

**2021**

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**Esher Cricket Club**  
(Founded 1863)

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**Annual Report & Accounts  
2021**

**Notice of AGM  
and 2022 fixtures**

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## Welcome

Welcome to the 2022 Esher Cricket club annual report. In the document we take a detailed look at the 2021 season and the many and varied achievements across the Club (see pages 4 to 7) and start to look forward to 2022.

We continue to strive to improve in all areas and we consider much has been achieved over recent years. Our focus in 2022 will be to continue the playing improvements across all teams and squads and to improve the Club facilities. Of particular note is the intention to build three new nets and refurbish the existing nets at New Road either In April or September, see graphic on page 10. We need to raise significant funds to undertake this project and a fundraising initiative is being managed by John Bache. For more details see [www.eshercc.co.uk/fundraising-new-cricket-nets](http://www.eshercc.co.uk/fundraising-new-cricket-nets)

I would like to thank all those who contribute to the club, the many hours of volunteer time, both on and off the field is greatly appreciated and of course our sponsors whose support is hugely welcome.

Finally, a big thank you to Duncan and Lek for the tremendous amount of hard work they put into the Club. Your contribution does not go unnoticed.

# SAVE THE DATE

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL

To be held at Imber Court. More details to follow

## President's Report



As I write, just a couple of days before Christmas (late, as always – sorry Woolly!), I look back at how lucky we were to have played a whole season of cricket in between Covid lockdowns. Seeing crowds back in sports venues once again has been so good and a stark reminder of what we missed for so long and, indeed, what we love. Let's hope we don't have to go back to empty, soulless stadiums again, although the England Cricket Team may welcome a bit of peace and quiet following what can only be described as a shambolic display Down Under. Don't get me started on that...!

As is my approach for this piece, I'll leave the reports of the year, on and off the field at New Road, to our illustrious, tireless Chairman for fear of any duplication. However, before I reflect on another year in cricket I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Geoff, the Management Committee, Duncan & Lek, the coaches and all of the fabulous volunteers at the Club once again. The heartbeat of Esher Cricket Club is still strong, loud and proud.

Amongst the usual formats during the 2021 summer, the belated introduction of The Hundred actually happened! This is only my opinion, but I thought the men's tournament was disappointing – not enough difference to the T20 Blast. It will take time, of course, (as it did with 'the Blast'), but one can only hope that the ECB will look closely at the format, tweak where necessary and introduce improvements. For a start, it goes on nearly as long as a T20 game – not the point! On a personal note, I sincerely hope that The Hundred does not act as

yet another nail in the coffin of the longer format of the game – The County Championship and, ultimately, Test cricket, particularly in the wake of the Ashes.

The Women's Tournament, conversely, was a triumph. The standard and skill levels were high and it really seemed to capture the interest of the audience that the ECB were hoping to attract. I, like many, hope that it serves as a catalyst for a real boom in female participation at all levels, all over the country, starting at Esher CC!

Sadly, the cricketing year ended on another low when the racism 'spotlight' landed on Yorkshire CCC and then spread over other counties. Like many, I don't enjoy reading and listening to the raft of 'scandal-mongers' in the media, but when you hear the likes of Michaels Atherton and Holding, Mark Butcher and Ebony Rainford-Brent speaking on the subject, you want to listen and learn. If you haven't already, it is worth watching, perhaps on YouTube, Butch's brilliant 3-part documentary on the subject – 'You Guys Are History'. Racism is totally unacceptable and abhorrent, of course, and a wider societal problem in general, but it is cricket's turn to face the music. We, at Esher CC, can and will play our part to ensure that racism has no place in the game we all love.

Finally, well done and thank you to all our cricketers, at all age-groups, male & female. You are our lifeblood and the pride and joy of Esher Cricket, past and present. I hope you all continue to enjoy the game, respect your teammates, opponents and officials and support your club always. Here's to another enjoyable and successful 2022.

**Jonny Robinson**

## ESHER CRICKET CLUB - OUR VALUES

### Player Development

We are committed to helping players improve. Our experienced coaching team work with aspiring professionals and first timers alike. All levels of development are equally important.

### Inclusivity

For over 150 years we have been at the heart of the community. We provide space where people come together around a shared love of cricket.

We hope to enrich the lives of all our members and friends. Regardless of ability, gender, age, race, disability, orientation, belief or experience we welcome you.

### Respect

We treat everyone with respect. On the field to officials, opposition, and teammates, and off the field to everyone we come into contact with.

### Enjoyment

We are committed to providing enjoyable cricket and social experiences for people of all ages and to having fun. Fun is what sport is all about.

### Integrity

Esher cricketers play hard but fair within the MCC spirit of cricket.

### Humility

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## 2021 Achievements

### Leading League Run Scorers

Charlie Winder	573 runs @ 44.08
David Brent	410 runs @ 34.17
Mark Hopkinson	398 runs @ 33.17
Justin Broad	390 runs @ 30.00
Matt Macpherson	358 runs @ 39.78

### League Hundreds

Charlie Winder v Chertsey CC 3rd XI	158
Nick Morgan v Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC 4th XI	143
Jess Richman v Old Rutlishian CC 5th XI	126
Mark Hopkinson v Ashtead CC 2nd XI	119
Dan Dickenson v Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC 4th XI	108
Freddie Harrison v Old Hamptonians CC 3rd XI	100

### Senior Players Awards

1st XI player of the year	Justin Broad
2nd XI player of the year	Matt Macpherson
3rd XI player of the year	Charlie Winder
4th XI player of the year	Richie Harrison
5th XI player of the year	Tom Lenton
Newcomer of the year	Joe De La Fuente

### Leading League Wicket Takers

Charlie Winder	30 wickets @ 8.67
Justin Broad	25 wickets @ 17.80
Dan Taylor	24 wickets @ 12.25
Ben Collins	20 wickets @ 17.30
Freddie Harrison	20 wickets @ 20.05

### League 6 Wickets

Angus Greenlees v Woking & Horsell CC 3rd XI	7 for 19
Jonny Wright v Reigate Priory CC 1st XI	7 for 54
Charlie Winder v Chertsey CC 3rd XI	6 for 4
Tim Lenton v Streatham & Marlborough CC 5th XI	6 for 34
Joe De La Fuente v Wimbledon CC 2nd XI	6 for 36

### League Positions

1st XI	4th
2nd XI	5th
3rd XI	1st
4th XI	1st

## Achievements 2021

### YC league and cup

#### U8s

Under 8 Griffins – League Winners
Under 8 Blues – League Winners
Under 8 Unicorns – League Winners
Esher Tournament – U8 Griffins – Winners
NEC Tournament – U8 Griffins – Winners
Under 8 Dragons – League Runners Up
Under 8 Greens – League Runners Up
Esher Tournament – U8 Dragons – Runners Up

#### U9s

Under 9 Tier 1 Sunday League – Runners Up
Under 9 Tier 1 Midweek League – Third
Esher Tournament – Runners-Up
Horsley and Send Tournament – Runners-Up

#### U10s

Tier 1 Midweek League – Winners
Surrey Cup – North West – Winners and Runners Up
NEC Tournament - Winners
Horsley and Send Tournament – Winners

#### U11s

Tier 1 U12 Sunday League – Winners
Tier 1 Sunday League – Winners
County Cup – Runners Up
Esher Tournament – Runners Up
NEC Tournament – Runners Up

#### U12s

Tier 1 Midweek League – Joint Winners
Tier 2 Sunday League – Winners
Tier 2 Midweek League – Runners-up
Surrey Tier 2 Cup – Winners
Esher Tournament – Winners
Spencer Tournament – Runners-Up

#### U13s

National ECB Cup – Winners
London & South East Cup – Winners
Surrey County Cup – Winners
Tier 2 League – Winners

#### U14s

County Cup – Semi Final
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#### U15s

Tier 1 League – Winners
Tier 3 League – Winners
Surrey Tier 2 Cup – Runners Up
Windsor Tournament

## U17s

Plate Cup – Runners Up

## U19s

Surrey Cup – Winners

## U21s

Surrey Trust League – Runners Up

### Surrey Performance Representation 2021

Under 8/9 – Aariz Awan, Alexander Cootzee, Anton Frenedo, Arthavit Anoop, Dan Pullinger, Dushyant Parthiban, Fletcher McHarg, Freddie Carswell, James Morris, Kailan Sivakumaran, Nicky Draycott, Sarvesh Ganesan

