

2020

Esher Cricket Club
(Founded 1863)

**Annual Report & Accounts
2020**

**Notice of AGM
and 2021 fixtures**

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A Covid Year

It can only be described as the strangest cricket season any of us have known or (hopefully) are likely to experience. On page 4 we detail our achievements for the year. Usually, we would look to runs scored, wickets taken and competitions won. However, in 2020 we were just grateful to be able to play some cricket, socialise (at a distance) with our fellow club members and look forward to better seasons ahead.

It was down to a small team of volunteers (who are fully acknowledged on page 4) that we were able to deliver a full season of youth cricket in only a 10-week period. The amount of work to ensure ECB guidance was fully complied with cannot be overestimated and a huge thank you goes to all those involved.

In addition, I would like to thank our sponsors and supporters for the forthcoming season Curchods, Milbourne Lodge Senior School, AJ Fordham Sports, Avena Restaurant, Lease UK, Danes Hill School, Kingston Grammar School, Alexander Marquees, Mundos, Rowan School, Parkside School, Centre Stage Dance and Drama and the Sporting Wine Club. Your support is very much appreciated.

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

HOLD THE DATE

Saturday 11th September 2021



ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL

To be held at Imber Court. More details to follow

President's Report



Well, what an extraordinary year! As I write, Elmbridge is in National Lockdown and, as I reflect on a few months that one could not possibly have predicted at the same time last year, it is with a mixture of emotions. Reading the papers and listening to the news brings depression and sadness for the most part but, try as I might to avoid it, I feel compelled to listen in every day in the hope that some light will be seen at the end of what seems a very long and dark tunnel. But there have been so many good things that have happened too – mostly through acts of human kindness and bravery – that should never be forgotten. All of us will have had different experiences and reflections, of course.

The first few months, starting in March, were made that much harder by 'hard lockdown' and a complete lack of live sport to watch or participate in. I, for one, became worryingly familiar with every moment of the 2005 Ashes Series (and 2009 for that matter), enjoyed watching documentaries – particularly *The Edge* and *The Test* and even the Michael Jordan one – and my dog was knackered from all the exercise he's had (voluntarily or not!). Not being able to buy groceries without queuing or 'masking up', go to a restaurant, pub or theatre or see loved ones was (and still is) a shock to our collective systems, for sure, but acted as a stark reminder of the things we take for granted in life and how much we miss them when they aren't available.

At one stage, it felt like the cricket season would be written off at all levels of the game. Then, gradually, it started to shift. We have much to thank the West Indies and Pakistan touring teams for in that regard and the impossible started to become possible via 'bio-secure bubbles', much hard work and commitment. As a bonus, we saw some great international cricket too. The County game followed and, albeit under very different circumstances, the amateur game came to life when it seemed all hope had vanished. I would like to commend the ECB for its work in making all of this possible in our game – not an easy task in totally unfamiliar circumstances. I would also like to thank everyone involved at Esher CC for playing their part in getting the show on the road. It brought a little bit of 'normal' to a very 'un-normal' period.

We will all, I am sure, be glad to see the back of 2020 and, whilst there are still many bumps in the road ahead to negotiate (not to mention a couple of rather important vaccinations), we will surely be back to what we once knew as normal by the summer, in time to enjoy our cricket club again. Your support, as members, is needed and appreciated now more than ever before – please, please keep coming, keep enjoying and keep laughing. We will meet again... as someone else once said ...and she's right!

Jonny Robinson



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2020 Achievements

The Covid year

In any normal year we would state with pride runs scored, wickets taken, competitions won and county and district representation for our young cricketers. Some of this is repeated at the end of this report but the primary achievement in 2020 was the coming together of a small group of volunteers who worked tirelessly to provide cricket and training for our young cricketers.

The statistics detailed below are frankly outstanding and the club owes a huge debt of gratitude to (in alphabetical order)

- Alisa French
- Carolyn Lenton
- Duncan Pauline
- David Reed
- Sarah Reed
- The 31 coaches who worked during the season.
- All age group managers and secretaries

The Covid pandemic effectively closed the club from mid-April to mid-June. On 21 May we were allowed to open the nets on a restricted basis, on 8 June small group coaching commenced and on 26 July junior matches commenced.

In the period 8 June to early September the Club delivered a full season of young cricketer activity in a period of just 10 weeks. The statistics below indicate the intensity of the programme that was delivered.

- 31 paid coaches were employed by the club delivering 2,226 hours of coaching over a 12 week period. Four of the YCs at the club assisted under the DOE project.

Leading League run scorers

Charlie Winder	250 @ 35.71
Ed Crook	168 @ 33.60
Jack Slaney	148 @ 29.60
Nathan Roberts	152 @ 25.33

The leading league wicket takers

Malcolm Lake	11 @ 15.72
William Malet De Carteret	7 @ 7.00
Tom Brown	7 @ 14.29
Johnny Wright	7 @ 27.14

Five of those detailed above have come through the youth structure at Esher.

- In the summer holidays 39 days (348 hours) of holiday camp coaching were delivered.
- 233 matches were played in the U6 to U15 age groups between 26 July and Mid-September at the rate of 30 per week.
- Three all day tournaments arranged at New Road.
- The girls section increased from 102 to 123 during the season, had 5 weeks of Zoom training during lockdown and played 26 friendly matches.
- The boys section had 363 members in the U5 to U19 age groups.
- The senior Academy played 16 matches winning the Surrey T20 for the first time and reaching the play-offs in the league.
- Net booking system up and running within six days of being notified of the required and not straightforward Covid protocols.
- Following the cancellation of YC league cricket the Esher team established their own league inviting other local clubs in the U8 to U13 age groups.

The net effect of the above is that we delivered a full season of cricket to our young cricketers in a period of 11 weeks which we would normally undertake over 22 weeks, all in full compliance with the Covid related restrictions imposed by the Government and the ECB.

Adult League positions

1st XI – 8th	2nd XI – 4th	3rd XI – 7th	4th XI – 5th
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Champagne moments

1st XI Freddie Harrison	Game changing catch and run out in space of 3 balls v. Banstead
2nd XI Tom Brown	Hat trick v. Reigate Priory
3rd XI Matt Sabben-Clare	Match winning century v. Weybridge
4th XI Salaar Shabbir	Match winning 4-13 v. Wimbledon

Three of those detailed above have come through the youth structure at Esher.

2020 Achievements

<p>Surrey Performance</p> <p>Under 10 – Max Chambers, Kunsh Channa, James Siveyer, Oliver Drake, Charlie Hulme, Barney Rawlinson, Max Giles, William Heslop, Sam Temperley</p> <p>Under 11 – Benedict French, Benedict Stuart- Reckling, Dhruv Ganesan, Dilan Guganeswaran, Jack Nash, Joe Pullinger, Josh Kavia, Rohan De Silva, William Hamilton</p>	<p>Surrey Performance</p> <p>Under 12 – Alex Frewer, Noah Luxman, Alfie Webb, Felix Porter, Felix Le Vesconte, Max Rawlinson, Hugo Parkins-Godwin, Jaanzabe Jamali, Tom Price, Charlie Pitts, Richie Page</p> <p>Under 13 – Daniel Old, Alex Chambers, Tom Pitts, Gryffyn Stuckey, Alex French, Ben Giles, Freddie Price, Amaan Naseem, Jamie Lane</p> <p>Under 14 – Salaar Shabbir, Ben Clarke, James Page, Sam Slaney (Middlesex)</p> <p>Under 15 – Salaar Shabbir, Ben Clarke, James Page</p>
<p>Surrey Girls</p> <p>U13 – Emilia Pitts</p> <p>U12 – Phoebe Johnson & Saskia Simmons</p> <p>U11 – Fran Wiles, Flo Wiles, Liv Tufts</p> <p>U10 – Hannah Price</p>	<p>Elite Performance Group</p> <p>Salaar Shabbir</p> <p>Dan Old</p>

The Sam Ryder award



Matt Sabben-Clare with the Sam Ryder cup

Previous Winners

2016 Sam Ryder
 2017 John Woolhead
 2018 Henry Witten
 2019 Duncan Pauline

This award is named in honour of Sam, who scored at Esher from 1944 for over 60 years. It is the premier award for contribution to Esher CC.

In 2020 the award goes to Matt Sabben-Clare.

Matt joined the Club in 2015 and has been a regular member of the 2nd and 3rd XI as a steady influence on a sometimes volatile batting order and steady and effective presence behind the stumps.

Matt took over as secretary of the Club in 2016 and he has been instrumental in guiding the required process regarding the complex change in trustee arrangements which are now almost complete.

His presence will be missed both on and off the field and we both wish him well in his move to Hampshire and look forward to welcoming him back to the various social events during the season.

I am delighted to confirm that Matt has been made an honorary life member.

Geoff Ellis

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Esher CC Chairman's Report Year to 30th September 2020



First I would like to offer my sincere condolences to any of our members who have lost loved ones during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and to acknowledge the incredible work which continues to be carried out by NHS staff, key workers and carers.

In such difficult times, if anybody had said to me in April or May that we would run a full programme of coaching sessions for our young cricketers, many in small groups of five with one coach, play over 260 matches, run summer courses, have a record number of boys and girls, start a ladies section, play a full part in the senior youth Development league and U19 T20 competitions, play 35 adult matches, put out a fifth XI and organise structured cricket for U9 to U13s in our part of Surrey, you could reasonably have wondered just how many Red Bulls they had been drinking.

In every way, 2020 was a remarkable season, and as a cricketing community we owe a huge debt to those volunteers who enabled such joy, joy beyond our most optimistic hopes, to happen.

I make no apology for making special mention of some of these people, but I do apologise if I missed anybody out. In truth everyone helped Esher make the best of the situation, from players, to Age Group Managers, to parents, to volunteers, supporters and those involved in club management. So here goes:

Special thanks

- Duncan and Lek for all their hard work, much of it unnoticed. Duncan led an especially buoyant programme of winter nets and summer courses.
- Alisa French for working incredible hours to dream up, organise and manage cricket for U9s to U13s from 9 clubs, ensuring appropriate match ups and above all fair and equal participation for everyone!
- Andy Nendick for finding grounds for 260 Esher matches. That is a major effort. Andy is retiring from this important role. Please raise a hand if you can help.
- David Reed for tirelessly and sensitively making sure we followed Health & Welfare guidelines so that everyone was able to be in a safe environment.
- Carolyn Lenton for running girls' cricket. We now have at least 123 girls from U5 to U15!
- Glenn Harrison for running 20 matches for the Development and U19 XIs. Esher won the U19 T20 for the first time, a super achievement with exciting wins over old friends and rivals Sunbury, East Molesey and Spencer on the way.
- AGMs and their army of supporters, umpires and scorers.
- Our young coaches. This community of 17 to 23-year-olds did a terrific job, inspired the young cricketers, became close friends and enjoyed playing cricket together.
- Club management. We say special thanks to Jonathan Manuel and Matt Sabben-Clare who have been excellent Treasurer and Secretary respectively and are both stepping down at the AGM.
- John Woollhead for Captaining the third XI and chairing team selection. John is stepping down and Charlie Winder is taking over as 3rd XI Captain and Glenn Harrison as Chairman of Selectors.
- Captains Will Edwards, who spearheaded a successful fundraising day, Alex Mason and Chris Burton.

