



2019

Esher Cricket Club
(Founded 1863)

**Annual Report & Accounts
2019**

**Notice of AGM
and 2020 fixtures**

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Sponsors

In 2019 we continued to work hard with sponsorship agency SNAP to increase the number of partnerships with local businesses keen to support development of young cricketers. Going forward into the 2020 season we are pleased to announce that as well as our fantastic 2019 sponsors: Curchods, Munday's, The Sporting Wine Club, Alexander Marquees and Rowan School, we are now also thrilled to welcome Kingston Grammar School, Danes Hill, Milbourne Lodge, Shrewsbury House Pre Prep and Prep School, Averna Restaurant, Sandown Park Golf Centre, Keeleys, Dayla, Masuri and Academy Salons. We have a new sponsorship manager, Jo Brown, who has produced a 2020 Sponsorship Pack and is working with local businesses and schools to further the sponsorship opportunities and partnerships for the club. We look forward to working with all of our new sponsors throughout the year and welcoming them into Esher Cricket Club.

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

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HOLD THE DATE

Friday 11th September 2020



ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL

More details to follow

President's Report



As I reflect on an extraordinary and momentous year for the sport of cricket in this country, I can only hope that the 50-Over Men's ICC World Cup victory, in such dramatic circumstances, will inspire the next generation of cricketers. Of course I, like every England cricket fan, was delighted to see the four year plan, spear-headed by Andrew Strauss, come to fruition at the end of that nerve-jangling, nail-biting finale in the super-over in the dusk at Lord's. But just as impressive, on a human level, was the magnanimous way in which the New Zealand team, led by their inspirational captain, Kane Williamson, took defeat when it would have been so easy to have sulked about the circumstances leading to that result. Exemplary sportsmanship of the highest level on the biggest stage.

Then there was a closely fought, drawn Ashes Series which may not be remembered for the relative strengths of the two sides, but for the incredible batting performances of Australia's Steve Smith on his return to the game following a lengthy ban (a fact that the English crowds did not let him, Cameron Bancroft or David Warner forget!), and for Ben Stokes's Headingley heroics in the third Test win, also following a highly publicised personal set-back. Examples of immense mental strength and execution of the highest level of skill under pressure have rarely been so well illustrated.

So, as the game moves on into a new decade, what can we expect to see? The introduction of a new format – The Hundred – will be interesting. I remember back to the 'birth' of Twenty20, being

the traditionalist that I am, thinking 'this'll never work' – how wrong I was! This new format will, like all new concepts, need time to bed in and will, no doubt, be fast, furious and noisy! Will it succeed in attracting a new audience as the ECB hopes? We'll see. Will it produce new 'heroes'? Almost certainly. Does this even shorter version of the game represent another threat to the longevity of the 5-day Test format? I do hope not (don't get me started on the suggestion of 4-day Tests...!). Perhaps we'll see the progression of some Esher CC youngsters in to The Hundred in due course – that would make us all very proud.

And so to Esher. I never tire of saying how well the Club is doing in what is, undoubtedly, a difficult climate for amateur sports clubs, but in my 40-odd years of being a member of this great club, I don't think I've ever known it to be stronger across all aspects. Geoff's Chairman's report summarises the year wonderfully, but I should remind everyone that there has been an immense amount of work going on, by so many people, for years to reach the point at which we find ourselves now. More work needs to be done, of course, to keep improving and your help and support is, as always, vital and very much appreciated.

The return of Premier League cricket to New Road was a hugely welcome sight and I remember reflecting, in this column last year, that it would take a massive squad effort to stay up. Well, not only did we achieve that, but we also played some good, hard, competitive cricket along the way and I'd like to congratulate Will and all of the boys who represented the 1st X1 on a job well done – even the battle-hardened 'Halo' contributed to the effort on one leg! I wish them all the best for an even better 2020 season.

The 2nd X1's well-earned promotion and the 3rd X1's 'near miss' were also terrific and proof that senior cricket, with the help of some talented colts coming through the system, is in rude health. As Geoff has mentioned, our male and female young cricketers – the life-blood of our club – continue to thrive thanks to Duncan, his coaches and all of the age-group managers and we hope to see many more of these young cricketers making the step up to senior level for seasons to come.

President's Report continued

The Esher flag flying once again at Sarasota CC on 29 November 2019



Finally, please do keep supporting the club in any way you can, whether volunteering, donating, attending events or just buying a few drinks at the bar, every small effort helps and is very much appreciated. As always, my sincere thanks go to Geoff – our tireless Chairman whose commitment to the club is awe-inspiring.

Here's to a great new decade for Esher CC.

Jonny Robinson

Esher on tour in Sarasota 2019

For full tour report see page 44



Sarasota touring party



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2019 Achievements

Adults

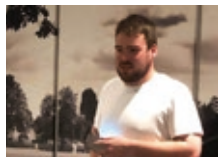
1st XI Player of the year	Jonny Wright
2nd XI Player of the year	Mark Hopkinson
3rd XI Player of the year	John Woolhead, Jess Richman, Chris Parrish, Joe Gilhooly
Newcomer award	Tom Burnap



1st XI Player of the season
Jonny Wright



2nd XI Player of the season
Mark Hopkinson



3rd XI Player of the season
Chris Parrish



Newcomer award
Tom Burnap

Leading League run scorers

Mark Hopkinson	576 @ 52.36
Tom Burnap	575 @ 38.34
Jess Richman	444 @ 31.72
Joe Gilhooly	436 @ 39.64
Alex Martin	340 @ 22.67

League Hundreds

Mark Hopkinson v Dorking 2nd XI	134
Mark Hopkinson v Farnham 2nd XI	125
Tom Burnap v Normandy 2nd XI	113
Andrew McCallum v Valley End 2nd XI	109
Nathan Roberts v Beddington 2nd XI	101*

* Not out

The Sam Ryder award



This award is named in honour of Sam, who scored at Esher for over 60 years. It is the premier award for contribution to Esher CC.

In 2019, and not before time the recipient is an ex first class cricketer who played for Surrey 1979-1985, Glamorgan 1986, and Scotland 1987-1988, well he was born in Aberdeen. He represented England in four YC tests.

Duncan Pauline joined Esher in 1997, captained the Second XI from 1998-2001. Since then he has been a tremendous servant to Esher CC and to many young cricketers.

A large amount of Duncan (and LEK's) work goes unnoticed. But I know he works tirelessly. I am delighted that the Sam Ryder Award is awarded to Duncan Brian Pauline in 2019.

Geoff Ellis

Previous Winners

2016 Sam Ryder
2017 John Woolhead
2018 Henry Witten

2019 Achievements

Esher Cricket Club – YC's 2019

	Winners	Runners Up		Winners	Runners Up
U9	NEC Tournament	WSYCL Development	U12	WSYCL Academy	Easter Tournament
	Esher Tournament	WSYCL Academy		Mid Surrey Cup	
U10		NEC League	U13	Mid Surrey Cup	SJIL Surrey League
		Easter Tournament		Esher Summer Tournament	Mid Surrey League – Div 2
	WSYCL Academy	NEC Tournament		Esher Easter Tournament	
	Mid Surrey Cup	Spencer Tournament	U14	Mid Surrey Cup	
	Esher Summer Tournament	Mid Surrey Div 1	U15		Mid Surrey Cup
	Easter Tournament		U16	WSYCL	
			U17		ECB Surrey Cup
U11	WSYCL Academy	Mid Surrey Div 1			
	Mid Surrey Cup				
	Easter Tournament				
	Esher Summer Tournament				

Representative Cricket

Those detailed below have represented Surrey at county Age group or district level during the 2019 season

U9	U10	U11
Max Chambers	Oscar Cushing	Charlie Pitts,
Kunsh Channa	William Hamilton	Noah Luxman,
James Siveyer	Jack Nash	Alex Dodson
Oliver Drake	Rohan de Silva	Max Rawlinson
Charlie Hulme	Benedict French	Alfie Webb
Barney Rawlinson	Dhruv Ganesan	Felix Porter
Ben Frendo	Dilan Giganeswaran	Alex Frewer
William Heslop	Josh Kavia	Freddy Pettifer
Sam Temperley	Benedict Stuart-Reckling	Tom Price
		Aziz Memon
		Richie Page
U12	U13	U14
Alex Chambers	Ben Clarke	Rohan Gupta
Tom Pitts	James Page	Harry Jackson
Gryff Stuckey	Salaar Shabbir	Zain Ikram
Nathan Farmer	William Jarrett	Sebastien Stuart-Reckling
Ben Giles	William Malet De Carteret	
Dan Old		
Fred Price	Girls	
Amaan Naseem	Emilia Pitts	
Jamie Lane		
Alex French		

Esher Cricket Club 200 club

Recent winners of the 200 Club are Ian Chicken, Andrew Baiden, Geoff Ellis, Helena Chandler, Adrian Pitts and John Woollhead

- £60 per year and 50% of all payments are distributed as prize money by way of 6 monthly draws.
- All profits go to capital improvements at the club

For more information and application forms please email
eshercc200club@gmail.com

Esher CC Chairman's Report Year to 30th September 2019



I enjoyed 2019. I watched a lot of good quality cricket from our juniors, the girls excelled, the first XI won 6 matches in their first season in the Premier League for some time, the second XI were promoted, I attended high quality social events including the record breaking ball and the fourth "City lunch" in aid of new facilities, welcomed new sponsors and ECC managed to keep its head above water financially.

When I became Chairman six 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.

Since then we added 'staging inclusive social events.' I believe these are good aims and they remain true for 2020. But how much progress did we make in 2019?