Under 10 – Alex Allsop, Aydin Awan, Barney Ashton, Fraser Bache, Fred O'Connor, James Siveyer, Marley Gould, Rien Patel, Rohan Kavia, Theo Tottman, Thomas Hooke, Harry Harding  
Included in 2022 program: Christopher Crowley, Sam Hawkins

Under 11 – Barney Rawlinson, Ben Frenedo, Charlie Hulme, Isaac Hodge, Kunsh Khanna, Max Chambers, Max Giles, Ollie Drake, Rihaan Nair, Sam Temperley, William Heslop

Under 12 – Adam Helwick, Ayaan Shabbir, Benedict French, Dhruv Ganesan, Dilan Guganeswaran, Jack Nash, Jack Potter, Joe Pullinger, Josh Kavia, Rohan De Silva, William Hamilton

Under 13 – Alex Frewer, Alfie Webb, Ayan Sohail, Charlie Pitts, Felix LeVesconte, Felix Porter, Hugo Parkins-Godwin, Jaanzabe Jamali, Max Rawlinson, Noah Luxman, Richard Page, Tom Price, Zain Ali  
Included in 2022 program: Henry Hulme, Ram Kolanu

Under 14 – Alex Chambers, Alex French, Ben Giles, Daniel Old, Freddie Price, Gryffyn Stuckey, Max Wallis, Tom Pitts

Under 15 – Krish Patel, Salaar Shabbir

### Surrey Girls

Under 10 – Clara Pycroft

Under 11 – Arabella Choudhry, Ashley McClean, Hannah Price, Mayako Dennis

Under 12 – Liv Tufts

Under 13 – Ellen Clarke, Saskia Simmons

Under 14 – Emilia Pitts

Under 16 – Saavi Patel

## 2021 Achievements

### What a Year

Pre-season no one was too sure what the season would hold and what Covid restrictions would apply. Thankfully a full season was possible, a return to league and cup competition across the Club associated with all the usual club activities.

The playing results are outstanding as detailed on pages 4 to 6. Of particular note the U13s winning the national (yes national) ECB cup competition is undoubtedly a highlight and bodes very well for the future as the boys mature into our adult teams.

We fielded 7 teams on a Saturday afternoon on several occasions-a first in Esher history with both the 3rd and 4th XI winning their leagues and gaining promotion. The 1st and 2nd XI finished a creditable 4th and 5th respectively in the Surrey Premier league. With our new dedicated facility at Imber Court (only a couple of miles away) this led to a revival of lively Saturday nights at the Club post cricket.

The junior section goes from strength to strength as detailed elsewhere in this report but of note is the significant growth in girls and ladies cricket which is fully supported and encouraged within the Club.

Not only did we succeed on the field but the financial result as detailed on page 18 resulted in a profit before depreciation of £45,644 (2020 £9,088). Another record for the Club. This has enabled us to spend on improving the club facilities including an upgrade of facility at Imber court, new irrigation system at New Road, refurbishment and extension of the patio at New road and our planned new nets project at New Rd see [www.Eshercc.co.uk/fundraising-new-cricket-nets](http://www.Eshercc.co.uk/fundraising-new-cricket-nets)



The statistics below give a snapshot of the fun, enjoyment and success had by club members during the year

- U13s won the national ECB competition
- 3rd and 4th adult teams league winners and promoted
- Girls membership increase from 123 to 189, 58 matches were played and 6 tournaments and festivals competed in. Three of the tournaments hosted by Esher were the first girls hardball tournaments in Surrey
- Ladies team established and looking to grow in 2022
- Delivered 265 (680 hours) boy's coaching sessions
- Ran 10 boy's YC tournaments involving 84 teams playing in excess of 160 matches
- Boys membership increased from 363 to 463 and 450 matches played
- In excess of 70 boys represented the Surrey age groups during the summer
- 59 boys in the U19 or younger age groups represented Esher in senior adult cricket of which 16 played in the 1st or 2nd XI
- Back to cricket dads programme saw a significant influx of talented (but perhaps rusty) dads playing in the adult teams and with their sons
- Financial result enabling the club to invest further in its facility

I very much hope that we can again exceed expectation in 2022 and that we can report even better outcomes this time next year.

Joe De La Fuentes newcomer award



## 2021 Achievements

### The Sam Ryder Award



Carolyn Lenton with the Sam Ryder cup

In my mind the Sam Ryder Award is the most important award. It is presented to the person who has made a contribution to the life of the club far beyond the norm. I am delighted to announce that this year we have our first female recipient, hopefully the first of many. Four years ago we had 9 girl members. Since then Carolyn Lenton, of course, with the help of many other volunteers, has planned and managed the growth of the girls section to 189 five to sixteen year olds, having fun, making new friends, developing skills every week and playing many matches. Carolyn has encouraged at every turn, found coaches and introduced age group managers as the section grew. In addition Carolyn has found new sponsors and worked hard behind the scenes, again with others, to help improve our membership systems. It is absolutely right that Carolyn's excellent work should be recognised by the presentation of the Sam Ryder Award.

**Geoff Ellis**

#### **Previous Winners**

2016 Sam Ryder  
2017 John Woolthead  
2018 Henry Witten  
2019 Duncan Pauline  
2020 Matt Sabben-Clare  
2021 Carolyn Lenton

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# Esher CC Chairman's Report Year to 30th September 2021



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

Despite difficult times I believe that we have seen cricket flourishing. It was the first sport available when everyone needed a break from lockdown and both young cricketers and “dad’s back to cricket” got involved with gusto, the first chance they had.

If anybody had said to me in February or March that we would run a full programme of Easter coaching sessions for our young cricketers, have 48 dads at 5 sessions, run summer courses, have a record number of boys and girls, continue to develop our ladies section, run five then six then seven adult teams, participate in hundreds of matches, run tournaments at New Road, make a great start to our relationship with Imber Court, both playing matches and social events, you could reasonably have wondered just how many Red Bulls they had been drinking. Add to that, that so many people would have fun and that there would be some astounding success on the field, and nobody would have believed you.

I must make special mention to the U13s who won the ECB National Knockout from a field of over 1,200 clubs. In the end winning the final in style but not before some tight moments and contributions from the whole team along the way. The U13s were well managed and well led, coincidentally by a Rawlinson father and son combination, bravo. A Surrey team has only won this competition 3 times in 50 years.

The adult XIs did very well too, the first XI finishing 4th in the Championship and both 3s and 4s winning their divisions.

2021 was also a year when we updated our values, which are set out elsewhere in the report. I believe these are appropriate to our club and represent what we stand for and how we should judge ourselves.

In every way, 2021 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 Easter nets and summer courses.
- Alisa French for working incredible hours to organise and manage pitch allocation, website entries, and help run the U10s and 12s ensuring fair and equal participation for everyone!
- Stephen Cassidy and his team at Imber Court for the excellent welcome and splendid addition to our home pitches.
- David Reed for tirelessly and sensitively making sure we followed Health & Welfare guidelines so that everyone was able to be in a safe environment. David is moving on from this role. Raise your hand if you can help.
- Carolyn Lenton for running girls’ cricket. We now have 189 girls from U5 to U16!
- Sue Da Val for helping to develop our ladies’ section.
- Callum Green for leading the coaching of both girls and ladies.
- Glenn Harrison for running Development and U19 XIs. Esher won the U19 T20 for the second time, a super achievement. Glenn also masterminded the difficult job of selection with plenty of skill, making sure everyone had a fair opportunity.

- 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. Thanks to new Treasurer Nouman Hashmi and new Secretary Neil McCallum.
- Helena Chandler and Kate Ellis for helping to organise the ball.
- Captains Will Edwards, Alex Mason, Dan Taylor, Charlie Winder and Chris Burton.
- James Ellis for his work on our values and bonding the 5th XI.

### Finance

Given the circumstances it would again 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 some new challenges.

