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Reflections on the 2020 Cricket Season

A season like no other - that's how the 2020 cricket summer will be remembered across the country. We will remember it for the late start to the season, the endless stoppages for hand sanitiser breaks, the packed lunch picnic teas across the local area and the alfresco park changing room set-up come rain, cold or shine.

For Hadleigh & Thundersley CC, we can look back on 2020 as a really successful season for our open age and youth teams. For what might be the first time in club history, both our Saturday 1s and Saturday 2s were unbeaten all season in their respective leagues. As the end of season reports that follow show, our youth cricket has once again shone through with some excellent personal performances from our young talent. Our Saturday 4s were very competitive with a young side, and we should all share our thanks to Jim Vapiwala for coming out of retirement for the umpteenth time to step up to captain the side for most of the season.



Once coronavirus restrictions were lifted, we have certainly made the most of our summer while keeping everyone safe as a club. This edition of *Howzatt* shares some of the highlights from Cricket Week which was the longest in years. It's normally this October edition that starts to report on the start of our winter social calendar. Alas, the country has reverted to more stringent public health restrictions again, but we hope you will enjoy this edition neverthe-

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Next year is our club's 75th Anniversary. While we would have wanted to welcome it in with a big New Year's celebrations, we will have to be patient and cross our fingers that early into 2021 we will be able to resume club life to its maximum.

It has been a difficult year for H&TCC, and on behalf of everyone on our out-going Management Committee, thank you to all our members who have supported the club in so many different ways. In particular, we must personally thank Geoff Davison and his business G. Davison & Sons for continuing as our main sponsor despite the significant economic challenges faced by them too due to coronavirus.

I hope many of you - old and new members alike - will decide to step forward to serve on committees and volunteer in other ways to help us mark our milestone year in the best way we can.

Stay safe, and I hope to see many of you at the virtual AGM.

Alastair Graham

Hon. Secretary

End of Season Cricket Reports

1XI Report - Adam Dobson

100% for the 1st XI!!!

Considering the prospect of not having

any cricket this year, it is great to look back on the season we have had as a team and a club and see the success we had. The 1st Team competed in a localised league and went undefeated, winning all 9 games. Not only did we put in some good performances against local rivals who were all keen to turn us over, we managed to take a look at a few youngsters as well. For me, there were a few highlights amongst those 9 wins.

Firstly, it was great to see us running out comfortable victors against resurgent Leigh, Westcliff and Old Southendian teams (by 91 runs, 109 runs and 169 runs respectively). These were lose-lose games for us, so it was positive to see the team pull through and put in some strong performances. The other main highlights for me was beating Wickford and Orsett in two close games to close out the season. Unlike the other games, these were not comfortable and required us to dig a little deeper. In both cases, we regrouped well and closed out the games brilliantly to get the wins.

In terms of individual performances, it was great to see a few boys back scoring runs. Darius Vapiwala topped the run charts with 314 runs at an average of 44.86, whilst Luke and Olly Smith both batted well throughout the season, scoring 243 (ave. 81.00) and 239 (ave. 26.56) respectively. It also gave us a chance to see the 'elegant' style of Rich Harding opening the batting. Rich got us off to a great start with the bat on several occasions, scoring 221 runs

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at an average of 31.57.

For the bowlers, I topped the wickets with 17 at an average of 11.41, followed by vice captain Sam Handley with 13 wickets at 10.62. This was a notable season with the ball for Louis Poynter as well. He put in several strong performances with an older ball to close out games, which deserved more reward than he probably got, but nonetheless it's a great platform for Louis to build on next year.

This season was also a great opportunity to look at some of our younger players coming through the ranks, and they all made a good start to their 1s careers. Rory Blackaby showed us signs of what he is capable of, taking 6 wickets at an average of 22. Tommy Byrne took his first 1st Team Wicket with his only ball of the season (I'll leave out the part about it being a rank long-hop), and Ruben Vapiwala spent some time at the crease averaging 19.

All in all, a great season for the 1st Team. It gave players the chance to revitalise and really enjoy their cricket, as well as getting in the habit of winning. Thanks to everyone that came down to support us in this difficult year!

2XI Report - Alex Gilbert

Played 9: Won 6, Cancelled 1, Abandoned 2

Champions of the Foster Division! A great

season which will help lay a platform for next year's quest for promotion.

I'm extremely grateful for everyone who played this year and also for Mary Tibbenham who scored all our home games for us.