Sportsmanship

- Our adult, 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 2020, taking special care to respect umpires and coaches and be ambassadors for the Spirit of Cricket. I think we can do even 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

- Over 400 boys and girls played cricket at Esher and on our satellite pitches. That is fantastic, and I am particularly delighted in the development of our girls' section. We now have over 100 girls playing from 6 to 15. It would be marvellous if we could welcome new members. **Please ask 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 2019. Duncan, his team of coaches and AGMs planned and performed a tailored programme, from 6 weeks of pre-Christmas winter nets, post-Christmas nets to pre-season preparation courses, to weekend and evening coaching, to summer courses. All in all, they provided a super environment for growth.
- Some people measure success by the number of trophies, and 2019 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. In 2019 we reacted positively to the results of a survey that suggested that in some cases there has been too much emphasis on winning and not enough on fair participation. I witnessed a change in mind set that saw every young cricketer having equal opportunity. There is no other way!
- Another measure of success is the number of YCs who played adult cricket. It is true that some of our YCs played in the 3rd and 2nd XIs with 6 representing the 1st XI.
- But, and it is a big but, if we are honest we failed to provide the optimum number of opportunities for young cricketers throughout the season and in the summer holidays. Next year Pete Slaney and Glenn Harrison will provide important leadership. We will build on the communication between junior and adult cricket which we started at the excellent players forum in February and we have entered a 4th XI in the league.
- **A special thanks to AGMs and their army of supporters, umpires and scorers for making this happen.**



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Esher CC Chairman's Report Year to 30th September 2019 continued

Senior teams

- Our clear aim for the 1st XI was to stay in the premiership having fought so hard in 2017 and 2018 to get there. At half-way we were struggling, but a morale boosting win over eventual champions East Molesey saw Will Edwards lead his team to wins against 6 of our 9 opponents and survival with two weeks to spare. A splendid effort.
- There were strong contributions from everyone at some time in the season. Khurram led the attack in style. Jonny Wright opened the bowling with tight spells each week, Nick Winder and Ben Collins spun well. Fynn Hudson-Prentice was dangerous with bat and ball both before and after Derbyshire signed him on a three-year deal. Warmest congratulations. We hope to see Fynn next year when his schedule allows.
- The batting was inconsistent. The step up in standard plain to see in the stats. Will did well and Alex found form in the second half of the season. We need to work on posting more challenging totals.
- The 2nd XI played extremely well all season, comfortably promoted in second place with 10 wins and 3 draws from 17 games played. Nathan Roberts' happy band managed some exceptional performances. Centuries from player of the season Hoppo (twice), Tom Burnap, Andrew McCallum and Nathan himself. My favourite partnership was between Austin Wilman 86* and Tom B (90) who made 151 in 11 overs at Malden Wanderers leading a recovery from 18-3.
- There has been talk that results improved after a modest start after the captain went on holiday, then moved up to the 1s but that is only idle speculation!
- The bowlers all chipped in Critch did well as did George Rowe and Freddie Harrison was excellent when school was out!
- Dimitri's 3rd XI had a terrific season. Finishing with 15 wins and 2 defeats in the 17 games played and missing out by 1 point to champions Valley End who we beat twice and were lucky not to have a match abandoned. That was the difference in the end, although perhaps it was the cricketing gods evening out our fortune from last year when but for restructuring, Esher would have been relegated.
- There were strong performances each week from veteran (Woolly) and youngsters (Parrish) alike. Well done to all!
- Many thanks to Nathan and Dimi for their captaincy.
- Oh, I almost forgot. We again took a team to the Sarasota Six a side competition in November 2019. The team led by Alex Martin did Esher proud, this year as runners up and setting a good example off the field.

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 **Mundays Solicitors, Rowan Preparatory School** and from the **Sporting Wine Club**. I would also like to welcome new sponsors **Kingston Grammar School and Sandown Park Golf Centre, Danes Hill, Milbourne Lodge, Shrewsbury House, Avera Restaurant, Masuri, Keelays, Dayla and Academy Salons**. 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 just about managed to keep our heads above water. 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 Georgie Botton for organising a record-breaking ball.**

Facilities

- Our desire to improve facilities is strong. Even though availability of funds is the main constraint, we laid more wickets on the outfield for junior cricket and at the start of the season we laid an artificial strip which has proved to be very valuable.
- We continue to raise funds to improve the pavilion, indeed, the fourth "City lunch" in April raised over £20,000, enabling us to start a fund. We plan a similar event on 24th, April 2020 with the aim of building the fund to enable essential improvements to the pavilion.
- One note of caution. New Road is used much more than most cricket grounds. That is good in that many people benefit but less good is that the surface and outfield can only take so much. So over the winter we have taken steps to improve the grass quality and we must be mindful of the risk of over use when scheduling matches next year.

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 evening with a very high attendance of 260 and due to generosity of donors became our most financially successful ball. Thanks again to Georgie Botton for her superb organisation and to all table managers.

The Sporting Wine Club

The Sporting Wine Club is a member's club founded by ex-England rugby player and ex Esher cricketer Simon Halliday, and business partner Chris Mariner. We source our product from winemakers around the world with an authentic connection to sport.

Our objective is to use the medium of sport to bring together people from the business and charity world, as well as our membership community. Our Sporting Wine Club members purchase a wine credit for the year rather than paying a fee.

- I think we could do more to involve more of our membership. Some are missing out!
- **With that in mind I am still 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, over all we did well in 2019, 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 Treasurer and Andy Nendick as YC Fixture secretary. Each of them did important work extremely well.

Finally, I would like to wish Captains Edwards, Mason and Woolly senior and all our cricketers good luck for the 2020 season.

The AGM will be held on Monday 23 March at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. The formal notice is on page 56 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.

We love to be involved with sporting, corporate and charitable occasions. We also organise our own wine tasting events such as the very popular 'Winemaker's Dinner', where we bring together sporting personalities, our wine makers and club members. These always make for fun, intimate and eventful evenings!

Please do contact us on simon@sportingwineclub.com to find out more.

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Social Events

2020 Events calendar

Monday 23 March 7.30pm	AGM	New Road
Friday 24 April 12 noon	City lunch	Smith & Wollensky (WC2N 6HT)
Friday 8th May	Family Day	New Road
Saturday 16 May 8pm	Comedy Night	New Road
Friday 29 May	Vince's lunch	New Road
Saturday 5 Sept 7pm	Awards night	New Road
Friday 11 Sept 7pm	Annual Ball	New Road

Full details of each event will be circulated in due course

City Lunch and Ball



End of season ball setting up



Setting up for the City Lunch



Guests at the City Lunch

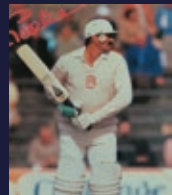


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In F19 we have continued our focus on the financial objectives set out in F16 and it is encouraging to report good progress on each indicator:

1. **Cash flow.** Our bank balance is now at its highest level for over 10 years and during F19 we generated £36.6k operating cash, again the highest in the last ten years. Vs. F18, after adjusting for the impact of the £29.8k cash outflow for nets in F18, we are showing a £26.8k improvement with positive income and expense (I&E) account impact (see more details below) and further benefit from working capital. As I mentioned last year, our closing bank balance at the same point in 2015 was just £9k and the progress we have made means that not only can we safely navigate the traditional post season low period, but also continue our programme to improve the facilities and infrastructure of the club.

2. **Reduced Losses.** The club is showing a surplus after depreciation and tax of £4.3k, a £7.8k turnaround vs. last year and only the second time in the last ten years that the club has turned a surplus. The biggest impact has been the growth of girl's cricket led by Carolyn Lenton, with a doubling of player numbers and a substantial contribution to the £14.9k and £19.7k improvement vs F18 of subscription income and course income respectively. The significant outperformance on subscription income has also been helped by increases in the number of both junior boy and adult men cricketers, while the boys course income also showed improvement.

As can be seen in the summary I&E account, there are some other key income variances vs prior year:

- Fundraising. The adverse variance is due to one less major event in F19 as otherwise again, thanks to a lot of hard work from key individuals and thanks to great support from our members and their friends, we had a strong year of fundraising with the City Lunch and the Ball key contributors.
- Sponsorship income has fallen due to some sponsor changes during the year.
- Rent is below F18 due to reduced football income in the winter, a conscious decision taken to protect the playing area.
- The bar has proved a challenge due to quieter Saturday nights and lower than anticipated event receipts and a separate working group is looking at how we can turn this around in F20.
- We are very grateful to a generous donation of £5k that drives the improvement on our other income line.



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Treasurer Report 2019

The overall 16% growth in income more than offsets an 11% growth in expenditure, the latter primarily due to:

- Increased expenditure required to maintain our pitches and playing areas together with a substantial upward shift in our utilities costs.
- Higher staff costs to support increased activity at the club together with an increase in first team playing costs.
- Legal and tax fees required to manage the potential change in the club structure that arises due to notice given by the existing corporate trustees that have been in situ since 1935.

Our overall performance was also helped by the generous decision of one of our loan holders to forgive his loan in F19.

3. **Infrastructure and Capital Investment.**

While we continue to invest £7-£8k a year in everyday repairs, we have this year more than doubled our capital investment with acquisitions including a new batting cage and the implementation of an artificial wicket to try and help cope with ever increasing usage at New Road. We also received a grant from the ECB that enabled us to buy new covers. Thanks to our improved cash position we plan to make further capital investments in F20 to continue to improve both the infrastructure of the club and the assets available to the players and coaching staff.

4. **Process Improvement.** The move to online payment that I referenced last year has significantly improved our collection rates across all junior club activities contributing to our improved cash position. We hope that this has also provided a better service to users with a one stop shop for subscriptions and coaching. We will continue to look at how we can improve time consuming back office activities while at the same time helping our members.

Annual Accounts 2019

Income and expenditure account

For the year ended 30th September 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Income		
Subscriptions	72,651	57,733
Sponsorship	7,678	11,594
Fundraising and Functions	35,202	42,663
Bar	15,616	17,079
Courses	32,230	12,524
Rent	8,868	10,790
Playgroup Income	28,727	27,787
Other	7,332	(302)
Total Income	208,304	179,868
Expenditure		
Ground and Pavilion	64,649	57,436
Staff and player costs	70,412	60,721
Coaching and equipment costs	22,094	22,522
Administration	13,272	9,763
Depreciation (Note 1)	31,058	30,336
Total Expenditure	201,485	180,778
(Deficit)/Excess before tax	6,819	(910)
Taxation	(2,562)	(2,604)
(Deficit)/Excess after tax	4,257	(3,514)



New Road from the air

Balance sheet

At 30th September 2019

	Cost £	Depreciation £	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Ground (Note 2)	2,750		2,750	2,750
Pavillion	435,754	122,083	313,671	322,386
Car Park and Pavilion Surrounds	67,539	46,600	20,939	24,316
Nets, Outside Machinery and Scoreboard	114,813	92,996	21,817	20,833
Pavilion Equipment	49,303	48,412	891	5,392
Patio, Fence & Sheds	20,056	13,626	6,430	8,435
Kitchen and Bar Furniture	22,576	19,934	2,642	3,546
			369,140	387,658
Current assets				
Stocks			2,350	2,715
Trade Debtors			4,782	7,580
Prepayments			9,643	6,411
Premium Bonds			10	10
Cash at Bank			74,285	40,258
			91,070	56,974
Current liabilities				
Creditors and Provisions			31,697	19,460
Unsecured Loans repayable within one year			20,000	21,000
Taxation			2,562	2,478
			54,259	42,938
Net current assets (Liabilities)			36,811	14,036
Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land) (Note 2)			405,951	401,694
Represented by:				
General Fund			405,951	401,694

Approved by the Management Committee on 4th December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Geoff Ellis ACA

Jonathan Manuel FCA

Funds flow and notes to the accounts

Year ended 30th September 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash generated from operating activities:		
General	4,257	(3,514)
Depreciation	31,058	30,336
Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	35,315	26,822
Movement in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in Stock	365	(937)
(Increase)/decrease in Debtors	(434)	(2,310)
Increase/(decrease) in Project Nets Creditor		(29,776)
Increase/(decrease) in Creditors	13,797	(8,083)
Total changes in working capital	13,728	(41,106)
Capital expenditure:	(12,539)	(5,788)
Operating cashflow	36,504	(20,072)
Financing		
Tax paid	(2,478)	(3,249)
Loan repayment		
Total financing	(2,478)	(3,249)
Increase (decrease) in Cash	34,026	(23,321)

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 2019 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.

