



2016

Esher Cricket Club
(Founded 1863)

**Annual Report & Accounts
2016**

**Notice of AGM
and 2017 fixtures**

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Sponsors

In 2016 we have continued to work hard with sponsorship agency SNAP to increase the number of partnerships with local businesses keen to support development of young cricketers. I am delighted to thank Guy Salmon Jaguar, Thames Ditton, Samera Chartered Accountants, Square Daisy, The Storage Pod, Dentons Wealth, Mundays, and Lusso Homes. We look forward to welcoming all sponsors to Esher during 2017 and to continuing our excellent relationship with Curchods.

Also thank you to Radley Yeldar for the design and print management of this report.

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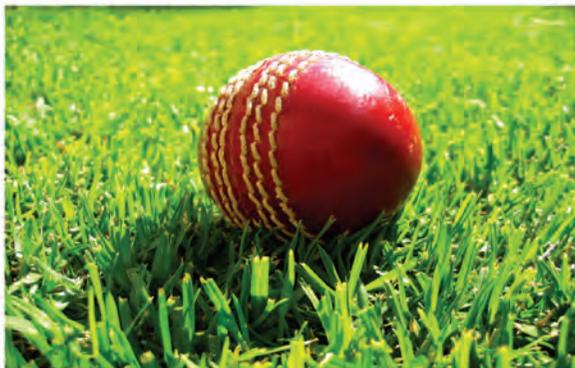
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HOLD THE DATE

Friday 8th September 2017



ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL

More details to follow

Welcome

Welcome to a summary of the 2016 season and more importantly, a look forward to the 2017 season. This report sets out our plans for the forthcoming season and looks back at our many successes from last year, in particular the continued success of our young cricketers.

We will continue to strive for improvement in all areas over the coming season and years that follow.

Congratulations to all members whose contributions have continued the rejuvenation of Esher as a thriving, friendly, successful and local cricket club.

Esher Cricket Club Mission Statement

Esher Cricket Club aims to provide club cricket at the highest level achievable whilst observing the principles detailed in The MCC Spirit of Cricket at all times.

In addition, the Club aims to provide first-rate coaching in the skills and etiquette of cricket to young cricketers from age five upwards with the purpose of introducing them to adult cricket at the optimum moment.

Esher Cricket Club aims to operate within the relevant legal framework in a fiscally responsible manner and recognising and respecting the rights and concerns of our neighbours.



New Road from the air

President's Report



“ The aim of Esher Cricket Club is that all generations feel safe in the cricket environment, are excited by the game and are respectful of opposing teams, officials and spectators”

These are interesting times to be working in cricket with so many issues being debated, both nationally and internationally. What does the future hold for Test Match Cricket, with declining audiences around the world (well, outside of London, anyway)? Will day/night Tests with a pink ball become more widespread? How do the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) address the issue of declining participation numbers? You wouldn't think it from the staggering numbers that we attract down at New Road every Sunday morning in the summer!

There is general agreement that 'participation' is one of the key issues affecting the UK game. Recent ECB research shows:

- In 2014, there were 844,000 participants aged 14+ in games of cricket, 7% down from the comparable figure of 908,000 in 2011;
- Only 2% of children aged 7 to 15 ranked cricket as their favourite sport;
- 60% of children made no mention of cricket when asked to name their top 10 sports.

TV audiences for cricket have also fallen significantly since 2005, the last year when Test Matches were on free-to-air TV. This will be addressed in the imminent broadcast negotiations, as will the attractiveness of the 'cricket package' in the UK which could very well include a second, 'Big Bash' style, Twenty20 tournament with 8 teams competing. Australian cricket faced similar issues, in recent times, with falling participation and the Big Bash has worked wonders in providing great family entertainment and, as a consequence, attracting kids back to the game. The trick is then to get the younger generation to graduate, in time, to the longer form of the game. There are many hills to be climbed.

Sadly, it is not just participation of players that our game has to be concerned about. MCC's Cricket Committee, when debating the new draft of the Laws (for which the Club is responsible) recently, addressed the serious issue of player behaviour. This relates to sanctions being made available to umpires in dealing with deteriorating levels of behaviour leading, ultimately, to sending off for acts of violence. Without going into detail

on the different levels of sanctions proposed for differing levels of breach (which is still under debate), umpires – and this relates mainly to our recreational game – need and want some ‘protection’ by way of on-field penalties.

As with other penalties under the Laws, these new sanctions are intended as deterrents, the presence of which should reduce the frequency of poor behaviour, so that they would only rarely be applied. However, the fact that this issue is being debated at such a high level is an indication of the escalating levels of poor behaviour, particularly in club cricket. I have spoken before, in this column,

about my strong desire for all members at every level of Esher Cricket Club to adhere to the Spirit of Cricket. After all, we want our future generations to feel safe in our environment, excited by the game and to be respectful of opposing teams, officials and spectators. If we adhere to this ethos, we will be doing our bit for participation.

Jon Robinson

2017 social events

Another great year socially for Esher CC, 2017 will see the comedy night return for the third year in succession on Saturday 13th May, we will also be holding the annual quiz on Saturday 17th June and the Race Night on Saturday 8th July.

The Six Nations rugby also kicks off on the 18th March, we will show all of the games starting from 12.30pm, with the England V Ireland game at 5pm, there will be a good selection of beers and food available.

I will be sending further details in due course, let’s support the club and I look forward to socialising with you all over the coming season.



Pete Blackhurst

2017 Events calendar

Saturday 18th March England v Ireland 5pm	Six Nations rugby	New Road
28th March 2017 7.30pm	Annual General Meeting	New Road
Saturday 13th May 2017 8pm	Comedy night	New Road
Friday 2nd June 2017 12 noon	Vince's lunch	New Road
Saturday 17th June 2017 8pm	Quiz night	New Road
Saturday 8th July 2017 8pm	Race Night	New Road
Saturday 2nd September 2017 7pm	End of league season awards night	New Road
Friday 8th September 2017 7pm	Annual Ball	New Road
Sunday 10th September 12 noon	YC awards lunch	New Road

Full details of each event will be circulated in due course

2016 Achievements

Adults

1st XI Player of the year	Alex Martin
2nd XI Player of the year	Andy Wales
3rd XI Player of the year	Chris Burton

Leading League run scorers

Shoaib Khan	899 @ 99.88
Alex Martin	732 @ 43.06
Almaher Shelley	628 @ 48.31
Andrew Wales	625 @ 41.67
Mark Hopkinson	358 @ 25.57

The leading league wicket takers

Nick Winder	19 @ 22.16
John Mason	19 @ 24.37
Henry Witten	17 @ 20.59
Jim Steven	17 @ 21.41
Henry Foster	14 @ 19.64

League Hundreds

Almaher Shelley	v Oxted & Limpsfield 2nd XI	167
Andrew Wales	v Old Whitgiftians 2nd XI	150*
Rob Davies	v Old Emanuel 3rd XI	132*
Andrew Wales	v Oxted & Limpsfield 2nd XI	124
Almaher Shelley	v Dulwich 2nd XI	123*
Alex Martin	v Epsom 1st XI	121
Shoaib Khan	v Farnham 1st XI	115*
Mark Hopkinson	v Purley 1st XI	113
Shoaib Khan	v Purley 1st XI	108*
Chris Burton	v Old Emanuel 3rd XI	100*
Shoaib Khan	v Epsom 1st XI	100

* Not out

League 6 wickets

Henry Foster	v Dulwich 1st XI	6-19
Michael Steele	v Trinity Mid-whitgiftian 2nd XI	6-26
Jack McClean	v Chessington 1st XI	6-27
Ata-Ur Rehman	v Egham 1st XI	6-49

League positions

1st XI 3rd	2nd XI 3rd	3rd XI 5th
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Young Cricketers

YC Award Winners - 2016

Barry Johnstone Shield
Outstanding Young Cricketer
Rohan Gupta, U11s

Curchods Cup
Contribution to Youth Cricket
Andy Nendick, YC Fixtures Sec

Shane Lalani Memorial Trophy
Outstanding Young Cricketer
Austin Wilman, U15s

Crystal Clear Financial
Services Cup
Outstanding Fielder /
Wicket Keeper
Josh DaVall, U11s

Newbould Cup
YC with the biggest impact
on Adult Cricket
Jonathan Miles, U14s

Young Cricketers continued

YC Age Group Awards 2016

	Player of the Year	Batsman	Bowler	Allrounder	Clubman
U8s	Noah Luxman	Freddy Pettifer	Dayan Patel	Robbie Bowman	Charlie Pitts
U9s	Oliver Hamilton	Nathan Farmer	Tom Pitts	Freddie Price	Mani Howell
U10s	Ben Clarke	Samuel Slaney	Ben Frewer	Jack Joyce	Tom Read / Jean VD Spuy
U11s	James Wiles	Seb Stuart Reckling	James Kotze	Joseph O'Neil	Bavin Gnasampanthan
U12s	Adam Baiden	Oliver Ognall	Anthony Peche	Josh Clarke	Samaksh Agarwal
U13s	Ross Forest	Jack Slaney	Kairan Siva	Freddie Harrison	Ben Dickinson
U14s	Arya Behl	Connor Williamson	Jonathan Miles	Kyran Goodbrand	Matt Boucher
U15s	Austin Wilman	Nick Morgan	Lazlo Jepsun	Marcus Jones	Will Merry

Esher Cricket Club - YC's 2016

U15s	Won	Mid Surrey League	U11s	Won	Mid Surrey League
	Runners up	WSYCL league		Won	WSYCL league
	Won	WSYCL play offs		Won	WSYCL play offs
	Won	ECB cup Surrey		Runners up	Glaysd Chitty league
	Won	ECB Cup East of England		Runners up	Mid Surrey Cup
				Won	WSYCL cup
U14s	Won	Mid Surrey League	U10s	Runners up	NEC league
	Won	WSYCL league		Won	NEC tournament
	Won	WSYCL play offs	U9s	Runners up	NEC league
	Won	Mid Surrey cup		won	Esher tournament
	Won	WSYCL cup		Runners up	Horsley tournament
	Won	Glaysd Chitty league	U8s	Runners up	WSYCL league
U13s	Runners up	Mid Surrey League		Won	NEC league
	Won	WSYCL league		Won	NEC play offs
	Won	WSYCL play offs		Runners up	Esher Tournament
U12s	Runners up	Mid Surrey League		Won	Farnham Tournament
	Won	Mid Surrey Cup		Runners up	NEC tournament
	Runners up	WSYCL cup			

Representative Cricket - Surrey

Performance

U9s	U10s	U11s	U12s	U13s	U14s	U15s
Seb Harding	William Jarrett	Harry Jackson	Josh Clarke	George Freeman	Denil Manuel	Not applicable
Jamie Lane	James Page	Rohan Gupta	Ollie Ognall	Ethan Macalister	Thomas Chandler	
Gryffyn Stuckey	Joss Clarke	Bavin Gnasampanthan	Samaksh Agarwhal	Freddie Harrison	Jack Fletcher	
Amaan Naseem	Nirek Dandanayak	Thomas Goodchild		Makenzie Holliday	Ben Butcher	
Nathan Farmer	William Malet	Joe Last-Sutton		Kairan Siva	Arya Behl	
Alex Chambers	Ben Clarke			Joe Moss	Angus Barrett	
Freddie Price	Jack Joyce					
Tom Pitts	Lorcan Pountney					
	Sam Slaney					

County Age Group

U9s	U10s	U11s	U12s	U13s	U14s	U15s
Gryffyn Stuckey	Nirek Dandanayak	Harry Jackson		Freddie Harrison	Denil Manuel	Andrew McCullum
Nathan Farmer	William Malet	Rohan Gupta		McKenzie Holliday	Arya Behl	Austin Wilman
	De Carteret					
Tom Pitts	Ben Clarke			George Freeman		
Alex Chambers	James Page					
	Sam Slaney					

Chairman's Report



I enjoyed 2016. The sun shone, I watched a lot of cricket from Under 8 to adult, attended high quality social events including the inaugural "City lunch" in aid of new nets, welcomed new sponsors and ECC managed to keep its head above water financially.