From the 6 wins that we had this season, two victories really stand out. Firstly, playing against Westcliff away, losing the toss and bowling first in the sunshine and then playing with 10 men we were really up against it. We restricted WOSCC to 216-9 which was a really superb effort and then proceeded to chase down the score with 4 overs and only 5 wickets left. Credit must be given to Dylan for scoring a superb hundred and showing us how to chase down a score with ease. That game will always be something the 2nd Team involved should look fondly on, we showed great character and determination to win that game.

The final game against LOSCC was nerve jangler to say the least. Despite winning all our games, we still needed to win the last game to win the league, this was due to 3 games not being completed. Finally, winning the toss for the first time in the season it was a good opportunity to bowl first and to have the chance to chase down a low score if we bowled well. We bowled and fielded extremely well and in particular Greg Hood who returned figures of 5-18 off 8 overs. Greg played a handful of times throughout the year and

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bowled exceptionally well on each occasion, he bowls with good pace and thought and was someone that we really needed this year, he is certainly one to keep your eye on in the future. Restricting LOSCC to 176 all out was the first task complete, however, we needed to knuckle down and finish the good start off. In true style, we ended up slipping to 80-6 and were looking in serious trouble, step up Rory Blackaby and Ant Grosvenor. Both better known for their bowling, they really showed what their batting was about. Rory and Ant built their innings superbly, accumulating singles where they could and then expanding and scoring boundaries all around the ground. (If you see Rory ask him about his reverse sweeps for 4). With only 10 runs to win, Richard Straker next batsman in then began to unpad and start getting changed for the celebrations afterwards, pre-empting the win was also met with 'Don't worry Skip, I'm supremely confident'... should never had doubted you Straker!

With Ant, Ishen and Straker we have a spin trio that were comfortably the best in the League and caused batsmen problems throughout the year. With Mike Tibbenham behind the stumps catching everything and supporting the team when times get tough is something that we are greatly appreciative of. In the batting department two people stood out, Dylan and Paul Tibbenham, Dylan bats with superb

timing and never looks to be in trouble and Paul Tibbenham always settles the nerves and is consistently very, very good.

Thank you to everyone who played in the 2s this year, you all contributed to the success of the team and is something that hasn't gone unnoticed. With this year really pushing the younger players through it was a sign that we can compete and really push towards promotion next year. That is the aim and we should have the confidence to know we can achieve it! Rest up over Winter and Stay Safe, be ready to come back and dominant next year!

Top Run Scorers

Dylan Mitchell 306 runs @ 102

Paul Tibbenham 248 runs @ 86.67

Top Wicket Takers

Ant Grosvenor 14 wickets @ 12.93

Ishen Patel 13 wickets @ 16.54

Richard Straker 11 wickets @ 15.27

3XI Report - Andy Mitchell

It was great to get out and play cricket amidst the current climate. Overall the $\frac{1}{2}$ season was a good one, we introduced some younger players into the team (Ben Mascall, Justus Genthe, Ben Read & Ciaran Burke). Each of them contributed every week, the experience will hold them in good stead for next season.

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We played 9 games, winning 3, losing 5 and drawing 1. Our fielding improved greatly from the previous season, we caught very well and our ground fielding was good too. Miles Graham was great behind the stumps, our bowling attack performed well. Ali Graham & Ben Mascall opened the bowling every week performing well, best figures were 4/34 and 3/27 respectively. Spinner Ben Read was more consistent every match and Justus Genthe is the 3s all-rounder. Ciaran Burke played a few games and picked up wickets too.

Looking back it was our batting that let us down in a few games, we got into good positions and missed that middle order push to get us over the line.



Cameron Heath and myself opened the batting, most weeks starting well, Cameron's best 52 and 119* for me. Jahanzeb Abro's batting improved throughout the season, ending in a great 95 in the final match.

Going forward we need to work on our batting over the winter. We have a good player balance in the 3s and with a few additions we will be ready for next seasons promotion push. Well done.

When at the club please use the hand sanitiser provided.



4XI Report - Jim Vapiwala

It has been a good, if truncated, season for our 4s this year. For much of the season we had a real father and son vibe going on with 2 Heads 2 Huggins 2 Youngs and 2 Vapiwalas. We welcomed two new players, Ian Hughes and Scott Tricker who really enjoyed playing with us and contributed on the pitch.

We finished a credible 4th in the league and, but for several dubious umpiring decisions, could and should have finished higher.