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Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

1st XI



Will Edwards
1st XI Captain

Esher went into the 2019 season, their first season back in the Premier Division since 2006, with high hopes. The season however started with a heavy loss to eventual champions East Molesey. Wimbledon were the first Premier Division visitors to New Road. Batting first, Wimbledon set what was thought to be a competitive 202. Esher however made light work of the total, knocking it off 3 wickets down with 15 overs to spare.

This win proved to be a false dawn for Esher, however, who proceeded to enter a run of just the single winning draw in 7 games, leaving them firmly at the foot of the table at the season's mid-point.

Esher still believed they would be able to salvage their season. This belief was rewarded with two convincing wins in their next three games. First, East Molesey were seen off with a strong team performance before Jonny Wright and Khurram Irshad bowled Esher to victory against Guildford. These victories seeing Esher climb out of the relegation zone.

A heavy defeat to Reigate followed before two crucial bottom of the table clashes. A depleted Esher side was beaten at Sunbury. The next game against Sutton was seen as a season definer, a win for Esher would see them move 40 points clear of Sutton and away from the relegation zone. Batting first, Esher set Sutton 220 to win and at 120-7 the game seemed done. Sutton refused to give up, however, and in the end Esher came out on top by just 6 runs.

Following this victory, Esher needed just the single win to confirm their survival. They duly delivered in the next game, beating Weybridge in another thriller. The final two games saw Ashstead beaten at New Road before the season ended in a defeat at Banstead to conclude what was deemed to be a successful season for Esher and one they can build on for next year.

Finally a huge thank you to Brian and Jess for scoring and to the panel umpires.



1st XI 2019

Back row: Tom Burnap, Fynn Hudson-Prentice, Ben Collins, Jonny Wright, Andy McCallum, Matt Clarke, Brian Dunleavy (Scorer).

Front row: Denil Manuel, Alex Martin, Will Edwards (capt), Nick Winder, Archie Stroud.

1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premiership batting averages 2019 Qualification 4 matches

Name	Games	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Fynn Hudson-Prentice	6	6	1	210	84*	42.00
Nathan Roberts	6	6	1	177	76	35.40
Alex Martin	17	17	2	340	57	22.67
Malcolm Lake	12	12	0	232	66	19.33
Will Edwards	18	18	0	331	56	18.39
Tom Burnap	8	8	0	145	61	18.13
Ben Collins	15	13	6	122	28*	17.43
Archie Stroud	16	16	1	259	71	17.27
Ali Birkby	9	9	2	95	33*	13.57
Matthew Clarke	16	16	0	216	77	13.50
Nick Winder	14	13	1	146	37	12.17
Andrew McCallum	4	4	0	48	37	12.00
Zafar Khan	7	6	0	53	21	8.83
Johnny Wright	18	14	4	47	17	4.70
Khurram Irshad	12	9	2	31	10	4.43
Max Collins	4	3	0	12	9	4.00

Also played 3 Matches: Austin Wilman and Sohail Ahmed. 2 Matches: John Mason, Matthew Macpherson and Mark Hopkinson. 1 Match: Lawrence Perry, Alex Mason, Denil Manuel and Ollie John.

1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premiership bowling averages 2019 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Fynn Hudson-Prentice	33	7	75	6	12.5
Malcolm Lake	83.5	8	356	18	19.78
Khurram Irshad	123.3	29	403	18	22.39
Johnny Wright	156.1	23	529	19	27.84
Ben Collins	112.1	2	525	18	29.17
Nick Winder	99.5	6	498	17	29.29
Zafar Khan	54	4	205	5	41.00
Archie Stroud	38.3	0	235	5	47.00

Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages continued

2nd XI



Nathan Roberts
2nd XI Captain

After a very impressive first season in Division 1 last season, ending 3rd, Esher's goal this season was to challenge for the title and secure promotion. The season started poorly, however, with one victory from our first six fixtures leaving Esher very close to the bottom of the division.

In the seventh game of the season, Esher went to Valley End with a number of younger cricketers available, all champing at the bit to play men's cricket and change the fortunes of the side. This youthfulness, athleticism and fight led to a complete turnaround and purple patch which led Esher to its successful promotion season. Esher went on a 7 wins, 1 winning draw and 1 rained out result run, climbing into 2nd place.



The biggest credit was due to Esher's impressive seam bowling attack of Andy McCallum, Tom Brown and Ruari Critchard who all helped in restricting the majority of opponents to sub-par starts. Freddie Harrison's 12 wickets in 4 games, George Rowe's 13 wickets @ 19.5 and Jim Steven's 14 wickets @ 20-odd helped Esher spin through most sides' batting line-ups, allowing the side to bowl teams out for modest targets, making life easier for the batters.

Eventually the purple patch had to come to an end and sadly, going into the last 3 games, Dulwich were out of reach. The next priority became securing promotion and from the last 3 games, 2 results were needed. A loss to Valley End in the return fixture put Esher under pressure going into Dorking away and fortunately with a young XI Esher were able to win there - and a result went Esher's way, securing promotion for the side with a game to spare.

A few special batting mentions are necessary – Esher's two key batsmen this season, Mark Hopkinson, with 548 runs @ 60.9 with 2 hundreds (125 vs Farnham away & 134 vs Dorking at home); and Tom Bumap, 430 runs @ 61.4 (113 vs Normandy at home) were extremely influential in the positive results throughout this season.

In conclusion, it was a successful season for our 2nd XI as well as the club as a whole, and with promotion Esher understand the challenges that lie ahead and look forward to competing and challenging ourselves in the Premier Division next season.

A huge thank you to Jess for scoring and to the panel umpires.

2nd XI 2019

Back row: Henry Witten, Ed Campbell, Rob Davies, Jonathan Barrett, Sohail Ahmed, Glenn Phillips.

Front row: Mark Hopkinson, Alex Mason, Nathan Roberts (capt), Ruari Critchard, Pete Blackhurst.

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2nd XI

2nd XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Div 2 batting averages 2019 Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Tom Burnap	8	8	1	430	113	61.43
Mark Hopkinson	10	10	1	548	134	60.89
Andrew McCullum	7	6	2	216	109	54.00
Nathan Roberts	8	7	2	214	101*	42.80
Ruari Critchard	10	7	1	222	87	37.00
Jim Steven	8	4	3	37	18*	37.00
Jamie McCormack	4	4	0	121	63	30.25
Tom Brown	5	3	2	30	26*	30.00
Henry Witten	11	4	2	44	25	22.00
Ollie John	11	11	2	197	74	21.89
Almaher Shelley	13	13	0	274	57	21.08
Alex Mason	11	10	1	175	68	19.45
Jess Richman	5	5	0	55	20	11.00
Matt Macpherson	7	6	0	62	38	10.33
Nick Woolhead	4	4	0	37	24	9.25
Angus Greenlees	7	4	2	13	7*	7.50
Freddie Harrison	4	2	1	7	4	7.00
George Rowe	8	4	4	9	7*	N/A

Also played: 3 Matches: Rob Davies, Ollie Baker, Nick Morgan, Max Collins, John Woolhead, Dan Dickenson and Oscar Nicholson. 2 Matches: Thomas Chandler, Joe Gilhooly, Will Tilston and John Mason. 1 Match: Glenn Phillips, Jonathan Barrett, Sohail Ahmed, Edward Campbell, Pete Blackhurst, Dimi Balasuriyar, George Breare, Chris Parrish, Charlie Winder, Austin Wilman, Denil Manuel, Matthew Clarke, Lawrence Perry, Ben Regan, Zafar Khan, Sam Gillatt, Edward Crook, Arshad Rehman and Ben Collins

2nd XI Travelbag Surrey Championship Div 2 bowling averages 2019 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Freddie Harrison	42.3	9	127	12	10.58
Tom Brown	56	16	185	10	18.50
Jim Steven	71	3	249	13	19.15
George Rowe	65.4	11	254	13	19.54
Tom Burnap	31	3	144	6	24.00
Nathan Roberts	74	8	267	11	24.27
Andrew McCallum	54.4	6	248	9	27.56
Henry Witten	61.5	6	239	7	34.14
Ruari Critchard	74.3	11	289	8	36.13
Angus Greenlees	43	1	202	5	40.40



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3rd XI



Dimi Balasuriya
3rd XI Captain

Esher 3rd XI started the season off with two strong wins home, showcasing the talents of new boy, Sam Gillat, who hit 50s in both games. A loss away to Chertsey did not perturb the team, as Esher proceeded to win eleven games in a row, finding the balance between all three disciplines in the vast majority of the matches.

During this period, batting first enabled Esher to regularly hit scores of 220+ runs. This was down to consistently excellent performances from the top 6, who all contributed scores throughout the season. 50s were scored by Joe Gilhooly, Nick Woolhead, Sam Gillat, Matthew Sabben-Clare,

Jess Richman, William Tilston and John Woolhead. Gilhooly, Richman and J Woolhead were particular batting standouts, getting runs when the side needed them most. A special mention must also go to Rohan Gupta (U14), who was superb when called upon, batting well beyond his age. The bowlers backed up the batting performances excellently as well, with Chris Harvey and Ollie Baker bowling some fantastic opening spells to put the batsmen under the pressure. Through the middle overs, Alex Page (U17) and Tom Burnett kept things tight and brought control when it was needed. The pick of the bowlers were Chris Parrish (32 wickets) and Richie Harrison (25 wickets), who would often bowl in tandem. They bowled with complete control and would always pick up wickets to win us games.

The back end of the season saw a washed-out game and a tight loss leave us needing to beat top of the table, Valley End, with some stipulations attached. Having done what was needed with the ball, Esher were in a fantastic position to pull off a famous win, but ultimately just fell short; winning the game but with the loss of too many wickets. Esher ended up losing out on the title and promotion by one point; perhaps an undeserved way to finish the season.

A huge thank you to the panel umpires who were both excellent and made the afternoon much more enjoyable.



3rd XI 2019

Back row: Chris Harvey, Richie Harrison, Nick Woolhead, Jess Richman, Oli Baker, Joe Gilhooly, Jean van der Spuy.

Front row: Matt Sabben-Clare, John Woolhead, Chris Parrish, Henry Witten.