Fortunately, careful management in the previous year 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, the Easter courses were well subscribed, and the nursery continued to contribute.
- We are very grateful to our sponsors. Special thanks to Rowan Preparatory School, Sporting Wine Club, and of course Andrew Dewar and his team at Curchods. We look forward to developing partnerships with Kingston Grammar School, Milbourne Lodge, Shrewsbury House, Parkside, Box Hill School, Danes Hill School and NFU next year.
- On the flipside, club hire, social and fundraising events were not possible until late in the season. I sincerely hope we will be able to bring these excellent events back into the calendar next year. The fifth city lunch is set for Friday 22nd April 2022 and promises to be the best ever. It was a difficult time for our sponsors, many of whom had to tighten their belts.

I would also like to thank all those who have volunteered, donated, organised and supported the club in whatever way.

### Facilities

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 spring we installed a sprinkler system so that the squares can be in the best shape possible. Already this year we have upgraded and extended the patio at New Road and now plan to build three new nets at New Road and then re-furbish the Imber Court nets as soon as funds allow.

### 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 was the 5th ball of the 7th over of the final of the U13 ECB National cup. New Rover had progressed serenely to 44-1 when Felix Le V bowled an absolute humdinger to "York" the Yorkshireman, followed by creating a nick for keeper Max R next ball. Two game changing deliveries if ever there were.

My second highlight is the best outfield catch I have seen for many years. Guy Harper's one handed, full length dive having sprinted to his right for the first XI at East Molesey was breathtaking.

My third was attending the first Ladies' tournament at New Road.

Finally, I would like to wish Captains Edwards, Taylor, Greenlees, Burton, Narinesingh and others and all our cricketers good luck for the 2022 season.

The AGM will be held on 14th April at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. The formal notice is on page 73 of this report. You are more than welcome to attend. An open question and answer session will be held at the conclusion of formal business to respond to any questions relating to the club.

## Grounds and Facilities Update

We continue to work hard to improve and upgrade our facilities. Detailed below is a record of what has been achieved and our aspirations for the coming year.

### New Road

During 2021 we replaced the lower end gates to the ground and provided a gravelled entrance to eliminate the eyesore of a rutted and muddy entrance. We have replaced the extremely old and virtually unusable wooden benches at the lower end of the ground with new benches commemorating recent members who have passed on. And we replaced numerous broken pickets in the exterior fence surrounding the ground.

We installed an automatable irrigation system linked to the clubhouse covering the main square and junior wickets which will ensure quality playing surfaces especially in dry periods such as we faced in 2020.

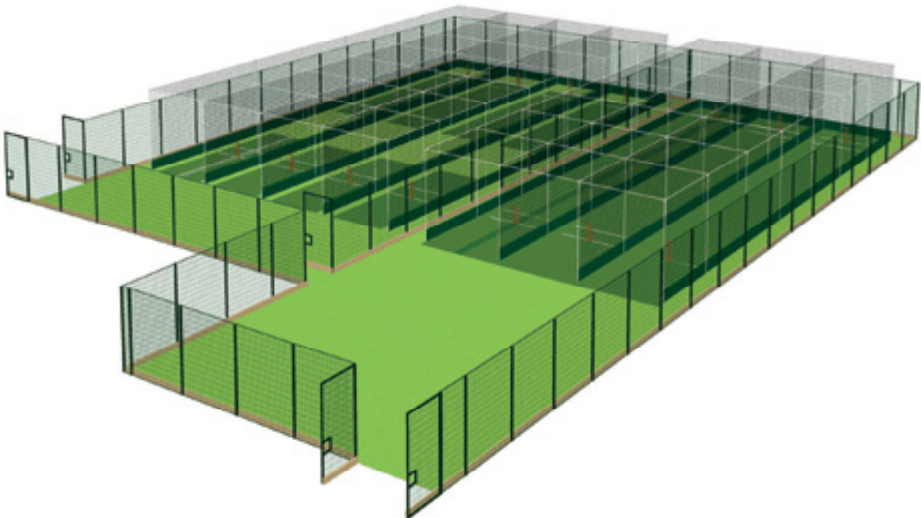
The existing patio foundation was of poor quality and risked rising damp to the pavilion. This has all been dug out and replaced along with the wooden cases to the pillars supporting the small balcony. We have extended the patio so that members can take advantage of the evening sun and have replaced totally the patio floor covering which was

too thin to withstand the heavy wear from studded cricket boots. The central gates to the patio which formed the entrance and exit point for cricketers has been moved to the changing room side of the patio to reduce significantly wear and tear.

We recognise that the pavilion itself needs attention also, both to the ambience of the club room and some of the facilities such as the ladies cloakroom. These will be a focus of attention this year.

In addition, with planning permission now granted, we will be adding three new nets with full run ups next to the existing four nets and will be enclosing the whole facility with robust security fencing. There will be a security fence between both existing nets and the new nets to ensure that young cricketers are safe when older cricketers are using the new nets. This enhanced facility is essential if we are to provide adequate facilities both for existing members and schools within our community. The cost of this initiative is in excess of £100,000 and will be the subject of a separate and focused fund-raising initiative.

Given the recent unfortunate graffiti incident, we shall also be looking at security.



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## Grounds and Facilities Update continued

### Imber Court

We were extremely pleased to become the new tenants of the cricket facilities at Imber Court. This has enabled us to reduce dramatically the need to hire other grounds for both adults and Colts cricket and has enabled us to field seven men's adult teams. The facility had two cricket squares and two pavilions, all of which were in need of extensive attention. There was a middle square linking both the other squares which had not been used in generations and the lower square had not been used nor maintained for over two years. We have brought back and linked all three squares which now form arguably the largest cricket square in the UK and the 34 possible cricket pitches enable us to host countless Colts matches which would otherwise have needed to be hosted at other grounds at a significant cost. The quality of the pitches at Imber Court is far in excess of that provided at some of the recreation grounds we hired previously.

We totally refurbished the lower pavilion which was in a very sorry state and in addition we also refurbished the main pavilion which needed extensive attention to every area. We have repaired the electronic scoreboard which will hopefully be in use this coming season. There is more to be done this year to replace sightscreens and covers and also to provide an area where we can serve cricket teas, but all in all this has been a tremendous addition to Esher CC facilities.

And the association with Imber Court has spin off advantages such as the ability to host our annual ball which raised over £20,000 for the club.

### Shrewsbury House – Alms House Lane Chessington

With some 650 Colts we needed to find some suitable training facilities for the coming cricket season as those at New Road could not handle the necessary number of net sessions and those at Imber Court were not of an acceptable standard. We have come to an agreement with Shrewsbury House to use their first-class Chessington based practice facilities (four all weather nets) and an all-weather pitch. They are building a brand new club house which will no doubt meet with parents approval!! This is another tremendous addition to Esher CC facilities.

Whilst there is more to be done, there are very few cricket clubs in the UK which can provide their members with the range and quality of facilities now available at Esher CC. Thanks go to all of you for your help in making this possible.

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## Social Events

### 2022 Events calendar

Thursday 14th April 2022 7pm	AGM	New Road
Friday 22nd April 2022 12 noon	City Lunch	London
Saturday 7th May 2022 6pm	Season Opener	New Road
Saturday 11th June 2022 8pm	Beer Pong Championship	New Road
Saturday 2nd July 2022 time TBA	Ladies Day	New Road
Saturday 3rd September 2022 8pm	End of Season Awards	New Road
Saturday 10th September 2022 7pm	Esher Ball	Imber Court

Full details of each event will be circulated in due course

### City Lunch from 2019



Guests at the City Lunch

### The Sporting Wine Club

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

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

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

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## Treasurer Report 2021



I am pleased to report that the second 'Covid year' not only saw a full season of cricket but also a healthy return to profitability. This, we believe, was driven not only by our increased offering across all sections of the Club but also the fact that most members were in the Esher area for the summer given the difficulty of travel and lack of other events outside cricket.

### Profit

The operating profit, after depreciation and tax of £18,129 (2020 loss £12,866) is testament to the continued hard work of many volunteers to put on the programmes we run. The result was driven by a significant increase in subscription income, the return of our sponsors and the ability to run functions, the end of season Ball in particular. Expenditure increased in proportion and included significant remedial work, both to the playing area and facility, at our new Imber Court ground. We will continue to work hard to achieve a similar result in the coming years

The lifting of Covid restrictions resulted in a significant increase in income from subscriptions, +£58,296, courses +£20,566 and fund-raising activities +£21,663 and we benefitted from Covid grants and furlough payments of £22,241 which will likely not be repeated. These increases were offset in part by expenditure increases arising from the need for more pitches +£29,732, more coaches £18,553 and admin costs of £18,050 which reflect the fact that we now have over 650 members including some 650 young cricketers.

