wickets, Calum Grainge 29.

9<sup>th</sup> May: We batted first at West Wycombe where opener Pete Swinford hit 47, but the surprise was Jordan Richardson not only being promoted up the order but striking a great 43\*. 190-9 proved too many for WW who reached 146-10, wickets were shared and a 44 run win.

23<sup>rd</sup> May: It was a miserably cold day at Ley Hill and it was agreed to play a 20/20 on their artificial pitch to start with. Kush Bhargava top-scored with 42 in our 151-6. With one short square boundary to defend, it was a challenge for our bowlers. Daisy Jackson bowled well, 4 overs for 15 and Jonathan Seabrook 2-21. At 78-3 with 6 overs to go, we were looking comfortable until Chris Hunt adopted the policy of 'bowl as fast as you can' and the ball regularly sailed over the boundaries! In the end, we lost by 7 wickets with 7 balls left, Chris 3.5 overs for 46 and Jordan 4 overs for 41. No-one felt like a 2<sup>nd</sup> 20/20 after that!

30<sup>th</sup> May: Regals 163-4 and in reply at home, Pete Swinford 53 and James Heafford 47 got us to 122-2 in the 25<sup>th</sup> over. Even when Pete was

4<sup>th</sup> out on 138, it should have been plain sailing – but no, rash shots and incompetence saw 7 wickets fall for 12 runs and we were all out for 150, losing by 13 runs.

6<sup>th</sup> June: Home to Monks Risborough, they made 260-7 but despite Will Digby 46, Waqas Hussain 79 and Calum G 39, we fell short by 21 runs on 239-6.

13<sup>th</sup> June: Home to Lt Marlow, our batters racked up the runs – Pete S 46, Nick Morley 43, Dom Ealand 63\* & Brian Goodwin 23\* in our 197-3. Despite George Jackson's 8 overs for 17, they eased to the target, our loss by 4 wickets.

20<sup>th</sup> June: James H 76\* and Dom Ealand 62\* raced to a 10 wicket victory over Wealdstone Corinthians' 146-10 whose opener had earlier taken over 40 balls to score his first run!

27<sup>th</sup> June: We played 2 20/20 games at home to Kimble and lost both. Kush B's 73\* in the first proved in vain and he followed it up with 50\* in the second, no-one else making it to 20.

4<sup>th</sup> July: A memorable game away to Fulmer; there was a frantic call at 12:55 with us going out to field as 2 players hadn't appeared – one had the wrong time and Calum G showed how easy it is to misread detailed instructions, having gone to Saturday's 1<sup>st</sup> XI venue at Cadmore End and wondered where everyone was!! More fun on the field as their 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket pair added 149; Pete S had a day to remember/forget with 5 sixes hit off his 2<sup>nd</sup> over to the short cow boundary, with the 6<sup>th</sup> ball being dropped on the boundary. 52 off his 3 overs and the tactic would have worked with a reliable catcher in the right place. In their 230-8, Freddie Bateson bowled excellently, 8-1-28-5. 2 run outs didn't help our cause and only skipper Chris Hunt made many – 66\* and with Chris Beckford 12, added 46 for the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket – all out for 148.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July: We played a touring XI at Witchell and they certainly enjoyed themselves during and afterwards in a closely-fought game we lost.

18<sup>th</sup> July: So often we have found ourselves well-beaten by GM Pelicans, so great to return the compliment this time at home! On a hot day, Dom batted superbly in making 149 off 108 balls with 24 fours, James H shared an opening stand of 111 in 19.3 overs with 41, after which the run rate accelerated. Late runs from Marc Weltenius 33\* piled on the agony for Pelicans in our 290-6 off 40 overs. On a placid pitch, they reached 127-7, so victory by 163 runs.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug: Our 2<sup>nd</sup>'s v Peppard Stoke Row 4<sup>th</sup>'s saw the Fish's get 6 wickets – Zac 3, Ben 2 & Tony 1 – as they were allowed to get 133 after being 46-7. Andy Glazebrook 39 in our 3 wicket win.