3rd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Division 2 West batting averages 2019 Qualification 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Joseph Gilhooly	9	9	0	408	71	45.33
Jess Richman	10	9	0	389	71	43.22
Richard Harrison	14	11	8	118	27*	39.33
Matt Saben-Clare	9	9	2	263	64	37.57
Chris Harvey	12	6	5	36	17*	36.00
John Woolhead	12	10	1	279	80	31.00
Alex Page	4	4	1	78	34	26.00
Alex Szeptietowski	5	5	0	104	36	20.80
William Tilston	10	10	0	206	60	20.60
Jack Slaney	4	4	0	77	38	19.25
Ollie Baker	6	4	1	54	45	18.00
Rohan Gupta	4	4	0	72	39	18.00
Tom Burnett	7	4	1	37	13	12.33
Chris Parrish	12	8	3	51	11*	10.20
Bobby Lowe	6	6	0	51	29	8.50
George Rowe	4	2	0	9	6	4.50
Dimi Balasuriyar	8	2	0	0	0	0.00

Also played: 3 Matches: Chris Burton, Oscar Nicholson, Rob Davies, David Crook, Nick Woolhead and Edward Crook. 2 Matches: Sam Gillatt, Ciaran Harries, Ed Campbell, Thomas Chandler. 1 Match: Sam Slaney, M Bradstrawer, Arshad Rehman, Dan Dickenson, Angus Greenlees, Angus Barrett, Denil Manuel, Jack Park, Tom McClean, Charlie Green, Henry Witten, Jean van der Spuy, Jack Fernandes and M Simpson.

3rd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Division 2 West bowling averages 2019 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Arshad Rehman	9	0	17	5	3.40
George Rowe	25	5	61	8	7.63
Ollie Baker	49	6	143	18	7.95
Chris Parrish	87.5	22	259	26	9.96
Oscar Nicholson	23	3	69	6	11.50
Tom Burnett	40.1	4	121	9	13.45
Chris Harvey	90.4	9	296	19	15.58
Richard Harrison	77.5	6	296	18	16.45
Dimi Balasuriyar	49	2	206	10	20.60

Esher CC Young Cricketers Reports 2019

Girls Section (Carolyn Lenton & Ben Collins)

It has been another fantastic season for the Girls section. We started the season with 61 girls (up from the end of 2018 at 56) and we finished the season with 102. The age-groups ranged from U5 to U15.

This was the first season that we entered two Surrey Girls leagues for the U11 Softball and U15 Hardball League. The U9 continued with the Surrey Girls Smash-It festivals across the summer. The younger girls (up to U11) have continued to play incrediball this season, with training being a mix of skills and game play. The older girls (U12 to U15) moved to hardball this season for the first time this season, something which they all love. The training has been mainly skills and nets as they all get used to the kit and feel for hardball.

A massive thank you must go to all the parents involved for scoring, umpiring and transporting their girls all over Surrey as well as to the AGM's, Vikesh and James. We are delighted to have Chris join us for next season as our U15 manager. Thanks to our amazing coaching team made up of Ben, Vijay, Dinah, Oscar, Paul, Ollie, Matt, Ed, Tom, Charlie and Pippa. Without their dedication, enthusiasm and time, the girls would not have had such fun progressing their cricket over the summer. Thanks also go to Carolyn and Ben for organising matches, teams, pitches and the overall running of the ECC girls section.

Junior Awards:

- Player of the Year: Aahna Wijeratne
- All Rounder: Arabella Finnigan
- Batting: Hannah Price
- Bowling: Masie Luxman
- Club Player: Lexie Hulme

Senior Awards:

- Player of the Year: Hattie Coughlan
- All Rounder: Georgie Dodson
- Batsman: Grace Redwood
- Bowler Mariska: Venzelaar-Pelly
- Club Player: Ruby Donohoe

Under 9 Girls – (Vikesh Patel)

The Under 9 girls have had a wonderful summer of cricket and should be very proud of their achievements. The season began where the girls left off last year, characterised by a strong work ethic, commitment and teamwork. It was clear after a couple of sessions that they had bonded well as a team and were applying everything they were being taught by the excellent coaching team led by Ben. There have been some wonderful team displays and a real enjoyment of their cricket. The girls were entered into several "Smash It" festivals organised by Surrey CCC. The first festival was a learning experience where the theory had to be put into practice in match scenario, but the girls played well as a team. The girls have grown in confidence with every subsequent festival they played in and came runners up in one of them. There is a very strong group of young cricketers in this age group who will continue to grow in ability and attainment.

Under 11 Girls – (James Meers)

It has been a very rewarding year for the U11 girls with great progress in training and some great performances on the field, particularly the SmashIT League. The girls won 5 and lost 3 matches in the league with a well-deserved 40.5 points finishing 3rd in the Surrey North Division, qualifying for the finals.

The finals day was a hard-fought series of group matches against some very good teams: Bagshot (loss by 20 runs), Reigate (win by 20 runs) and Wimbledon (narrow loss by 10 runs). The girls just lost out on the final by just 0.5 SmashIT points setting up a playoff final with Wimbledon, this time the girls were determined to face off Wimbledon and put in a brilliant performance to win the Bronze Medal.



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Under 15 Girls – (Ben Collins)

The Girls U15's showed amazing promise and improvement throughout the 2019 summer. The girls were entered into a strong U15 league, comprising of some well-established teams, coupled with the fact that a lot of our girls were playing two or three years up. They conducted themselves brilliantly. This experience will only stand them in good stead going forwards and strong improvements were shown gradually across the summer, not just personal improvements but good team improvements. The girls played 8 games during the summer, with the highlight coming against a strong Ashtead outfit, this was an excellent team performance, Ashtead batted first and scored 103-6 off 16 overs, Esher knocked off the runs with 8 wickets in hand and 1 over remaining. A first season that showed promise, enjoyment and skill development. Well done U15's!

Under 9s (Alexander Rawlinson)

This was a season to remember with over 50 matches. 41 different YC's played, including some from the Girls section and some U8's. Those that attended the winter nets had already got ahead of their opposition, and as Gary Player said, "The harder I practice, the luckier I get!" We ambitiously entered two hard ball, NEC and WSA and two Incredibal, WSE and WS Development, leagues. The goal was to encourage maximum participation, to develop technically whilst improving game awareness and to give opportunities to challenge the YC's.

West Surrey East League – Played 7 - Won 3 - Lost 4

Although we lost one more match than we won, the results were close and with more focus and luck at key moments, some of the losses could have been wins. We began promisingly with a 10 run win at Thames Ditton. Ben Frendo and Max Owen were the stand-out batters, contributing over half of the team's total. A defeat followed at Maori Oxshott, where Hugo Saunders top scored with a fantastic 25 and sisters Tilly and Olivia, making their competitive debuts, chipped in with a wicket each. We had a comfortable win vs Epsom, where Rohan K took a hat trick in his outstanding 4-1! A narrow defeat vs Ashtead (Hugo S 23 and Max A 3-14) was followed by a win against Leatherhead (Hugo S 4-10 and Freddie S

21), and losses against East Molesey and Teddington.

West Surrey Development League – Played 9 - Won 6 - Lost 3

We finished second in the Development Division, only four points behind. Team spirit was good throughout and there were strong contributions from all players; with noticeable improvements as the season progressed. Wins vs Weybridge Dev't, Walton (twice), Teddington (twice), Weybridge U11 Girls with notable bowling performances including a hat trick from Josh Taylor-Marsh (3-10 and 2-5), Hugo S (4-3 and 3-4), Max A (2-2), Ben W (4-2) and Nick Miller (3-30) and special mention that Maisie L and Hannah P took a wicket each on debut, and Freddie S also finished the season with a hat trick in the 117 run win against Walton. With the bat, Ben Frendo (32 and 25), Hugo S (28), Ben W (31) and Will Carswell (22) who also kept wicket very well.

West Surrey Academy League – Played 12 – Won 8 – Lost 3 – Abandoned 1

Our first hard ball league began with a 54-run win against Blackheath. Next was a thriller at Chobham; where we posted a solid 142-10. They started positively, were pegged back by a miraculous spell from Sammy T (4-19) before recovering and looked like they were going to close the game out at 145-9 but with 2 balls to go their batsman couldn't resist a juicy half volley and smashed one to midwicket where Will Heslop took a wonderful one handed catch. A dot ball to finish meant Esher won by 1 run! A win vs Valley End was followed by a win against Teddington with the highlight Arun S taking a hat trick to complete his first over, starting his second over with a wicket to make it four in four balls. In the rematch, Teddington were dispatched by 135 runs, with both Charlie H and Will H completing hat tricks, a very rare feat. Next was a tense win against Weybridge with Sammy T (23 and 3-20) the standout performer. Weybridge gained revenge in the rematch as we struggled. A true thriller followed vs Horsley and Send where after some strong batting we reached 128 for the loss of only two wickets. Cruising home, H and S were 95-1 after the first 2 pairs, but some fine bowling from Max C (2-13) gave us hope. We needed two wickets in the final over to snatch a victory and Barney R delivered one of them, before they stoutly

defended the last ball to secure a win. The following week, in the rematch, we won by 75 runs after superb batting from Knush K (34), supported by Will H (28) and Hugo S (18), before successfully taking 12 wickets. With 2 games remaining we needed to win both to win the league. Sadly, we lost by 10 runs to a strong Valley End Team, which meant we could all enjoy our last fixture, with a final win cementing 2nd spot, with strong batting from Kunsh K, 20 and Max C and Barney R bringing the season to a close with a 50 partnership in the final pair. A fantastic season, finishing 2nd in an extremely competitive league.

NEC League – Played 10 – Won 8 – Lost 2

We got off to an unusual start as we arrived at Sutton with a team of 8 in a 10-a-side league. Thankfully the game went ahead and batting first we scored a healthy 134-7, Max C top scoring with 25, Charlie H 22. We bowled and fielded superbly, restricting Sutton to 57-14, the high-light of which was a hattrick for James S, returning figures of 3-3 off his 2 overs. We lost a low scoring game against Spencer, where having batted poorly to lose 14 wickets, we fought back in the field, with a brilliant 5-wicket spell from James S and despite a 13th wicket in the final over, we were just 8 runs short. Next, Croydon posted 267-7, Ben W the pick of the bowlers 3-7. In reply Esher were cruising but lost a flurry of wickets to make a nervy finish, running out winners by just 3 runs; Max C and Oli D top scoring with 13. Comfortable wins against Wimbledon and AJ followed, before Sutton were on the receiving end of our most dominant performance, posting 199-7, with Ben F 29, Kunsh K 25, and Charlie H 25. We then took 19 wickets, William H 3-5, Charlie H 3-5 and the highlight was yet another hat trick, this time from Barney R returning sea-sons best figures of 4-1. The title rested on the outcome of the Spencer game, but they were on fire, with diving catches, direct hits, stumpings, you name it they did it and they ran out comfortable winners, the first time Esher had been well and truly beaten. Spencer set the benchmark for where we need to be next season. We finished with wins against Croydon, Wimbledon and AJ, finishing in 2nd spot in the NEC league for the second year running. Next year will be our year!