### Cash flow

During the year we generated £77,092 (£7,041) of operating cashflow. This however was temporarily inflated by the timing of certain transactions and our cash balances were reduced after the year end as amounts owing to creditors were paid as they fell due. Nevertheless, a satisfactory result not only to bide us over the winter months but it also enabled us to upgrade the patio area during the close season.

### Infrastructure and investment

We continue to look to improve all aspects of the member experience at Esher Cricket Club. In March 2021 we installed a new sprinkler and irrigation system at New Rd to overcome the difficulties of dry summers and the amount of cricket played at New Road. The patio upgrade completed in November 2021 and will provide a much-improved experience for members.

We have a long list of investments that are required headed by the new nets project which is detailed on page 10 of this report. Subject to funding we anticipate that this will be built in September 2022.

### Process Improvement

Following my appointment as Treasurer I undertook a review of how we manage the accounting process and have implemented a revised system which will allow real time year to date and forecast data to be available to help the management team make the required management decisions during the year. Finally, I would like to thank Jonathan Manuel who retired as treasurer at the end of last year for his unstinting work during his time in office. Thank you also to Martin Burnett who stepped down as payroll manager after 13 years and in particular guided us through the quagmire of Furlough payments during the Covid lockdowns.

### Nouman Hashmi



New Road from the air

## Annual Accounts 2021

### Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 30th September 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions	137,266	78,970
Sponsorship	11,209	2,417
Fundraising and Functions Note 1 (a)	24,085	2,422
Bar Note 1 (a)	6,465	7,436
Courses Note 1 (a)	66,126	45,560
Rent	6,900	1,688
Playgroup Income	29,376	30,313
Furlough Income Note 1 (b)	7,450	21,915
Government Grant Note 1 (c)	22,241	10,000
Other	5,235	3,614
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>316,353</b>	204,335
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Ground and Pavilion	86,882	57,150
Staff and player costs	62,530	51,278
Coaching and equipment costs	59,231	40,678
Administration	50,282	32,232
Playgroup costs	11,785	10,061
Depreciation Note 2	24,345	21,954
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>295,054</b>	213,353
<b>(Deficit)/Excess before tax</b>	<b>21,299</b>	(9,018)
Taxation	3,169	3,848
<b>(Deficit)/Excess after tax</b>	<b>18,129</b>	(12,866)



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# Balance Sheet

At 30th September 2021

	Cost £	Depreciation £	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Freehold Ground (Note 2)	2,750		2,750	2,750
Pavilion	435,754	139,513	296,241	304,956
Car Park and Pavilion Surrounds	67,539	53,353	14,186	17,562
Nets, Outside Machinery and Scoreboard	134,876	87,842	47,034	39,162
Pavilion Equipment	53,981	44,035	9,945	9,397
Patio, Fence & Sheds	24,978	22,127	2,851	3,616
Kitchen and Bar Furniture	22,576	22,445	131	1,387
			<b>373,138</b>	<b>378,830</b>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Stocks			1,440	1,265
Trade Debtors			1,749	7,391
Other Debtors and Prepayments			24,398	1,695
Premium Bonds			10	10
Cash at Bank			152,008	78,764
			<b>179,604</b>	<b>89,125</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Creditors and Provisions			92,806	25,469
Unsecured Loans repayable within one year			20,000	20,000
Taxation			3,169	3,848
			<b>115,976</b>	<b>49,317</b>
<b>Net current assets (Liabilities)</b>			<b>63,629</b>	<b>39,808</b>
<b>Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land) (Note 2)</b>			<b>63,629</b>	<b>418,638</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
General Fund			<b>436,767</b>	<b>418,638</b>

Approved by the Management Committee on 14th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Geoff Ellis ACA

Nouman Hashmi

# Funds Flow and Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 30th September 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash generated from operating activities:</b>		
General	18,129	(12,866)
Depreciation	24,345	21,954
<b>Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b>	<b>42,474</b>	<b>9,088</b>
<b>Movement in working capital:</b>		
(Increase)/decrease in Stock	(175)	1,085
(Increase)/decrease in Debtors	(17,061)	5,338
Increase/(decrease) in Creditors	70,507	(2,381)
<b>Total changes in working capital</b>	<b>53,271</b>	<b>4,042</b>
<b>Capital expenditure:</b>	<b>(18,653)</b>	<b>(6,089)</b>
<b>Operating cashflow</b>	<b>77,092</b>	<b>7,041</b>
<b>Financing</b>		
Tax paid	(3,848)	(2,562)
Loan repayment		
<b>Total financing</b>	<b>(3,848)</b>	<b>(2,562)</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>73,244</b>	<b>4,479</b>

## 1. Income

- a. Income lines for Fundraising and Functions, Bar and Courses are shown net of costs. All other income lines are shown gross.  
 b. 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  
 c. The government grant represents payments received from various organisations for Covid support.  
 The breakdown is as following:

Date	Organisation	Amount
26/01/2021	Elmbridge Council	8,145
28/01/2021	EW Trust	3,000
03/02/2021	Surrey Playing Fields	1,000
09/03/2021	Elmbridge Council	2,096
29/04/2021	Elmbridge Council	8,000
		<b>22,241</b>

## 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. On 10 February 2022 the Trustee transferred from Zedra Trustee Limited, following their withdrawal from the trustee market, to two Companies Limited by guarantee whose sole purpose is to act as trustee for the legal title of the freehold property. The directors and members of the trustee companies are long standing members of the Club. All protections in place under the Zedra regime remain in place under the new structure.

## 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 2021 set out on the previous pages.

### Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Independent Examiner

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

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to:

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

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

An Independent Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

**David Tilston**

Relevant professional qualification FCA  
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## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

### 1st XI



**Will Edwards**  
1st XI Captain

Despite a disappointing, Covid effected 2020 season, the 1st X1 went into 2021 with cautious optimism. As well as keeping the spine of the squad that had been so integral to the success of recent years, we also welcomed two excellent new additions in Justin Broad and David Brent. Both adding to the cartel of Southern Africans that currently ply their trade at Esher. We were also delighted that former Gloucestershire player Will Tavare would continue as first team coach.

And so, after a solid preseason preparation, the lads kicked off with, what on paper, seemed a daunting trip to Reigate in Round 1. Despite not starting until 3.50pm due to rain (a familiar theme throughout the summer), we managed to restrict Reigate to 130 all out off their 30 overs. A fine all round bowling display. A shaky start with the bat was quickly put right, with Brent and Martin seeing us home to win by 6 wickets. A strong start.



Despite consistency batting from Justin, we then had to wait until Round 5 for our next win. A comfortable victory against Banstead, thanks mainly to late order runs from Andy McCallum in his new role at number 7 and 7 wickets shared between the young spinners Harrison and Patel.

Despite a spirited display from bottom of the table Cranleigh, another win in Round 6 saw us into the top 4 and happy with our start to the season. Then came the frustrating part of the season. In round 7 we suffered a narrow loss to East Molesey, in another game that didn't commence until gone 3pm. In Round 8 and 9 Covid reared its head (coincidentally at the same time as the Euros), resulting in us sending a depleted side to Sunbury before a total abandonment against Normandy due to the number of cases in their side.

So, despite some encouraging performances, at the halfway stage of the season and to our disappointment, we didn't sit in the table where we felt we deserved to be. As such, there was still work to do in the second half of the campaign to A) avoid relegation and B) to finish where we believed we could.

The second half the season begun with a defeat of Reigate. A Jonny Wright 7fer ensured we bowled Reigate out for 98. A total we made easy work, reaching the target in less than 15 overs.

The following game against Weybridge was a classic and one that showed the strength in depth of the teams in the league. Despite restricting Weybridge to 50-6 in pursuit of our 238, they managed to win with 2 wickets remaining. Terrific batting from Brent, McCallum and the lower order allowed us to reach our total. Before, Khurram blew away their top order, including Nick Compton first ball. Their 7th wicket partnership couldn't put a foot wrong though and despite 2 quick wickets with 20 to win, they had all but got over the line. A tough loss to take but one in which we learnt a lot.