When I became Chairman three years ago and again last year I said that our aims should include:

- Excellent standards of sportsmanship both on and off the field;
- Development of young male and female cricketers in a safe environment where they have fun;
- Premiership cricket for senior teams;
- Financial stability; and
- Improved facilities.

With the addition of 'staging inclusive social events', I believe these are good aims and they remain true for 2017. But how much progress did we make in 2016?

Sportsmanship

- Our adult, Development XI, U19 and U17s behaved well on the field. Our young cricketers played in many matches, setting a good example, playing hard and fair. We need to build on this in 2017, taking special care to respect umpires and coaches and be ambassadors for the Spirit of Cricket. I think we can do more to welcome opponents to Esher and to socialise after games. It is a good way to develop respect for others and make new friends.

Young cricketers

- Almost 400 boys and girls played cricket at Esher and on our satellite pitches. That is fantastic; however this was slightly down on the previous year so we need to work hard over the winter to attract new members. Ask all your friends, we have lots to offer!
- Each year and session by session we aim to make a difference to each player. It is no accident that we continued to do this so well in 2016. Duncan, his team of coaches and AGMs planned and performed a tailored programme, from winter nets, to pre-season preparation courses, to weekend and evening coaching, to summer courses. All in all, they provided a super environment for growth. Next year we plan to extend the Winter programme by adding 6 weeks before Christmas.
- Some people measure success by the number of trophies, and 2016 was a very good year, but for me it is more important to see New Road teeming with young cricketers with smiles on their faces, having fun. There was plenty of that.
- Others measure success by outstanding performance in major tournaments. This year, Roger Koep's Under 15s deserve special mention for winning the Surrey cup then going on to reach the last 4 of the National Club Competition from an entry of 1,600 teams. The boys played exciting cricket and should be very proud of their excellent achievement.
- Another measure of success is the number of YCs who played adult cricket. Many of our YCs played in the 4th, 3rd and 2nd XIs with 3 representing the 1st XI.

Senior teams

- The first XI set off with ambitions of promotion and came very close, reaching a promotion spot on the penultimate weekend but losing out in the final minutes of the season as the rain fell. Captain Will Edwards did a good job with a young team in his first season as Captain. He was ably supported by professional Shoab Khan (back next year) with a barrage of runs and new recruit Alex Martin who scored heavily and kept well.

- The 2nd and 3rd XIs were well led by Henry Witten and Chris Burton respectively who are both up for the challenge next year. Both teams finished third and gave plenty of opportunities to younger players who will be a year older next year, giving grounds for optimism.
- Premier League cricket may appear some distance away. I believe that if we manage, as we intend, to find some experienced players to support the young talent, 2017 will be a promotion year.

Finance

- This year there have been more exciting developments. **Many thanks** for the outstanding support from sponsors Andrew Dewar and his team at **Curchods**, from **Guy Salmon Thames Ditton, Samera chartered accountants** and **Lusso Homes**. I would also like to welcome new sponsors **Dentons Wealth, Square Daisy.com, Munday and The Storage Pod, Brooklands**. I look forward to developing lasting partnerships.
- We have said before that finances of cricket clubs are at best precarious, we are no different. We managed to keep our heads above water with a similar performance to 2015. This was only possible because of the hard work of many, generous donations and successful events.
- **I would like to thank all those who have volunteered, donated, organised and supported the club in whatever way. Special thanks to Debra Last-Sutton and Kate Coombs for organising another enjoyable ball, this time themed 'Masquerade'.**

Facilities

- Our desire to improve facilities is strong. Even though availability of funds is the main constraint, we have laid more wickets on the outfield for junior cricket and started to raise funds for nets.
- Indeed, the inaugural "City lunch" in April raised over £20,000, a solid start to the new net project. We plan a similar event on 21st, April 2017 with the aim of creating a fund which when augmented by grants will raise the six figure sum we need.

Social events

- The Comedy night in May was a great success. The Clubhouse was packed. Next year we plan to reintroduce the Quiz night and run another Comedy night.
- The ball was a great success. Thanks again to Debra Last-Sutton and Kate Coombs who have passed the baton on to Elizabeth Burton.
- Thanks also to Vince Chandler who organised an excellent "Vince's" lunch in late May.
- I think we could do more to involve more of our membership. Some are missing out! With that in mind I am looking for a Social/fund raising volunteer from each age group. Please get in touch, it would really make a difference.

So, to answer the question, overall we did well in 2016, we had fun and there is much to be proud of. However we cannot afford to be complacent. At Esher CC there is a lot going on. I will do my best to work with our volunteers and find new volunteers so that we continue to make progress.

I would like to thank Duncan and Lek for all their hard work. Running the club is full on in the busy, some would say hectic, weeks of the season and there is plenty of preparation in the winter months.

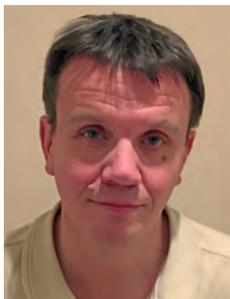
I would also like to thank Jonathan Manuel our new Treasurer, Jenny O'Neill as Youth Admin and Andy Nendick as YC Fixture secretary. Each of them did important work extremely well.

Finally I would like to wish Captains Edwards, Witten and Burton and all our cricketers' good luck for the 2017 season.

The AGM will be held on 28th March at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. The formal notice is on page 59 of this report. You are more than welcome to attend. An open question and answer session will be held at the conclusion of formal business to respond to any questions relating to the club.

Geoff Ellis

Treasurer Report 2016



We have made progress during the year on our four key objectives:

1. **Cash flow:** Cash is the lifeblood of any club, particular to stay solvent in the off-season and enable on-going investment in the club. As can be seen from the funds flow statement, while we have had a significant benefit to cash flow from Project Nets, money that will be ring-fenced for the new nets, even without this income our cashflow would have been positive and much improved on prior year thanks primarily to focus on working capital management. This in turn has enabled us to repay one of our short term loans and to continue our investment in club facilities such as new furniture and a new pavilion fence.
2. **Reduced Losses:** The club finances remain challenging due to the on-going loss position (once the income from Project Nets is excluded) which means that we are not in a position to fund significant new investment without external cash injections. That said, as can be seen from the income and expenditure statement, our losses (denoted as transfer to general funds) reduced vs. 2015. Youth cricket subscriptions and courses, together with the playgroup provide the backbone of our income and have improved vs. prior year. Other key drivers of performance vs. 2015:

- **Sponsorship:** A good year with on-going support from Curchods, Guy Salmon and Samera augmented by new sponsorship through SNAP from Storage Pod, Lusso, Denton and Square Daisy.
- **Cost reductions:** A general focus on costs together with one off benefits from repair costs in 2015 not repeating in 2016 resulted in an 11% year on year reduction.

Partially offset by:

- **Fundraising:** Despite a lot of hard work from key individuals and generally good support for our events, one less event and some prior year non repeating benefits meant that while the Ball improved year on year, overall net fundraising income, excluding Project Nets, was over 40% below last year.
 - **Bar:** A poor year on the bar and a key area of focus for next season.
3. **Project Nets:** A great start thanks to the City lunch which, together with some very generous individual donations, means that we have nearly £22k in the fund. However, we urgently need a volunteer to drive forward both the fundraising and the delivery of this vital project.
 4. **Process Improvement:** With the majority of the club management team volunteers and with progress dependent on the support and goodwill of the members, it is important that we try and be as efficient as possible in the management and reporting of the club finances. Our process improvement this year has been in banking through the introduction of internet banking, which has helped cash management but which will also hopefully benefit members through more efficient collection of payments.

Looking into 2017, our four objectives will remain broadly the same and we hope to be-able to continue to show improvement in each area.

Jonathan Manuel

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Annual Accounts 2016

Income and expenditure account

For the year ended 30th September 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
Income		
Subscriptions	61,214	60,426
Sponsorship	10,450	7,320
Fundraising and Functions	9,070	15,981
Project Nets	21,593	
Bar	7,900	15,842
Courses	11,460	9,781
Rent	6,638	6,015
Playgroup Income	26,667	25,867
Other	1,799	2,878
Total Income	156,790	144,109
Expenditure		
Ground and Pavilion	52,802	61,860
Staff and player costs	44,405	44,566
Coaching and equipment costs	20,539	26,731
Administration	6,949	6,662
Other	1,171	1,229
Total Expenditure	125,867	141,048
Excess/(Deficit) after depreciation and tax	30,923	3,061
Depreciation (Note 1)	(25,562)	(25,605)
Taxation	(3,541)	(2,935)
VAT overprovided	-	2,648
Excess/(Deficit) after depreciation and tax	1,820	(22,831)
Transfer to Project Nets fund	(21,593)	-
Transfer to General Fund	(19,773)	(22,831)

Balance sheet

At 30th September 2016

	Cost £	Depreciation £	2016 £	2015 £
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Ground (Note 2)	2,750		2,750	2,750
Pavilion	435,754	95,938	339,816	348,531
Car Park and Pavilion Surrounds	67,539	36,469	31,070	34,447
Nets, Outside Machinery and Scoreboard	71,984	64,611	7,373	14,571
Pavilion Equipment	43,053	34,375	8,678	12,613
Patio, Fence & Sheds	20,055	7,608	12,447	11,272
Kitchen and Bar Furniture	21,148	16,535	4,613	–
			406,747	424,184
Current assets				
Stocks			1,913	3,063
Trade Debtors			4,657	10,166
Prepayments			5,151	5,023
Premium Bonds			10	10
Cash at Bank			38,218	8,709
			49,949	26,971
Current liabilities				
Creditors and Provisions			17,320	12,214
Unsecured Loans repayable within one year			21,000	23,000
Taxation			3,545	2,935
			41,865	38,149
Net current assets (Liabilities)			8,084	(11,178)
Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land) (Note 2)			414,831	413,006
Represented by:				
General Fund			393,238	413,006
Project Nets Fund			21,593	–
			414,831	413,006

Approved by the Management Committee on 2nd February 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Geoff Ellis ACA

Jonathan Manuel FCA

Notes to the accounts

Year ended 30th September 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
Cash generated from operating activities:		
General	(19,773)	(22,544)
Project Nets	21,593	
Depreciation	25,562	25,605
Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	27,382	3,061
Movement in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in Stock	1,150	635
(Increase)/decrease in Debtors	5,381	(801)
Increase/(decrease) in Creditors	8,650	(6,112)
Total changes in working capital	15,181	(6,278)
Capital expenditure:	(8,123)	(5,908)
Operating cashflow	34,440	(9,125)
Financing		
VAT overprovided		2,648
Tax paid	(2,931)	(2,886)
Loan repayment	(2,000)	
Total financing	(4,931)	(238)
Increase (decrease) in Cash	29,509	(9,363)

1. Depreciation

Depreciation has been charged as follows.

Pavilion	Over 50 years
Car Park and Pavilion Surrounds	Over 20 years
All other Equipment	Over 10 years
Kitchen and Bar Furniture	Over 5 years

2. Net asset value

The Freehold Ground is stated at its cost in 1935. The Club has not had the Land revalued but consider such evaluation would enhance the net asset value considerably

Independent Examiner's Statement on the accounts

Report to the Management Committee and members of Esher Cricket Club (the Club) on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 2016 set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and Independent Examiner

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee considers that an independent examination is needed in accordance with the Club rules.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

An Independent Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Tilston

Relevant professional qualification FCA
2nd February 2017

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Will Edwards
1st XI Captain

Esher began the season with hopes of promotion to Division 1 and, buoyed by the arrival of several new faces, started the season well with 3 wins out of 4, the only loss coming off the final ball at home to Farnham. A surprising losing draw to newly promoted Egham followed, beginning a slump in form which saw Esher win just 1 out of the next 5 games and left them 7th in the table.

Esher travelled to Bank of England towards the end of July knowing that they had to win to keep any hopes of achieving their pre-season ambitions alive. And win they did, with Nick Winder taking 5 wickets to inspire a dramatic victory.

The victory at Bank of England re-started Esher's season and thanks to some solid all round team performances, 5 convincing victories were recorded on the bounce against Purley, Egham, Epsom, Worcester Park and Dulwich. This run of form took Esher to 2nd place with 1 game of the season remaining, away at Camberley, but with Farnham hot on their heels Esher knew that it would be likely that only a win would be enough to see them promoted. Unfortunately for Esher, it wasn't to be, with the weather playing its part. The match was abandoned 9 overs into the second innings. This, combined with Farnham beating Chessington, meant that Esher fell tantalisingly short and must now prepare for another season in Division 2.