Tournaments

Esher Tournament – At our annual May Bank Holiday tournament, we had fixtures against Sutton, Spencer II and AJ coming through unscathed and topping our group. That set up a semi-final fixture against Spencer I. Powerful hitting to all corners of the ground from Max C, Kunsh K and Sammy T pushed Esher to a daunting 99-3, agonisingly short of 100. Spencer had no answer and Esher cruised into the final against Valley End. The final was a different affair with Esher restricted to 48 in their 7 overs, the lowest total of the day. Valley End put up a good fight but ultimately couldn't handle Esher's bowling and tight fielding, with Esher the victors.



Beddington Tournament –

We turned up to find out we were in the strongest group. This was a 5 over tournament and we were slow out of the blocks, losing to Wimbledon in our first game. Wins against Spencer I and Beddington followed, which set up a winner take all fixture vs a Croydon team who had crushed all their previous opposition. We bowled superbly, restricting the opposition to 35 in 5 overs. Great batting from Reuben G and Kunsh K saw us home comfortably to set up a semi-final and an opportunity for revenge against Wimbledon I. We were fired up, bowling accurately and aggressively, backed up with superb fielding. Wimbledon only got 25 and we knocked them off in 15 balls to set up a final against old foes Spencer I. It took 5 games, but everything clicked into place in the final. Batting first Kunsh K and Hugo S both re-tired followed up by Reuben G power hitting with the back of his bat taking us to our highest total. We skittled their

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top order early with accurate bowling from the 3 Williams, Messer's Heslop, Carswell and Clarke, ably supported by a brilliant catch from Hugo S. Rohan K bowled a tight 4th over and Barney R claimed 3 wickets in the final over to secure the trophy.



End of Season Awards

- Player of the Year: Rohan Kavia
- All-rounder: Hugo Saunders
- Batting: Kunsh Khanna
- Bowling: James Siveyer
- Clubman: Reuben Galaun
- Most Improved Player: Josh Taylor-Marsh

Thank you to Duncan and Sohail and the rest of the Esher coaching team for providing first class coaching that the boys looked forward to every week. Thank you to Ali Carswell for her support and dedication to Spond and thank you to Neha Kavia for scoring throughout the season. Thank you also to Jonathan Marsh for assisting with the management of the WSE & WSDev leagues, I couldn't have done it without you. Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the season, for providing match teams and helping to umpire/score when needed, see you all next year.

Under 10s (Richard Stuart-Reckling and Alisa French)

As hoped for, what a fantastic season it was for the U10s. The enthusiasm and commitment from all the boys was impressive in both matches and training. We were delighted to celebrate several key achievements:-

- First year of full hard ball cricket for all players
- Over 30 players attended winter nets for technical coaching
- We participated in 4 different leagues, a cup competition,
- We hosted 3 tournaments and attended two external tournaments
- Not one game was conceded because we couldn't field a team!
- On average, each boy played in excess of 10 league matches (with some of the new boys playing a bit less)
- We managed to rotate most of the players across leagues and teams
- Successfully rolled out "Spond"

From talking to Duncan, Sohail and the other coaches involved with our age group, they all agreed that, as a group, the boys have progressed well above expectation. The main goal for the season was to give all the boys as much game time and opportunity as possible and we managed to achieve that. We played 45 competitive games in 4 leagues and participated in 5 tournaments. Most pleasingly and deservedly, our results were brilliant:

- West Surrey Academy League (proper cricket) – Winners, unbeaten.
- Mid Surrey Cup (proper cricket) – Winners v Barnes in the final
- Mid Surrey 1 – Runners up to Ashtead.
- Mid Surrey 2 – 3rd Place
- West Surrey North – 3rd Place
- Esher Tournaments – Easter Runners up, May Winners (and 3rd), August Winners
- Beddington and Spencer Festival – Runners up
- 10 boys involved with Surrey within their performance set-up.

Selecting prize winners with the depth of our squad and some fantastic individual performances during the season is difficult. However, the following winners were all worthy recipients of their respective awards:

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Esher CC Young Cricketers Reports 2019 continued

- Player of the Year: Dilan Guganeswaran
- Most Improved All rounder: Bradley Hogbin
- Most Improved Batting: Priyesh Patel and Shiv Patel
- Most Improved Bowling: Lucas Jones
- Club Player: Oscar Cushing

As always, we are grateful to everyone who contributed to the development and success of the club. Duncan and the coaching team have been incredibly patient and supportive; and the boys will certainly benefit from the technical skills they continue to acquire. In addition, the success of the age group would not be possible without the tremendous support of all the parents and we look forward to seeing you at the winter nets.

Under 11s (Lee Pettifer)

This was another good season for the age group with success for teams in league and cup competitions, county representative honours for several boys and most importantly, the opportunity for plenty of matches at the appropriate level for everyone in the age group. Many thanks should go to Sarah-Jane Le Vesconte who took on the unenviable task of age group admin/team sec. and carried it out with incredible patience in the face of some indifferent weather throughout the season which disrupted the match schedule and training programme and (too) many late withdrawals. The Mid Surrey League campaign was over almost before it began. Matches with Spencer are crucial in this competition and if both sides are at full strength the outcome is hard to predict. Unfortunately, the home fixture in early May was scheduled for the same Sunday as a couple of Surrey Performance matches. As both sides would be missing players it looked as though it would be an even contest. However, when the Performance matches were called off rather prematurely, Spencer chose to call in their Surrey boys while Esher stuck with the original selection and took to the field without five regular A teamers. The result was a heavy defeat and after just two rounds of matches, the destination of the trophy was almost certainly SW18. Retention of the West Surrey Academy League was relatively straightforward, particularly as three of the stronger looking opponents conceded. The highlight was probably the win at Stoke D'Abemou which clinched the

title.

Steady progress was made through the early rounds of the Mid Surrey Cup but hopes of a duel with Spencer and a competitive match for once, were dashed when they were beaten by eventual finalists, Ashtead, in the quarter final. The meagre Ashtead total was polished off with some ease.



U11, Mid Surrey Cup Winners

The West Surrey North League, which featured the A teams of several clubs, was also successfully retained to cap another good season.

Under 12s (Rob Lane)

Another year and another excellent cricket season for the U12's. As usual a big thank you to the parents in helping us achieve in playing over 60 competitive games in 2019. We entered four leagues, the West Surrey Academy, West Surrey North, Mid Surrey 1 & Mid Surrey 2. After winning the West Surrey Academy league in 2018 again this was the league priority. Mission accomplished in retaining the league title but with a surprise defeat half way through the season vs Farnham the boys pulled together as a squad for the rest of the games to win three "finals", Weybridge, Horsley and Send and winner takes all vs Royal Ascot. A real squad performance with contributions from all 16 boys. It was mid table in the West Surrey North but with five A teams from other clubs in this league the boys (and Emilia Pitts, Charlotte Reed & Anaya Patel) competed exceptionally well through the season. Joe Dunlop's runs-fest was the standout contribution. It was equally pleasing to have over 30 players contributing to help complete all these fixtures. The Mid Surrey 1 again

was disappointing and on the wrong side of three close games which went to the final over and on another day we might have won. Character building for the boys, parents and the managers! The Mid Surrey 2 squad competed well with a credible fourth place, again competing with other clubs A teams.

As reigning champions in 2017 and 2018 of the Mid Surrey cup, it was our target to make it a hat trick. With comfortable wins to get to the final, the final was anything but comfortable. Nathan Farmer and Fred Price helped post a reasonable score. Tom Pitts and Ben Giles bowled with pace and guile but I think with 5 overs to go everyone including the opposition felt Esher's reign was coming to an end. Alex Chambers & Alex French keeping the runs to a minimum, Jamie Lane's runouts/stumpings and with true character, intelligence & fight from ALL the boys they turned an inevitable lose into a win.



A hatrick of cup wins for the U12s.

With the Beddington tournament rained off we were unable to defend last year's title, but we were able to enter 2 teams in our own tournament, a long day with injuries and illnesses but a great day but no silverware.

As always, the above would not have happened without the help and support of Andy Nendick and Alisa French, a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes so thank you. Thank you to all those that helped score, umpire & manage games. Thank you also to Duncan & Sohail for coaching and advice throughout the season. We look forward to the new Surrey League and cup for-mat in 2020.

End of season Awards

- Player of the Year: Fred Price
- All Rounder: Ben Temperley
- Batting: Joe Dunlop
- Bowling: Jack Chhabra
- Clubman: Ollie Hamilton

Under 13s (Pete Slaney)

Thanks to all boys and parents for the tremendous commitment and support. Without all your help, we wouldn't have such a fantastic age group. With 33 boys we split roughly into 2 squads, the Griffins and the Dragons. The main aim is still to develop as many players as possible from our year group, which will be very interesting with the new Junior Academy, to be able to progress to Adult Cricket later in life. Every boy who has played matches has had the opportunity to play as much cricket as possible. Therefore, this year, we have used at least 22 boys in the Griffins. I also made the decision that we would only play A team league cricket this year so moved away from the West Surrey cricket league and into the Mid Surrey 1 & 2 League.

The season started well winning the Esher pre-season tournament, before moving onto the league games. In all, we played 37 fixtures. The Griffins finished joint top of the County wide SJIL, finishing as runners up on the head to head count. A fantastic achievement in common entrance year. A mixed Griffins / Dragons side finished 5th in an extremely strong and large Mid Surrey 1 league, whilst the Dragons were runners up in Mid Surrey 2, behind Teddington's A team. A fantastic effort. Although the ECB cup didn't go as planned, we capped off the season winning the U13 Mid Surrey Cup, which was played all the way through with a mixed Griffins / Dragons side. Following an all Esher semi-final, The Griffins beat Richmond in the Final of the end of season tournament on August Bank Holiday

I would like to thank Sarah Reed who was superb with our admin (yet again) and a fantastic help! I would also like to thank all the parents who helped in 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 a report on each game, if I am not able to attend. I would also like to thank Duncan and the coaching staff for helping the boys improve throughout the season, as well as Andy

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Nendick for his tireless work as fixture secretary.

The awards are always a very difficult decision but we tried to reward the Young Cricketers who have shown the most talent, performance and/or improvement in their peer groups. In each category there were several good candidates, so I have explained the decisive reason in each case.

End of Season Awards:

- Player of the year: Salaar Shabir (4 wickets in the Final of the Mid Surrey Cup)
- All Rounder: Jack Joyce (Fantastic year with both bat and ball)
- Batting: Sam Slaney (Retired not out 6 times averaging over 60)
- Bowling: Joe Goodsmen (Great improvement to earn selection for Cup final)
- Club Player: Alex Johnstone (Thoroughly deserved for huge effort all season)

Thanks again for all your help and support this year, I will see you all next season and hopefully at winter nets for the new Junior Academy starting after Christmas.