8<sup>th</sup> Aug: A 3<sup>rd</sup> game v Lt Marlow, away – they made 229, Jonathan S 4-37 and it looked as if we'd be embarrassed when 96-6. But James Godden (U13) made a fine 48 (5 fours, 74 balls) and then a tail-end flourish added 65 – Thomas Duff 19\* and Chris McGinnity an explosive 25 off 10 balls. 208-8 at the end, 21 runs short.

15<sup>th</sup> Aug: Brian Goodwin came good with 37 (6 fours), then Hector Charlesworth 93 (13 fours, 1 six) and Chris Hunt 72\* (11 fours, 1 six, 59 balls) gave Ebury Strollers a tough time in the field. In reply to our 238-4, they were demolished by Charlie Barrett's 5-26 and were all out for 169, victory by 69 runs.

15<sup>th</sup> Aug: The extra XI at Monks Risborough could have done with some of the sparsely used 'home' players, but always a challenge selecting 2 'equal' Sunday teams. We were undone by 2 batters as they racked up 256-9 but our youngsters performed well, none more

so than George Greer (U12) on his senior debut, his inswing claiming 3-35 off 6 overs. Waqas Hussain opened and hit 39 and all scored a few runs as we ended 153-10 in the 40<sup>th</sup> over.

22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.: Wooburn Narks made 197-9 in 35 overs, Daisy Jackson 3-40. Nick Morley 42, Kush B 31 but as we approached the target, wickets fell and we ended up losers by one run.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Sept: Some trepidation in accepting another game at Ley Hill – how strong would they be for our inexperienced attack? They got 251-4 off 40 overs, Rahul 2 wickets, so much was expected of our top 3 to mount a serious challenge. They got out too soon – Jon Green 35, Dom 24 and Kush 8 and embarrassment loomed. But a swashbuckling 64 off 42 balls by Shailesh Govekar (9 fours, 3 sixes) and Puneet Kapoor's 33 (4 fours, 1 six) brought us into contention but fell 16 short on 235-6.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept: Another easy win v Wealdstone C – we got 240-4, Dom 61, James H 57, Jon Green 41\*. Chris Beckford 3-26 and Thomas Duff 4-23 wrapped up a 141 run victory.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: Another tester at Ballinger who got 235-7, Neil Pandit 3-33 and Jonathan S 2-22 off 8 overs. Only Sam Perera made much of a dent with 41 off 31 balls, that is until Emile JVR got going and mid-innings, they were bowling full pace at him and still being despatched – a great 35. 176-10 to lose by 59 runs.

12<sup>th</sup> Sept: Another game v W Narks – they were blown away by Chris Hunt 4-19 and Thomas Duff 4-6 and then we cantered to an 8 wicket win, Dom 66\* and Will Digby 32\*.

And so to the final fixtures at the ERG ... home to Fulmer who made 189-9 with Kush B taking 3-25. As so often this season, the batting failed and Shailesh's 27 was the best as we collapsed to 113-9 in 26 overs. The last pair of Neil Pandit

and Jonathan S were never likely to score the 77 needed but they did bat out the overs adding 46\* and making 19\* & 18\* respectively.

And on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, Royal Challengers got 199-10 with Chris Beckford 3-44 and Jonathan 3-25. Pete Swinford 31 but wickets fell regularly; Calum G 23 and Thomas Duff 32 as we subsided to 138-9. As the previous day, the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket pair, this time Jordan Richardson 17\* and Jonathan 2\* batted out the overs in adding 20 to 158-9 for another loss.

And that was the last match at the ERG.