Although the season had ended in disappointment, it can still be classed as an encouraging one for Esher, who improved dramatically on their 2015 performance. Special mention should go to Alex Martin and Shoab Khan whose prolific run scoring played a major part in Esher's promotion chase. Following this season of improvement, Esher will again be targeting promotion come next April.

Many thanks to Brian Dunleavy for his scoring throughout the season and to the panel of Umpires.

Esher CC Nets and Coaching

Nets, training and coaching for all adult cricketers is held every Friday evening at New Road, starting at 6pm, from 14th April and throughout the season

All players welcome.

1st XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Div 2 batting averages 2016 Qualification 4 matches

Name	Games	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Shoaib Khan	18	17	8	899	115*	99.88
John Mason	11	10	4	264	56*	44.00
Alex Martin	18	17	0	732	121	43.06
Mark Hopkinson	16	14	0	358	113	25.57
Will Edwards	16	14	0	330	93	23.57
Harry Alderson	5	2	1	18	15	18.00
Peter Blackhurst	8	7	1	88	49	14.67
Jamie McCormack	10	8	1	101	26	14.43
Josh Armstrong	4	4	2	26	16*	13.00
Tom McClean	7	3	0	29	15	9.67
Ata-ur Rehman	6	5	1	25	24	6.25
Henry Foster	8	4	1	17	8	5.67
Tom Gwynne	10	3	0	10	6	3.33
Matthew Maginnis	4	3	1	5	3	2.50
Alex Waghorn	7	2	0	4	4	2.00
Jim Steven	8	5	3	2	1*	1
Nicholas Winder	9	2	2	4	4*	0.00
Lewis Godliman	5	2	1	0	0*	0.00

Also played: 3 Matches: Azhar Nawaz, Dimel Patel, Aman Behl **2 Matches:** Ben Tibble, Almahar Shelley, Henry Witten, Charan Gill, Jack McClean, Nick Woolhead, Austin Wilman
1 Match: Shezy Malik, Richard Parsons, Oscar Nicholson, Ross Grey, Dan Wakely, Archie Breakspear, Ben Regan, Andrew McCallum, William Tilston.

1st XI Ryman Surrey Championship Div 2 bowling averages 2016 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Nicholas Winder	107.3	13	421	19	22.16
Shoaib Khan	139	25	558	13	42.92
Alex Waghorn	68	7	304	10	30.40
Jack McClean	11	2	27	6	4.50
John Mason	93	5	463	19	24.37
Jim Steven	50	1	240	5	48.00
Ata-Ur Rehman	57	12	161	13	12.38
Henry Foster	65	8	275	14	19.64
Dimel Patel	17.4	2	65	5	13.00



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2nd XI



Henry Witten
2nd XI Captain

The season started with much hope and promise for Esher's 2nd XI, and after a convincing victory against Trinity Mid-Whitgiftians in the opening game things were looking good. These thoughts, however, were short-lived, as the next two games served up disappointing defeats against Beddington and Cranleigh. Esher then travelled to Bank of England and, without the services of the captain, they swept Bank aside by 100 runs. Addiscombe then visited Esher with the hosts slumping to 122 all out and losing by 80 runs. The next 4 games ended with 3 losses and a losing draw, with the batting proving to be the biggest problem again. At the half way stage, it appeared that Esher were going to be in a relegation scrap.

However, in a tale of two halves that Robert Louis Stevenson would be proud of, things were about to change. With Mr Hyde out of the way, it was time for Dr Jekyll to take over, and in maybe the defining moment of the season Esher won a hard fought game against Beddington by 2 runs.

This seemed to rejuvenate the team, and was followed by a victory against Woking. Next to visit New Road were Bank of England, but Esher could only muster a winning draw. Esher were to remain in high spirits, though, and managed to win all 5 of the next 5 games with the most intriguing game coming against Old Whitgiftians. After Esher posted 320-4, all 22 players could have been forgiven for thinking the game was over. But this was not the case, as Old Whits made it to 316 before a run out ensured victory for Esher with 2 balls to spare. Other victories included good performances against Addiscombe, Trinity, Woking and champions elect Dulwich. The final game of the season was unfortunately abandoned with Esher in control thanks to an opening partnership of 316 before the heavens opened with Oxted 50-3.

Many thanks to Paul Philpott, Jess Tallent, Hugo Demel, Jack McClean and Richard Lewis who all played a vital role in umpiring and scoring throughout the season.

Thanks also to Al Shelly and Andy Wales who captained the team when called upon.



Cricket at New Road

2nd XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Div 2 batting averages 2016 Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Almaher Shelley	14	14	1	628	167	48.31
Andrew Wales	16	16	1	625	150*	41.67
Chris Parrish	10	6	3	115	48	38.34
Henry Witten	14	12	5	213	52*	30.43
Andrew McCallum	5	5	0	123	85	24.60
Alex Mason	4	4	0	98	83	23.25
Jim Steven	9	4	2	43	21	21.50
Arshad Rehman	5	4	1	64	30	21.33
Matt Sabben-Clare	13	12	1	230	68	20.91
Nick Woolhead	8	8	0	147	37	18.38
Dimi Balasuriyar	4	2	2	16	15*	16.00
Dan Wakely	7	6	1	73	32*	14.60
John Woolhead	4	4	1	40	27	13.33
Austin Wilman	7	6	2	50	26	12.50
Dimel Patel	4	4	1	35	31*	11.67
Rashid Hafiz	4	3	1	22	15*	11.00
Lewis Godlman	4	2	1	7	7	7.00
Nick Morgan	4	4	0	23	23	5.75

Also played: 3 Matches: Marcel Van Wyck, N Town, Joe Gilhooly, Pete Blackhurst, Josh Armstrong, Matthew Maginnis, Samuel Nutt, Tom McClean **2 Matches:** David Crook, Charan Gill, Shezy Malik, Archie Breakspear, Charlie Winder, H Ramzan, Chris Harvey, Darren Easwaramohan, Ross Grey, Azhar Nawaz, Aman Behl, Josh Tallent, Michael Steele **1 Match:** Richard Harris, Ciaran Harris, Tom Gwynne, Richard Harrison, Callum Allbrook, Neil Fletcher, B Lowe, N Edmunds, J Corsan, Mark Jesman, Andrew Pugh, Ross Macfarlane, Michael Steele, Harry Alderson, William Tilston, Rob Davies.

2nd XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Div 2 bowling averages 2016 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Michael Steele	19.1	1	68	8	8.50
Rashid Hafiz	32	2	105	8	13.13
Dimel Patel	41	7	152	8	19.00
Ross Grey	30	1	117	6	19.50
Arshad Rehman	26.3	4	123	6	20.50
Henry Witten	100.3	10	350	17	20.59
Austin Wilman	64	10	233	11	21.18
Jim Steven	92	8	364	17	21.41
Andrew Wales	47	2	198	9	22.00
Chris Parrish	63	2	293	11	26.64
Almaher Shelley	53	4	199	7	28.43

Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

3rd XI



Chris Burton
3rd XI Captain



3rd XI 2016

2016 for Esher's 3rd XI was very much a season of two halves - the first half produced just three wins in nine, while in the second half there was only one loss, which was to deserved league winners Epsom, the only team to do the double over us. Along the way there were various highs and lows. A couple of spicy games couldn't detract from it being a thoroughly enjoyable season both on and off the pitch.

The turning point appeared to be an "against the odds" win against then top of the table Hampton Hill. With a combined age of 465 and many cobwebs dusted off the cricket kit, a truly fabulous afternoon and evening was had by the Esher "Dads' Army" thanks to a herculean team effort, notably including a fine knock of 65 from Richard "haven't played in 18 years" Clarke, a mesmerising five-wicket burst from Imran "Murali" Khan and two wickets from debutant Josh "Warney" Da Vall.

In a great season for new recruits, Esher welcomed new talents and characters including father and son combo Martin & Jonathan Miles, Chris Harvey, Dan Dickenson and many others. Also heartening to see is the conveyor belt of colts coming through, with highlights including a colossal innings of 132 from Rob Davies, ever improving bowling performances from Jonathan Martin and impressive contributions from Oscar Nicholson, Marcus Jones, Nick Morgan, Josh Tallent and Calum Allbrook. All in all, it's an exciting time to be part of the club and 2017 bodes to be even better.

Thanks go to skipper Chris Burton (averaging 40 this season) and a variety of lieutenants including Dimi Balasuriyar, Imran Khan, Pete Slaney, Neil Fletcher, David Crook and Faisly Malik.

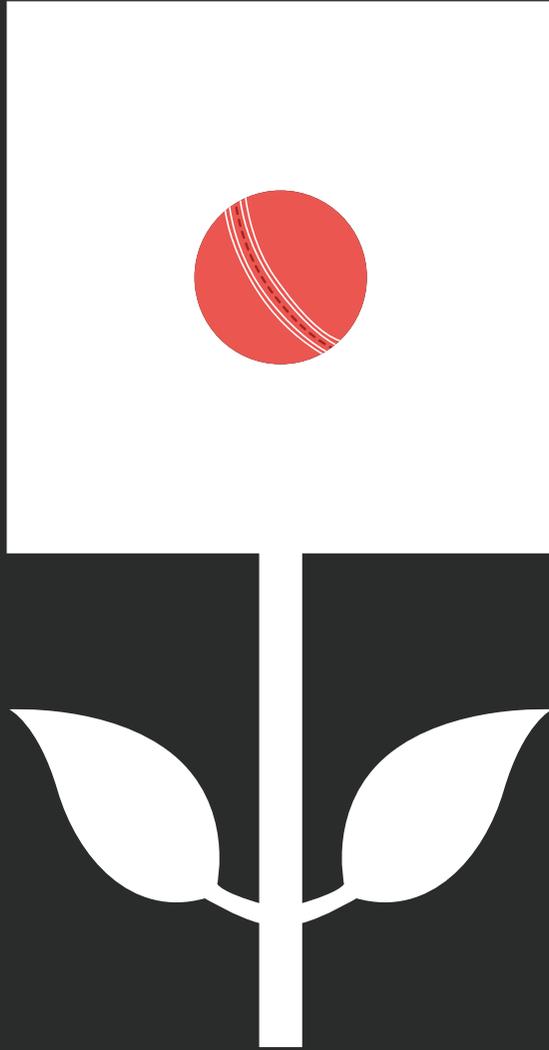
3rd XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Central Division batting averages 2016 Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Rob Davies	4	4	2	196	132*	98.00
Chris Burton	14	13	4	352	100*	39.11
Joe Gilhooly	4	4	0	140	86	35.00
Awi Malik	5	4	3	30	12*	30.00
Richard Harrison	4	3	1	52	31*	26.00
Dan Dickenson	5	5	0	116	49	23.20
David Crook	7	6	0	118	51	19.67
Imran Khan	10	10	1	138	41	15.33
Oscar Nicholson	4	2	0	30	20	15.00
Dimi Balasuriyar	6	5	4	14	7*	14.00
Martin Miles	7	6	1	65	27	13.00
Neil Fletcher	5	5	0	64	37	12.80
Jonathan Miles	6	5	0	46	19	9.20
Chris Harvey	8	5	1	28	10	7.00
Nasir Shabbir	5	5	0	8	4	1.60

Also played: 3 Matches: Richard Harrison, Sanjay Behl, Raheem, Faisy Malik, Peter Slaney, Nigel Ashton, David Pengilly, Glenn Phillips, Vince Tallent, Joseph Gilhooly, Josh Tallent,
2 Matches: Nick Morgan, Josh Da Vall, Dave Hitchens, David Mistry, Angus Barrett, Daniel Wakely, Arshad Rehman, Charlie Winder, Matthew Maginnis, Callum Allbrook, Josh Armstrong,
1 Match: Mike Littlewood, Andrew Pugh, Richard Bagshaw, Nazar Kathia, Mark Jesman, Andrew Baiden, Richard Clarke, Charlie Etheridge, Craig McIntosh, Jonathan Deverill, Kieran Tallent, Hari Khan, H Ramzan, Henry Calvert, Darren Easwaramohan, Jack Fletcher, Jonathan Barrett, Arya Behl, William Tilston, Imran Memon, Sam Nutt, Marcus Jones, Ross Grey, Christopher Parrish, Lewis Godliman, John Woolhead, Thomas Chandler

3rd XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Central division averages 2016 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Chris Parrish	10	4	14	5	2.80
Dan Dickenson	9	1	37	5	7.40
Dimi Balasuriyar	40	14	110	9	12.23
Imran Khan	29	1	103	7	14.71
Awi Malik	39	4	140	8	17.50
Jonathan Miles	44	6	169	9	18.78
Chris Harvey	59	3	215	11	19.55
Neil Fletcher	34	3	153	6	25.50



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Young Cricketers – Award Winners

Barry Johnstone Shield

Awarded to the outstanding player from the U8 to U11 age groups

Rohan Gupta has had an amazing season with the bat and has led the U11's to their most successful season to date. Rohan has scored 500 runs in 21 innings. He has had 10 retirements on been out 7 times. To average 71.4 in the U11 format during the season, with the added responsibility as captain has showed what a talent he has. Rohan is well respected and liked in the squad and his performances and personality have helped create a great team spirit. He has continued to represent Surrey in county and performance teams throughout the season, but has made time for ECC matches and well. Rohan is a very deserving winner of the Barry Johnstone shield for the most outstanding U8-U11 at ECC.