Finance

Given the circumstances it would be fair to ask how well or badly the club managed financially. It is hard enough keeping our heads above water at the best of times and this year we were set, what I hope is a one off, unique series of challenges.

Fortunately, our efforts to raise funds in previous years meant that we started with some cash in the bank, thereafter it was a case of swings and roundabouts.

- On one hand, an Elmbridge grant was helpful, government initiatives permitted sensible cost management, membership numbers were good, and the nursery continued to contribute.
- On the flipside, club hire, social and fundraising events were not possible and bar usage suffered, I sincerely hope we will be able to bring these excellent events back into the calendar next year. The annual ball is set for Saturday 11th September at Imber Court. It was a difficult time for our sponsors, many of whom had to tighten their belts. Special thanks to Rowan Preparatory School, Sporting Wine Club, and of course Andrew Dewar and his team at Curchods and to all those who have advertised in this report.
- I would also like to thank all those who have volunteered, donated, organised and supported the club in whatever way.

Facilities

Despite the unusual year, our desire to improve facilities is strong. The New Road ground needs to be protected and improved in order that we can optimise use. In the close season we plan to install a sprinkler system so that the squares can be in the best shape possible. In addition and with effect from April 2021 we have secured Imber Court on a long term basis, see page 8 for details.

Chairman's highlights

It gives me great joy to watch cricketers of all ages having fun. There was plenty of that this summer. My first highlight comes from a first XI match when, in the space of three balls, promising seventeen year old Freddie Harrison took an astounding catch on the boundary and followed it up with a hard flat throw for a direct hit and a run out from exactly the same spot. Jaw dropping!

My second highlight was from an "it's not over until it's over" tenth wicket stand of 40 in a low scoring second XI match against East Molesey. Oli Baker and Dan Taylor bringing us home when all seemed lost. Never give up!

Finally, I would like to wish Captains Edwards, Mason, Winder and Burton and all our cricketers good luck for the 2021 season.

Home Grounds Update

New Road

We are all familiar with ground at New Road, I would argue (I would, wouldn't I) one of the best grounds on the circuit.

You may not be aware that in 1935 the Martineau family sold the freehold of the ground to the Club for the princely sum of £2,750, a significant discount on the going rate at the time. The freehold was placed in the custody of Barclays Bank's trust company to hold title to the ground on behalf of the Club and to ensure compliance with the various terms of the deeds. More recently, Zedra inherited the role of custodian trustee from Barclays as part of a much larger acquisition of trust businesses from Barclays.

In 2017 the Club were notified by Zedra that they were withdrawing from this segment of the custodian trustee market and were no longer able to provide trustee services to the Club. This was a strategic decision by Zedra and applied to many similar sports Clubs, not just Esher.

Since 2017 the management committee at Esher have been exploring the structure by which title to the ground should be held, with the objective of ensuring that all interests are protected and as far as possible the status quo is maintained. Suitable advice has been sought from PwC (tax) and Munday's (legal) throughout.

Early in 2020 the management committee concluded on its recommended approach, whereby two companies limited by guarantee would be formed to replace Zedra's role, with the purpose of acting as trustees holding title to the freehold asset. Despite the restrictions imposed by the pandemic the process was progressed during 2020 with an EGM held in December 2020 to approve the structure. The companies were incorporated in February 2021 and we expect the required court approval process to complete later in 2021 at which time the revised governance structure will be fully implemented. The Club will remain the beneficial owner after completion of this process, as it always has been previously.

The Board of the two companies is drawn from current or former members of the management committee, namely Geoff Ellis, John Woolhead, Vince Chandler and Nicholas Page, and the

members all have long-standing association with the club, namely John Bentley, Andrew Bernard, Kevin Chester, David Crook, Neil Fletcher, Sal Lalani, Alastair Lawson, Jim Steven and Jules Winder. I know that all these individuals have the best interest of the Club at heart and we can rest assured that both the structure and personnel within that structure will look after the asset and ensure cricket will be played at New Road for many years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank Matt Sabben-Clare for leading the project and David Crook for his legal input. This wouldn't have happened without the tireless work and effort put in by both Matt and David. Thank you.

Imber Court

Many of you will be familiar with Imber Court having played YC matches or 3rd XI cricket there. We have had use of the facility since 2007.

Following discussions late in 2020 we have secured a long-term arrangement whereby we have exclusive use of the whole cricket facility incorporating two squares, the nets and the pavilion. This will provide us with much needed extra capacity for both YC training and matches and enable us to run up to six XIs on a Saturday afternoon. We are currently busy upgrading the square and making sure the ground has the required equipment to meet our needs. This is a fantastic addition to our offering, and I am sure will be used to its full capacity.

Not only do we have full use of the cricket facility but the bar and café in the main clubhouse will be available to spectators and players.

It is planned to hold (Covid restrictions allowing) the end of season Ball in the Imber Court function room on 11 September 2021.



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Social Events

2021 Events calendar

Thursday 25 March 2021 7.30pm	AGM	New Road
TBA in May 7.30pm	Comedy Night	New Road
Sunday 13 June 2021 12 noon	MCC Lunch 12 noon	New Road
Saturday 4 September 2021 8pm	Awards night	New Road
Saturday 11 September 2021 7pm	Ball	Imber Court
Friday 22nd April 2022 12 noon	City Lunch	London

Full details of each event will be circulated in due course

City Lunch and Ball from 2019



Guests at the City Lunch



End of season ball setting up

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When the first lockdown came in March, we spent a significant amount of time re-working our forecasts on the basis that the 2020 season would be cancelled and with the objective to make it through to what would we hoped would be a normal season in 2021. The fact that we have ended the 2020 season with more cash in the bank than when we started and with a lower than anticipated loss on the income and expenditure account is a strong result and testament to the hard work of the club staff and volunteers to get cricket running in a Covid compliant manner, supported by an army of young coaches and of course the support of the club's cricketers and parents. Special mention also to Martin Burnett who steered us through the furlough maze with income of £21.9k supporting up to nine members of staff March to July, alongside a much increased and more complex payroll. Otherwise, to continue with the focus themes of the last five years:

1. **Cash flow.** During F20 we generated £7k of operating cash, a great result that 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.** Unfortunately we have moved back into the red after a rare surplus last year, but given the circumstances, particularly with:

- The cancellation of our key fundraising events: City Lunch, the Ball and Vince's lunch
- Reduced bar usage
- Minimal rental income
- The loss of 90% of sponsorship income

This is a creditable result and certainly significantly better than our expected outcome at the end of March. Key positive contributions that helped limit our fall income to 7% include a £10k government grant as part of Covid support to small businesses, furlough income, another year on year increase in junior cricketer numbers and a significant uplift in net course income, with very strong attendance at our summer courses as people stayed local over the summer.

On the cost side of the equation, we have a 21% reduction in staff and player costs due to the early season lockdown and due to the absence of adult player fees. However, our cost reduction is limited to 4% overall as we have invested in extra coaching capacity to support junior cricket and ensure Covid compliance, and we have increased administrative costs with increased bank charges due to increased use of Paypal and due to continuing legal and tax fees related to the potential change in the ownership structure of the club's grounds.

One further point to note is that, following a full review of depreciation, we have identified that due to take on balances in the years ended 30th September 2009 and 2010 and some accounting entries thereafter, depreciation has been overstated and assets understated. The net change is described in note 3 to the accounts and does not impact cash.

3. **Infrastructure and Capital Investment.**

We have continued to invest in club facilities with two new batting cages and an initial deposit on a new irrigation system that was paused due to lockdown but thanks to our cash position has been completed following the end of season.

4. **Process Improvement.** We have continued to extend the use of on-line payment and this year, on the back of Covid requirements, moved to a cashless bar that has also streamlined our back office activity; we propose to continue with a cashless bar in the future. We will continue to look at how we can improve time consuming back office activities while at the same time helping our members.

Finally, this is my last year as Treasurer and I am pleased that, despite the significant challenges we faced in year ended 30th September 2020, Esher Cricket Club remains relatively robust financially and I'm sure that, once we return to some form of normality, the Club will continue to flourish. Meanwhile thanks to Nouman Hashmi who has agreed to take over as Treasurer and I wish him well!



New Road from the air

Annual Accounts 2020

Income and expenditure account

For the year ended 30th September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Income		
Subscriptions	78,970	72,651
Sponsorship (Note 1)	2,417	7,678
Fundraising and Functions (Note 1)	2,422	35,202
Bar	7,436	15,616
Courses	45,560	32,230
Rent	1,688	8,868
Playgroup Income	30,313	28,727
Furlough Income (Note 1)	21,915	–
Government Grant (Note 1)	10,000	–
Other	3,614	7,332
Total Income	204,335	208,304
Expenditure		
Ground and Pavilion	62,304	64,649
Staff and player costs	55,569	70,412
Coaching and equipment costs	40,678	22,094
Administration	32,848	13,272
Depreciation (Note 2)	21,954	31,058
Total Expenditure	213,353	201,485
(Deficit)/Excess before tax	(9,018)	6,819
Taxation	(3,848)	(2,562)
(Deficit)/Excess after tax	(12,866)	4,257



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Balance sheet

At 30th September 2020

	Cost £	Depreciation £	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Ground (Note 3)	2,750	–	2,750	2,750
Pavillion	435,754	130,798	304,956	313,671
Car Park and Pavilion Surrounds	67,539	49,977	17,562	20,939
Nets, Outside Machinery and Scoreboard	119,312	80,150	39,162	40,393
Pavilion Equipment	50,893	41,496	9,397	9,918
Patio, Fence & Sheds	24,978	21,362	3,616	4,381
Kitchen and Bar Furniture	22,576	21,189	1,387	2,643
			378,830	394,695
Current assets				
Stocks			1,265	2,350
Trade Debtors			7,391	4,782
Prepayments			1,695	9,643
Premium Bonds			10	10
Cash at Bank			78,764	74,285
			89,125	91,070
Current liabilities				
Creditors and Provisions			25,469	31,697
Unsecured Loans repayable within one year			20,000	20,000
Taxation			3,848	2,562
			49,317	54,259
Net current assets (Liabilities)			39,808	36,811
Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land) (Note 2)			418,638	431,506
Represented by:				
General Fund			418,638	431,506

Approved by the Management Committee on 1 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Geoff Ellis ACA

Jonathan Manuel FCA

Funds flow and notes to the accounts

Year ended 30th September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash generated from operating activities:		
General	(12,866)	12,158
Depreciation	21,954	23,157
Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	9,088	35,315
Movement in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in Stock	1,085	365
(Increase)/decrease in Debtors	5,338	(434)
Increase/(decrease) in Creditors	(2,381)	13,797
Total changes in working capital	4,042	13,728
Capital expenditure:	(6,089)	(12,539)
Operating cashflow	7,041	36,504
Financing		
Tax paid	(2,562)	(2,478)
Loan repayment		
Total financing	(2,562)	(2,478)
Increase (decrease) in Cash	4,479	34,026

1. Income

- Income lines for Fundraising and Functions, Bar and Courses are shown net of costs. All other income lines are shown gross. In 2019 sponsorship was shown net but is shown gross in 2020 so the 2019 comparative for sponsorship has been restated accordingly.
- Esher CC claimed furlough income for core support and coaching staff. The equivalent cost paid by the club is included in Staff and player costs and in Coaching and Equipment costs
- The government grant represents a one of payment from Elmbridge Borough Council for Covid support.