#### Non-League

<b>Batting</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Av</b>	
Kush Bhargava	11	6	73*	266	53.20	
Dom Ealand	13	3	149	508	50.80	
Nick Morley	6	1	81*	201	40.20	
A Glazebrook	6	3	39	117	39.00	
Chris Hunt	11	5	72*	223	37.17	
S Govekar	4	0	64	139	34.75	
Will Digby	6	2	46	133	33.25	
J Heafford	10	2	76*	260	32.50	
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Av</b>	<b>BB</b>
F Bateson	16	3	45	6	7.50	5-28
K Bhargava	15	1	52	6	8.67	3-25
Thomas Duff	45	8	198	15	13.20	4-6
J Seabrook	51	5	223	16	13.94	4-37
L Britzman	33	4	159	11	14.45	4-15
Chris Hunt	88	13	384	20	19.20	4-19
Rahul Kedia	21	4	142	6	23.67	3-40
C Beckford	53	4	263	11	23.91	3-26

(See the website which has a full set of the Averages.)

## Junior Report for 2021

Despite covid still being around and causing problems, with some teams affected more than others and mainly by our opponents crying off, there were 140 fixtures arranged pre-season and more during it. The very wet weather in May when Ellesborough Road was saturated

and out of action for 10 days caused significant disruption.

Vee Patel took over the main admin tasks for the junior section and we thank him for his hard work in ensuring everything ran as smoothly as possible.

Particular successes were the start of both an U7 group and girls cricket. In all, the club catered for some 270 individuals across all age groups.

A grant was obtained from Wendover Parish Council in the Spring, which allowed the club to send/fund a significant number of parents on coaching courses. The club also held a short umpires & scorers course via the Bucks Officials Association in April, attended by some of the younger age group managers.

The club thanks all its volunteers and parents who allow us to cater for so many and provide so much cricket. We are only as successful as we are, through the dedication and commitment of all our volunteers.

## U7 Report by Danny Nelson

We welcomed almost 50 new players into the club this Summer with an excited group of 5, 6 and 7-year olds. The aim was to provide a 6 week introduction to cricket with the onus on fun and participation. It proved to be a real success finishing off with a breakfast BBQ for all, medal presentation and lots of smiling faces.

Winter nets will soon begin before moving on to the Summer season and where the kids will start to play competitive matches and tournaments.

Thanks goes to the new group of coaches for keeping the children engaged and here's hoping for a successful 2022.



## U9 Report by Luke Buthee & Dave Smith

An incredibly enjoyable season saw many new members taking up cricket for their first time, always playing with great enthusiasm and developing on incredibly steep paths. 25 children played 13 league and friendly fixtures, and four teams entered tournaments. The majority were actually U8s and playing an age group above, but were never phased by this and did themselves proud. Four players also went on to make their hard ball debuts, supporting the U10s throughout the season.

A season highlight saw seven players playing in a strong U8 tournament at Wooburn, and after a long, incredibly hot and well fought day, CAME AWAY CHAMPIONS!!! Congratulations for the first tournament win to Joshua Buthee, Max Diment, Dewi Fordyce, George Hulmes, Daniel Paget, Milo Smith and Charlie Tuffin.

### U9 Awards

All-rounder – **Milo Smith** (A career worth keeping an eye on, such a privilege to watch him at the crease. He has added a destructive batting ability to his fiercely accurate leg-spin, which returned 12 wickets in nine matches)

Batting – **Dewi Fordyce** (Always playing with a smile on his face and hitting boundaries for fun. He scored over 100 runs this season, at an average of 32)

Bowling – **Daniel Paget** (A very solid bowler at the death – quick and accurate. Adds a confidence to the team around him. An incredible average of 10.1 over 22 overs)

Fielder – **Alex Corr** (He wins this for the second season in a row, bring an infectious enthusiasm to any game he plays in, with speed across the ground and a deadly arm to go with it)

Spirit of cricket – **Zac Sherman** (An ever-present senior player in the squad, his diligent manner and positive attitude led the way for the whole squad)

Most improved – **Joe Hooper** (A well-established player who really enjoyed his season, making big improvements with bat and particularly ball, with a remarkably low

economy rate of 3.7 runs conceded per over. He became a key player in every team he played in.