Under 14s (Channa Wijeratne)

The U14's had a mixed season. The league fixtures for SJIL proved difficult to fulfil, with many boys being away at boarding schools and general availability with fewer numbers compared to last year. Despite this, the team managed to be available for the MSL Cup match dates throughout the season. We entered the Mid Surrey Cup and had a 1st round bye and then found our-selves in the Quarter Final against Old Rutlishians. We won the toss and elected to bat, putting on a substantial 187-4 off 20 overs. Seb Stuart-Reckling (45) and Harry Jackson (46) led the way with both retiring after a long partnership and support from our skipper, Rohan Gupta (30). Old Ruts found it hard going with some accurate Esher bowling, with Hansa Wijeratne (4-1-9-1), Harry Jackson (2-1-1-1), Rohan Gupta (2-0-12-2), Zain Ikram 2-0-7-0, James Wiles (2-1-4-0) and Thomas Goodchild (2-0-6-0), together with good support from Alex Poussardin and Nathan Home. A great team effort to start off the cup campaign, limiting Old Ruts to 88-7 of 20 overs and winning by 99 runs. Rohan captained very well and managed to ensure that all the team members were actively

involved in the game, with all supporting each other very well.

The home Semi-final was against Spencer. We won the toss and elected to bat, scoring 142-4 off 20 overs. Rohan Gupta led the way retiring on 48 not out. There was good support from Seb Stuart-Reckling, Thomas Goodchild and James Wiles. Spencer responded well in the early stages with their opening pair putting on 30 without loss. However, once their No2 batsman was out, our leg spinners started taking key wickets with James Wiles (4-0-18-4) and Hansa Wijeratne (4-0-21-1). The boys looked like they were enjoying the win with wicket-keeper Joseph O'Neil coming on to bowl for the first time in nearly 5 years and getting a wicket on his 4th ball. It was one of the biggest celebrations I have seen from the boys in years! Spencer finished on 101-9 and ECC won by 41 runs to go into the MSL Cup Final.

The home Final against Malden Wanderers CC was played at Imber Court, which was unfortunate for all, but necessary for availability. Once again, we won the toss and elected to bat. The boys had what was probably their worst ever batting collapse, losing the first 3 wickets for just 4 runs on the board and our top 3 out for a duck. With the engraver about to etch Malden Wanderers on the Cup and with some parents putting their chairs away, Seb Stuart-Reckling stepped up and started to steady the ship with Harry Jackson to put on a valuable partnership. When Seb (17) and Harry subsequently lost their wickets at 22 and 23 on the board, all seemed lost once more. However, James Wiles had other ideas and did not look like giving up, which has been a hallmark of this squad throughout. James scored a determined and brave 35 not out innings seeing off the Malden Wanderers skipper, who had dispatched our earlier top order with some 'lively' bowling. Both Thomas Goodchild (14) and Alex Poussardin (14) played a key role in helping us get to get up to three figures and seeing out the 20 overs, finishing on 104 for 8. The skipper (Rohan) had a prolonged team huddle prior to the start of the Malden Wanderers innings and the boys looked like they were not going to go without a fight. Despite an early wicket, Malden Wanderers had a solid start putting on 55 in a short space of time with their skipper doing most of the damage as he did with the ball. Rohan took

this key wicket before James Wiles had a fantastic spell of bowling (4-0-10-2) together with all the other bowlers and the team providing amazing support in the field. Key run outs by Hansa Wijeratne followed by two run outs by Matthew Nolan managed to slow down the Malden Wanderers innings enough to limit them to 94-7 off 20 overs and to win by 10 runs. It was the most unlikely win for the boys, but very well deserved for them and the proud parents. A great way to finish the season. Thanks to all of the U14's who despite missing out on most of the league matches, made themselves available for the Cup and still played together as a team supporting one another. Thanks to Alex Poussardin, Nathan Home, Hansa Wijeratne, Matthew Nolan, Joseph O'Neil, Zain Ikram, Thomas Goodchild, Seb Stuart-Reckling, Harry Jackson, James Wiles and captain Rohan Gupta.

Thank you to Richard Jackson for scoring and all the parents for their support and time during the season. Thanks also to Duncan, Sohail and the coaching staff who do a fantastic job as always throughout the season. We are all very grateful to them for their support. Lastly, I want to thank Andrew Baiden and Aki Mahal from the U15's who worked hard to provide the U14's additional league matches and friendlies during the season. The boys appreciated the opportunities to play and the

effort. With award nominations, it was difficult to choose due to the team effort by all in the squad.

End of Season Awards:

- Player of the Year: James Wiles (MoM in the final, and good all-round season)
- All Rounder: Matthew Nolan (Improved batting, shared keeping and bowled well)
- Batting: Rohan Gupta (Dependable, popular and successful captain)
- Bowling: Zain Ikram (Improved pace and crucial wickets)
- Clubman: Joseph O'Neil (Shared keeping, great attitude and sportsmanship)
- Zain Ikram (6 catches) and Adam Baiden (5 catches and 1 run out) led the way.



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Under 15s (Andrew Baiden, Aki Mahal)

It is fair to say this year was a 'what might have been' year. The mid-season decision to merge the u15 and u14 teams, both of whom had small numbers, lifted all players (and coaches) to far better results and performances. If only we could have done this sooner as a very credible SJIL 6th place finish and a Mid Surrey Cup final, might have been far better. As it was, we only under-performed in early season when we were u15 only with 12 players to select from, with no room for injuries. Massive thanks to all who turned out to make sides out. We did far better than other clubs with more players. But in the early season, when Ashted, Wimbleton and Guildford brought their County players who scored runs, we didn't quite have the resources to deal with them. If we had had some of the U14 players we had later in the season we will never know what the boys might have achieved.

We had some great performances nonetheless, with a major come-back against Banstead when all seemed lost, wins over Horsley and Send and Lingfield and a riotous end of season demolition of the high-flying Pyrford. We also gave a strong performance in the final of the Mid Surrey Cup. The weather played its part too, with two league games abandoned.

Once again, the same u15 players excelled: our spin twins Jonny Seymour and Niam Patel were our best bowling performers, with 12 wickets each, Jonny a 5-fer and Niam Patel a 4-fer and similar averages. With the bat Ollie Ognall and Adam Baiden both scored 50s twice, with the same high score, Ollie averaging 75 and Adam 57 with a strike rate at 120+. As ever there was support from opening pair Samraj (who scored a thumping 47 in the cup final) & Samaksh, Jack F, Max behind the stumps, Jack batting purposefully, Toby contributing with both bat and ball and Adam S bowling the odd unplayable ball. Jean VDS played up two years alongside his brother Philippe and bowled some superb leg breaks, while the improvement was evident in Max B who only took up the game a few years ago.

The u14s made a real impact, led by Zain and Rohan and James and backed by Seb, Alex, Thomas were a breath of fresh air. Zain immediately became a lead strike bowler after

taking 2-0 off 3 overs bowling fast and accurately; and is an outstanding fielder with 6 catches.

Rohan is a strong batter and spin bowler and captained us on one occasion like a seasoned pro, while James took a very valuable 8 wickets with his leg spin making him the most successful bowler in only a handful of games. Seb with a 3/6 against Pyrford and Thomas had strong performances with the ball and Alex contributed with bat, Hansa with leg breaks and top fielding, plus others all helped us create a strong team ethos. This latter team spirit was the reason the season will be remembered so fondly by all involved. The boys mixed and integrated brilliantly and the addition of some very strong u14s added an extra dimension to the side.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped. Particularly this season Aki, who took over team management and also was lead scorer, Jacquelyn O for her scoring and assistance throughout, Paul D and Sachin P were helping hands as ever, with special thanks as well to the u14 coach Channa and to his parents and of course Sohail for his help with coaching on Friday nights.

We ended up the season with a Parents v Boys game which was a delight to play at New Road with amazing food provided by Bina and Sachin Patel.

Given GCSEs this year, there is no official cricket for the boys, but they will be prepared for Academy and Senior cricket using the lessons learnt since many of them started in u6/7/8 together and since. It has been an absolute pleasure for the coaches and parents to be involved with this group, they are an incredibly positive and supportive bunch.

End of Season awards

- Player of the year: Adam Baiden
- All-rounder: Samraj Mahal
- Batting: Ollie Ognall
- Bowling: Jonny Seymour
- Clubman 1: Niam Patel
- Clubman 2: Max Dunlop

Averages playing for u15 (batting base 30 runs or more; bowling 3 wickets or more)

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Bowling Averages – U15

Player	Overs	Runs	Wkts	Best	Ave
Jonny Seymour	32.4	167	12	5/20	13.9
Niam Patel	33	175	12	4/11	14.5
James Wiles	18.5	69	8	4/30	8.6
Ollie Ognall	14.0	70	5	3/19	14.0
Samksh Agarwal	25	145	5	2/39	29
Toby Geddes	28	115	4	2/35	28.7
Adam Shearer	17	142	4	2/33	35.5
Zain Ikram	18	49	3	2/0	16.3
Seb Stuart-Reckling	9.4	41	3	3/6	13.6
Hansa Wijeratne	8	52	3	2/13	17.33
Adam Baiden	9.0	73	3	3/30	24.33
Rohan Gupta	16	91	3	2/15	30.3
Samraj Mahal	22	181	3	1/14	60.0

Batting Averages – U15

Player	Overs	Runs	Not out	Best	Ave
Ollie Ognall	12	306	8	58*	76.5
Adam Baiden	9	287	4	58*	57.4
Samraj Mahal	10	113	3	47	16.15
Samaksh Agarwal	11	105	2	21*	11.6
Jack Fernandes	10	97	1	23*	10.77
Toby Geddes	6	67	1	39*	13.4
Rohan Gupta	6	54	2	24	13.5
Jonny Seymour	5	40	1	27	10
Zain Ikram	5	38	2	15*	12.7

U17 (Neil Fletcher)

Following on from the decision not to compete in the problematic Development Leagues, there was a reduced fixture list for the U17 Age Group. It was a shame therefore that there were a few unforeseen and imposed fixture clashes, not to mention availability issues, injuries, music festivals and bad weather. However, many of the boys also represented the Esher Eagles in the Under 19 tournament and many also made contributions to adult league cricket.

The Mid Surrey League group proved problematic and we only completed 1 of the fixtures ending joint bottom of a strong group. We also entered the long running Denis Jacobs Cup, and pleasingly topped our group playing some high quality cricket resulting in three wins on top of a concession. Esher lost the semi-final to a very good Oxted side who scored 156-8 with wickets from Harrison, Chandler and Barrett. Esher were limited to 103 all out, with 44 from Denil Manuel the only significant contribution. As Oxted were unable to fulfil the fixture we were asked to play in the final anyway! Against Spencer, a young side bowled and fielded pretty well to limit Spencer to 119-6, with Fabian Poutney outstanding with figures of 2-8 in his four overs. A slightly weakened batting line were always under pressure and we were all out for 82 to lose by 37 runs.