#### 1st XI 2021

Back Row R to L – Brian Dunleavy (Scorer), Trish Patel, Johnny Wright, Justin Broad, David Brent, Khurram Ishrad.

Front Row R to L – Krish Patel, Andrew McCallum, Freddie Harrison, Will Edwards (c), Alex Martin, Malcolm Lake.

We bounced back superbly though in the next game against Wimbledon. Although we had to settle for the winning draw, it was a dominant display in which our batsman ended the game as a contest by the halfway mark, reaching 270-6 declared. Krish Patel scoring a remarkable 71 against his former club. Despite early inroads, Wimbledon did well to bat out for the draw.

The next 2 weeks were rained off against Ashstead and Banstead which meant by the time we played Cranleigh in mid-August, we had gone 3 weeks without a game. Any rustiness was quickly dispersed off though as we cruised to 260-8 declared having been inserted. Another fine batting display from Brent, who caused the captain a mild heart attack as he successfully attempted to clear long off twice in the over before lunch. The second half was equally as impressive, with Cranleigh being blown away for just 88. Thanks to 4 wickets from Freddie Harrison and 5 excellent catches from the team.

Round 16, another abandonment. Resulting in East Molesey becoming champions again.

Round 17 saw us suffer defeat for the first time in 6 weeks against a very strong Sunbury side. Sunbury have very much become our bogey side since we re-joined the Premier league in 2019.

A season was capped off away at the picturesque Normandy. A game that really had an end of season feel to it. 58 from Alex Martin helped us to a total of 194 all out, despite still having 10 overs to bat. Even though the total appeared low on paper, we confident of defending it. A confidence that was not misplaced. An excellent spell from Justin was backed up by Khurram and Freddie Harrison who both picked up 3fer as we bowled Normandy out for 140. A 6th win of the season, equalling our 2019 number despite playing 5 less games and resulting in a 4th place finish, above premier league powerhouses Wimbledon and Reigate.

This season showed the real progress we have made as a side and thanks to the work the guys and Tav put in we were able to get the results to back the hard work up. It was a season I think the club should be very proud of, to finish 4th in our 2nd full year back in the premier league is no mean feat and one that makes next year look very promising.

Finally, I must thank Tav and all the players for their efforts this season. Brian and Jess for scoring. Duncan, Lek and the team for all their hard work on the ground and putting on lunch and teas and everyone that supported us throughout the season.

### **Player of the Season**

The player of the year vote was incredibly tight this year with many good performances throughout the season. In the end 4 players were voted for: Broad, Brent, Harrison and Edwards.

It came down to one vote between Brent and Broad but in the end, Broad came out on top.

Although Justin may feel he should have done more throughout the season, he performed incredibly well with both bat and ball. As well as taking a couple of excellent catches. He ended up finishing in the top 10 run scorers in the league and the top 5 wicket takers, proving himself one of, if not the best, all round cricketer in the league.

We wish him the best back home in South Africa this winter and look forward to hopefully welcoming him back next Summer.

## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages continued

### 1st XI

#### 1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Batting Averages 2021

Name	Games	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
David Brent	14	13	1	410	81	34.17
Justin Broad	14	13	0	390	76	30.00
Andrew McCallum	13	13	4	264	70*	29.33
Will Edwards	13	13	0	361	75	27.77
Alex Martin	13	12	2	275	58	27.50
Nick Winder	6	5	2	76	47*	25.33
Krish Patel	6	5	0	111	73	22.20
Trishan Patel	8	5	1	74	22*	18.50
Malcolm Lake	8	7	0	113	51	16.14
Ben Collins	4	3	3	16	12*	16.00
Guy Harper	7	7	0	103	43	14.71
Freddie Harrison	9	8	0	91	24	11.38
Nathan Roberts	8	6	0	68	19	11.33
Joe De La Fuente	4	4	1	30	17	10.00
Khurram Irshad	10	6	3	19	12	6.33
Johnny Wright	13	6	2	25	14	6.25

Also played– 3 Matches: Ali Birkby, Dan Taylor. 2 Matches: Matt McPherson. 1 Match: Ben Clarke, Denil Manuel, Ollie Baker, Kyle Bowie.

#### 1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Bowling Averages 2021 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Justin Broad	108.4	18	445	25	17.80
Trishan Patel	37.3	3	147	8	18.38
Freddie Harrison	90	6	401	20	20.05
David Brent	77.2	13	346	16	21.63
Johnny Wright	80	13	310	14	22.14
Khurram Irshad	73.4	8	304	12	25.33



Justin Broad 1st XI player of the year

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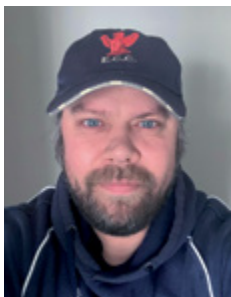


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## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

### 2nd XI



**Alex Mason**  
2nd XI Captain

The Esher 2nd XI finished the 2021 season placed in the Premier Division, just 36 points off top spot. We made an excellent start to the season, winning 4 of our first 5 games. The highlight of that run was our 3 wicket win over Guildford at home, thanks to a sensational 89\* from player of the season Matt McPherson. Our form dipped somewhat when the time games began due to a combination of availability and being on the wrong side of very important tosses. That run of 4 games without a win would prove to be a pivotal point in a very tight race for the title as, after 18 games, only 44 points separated the champions Reigate Priory and Wimbledon in 6th place.

As always seems to be the way with the Esher 2nd XI, we were involved in some very close games throughout the season, starting with a 2 wicket win over Sunbury to open the season. A few weeks later we snuck home with 3 wickets in hand against



Guildford, beat Weybridge by 2 wickets at home before losing to eventual champions Reigate Priory by 2 wickets at the start of August. The last close game of the season was a nail-biter against Wimbledon which ended in a draw. Suffice to say we never do things the easy way!

In review, it's clear that our batting was our weakest link with club legend Mark Hopkinson again finishing as top runs scorer with 398 runs including 119 against Ashtead. Player of the season Matt McPherson ended with 358 runs and played the innings of the season with his match-winning 89\* v Guildford. Pete Blackhurst proved there was life in the old dog yet with 56 to help us win the first game of the season and there were several hugely encouraging performances from the youngsters around the team. Dan Old impressed when he opened the innings alongside Hoppo as did Joe Moss at the end of the season. New signing Anosh Malik looked class and I'm sure he will score big next season

Dan Taylor, who skippered the side magnificently in my absence, was the leading wicket taker with 24 victims (24 wkts @ 12.25), but it was all-rounder Joe De La Fuente who returned the season best figures of 6-36 v Wimbledon on his way to a total of 16 poles (16 wkts @ 15.50). Ben Collins bowled superbly throughout the season claiming 20 wkts @ 17.30 including 5/53 against Weybridge. The other notable wicket-takers were Jonathan Miles who ended with 16 wkts @ 22.90, Tom Brown who claimed 13 wkts @ 17.62 and Ruari Crichard who claimed 7 wkts @ 37.00 in an injury hit season

In summary, whilst finishing 5th is no small achievement, there is certainly room for slight improvement, which could well put us near the top of the pile at the business end of the season next summer.

Roll on 2022!

2nd XI 2021

Back Row R to L – Ali Birkby, Pete Blackhurst, Matt McPherson, Dan Taylor (c), Mark Hopkinson, Ruari Crichard.

Front Row R to L – Johnny Miles, Nick Winder, Joe De La Fuente, Tom Brown, Ollie John.

## Player of the Season

Matt McPherson was a worthy winner of the player of the season award for the Esher 2nd XI after topping the averages with 39.78, playing an incredible match-winning 89\* against Guildford when all looked lost. Add to that 10 catches and a stumping and it's clear to see how well Matt performed for us. His statistics would have been even better if he had not been called up to the 1s a couple of times throughout the season. Add to the above the fact that Matt is a proper club man who always has time for anyone at the club, I can safely say there is no more deserving winner of the Esher 2nd XI Player of the Season award than Matthew McPherson!