2. 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

3. Net asset value

The Club is sole beneficiary of a trust which holds legal title to the grounds at 47 New Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9NU. The Club has exclusive right of use of the grounds, and the Management Committee are of the opinion that recognition of these rights in the Club's balance sheet is reasonable; this is described as Freehold Ground and is stated at its historical cost from 1935 when the trust was settled. The Club applies the historical cost principle in its accounting and reporting, and accordingly does not revalue its assets and liabilities.

2019 Fixed Assets have been restated for historic over-depreciation, increasing the net book value of fixed assets £25,555 and reducing depreciation for 2019 by £7,901.

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 2020 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

At the turn of the year, the 1st X1 were hoping to build on their solid return to the Premier League in 2019. With a couple of exciting new additions and some good winter preparations, we had the hope of climbing the table in 2020 and cementing our place as a Premier League club again.

Alas, like so many things across the world, the global pandemic put an end to all of our preparations and only caused uncertainty. We finally got the green light to play in the middle of July, with our first league game on the 25th July. The revised format would be for an eight-team league, with each team playing each other once and no league winners or relegation.

Our first game against Sunbury was a rain-affected T20 defeat. This was followed by a heavier loss against Reigate. However, the teams were much closer than the scoreline suggested with the only



difference being a terrific innings of 120 from Reigate's number three. A solid all-round performance against Weybridge gave us some confidence for the remaining games. The first of which against Ashstead was abandoned without a ball being bowled. This preceded an excellent team performance and win against Banstead. However, our final two games both resulted in losses to eventual table toppers Wimbledon and last season's champions East Molesey. Although we challenged in both games, they ended up being relatively one-sided affairs.

Overall, it was a tough mini season for us. Of course, the minimal preseason preparation and lack of availability did not help us, but we must be honest with ourselves and admit that at times we did not play or prepare as well as we should have done. It became clear throughout the season that the issues that we had as a team in 2019 were still present and arguably were even more prevalent this year.

However, there were some positives to come out of this year. The first being that we know as a group the areas we need to improve on going into 2021 and we will do what we can to amend these over the winter. Secondly, there were some good performances from many individuals. Praise should go to Freddie Harrison; he took to Premier League cricket with ease and made some strong contributions with his leg spin and lower order batting. Andy McCallum also, made some solid runs at the top of the order and Nathan Roberts performed consistently with the bat. Khurram managed to return after a year out with a knee injury for the final few games, we look forward to having him back to full strength next year.

Our challenge for next year will be to put strong performances together more consistently. If we can do that, I have no doubt that will be able to push the teams in the top half of the table.

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.

Finally, it would be remiss of me to finish this season's report without a few messages of thanks:

First, to the clubs committee. It would take too long to mention everything that you did but the effort that was put in by the small group to ensure not just the first team but the whole club were able to play matches, to train and do so in a safe environment was huge. We are all incredibly grateful for the time and effort that was put in to keep our club running throughout 2020 and I hope that your contribution is recognised by everyone.

Secondly, to everyone who donated to the various charity events that were run throughout the summer. In a time where financial constraints are likely to affect everyone, your contributions were hugely appreciated.

Finally, to the players. Thank you for turning up week in, week out, under difficult circumstances and for continuing the positive atmosphere we have in our team and the club.

1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 1 batting averages 2020 Qualification 2 matches

Name	Games	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Ben Collins	5	5	4	29	15*	29.00
Nathan Roberts	6	6	0	152	54	25.33
Andrew McCallum	6	6	0	143	66	23.84
Freddie Harrison	6	6	2	94	34*	23.50
Nicholas Winder	5	5	2	52	20*	17.33
Malcolm Lake	5	5	0	82	27	16.40
Matthew Clarke	6	6	0	80	45	13.33
William Edwards	5	5	0	65	53	13.00
Alex Martin	6	6	0	74	30	12.33
Jack Slaney	2	2	0	23	13	11.50
Ali Birkby	3	3	0	22	22	7.33
Khurram Irshad	3	3	0	9	7	3.00
Johnny Wright	6	3	0	6	3	2.00

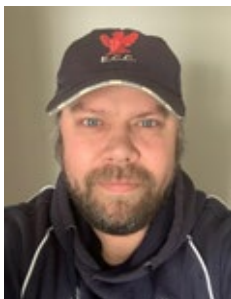
Also played – 1 Match: Brandon James, Bertie Preston.

1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 1 bowling averages 2020 Qualification 2 wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Malcolm Lake	31.3	1	173	11	15.72
Andrew McCallum	18.3	0	122	5	24.40
Johnny Wright	37	1	190	7	27.14
Khurram Irshad	22.1	2	113	4	28.25
Freddie Harrison	34	0	193	6	32.16
Ben Collins	28	0	183	5	36.60
Nicholas Winder	29	1	212	3	70.66

Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages continued

2nd XI



Alex Mason
2nd XI Captain

The 2020 season, despite the shortened format, was a successful one for the 2nd XI as we debuted in the Premier Division. We finished 4th in Group 14 of the Challenge Cup, 3 points off 2nd place winning four and losing three of our seven fixtures. The majority of the games we played were very close and could have gone either way, with dramatic wins against Wimbledon away and East Molesey at home to end the season. We also could (and probably should) have won away at Reigate Priory and home to Banstead. The Reigate Priory game will live long in my memory as I watched their last wicket partnership put on over 100 to win the game. It's also worth noting that of the four games we lost, only two of them were full 40 over games. Safe to say that T20 isn't our best format!



Notable performers with the bat were Jack Slaney who scored two 50s in two games before being promoted to the first team, Oli John who scored a 50 in the second game of the season at home to Banstead and Ruari Crichard, who scored a valiant unbeaten half century in the defeat to Banstead. And of course, the old warhorse Hoppo, who was our leading run scorer again.

Our real strength this season was with the ball and many of our opposition commented on the all-round strength of our attack. Ruari Crichard and Tom Brown were an excellent new ball pairing and were supported very well by the young quartet of Jonathan Miles, Oli Baker Angus Barrett and Jack Fletcher. The seamers were expertly backed up by the returning veteran Dan Taylor who bowled excellently throughout the season and two wins as skipper under his belt, as he never tires of reminding me.

The stand-out individual performance of the season has to be Tom Brown's hat-trick at Reigate Priory as he removed their opener, number 3 and number 4 to put us in complete control of the game. Sadly, we couldn't get over the line (sorry chaps) but dominating the eventual competition winners proved how competitive we were this season and hope to be again, with a full 16 games, next season. Roll on 2021!

2nd XI 2020

Back row: Brandon James, Austin Wilman, Ollie Baker, Mark Hopkinson, Jonathan Miles, Ed Crook, Dan Taylor.

Front row: Joe Moss, Charlie Winder, Alex Mason, Tom Brown, Ruari Crichard.

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2nd XI

2nd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 14 batting averages 2020 Qualification 2 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Bertie Preston	2	2	1	72	71*	72.00
Jonathan Miles	5	4	3	54	28*	54.00
Jack Slaney	3	3	0	125	61	41.66
Ollie Baker	5	4	2	74	35	37.00
Ruari Crichard	5	5	2	98	65*	32.67
Dan Taylor	4	3	3	22	10*	22.00
Ollie John	4	4	0	78	52	19.50
Mark Hopkinson	4	4	0	78	39	19.50
Austin Wilman	4	3	0	54	30	18.00
Almaher Shelley	3	3	0	42	24	14.00
Angus Barrett	5	5	0	53	21	10.60
Tom Brown	4	4	0	36	14	9.00
Charlie Winder	4	4	0	36	18	9.00
Jack Fletcher	3	2	0	18	9	9.00
Alex Mason	2	2	0	3	3	1.50

Also played – 1 Matches: Jess Richman, Nicholas Winder, Matt MacPherson, Ed Crook, Joe Moss, Brandon James, Max Simpson, Adam Koep, Charlie Green, Anwar Khan.

2nd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 14 bowling averages 2020 Qualification 2 wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Brandon James	8	0	22	4	5.50
Nicholas Winder	8	1	36	3	12.00
Tom Brown	23	1	100	7	14.29
Dan Taylor	30	6	87	6	14.50
Jack Fletcher	16	3	61	4	15.25
Jonathan Miles	32.2	6	107	6	17.83
Ruari Crichard	20	1	73	4	18.25
Angus Barrett	27	2	130	5	26.00
Ollie Baker	24	1	132	2	66.00



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3rd XI



John Woolhead
3rd XI Captain

On reflection it was a disappointing short season for the 3rd XI, although there were a number of highs that are worthy of mention. Due to the re-arrangement of the league fixtures post Covid we found ourselves in the top 3rd XI league of the Championship in a pool of eight playing each team once.

A fantastic start to the season against Sunbury saw Esher post 215-3 in a match shortened to 20 overs in view of the impending storm. Charlie Winder 90 not out, Ed Crook 87 not out led the charge. However, the aforementioned storm arrived with Sunbury 55-4 off 7 overs and the match was abandoned. Sadly, the performance could not be repeated in the re-arranged T20 at New Road when Sunbury chased down an Esher



score of 90-9 with ease. At Reigate Priory a slightly rusty, post lockdown, team struggled to 110 all out and Reigate made light work of the chase.

Next was Weybridge at our home for the season at the magnificent Shrewsbury House school ground. A fine batting display saw Esher post 277-5 with Matt Sabben-Clare 105 and Ed Crook 70. Charlie Winder starred with the ball claiming 4-13 as Weybridge were bowled out for 175. Following a cancellation due to rain against Ashted a chase of 203 against Banstead proved too much with Esher finishing on 157 all out.