Most improved – **Charlie Tuffin** (A very popular player amongst the team, his improved timing of his shots saw some beautiful cover drives for boundaries through the season)

A final well done to the coaches including coaching qualifications earned by Luke Buthee, Gareth Tuffin, Pete Sherman and David Smith whilst much appreciated support from Dan Fordyce and Simon Walters. We really appreciate the support by scorers and umpires including Nigel Paget, David Cleary, Neil Corr and David Hulmes.

## U10 Report by Dave Cleary

As they transition to hard ball cricket and use of the associated kit and equipment, the U10's is a big year in the development of young cricketers. It is a credit to this year's crop of players that with indoor nets cancelled, they all successfully migrated to the hard ball game and represented the club in fine style. A number of players tried cricket for the very first time and they can all be justifiably proud of their development and contribution. The relatively small squad size also gave the opportunity for several younger players to gain hard ball experience. The coaching squad was also enhanced by the arrival of Pete Swinford whose commitment and focus, as well as ECB coaching badges(!), were invaluable.

The season included the annual Tring Park CC tournament that saw our U10's win all 4 games in the run up to the final where they secured an exciting tie. Absent a super over and with rain rolling in off the Chiltern Hills, the cup was shared & the players delivered the club's first silverware of the season. A stunning outcome against strong opposition so early in the season.

The team performed well in the Bucks League and whilst they lost to the likes of Beaconsfield and High Wycombe who feature a number of county players, victories against a very strong and determined Chenies, as well as more local clubs such as Great Kingshill will live long in the memory for players and supporters alike. There was many an enjoyable Saturday morning and midweek evening at the Witchell with parental support enabling the clubhouse to re-open and more normal times to return.

The end of season presentation day was a sizzler with a great turn out to see the following players secure awards:

Batting - **Ollie Bell**

Bowling - **Saskia Cleary**

All-Rounder - **Niall Patel**

Spirit of Cricket - **Lottie Renison**

Outstanding Achievement - **Harry Godden**

A special note of thanks must also go to the coaches Vee Patel, Pete Swinford, Rahul Kedia & Laura Bell, without whose commitment and dedication we could not have enjoyed such a great season.

## **U11 Report** by John Diment

Preparations for the cricket season got underway with indoor winter training at the John Colet in January and then back outdoors at the Witchell from April. Covid has had a huge impact on all aspects of life, but all players got back into cricket quickly and with lots of passion and desire to improve.

The season started very well with a strong victory in the Aylesbury League, but victories started to elude the team as they came up against very strong local opposition. The U11's played in more than 25 further games and had

some notable victories against Chesham and Ballinger, among others

The under 11s age-group was an absolute pleasure throughout the season - all players wanting to listen and learn. As the season progressed, player knowledge, experience and confidence grew markedly. Ramp shots, switch hitting, reverse sweeps, hat-tricks, diving catches, all on show at different points!

U11 Trophy Awards for the 2021 season were:

Batting: **Charlie McGrail**

Bowling: **Oliver Savage**

All-Rounder: **Hunayn Mehrab**

Fielding: **Ben Tennant**

Spirit of Cricket: **Luke Gatley**

Most Improved: **All players** received this award for their desire to learn and improve.

A huge well done to those players who were nominated for Bucks County Cricket trials this year, and to those who are on the BCC Winter Training Programmes: Ellie Harvey, Luke Gatley, Oliver Savage, Charlie McGrail, Hunayn Mehrab and Zac Diment.

Thank you and well done, to all the players from the younger age-groups who stood up and played in friendly and competitive games.

Plans are well underway for next season where the U12's will be competing in lots of cricket again - an abundance of fun and exciting times ahead as the squad enter four competitions.

Finally a huge "thank you" to all the coaches, scorers and helpers throughout the season, including Richard Godden, Naush Mehrab, Vee Patel, Laura Bell and Andy Tennant.