Rohan Gupta

Crystal Clear Financial Services Cup

Awarded to the outstanding fielder of the year

Josh Da Vall has been a regular A team player this season and contributed with his batting and his bowling throughout. However, his fielding has stood out and made the difference during the season. The MSI Cup semi-final against Barnes summed up his performance. The U11's were bowling well during the match but were getting frustrated at not taking any wickets. Josh threw in with a direct hit from deep backward point to take a key wicket from Barnes. This seemed to inspire the team, who went on to take wickets and win the game. The biggest compliment for Josh was when the opposition batsman would refuse to take any further easy singles to him. The Josh had made the point and backward point fielding positions his own during the season and is consistent fielding displays makes him a worthy winner of the award for the most outstanding fielder of the year.



Josh Da Vall

Young Cricketers – Award Winners continued

Shane Lalani Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the outstanding player from the U12 to U18 age groups

Austin Wilman was captain of the hugely successful U 15 team

and led from the front as the boys came close to becoming National champions. His batting over the season was phenomenal as he tore many an attack apart with aggressive yet classy batting at the top of the order. He scored 695 runs in 21 innings at an average of 58 across all U 15 fixtures (651 runs at an average of over 72 excluding the longer version Surrey Premier league fixtures). He was particularly impressive in the latter rounds of the National cup, scoring undefeated 50's against Guildford (24 balls) in the Surrey division final; Chesham 28 balls in (London and East Final) and ST Cross Symondians (44 balls) in the National semi-final. He averaged 88 in his 7 matches in the National cup. His bowling was also impressive at important moments no less than when his team were in trouble in the London and East SF against Preston Nomads where he came on at a critical time and took 1/14 off 4 overs, in addition to

securing a run-out. Austin bowled in 14 games for the U15 team taking 12 wickets at an average of 18 and an economy rate of 4.8.

In addition to his exploits with the U15 team Austin was equally impressive in Development cricket playing some destructive innings and bowling key spells. He was the stand out bowler in the mens 2nd team and made a maiden 50 for the mens 1st team.

In addition to his fantastic feats with bat and ball, his fielding was top draw and he matured fantastically as a captain. He is a very well-liked member of the team and enjoys the respect of his team mates. His love of the game shone through and he was central to the comradery within the team. Despite his obvious ability, he always put the team first no less than in the many occasions when he choose not to bowl to allow other team members this opportunity to make a contribution in matches.

Austin is a most worthy winner of the Shane Lalani trophy and has set a high benchmark for upcoming age groups looking to emulate his feats



Austin Wilman



Curchods Cup for Contribution to Youth Cricket

Awarded for contribution to Youth Cricket at Esher

Andy Nendick – Youth Cricket Hon. Fixtures Sec
Andy worked tirelessly across all the age groups to set up hundreds of hours of competitive cricket for the Young Cricketers of Esher CC. The age group managers were full of praise for the calm and cheerful way Andy went about what can be a very difficult but essential role. Everyone involved in Youth Cricket at Esher is delighted to recognise such outstanding and selfless contribution.

Newbould Cup

Awarded to the young cricketer who made the biggest impact in Adult Cricket

Jonathan Miles – In his first season with Esher CC Jonathan made a big impact. He played a full part in a successful season for the U14's but also played regularly on a Saturday in adult cricket. He rose to the challenge opening the bowling, improving with every game. Figures of 4 for 11 against 3rd XI league leaders Chessington CC demonstrate how big a contribution Jonathan made. Chris Burton described it as a privilege having Jonathan in the side and he is a very worthy winner of the Newbould Cup



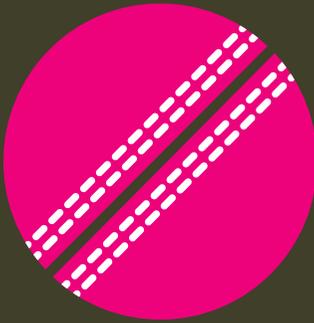
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Esher Eagles – Under 19 T20 Blast (Jules Winder)

Keen readers of the annual report will doubtless remember that last year's campaign, although moderately successful, contained not a single player from the Under 19's. So, it was massively encouraging that some winter social media activity, led by Archie Breakspear and Matt Maginnis, and some new arrivals saw a squad comprising 9 Under 19's, 6 Under 18's and some more than handy support from U17's and 16's and beyond.

Our first game against Chessington was disappointing. A poor batting display was lightened only by a long forgotten Danes Hill partnership from Hayden Hunt and Tom Gardner, and a couple of blows from Tom Prigmore saw Esher eke out 94-8. Had their umpire not been the only person on the ground to not hear, or see, a big nick from their star player things might have been different. Nick Winder (3-11), Dimil Patel (1-10) and Tom Brown (0-17) all bowled very well, but our 4th and 5th bowling options were unable to prevent them reaching the score with 8 balls remaining. We were much more dominant against Maori Oxshott, restricting them to 115-8 with a fine spell from Charlie Winder (4-9). After the loss of Aman Behl (9) and Robert Davies (14), Dimil Patel (43*) and Nick Winder (24) cruised very sensibly towards victory. It seemed that several Esher players and parents felt it would all be much better if they just got themselves out and let others have a go - a theory that was nearly proved correct when Dimil decided to stop scoring in the 19th over with 9 runs required. In the end, it required 4 byes and a 4 off the penultimate ball of the match to secure the win. Thriller.

Friday night traffic meant a late start against East Molesey, and a revised batting order allowed Matt Maginnis (35) and Tom Brown (46*) to post a big total as Esher reached 139-4. They had bowled very slowly, and made little effort to get out for the second innings. Tom Brown (3-10) continued his good day. As darkness fell, we were asked to stop bowling seam bowlers, which we did, and after Charlie Winder (2-15) took the 8th wicket they suggested it was too dark to continue with two very young players left, and conceded 8 down and 25 runs short. Our final home game saw reduced availability, and a strong Walton side reached 145-4, despite a high quality opening spell from Charlie Winder (0-11), well supported by Matt Maginnis (1-15). Our 5th bowler effectively went for 54 in the four overs. Our reply was interrupted by a sniper who picked off Matt Clarke just after he crashed a ball to the boundary. Luckily his eventual return to the crease some time later was videoed. Despite Dimil Patel's 33, we never got close, and a strong bowling side dismissed us for 90. Stoke D'Abernon couldn't raise a side on days that suited us, so a familiar runner's up finish in the group. All good fun, and to be honest, the same failings as last year left us just shy of qualification. We were not good enough at rotating the strike, and we just lacked enough quality bowling from a 5th bowler to contain the opposition for all 20 overs. Very good from these four though and supported by some good catches and a few comedy drops.

Esher CC Young Cricketers Reports 2016 continued

Bowling Stats

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average	Economy
Charlie Winder	11.5	35	6	5.8	2.9
Nick Winder	10	35	5	7	3.5
Dimil Patel	12	71	4	17.8	5.9
Tom Brown	10	42	3	14	4.2

One wicket each for Lewis Godliman, Callum Allbrook, Austin Wilman, Matt Maginnis, Ross Gray and Oscar Nicholson.

Batting Stats - Less to write home about, but Dimil Patel led the way with 86 runs. Matt Maginnis (48) and Tom Brown (46) were the only others to pass 40 runs.

The stated intention of this tournament was to re-engage this age group with cricket. So, the most pleasing aspect is that of the Esher Eagles squad, two were regulars in the 1st XI, and 8 played at least 1 first team game; in all, 16 played for the adult league sides over the summer as the summer results of the 1s, 2s and 3s blossomed. I hope it was fun, and that next year's organisers treat it as fun for the boys and try to bring back together a happy team of U19's from what was once a squad of almost 50. Many thanks to the various volunteer umpires and scorers, and the cheerful home crowds.

Development Cricket (John Allbrook ghost writer)

2016 may be remembered as the invisible season. The herculean efforts of John Allbrook to run this side were given scant reward. Of the scheduled league games, all but one of the opposition sides cried off – usually very late on – after John had raised a side, arranged umpires, scorers and washed the kit etc. Hugely frustrating. And then, the one time the opposition could play, Esher could only raise a very young and inexperienced side and were thoroughly trounced by a strong Guildford side, containing several players from their Premiership XI.

Given the comments in the previous article that almost all of the U19 squad (from U19-16) were key to the success of the adult teams in the summer holidays, for Development cricket to work it is equally crucial that the adult section provide support for the Development XI. Whilst regular Saturday and Sunday cricket is recognised as a thing of the past, it would require some senior (quality not age!) adult players to commit to just one or two Sunday fixtures each for this cricket to work well in providing 3 players to run the game and help the boys learn more about the transition to adult cricket. Next season sees a slightly modified format, but represents a good chance for the older teenagers to play some good cricket, with their mates, in pyjamas and manage the transition from schoolboy to adult cricket. Thanks to John for his efforts to make it work over several seasons now.

U17s (Sean Prigmore)

The Under 16 & 17 season predominantly focuses on older age group and adult cricket, post school commitments. However, we entered the Mid Surrey U17 competition played exclusively in August – a tricky month with many players away. Our first group game was to be against Richmond. Unfortunately, with only six available players we were forced to concede the fixture which was later to come back and punish us. Next up was Hampton Wick Royals. Bolstered by a number of U14's and U15's we were able to field a full team and put them into bat. A constant flow of wickets spread across the bowlers meant we bowled the opposition out for 111, inside the allotted 30 overs. This never looked enough and Austin Wilman, with a quick fire 46, and solid knocks from Adam Koep and Josh Tallent put the game to bed.

This left us with one further game to play in our mini group against Wimbledon at the hallowed Wimbledon Club. Encouragingly the team was a mixture of age groups from U13's to U17's. Winning the toss, captain Charlie Winder decided to have a bat – and promptly scored a cultured 57 to give us an excellent start. However, a steady flow of wickets, often after batsman had played themselves in, left us on 130 for 6 with a handful of overs left which looked below par. At this point Tom Prigmore came to the crease. The first couple of overs passed uneventfully and then Tom decided to accelerate - ultimately scoring 69 not out in 29 balls including 7 sixes and 5 fours. The last over went for 32 including two lost balls which made for a pleasant tea break with Esher 223 for 6 declared. Buoyed by this Esher took to the field and promptly took a wicket first ball with a sharp slip catch from Charlie Winder. Fine bowling from Freddie Harrison (3 wickets) and Mason Worsfold-Gregg and Charlie Green (2 wickets each) made short work of Wimbledon bowling them out for 94 and securing a 129 run win.