Wimbledon posted 253 in the penultimate match which quickly became out of reach. A couple of injuries, Crook senior kindly fielding as a short notice sub, and a batting display below our capabilities saw Esher finish on 98-8. In the final match against East Molesey, Esher posted 153 but it could so easily have been more. An aggressive 77 from Dan Dickenson was the backbone and it just needed a few more to build partnerships with him to post a competitive score. An aggressive spell from 14 year old Salaar Shabbir had East Molesey worried but they weathered the storm to win by 5 wickets.

The highlights of the season were undoubtedly the win against local rivals Weybridge incorporating the Matt Sabben-Clare hundred and the flying start against Sunbury before the rain came. In addition, a number of the YCs gained invaluable experience in adult cricket which will stand them in good stead for years to come. It really is an Esher strength to see the number of talented youngsters coming through the system and making their way in adult cricket.

Many thanks to new recruit Karen Haywood for scoring in all matches and to the panel of umpires for keeping good order on the field of play.

3rd XI 2020

Back row: Alex French, Salaar Shabbir, Nick Woolhead, Matt MacPherson, Jess Richman, Kairan Sivapathasundram, Dan Old.

Front row: David Crook, John Woolhead, Karen Haywood (scorer), Dan Dickenson, Chris Harvey.

3rd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 27 batting averages 2020 Qualification 2 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Charlie Winder	4	4	1	214	90	71.33
Matt Macpherson	2	2	0	98	77	49.00
Kairan Sivapathasundram	2	2	1	47	34*	47.00
Alex Knapman	2	2	1	35	31*	35.00
Matt Sabben-Clare	3	3	0	105	105	35.00
Edward Crook	6	6	1	168	87*	33.60
Jess Richman	5	5	1	99	39	24.75
Chris Harvey	3	3	2	16	15	16.00
Rohan Gupta	3	3	0	37	26	12.33
Dan Dickenson	3	2	0	24	20	12.00
Sam Slaney	3	3	1	16	8*	8.00
David Rebetzke	3	3	1	16	16	8.00
John Woolhead	5	4	0	24	14	6.00
Angus Greenlees	3	2	0	12	7	6.00
Salaar Shabbir	2	2	0	5	5	2.50
Oscar Nicholson	2	1	0	1	1	1.00

Also played – 1 Match: Jack Fernandes, Oliver Ivey, Chris Parrish, James Ellis, Jack Joyce, Charlie Green, Thomas Chandler, Matt Leigh-Pollitt, Daniel Old, Ben Clarke, Willaim Malet De Carteret, Nick Woolhead, David Crook, Alex French, Jason Murray, Joe Moss, Tom Gywnn, Joe Moss.

3rd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 27 bowling averages 2020 Qualification 2 wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Jack Joyce	6	1	12	3	4.00
Charlie Winder	10.1	1	29	5	5.80
Kairan Sivapathasundram	14	2	56	2	28.00
Chris Harvey	17	2	85	3	28.33
Angus Greenlees	17.3	1	86	3	28.66
Sam Slaney	15	0	99	3	33.00
Dan Dickenson	15.1	0	106	3	35.33
Salaar Shabbir	16	1	75	2	37.50
Edward Crook	20	2	98	2	49.00

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4th XI



Chris Burton
4th XI Captain

2020 was a roller coaster. It was also the first time Esher entered a 4th XI in the Surrey Championship and testament to the momentum of the club. Expecting to start at the bottom rung, we found ourselves at the 4th XI top table due to the late start to the season and the restructuring of the leagues – what ensued was a highly enjoyable season where we found out what was required to be competitive at that level. This was something we achieved on several occasions, particularly in an exciting, low scoring game against Wimbledon on their 1st XI pitch, with us being bowled out for 88 and winning by 10 runs, thanks largely to a battling, top scoring 23 by new signing Gareth Narinesingh and some intimidating opening bowling from Salaar Shabbir and William Malet de Carteret, both fearsome prospects coming up through the esteemed Esher youth setup.

East Molesey, Sunbury and Reigate Priory resulted in one sided losses that can be looked back on as steep learning curves, but there were other positives with a 165 run victory over Weybridge, thanks to Max Simpson's swashbuckling 80 off 64 and David Rebetzke, one of the most emphatic of jug avoiders, scoring 49 and then moving to Australia just to make doubly sure. (David we miss you!)

Aside from the Wimbledon nail-biter, Banstead was also an exciting affair in a shortened game, chasing 114 off 25 overs we came up two short – possibly some run chasing lessons to be absorbed for next season. Also worthy of note is the first attempt at the Sunbury game which was rained off as match abandoned just as Sunbury were closing in on victory. According to the umpire Andrew, it was the first time since the 1968 Ashes series that both captains were unable to finish the match due to injury!

The intention of our 4th XI is to blend a healthy mix of 'seasoned veterans' with an abundance of youth making their first steps into adult cricket so it was heartening to see more talent roll off the YC conveyor belt, testament to Duncan Pauline and the Esher coaches and management team. Rohan Gupta particularly stood out with bat and ball and it was great to see so many others contribute during the season. Every week the game was played in the right spirit. This season we had the benefit of umpires and scorers in nearly every match and expect this to be the case next season. Combining this with regular use of the Imber Court 1s pitch next year and we're already looking forward to an exciting year on the pitch and a couple more beers off it.

4th XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 40 batting averages 2020 Qualification 2 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Rohan Gupta	3	3	0	101	50	33.66
David Rebetzke	5	5	0	118	49	23.60
Mike Goldsworthy	2	2	0	27	27	13.50
Gareth Narinnesingh	3	3	0	36	23	12.00
Richard Harrison	3	2	1	12	8	12.00
William Malet De Carteret	3	3	0	32	20	10.67
Neil Fletcher	4	4	1	28	7*	9.33
James Fischer	2	2	0	13	9	6.50
James Ellis	5	4	1	19	8	6.33
Jack Fernandes	4	4	0	22	16	5.50
Salaar Shabbir	2	1	1	5	5*	5.00
Matt Leigh-Pollitt	4	4	2	10	5	5.00
Jack Simpkin	4	4	0	10	7	2.50
Tom Burnett	3	3	1	4	3	2.00
Francesca Haywood	4	3	0	2	2	0.67
Ollie Phillips	2	2	0	0	0	0.00

Also played – 1 Match: Daniel Old, Chris Harvey, Kairan Sivapathasundram, Max Franks, Max Simpson, Philippe Van Der Spuy, Jean Van Der Spuy, Jess Richman, Jack Fletcher, Fabien Pountney, Spencer Franks, Chris Burton, Sebastian Stuart-Reckling

4th XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Challenge Cup – Div 40 bowling averages 2020 Qualification 2 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Salaar Shabbir	13	5	22	5	4.40
James Fischer	3.3	0	10	2	5.00
William Malet De Carteret	17	4	49	7	7.00
Jack Simplin	7	1	40	4	10.00
Tom Burnett	10	0	44	3	14.67
Neil Fletcher	9	1	31	2	15.50
Richard Harrison	10.3	2	50	3	16.67
James Ellis	8	0	48	2	24.00
Matt Leigh-Pollitt	21	3	109	4	27.25

Esher CC Young Cricketers Reports 2020

Senior Boys Academy (Under 16-19: Glenn Harrison)

The creation of the Senior Academy in 2020 was aimed at pooling the talents of three strong year groups and ensuring that the season's structure was organised to optimise playing competitive cricket, avoiding fixture clashes and providing the ability to play on good pitches without duplicating requests through 16s, 17s and 18s which had historically been problematic and had potentially hampered cohesion between the top junior years. More important still was to maintain and improve the desire of the boys to play in adult cricket and continue to build leadership skills and be player led with minimal interference from adults. The objectives were largely met, and I am confident that the boys had a great deal of fun playing in the U19s ECB T20 competition and the Surrey Trust. There was also a superb contribution to the adult teams with most of the squad either playing games in the 3rd, 2nd, or 1st XI throughout the season.

After a wobbly start in the 19s T20, where a rusty team lost to Wimbledon, we never looked back. Andrew McCallum led the side by example and after winning a tough group (Wimbledon, Spencer and Sunbury) we managed to qualify for finals day and win the ECB Surrey cup for the first time in Esher history – the team got better and better through the day and match winning exceptional batting by Andrew McCallum and bowling by Freddie Harrison was superbly supported by tremendous all round performances by Adam Koep, Ollie Baker and Brandon James – this was backed up by superb catches and keeping by



U19 – Winners of Surrey ECB T20 Blast

Joe Moss that made us comfortable winners in the final, following a tougher semi against Valley End. It should not be forgotten that the key moment of the season was possibly Charlie Green's fifty in a must win game against Sunbury – he destroyed a decent attack that included a county spinner and his score off 18 balls made it near impossible for us to lose. Jack Fletcher bowled superbly throughout the campaign with pace, movement and bounce and impressed enormously. Jack has the potential to be a great leader in the 19s next season and play in the top adult teams.

The Sunday Trust team was made up mostly of the 19s squad, which was galvanised and brought together by Charlie Winder who did a sensational job as Captain. We avoided the temptation to play four older adult players which the rules allowed and stick to our guns by playing the Senior Academy players only. Whilst this may have been to our detriment in terms of not quite winning our group; we lost out to the Old Ruts 1st XI which contained many adult players, the sense of enjoyment of the boys playing together really did boost their involvement in playing together in the adult teams and was more important than winning. There were also some outstanding performances in convincingly beating Wimbledon twice, Oxted and Trinity. Excellent batting from Andrew McCallum, Jack Slaney, Charlie Winder, Adam Koep and Austin Wilman paved the way for Freddie Harrison, Jack Fletcher and Anwar Khan to bowl teams out. Solid all-round contributions were made by Ed Crook, Angus Barrett and Max Simpson throughout the season, with Max hitting a match winning 50 not out in the final game of the season against Epsom college 1st XI. There were a couple of performances that were too loose and our objective next year should be to tighten up a touch, learn how to build partnerships and not be quite so cavalier – if we can achieve this without losing the sense of fun and the player led atmosphere, we should aim to win the Trust league and continue to promote the progression of all these talented boys into adult cricket. The involvement of all these boys in coaching the young cricketers was a superb idea by Duncan and really did help to build a sense of community and promote all that is good about Esher CC. A tremendous season – we should reflect on it as just a starting point to further success and many



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lessons to learn and improve on. The leadership of Charlie and Andrew was the catalyst here and it has been much appreciated along with all the help and support from the adults including Fletch, Pete and Jess for their help in managing, umpiring and scoring.