## **U12 Report** by Ryan Greer & John Sanders

Despite the lack of pre-season preparation due to Covid restrictions, the U12 squad was ultimately very successful. The U12 Spitfires

competed in the Bucks U12 South Central League and the team achieved exciting wins both home and away against local rivals The Lee CC, as well as further victories against Amersham, Chesham and Ley Hill. The only loss came in a final ball thriller against Chesham, watched by an enthralled and enthusiastic crowd at The Witchell. As a result, WCC U12 Spitfires finished as eventual league winners.

The U12 Spitfires were less consistent in the U13 Aylesbury South League, with the Spitfires coming up against strong opposition. However, they competed well in all matches and scored significant wins. The standout match was an away win against Bledlow Village CC on a gloriously sunny Sunday morning, played at one of the area's most picturesque grounds.

Everyone in the Spitfires team contributed to the overall success throughout the season. It was also very encouraging that new players joined and quickly became an integral part of the team.

The U12 Hurricanes team proved that they could compete well against the strongest clubs in the area. The team were successful in winning the Bucks U12 South Central T20 League, ensuring six wins from their seven matches, beating Amersham, Chesham, and Hawridge & Cholesbury, amassing over 650 runs and taking 60 wickets in the process.

This momentum extended to the U13 Aylesbury Midweek League, with the team winning the North Division without losing a single match, albeit ending up some 25 runs short in a well fought final against a very competent Aston Rowant CC on their home ground, on one of the hottest evenings of the Summer.

The whole U12s squad displays a very strong team spirit, playing with maturity and noticeable self-leadership, developed from the breadth of competitive fixtures they've now experienced. This season we saw a wider range of individual contributions, instead of a reliance on a small core of players to win matches. The

skillsets are developing with a greater depth of batting, faster run rates and a wider variety of bowling that includes offspin, leg spin, inswing and reverse swing bowling. Our strong U11s players once again supported the higher age group with regular and match winning contributions in all our league formats.

Our squad continues to benefit from participating in the Bucks County set up. We were fortunate to host the majority of Bucks County age group trials at the Witchell ground and we congratulate Zach Cleary, George Greer and Emile van Rensburg for their inclusion in the Bucks U12 2021 squad.

We look forward to the forthcoming season and for the opportunity for all our players to experience high quality competitive league and tournament fixtures across our region.

#### **Individual Awards for 2021**

Batting - **Oscar Moore & Aayan Mehrab**

Bowling - **William Hillier & Vrishank Padakanti**

All-Rounder - **Oscar Sutton, Ben Hornbuckle & Ismael Mahmood**

Fielding - **Rory Atwell & Ted Harwood**

Special Moment - **Revanth Sambangi** (for catch v Amersham) & **Luke-Levi Strachan** (1<sup>st</sup> wicket)

#### **Special Awards:**

##### **County Award**

**Zach Cleary, George Greer & Emile Jansen van Rensburg** for their ongoing contribution to Bucks County Cricket, having successfully been selected for three continuous seasons and having just secured their places for 2022.

##### **Outstanding Achievement**

**Harry Godden** (U10) for his contribution and performances for WCC at U10, U11 & U12 Hurricanes as well as for Bucks County Cricket.

##### **U12's Coaches:**

Ryan Greer, Chris Sutton, David Cleary, Richard Moore, Naidu Sambangi, Chris Hornbuckle, Naush Mehrab, John Sanders, Rahul Kedia, Richard Godden.



## U13 Report by Sue Duff

The U13s had a difficult season this year against strong opposition finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Bucks Premier T20 League, mid table in the Aylesbury District League and narrowly missing out on the Bucks cup semi-finals. This season also included 35 over league games and friendlies later in the Summer where they benefited from the experience of learning how to manage the longer format of the game. Overall, the depth of the team's character served them well and the boys worked hard throughout the season, playing as a team, displaying great leadership and dealing with the tough matches well.