Matt McPherson receiving the 2nd XI Player of the Year award

## 2nd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Batting Averages 2021 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Matt Macpherson	12	12	3	358	89*	39.78
Mark Hopkinson	13	13	1	398	119	33.17
Jack Slaney	8	7	0	161	50	23.00
Pete Blackhurst	7	7	0	158	56	22.57
Anosh Malik	7	7	1	128	43	21.33
Joe De La Fuente	10	9	0	167	67	18.78
Ollie John	7	6	0	81	36	13.50
Tom Brown	10	5	1	52	29	13.00
Alex Chambers	4	3	1	25	23*	12.50
Jonathan Miles	14	10	4	75	19*	12.50
Ben Collins	12	10	3	83	25*	11.86
Denil Manuel	6	4	0	47	23	11.75
Daniel Old	7	7	0	75	24	10.71
Ollie Baker	4	2	0	18	18	9.00
Ruari Crichard	8	8	2	42	16*	7.00
Dan Taylor	13	5	2	8	7*	2.67

Also played – 3 Matches: Ali Birkby, Nick Winder, Joe Moss, Nathan Roberts. 2 Matches: Almahar Shelley, Kyle Bowie, Jack Fletcher. 1 Match: Alex Mason, Charlie Winder, Johnny Wright, V Pillai, Ollie Hotchin, Andrew McCallum, Krish Patel, Nick Morgan, Max Simpson, Jack Joyce, Adam Koep, Rohan Gupta, Jess Richman, Nick Woolhead, Alex French, Guy Harper.

## 2nd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Bowling Averages 2021 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Dan Taylor	129.3	43	294	24	12.25
Joe De La Fuente	80	11	248	16	15.50
Ben Collins	88.3	4	346	20	17.30
Tom Brown	59.3	11	229	13	17.62
Jonathan Miles	86.1	14	355	16	22.90
Ruari Crichard	60	2	259	7	37.00



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## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

### 3rd XI



**Charlie Winder**  
3rd XI Captain and 3rd XI Player of The Year

The third XI were always going to have an uphill battle this season. With the aim of promotion being set prior to the season commencing and with only the champions being promoted we knew that victory was the only option. This was made harder with Thames Ditton cancelling the first game of the season, ops sorry it was the 'weather' apparently. Just goes to show how afraid of us other teams were. The first match that was completed laid down a marker of our intent and quality. A convincing victory over Camberley. A classy 86 from Winder ably supported by Richman and Hotchin with 27 and 35 respectively propelled us to 194. Bowling them out for 162 due to a top-quality fielding display and fiery spell from Pountney with 3-27 off his 8.0 overs, and 4-41 from

7 by Winder. Next up came a very wet trip to Ashford and chasing 107 was always going to be a tough ask on a wet and sticky wicket. Only Hotchin made any headway with a strong 34 but we sadly fell short. With the sun shining and confidence flowing Woking and Horsell were in for a daunting trip to Imber Court. A mature beyond his years performance from Old with 84 anchored the innings allowing other players to propel us towards a massive total of 324 with a free scoring Moss scoring 51\* on his first appearance of the season. The victory was confirmed after a new ball masterclass from Greenlees taking 7-19 off his 9 overs charging us to a 272-run win the biggest ever win by an Esher team? An away trip to Egham followed in what promised to be a tough game. Glorious sunshine and a beautiful pitch had our mouths watering at the prospect however a typical Esher collapse ensued and being bowled out for 140 could have been much worse had Old 42, Slaney 30 and Shelly 26 not played well against a good attack. A decent bowling performance sadly could not do enough and a 4-wicket loss occurred. Bouncing back was definitely required and a trip away to Normandy offered a chance to get back on track. Being bowled out for 78 was not part of the plan with only Pillai offering resistance with the bat scoring an enterprising 28. Another sensational performance from Greenlees with the ball was not enough to prevent a loss although 2-22 of his 9 again demonstrated just how valuable he was to the team when available. This left Esher with the challenging task of needing to win all but one of their remaining 12 matches to secure promotion and be crowned champions.

The required winning run started in emphatic fashion the following week home to Chertsey. A destructive 158 from Winder and a fashionable knock of 47 from Crook charged us to 281 from our overs. Confidence flowing and morale high we stepped into the field and Parrish bowled like a prime Jimmy Anderson taking 5-10 from 7

3rd XI 2021

Back row R-L: Mackenzie Holliday, Max Simpson, Oli Baker, Charlie Winder (c), Tom Chandler, Alex French.

Front row R-L: Denil Manuel, Adrian Price, Adam Koep, Charlie Green, Rohan Gupta.



## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages continued

### 3rd XI

resulting in a 170-run victory. Next up came league leaders Kingstonian's away. Winder scoring 47 and Price F 21 enabled us to reach a measly 139. Some more magic in the field needed to defend this, and that's exactly what happened. Fletcher, Pountney and Joyce taking 3 wickets apiece meaning we bowled them out for 130. Nerves of steel throughout the team. The week following was Old Hamptonians at New Road, a real treat for the 3rd XI. Batting first and Harrison scoring a lovely 100 led us to 197. Wickets were shared by all the bowlers in what was another fine fielding performance meaning we bowled them out for 117. Another must win game arrived and the trembling Thames Ditton arrived and were put into bat. Winder taking 4 and Greenlees 3 exemplified the fine fielding performances we had grown accustomed to and then we chased that down inside 20 overs. A quick 29 from Winder started the chase well above the rate before Price A showed experience always counts and carried us to victory with 23\*. Camberley away followed and yet again our steel and resolve were the winners of the day. A fine bowling performance meant we restricted them to 143-9. Price F anchoring the innings with a fine 38\* and Chandler showing class with 58 meant we chased what could have been a challenging total in the 36th over. Home to Ashford came next and tight bowling followed. 3-13 from Baker and 3-29 from Winder ably supported the Simpson show with his 4-34 from 9 meaning we bowled them out for 146. In what could have been a tough score to chase we set off flying with Winder scoring 52 from 26

balls at the top to settle any nerves, before Simpson sealed his man of the match performance with 14\* to see us home. Bad weather followed which prevented more wins as Winder and Price F had led us to 87-0 off 15 versus Woking and Horsell before the rain came in. Sadly the week after the rain persisted preventing a rematch vs Egham. These two weeks of bad weather had taken away any chance of promotion unless we won all those that followed. Home to Normandy came next and after a humbling defeat earlier in the season revenge was on the minds. Batting first and Winder scoring 68 and a fine 50\* from Barrett led us to 226. At the halfway stage the game was not won and we knew a good performance with ball in hand was required. Barrett backing up his form with the bat with the ball taking 3-39 and tight bowling from others meant we ended up with an 8 run victory in what was a very tense finish. Chertsey away came next and after a poor start with the ball we fought back after drinks with Winder taking 6-4 from his 6.5 overs and us bowling them out for 112. A tough wicket to bat on meant this game was far from over but Morgan scoring 33, Price A 19\* and Green 33\* featuring some massive sixes, (Liam Livingston could never) meant a cruised victory came. Two matches left and what could be the best underdog story since Average Joe's Gymnasium beat Globo gym was still on the cards. Home to top of the league Kingstonians came next in what was a make-or-break game. Another fine bowling performance with Winder 4-27 and Fletcher 2-25 leading the attack and Kingstonians being bowled out for 126. The chase began with disaster with two wickets falling in the first over. Thankfully John steadied the ship with a fine 42 before Price A steadied it further and carried the chase on his shoulders ending 25\* supported by Fletcher at the end who shone with 29\* and lead us to victory. One week to go and one victory required to obtain the promotion and league victory that was so deserved and desired by the team for their efforts throughout the season. Old Hamptonians away stood between the mighty 3rd XI and their destiny. Batting first on a fine wicket in a lovely ground worked in our favour. Gupta with a glorious 54 and



Charlie Winder receiving the 3rd XI player of the year award.

Manuel with a brilliant 79 against his friends from school leading us to 276. This was always a very strong total but skills with the ball in hand were required. A top quality performance from French with 4-13 from 7 secured the victory leading to a 194-run win, promotion, and big celebrations. Nothing short of brilliance from all involved.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to the club for entrusting me with the task of leading this fine team and to all those who helped out and supported us throughout the season. Finally to everyone who played your contributions were massive and this league victory was down to each and every one of you. Roll on 2022.