Surprisingly our standout players this year were 2 under 13s playing in their first season of men's cricket. Stanley Young finished top wicket taker and Kian Vapiwala top run scorer.

There were some outstanding individual performances with 4 wicket hauls from Stanley Young, Ethan Rogers, Jarred Klein and Callum Blackaby.

50s from Scott Tricker and Ethan Rogers, and 40s from Kishen Patel, Kian Vapiwala (4), Matt Huggins, Warren Johnson and Callum Blackaby.

The standout performance of the season was undoubtedly from Ethan Rogers, who drove stylishly and pulled savagely in an innings of 81 against Orsett which included 5 enormous 6s.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to

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Keith Klein who helped with the setting up of all our home games and to everyone who helped clearing up afterwards. A quick mention for Kishen who attacks the scoring with the same enthusiasm as his batting.

It's been all about the youth this season, and I feel big strides have been made by many of them.

Under 13s and Under 15s Season Report - Jim Vapiwala

The U15s started a truncated season with high hopes. There were no league matches and all games were friendlies. This group of players are used to winning having won 6 trophies in 4 years. In our first game v Belhus (our main rivals in this age group) we won comfortably with the highlight of the game being a towering straight six by Tommy Byrne when facing their opening bowler. All our players contributed at some stage of the season and we won every game thereafter.

For Hadleigh, the U13 season was much more competitive as more than half the team had never played in a proper match before. We had worked hard in the nets and approached the season with confidence.

We needn't have worried. The U13s won every game except the game v Benfleet which we tied.

The game v Benfleet was the most exciting of the season. Benfleet are a very good side with 2 Essex players and several district players. Our 2 experienced players Kian Vapiwala and Stanley Young led the way with Kian smashing 38 off 16 balls before retiring and Stanley clean bowling their top batsman for a single figure score. The best moment came when little Harry Chaston (10 years old and only playing as we had a last minute cry off) hit a boundary from the last ball to tie the match. Both teams did themselves proud and it's been exciting to see many of the U15s play in the men's teams this year.

Under 11s Season Report - Colin Huggins

In what was a shortened season of just 4 games the boys and girl did very well and seemed to enjoy the chance of some unexpected cricket. We won three and lost one match. Some good batting and bowling improved as the matches went on.

In our final game v Benfleet everything came together perfectly and even our fielding was outstanding.

I'd like to mention a couple of players from this season that I was very pleased with. Ava Read playing hardball cricket a year younger than most of the squad amazed me as she never backed away, regardless of how fast the bowling was.

Crawford Keenan took the keepers gloves

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this season and I believe from watching him he has a bright future behind the stumps.

Well done everyone that played this season. Let's hope for a longer U13 season next year.

All Stars & Under 9 Season Report - Roy Sollieux

Once we got the go ahead to play cricket, I was involved with the All Stars, the under 9s and the under 11s. I was delighted with the enthusiasm, and also the potential talent we have in the club. It was great to have good numbers training up till the end of September, and whilst part of the reason was lack of holidays it is perhaps something we build on next season if we are able to have a full, virus-free summer.

We do have issues to overcome this winter, however because of all the commitment I saw this year, I will do all I can to overcome them.

POLITE NOTICE



Please keep pets off the furniture and on a lead at all times and return the dogs water bowl to the kitchen after use.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cricket Week Review: Youth Six-a-Side Tournament and U15 Match

The start of cricket week was all about the Youth with a friendly u15 game v Leigh on the Monday and an inter club tournament on the Tuesday. Many thanks to Dobbo and Gilly for helping with setting up, umpiring and warming up the boys.

The game on Monday started with Hadleigh winning the toss and electing to bat. Ruben and Tommy opened the innings. We looked like we were in a spot of bother as Ruben, Alfie and Max were out early.

However, when Kian joined Tommy we staged a recovery with both batsmen retiring on 35 and 36 respectively. Both batsmen looked comfortable with Kian hitting 6 fours and a six and Tommy hitting 5 fours and a six. Tommy's massive straight six was a real highlight of the game clearing the boundary easily.

Late order runs from Ciaran (26) and Ethan (21*) gave us a very competitive score of 174 for 5 from our 20 overs. Ethan's innings included a beautifully executed reverse sweep for 4 off one of their seamers.

Leigh never really looked interested in chasing our score and limped to 96 for 4 after their 20 overs. Abbas Zaidi finishing with figures of 2 for 14.

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Thanks to Keith Klein for the after match barbecued burgers which were delicious.