Over the season, the run scoring was dominated by Denil Manuel with 123 runs in 3 matches, and there were half-centuries for Tom Chandler (68*), Tom Lynagh (68*) and Joe Moss (53*). With the ball, Freddie Harrison led the wicket takers with 7, ahead of Angus Barrett and Ollie Phillips with 4.

The challenges of balancing academia, busy social lives and a packed school cricket calendar have led us to conclude that formalising a Senior Academy encompassing U16-19's will be much better for 2020. More on that elsewhere but suffice to say the older boys very much enjoyed the mixed age games played. Huge thanks to Pete Slaney and Glenn Harrison for their help throughout our short playing window, and to Jules and Charlie Winder for welcoming the boys into U19 cricket.

Under 19s

The Under 19 NatWest T20 Blast is the formal national competition that bridges Youth and Adult cricket. Organised by the young men themselves, and very well done to Charlie who managed a two year stint, it is intended as "serious fun" and to keep YCs playing cricket. Our age priority policy of recent years has proved successful to ensure that a number of YCs carry on through from Under 6's right through to U19's. In the last three seasons, an U19 team of Alder-son, Baker, Brown, Clarke, Harrison, Johns, McCallum, Morgan, Nicholson, Wilman and Winders have made significant contributions to the adult teams, whilst the Eagles have seen some welcome returning cameos from players who had starred at U9-U13 levels. The 2020's, surely the decade of good vision, would seem a good time for the adult teams to embrace the U19 tournament with a little bit more support, even if just watching with a quiet beer and the occasional yell of encouragement.

Esher Eagles U19 (Charlie Winder)

Following on from the relative success of the Semi-Finals in the previous campaign and with the optimism that flooded a largely unchanged group it was undoubtedly a disappointing season. A combination of rain affected matches and a lack of availability meant the team never really took off. Our campaign began away at Spencer and a spirited 10-man team managed to restrict them to 154 from their 20 overs. Ollie John (2-22) was the pick of the bowlers. Unfortunately, a lack of discipline led to 32 extras being conceded, with only 1 bowler failing to bowl a wide or a no-ball. We then chose not to bat properly, again except for Ollie John (33), as we were swiftly toppled for 87. Not a great start for the once mighty Eagles. Just three days later another depleted team faced the next challenge, old foes Wimbledon away. With 10 players and one of them arriving late it was unfortunate that we were sent into the field.

Unbeknownst to the captain the rest of the team had decided to be exceedingly generous as apparently being a man short was not kind enough and so the bowlers chose to gift them 27 extras in their total of 172. Only Charlie Winder (4-0-17-0) went at under a run a ball in what can only be described as a dismal fielding display. The only fielding positive was Max Franks who handled the gloves very well despite being regularly tested by the bowlers. Yet again our chase never really began, although Andrew McCallum (50* off 27), ably supported by William Sanders (26) did manage to get us to within a respectable distance. We can only imagine how different the result may have looked if we had a full team, and if their square leg fielder had admitted to stepping on the boundary when taking a catch.

Buoyed by the presence of 11 players the Eagles did soar in their dismantling of Spencer. Whether the home pitch or the need for revenge is what drove them we can only guess but batting first and racing to 181/5 off 20 finally demonstrated why we were such a feared team. Joe Moss (37) and Charlie Green (29) proved their worth, with the latter hitting what was probably the biggest six of the tournament. But it was Andrew McCallum effortless batting that once again proved crucial as he eased his way to another 50*. Defending this total was made easy after Jack Fletcher (4-1-15-3) dismantled their top order. Spencer could then only stumble to 138 all out giving Esher their first win of the campaign. Following on from a great win there was a great mood in the team and the return of some familiar faces from previous years only added to this. As Sunbury made the trek to New Road and wandered across the wet outfield it was decided to shorten the game to 15 overs a side. It seemed not even the heavens could prevent Esher from a historic win as we blistered our way to 128/3 off our 15 overs. It was a shock to no one that Andrew McCallum (38*) yet again was the star of our innings, once again ably support-ed by Charlie Green (26*). Sunbury's chase never truly began after Ollie Baker's opening spell (3-0-13-2), as the mighty Eagles cruised to a 16 run victory.

Despite the promise of the previous two games it just wasn't meant to be for the Eagles in this campaign as the remaining two matches were not played. The return fixture against Wimbledon was cancelled due to weather in what seemed typical of the season as we finally had an 11-man team of people aged 17 and over and we certainly looked good on paper. Then due to a serious lack of availability and a schedule pile up we were unable to field a team for the trip away to Sunbury leaving the once mighty Esher Eagles languishing at the bottom of the group. This seemed quite unfair as even playing one of those cancelled fixtures would have lifted us to second regardless of result and given us a chance of qualification. I wish to thank the Winders three (Julian, Helen and Nick) for all their help both on and off the field throughout the games, as well as all others who helped out (McCallum Snr and Fletch Snr). Finally, at what is the end of an era I would like to thank those who like me are ineligible for this competition next year for playing alongside me, but especially the ever loyal Henry Calvert who was the sole survivor from the U6's after Harry Alderson, hopefully temporarily, retired at the final hurdle.



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Jimmy Fulford 1923 – 2019

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Jimmy Fulford at the seasons end last year on September 22nd aged 96. Jimmy had been a member of the club for over 60 years and could often be seen with his great friend Peter Wilson watching cricket at the club on late Saturday afternoons; where he left no one in any doubt about the standard of play compared to years gone by!!

Esher CC records show that Jimmy's first innings for the club was in 1955 and his last in 1977 during which time he amassed some 8,000 runs for the

club at an average of just over 30 with a highest score of 141 not out. There are no records of Jimmy bowling although Peter tells me that Jimmy rated his own off spin 'that didn't spin' quite highly.

Jimmy was a great servant of Esher Cricket Club and of Surrey County cricket where he captained the County Second XI in the late 1940's and through the 1950's and was their Chairman of Cricket after Alec Bedser from 1987 – 1991.

He will be missed.

Sarasota Tour – November 26th to December 3rd 2019

Esher Cricket Club returned to Florida over the Thanksgiving weekend to defend the Sarasota 6-a-side title won in 2018.

We were delighted to welcome guests Ashley (Ash) Golder, Mark (Pinky) Trafford and Mike (Herb) Ashbery from Avorians and Sheen Park cricket clubs respectively. Eight seasoned and experienced Esher members completed the touring party. This year two teams were entered into the competition the Esher 'Dream' team and the very experienced but not so athletic Esher Legends (average age 56).

The two days allowed for acclimatisation on arrival were put to good use on the beaches, golf courses, bars and briefly the nets of Sarasota Cricket Club.

The competition ran over Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend. It was an enthusiastic if jaded touring party that arrived bright and early on the Friday morning.

The results of all matches and the tour averages are given below. The Dream team squeaked into the final on the Sunday but way of a superior net run rate of 0.2. following a pretty shambolic loss to the Trinis on the Saturday. However, an early to bed and fully rested Swansea University awaited, a fact that led many old-timers and long-standing visitors to jest that they had not adequately prepared for the final. Swansea University proved too good on the day, it was generally agreed that runners up was a fair result.

Esher Dream Team

Opponents

Titans	Won by 24 runs
Trinis	Lost by 1 over
Evergreenies	Won by 2 overs
Swansea Uni (final)	Lost by 63 runs

Statistics	Runs	Wickets
Alex Martin	92	1
Pete Blackhurst	87	2
Archie Stroud	61	1
Murray Alford	32	
Nick Woolhead	27	
Chris Parrish	20	2

The Legends team was made up of Captain Woolly, and included Pinky, (in his 4th ever competitive game), Herb, Ash, the ever-green Chairman and of course lead Chorister Glenn Phillips. The team performed admirably and gave arguably the most entertainment to the watching crowds. Many of the youngsters expressed admiration that Woolly (snr) was able to clear the boundary rope on many occasions; a feat only bettered by Alex Martin.

Several team members were playing their first cricket for many years and the sight of the Chairman once again behind the stumps was a delight. The highlight was undoubtedly Mark Trafford taking the only wicket to be taken by the Legends, accompanied by a celebration that made Imran Tahir dull.

All in all a great tour with many old friends met and new ones made. I am sure we will return in 2020.

A huge thank you to Glenn Philips (tour organiser), Sal Lalani our man in Florida and long-time Esher member and of course to the Sarasota organising team of Sagar (Dusty) Dastidar and Rudi Kleer.

Esher Legends

Opponents

Titans	Lost by 3 overs
Greenies	Lost by 3 overs
Swansea Uni	Lost by 3 overs
Trinis	Lost by 70 runs

Statistics	Runs	Wickets
John Woolhead	94	
Ashley Golder	64	
Mike Ashbery	39	
Geoff Ellis	15	
Glenn Phillips	4	
Mark Trafford	1	1



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Seaford Golf tour

The 56th Esher CC tour to Seaford was another hugely enjoyable weekend. The drive for new recruits looked positive when current 1st XI players Johnny Wright, Nick Winder and Nathan Roberts stepped up. But a crutch inducing late injury to Jon Wright and a recurring neck injury for Brad Hunt meant a slightly smaller than hoped for party descended on Seaford praying that the forecast of Storm Lorenzo would pass us by. It's always the sign of a good tour that former Esher player and former Englishman Paul Rimmer was prepared to travel from Australia to join us. The Saturday morning round saw plenty of good golf, as Pete Segal took the lead from Simon Cloke, Jules Winder, Jonathan Robinson and Phil Parvin; but compared to some years the competition remained wide open with the majority of the field in striking distance. The afternoon foursomes saw a famous victory for Neil Fletcher and Robert Seager and the pair with hair beat the baldies despite a late comeback. The field were all delighted to get round in the dry. A fun filled evening followed and although the overnight leader was given plentiful fortified encouragement to level the playing field, a good night was had by all.

Thankfully the youth had plenty of staying power and the President (and I) were indebted to Nick and Nathan from letting us back into a locked clubhouse as the pouring rain lashed down. Thankfully, the rain stopped at 8am as we breakfasted like kings and the chase was on for the Max Seager trophy. Some tired golf from Pete Segal and some average golf from Winder senior allowed last year's winner Phil Parvin to creep up on the rails with a mid-round burst that saw him win by 2 shots from Rimmer and Winder J, with Robinson and Winder N a little further back. A very rare back to back win and a fine weekend, only marred by the organiser cashing in on a bet to dress up as Jockey Wilson, or was it a very cheap Maharajah. The chat of yesteryear was combined with dreams of the future and hopefully a larger contingent from the current cricketers will continue to support this pillar of the club calendar with a number of single figure handicap golfers amongst the youth.