### 3rd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Division 2 West Batting Averages 2021 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Charlie Winder	14	14	1	573	158	44.08
Dan Old	4	4	0	127	84	31.75
Adrian Price	8	8	3	122	25*	24.40
Tom Chandler	6	5	0	104	58	20.80
Max Simpson	8	5	1	78	40	19.50
Ollie Hotchin	7	7	0	116	35	16.57
Freddie Price	9	9	2	109	38*	15.57
Ed Crook	5	5	0	68	47	13.60
Charlie Green	5	5	1	47	33*	11.75
Jess Richman	10	9	0	104	27	11.56
Jack Joyce	7	5	1	41	26	10.25
Ollie Baker	6	5	2	21	10	7.00
Chris Parrish	12	8	0	50	16	6.25
Fabien Pountney	5	4	1	17	9*	5.67
Angus Greenlees	7	4	2	6	5	3.00
Chris Harvey	4	4	3	3	2*	3.00
Dan Dickenson	6	6	0	13	4	2.17
Tom Burnett	4	3	2	2	2*	2.00
Alex French	4	2	2	1	1*	1.00

Also played – 3 Matches: Almaher Shelley, Rohan Gupta, Viraj Pallai, Angus Barrett, Jack Fletcher, Adam Koep, Denil Manuel Nick Morgan. 2 Matches: Jack Slaney, Nick Woollhead, Max Wallis, Austin Wilman, Ollie John. 1 Match: Warwick Shanley, James Fischer, Joe Moss, Seb Stuart-Reckling, John Woollhead, Gareth Narinesingh, Louren Pountney, Freddie Harrison, Ben Clarke, Tom Brown, Mackenzie Holliday.

### 3rd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Division 2 West Bowling Averages 2021 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Angus Greenlees	46.1	14	108	14	7.71
Alex French	21	3	48	6	8.00
Charlie Winder	79.3	12	260	30	8.67
Fabien Pountney	33	7	90	8	11.25
Jack Joyce	32	5	91	8	11.38
Max Simpson	32	6	104	8	13.00
Tom Burnett	18	1	86	5	17.20
Jack Fletcher	26	2	86	5	17.20
Ollie Baker	37.1	5	107	6	17.83
Ollie Hotchin	24	2	98	5	19.60
Chris Parrish	66	8	279	14	19.93

## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

### 4th XI



Chris Burton  
4th XI Captain

With the 2020 season disrupted, this was the first time in Esher's 158 year history that a 4th XI was entered into the Surrey Championship, competing in the prestigiously named 'Div 5 East'. The objective was clear – secure promotion at the first time of asking.

We began at our newly permanent ground, 'Fortress Imber Court' with a 9 wicket win over Trinity Mid-Whits. The team largely consisting of YCs, dads on league debut and seasoned veterans, bowled the oppo out for 113 and knocked them off inside 16 overs. Nick Woollhead hit 54 off 36 balls and looked rather discombobulated when the oppo called him a ringer – something we heard several times through the year.



Winning the first six, we had a strong start to the season, although there were some nail biters including Old Ruts in the rain. Winning the toss and bowling them out for 52, we sensed we were home and dry with the chance for an early beer back home, cheering on the 1s. At 27 for 5 we were up against it more than a Hoppo against a Topley and so at the first sign of rain we came off for some respite. Fortunately, by the time it was dry enough to head back out, the Duckworth Lewis calculator proclaimed 43 to be the target and we got there without losing another wicket with Sam Slaney calmly hitting the winning runs.

My favourite game for a many a year though was at home against Streatham & Marlborough. With six of our first seven batsman perishing for single figures on what should have been a high scoring track it looked like the writing was on the wall. Knocks from a fit again Fletch of 46, a destructive maiden 50 from James Fischer and some support from the tail meant we reached 185 for 8 at the interval, giving us some hope, although truth be told it was under par. The oppo started strongly, ahead of the run rate with plenty of wickets in hand and only needed 65 to win at 4 an over with 8 wickets in hand. Enter Tim Lenton in true 'hold my beer' fashion. In the team on debut as a seamer, he came on for an over and declared he "can't bowl seam today, so I'll give spin a go..." What may have started as a cameo two over spell before the openers came back on, gently continued as he accumulated wickets, beguiling the oppo including their key batter stumped on 50. 7 overs into a spell with 1 over remaining and in for a penny, in for a pound. The oppo needed 6 to win off the last over with 3 wickets in hand with 22 players and a few spectators gripped by the crescendo Tim created as he became our death bowler... 2 off the first, wicket, couple of dot balls, wicket, meant 4 to tie off the last ball so what does any adrenaline junky do in those situations?... yup, Tim gamely bowled a wide and the chance to

4th XI 2021

Front row L-R: Dylan Narinesingh, Henry Burton, Rohan Gupta, Chris Harvey, Ollie Adams, Tom Lenton, Mark Carroll.

Back row L-R: Pratik Patel, Arun Narinesingh, Gareth Narinesingh, Chris Burton, Richie Harrison, Sam Slaney, Sachin Patel.

go for double jeopardy. Last ball... batter charging down the track, stumped to win the game!! Scenes!!! Tim taking three stumped wickets off the last over and finishing with figures of 6 for 34 off 8, made all the sweeter as it was his first ever game with son Tom. Unfortunately, a rogue fleck of boundary paint somehow got in his eye at the end... as everyone reflected on whether Tim was a master hustler or just had the eye of the tiger on this given Saturday. It later transpired that he'd ripped his pec muscles during the spell, having bowled on through the pain and couldn't bowl again for the rest of the season!

Other highlights including a heroic and well measured 85 not out by Adrian Price to win in the last over against Merton and a thumping 234 run win over Trinity Mid Whits with Nick Morgan and Dan Dickenson having a '6 off'. Nick scored 143 off 83, the Viking bludgeoned 108 off 42 and again the word 'ringer' was heard. This was also a match where Henry Burton (aged 8) did what any good Esher clubman would have done and agreed to play after a very late drop out.

Beddington bowled us out for 80 so we bowled them out for 41, with Ben Giles taking 4 for 4 off 7 in a very hostile spell. Other player of the match performances came from Jess Richman (126 against Old Ruts), the old warhorse Martin Miles (96 against Beddington – jug avoidance!), Gareth Narinesingh (87 against Addiscombe), Jack Joyce (5 for 9 against Chipstead) and Alex French (4 for 7 against Merstham)

It wasn't an unbeaten season though as Old Wimbledonians did the double over us, our only losses of the season until Merton beat us in the last game when we'd already secured the title.

All in all, it was a season played in good spirit with the ECC values fully on show by all. Many people contributed on and off the field, but it would be remiss not to mention that we are hugely grateful to the recent recruitment drives conducted by the club to grow our numbers, particularly to 1s skipper Will Edwards and uncle of the club Vince Chandler, to Alisa French for organising the superb 'Back to Cricket' initiative aimed at a bunch of dads sorely seeking any excuse to exit the house, to a man all saying "I haven't played since uni", regardless of whether they were 27 or 72, and to Glenn Harrison in his first season as Head of Adult Cricket, overseeing a season with a huge amount of variables.

### Player of the Season

Runs and wickets were shared around a lot this year and the season's results were testament to many players making important contributions along the way. Richard Harrison though made match winning performances on several occasions. He ended as the team's leading wicket taker with 17 at an average of 16.24 and prized his wicket highly scoring some valuable lower order runs, averaging 41.50 with the bat, so he is this season's 4th team player of the year. Congratulations Richie!

Special mention also to Max Wallis (U14), in his first season at Esher who scored 155 league runs at 25 and bowled some very tidy left arm spin that deserved more wickets than the three he took. It was fitting that he lifted the 4s trophy at the end of season Surrey awards dinner at the Oval and we look forward to even better years ahead for him.