The tournament on Tuesday included 3 six a side teams captained by Ruben Vapiwala, Tommy Byrne and Max Maddocks. 3 round robin games were followed by a final.

The Tuesday of cricket week was hot. Really, really hot and the boys (understandably) struggled in the heat.



However having only 4 fielders made it a real run fest with all teams scoring

heavily and averaging between 90 and 100 from their 10 overs.

By the time the final was played the result seemed irrelevant as the boys just wanted to escape the heat and move onto refreshments. Thanks to Dilber for organising the pizzas which were swiftly demolished by the boys.

For the record congratulations to tournament winners Max Maddocks and his team- Matt Huggins, Ciaran Burke, Alfie Willsmore, Jai Bhatia and Lucas Allen.

Cricket Week Review: New Hadleigh v. Old Hadleigh XI

So after weeks of glorious sunshine and cricket week upon us it was time for a few creaky old bodies to once again don their whites in the eagerly awaited Old Hadleigh XI vs New Hadleigh XI rematch 2020. Typically the sun goes in and the threat of rain hung over the day, but we managed to have an excellent day's cricket.

Without the usual splendid lunch and pre-match beers which pre-Covid would accompany these games, Old Hadleigh approached the game with much optimism albeit a player down due to last minute work commitments. Thank you to Ruben for agreeing to be an Old Boy for the day and lowering the average age considerably.

As is tradition the Old Boys won the non-existent toss and agreed to bat in the event the light went towards the end of the day and seeing the ball became more of an issue than normal.

A strong opening PC pair of Paul Corps and Chesterton got the old boys off to a good start with some crashing boundaries until Rory (2-25) dismissed both. Warren Johnson and Lee Michaelas entered the arena looking to consolidate on the positive opening. Warren in traditional style not having had much sleep smashed a rapid 18. Whilst Lee eventually tried too hard to get one off the square to be caught for 1.

It will not surprise those who played with him

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Matt Beasley's first scoring shot after ten plus years of playing was a late cut for 4. He and Ruben both went on to reach their twenties before becoming one of Justus's three wickets (3-37).

Enter the strong middle order of Matt and Jack Wagstaff who decided they didn't really want to run singles and set about despatching the New Hadleigh bowling to all parts of John Burrows and beyond. Dobbo decided enough was enough and bowled both for 72 and 70 respectively. To the last over, we came with Mike Walsh batting much higher than his usual 11 (well 9). He and our Chairman became victims of Kian's final two deliveries of the over. We couldn't leave Kian hanging on until the next time he bowled so I agreed to face one extra ball. Pressure was on and the usual swipe caught the outside edge only for Tommy in his eagerness to have come in too far and the ball looped over his head for an all run four. Sorry Kian!

After some quick refreshments and Warren wandering off for McD's (hence not being in the team photo!) we entered the field looking to defend a total of 275 off 40 overs.

With Ruben playing for the Old Boys, it was left to Darius (27) and Kian to open facing the fearsome opening pair of Walshy and Beasley. A tight opening spell from them, with Matt moaning it was doing too much, left New Hadleigh a

little behind the rate especially when Ruben had caught both his brothers! Cheers Rubes. Despite some quick runs from Alfie and Tommy the big guns were needed. Haider (39) and Luke (76) then started to drag New Hadleigh back in to the game and once Rory (38) got going it looked like it was going to be a tight finish. Even with Matt Wagstaff's (2-22) we needed the calming influence of the Chairman's six overs to see us wrestle back control. Don't fall for the moon ball again Ben!! It was left to Mike Walsh to wrap up the New Hadleigh innings with his third wicket leaving them 25 runs short of their



P Corps, P Chesterton, W Johnson, L Michaelas, M Beasley, R Vapiwala, J Wagstaff, M Wagstaff, M Walsh, K Jenkinson and N Read



target.

Already we have had a number of requests from ex-Hadleigh players who after hearing of our success want to jump on the

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bandwagon so we look forward to bringing another team back next season. Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy a few more drinks, fines and stories in the bar after the game.

An Uncanny Resemblance

"Bowler's name, please....
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you...."