The 2022 season will present the team with an exciting range of fixtures where they can continue to develop their cricketing capabilities and enjoyment for the game, including participation in the Bucks and Aylesbury league T20 competitions, knockout cups, Super Sunday tournaments and the 35 over Summer league.

### Notable performances this season:

1. Ben Cliff, with a hard earned 24 against the very strong Gerrard's Cross team in the opening game.
2. A stunning catch by Freddie Nelson against Beaconsfield that was destined for the boundary.
3. George Hulett, 40 off 25 deliveries against High Wycombe, and Shashank 28 not out.
4. Thomas Duff, bowling 4 overs, 3 maidens, taking 2 wickets for 2 runs against Aston Clinton.
5. George Hulett and Dylan Walters chasing down Beaconsfield to miss out by 1 run.
6. James Godden, taking 4 stumpings and 2 catches behind the stumps.

### 2021 Season Awards:

#### Batting Award

George Hulett - Achieving a total of 240 Runs after 14 matches, with 2 not outs and an average of 21.

#### Bowling Award

Freddie Nelson - his bowling has improved immensely this season with an economy rate of 4.5

off 27 overs, including 3 maidens and taking 7 wickets.

#### Fielding:

Freddie Macintosh - Always reliable in the field, nothing ever seemed to get past him and the team have come to rely on his backing up behind the stumps

#### All-Rounder

Thomas Duff - Thomas' consistent performances with the bat and ball greatly assisted the team across the season. Scoring 230 runs with an average above 20, and regular taking of wickets achieving 24 wickets from 55 overs, with an economy rate of 3.75.

#### Spirit of Cricket

Shashank Shahapur - Shashank's great attitude is evident in the way he turns up and trains; always positive, ready to contribute and a great listener. The way he is always encouraging others on and off the pitch is admirable.

Special mention goes to Dylan, James, Luke, Thomas and Will for their encouragement on the field.

## U14 Report by Tony Fish

With a squad of 20 players we again ran two teams in the U14 age group – one each in the Aylesbury and Bucks leagues. We ran a full schedule of Bucks fixtures but there were disappointingly few Aylesbury league matches, with two teams withdrawing and other matches cancelled at the last minute by the opposition.

Some notable matches which quite succinctly summarise our season are listed below.

Our first match of the season against Dinton saw Matt Holcroft, George Jackson and Luke Brimmicombe retire on 30 not out which, combined with a great fielding performance, saw us easily defend our total of 131-4.

We soon after faced Amersham, one of the strongest local teams, losing in a close match to show how far we have come. Our bowling performance was the best of the season, keeping the score down to a reachable target. We probably left 10 runs on the square and they gained 10 by harder running, stealing 1s and turning 1s into 2s, and we lost by 4 runs. Dan Poole returned to some of his best bowling, using his natural outswing to good effect.

Our final league match saw us play The Lee, where we batted aggressively and dominated despite good quality bowling to post a total of 178-2. The weather was miserable but we also put in the best fielding performance with intelligent positional adjustments and keeping our focus.

The most visible progress this year was the ability of several batters to hit 50s and our depth in bowling meant we were always able to take wickets. The top performers were Ben Fish with 148 runs, Harry Mackintosh with 7 wickets at 13.14, best all rounder James Swindlehurst with 8 wickets and 93 runs.

A number of the squad have now started playing senior cricket and I hope they continue to play in both junior and senior formats to support their ongoing development.

#### **2021 Season Awards:**

**Bowling: Harry Mackintosh & Matt Holcroft**

**Batting: Tom Swindlehurst & Ben Fish**

**All-Rounders: James Swindlehurst & George Jackson**

**Most Improved: Leo Eden & Tom Poole** for their development in wicketkeeping and spin bowling respectively.

Thanks to Richard Jones, Kevin Jackson and Jonathan Seabrook for their help at training and matches and to the parents for their support throughout the season.

## **U15 Report** by Anshuman Pandit

The U15s had a steady year and managed to play 13 matches of which two had to be abandoned due to weather mid-way, won 3 and lost 8.