Unfortunately, the conceded game against Richmond meant that we missed out on top spot in our group and we faced the other second place team in the parallel group, Leatherhead, for what was effectively a third/fourth place play off. Played in scorching weather Leatherhead won the toss and wisely decided to bat. The top order "made hay" and at one point it looked like we'd be chasing close to 250. However, tight bowling in the latter part of the Leatherhead innings meant that we bowled them out for a challenging 191 in the thirtieth over. The pick of our bowlers was Austin Wilman taking 4 wickets for 24 runs backed up by Freddie Harrison and Charlie Winder with 2 wickets apiece. Austin opened the Esher innings against a decent Leatherhead attack scoring 62 in double quick time. Unfortunately, we lost a steady flow of wickets leaving us in a spot of bother. No panic though – in came captain Winder to intelligently chip away at the score. Unfortunately, the wickets kept falling and with 8 wickets down we were a long way off - enter Charlie Green. Collectively the two Charlie's plugged away, punishing the odd bad ball and scampering quick singles taking us from a position of almost certain loss to a fantastic win with 3 overs to spare – Winder scoring 49 not out and Green 26 not out.

Hopefully, we'll see everyone back next year and that the younger players will have benefitted from playing with some older players. Many thanks to all the age group managers who supplied players often at short notice in particular Glenn Harrison and Roger Koep.

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Under 15s (Roger Koep)

The U15 age group enjoyed a highly successful season becoming the first Esher age group team to qualify for the National play-offs in the ECB U15 National Cup. A hugely successful campaign saw the team progress through a field of 1600 entrants to reach the finals day at Rugby school where the four regional winners met to determine the National champions. The road to the finals day had seen the boys win a strong Surrey division with dominant displays over good Ashted, Spencer and Guildford teams. Another 10-wicket win saw the team triumph over Teddington the Middlesex winners. The divisional playoffs at St Albans saw the boys win the London and East Regional division with a closely fought match over Preston Nomads (by 7 runs) before another 10 wicket win over Chesham. The National semi-final against St Cross Symondians on finals day unfortunately ended in the narrowest of defeats as a batting collapse (including 4 run outs) saw the boys forfeit a commanding position to lose by the two runs with four balls remaining. Whilst the pain of the defeat will linger, the over whelming emotion

should be one of pride to have progressed so far and to have beaten some of the best sides in the country along the way. Their success is just reward for a fantastic team spirit endeared over many seasons. In most games the boys continued to share opportunities to bowl and bat, no doubt a factor in creating the depth as well as the forging of a closely-knit unit.

Their success was also reflected in comprehensive wins in the MSL league where they were unbeaten and in securing the WSYCL title with play-off wins over strong Horsley and Send and Guildford teams. An unlikely last over defeat against Camberley, who scored heavily in the final 3 overs to snatch a dramatic (but deserved) win in the WSYCL Cup denied the boys a clean sweep of the local silverware on offer. What these results belie is the tremendous team and squad effort as school trips, injuries and holidays often saw the team short of numbers (at times playing short numbers) and fighting rear guard actions. Many unlikely "heroes" saw the boys home in tightly contested matches.



U15 team

Leading Averages:

Bowling

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average	Economy
Daniel Craig	19	79	12	6.6	4.2
Adam Koep	35	186	14	13.3	5.3
Lazlo Jepson	56	256	19	13.5	4.6
Marcus Jones	53	237	17	13.9	4.5
Elliott Rumble	43	201	14	14.4	4.7
Andrew McCallum	47	217	15	14.5	4.6

* Min 10 wickets, excluding surrey premier league

Batting

Name	Innings	N/O	Runs	Average
Austin Wilman	18	9	651	72.3
Marcus Jones	13	8	278	55.6
Andrew McCallum	17	6	421	38.3
Nick Morgan	19	5	473	33.8
Adam Koep	14	5	268	26.8
Lazlo Jepson	7	2	98	19.6
Alfie Broomfield	5	1	77	19.3
Elliott Rumble	9	4	91	18.2
Charlie Green	11	2	147	16.3

* Min 75 runs and average of above 15; excluding surrey premier league

In addition, we competed in the Surrey premier 40 over division, a combined squad with the U14's but fixture congestion meant we were not able to complete all our fixtures. The boys had an abundance of fixtures with 36 matches in total. Thanks also to the boys from the U14 and even U13 age groups who helped out on occasion who acquitted themselves well and enjoyed the

experience of playing up. Many of the boys also played U17, development and adult cricket, a healthy sign for the club as many of the boys made material contributions in these fixtures. Whilst there were so many special performances by almost every boy at some point in the season it's the collective contribution of this squad that is most rewarding as reflected in their results. That said it would be remiss not to single out Austin Wilman's prodigious season with the bat where excluding the Surrey Premier league fixtures (given the different format and limited matches) he scored 651 runs at an average of over 72. Most importantly in limited overs cricket these were almost always scored at a brisk rate setting the team up for big totals. Andrew McCallum (421 runs at 38) and Nick Morgan (473 at 34) more often than not played key supporting roles aided by Marcus Jones and Adam Koep (who each scored over 250 runs over the season)



U15 - National Cup final day

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as our batting proved our strong suite. Nick Morgan took a fancy to the longer format of the Premier league scoring two excellent centuries in the 3 innings he had. On the bowling side the wickets tended to be shared across a number of bowlers with Lazlo Jepson (19 wickets: Average 13.5) and Marcus Jones (17 wickets: average 13.9) being the leading wicket takers. Lazlo was also successful in his two Premier league outings taking 25 wickets across all competitions. Andrew McCallum, Adam Koep, Elliott Rumble and Daniel Craig all contributed with the ball as shown in the averages. In many key games the ability to use the twin spin threat of Elliott and Marcus proved successful as did the depth of all-rounders' in the squad.

The continued development and improvement of this group of boys owes much to Duncan and his coaching staff, with special mention for Sohail and Imran who continued to work closely with the boys. Duncan and team were particularly supportive during the cup run including providing additional sessions which was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the many parents who assisted with scoring and umpiring, but especially Danny Broomfield, Andy Jepson, Richard Wilman and Neil McCallum. A special thanks to Andy Nendick as fixtures secretary and Geoff Ellis as Chairman for their incredible support over the season.

End of Season Awards:

Player of the Season:

Austin Wilman

Clubman:

Will Merry

Most improved Bowler:

Lazlo Jepson

Most improved Batsman:

Nick Morgan

Most improved All Rounder:

Marcus Jones



U15 team

U14s (Neil Fletcher and Jonathan Barrett)

It was with initial trepidation that we approached 2016. Two thirds of the age group had moved schools in the autumn and 100% had changed size, shape or sound (in some cases all of the above) and we were unsure what that might mean for the squad. In fact the initial squad of 33 was bolstered with the welcome addition of Jonathan Miles and later Utkarsh Dandaneyak and we completed a very ambitious match programme. The goal was to compete in three main leagues and two cups plus play up with the U15's in the Surrey Premier League and help the Mid Surrey League try out a new U14 August "mixed" competition for those not sunning themselves elsewhere. In summary our 35 young cricketers had 49 fixtures lined up between them with 39 completed despite some of the most

extreme summer weather we've experienced and a few opposition cry-offs. The boys won 34 matches and had a couple of near misses which was an excellent effort reflecting the general improvement in applying their cricketing skills. In fact the U14's 2016 proved to be Esher CC's most successful YC year yet in terms of silverware bulk. The six "titles" to our name listed below were well earned by the boys beating every other significant club in Surrey.

Mid Surrey League and Cup Double
Mid Surrey Play-off "Champions League" Winners
West Surrey League and Cup Double
West Surrey Gladys Chitty Leaders

Of course there is still much to improve upon. In the field at times we still gave away too many extras in tight games but there have been some exceptional individual and team performances during the summer and a fantastic spirit throughout. Batting was aided somewhat by the boys gaining strength and therefore control.



Esher CC U14's win the WSYCL Cup

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Umpiring has certainly been entertaining and often a little hair-raising with cricket balls whistling past at regular intervals. Indeed the 2016 Champagne Moment of the Year had to be Alex Cole hitting his first ever six into the pavilion at New Road for the B team. I'm not sure who was more surprised; Alex or the poor lady sipping her Chardonnay in the sun who really should have made a better fist at the crowd catch.

It's not always been easy to get everyone a consistent bat in the short forms of the games we play especially when we've dominated so many of the competitive matches. We will continue to try and work on that and the boys must make full use of their practise time in the nets in order to maximise the opportunity when it comes.

The bowling has been really interesting to see develop as the boys grow stronger. A number of them are now developing real pace and movement and others are experimenting with spin. Spinners should find every opportunity to practise outside the matches in order to improve their skills and tactics and the faster bowlers need to stretch and warm up well before steaming in. In all cases choosing "stock balls" and variations to bowl, field setting with the captain and liaison with fielders on tactics will become more and more vital from here on in. In summary, the squad have been great and it's fantastic to see so many of the boys enjoying their cricket which is the best way to ensure that they continue to train and play the great game together.

Connor Williamson played some phenomenal innings this year. His ball striking is incredible to watch and he now hits 4's and 6's for fun – the ball travelling at speeds and over distances that many adult players couldn't match.

Jonathan Miles joined the club this year having spent most of the previous seasons predominantly as a batsman. As his confidence grew he improved his consistency in line, length and movement off the seam taking wickets and causing problems for all batsmen who faced him including those he played against in men's league cricket.

Kyran Goodbrand started to work hard in pre-season nets and gained a good deal of pace and accuracy in his bowling. With the bat he timed the ball well hitting a lot of boundaries along the ground and scoring consistently. He is in the top ten for both bowling and batting despite playing fewer of the cup games than some of the others.

Matt Boucher is a great team member. He often gave his batting or bowling spot to others in the team during a game but never gave anything less than 100% commitment. He played in all of the leagues we were present in this year, often at short notice and always with a smile on his face.

Arya Behl had a terrific season which started with hard work in pre-season training and carried on right through the season with bat, ball and in the field. He made himself available for almost every match including playing up for the U15's, Development XI and the mens teams. He was 4th highest run scorer and 3rd highest wicket taker, took some excellent catches and fielded to a very high standard.

Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the season, whether giving lifts, scoring or watching. In particular we owe a great deal to David Pengilly for his fantastic match management of many of the B team games. We could not have done it without David or indeed Andy Nendick who set up all of our fixtures and got us such great pitches to play on.

End of Season Awards:

Most Improved Batsman: **Connor Williamson**
Most Improved Bowler: **Jonathan Miles**
Most Improved
All-rounder: **Kyran Goodbrand**
Clubman of the year: **Matt Boucher**
Most Improved Player
of the Year: **Arya Behl**

Leading Averages:

Bowling (by Wickets)

Name	Overs	Wickets	Average	Economy
Jack Fletcher	65	28	9.7	4.2
Jonathan Miles	50	22	8.7	3.8
Arya Behl	57	19	10.8	3.6
Angus Barrett	57	17	14.6	4.4
Ollie Phillips	28	15	8.7	4.6
Joe Etheridge	53	14	14.4	3.8
Kyran Goodbrand	20	10	7.9	4.0
Freddie Howse	17	9	4.7	2.5
Gareth Siddle	17	6	13.3	4.7
Thomas Chandler	21	6	17.5	5.0

Top 10 Run Scorers

Batting (by Runs)	Innings	Out	Runs	Average
Thomas Chandler	14	10	437	43.7
Connor Williamson	13	8	329	41.1
Sam Calvert	17	10	301	30.1
Arya Behl	14	6	263	43.8
Denil Manuel	11	9	256	28.4
Alex Page	12	9	254	28.2
Jack Fletcher	16	13	195	15.0
Kyran Goodbrand	10	5	163	32.6
Angus Barrett	13	6	136	22.7
Ed Crook	13	10	134	13.4



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U13's (Glenn Harrison, Adam Glover)

A Team – (Glenn Harrison): The A team had another extremely successful season which included coming second in the Mid Surrey League, winning the Esher tournament and the West Surrey Play Off's against strong teams from Pyrford and Grayshott. All the boys contributed to the success and developed as a team. A slow start to the season meant we were well beaten by Spencer, who won the league. As we gained momentum and form the team demolished strong Bank of England, Richmond and Wimbledon teams, but were always chasing the title after the early defeat. Ethan Macalister, Joe Moss, Kairan Siva and Jack Slaney played District cricket and Freddie Harrison, George Freeman and Mackenzie Holliday all played for Surrey. The team was expertly captained by the ever present Marcus Heenk who along with Henry Dalton formed a great open partnership. Flair and quick runs were always provided by Jamie Curtis, Joe Moss and Ben Dickinson and in the Esher tournament Fabian Poutney was the star of the show with some extraordinary hitting that made the Esher team unbeatable. Freddie Harrison topped the batting averages with Jack Slaney close behind. Jack really matured to become a fine batsman who regularly held the innings together and allowed the hitters to dash around him. Kairan, Freddie and Ethan were the pick of the bowlers along with Mackenzie Holliday who has real potential.