Junior Boys Academy – U14/U15 (Pete Slaney, Sarah Reed & John Malet De Carteret)

Despite this being a very challenging year, a huge thanks to all boys and parents for the tremendous commitment and support. Without all your help, we would not have such a fantastic group.

This year we had 42 boys across the two-year groups coming together to train and play matches as a Junior Academy. This proved to be an enormous success, with both age groups integrating seamlessly and the U14s benefitting from the extra year of experience of the U15s. We were able to rotate the captaincy between four people, regular captains Rohan Gupta and William Malet de Carteret were joined by Ben Clarke and Ben Frewer.

The season started with small group training; from which the boys hugely benefited allowing skill to develop and new friendships to form across the age groups, which bodes well for their future development into adult cricket. Once matches were allowed, a range of matches were scheduled with local clubs to allow boys to put all the training into practice. All in all, we played 16 matches including: - Weybridge U16s, Barnes CC, Thames Ditton CC, T20 Academy, East Molesey CC, Spencer CC, Richmond CC, Reigate CC, Ashtead CC and Stoke d'Abemon, which created some memorable moments for all who attended. Although it was hard to single out any particular moment, I would like to highlight the following performances:

- Josh Da Vall (15no) and Rahul De Silva (17no) winning 8th wicket partnership of 36 off 31 against the T20 Academy
- Sam Slaney's 43 not out in the unsuccessful run chase against Weybridge U16s and 53 not out (off 36) in the defeat to Ashtead U14s
- Joe Goodsman 3-15 as he destroyed Spencer's middle order before the retirement of both James Page (31 off 19) and Jack Joyce (30 off 20)

as we chased down Spencer's total with 3 overs to spare

- Rahul De Silva remarkable quicker yorker (after just being hit for six) to bowl Ashtead's U15 captain, followed by Tom Reed's 32 off 33 to comfortably guide us to victory
- Four batsmen retiring in the win against Richmond U15 (Rohan Gupta (30 off 25), Christian Nicolaou (32 off 26), Matt Nolan (32 off 33) and Alex Morcombe (30 off 14)

The season ended with an 'Internal 6 a side' Tournament at New Road with all boys being involved in short quick games. Lots of fun was had by the boys and parents.

Adult cricket

This year saw an increased opportunity for our boys to grow and develop into adult cricket with eight boys representing the club playing over 20 times in total for the 3rd and 4th XI's.

The boys produced some excellent performances, in particular:

- Salaar Shabbir's 4-13 including a hat-trick for the 4th's against Wimbledon
- William Malet de Carteret's 5-13 for the 4ths against Weybridge, and
- Rohan Gupta's 50 for the 4ths against Banstead

I would also like to add my congratulations to Salaar Shabbir, who was been selected by Surrey into their Elite Performance Group. Thanks to 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, the coaches and coaching assistants for helping the boys improve throughout the season. A special thanks to all the amazing volunteers across the club that worked hard make the summer happen. Finally, both Sarah and I have really enjoyed working with the boys and getting to know all the parents, but the time has now come for us to hang up our boots, iPads and PCs and hand over the year group. I would sincerely like to thank everyone for their support over the

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Junior Academy

years. Going forward John Malet De Carteret is picking up the reins and we are looking forward to enjoying cricket as parents under his tutelage.

Under 13s (Rob Lane)

Another season passes but with all the best organisation and planning you cannot plan for a global pandemic! Step up Esher Cricket Club not just on coaching but also on external matches. With new faces on the coaching staff complimenting the ever-present experienced team the boys were able to experience something no other club in Surrey could offer, focused batting, bowling, fielding and even specialist wicket-keeping not once but twice a week.

If that was not enough, and with all youth official leagues and cups cancelled, Duncan and Alisa were able to set up a framework for an external



Wicket-keeping coaching

League. All we needed was the opposition; the problem was that everyone wanted to play in this league and against Esher CC. The u13s arranged a tier 1 and tier 2 league, each league consisting of 9 teams, two tournaments and friendlies – we were extremely lucky to give the boys an opportunity to play in 28 games. Tier 1 was competitive including Spencer, Wimbledon, Sutton and Weybridge and the results were mixed but amazing to see all fixtures from all clubs in the league fulfilled with a lot of pitch pressure but also a few 30 over and 25 over games. Tier 2 was played with great spirit a few clubs not able to complete their games but overall great to give all boys to play competitive and fun games.

Unfortunately, only one tournament was completed, our own Esher 8 a side Tournament, whilst Esher got off to a slow start the team rallied to be victorious against a strong and big hitting Spencer team. A fantastic way to finish what can only be said a busy but “odd” season for obvious reasons.

As usual a big thank you to the parents in support the club and group in uncertain times. A huge thank you to Duncan & Alisa for so much work behind the scenes to make cricket a success and a lifeline for many of the boys (and parents). Looking forward to next season with life hopefully back to some normality and the boys playing in the Surrey Leagues already entered and for those that want to some adult cricket in 2021.



Winners – Esher 8-a-side Tournament

Under 12 (Alexander Rawlinson)

The summer of 2020 was like no other. The season was eventually given the go ahead and we had 34 young cricketers for 15 weeks of quality coaching. Duncan and Alisa set about creating Esher Covid leagues and we arranged 31 matches (losing two to the weather) plus three internal fixtures and a tournament. It was a huge effort from everyone involved.

We were slow out of the blocks starting with a narrow defeat to Oxshott. This was followed by a victory against Spencer (Frendo 30, Patel 23no and McMurray 3 for 4) and a cracking game vs Chobham (Sohail & Rawlinson 30no), a comfortable Esher win. Wins at Guildford (Luxman 41, Frewer 30no), Horsley and Send, with Alex Kay taking 3 wickets in 4 balls, and a return Tied match at Oxshott. At Thames Ditton, Price and Rai dominated with bat and ball and Esher closing out a tight match winning by 7 runs. Along came Banstead, Chessington, Sutton and Malden, returning four victories out of four for Esher. AJ and Wimbledon descended on Esher to play a double header. The results were contrasting, a solid Esher win vs Wimbledon and a spanking by AJ brought everyone back down to earth with a bump. Five fixtures in five days, beating Spencer twice, Sutton and Wimbledon, losing a closely fought game away to Dorking. Comfortable victories against Walton, Parkins-Godwin 33, Webb 31, Jamali 3-1 off 3 and Teddington, Webb, Pitts and Frewer all retired, Porter 4-4 off 3 culminated in a season finale against an old foe in Spencer. Spencer batted first and only managed 63 from their 20 overs, excellent bowling from Le Vesconte, Jamali and Ali. Esher knocked them off in 11 overs with Rawlinson and Page putting on a powerful hitting display. We also played eight fixtures against U13 opposition, which was a stern test for our boys but one that they most certainly rose to. Comfortable wins came against East Molesey (Rawlinson 42no) and Old Ruts (Frewer 49) but the highlight was the game on the main square vs Spencer. Spencer came out all guns blazing with the opener hitting a powerful 30 retired off 14 balls. A Spencer player was overheard saying he felt sorry for these 'little' boys. Esher responded with some terrific bowling from Jamali, Frewer and Ali, restricting them to 127 off 20 overs. Esher got off to a strong start from Porter and Luxman, with

Frewer retiring in double quick time. Esher needed 18 off the final two overs which proved no problem for Sohail and Rawlinson, winning with two balls to spare, those pesky little boys indeed... Tight games vs Sutton, Weybridge, Horsely and Send and Wimbledon all ended in defeat, but the boys certainly learnt the importance of taking their chances (catches!). Overall, it was a hugely positive experience for all the boys, with every player stepping up, reiterated by a number of coaches but summed up nicely by the Wimbledon coach who said, "what a great bunch of boys, looks like they have a great team spirit supported by plenty of talent that will take them far".

The season wasn't quite finished, the small matter of taking on Esher U13s. With schools back it was tricky to fit the fixture in on a Wednesday. The U13s batted first and posted a respectable 115/5 off their 20 overs, Zain Ali 4 overs, 2-9. The U12s could smell blood... 49-2 after 10 overs, on target, with a swashbuckling 30no from Frewer a highlight of the season. Despite Webb and Sohail's best efforts, the team fell just three runs short, a fitting end to a tremendous season for everyone involved.

End of Season Awards

- Bowling: Tom Price
- Batting: Deyan Patel
- All-rounder: Max Frendo
- Most Improved Player: Thomas McMurray
- Clubman: Ayaan Sohail
- Player of the Year: Alex Frewer

The season wouldn't have been possible without the tenacity and unwavering support of the club and in particular Duncan and his team of coaches. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the season, especially Sarah Le Vesconte, to Matt P and Clive for scoring throughout the season, Noman, Mark and Al Frewer for sharing umpire duties and to Tony Rai, Mark Lappin and Steve McMurray for assisting with the match management. Look forward to seeing you next year, hopefully under very different circumstances!

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Under 11's (Richard Stuart-Reckling)

We started off the year with great intentions. We had entered 5 leagues and a cup competition in the New Surrey Junior Cricket Championship. We were reigning Surrey Cup and Academy league winners. The U11 year is always a little challenging too, as we move all the age group to "proper cricket" for the first time. Away from the 'pairs cricket comfort' of the inability to fully lose your wicket and always both batting and bowling. The preparations started with winter nets. 37 U11s attended nets, honing their technique. It was always going to bode well for the season ahead. Then Covid struck. We had a break, a lot of online shadow batting practice courtesy of Duncan's YouTube videos. Then a glimmer of hope as we launched into small group training. In the absence of any match play, we started with gusto – biweekly 2hr small group sessions in order to get the cricket on, as much as we could. We had to space out more on the ground with small groups, so the fielding improved, and the boys had more attention and batting time. Better techniques were being developed.

Then Boris allowed us to play matches. We started off with some internal games and for some it was their first game of proper cricket. Surrey had wiped the slate clean, we had no organised fixtures, all leagues cancelled, friendlies only... but no fixture schedule to go from and many opposition clubs did not have grounds either. We started on the front foot and organised games with opposition in a self-generated, Esher led, cross Surrey "post-covid friendly playcricket league". The structure meant we could get the games on for all (and most of our opposition clubs too). We ended up playing 48 matches overall across the whole age group, including the early internal ones and a couple of tournaments (victorious at Esher and Ashtead). So a lot of cricket, for all.

Favourite games are those which go close to the wire. A nail biter against Ashtead, which we really shouldn't have lost. A superb boundary catch off a ball travelling for 6 by Priyesh, led us to beat Wimbledon. All the small group fielding training did pay off. Another close encounter with Ashtead led us to victory in the inaugural Ashtead tournament. In our own Esher tournaments, there were a couple of rather tense Esher v Esher games,

always fun and all character building. Plus, playing in August means a few matches risk overrunning into the darkness; it didn't seem to stop the batsmen scoring in the twilight, seemingly enjoying scoring and watching those glowing pink balls travel.