The season opened with a friendly with our own U14s, who batted first and scored 117-6 in 20 overs with Edwin 3-1-3-1, George Moore 2-0-6-2 & Neil Pandit 2-0-9-1 the pick of the bowlers. In reply the U15s kept losing wickets regularly but Captain Neil Pandit 30 (retired not out) and Edwin Burns 27\* ensured the U15s started with a 4-wicket win.

It was a one-sided match with Holmer Green next who scored 149 runs in 15 overs and we could only get 85-6 with Neil (31 retired not out) the only player to reach double figures.

We lost a very close match in the last over with Bledlow Ridge. We batted first and scored 128-4 with Neil (31 retired not out), Will Yarroll (32 retired not out) and Edwin 27\* scoring the runs. We were always in the game, but a dropped catch in the last over meant Ridge managed to sneak through. Edwin 3-0-12-1, Owen Watts 3-0-10-3 and Nathaniel Arulanandam 3-1-12-1 bowled well to keep us in the game.

Our bowlers did very well to bowl Hawridge out for 84 but unfortunately we had a batting collapse and got bowled out for 69.

We won against Ley Hill by 8 wickets with their bowlers conceding 67 extras in our chase of 127. Will Yarroll top scored with 32.

The next 4 matches were a bit of a struggle as we suffered heavy defeats. Winchmore Hill 132-5 won against our 75-6; Great Kingshill beat us twice, first 145-3 v our 101-7, then 117-4 over our 106-5. Ballinger 174-3 v our 81-10.

The U15 won their final match against Holmer Green in a close encounter. Batting first, we lost 3 wickets for 10 runs, before Nathaniel (21 off 22 balls) Edwin (21 off 13b), Tom Duff (19 off 32b) and Jesse Salmon (18 off 26b) got us to 120. In response, Holmer Green got to 44 before losing 3 quick wickets. Their main batter retired on 52

which allowed us to strike back with 6 quick wickets to reduce them to 88-9. A 21 run last wicket partnership led to some nerves and it all came down to the final ball with Holmer Green at 119-9 needing 1 run to draw and 2 to win. Sharp fielding by Aaron Halford led to a run out and a 1 run win for Wendover. Neil 3-0-13-0, Edwin 3-0-10-2, Tom Duff 3-0-9-2 were our star bowlers.

Our top players for the season were:

Batting	Neil Pandit 192 runs
	Will Yarroll 178 runs
	Edwin Burns 145 runs
Bowling	Will Yarroll 13 wickets, economy 4.56
	Neil Pandit 9 wickets, economy 5.35
	Nathaniel Arulanandam 7 wickets, economy 5.27

## U17 & U19 Report by Iain Digby

The U17 season saw the team play a lot of their old adversaries in the Bucks Premier League. The first match saw the team concede 135/3 to Amersham, with eight bowlers used. This total of between 130-140 would prove to be the average score required to win matches for the rest of the season. In this case thanks to Dominic Ealand (30), Charlie Barrett (29), Hector Charlesworth (32) and then a quick 16 off 8 balls by Will Cliffe saw us over the line with just two balls to spare.

Batting first in our next fixture we succumbed to 68 all out against a Bucks Cricket Board U15 development team and they only lost two wickets in reaching the target.

Against High Wycombe, we again conceded a score in the 130's, 132/5, with the pick of the bowlers being Truman Alvalle with 2 for 21. Having lost early wickets, William Digby (30) kept us up with the required rate but following his departure, only a cameo by Zac Fish at the end pushed our score to 93/7.

Bizarrely we ended up chasing the same score in the next match as Beaconsfield posted 132/6. Charlie Barrett 3/23 and George Jackson 1/13 off 3 overs, managed to keep the

score within our range. Unfortunately, like the Wycombe match, after a reasonable start from Archie Tatum (11) and Charlie (51 retired), the rest of the top order could not support them. It was again left to Zac (17) to get us to within 8 of our target, but he was last man out, albeit with 3 overs of our 20 not used !!!