B Team – (Jonathan Dickinson): We started the season with the news that three of our leading players would not be available for either all (or a large part) of the season, due to broken bones/severe injuries – two of these being wicket keepers. So, up stepped Charlie Few, and he became our fantastic wicket keeper for the entire season, despite the fact that he had never even kept wicket before. So, with injuries and common entrance exams to deal with, we needed to dig deep within the squad/club throughout the season – therefore, a total of 25 different boys played for the B team throughout the 2016 season. I would like to thank the U12 age group,

as on many occasions we were short of 1 or 2 players for games and whenever I asked if any of their boys would like to step up a year and play for our team, the answer was always yes. Not only did the U12 boys turn up but they scored heavily, bowled brilliantly and their fielding was always spot on. Without their help, I am sure we would not have had such a successful season – so a massive thank you. Unfortunately, we did not reach the final of the West Surrey cup (as we have done for the previous 3 seasons), as we were outplayed by Teddington in the quarter finals.

However, when it came to the league, irrespective of which 11 boys took the field, we consistently performed at a high level with nearly all of the players being able to both bat and bowl – we were very much a team of all-rounders. Considering our B team plays in the West Surrey league and only plays against other clubs' A teams, we again had a magnificent season by winning the league for the third season running. In our first three league games we batted first and set really high targets, with significant runs being scored by Ben Glover, Christian Collier, Max Franks. Zac O'Connor and Adam Baiden (U12). On all three occasions the oppositions simply could not keep up with the required run rate with our bowlers consistently taking wickets and giving very few runs away. The pick of the bowling in the early matches was by Charlie Behan (who also captained the side all season), Robbie Cox and Tom Maloney. In the next game v Epsom we batted second, chasing a modest total but simply could not get the batting going and fell short by 4 runs. This was a real wake up call, as from that point onwards the boys stepped up their game again. In all of the remaining leagues games we scored big totals with quick runs coming from Alfie Bowman, Ross Forrest, Ben Dickinson, Ethan McAllister & Josh Clarke (U12). With other bowlers chipping in with frequent wickets (Ross Forrest, James Merry & Tom Winchester), the oppositions always struggled to get the runs and we comfortably won the matches and hence the league. Finally, I would like to mention the enthusiasm and

positive attitude of all the boys who played for the B team – always playing with smiles on their faces. It is interesting to note that in these last few games, we broadly left the batting and bowling order to the boys to sort out – knowing they needed to win all the games to win the league. They managed to ensure everyone got a bat/bowl, rotating the fielding . . . and had fun on the way!! A great season and can't wait for the 2017 season to get going.

C Team – (Ian Tredgett): It was an enjoyable season and definite progress was made on last season. On several occasions the team showed the standard of which they are capable, and the challenge for them will be to add more consistency and perform at that level more often.

Despite a good knock by Jasper Venzelaar-Pelly at the top of the order, we suffered a heavy defeat to a strong Epsom side in our first game, but the team responded very well. Sunbury, the eventual league winners, were beaten by 70 runs the following week in a fine all round performance; Alfie Bowman hitting an aggressive 30, Alex O'Brien, Dan Hart and Conor Mather sharing the wickets, and backed up by some excellent catching, most notably by Ollie Tredgett. We followed up with a strong performance against Weybridge, again Alfie Bowman leading the way with the bat and a very tight spell of bowling from Tom Winchester when the game could have gone either way turned things decisively in our favour, Ollie Tredgett holding another sharp catch. The game of the season was, however, the visit to Claygate.

Alfie Bowman and Jasper Venzelaar got us off to a good start and after a mini-collapse Tom Winchester helped us regain the momentum in the middle of the innings before Charlie Witten batted brilliantly at the end to help set a challenging total. Claygate got off to a flying start, capitalising on the gaps in the field that our only having nine men presented. However Robbie Bowman (an U8) took two wickets and along with Max Taylor helped to stem the flow of runs. Nevertheless with Claygate needing 20 from the last five overs and with seven wickets in hand, it seemed the team's efforts would be in vain. Charlie Witten had other ideas though, and took three wickets for two runs in two overs, all three clean bowled and hitting exactly the same spot at the top of off stump. The game finished as a tie in near darkness with Claygate hitting a four from the very last ball to level the scores. Special mention too for the Claygate batsman, who must surely eat all his carrots, as how he saw the ball, never mind hit it, I will never know! In all a wonderful game and played in exactly the right spirit by both sides.

Throughout the season the team stuck to their principles of ensuring everyone batted and bowled whenever possible. Again availabilities were a problem, only once (and that in our first match) did we take the field with 11 from our regular squad.

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U12s (Andrew Baiden)

League Positions

Mid Surrey – **2nd**

West Surrey (B team) – **6th**

Cups

Mid Surrey – **joint winners**

West Surrey – **finalists**

The Under 12s improved in all areas this year, but above all had a great team spirit that really shone through in 2016. The attitude of the squad was excellent throughout at nets and in matches, and most boys played a good deal of cricket. We finished second in the Mid Surrey league, an outstanding performance given the strength of the league. In our West Surrey matches we hovered between putting out a strong, medium and weakened side. We made the finals of both cups and our mixed A/B/development team finished a creditable 6th in the West Surrey league. It was brilliant to see all boys – bolstered on occasion by excellent u11s – getting involved in competitive cricket. Next year we will focus on more opportunities for our development players to have more regular cricket.

We had a few stand-out performances in the season, one highlight being a win against an incredibly strong Guildford side in the very first cup match. The opening batsmen showed real guts against a very slippery opening bowler who opened the bowling for Surrey and despite that we put on a creditable score of 97 which Guildford failed to reach by two runs off the last ball, a fantastic finish! In that game batting performances from Ollie Ognall and Samraj Mahal and bowling by William Lindqvist and Antony Peche stood out, as well two blinding catches by Adam Baiden, one a real 'Ben Stokes' effort.

The U12s group is a really good group, with a nucleus of boys who have played a lot of cricket together. I can't highlight all the boys but it is worth talking about some of them in order to show what the right attitude allied to self-improvement can do. Ollie Ognall scored 320 runs and was the stand-out batter of the season, showing technique and power in his hitting. Adam Baiden changed games through his hard hitting, recording a 110 strike rate as well as 12 catches alongside keeping when required and bowling, a real all-rounder. Samaksh Agarwal gave us positive impetus in opening the batting and was a real asset in the field. Anthony Peche bowled his off-breaks beautifully all season and made a significant score in the match v Spencer. Josh Clarke led from the front through his bowling and batting and most importantly strength of character. His field positioning and decision making in the field backed up by senior players showed how well the side was run. Given that at this age group minimum intrusions from the sidelines are allowed, some coaches still do manage field placings, but it is much easier when the team does it themselves, as this group did. Behind the stumps our keeper Rhys Parfitt really improved his glove work and took some important stumpings and catches. Charlie Pughe earned the bravery award by coming back on the field after a nasty blow to the face in our cup semi-final and took 17 wickets in the season. Niam Patel worked on his catching to take 5 important catches for the season in addition to improving batting to go with his bowling. Ben Simms was a model of the u12 cricketer this year, improving his game and playing an important part in the cup final. His attitude throughout was outstanding. Samraj Mahal scored at important occasions and signed off the season with a 30* for the U14s, one of a number of players who regularly played a year or two to help the older age groups, as we were assisted in turn by Channa's all conquering u11s. The likes of Sam Irving, Will Lindqvist, Morgan Jones, Charley Redknapp and Max Dunlop all took important wickets, while Bertie Dunster-Ross improved his batting and was a brave keeper. The others all made contributions including those who regularly attended nets and turned out for matches when required.

Leading Scorers, Wicket Takers and Averages:

Batting

Name	Innings	Total Runs	Average	H.S	Strike Rate
Ollie Ognall	20	317	22.6	36*	100
Adam Baiden	18	236	21.5	35*	110
Josh Clarke	13	220	27.5	35*	85

Bowling

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Economy	Average
Anthony Peche	43.3	6	21	7.3	3.5
Will Lindquist	33.3	1	16	8.4	4.0
Josh Clarke	52	5	17	11.6	3.8
Charlie Pughe	63	5	17	13.8	3.7
Niam Patel	53.5	3	17	13.1	4.1
Ollie Ognall	11	0	3	11.3	3.1

Catches : Adam Baiden – 12; Rhys Parfitt – 7; Niam Patel – 5.

All this shows the importance of attitude and dedication to self-improvement. All the boys who improved played a lot of cricket – and more importantly they spent a lot of time in the nets. Improvement can only really come from self-desire, hours of training and of course professional coaching as well. Those boys who improved did this because they wanted to. That can be the template for another successful season next year. Thanks to Sean Peche and Richard Irving for scoring, to Jonnie Pughe and Aki Mahal for umpiring and to the coaches Imran, Sohail, SK and Duncan on training nights.

End of Season Awards

Batsman:	Oliver Ognall
Bowler:	Anthony Peche
All rounder:	Josh Clarke
Clubman:	Samaksh Agarwal
Player of the Year:	Adam Baiden

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U11's (Channa Wijeratne)

League and Cup Results

Winners - Mid Surrey Div 1

Winners - WSYCL Cup

Winners - WSYCL League - East

Winners - WSYCL League Play-Offs

Runners up - Mid Surrey Cup

Runners up - Gladys Chitty League

This season started promisingly with our usual friendlies with local clubs, which seemed to set the tone for the league and cup campaigns. This was a testament to what turned out to be a very good Winter Net programme for the boys run by Duncan and the coaching team. It was the U11 A's first season in the Mid-Surrey League (Div 1) after playing in the NEC league up until now. The expectation was to be competitive and finish at the top half of the table, after what was a transitional season last year. However, the boys

surpassed all expectations and won the league, going unbeaten throughout the season. The boys had some notable wins against Spencer, Wimbledon and a crucial penultimate match against East Molesey. The East Molesey match was significant, due to a depleted A team for Esher playing a full strength East Molesey side. The boys implemented a game plan and stuck to it and won with an over to spare, leaving East Molesey bewildered on losing what looked a certain win for them.

This was followed by a great MSL Cup run culminating in final at New Road. The boys were runners up losing to Wimbledon. It happened to be the only game this season where the boys were short of runs. The boys knew they should have won, with the consolation of knowing that it was an ex-Esher player from last season that got the winning runs for Wimbledon.

The WSCL Main league campaign started well



U11 A team winning the WSYCL Cup at New Road

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with good wins with the team being dominant against most opposition. The penultimate match against Sunbury (away) would decide the League title with an unbeaten run. The boys did a fantastic job, in what I felt was the most difficult game for them in the league campaign. With a depleted A team up against a full strength Sunbury with 5 county players, on the quickest pitch of the season, the boys batted and bowled with such determination to ultimately force a victory. It was a great effort to win the league in an unbeaten run. After winning the WSYCL league the boys went through the play-offs winning both matches against Farnham and Frimley convincingly. The U11's also played in the WSYCL Cup. The route to the final saw the boys play against Blackheath (away) in the Semi-final. This was a replay from last year, which ended in a disputed win for Blackheath after scores being level. This time the result was indisputable. Esher won the game convincingly with our two leg spinners (James Wiles and Hansa Wijeratne), taking 7 wickets in under 4 overs. This was the one of the most satisfying wins of the season. The final saw the boys play Walton on Thames and win in what was a one sided game. The U11's won the WSYCL Cup in what may be the final time its run.