Thanks to Duncan and all the coaches and the young assistants (from our Senior Academy and senior adult teams) who did a fantastic job with the small group coaching. The boys really enjoyed learning from those who had trodden this path before them. Plus, our Chairman Geoff, who helped us secure grounds at Cobham Avorians CC and Shrewsbury House School enabling us to play a lot of cricket in some rather nice places. Thank you to all parents, especially the scorers, match managers and umpires. So many of you stepped up this year and the age group has that fabulous cohesive feel to it. Plus, the taxi drivers, kit washers etc.

End of Season Awards – Due to Covid, we couldn't hold our prize giving ceremony this year. In hindsight, a year of Covid, without league matches being played and small group coaching meant everyone developed. It is a more difficult job to choose 'most improved'. There are maybe one or two players who stood out a little more (they know who they are); but in reality everyone contributed and also improved with a smile. We will carry forward everyone's efforts into 2021.

Results

- Ashtead CC U11 Tournament – Winners
- Esher CC U11 Tournament – Winners



Under 11s winning the Ashtead 8-a-side tournament

Under 10 (Alexander Rawlinson)

We can't play, surely we can play, we might be able to train, we can't train, we can train, we can play. There was one snag, all the league employees were furloughed so it was every club for themselves. Duncan and Alisa created the Esher Covid leagues, and we were off. We had 31 young cricketers signed up and we arranged 29 matches (losing three to the weather) with three internal fixtures.

We started with two tough fixtures; against Horsley and Send on the Saturday and Esher sending two teams to Valley End on the Sunday. Saturday was an early contender for game of the season with both teams going toe to toe with bat and ball, Esher too powerful with the bat, four players retiring and then backing it up with some terrific bowling and fielding, epitomised by a Frendo one handed snaffle in the covers to seal a comfortable victory. In our first Sunday game, revenge was on the cards as Valley End had snatched the league away from us on the final day of last season. Buoyed from Saturday's terrific performance, Esher made light work of a quality outfit and ran away easy winners. Game 2 ended with a narrow defeat, although this was the first game of the season for many of the Esher players, along with the introduction of several new members to the club. Games came thick and fast with fixtures against AJ, Weybridge and Wimbledon in the space of five days. The AJ game was a barnstormer, not least because the YC's were still flying high from their electric start to the season. Esher batted first and faced some superb bowling. We were restricted to 99 thanks mainly to a courageous partnership from Carswell and Frendo. It felt 20 short. AJ came out of the blocks quickly and were well ahead of the rate early on. Heslop caught a screamer on the boundary. Howzat, AJ umpire signalled a 6?, Esher umpire signalled out, confusion, tears, shouting and that was just the parents... after much furore it was deemed 6 and Esher were under yet more pressure. Some excellent bowling from Giles, Rawlinson and Heslop pegged AJ back, needing 10 off the final over Chambers bowled a near perfect death over supported by super calm wicket-keeping, topping off a MoM performance from Carswell. Esher won by the narrowest of margins, and the boys realised they wouldn't have it all their own way this season. Weybridge were

up next and again we were struggling, losing four early wickets. Once again it was Carswell and Frendo to the rescue, building another defendable total. With variable availability, we were able to call on two talented U9 YC's who did not disappoint. A highlight of the season for me was Harry Harding steaming in off 25 paces for his first ball in hard ball cricket, totally unfazed he skittles the batsmen. Wimbledon were too strong for Esher on the day, with notable performances from Josh Taylor Marsh and William Clarke. East Molesey were looking for revenge from the previous year. We played on a Friday night in August, sun blazing, BBQ fired up and East Molesey wonderful hospitality on show. Kunsh celebrating his birthday as skipper, elected to bat first and raced to 30 retired, receiving plaudits from all corners of the ground. The batting did not stop there with Hulme, Heslop and Giles all getting in on the act, posting an imposing total. We did our best to let East Molesey into the game with some uncharacteristic sloppy fielding but in the end were comfortable victors. All that was left to do was to cycle home after a couple of shandies. Next up was Banstead who posted 130 off their 20 overs. Their skipper came into bat after their excellent opener had retired with the advice of the coach ringing in his ear, play yourself in... First ball walloped over mid-wicket for 6, what does coach know... Esher were behind the rate the whole way, losing wickets at crucial times but once again were able to call on Frendo to steady the ship and then some immaculately clean hitting from Hulme turned the match on its head. From well behind the rate to racing ahead, Esher cruised to an unlikely victory with 10 balls to spare. Malden Wanderers batting proved too strong for Esher, despite good bowling displays from Ryan and Marley. Another batch of fixtures included an amazing game with Thames Ditton, involving 31 wickets, with a hat-trick for Armaan; Esher losing out on the final ball by just one run. The game was enjoyed so much by the boys and parents that a return fixture was arranged for the end of the season.

An Esher U10 first came next, a double header, two games in one day, an afternoon match vs Wimbledon and a return fixture with Horsley and Send, who had selected their best possible team. Unfortunately, the Wimbledon match was called off

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due to the weather with Esher firmly ahead. A quick turnaround and then Horsley and Send. Expecting a repeat of the first game of the season, Esher were just too good on the day and won with a professional display of cricket all round, particularly the bowling – fast, accurate and consistent. A mismatch against Ashtead meant the big one, Spencer at their home, for the first time. Esher won the toss and on a tricky wicket, bowled extremely tightly and used some excellent fielding positions to restrict Spencer to only 100 off their 20 overs. Esher never really got going at our best but were always in touch. In need of a partnership, stability came in the form of Hulme, Temperley and Rawlinson. There is seldom a game with Spencer without some controversy and this was no exception. Temperley, scoring at a healthy rate scampered a single to square leg; it was close but everyone thought he'd made his ground. The YC backing up appealed, everyone looked puzzled, including the wicketkeeper and umpires. The bail was on the ground, had the wicketkeeper knocked off the bails, or the wind or was it a direct hit? The umpires resorted to asking the player, did he hit the stumps? He thought he had, although he didn't appeal and so the dreaded finger was raised. Unfortunately, Esher never recovered and fell 12 runs short. There's always next year. Seven games in the last seven days of the season included exacting revenge for the earlier last ball thriller, rounding off the season very nicely indeed with six wins out of seven.

End of Season Awards

The End of Season awards are never easy, however the decisions for the awards are based on a number of criteria including statistics but also take into account attitude, aptitude and general love of the game.

- Bowling: William Clarke
- Batting: Charlie Hulme
- All-rounder: Will Carswell
- Most Improved Player: Marley Gould
- Clubman: Ryan Grogan
- Player of the Year: Ben Frendo

No one could have predicted what happened this year, but we tried our best, with the best intentions

to get young cricketers out playing. It would not have been possible without the tenacity and unwavering support of the club and in particular Duncan and his team of coaches. The use of the younger coaches was a triumph and something to replicate in years to come. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the season. Special mentions to Ali Carswell for her devotion to Spond to Neha and Sanjay Kavia for scoring throughout the season and to Jonathan Marsh, Susan Clarke and Amir Naviwala for assisting with the management of the matches. Looking forward to next year, hopefully under very different circumstances!



Under 9s (Alisa French)

I was extremely proud to 'look after' the U9s age group this year. It's always an unusual year as the players transition from soft ball cricket to hard ball and this year even more so with Covid. It's been great fun and a keen age group and speaking to Duncan he is exceedingly proud of how this age group has developed. The commitment, focus on learning and strength in depth across the whole

age group is fantastic. We started off with the winter nets. No fewer than 30, U9s attended winter nets, which was always going to bode well for the season ahead. Then Covid struck... but then a glimmer of hope as we launched into bi-weekly smaller group training, to make up for lost time. We remember the first session well, it was drizzly and damp, but it was never going to stop all of the expectant boys from getting their first session of cricket underway. One parent declared "well, we were always going to turn up, raining or not!" Game on! We had some great small group coaching sessions, bi-weekly to start so we could get enough cricket underway as early as possible. Thanks to Duncan and all the coaches and the young assistants who did a fantastic job! We started off with some internal games and for some it was their 1st games of cricket. We organised games with opposition in a self-generated, Esher led, cross Surrey 'post-covid friendly league'. The structure meant we could

get the games on for all. We still need to input some results, but we very much top the tables. We have ended up playing 38 matches overall, including the internal ones and a couple of tournaments (victorious at Beddington!). The most memorable games are those which are suitably competitive and close. Character building. A return leg against Ashtead, demonstrated a team's determination here. Not setting a high enough total batting, staring at defeat, we tried to claw back with some catches taken during Ashtead's last batting pair. However, Ashtead reached the target with one ball to go. All they had to do was, not lose a wicket! Rien bowled, the batsmen managed to get bat on ball, but then attempted a run. As he realised the error and turned back, a direct hit run out by James who had spotted the batsmen had left his crease... minus 5. Esher win and some rather astounded umpires (and parents)! A good learning experience.

Match winning ice creams!



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Ice creams!

The ingenious Duncan led ice cream plan, to focus the boys on a game already won. Win by 50 you got an ice-cream! Much to the opposition surprise at the excitement on the boundary when one team was 48 ahead with one ball to go! But the boys then all thought it applied to the next game they played too. Much to Lek's surprise as excitable boys approached the ice cream cart, with beaming smiles, en masse!

Thank you to all parents, especially the scorers, match managers and umpires. So many of you stepped up this year and the age group has a fabulous cohesive, but also inspired, feel to it.

End of Season Awards

The focus every year is for the most improved players.

- Most Improved Bowler – Christopher Crowley
- Most Improved Batsmen – Sam Hawkins
- All Rounder – Harry Harding
- Clubman – Theo Tottman
- Player of the Year – Thomas Hooke
- Winners – U9 Beddington Hardball Festival

Under 8s (Nick Frendo)

2020 was not a typical season but was a great one nonetheless – there was lots learnt on Sunday mornings with Sohail and our team of coaches at New Road and matches for all. For many of our U8s, 2020 was the first taste of competitive cricket and for some, their first experience of any form of cricket. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm from all the boys and no shortage of skill – we played plenty of matches in all and we were unbeaten in those games throughout the summer. There was some strong competition with East Molesey, with the Esher boys gaining a deserved victory at New Road, following a tied match at East Molesey earlier in the summer. Freddie Carswell starred with the ball in both fixtures and Alexander Coetzee with the bat; overall it was a really strong team performance against a good team (in front of a vocal test match sized gallery from East Molesey). The boys also managed two wins against a strong side from Wimbledon and other notable victories at Teddington, Horsley & Send and Oxshott.