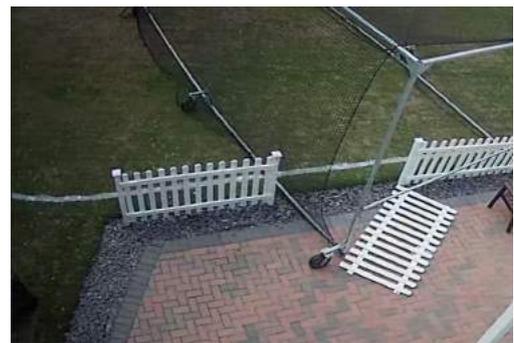
Youth and Senior Winter Nets

Cricket Committee continues to monitor the guidance from the government, as well as the ECB, so that we can restart indoor training as soon as practicable. Unfortunately, the present public health picture looks bleak, and local schools who cricket clubs rely on are naturally prioritising their resources towards staying open in a covid secure way rather

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High Winds Hit H&TCC!

The club was hit by high winds in August which managed to not only send our batting cage careering into our club patio fencing all the way from the middle, but also toppled the heavy sightscreen which took several adult volunteers to right again. Thanks to everyone who repaired the damage and got things back to how it should be.





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than accepting sports hall hires which may incur additional cleaning costs.

We will continue to update playing and youth members as soon as we have more details, but at present it looks highly unlikely we will be in a position to hold indoor nets until the New Year.

A Cricketers' View from June

MATT



It's ridiculous that

With thanks to Matt cartoons from the Telegraph for this gem in June.

Dinner Dance Postponed

Unfortunately, this popular annual event arranged by Paul and Sarah Richer has had to be postponed this year for obvious reasons. We are grateful to the band for refunding our deposit, and to the Arlington Rooms for allowing us to keep our deposit if we book another date next year for our event.



Membership Summary

At the start of October 2020, our membership statistics were as follows:

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| Hon. VP / Life Member | 18 | Social Members (General) | 170 |
| Playing Member (Senior) | 50 | Social Members (Partners) | 29 |
| Youth Members (non-All Star) | 59 | Social (Youth Parents) | 90 |
| Youth Member (All Stars) | 16 | Overall Total | 433 |

This year has been challenging for the club, but we are pleased that we have been able to admit a significant number of new social members to the club which has halved the waiting list of new social members. Welcome to all of our new members, and we hope coronavirus disruption will pass so you will be able to see the club at its best for our 75th Anniversary next year.

We have had fewer participants in the ECB's All Stars programme for 5 to 8 year olds due to the delayed start to the cricket season and limited publicity. However, we are really pleased to end the year with similar numbers of youth members to last year. We are committed to the development of youth cricket at that is a big positive after a challenging year.

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At last year's AGM we changed the membership subscriptions fee for spouses and partners who use the club independently to £10. This considerably reduced the number of spouses and partners registered for members as expected, and this has helped us to continue to maintain our Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status. We have ensured that spouses and partners can be introduced as guests free of charge where accompanied by a member with no restriction on how much they use the club in this way. Our CASC status benefits the club by thousands of pounds per year thanks to charitable business rates and Gift Aid donations, which goes towards the improvement of our facilities and club to support the playing of youth and adult cricket.

Darts Team News



Unfortunately, the playing of darts continues to be prohibited under government rules which means there is no action planned for the men's and women's teams. However, when government rules permit H&TCC Darts will resume and new faces will be most welcome to join.

We are a *'Members Only'* club; please carry your membership card with you at all times and be prepared to produce it if asked to do so.

Thank You

Winter Bar Hours & Coronavirus Update

The club has put in place a robust guidance to meet the government's coronavirus rules. This has been shared multiple times by club-wide email, so we don't propose to repeat all that in this edition in *Howzatt!*. However, we just ask you for your cooperation during these difficult times for your own safety and that of others. Thank you to everyone who has been following the rules since the club re-opened.



The bar hours are currently as follows during the winter period:

- Monday Closed
- Tuesday-Friday 18.00-22.00
- Saturday 12.00-21.00
- Sunday 12.00-20.00

The bar may close early at the bar staff's discretion if there aren't many club users. Bar Committee will continue to keep bar hours

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under review, and if certain nights are not being supported by members we may have to consider reducing hours due to the uncertain coronavirus climate. This is certainly not our preference, so we would encourage members to support



Tuesdays to Thursday nights in particular when the club is quieter.

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Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball is back behind the bar, and you can buy a number on the lotto card for £1 with a £35 prize if your number is selected at the end of the week. To make administration easier, we are allowing members to buy their Bonus Ball for five weeks ahead for £5.

If you have any questions about Bonus Ball, please ask the bartender on duty.



100+ Club Winners



We are pleased to have been able to continue to run our 100+ Club over the summer months, and as always we welcome new participants, be you new club members or existing members who would like to support the club in this way.