The U11's also had an excellent Gladys Chitty league season with the development team. Nick Hartley took the GC league matches and organised the boys during matches and kept them focused. The net result being the U11's finishing second place and losing only one match. This was against a dubiously strong East Molesey team with too many A team players. The U11's had some very close matches throughout the season and we are all very grateful to Nick for his help. The U11's have surpassed all expectations this season with regards to the club honours in their most successful season to date. However, the most rewarding aspect of this whole season was how they all played as a team and supported each other during matches on and off the field. It was also satisfying to see the number of non- county/district players who made match winning performances with all of them making a huge contribution to the league and

cup campaigns. The U11 A's were led well by Rohan Gupta, who had an amazing season with the bat and playing a captain's innings on so many occasions.

A huge thank you to Nick Hartley, Ola Solaja, Richard Jackson, Simon Last-Sutton, Ganesh Gnanasampanthan, Sue Da Vall and all the parents for their support and time during the season. Without their time and effort, it would not be possible for the 45 boys to get through the three leagues and 2 cup competitions during the season. Duncan, Sohail, Imran and Shoaib have done a fantastic job with the nets and coaching throughout the season with the age group. I am very grateful to them for their support and look forward to the 2017 season.

End of Season Awards:

Player of the Year:

All Rounder:

Batsman:

Bowler:

Club Player:

Outstanding Fielder

Award: (Crystal Clear

Financial Services Cup)

Barry Johnstone Shield:

James Wiles

Joseph O' Neil

Seb Stuart-Reckling

James Kotze

Bavin Gnasampanthan

Josh Da Vall

Rohan Gupta



U11 A team MSL league winners at New Road

U10's (Pete Slaney)

Thanks to all boys and parents for your tremendous commitment and support. Without all your help, we wouldn't have such a fantastic age group. The main aim this season was to develop as many players as possible from our year group to be able to progress to "Proper Cricket" next year. Every boy who has played matches has played for at least 2 teams. Therefore this year, we used 24 boys in the A team. Although we lost a few boys due to moving away from training on Sundays, we gained some fabulous new additions who really helped to increase the depth of our talent pool.

The A's finished second in the NEC League; congratulations to Spencer for winning the league, again. We finished 3 points short, with one of the matches v Banstead finished in a thrilling tie! The B's did really well in the West Surrey League, finally finishing 4th out of 10 teams in a very good A team League. They finished above East Molesey, Sunbury and Teddington A teams to name but a few. The C's also did very well finishing 4th out of 12 teams in a strong B team league, an amazing feat considering we only played 7 out of a possible

11 matches as the remaining teams were not able to play. We won the NEC U10 Festival this year playing a mixed side in the competition. Beating several top A teams on the way, then Wimbledon in the Semi Final and Reigate Priory in the Final.

I would like to thank Sarah Reed who was superb with our admin and a fantastic help. I would also like to thank Paul Thomas & Alan Frewer, as well as all the parents who helped with matches; I very much appreciate the help and in particular the feedback as to the player's progress. It makes a real difference, having score sheets and reports on each game, if I am not able to make it. The awards are always difficult decisions. I tried to pick the Young Cricketers who have shown the most talent, performance and/or improvement in their peer groups. Thanks again for all of your help and support this year, I will see you all next season and hopefully at winter nets.

End of Season Awards

Player of the year:	Ben Clarke
All Rounder:	Jack Joyce
Batsman:	Samuel Slaney
Bowler:	Ben Frewer
Club Player – Shared:	Tom Reed / Jean VD Spuy

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Under 9's (Mark Farmer)

Over 50 boys represented Esher CC U9s in three different leagues, the West Surrey Cup and three U9 tournaments. For many of these boys training started in January 2016 with winter nets at Claremont Fan School in January 2016, led expertly by head coach Duncan Pauline. After 10 weeks of pre-season nets the boys were eager to start playing matches and so pre-season friendlies were organised against Spencer CC and Stoke D'Abernon CC. Unfortunately, the wet weather in April meant that the U9s did not play as many friendlies as we had planned.

U9 cricket has its challenges, as the boys are transitioning between soft and hard ball cricket. Most of the cricket competition in Surrey is still soft ball at U9, with the only hard ball cricket being played in the NEC league. Our U9 squads performed very well in the Gladys Chitty, West Surrey and NEC cricket leagues. The A-team finished runners-up in the NEC hard ball league and were duly unlucky not to have finished as champions having lost only one match. Spencer CC were fortunate to be able to fulfil fixtures with the use of an artificial surface, whilst Esher had matches abandoned due to unplayable pitches. It was indeed a wet summer. Perhaps the most disappointing performance of the season was to be knocked out in the second round of the West Surrey soft ball cup by Horsley & Send CC.



Wet Esher CC

Although congratulations must go to Horsley & Send who went on to win this competition. In May, the U9s won the Esher CC hardball tournament, convincingly beating Spencer CC in the final. Tom Pitts, our outstanding left arm seam bowler, claimed player of the tournament. Tom clean bowled the opening batsman with the first ball in 3 of 5 matches, in a total of 8 "cleaned bowled" in his 5 overs during the day.

Having won the Farnham CC tournament as U8s, the squad were looking forward to defending their title in the U9 tournament, but, yet again the weather conspired against us and the tournament was cancelled. In August, the U9s participated in the NEC tournament for the first time in many years. Being mid-August we struggled for player availability, but with the support of the U8 squad we managed to field a team and went on to reach the final only to narrowly lose to Wimbledon CC. A fantastic effort and a great thanks to the U8s and to Clive Luxman for managing the team. The final weekend of the season saw the U9s finish runners-up in the Horsley & Send CC tournament losing to Farnham CC in the final. Newcomer Alex Chambers was awarded the player of the tournament having scored 76 runs and taken 4 wickets from 5 overs.

Thank you to the boys, coaches and parents for making 2016 such a great year for U9 cricket at Esher CC.

Under 8's

Although many of the 2016 under 8s had been at esher from under 6 and in a couple of cases, under 5, this was to be their first taste of competitive cricket in their own age group.

Our aims at the start of the season were to do well in the NEC League and to give as many boys as possible match experience in other competitions and friendly matches.

The NEC programme did not begin until June so we use the more local Gladys Chitty League to identify and build what became our A Team squad.

From both the size of the winning margins and the manner of the victories over clubs like Teddington and East Molesey, it was clear we had the makings of a good side but losing the final of the Esher tournament to Spencer, who we would meet again in the league, showed there was still work to be done.

However, after a huge win over Dulwich in the opening NEC fixture and success in the Farnham tournament the following day and the boys were on track.

The team really gelled at Farnham and demolished Maori Oxshott in the final with, what my colleague, Clive Luxman, described as a "ruthlessly brutal display not only with bat and ball but also in the field." At first, I was a little worried about the type of team we might be developing but realise Clive's comment was intended to be positive.

Another comprehensive win a week later over Sutton and it was a trip up to the Smoke for what was effectively the league decider with the juggernaut of junior cricket in South West London, Spencer. Unaccustomed perhaps to having to face consistently accurate bowling and certainly not used to the combination of a livelier than usual Incrediball and a trampoline of an artificial pitch, the boys had a difficult time with the bat and lost ten wickets. They did, however, have 55 runs to bowl at. Esher bowled tightly and fielded like demons and in the end, won comfortably by 22 runs. Victories were still

needed in the remaining fixtures to clinch the top spot but Wimbledon, Alleyn and Rutlishians were each beaten by more than 100 runs to set up a play off for the title some six weeks later against Old Whitgiftians. Many thanks to Clive for keeping up the training throughout late July and August so the boys were well prepared for the final.

Neither side was at full strength but the weather was the only threat to an Esher win after yet another fine display with the ball and in the field.

As every boy in the group had the opportunity to play some competitive cricket, both of the objectives at the start of the season were met.

Thanks should go to all the parents of the under 8s for keeping the boys keen and for taking them to training and matches. Also to Duncan, the Godfather of Youth Cricket at Esher who masterminds a programme that is an example to all clubs and was a keen follower of the fortunes of the under8s. To Sohail for his coaching expertise and unfailing enthusiasm and to his team of Sunday morning coaches. To Matt (Price), Tom's father, who took on the job of scorer and carried on doing it for the whole season. To Clive (Luxman) for umpiring most of the matches and for his considerable help with all aspects of team management.

Deciding the recipients of the End of Season awards is always tricky and was particularly so with the 2016 under 8s where the team always came first. However, after talking at length with Clive and taking the advice of those who had faced these difficult choices before, it was decided to recognise those who had not only shown talent throughout the season but also who had performed well in tight situations.

End of Season Awards

Clubman:	Charlie Pitts
Bowler:	Deyan Patel
Batsman:	Freddy Pettifer
All rounder :	Robbie Bowman
Player of the Year :	Noah Luxman

Young Cricketers – Reports and Averages continued

Under 6 -8 (Duncan Pauline)

These three enthusiastic groups were helped by many coaches, with Tom Gwynne taking the lead. After some early sessions were affected by poor weather the YC's were keen to get started in picking up the basics and mastering a solid technique in all aspects of the game. Sessions were held to improve not only batting, bowling and fielding techniques but also to aid game understanding, fielding positions and running between the wickets.

Attendance and commitment from the YC's was tremendous and for this the parents must be thanked, I would like to personally thank all the parents that also contributed to practice sessions, through acting as judges/feeders/etc., without your help we would not be able to run the sessions as effectively. If any Mum, Dad or Grandparents want to assist the club next year in any capacity please do not hesitate to contact Duncan Pauline. As they move forward into 2017 I am sure they will flourish.

Girls Summary (Imran Khan)

2016 was a season of changes for girls' cricket at Esher. It was mostly made up of a new group who had not played before and so the direction was all about development and enjoyment. It started off slowly but the girls were very keen to learn and the attendance level was high and enthusiastic. A high percentage were good at other sports so this made the cricket easier in transferring basic skills. By the end of the season the girls had an understanding of the game and were able to bat and bowl at a good level. We now look forward to next season to see them play in matches and tournaments and to develop their skills even further and compete in the league against other clubs.



U8 NECYL champions

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Sam Ryder - (1927-2016) – A lifetime devotion...



Sam Ryder

It is with great sadness that 2016 saw the passing of one its longest serving, and most humble, servants, Sam Ryder. Born in 1930, Sam scored his first game for Esher during the war and served as the scorer for over 50 years – a truly remarkable achievement. Sam was a local man and a popular figure within the church community of Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, where he also served as a churchwarden for many years. He was a well known figure in later years, always seen out and about on his trusty bicycle and mackintosh coat. A highly intelligent man, and scholar, the main part of Sam's career was with the Inland Revenue.

He scored for the 1st XI for over 50 years and was recognised for outstanding service awards to sport by both Elmbridge Council and Surrey County Cricket. He hardly missed any matches, apart from an annual church weekend away, and always scored in his tweed jacket and tie accompanied by his transistor radio and copy of the Times, effortlessly completing the crossword whilst scoring. He saw many of the Esher greats, and could recall with clarity performances from matches years ago. At his "50th Anniversary" for Esher he was asked to nominate a side for his best ever Esher XI. For decades he scored on both Saturdays and Sundays, and was always grateful for anyone who offered him a thank-you drink with the same response, "just a small lemonade, thank you so much". In his later years, scoring and working the old wooden score-box sometimes proved trickier and occasionally a wicket would fall as he was outside the box putting up the previous wicket. It was a typically generous gesture that Sam contributed towards the new electronic scoreboard.

In 2016 the club introduced an award for services to Esher Cricket Club. This is the most prestigious award an Esher member can receive. The honour was awarded to Sam posthumously at the end of the 2016 season and will henceforth be known as the Sam Ryder cup. On his retirement in 2013 and as a token of our appreciation Sam was presented with a bat signed by the 2nd XI on the last home game of the season a photo of which is above.

A well attended memorial service in 2016 brought together Esher players of many decades, and a lifetime's photograph collection included many proud memories from his time with Esher. He was an extraordinary contributor to Esher Cricket Club and will be greatly missed.



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Esher CC Golf Tour to Seaford 2016

The Ryder cup had some of the excitement, and none of the rain, that Esher faced on our 50th tour to Seaford. We were delighted to discover that they had put up a new sign to welcome the 15 strong party to the 1st tee – “Spraying in Progress”. In the sort of weather that encouraged Noah to start building a boat, it was rookie Brad Hunt who set a blistering pace with 37 points, followed by the surprising metronomic accuracy of Simon Cloke with 34, and long-haul trophy hunter Paul Rimmer a shot further back. The rest of the field struggled to hold onto clubs, as Glenn Phillips lobbed a 7-iron 50 yards at the organiser. At least this year, Cloke didn't lose a club in a nearby tree.