Most importantly, the boys were all keen to learn and develop their techniques with bat and ball and played the game in the right spirit. That sets them up very well as they go into their first hard ball season in 2021 – there's lots to look forward to!

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Under 7s (Mark Hopkinson)

After the strangest start to a cricket season in living memory, the Under 7s finally got underway in mid-June, following updated guidance from the government and ECB. The restrictions meant that we had to operate in groups of five kids and one coach, which increased the number of coaches required for each session but owing to a pretty much total ban on travel there were plenty of young Esher cricketers on hand to help out! The smaller groups and more targeted coaching worked really well as it turned out, with less time having to be spent on "crowd control", allowing the coaches more time to improve the skills of the five kids in their group. We did lots of skills work for the first three or four weeks, and then started to integrate time in the nets, and pairs matches, into the sessions, which the boys really seemed to enjoy. There was some really good cricket played, and hopefully everyone who attended improved their game a little bit and had fun doing it. I also understand that the U7s selected a team to play against an U8s team on the August bank holiday weekend, which the U7s won, which is a great effort against older boys! I was away for that weekend though, so if I have done the U8s a disservice I apologise... Big thanks to Duncan, Alisa and everyone else at Esher CC involved in getting cricket back up and running at New Road. Hopefully, things will be a lot more straightforward next season, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back in April.



Girls Summary (Carolyn Lenton)

While we had an unusual season in 2020, it has been another fantastic season for the Girls Section, finishing the season with 123 girls (in 2019 we had 102) in age-groups ranging from U5 to U16. The start of the season saw some of the girls make use of the great improvisation from lead Coach Ben Collins, setting up weekly Zoom sessions with all that you needed was a bat, tennis ball and a toilet roll. Once we were able to train at the club, we used the small group coaching as an opportunity to push the girl's development, seeing all girls progress greatly across the season. In addition, we were able to move the younger U10 and U11 girls to hardball, which has been a great success! In the small group coaching sessions, the girls benefited from the utilising the skills of our current Senior Academy boys as coaches. Looking forward to next season we will be playing all U10 to U17 girls in hardball leagues, with the U8 and U9 girls enjoying the incredi-ball leagues and Surrey Smash-It tournaments.

Junior Awards:

- Player of the Year: Mayoko Dennis
- All Rounder: Sarah Sweeney
- Batsman: Jasmine Meers
- Bowler: Ena White
- Club Player: Nora Sabben-Clare

Senior Awards:

- Player of the Year: Saavi Patel
- All Rounder: Saskia Simmons
- Batsman: Charlotte Reed
- Bowler: Anna Goodsmann
- Club Player: Lily Hinkly

U13-U16 (Chris James)

It fair to say that this year will be remembered for so many reasons and not all about Covid 19 but as another fantastic development year for the girl's section, especially the senior girls. Virtual lockdown training was a challenge and worked surprisingly well despite some dodgy "feeders" not throwing the ball in the right places. When we could meet and train at the club, the smaller group size was a positive benefit for the girls and coaches alike. The more intense and focused the

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sessions has started to ignite the competitive edge in the girls that has perhaps been a bit lacking in the past. Results were good considering our key ethos of playing everyone and including everyone who wants a game. So, onto the development plans for next year, we will be entering more leagues and for the first time have an U17 development squad as well as a strong U13 group coming up. What we want to see next year is a wider understanding and interest in the game we all love as well as winning some competitive matches. As important is developing the etiquette side of things such as clapping a batswoman on and off, celebrating wickets together (in a socially distanced huddle of course), clapping and watching our batswomen when we are on the side of the field. Then we need to transition into that competitive side, which we started to see towards the end of this season. That means developing a better understanding of fielding positions, walking in the with bowler (meaningfully), understanding the run rate required and adapting accordingly, asking for your "mark" as a batswomen so you can free yourself to hit or leave a ball, following up the run, calling between wickets etc. Most importantly however, be happy, healthy and enjoy it.

U12 (Deepti Mittal)

Even with Covid, I think it's fair to say that the U12s had a fantastic summer of cricket and have come a long way. The U12s have responded well to the summer training and have progressed well in all areas of cricket. They played various internal matches which gave them an understanding of match play and brought them together as a group. This was demonstrated in the first match against Ashtead and the girls won convincingly. Although we had a few matches cancelled due to rain or other reasons, in the matches U12s played they showed their strength, knowledge, and determination. They are a very exciting group of girls who love some humour and banter behind the scenes which is a great way to get the team together. The season ended for U12s with a match against West End. This was mainly our U12s squad playing against a mixed bunch of U12, 14 and 15. It was a close game that we lost by 13 runs. As one of our girls said, "it is the comeback of the century". It was an amazing and nail-biting finish which saw some amazing hitting of the ball. Well done to all of them.

U10-U11

(Parminder Meers & Bobby Swarup)

Despite Covid, it was a memorable season for the girls. It was great to see the majority of the U10s and U11s playing hardball. We had new girls join the club and it was encouraging to see their enthusiasm during the coaching sessions. We ran a good number of softball and hardball friendlies with many participating in match play. The girls all played with maturity, good humour and positivity.

U5-U9

Another great season with many happy faces every Sunday morning. All girls loved the young coaches and the fun drills, and we all saw huge improvement across the groups. The U8 and U9 girls managed to finish off with a quick friendly smash-it game for the U8 and U9 girls against local sides.





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Esher CC Golf Tour to Seaford – 2020

It was a huge surprise when Seaford contacted me to confirm that our 55th year of touring could go ahead, albeit with a few restrictions on table sizes, masks and social distancing. A few regulars stayed away but, pleasingly after recent attempts to recruit some younger cricketing golfers, we had debut appearances from Oli John, Alex Martin, Johnny Wright, Finn Hudson-Prentice and Chris Parrish along with the returning Winder boys and Nathan Roberts. Hints that our generation might have slightly spoiled our children was that five of this group had single figure handicaps – a rarity at Seaford with Esher. The youth were bolstered by the more experienced Spencer Franks and Aiden Baker.

Delighted by the surprising lack of rain on Saturday, the early pace was set by Robert Seager with 37 points, followed by Johnny Wright (36) with Bryan (Run Forrest, run) Coutts and Winder senior two further back. Eleven players were within ten shots of the lead and given that the overnight leader seldom wins it was all to play for. A fine socially distanced dinner started an enjoyable evening, and as the wine count increased and the world was put to rights, so the distancing decreased with a traditionally long game of snooker extending long into the night. All assembled for a large breakfast as the forecast bad weather moved in. The Sunday conditions were tricky and when, roundabout our halfway mark, it started to hail a little of the joy had been taken out of the day. With several of the leaders scoring a more modest mid 20's score, it was left to the unflappable Johnny Wright to romp home with five shots to spare – a fine display of golf. Maybe we all needed a break from the lockdowns but the trip to Seaford was, as always, a truly welcome break and remains a hugely enjoyable weekend. Hopefully we can almost fill the club next year.

P.S. Since October, a new global handicap system has been introduced which resulted in significant cuts to some players, including our winner. A recount suggests he'd still have won! But, with the mandatory cut for winning Johnny will be off c1 next year.





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Surrey Championship 2021 Fixtures

1st XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
08/05/2021	Reigate Priory CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
16/05/2021	Ashtead CC (cup)	Away	40 overs	1.00pm
15/05/2021	Weybridge CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
22/05/2021	Wimbledon CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
29/05/2021	Ashtead	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
06/06/2021	Cup 2nd round	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
05/06/2021	Banstead CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
12/06/2021	Cranleigh CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
19/06/2021	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
27/06/2021	Cup 3rd round	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
26/06/2021	Sunbury CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
03/07/2021	Normandy CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
10/07/2021	Reigate Priory CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
17/07/2021	Weybridge CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
24/07/2021	Wimbledon CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
31/07/2021	Ashtead CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
07/08/2021	Banstead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
14/08/2021	Cranleigh CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
21/08/2021	East Molesey CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
28/08/2021	Sunbury CC	Home	50 Overs	11.30pm
04/09/2021	Normandy CC	Away	50 Overs	11.30pm

2nd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
08/05/2021	Sunbury CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
15/05/2021	Weybridge CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
22/05/2021	Wimbledon CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
29/05/2021	Ashtead CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
05/06/2021	Guildford CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
12/06/2021	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
19/06/2021	Spencer CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
26/06/2021	Dulwich CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
03/07/2021	Reigate Priory CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
10/07/2021	Sunbury CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
17/07/2021	Weybridge CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
24/07/2021	Wimbledon CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
31/07/2021	Ashtead CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
07/08/2021	Guildford CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
14/08/2021	Ashtead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
21/08/2021	Spencer CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
28/08/2021	Dulwich CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
04/09/2021	Reigate Priory CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon

Surrey Championship 2021 Fixtures

3rd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
08/05/2021	Thames Ditton CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
15/05/2021	Camberley CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
22/05/2021	Ashford CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
29/05/2021	Woking & Horsell CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
05/06/2021	Egham CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
12/06/2021	Normandy CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
19/06/2021	Chertsey CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
26/06/2021	Kingstonians CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
03/07/2021	Old Hamptonians CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
10/07/2021	Thames Ditton CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
17/07/2021	Camberley CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
24/07/2021	Ashford CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
31/07/2021	Woking and Horsell CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
07/08/2021	Egham CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
14/08/2021	Normandy CC	Home	45 Overs	1.00pm
21/08/2021	Chertsey CC	Away	45 Overs	1.00pm
28/08/2021	Kingstonians CC	Home	45 Overs	12.00 noon
04/09/2021	Old Hamptonians CC	Away	45 Overs	12.00 noon

All 3rd XI home fixtures will be played on the main pitch at Imber Court except on 28 August will be played at West End Recreation Ground.