There are several 100+ Club numbers available and this is a great way to support the club and be in with a chance of winning prize money while doing so. Every month 5 x £25 draws will be made, every quarter there is an additional £100 draw, but each August there's a £500 draw instead, and each December there's a huge £1000 draw!

To take part please set-up a monthly Standing Order of £5 per number you wish to be entered in your name for the year to the following account:

- Bank: **Lloyds Bank plc**, Hadleigh Branch
- Sort Code: **30-13-51**
- Account Number: **00099574**
- Account Name: **H&TCC 100 Club**
- Please put your **surname** as the payment reference.

Then email johnsonelaine@btinternet.com copying Hadleigh.thundersleyCC@gmail.com to confirm the date the Standing Order

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has been set-up to start, how much per month you have set the payments to, and how many numbers you wish to secure. You will then be notified which numbers you have been given for the monthly draws.

Each draw takes place on the second Friday of each month and the latest winners have been:

August 2020

- 78 Alan Glanville £500
- 54 Ashley Bennett £25
- 93 Kevan Jenkinson £25
- 25 Mike Tibbenham £25
- 14 Neil Harding £25
- 53 Tim Bennett £25

September 2020

- 15 Margaret Downey £25
- 83 Daniel Revell £25
- 48 David Williams £25
- 21 Richard Revell £25
- 30 Rosalie Revell £25

October 2020

- 90 Sue Holmes £100
- 97 Mario Cairns £25
- 60 Nick Heath £25
- 80 Tim Greenwood £25
- 114 Julie Jenkinson £25
- 108 Mike Tolliday £25

Congratulations to all our winners. There isn't long now until the big draw of the year in December. Will you be the big winner this year? Remember that **you have to be in it to win it!**

President Revell Joins BBC's 'Around the Wicket' Radio Show!

On 22 August of this summer, Roland Revell represented the club for a segment on the BBC Essex 'Around the Wicket' radio show. He gave a match day update on the 1s game playing at John Burrows, and reflected on how the summer had been for the club. Richard Revell has since commented 'Blimey, must have got hold of the old man before he got on the beers!' Thanks Roland for representing the club well as ever.

Please wear a face covering at all times when standing in the club.





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**Scam Alert:
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Club**



Christmas is fast approaching. Royal Mail and the Trading Standards Office re making people aware of the following scam:

A card is posted through you door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). Please be aware that the premium rate number may change, but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from this company.

If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655.

For more information, see the Crime Stoppers website: <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/crime-prevention/helping-prevent-crime/scams/postal-delivery-scam>.

OLLY MURS

Newmarket Racecourse - Race and Concert

Friday 30th July 2021

I have reserved the Premier enclosure tickets which are the best valued standing ones available. This is a standing / dancing type concert. Tickets are £85 per person with a £45 deposit to hold the balance would be due end of November. Price includes your seat on the coach and the concert. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please let me know.

Nicola Haynes

Theatre/Events Organiser

**Dates for the
Diary**



- **AGM Nominations Deadline** - Friday 30 November 23:55
- **Virtual 74th AGM** - Monday 9 November 19:30
- **New Year's Eve Celebrations** - Cancelled
- **75th Anniversary Spring Ball (Covid-19 Permitting)** - Saturday 10 April 2021

Please do not park in the roadway outside the club as this may cause an obstruction.

Please use the car park.

Thank you.





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Just what you needed to know? – Part 3

A short rekneecap of Parts 1 & 2:



Having discovered that a new knee was needed, and outlined the suffering endured with its installation, as well as the recovery battle, I had at last left the hospital.

As you may recall, I recovered well and in the end got around without sticks. The pinnacle was getting back to the Club for a pint!

Well, I know most of you will have been very concerned about my recovery and ongoing situation, but may have had your

thoughts temporally diverted by the pandemic. Be reassured then, that all is well. My new steel knee is working fine, with just the odd 'click' now and then to remind me. The suffering is in the past and the memory is fading, I knew my resilience would win through - tough as old boots (who am I kidding?).

My wife has now been released from her attendant/ chauffeur/nursing/skivvy duties, but I'm still paying the price (new winter boots, tops, jeans etc.). To be fair, she's been a star. Never complaining, just helping.