Surrey Championship 2020 Fixtures

1st XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
09/05/2019	Reigate Priory CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
10/05/2020	Bexley CC (cup)	Away	40 overs	1.00pm
16/05/2019	Weybridge CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
23/05/2019	Wimbledon CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
30/05/2019	Ashtead	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
31/05/2020	Cup 2nd round	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
06/06/2019	Banstead CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
13/06/2019	Cranleigh CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
20/06/2019	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
31/05/2020	Cup 3rd round	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
27/06/2019	Sunbury CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
04/07/2019	Normandy CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
11/07/2019	Reigate Priory CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
18/07/2019	Weybridge CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
25/07/2019	Wimbledon CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
01/08/2019	Ashtead CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
08/08/2019	Banstead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
15/08/2019	Cranleigh CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
22/08/2019	East Molesey CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
29/08/2019	Sunbury CC	Home	50 Overs	11.30pm
05/09/2019	Normandy CC	Away	50 Overs	11.30pm

2nd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
09/05/2019	Sunbury CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
16/05/2019	Weybridge CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
23/05/2019	Wimbledon CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
30/05/2019	Ashtead CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
06/06/2019	Guildford CC	Home	Timed	12.00pm
13/06/2019	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	12.00pm
20/06/2019	Spencer CC	Home	Timed	12.00pm
27/06/2019	Dulwich CC	Home	Timed	12.00pm
04/07/2019	Reigate Priory CC	Away	Timed	12.00pm
11/07/2019	Sunbury CC	Away	Timed	12.00pm
18/07/2019	Weybridge CC	Home	Timed	12.00pm
25/07/2019	Wimbledon CC	Away	Timed	12.00pm
01/08/2019	Ashtead CC	Home	Timed	12.00pm
08/08/2019	Guildford CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
15/08/2019	Ashtead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
22/08/2019	Spencer CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
29/08/2019	Dulwich CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
05/09/2019	Reigate Priory CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm

Surrey Championship 2020 Fixtures

3rd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
09/05/2019	Thames Ditton CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
16/05/2019	Camberley CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
23/05/2019	Ashford CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
30/05/2019	Woking & Horsell CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
06/06/2019	Egham CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
13/06/2019	Normandy CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
20/06/2019	Chertsey CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
27/06/2019	Kingstonians CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
04/07/2019	Old Hamptonians CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
11/07/2019	Thames Ditton CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
18/07/2019	Camberley CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
25/07/2019	Ashford CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
01/08/2019	Woking and Horsell CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
08/08/2019	Ashford CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
15/08/2019	Ashford CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
22/08/2019	Chertsey CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
29/08/2019	Kingstonians CC	Home	45 Overs	12.00pm
05/09/2019	Old Hamptonians CC	Away	45 Overs	12.00pm

All 3rd XI home fixtures will be played on the main pitch at Imber Court except on 16 May and 4 July which will be played on the 2nd pitch at Imber Court.

4th XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
09/05/2019	Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
16/05/2019	Old Rutlishians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
23/05/2019	Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
30/05/2019	Addiscombe CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
06/06/2019	Streatham & Marlborough CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
13/06/2019	Old Wimbledonians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
20/06/2019	Beddington CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
27/06/2019	Merstham CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
04/07/2019	Merton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
11/07/2019	Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
18/07/2019	Old Rutlishians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
25/07/2019	Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
01/08/2019	Addiscombe CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
08/08/2019	Streatham & Marlborough CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
15/08/2019	Old Wimbledonians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
22/08/2019	Beddington CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
29/08/2019	Merstham CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00pm
05/09/2019	Merton CC	Home	40 Overs	12.00pm

All 4th XI home fixtures will be played on the 2nd pitch at Imber Court except 23 May and 13 June which will be played at West End Recreation Ground.

2020 Fixtures

Non-league fixtures

Dates	Team	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
04/04/2020		Nat West Weekend			8.00am to 3.00pm
05/04/2020		Nat West Weekend			8.00am to 3.00pm
11/04/2020	Esher CC XI	Esher CC Dev XI	Home	30 Overs	1.00pm
18/04/2020	1st XI	Walton on Thames CC	Home	40 Overs	11.30pm
18/04/2020	2nd XI	Walton on Thames CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00pm
19/04/2020	3rd XI	Magellian	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
25/04/2020	1st XI	Wimbledon CC	Away	45 Overs	12.00pm
25/04/2020	2nd XI	Wimbledon CC	Home	45 Overs	12.00pm
26/04/2020	3rd XI	T.B.A	Away	40 overs	1.00pm
02/05/2020	1st XI	Banstead	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
02/05/2020	2nd XI	Banstead	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
23/07/2020		Sponsors Day	Home	Tournament	10.00am
21/08/2020	Mix	Nomads	Home	Timed	11.30am

Surrey Trust League 2020

Date	Team	Opposition	Venue:	Fixture Type	Start Time
25/05/2020	Academy	Old Ruts	Old Paulines	40 Overs	2.00pm
14/06/2020	Academy	Old Ruts	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
21/06/2020	Academy	Trinity MW	New Road	40 Overs	3.00pm
12/07/2020	Academy	Wimbledon	New Road	40 Overs	3.00pm
19/07/2020	Academy	Oxtead & Limpsfield	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
26/07/2020	Academy	Oxtead & Limpsfield	New Road	40 Overs	3.00pm
02/08/2020	Academy	Wimbledon	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
09/08/2020	Academy	Trinity MW	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm

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A look back at 1996. Esher 1st XI win the premiership

In the first of what will become a regular feature we look back at past Esher successes. The article below is a reprint of the 1st XI report from 1996. The team was led by current Esher CC President Jonny Robinson.

Played 21 : Won 11 : Lost 1 : Drawn 8 : Abandoned 1

1996 proved to be Esher's year, with the 1st XI winning the Eve Surrey Championship for the third time since the competition began. Despite the closeness in terms of league points, the gulf in ability was really far wider between Esher and the chasing teams. We were the pace setters from the start of the season in May and thoroughly deserved our final success.

Early season wins against Cheam and Dulwich got us off to a good start, but we faltered against Sutton and Limpsfield, only managing draws when we should have won. Improved performances brought victories over Metropolitan Police, Guildford, Spencer and Honor Oak, losing only one game against Mitcham. The latter part of the season saw some mighty performances with good wins against Maori, Ashford, Malden Wanderers, Shepperton and finally Banstead.

Individually Esher's Bajan Hendy Bryan, weighed in with 51 wickets at 17.5, 413 runs at 25.8 and took 13 catches. Once he got used to English conditions and weather, he bowled some quick and hostile spells, with his best 7 - 47 against Wimbledon. Alastair Hooper's slow left arm spin accounted for another 39 wickets at 14.9, whilst the arrival of Ashley Fine proved to be very important. In his first year for Esher, his off spin got 33 wickets at 12.8 and he only played for half the season! With Jonathan Robinson and Alex Johns (with Hendy Bryan played in all 21 matches) chipping in with 17 and 11 wickets respectively, the attack this year had a good balance for all conditions.

Leading from the front, the bulk of the runs again came from Jonathan Robinson, whose 744 aggregate, average 46.5, included centuries against Guildford and Shepperton and Andrew Bernard with 586 runs, average 34.5. In June, Andrew passed 10,000 runs scored in the Eve

Surrey Championship. Speaking volumes for his loyalty to Esher, he is the third batsman to get to this target, but the first person to achieve this highlight with all the runs scored for the same club. A terrific achievement in a brilliant career.

This year the team got great batting support from Simon Gawthorpe (329 at 28) including a magnificent 134 versus Sunbury, Surrey's Jason Ratcliffe (328 at 41) with 116 versus the Bank of England and Bill Cartledge who played some very important innings in the middle order. Other sizeable contributions and centurions were Hampshire's Bill Kendall (164 in 3 innings) 106* against Sunbury and Alex Johns, a fine all rounder, (305 at 24) 100* versus Reigate Priory.

Peter Clare-Hunt, sensing the hot breath of younger competitors, missed only one match and continued to impress in his inimitable combative style behind the stumps. This stimulated some brilliant catching and outcricket at times, particularly in the second half of the season.

In some quarters, the Esher 1996 success has been attributed to the presence of Hendy Bryan. This smacks of churlishness, envy and naivety. Our 1996 success was due to having a good all round balanced side blessed with a fantastic team spirit. This team was fun to be part of, whether playing or spectating.

Looking forward to 1997, it is time Esher had an extended run in one of the knock out competitions. We play Uxbridge at home on Sunday April 27th in the 1st round of the National K.O. Competition. Reflecting the improved health and success of Esher cricket, it is good to report that we have been invited back to compete in the prestigious Evening Standard competition. We have drawn Reigate Priory (away) on Sunday June 8th in the 1st round.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Esher Cricket Club (The Club) will be held on Monday 23 March 2020 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 2019 AGM (Note 1)
- 3 To approve the Accounts for the year to 30 September 2019 (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 2020 subscription rates as follows:

Full playing member (male)	£170
Full playing member (female)	£50
Full time student	£30
Occasional playing member	£50 (up to 4 games. Payable prior to 30 April 2020)
Social member	£25
Young Cricketer U16 to U18	£80
Young Cricketer U8 to U15	£200
Young Cricketer U6 to U7	£155
Young Cricketer U5	£105
Girls U5 to U7	£105
Girls U8 to U9	£135
Girls U10 to U11	£135
Girls U12 to U18	£140

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.

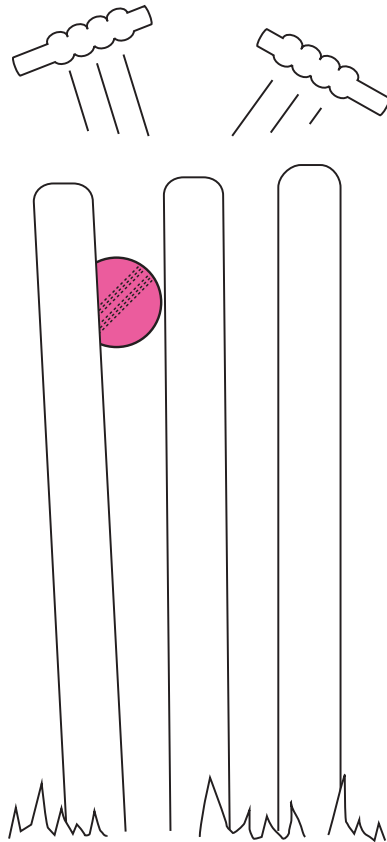
- 8 Any other business

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 2019 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 12 to 18 of this report.
- 3 The Officers of the Club and the membership of the Committees can be found on page 54 of this report.

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