4th XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
08/05/2021	Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
15/05/2021	Old Rutlishians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
22/05/2021	Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
29/05/2021	Addiscombe CC		40 Overs	1.00pm
05/06/2021	Streatham & Marlborough CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
12/06/2021	Old Wimbledonians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
19/06/2021	Beddington CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
26/06/2021	Merstham CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
03/07/2021	Merton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
10/07/2021	Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
17/07/2021	Old Rutlishians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
24/07/2021	Chipstead Coulsdon and Walcountians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
31/07/2021	Addiscombe CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
07/08/2021	Streatham & Marlborough CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
14/08/2021	Old Wimbledonians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
20/08/2021	Beddington CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
28/08/2021	Merstham CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00 noon
04/09/2021	Merton CC	Home	40 Overs	12.00 noon

All 4th XI home fixtures will be played on the main pitch at Imber Court

Other adult 2021 Fixtures

Non-league fixtures

Dates	Team	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
03/04/2021		Nat West Weekend			8.00am to 3.00pm
04/04/2021		Nat West Weekend			8.00am to 3.00pm
10/04/2021	Esher CC XI	Esher CC Dev XI	Home	30 Overs	1.00pm
17/04/2021	1st XI	Malden Wanderers	Home	40 Overs	11.30pm
17/04/2021	2nd XI	Malden Wanderers	Away	40 Overs	12.00 noon
18/04/2021	3rd XI	Magellian	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
24/04/2021	1st XI	Wimbledon CC	Away	45 Overs	12.00 noon
24/04/2021	2nd XI	Wimbledon CC	Home	45 Overs	12.00 noon
25/04/2021	3rdXI	T.B.A	Away	40 overs	1.00pm
01/05/2021	1st XI	Weybridge	Home	45 Overs	12.00 noon
01/05/2021	2nd XI	Weybridge	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
02/05/2021	3rd XI	West End Esher	Away	35 Overs	1.00pm
13/06/2021	1st XI	MCC	Home	45 Overs	12.00 noon
20/08/2021	Mix	Nomads	Home	Timed	11.30am

Surrey Trust League 2020

Date	Team	Opposition	Venue:	Fixture Type	Start Time
18/07/2021	Academy	Ashtead	Away	40 overs	2.00pm
25/07/2021	Academy	Ashtead	Home	40 overs	2.00pm
01/08/2021	Academy	East Molesey	Home	40 overs	2.00pm
08/08/2021	Academy	Sunbury	Away	40 overs	2.00pm
15/08/2021	Academy	East Molesey	Away	40 overs	2.00pm
22/08/2021	Academy	Sunbury	Home	40 overs	2.00pm



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A look back at 2005. Esher 3rd XI win league. Sohail debut season.

Esher C.C. (ECC) Castle Lager Premiership 1st XI Report 2005

Won 9: Dulwich – Home: 8 runs Away: 7 wickets
Banstead – Home: 154 runs Away: 6 wickets
Spencer – Away: 3 wickets
Malden Wanderers – Home: 6 wickets
Wimbledon – Home: 4 runs
Farnham – Home: 5 wickets Away: 7 wickets

Lost 6: Spencer – Home: 4 wickets
Weybridge – Away: 121 runs
Wimbledon – Away: 7 wickets
Reigate Priory – Home: 6 wickets Away: 5 wickets
Normandy – Home: 42 runs

WD 2: Weybridge: Home. Normandy: Away.

Abandoned – 1: Malden Wanderers: Away

100s – 1: J. A. Knott 103* v. Banstead: Away

Reigate Priory champions. Normandy runners-up. Spencer and Banstead relegated. Guildford and Sutton promoted. ECC won six tosses, lost 12 and batted first nine times. Derek Lane led the 1st XI with a record nine wins to finish third, the highest position achieved in the seven years of the Premiership. The ability to field a regular team was a great advantage with nine players playing 15 or more matches and only 18 representing the 1st XI during the season. The overseas player, nineteen year old Sohail Ahmed, set new records for ECC in the Premiership by bowling more overs (316) and taking most wickets (53) in 15 matches. He was then recalled home, selected for the Pakistan A squad. His slow left arm bowling (economy rate of 2.5) assisted the over rate and gave the necessary required degree of control in the field. He was well supported at the other end by experienced seamers Aidan Baker (25 @ 26.1), Adnan Saleem (22 @ 23.8), James Harvey (16 @ 34.4) and Derek Lane (15 @ 26.1). James Knott, with the only century (103* v. Banstead), topped the batting averages with 430 runs @ 47.8. Richard Johnson, batting higher in the order, assumed more responsibility this year (383 @ 31.9) and Derek Lane (518 @ 34.5) produced his expected all round performance. Others teased with important cameos but failed to push on for assertive big innings. Derek Lane, Adnan Saleem and Richard Johnson represented the Surrey Championship Premier XI v. Middlesex in the final of CCC Inter League Competition. Aidan Baker and James Harvey played in earlier rounds.

Esher C.C. (ECC) Castle Lager Premiership 2nd XI Report 2005

Won 6: Spencer – Home: 3 wickets
Malden Wanderers – Away: 19 runs
Normandy – Home: 3 wickets
Guildford – Away: 5 wickets
Weybridge – Away: 51 runs
Wimbledon – Home: 125 runs

Lost 8: Sutton – Away: 34 runs
Reigate Priory – Home: 7 wickets Away: 159 runs
Wimbledon – Away: 3 wickets
Sunbury – Away: 8 wickets Home: 86 runs
Guildford – Home: 6 wickets

WD 2: Spencer: Away Normandy: Away

LD 1: Malden Wanders: Home

Abandoned – 1: Weybridge: Home

100s – 2: J. A. Woolhead 122 v. Normandy: Home and 127* v. Weybridge: Away

ECC: 8th. Reigate Priory champions. Wimbledon runners-up. Spencer and Guildford relegated. Dulwich and Beddington promoted. ECC won seven tosses, lost 11 and batted first 10 times. 31 players played for the 2nd XI during the summer. Fears of relegation were extinguished with the defeat of high flying Wimbledon by 125 runs in the penultimate match of the season. New captain, the experienced John Woolhead led from the front by playing in every match and turning in a considerable all-round personal performance (622 runs @ 38.9 and 19 wickets @ 28.9). His centuries (122 v. Normandy and 127* v. Weybridge) were the first scored for the 2nd XI since 1999. Only Jon Atkins (329 @ 29.9) and Bryan Coutts (349 @ 29.1) otherwise exceeding 300 runs. Adnan Bashir took 31 wickets @ 22.8, the best total since 1999 but it was his 81 v. Wimbledon that may be remembered longer. Thirteen year old Sam Edgerley, Colt of the Year 2005, kept wicket in nine matches and showed great promise for the future.

Esher C.C. (ECC) Castle 1st Division 3rd XI Report 2005

Won 13: Carshalton & Croydon Gas –
Away: 3 wickets
Warlington – Home: 8 wickets
Old Whitgiftians – Away: 3 wickets
Guildford – Home: 8 wickets
Edward Alleyn & Honor Oak – Away: 46 runs
Mitcham – Away: 102 runs
Cheam – Home: 7 wickets
Worcetser Park – Away: 72 runs
Malden Wanderers – Away: 107 runs
Old Emanuel – Away: 6 wickets
Leatherhead – Away: 9 wickets
Purley – Away: 7 wickets
Chertsey – Home: 3 wickets

Lost 2: Beddington – Home: 127 runs
Walton – Home: 17 runs

WD 1: Woking & Horsell: Home

Abandoned – 1: Streatham & Marlborough:
Home

ECC: champions. Walton runners up. Old Emanuel & Woking & Horsell relegated. ECC won 11 tosses, loss 6 & batted first 5 times. After missing promotion to the Premier Division in 2004, the squad were determined to make amends in 2005. The thrashing by 127 runs at home by Beddington in the second match, provided the necessary wake up call & kick started the campaign. Good availability allowed regularity in team selection & created a splendid team spirit, with more than 10 players playing more than 10 matches. This was the reason for the team's success. However 34 players still turned out during the season. It was truly an all round team effort. With the top individual score of 65* (Khan Bahadur vs. Woking & Horsell), nine fifties were scored by 6 different players. Drew Bennett (330), Rob Seager (295), Vince Tallet (270) & Asfand Khan (251) achieved most total runs. Like wise the bowling had considerable depth, with 7 bowlers taking 12 wickets or more in the year. The out cricket was good with energetic fielding & smart catching supporting the bowlers. Team awards went to Drew Bennett 330 runs at 33, Asfand Khan 30 wkts at 9.2 with Evan McRobb the players' player. The team effort was well supported by David Gleed (umpire), Jessica Tallent (scorer) & Nigel Ferguson (groundsman).

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2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Esher Cricket Club

The AGM of Esher Cricket Club is scheduled for 25th March 2021 to be held at Esher Cricket Club, 47 New Road, Esher, KT10 9NU.

However, the Club believe it likely that the current Covid restrictions, relating to the meeting of people not in a single household, may well remain in force at that time.

Accordingly, and in order to ensure the safety of the attendees and allow the business of the meeting to be transacted, attendance by members at the AGM will be prohibited while the restrictions remain in place.

Any questions relating to the business to be transacted at the AGM should be sent to the Secretary Neil McCallum secretary.esherc@gmail.com at least 48 hours prior to the meeting and a written response to your questions will be provided.

If the restrictions are lifted and meetings are allowed on 25 March 2021 a notice will be put on the club website www.esherc.co.uk advising the revised arrangements

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Esher Cricket Club (The Club) will be held on Thursday 25th September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Clubhouse, 47 New Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9NU

The following resolutions will be proposed

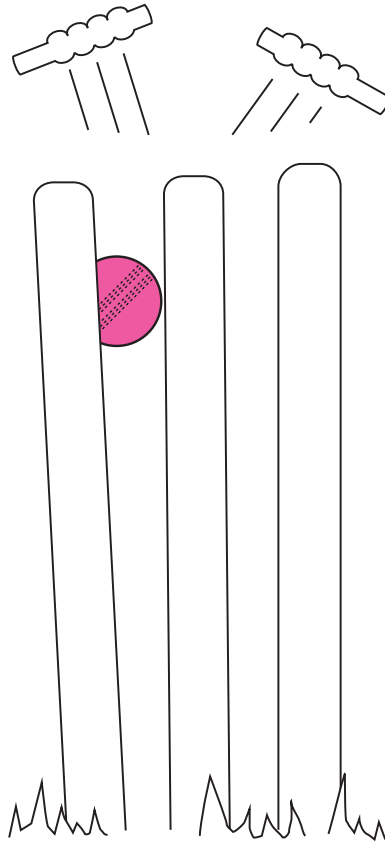
1. To elect G. Ellis as Chairman of the Club
2. To approve the minutes of the 2020 AGM (Note 1)
3. To approve the Accounts for the year to 30th September 2020 (Note 2)
4. To elect the officers of The Club (Note 3)
5. To elect The Management and Young Cricketer Committees (Note 3)
6. To re-elect D. Tilston as Independent Reviewer of the Accounts
7. To approve the 2021 subscription rates as follows:
 - Full playing member (male) – £180
 - Full playing member (female) – £60
 - Full time student – £40
 - Occasional playing member – £50 (up to 4 games)
 - Social member –£30
 - Young Cricketer U16 to U19 – £90
 - Young Cricketer U8 to U15 – £210
 - Young Cricketer U5 to U7 – £145
 - Girls U5 to U9 – £115
 - Girls U10 to U17 – £150The young Cricketer subscription includes family social membership.
8. Any other business

Notes

1. The minutes of the 2020 AGM will be displayed on the club notice board for 15 days prior to the meeting
2. The 2020 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 53 of this report

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