Unfortunately, my other knee has succumbed and is forcing me to doddle along like an old boy (comments to be inserted here). Would I go through it all again, enduring the agonies, and the hobbling recovery, pain killers, not being able to get into a comfy position or to sleep, as well as

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the expense...? Well, yes. I'm really fed up with the struggle with my right knee, that's the one that's left to do, rather than the one that's right now, if you follow. I just need to save up. There will be plenty of time as it could be years before the hospitals are able to undertake this type of surgery again.

Well back in the real world, how's the lock-down been for you? My good lady and I have coped pretty well, being retired we've not had to juggle work or kids. I'm relieved that I no longer have to commute to London, or travel around, or work away from home, or flying here and there.

For us, we've just not been able to get out as much as usual, but as we have lots of indoor interests we have survived pretty well. My 'limp' has minimised my activities, but importantly we've managed to get to the pub for a meal and over to the Club for a pint! This Tier 2, tighter lock-down will make things more difficult, but if everyone follows the rules, hopefully things will soon be better.

Accommodation for Overseas Player 2021



We are still looking to hear from anyone who themselves or through contacts may have accommodation (i.e. spare bedroom for a lodger) near to the club that could be made available for our 2021 overseas amateur player which we are hoping to be able

to host. The accommodation would be needed between late April and September 2021.

The club would like to hear from you if you can help, and the club is willing to contribute to the costs of such accommodation arrangements.

Reminder of the CLUB RULES

UP STAIRS NO SMOKING INCLUDING E-CIGARETTES

No smoking Electronic cigarettes allowed

DOWN STAIRS

OUTSIDE SMOKING PERMITTED

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IN MEMORIAM



Michael John OSBORNE
1936 - 2020

It is with a great deal of sadness that we have to announce that Mike Osborne passed away on **Sunday 11th October** at the age of **84**, following a period of failing health and a brief time in hospital. On behalf of our members, especially those who knew Mike well over the 52 years he was associated with the club, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to his wife, Margaret, and son, Peter, his wider family and his many friends on their sad loss in these very difficult circumstances.

Mike joined H&TCC in 1968 having moved from Saracens CC along with a number of other players who made the same move around that time. **Neil Harding** recalls that,

"Mike was a first class club cricketer; a major contributor, on and off the field, in both the Saturday 3rd and 4th X1s. When

I first left school in 1969 he was there as a mentor and as an instructor in both beer-drinking and pipe-smoking! A gentle man with time to support the development of young cricketers on weekends which clearly benefited all the younger players. **HE** was what club cricket and being a member of a community club was/is all about. He will be sadly missed."

Mike was a highly respected and skilled woodwork and metalwork teacher at Eastwood High School for Boys (in those days) and he was always willing to use those skills to help maintain the fabric of the club while he was an active member.

During Peter Jenkinson's Chairmanship, Mike was a key person who helped with the building of the club Bar that we have today. **Peter** commented that,

"Mike was my right-hand man when it came to doing any practical jobs that were needed in the club during my time as Club Chairman. He was always ready and willing to offer his skills and practical experience to help maintain and improve the club for the benefit of all members. He will be sadly missed."

Since retiring from the field of play, Mike continued to support the club as an Honorary Vice President and he regularly gave generous annual donations to club funds, which were always gratefully received and appreciated.

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Some of our older members will remember Mike as a cheerful and genuine clubman with a very positive outlook on life and a wicked sense of humour! During his playing careers with the club he was always reliable and could be counted on in difficult times. After he finished playing competitive cricket, he was always prepared and willing to support the club socially at every opportunity. This commitment to contributing to the greater good was reflected in his love of music as his long-term membership of the Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir and the Basildon Choral Society confirms.

Michael's funeral will take place at the **Basildon Crematorium** on **4th November** at **12.30pm**. We are sorry that attendance at the service will be restricted to close family members only in these troubled Covid times but the service will be streamed on-line and can be accessed using the following information:

Service Date

4th November at 12.30pm.

Service Chapel

**Gardenside - Bowers Gifford
(Basildon)**

Website

<https://www.obitus.com/>

Username

Woyu5300

Password

328985

The Live Webcast will only be available approx. 5 mins before the service start

time.

Donations in Michael's memory can be made via the family or by contacting S. Stibbards & Sons Ltd, 4 Commonhall Lane, Hadleigh SS7 2RN; Tel: **01702 558717**. Donations collected will be passed on to LOMVC and/or The Basildon Choral Society.

Ron Curtis - H&TCC Community Manager
Oct 2020

COMMUNITY NEWS

We are all very well aware of the difficulties faced by everyone over the past six or so months during lock-down and beyond - not least the effect this has had on the use of the club by our community groups.