The season finished against the team we always have a good match against, Chesham. This time we batted first and got the now required total to keep us in the match 139/5, with William (53) retiring and Hector (20) the pick of the batsmen. Tight bowling, especially by Archie 1-4 off 3 overs and Daisy Jackson 2-23, meant Chesham fell 24 runs short on 115/6.

All in all an enjoyable season for the team given for every match we had at least 50% of the team from younger age groups.

The U19 team ended up being very similar to the U17 team, with only four older players playing some of the matches. Like the U17 League, Bucks Cricket Board entered a team - their U18 Development XI; despite some brilliant bowling by Freddie Bateson up front, 2 for 6 off his 3 overs, BCB amassed 155/6. Dominic (30) kept the scoreboard ticking over, but we lost regular wickets and other than 17 by Charlie Lound, no one could go on and we ended up 86 all out.

Holmer Green were next and again bowling first, this time we bowled much tighter, with Ben Pope being the pick with 1 for 16 off his 4 overs. A 93 second wicket partnership between Dominic (37) and Hector (50n/o), eased the team to a victory.

The third of our 5 matches saw us again concede over 150 runs, this time 154/7 scored by Burnham, although Charlie Barrett did have figures of 2 for 8 off 3 overs. Charlie (38) opened our reply well and despite some good runs by Joe Nicholson and Truman, we fell short on 116/9.

116 would prove enough in our penultimate match away at Chenies & Latimer, as we chased their total of 112/5 only losing one



wicket, with Dominic (51n/o) and Hector (42 n/o) again sharing a big partnership. Earlier Harry Murray-Russell had figures of 2 for 5 off his 2 overs.

Our final match produced our most comprehensive victory, by 10 wickets, away at Wooburn Narkovians. Charlie (4-12), Joe (2-9), Daisy (2-2) and Harry (2-4) reduced Wooburn to 54 all out. The fireworks then really started as Marc Weltenius smashed 51 not out off just 23 balls, including five 6's, as we chased down their total in only 5.1 overs, and not losing a wicket as William scored 2 not out at the other end!! The U19 season was a bit of a mixed bag mainly due to availability during the summer holidays, but it was good to get a team out in the older age group.

Thanks to all that played in the U17 & U19 teams and everybody involved for their support.

The last players photos at the ERG:





## Wendover Cricket Club's 200 Club Membership Form

The 200 Club is a fund-raising activity for Wendover Cricket Club (WCC). **At least** 60% of income will be paid out in winnings in monthly draws - the remainder will be used by WCC. An annual payment of £24 entitles you to Social Membership of Wendover CC, use of the Club bar and facilities as well as insurance for Village Cup cricket. You will be entered into 12 monthly draws, each with prizes currently ranging from £25 to £60 (top prize of £100 in June and December).

A list of winners will be displayed in the Clubhouse (The Witchell) and on the WCC website <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wendovercricketclub>. Please log in and apply for membership of the website.

### APPLICATION:

I wish to apply for annual membership of the WCC 200 Club. I am 18 years of age or over.  
I consent to my information being retained for membership purposes\*

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If successful, I'd like to receive my winnings in this manner (tick one box only):

Cheque	Bank Transfer	No winnings wanted
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### PAYMENT METHOD (choose one method):

- **Standing Order** – Send a completed copy of the attached Standing Order mandate to your bank.
- **Online / Fast Pay** – pay £24 to Wendover Cricket Club 200 Club Acct 00981093 Sort Code 30 95 36. Your name as reference.
- **Cheque** – Send a £24 cheque made out to Wendover Cricket club 200 Club.

**In all cases, please send the completed form to:** Stuart Holcroft, 1 St Michaels Close, Halton HP22 5NW  
or by email to [wendovercc200club@gmail.com](mailto:wendovercc200club@gmail.com)

Once your form and payment have been received, you will receive an acknowledgement and draw number.

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