Seaford GC prepare new warning sign as Esher arrive

A brief glimpse of sunshine, a sandwich and a pint lured us into going out for afternoon foursomes, where the Baldies (Paul Rimmer and Pete Segal) prevailed. An enjoyable evening and dinner included attempts to sabotage the overnight leader with Kummel, and required Rob Seager to refresh the internet connection every 2 minutes so we could watch Lee Westwood collapse to lose his Ryder Cup match. Afterwards, a 10-man game of snooker was halted with just eight (non-white) balls potted. After another fine breakfast, with the chef in extra early to prepare Fletch's two loaves of fried bread, it was a bright sunny Sunday morning. Brad remained a cool customer with a deadly putter to win by 10 shots. The old trophy had been lost since the early 1990's, and so this year was the inaugural year of the Max Seager trophy. It was good to see 3 new faces, to support those on their 10th, 15th or in my case 25th tour at Seaford, with special mention to Richard Greatorex who won the best dressed golfer despite the shameless attempts of some of the Lancing contingent who mistook the word “best” for “ridiculously”. Always a pleasure, and we already look forward to next year when we might just finish that game of snooker.



The Esher touring party with the new trophy

Surrey Championship 2017 Fixtures

1st XI

Dates	Opposition	Start Time	Ground
06/05/2017	Oxted and Limpsfield CC	12:00	Away
13/05/2017	Bank of England CC	12:00	Away
20/05/2017	Dulwich CC	12:00	Home
27/05/2017	Chessington CC	12:00	Home
03/06/2017	Epsom CC	12:00	Away
10/06/2017	Dorking CC	12:00	Away
17/06/2017	Old Rutlishians CC	12:00	Home
24/06/2017	Bank of England CC	12:00	Home
01/07/2017	Malden Wanderers CC	12:00	Away
08/07/2017	Worcester Park CC	12:00	Home
15/07/2017	Dulwich CC	12:00	Away
22/07/2017	Chessington CC	12:00	Away
29/07/2017	Oxted and Limpsfield CC	12:00	Home
05/08/2017	Epsom CC	12:00	Home
12/08/2017	Dorking CC	12:00	Home
19/08/2017	Worcester Park CC	12:00	Away
26/08/2017	Old Rutlishians CC	11:30	Away
02/09/2017	Malden Wanderers CC	11:30	Home

2nd XI

Dates	Opposition	Start Time	Ground
06/05/2017	Oxted and Limpsfield CC	12:00	Home
13/05/2017	Bank of England CC	12:00	Home
20/05/2017	Beddington CC	12:00	Away
27/05/2017	Streatham & Marlborough CC	12:00	Away
03/06/2017	Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	12:00	Home
10/06/2017	Old Wimbledonians CC	12:00	Home
17/06/2017	Leatherhead CC	12:00	Away
24/06/2017	Bank of England CC	12:00	Away
01/07/2017	Woking & Horsell CC	12:00	Home
08/07/2017	Old Whitgiftians CC	12:00	Away
15/07/2017	Beddington CC	12:00	Home
22/07/2017	Streatham & Marlborough CC	12:00	Home
29/07/2017	Oxted and Limpsfield CC	12:00	Away
05/08/2017	Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	12:00	Away
12/08/2017	Old Wimbledonians CC	12:00	Away
19/08/2017	Old Whitgiftians CC	12:00	Home
26/08/2017	Leatherhead CC	12:00	Home
02/09/2017	Woking & Horsell CC	12:00	Away

Surrey Championship 2017 Fixtures continued

3rd XI

Dates	Opposition	Start Time	Ground	
06/05/2017	Leatherhead CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
13/05/2017	Thames Ditton CC	13:00	Old Paulines	Away
20/05/2017	Dorking CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
27/05/2017	Kempton CC	13:00	Kempton C.C.	Away
03/06/2017	Sheen Park CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
10/06/2017	Chessington CC	13:00	Sir Francis Barker Ground	Away
17/06/2017	Kingstonian CC, Surrey	13:00	Imber Court	Home
24/06/2017	Thames Ditton CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
01/07/2017	Cobham Avorians CC	13:00	Coronation Rec (2), Hersham	Away
08/07/2017	Hampton Hill CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
15/07/2017	Dorking CC	13:00	Westhumble Playing Fields	Away
22/07/2017	Kempton CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
29/07/2017	Leatherhead CC	13:00	City of Londons Freemans School	Away
05/08/2017	Sheen Park CC	13:00	King Georges Playing Fields	Away
12/08/2017	Chessington CC	13:00	Imber Court	Home
19/08/2017	Hampton Hill CC	13:00	Carlisle Park	Away
26/08/2017	Kingstonian CC, Surrey	12:00	King's College Sportsground	Away
02/09/2017	Cobham Avorians CC	12:00	Imber Court	Home

Other fixtures 2017

Dates	Opposition	Team	Venue	Time
Sat 1st April	Nat West Cricket Force	ALL MEMBERS	Home	10.00 am
Sun 2nd April	Nat West Cricket Force	ALL MEMBERS	Home	10.00 am
Thurs 6th April	U12 Tournament	U12's	Home	2.00 pm
Fri 7th April	U13 Tournament	U13's	Home	2.00 pm
Sat 8th April	The Club v Development XI	Inter Club	Home	12.00 pm
Sun 9th April	U14 Tournament	U14's	Home	1.30 pm
Sat 15th April	Development XI v Junior Development XI	Inter Club	Home	10.00 am
	Walton on Thames	1st XI	Away	12.00 pm
	Walton on Thames	2nd XI	Home	12.00 pm
Sun 16th April	St Pauls School	U14's	Home	12.00 pm
Thurs 13th April	U10 Tournament	U10's	Home	2.00 pm
Fri 14th April	U11 Tournament	U11's	Home	2.00 pm
Fri 21st April	U9 Tournament	U9's	Home	2.00 pm
Sat 22nd April	Weybridge	1st XI	Home	12.00 pm
	Weybridge	2nd XI	Away	12.00 pm
Sun 23rd April	TBC	U15's	Home	1.00 pm
Sat 29th April	Egham	1st XI	Away	12.00 pm
	Egham	2nd XI	Home	12.00 pm
Sun 30th April	Claygate	3rd XI	Home	1.00 pm
Mon 1st May	U12 Tournament	U12's	Home	10.00 am
Sun 7th May	TBC	U15's		
Sun 14th May	U8 Mini Tournament	U8's	Home	12.30 pm
Sun 21st May	Rory Finnan Day	Members Let	Home	1.00 pm
Sun 28th May	U8 Tournament	U8's	Home	12.30 pm
Mon 29th May	U9 Tournament	U9's	Home	10.00 am
Weds 31st May	Surrey U13's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Fri 2nd June	London Uni	Development XI	Home	12.00 pm
Sun 4th June	Malden Wanderers	Development XI	Home	1.30 pm
Sun 11th June	MCC	1st XI	Home	12.00 pm
Sun 18th June	Richard Darwin Day	Members Let	Home	1.00 pm
Sun 25th June	Tom Newman Day	Members Let	Home	12.30 pm
Fri 30th June	Claygate South Africans	Rest of the world	Home	6.00 pm

Other fixtures 2017 continued

Dates	Opposition	Team	Venue	Time
Sun 2nd July	U10's Family Day	U10's	Home	1.30 pm
Sun 2nd July	Development XI	Oxted & Limpsfield	Away	1.30 pm
Sun 9th July	Thames Ditton	Development XI	Home	1.30 pm
Thurs 13th July	Taranaki Wanderers (NZ)	Esher U15/U16's	Home	3.30 pm
Sun 16th July	TBC	U17's		
Sun 16th July	Development XI	Streatham & Marlborough	Away	1.30 pm
Weds 19th July	Frogs	Club XI	Home	6.00 pm
Thurs 20th July	Avorians CC	Club XI	Home	5.00 pm
Fri 21st July	Nomads	Club XI	Home	11.30 am
Sun 23rd July	TBA			
Sun 23rd July	Development XI	Horley	Away	1.30 pm
Tues 25th July	U11 Tournament	U12's	Home	10.00 am
Weds 26th July	U13 Tournament	U13's	Home	10.00 am
Thurs 27th July	U14 Tournament	U14's	Home	10.00 am
Fri 28th July	U15 Tournament	U15's	Home	10.00 am
Sun 30th July	TBA			
Sun 6th Aug	TBA			
Sun 6th Aug	Development XI	Trinity Mid-Whitgiftians	Away	1.30 pm
Tues 8th Aug	Surrey U14's	Berkshire U14's	Home	11.00 am
Weds 9th Aug	Surrey U13's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Thurs 10th Aug	Surrey U9's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Sun 13th Aug	Spencer	Development XI	Home	1.30 pm
Tues 15th Aug	Surrey U9's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Weds 16th Aug	Surrey U9's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Friday 18th Aug	Surrey U9's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Sun 20th Aug	Bradfield Waifs	1st XI	Home	11.30 am
Mon 21st Aug	Surrey U14's	Inner County Match	Home	11.00 am
Sun 27th Aug	Elmbridge Cup	Club Tournament	Home	9.30 am
Mon 28th Aug	U10 Tournament	U10's	Home	10.00 am
Sun 3rd Sept	Magdalen	Burts XI	Home	12.00 pm
Sat 16th Sept	Rest of the World XI	England XI	Home	12.00 pm
Sun 17th Sept	TBA			

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Esher Cricket Club (The Club) will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Clubhouse, 47 New Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9NU

The following resolutions will be proposed

- 1 To elect G Ellis as Chairman of the Club
- 2 To approve the minutes of the 2016 AGM (Note 1)
- 3 To approve the Accounts for the year to 30th September 2016 (Note 2)
- 4 To elect the officers of The Club (Note 3)
- 5 To elect The Management and Young Cricketer Committees (Note 3)
- 6 To re-elect D Tilston as Independent Reviewer of the Accounts
- 7 To approve the 2017 subscription rates as follows:

Full playing member	£150	payable in 3 instalments (Jan/Feb/March)
Full time student	£25	
Occasional playing member	£50	(up to 5 games. Payable prior to 31 March 2017)
Social member	£25	
Young Cricketer U16 to U17	£60	
Young Cricketer U8 to U15	£180	
Young Cricketer U6 to U7	£150	
Young Cricketer U5	£100	
Girls	£150	

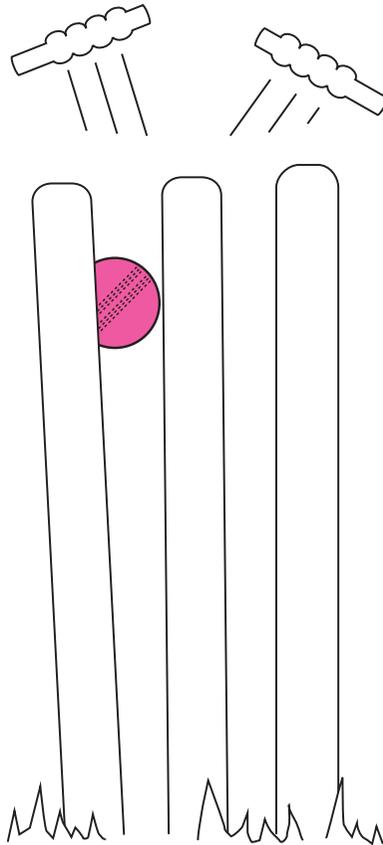
The young Cricketer subscription includes family social membership. A reduction of £25 will apply to the above subscription of each sibling within the immediate family.

8 Any other business

Once the formal business of the meeting has concluded a question and answer session will be held at which any issues relating to the Club can be raised and discussed.

Notes

- 1 The minutes of the 2016 AGM will be displayed on the Club notice board for 15 days prior to the meeting. Copies will be available at the meeting.
- 2 The Accounts can be found on pages 10 to 13 of this report.
- 3 The Officers of the Club and the membership of the Committees can be found on page 51 of this report.



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