The club's management team is to be congratulated on their efforts to make our club Covid-secure. The past few months cannot have been easy for any of our hard-working club officials and they deserve our gratitude and thanks for what they have done.

Post lock-down meetings were held with a number of community group leaders and everyone commented on, and greatly appreciated, the systems which had been put in place to ensure the safety of both members and visitors using the facilities.

However, just as we were about to get back into the swing of things, more changes were



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imposed and it is clear now that most of the groups that have used the club over the past 24 months will not be returning until such time as the restrictions have been lifted and the nation has something like a vaccination to deal with the dreaded Covid-19 virus.

The good news was that because of the excellent set up put in place at the club to ensure that all users are in a Covid-safe environment, at least two new community groups had expressed an interest in booking space for their group activities, especially as the Government decided that people could **NOT** mix in households but **COULD** meet in a Covid-secure venue, such as ours, as long as the rule of six was being observed.

However, the only community group now using the club is Lita Freegard's Heart & Soul which meets once a week on a Tuesday afternoon. This group is a controlled exercise class which caters for people who have had serious health issues concerning heart, strokes or respiratory illnesses. It is a group that is overseen by the local Health Authority and Lita is a highly qualified and experienced group leader.

While it is frustrating that we have the facilities but they can't be fully used, I am sure that in the fullness of time everyone will be returning - the many U3A groups, Hadleigh Castle WI, The Silver Coffee Group and the Castle Point Joggers - as and

when it is safe to do so.

In the meantime we are on the lookout for someone to help with looking after groups as and when they return. This would be a part-time voluntary position which will have a time commitment of about 18 - 20 hours per month.

Opening up the club's facilities for group use is an important part of what we provide for the wider community of Hadleigh and the Borough of Castle Point. Our improved facilities were funded on the understanding that we, as a club, would offer the use of our facilities to local groups on weekdays when the premises were not being used. This 'extra-curricular' activity, over and above our function as a cricket club, generates in the region of £3 - £4K additional income for the club annually - so the continuation of such a service is vital to the future of the club and all its members.

If you are at a stage in life where you have some time on your hands, you enjoy working with people and would like to give something back to the club and the wider local community and want to learn more about what is needed, then please contact me by e-mail

(curtisar@globalnet.co.uk) or by text or phone on 07740 471912 and we can arrange to meet at the club sometime on a weekday to have a chat about what it is all about.

At some stage, finding one or two new



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people to help run this important service **WILL** be required and it would be good to have something in place before it becomes urgent!!! I am sure you all know what I am getting at!

Stay safe - remember **HANDS - FACE - SPACE** and look after yourselves during these difficult times.

Ron Curtis
H&TCC Community Manager

.....and finally!



We're all doomed!

Reminder: Club Rules to Follow

We will not tolerate rude behaviour towards our staff. If a staff member or club official asks you to do something, you must follow their reasonable instructions. Management reminds members of the relevant club rules below:

Code of Conduct (Point 7) - Members shall follow any rules, bye-laws and policies set by the club, as well as any reasonable requests by officials or staff.

Bye-law 5 - Management officials and staff shall have the power to direct members or guests to leave club facilities if their conduct is disorderly or contrary to the code of conduct.



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www.cricinfo.com

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Code of Conduct.

This Club has adopted the following Code of Conduct:

1. Members shall treat fellow members, guests, visitors and staff with respect, and shall not behave in a manner liable to intimidate, harass, distress or offend on club premises.
2. Members playing cricket for the club or spectating shall behave with the highest standards of sportsmanship before, during or after a match in keeping with the dignity and best traditions of the game (see the Preamble to the Laws of Cricket, ECB Model Disciplinary Regulations, and relevant cricket league disciplinary regulations).
3. The club expects captains, vice-captains and youth coaches to exercise appropriate control over their teams.
4. Members and their guests shall look after club facilities, and shall not leave litter, mess or otherwise damage or risk damage to club facilities through their actions.
5. Members shall not act in any way, both on and off club premises, that is liable to bring the club into disrepute. This includes consumption or distribution of illegal substances.
6. Members, their guests and visitors are expected to conform to acceptable standards of dress and appearance when using club facilities.
7. Members shall follow any rules, bye-laws and policies set by the club, as well as any reasonable requests by officials or staff. Club officials shall carry out their duties under the Constitution, and shall not abuse their office or position of trust for personal gain or the gain of others.

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