Richie Harrison 4th XI player of the year

## Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages continued

### 4th XI

#### 4th XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Division 5 East Batting Averages 2021 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Adrian Price	4	4	1	177	85*	59.00
Pratik Patel	7	2	1	45	33	45.00
Richard Harrison	11	6	4	83	26*	41.50
Chris Burton	10	7	3	162	70	40.50
Max Wallis	9	9	2	155	42	22.14
Gareth Narinesingh	8	6	0	118	87	19.67
Chris Harvey	10	3	2	19	18*	19.00
Alex French	4	3	1	37	24*	18.50
Jean Van De Spuy	4	4	1	54	25	18.00
Sachin Patel	6	5	1	70	38	17.50
Sam Slaney	8	6	1	65	21	13.00
Tim Morris	7	7	1	72	37*	10.29
Tom Lenton	6	2	0	11	7	5.50
Mark Carroll	4	2	0	5	5	2.50
Tom Burnett	6	1	0	0	0	0.00

Also played – 3 Matches: Jess Richman, Ollie Adams, Martin Miles, Jamie Lane, Neil Fletcher, Angus Barrett, Robert Dreyer, Fabien Pountney, Ben Giles, Freddie Price. 2 Matches: Nick Woolhead, Rohan Gupta, Tim Lenton, James Fischer, Zain Ali, Paul Hamilton, Will Tilston, Dan Dickenson, Ollie Hotchin, Ed Crook, James Page, Chris Parrish. 1 Match: Nouman Hashmi, Jack Simpkin, Dan Old, Bobby Lowe, James Ellis, Deyan Patel, Nick Morgan, Henry Burton, Alex Chambers, Austin Wilman, Adam Koep, Navik Mendis, Philippe Van Der Spuy, Mike Old, Rahul De Silva, Sachin Bhogal, Viraj Pillai, Jack Joyce

#### 4th XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Division 5 East Bowling Averages 2021 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Jack Joyce	8	1	9	5	1.80
Tim Lenton	8	0	34	6	5.67
Ben Giles	19	5	42	7	6.00
Alex French	25	6	55	7	7.86
Tom Burnett	38.2	7	125	12	10.42
Chris Harvey	60	11	172	15	11.47
Sachin Patel	17	1	85	6	14.17
Richard Harrison	64	5	276	17	16.24
Pratik Patel	33	9	98	6	16.33
Sam Slaney	46	4	152	6	25.33

## Senior Cricket – Reports

### 5th XI

Esher ran a 5th XI every week for the first time in its history this year, and in the summer months regularly put out a 6th and 7th XI. All three teams were characterised by good humour and inclusivity, the return to cricket of some old hands and the development of some far younger ones.

I can't honestly remember the whole season record, as for the last part of the season we ran 2 and sometimes 3 concurrent 5th XI's. To me that doesn't matter though – the 5th XI was about getting people involved and enjoying a game of cricket together, and we did that absolutely every week. Some stand out moments will serve to illustrate this best.

Ollie and Paul Hamilton, a father son duo of the first rate, both scored fifty in a hundred partnership. You love to see it.

Emma Chandler, playing her first season of men's adult cricket, fielded outstandingly throughout the season and the team went absolutely bananas when she took her first wicket.

Pratik Patel's outstanding 94 whilst being the most supportive and friendly team mate you can imagine was met with unbridled joy by the whole team.

Tom Lenton was player of the season and epitomised the team: he played every week, came back early from Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to be available for selection, bowled fantastically, and was always good value in the field.

The spirit of the 5th XI was outstanding this year. Long may that continue for Esher!



Tim Lenton 5th XI player of the year

## Ladies Report 2021

2021 season saw Ladies play for the first time as a team for Esher Cricket Club. This was a momentous and significant milestone in Esher Cricket Club history.

The Ladies team started out as a social team late in 2020 and buoyed by our enjoyment we set out to enter our first league team in 2021.

Each and every Ladies team member played their part in the success at each fixture. Our ladies team comprised of: Sue Da Vall, Francesca Haywood, Aruni Wijeratne, Lucy Fletcher, Jen Venzelaae-Pelly, Nafiseh Emamy, Jeyar Banerjee, Jyoti Patel, Charlotte New, Juliet Collen, Deepti Mittal, Evie Carlisle, Kate Addison, Angela Patel and Tash Clarkson.

Francesca was a great coach to the ladies team who worked tirelessly and with great patience teaching the basics at the beginning of the season, supported by Jenny Gluckman. Subsequently, the team were coached by Callum Green who built upon the work carried out by Francesca and improved the team skills with Jenny continuing her invaluable support.

In our Ladies first match we saw Sue Da Vall score Esher's first boundary and Deepti Mittal and Jyoti Patel take one wicket each. This enthusiasm and commitment was matched by Charlotte New who took a catch having broken her hand in the game!



Esher Ladies in 2021

Each following match witnessed some fantastic batting by Lucy, Juliet, Deepti, Kate, Aruni, Jeyar, Evie, Nasifeh, Jyoti, Angela, Tash, Charlotte, Jen and Sue and all were equally formidable in the field. This was in spite of our team being very much beginners and pretty much the underdogs in every game. The Ladies team was also supported by some of the girls from the Club, notably Charlotte Reed and Izzy Lenton, which was a great way to introduce the girls to ladies cricket and sets the stage for what will be the future landing platform for our incredibly successful girls.

We are proud to represent Esher and look forward to our continued growth in the 2022 season and beyond!



Esher Ladies at Imber Court



# Esher CC Young Cricketers Reports 2021

## Senior Academy Cricket

Esher won the ECB U19s T20 competition for the first time in 2020 and the objective at the end of that successful season was to win it again and develop some of the younger players, in a successful and enjoyable environment, to support and encourage the transition into adult cricket. The Trust League or Under 21's, was also a key target to improve the standard of performance on the previous year, whilst still enjoying the cricket – Charlie Winder must take a huge amount of credit for creating this environment and in the vital final must win group game, his hundred against a Sunbury team containing five first team players was a highlight of the season and was pivotal in steering us into the final of the Division One Trust competition – sadly we narrowly lost to a strong Valley End team (the day after the Esher ball), but the season provided just as much fun and more consistent performances with the boys going unbeaten all the way to the final. Throughout the campaign there was a greater consistency of run scoring and having the exceptional Justin Broad play in a few games certainly bolstered the totals – his unbeaten hundred in the semi-final against Trinity was simply brilliant! The team regularly bowled well with Freddie Harrison and Trish Patel taking vital wickets with economy in all matches and some exceptional spells by Max Simpson with the new ball regularly opened up an end to attack with spin. Andrew McCallum showed his versatility as a batter and scored runs lower down the order as well as at the top! Adam Koep demonstrated his immense value to the team with important runs in the Sunbury game and in the final – his running between the wickets and fielding was an example to all young cricketers to aspire to. The season was a huge improvement on the previous year and a massive thank you to Charlie for making this so much fun for the boys and leading the team so well which has undoubtedly been a catalyst to the success of the 3rd team winning promotion.

The second objective of winning back-to-back U19's T20 trophies was also achieved in extraordinary circumstances. Jack Fletcher led the team magnificently and his bowling was a key to many victories along the way through a very tough group with sketchy availability and some good teams to beat. Jack also performed well for the



Senior academy having taken a wicket

Trust team and for the 2nd XI on adult cricket. It must be said that we never had our strongest team out until the final and we would not have got there without being bolstered by some tremendous performances by younger players such as Alex French, Rohan Gupta, Jack Joyce and Ben Clark – all magnificent and even though they were not all selected for the final they were all there supporting the boys at Normandy, as were the older lads like Adam and Charlie who were there warming the boys up and being right behind the team – that is probably the most pleasing aspect to the Senior Academy success, the fact that they all want to play with each other and enjoy the club – Alex, Rohan and Jack all played 2nd XI cricket this year and Ben played his first game in the 1st XI and they are all the future of this team next year and indeed the club – they will form the backbone of the U19's team next year and back up the likes of Freddie Harrison, Trish Patel, Joe Moss, Jack Slaney and Anosh Malik who are all still under 19 and have all played first and second team cricket this year with distinction.

To be frank the performances in the group games varied and we regularly pulled off remarkable wins with below strength teams against strong opponents, usually defending low scores with miraculous match winning spells from Jack, Fred, Trish, Jack Joyce and the brilliant Jonathan Miles. We never really scored runs until the semi-final against a strong Valley End team, when we finally got it nearly right. We batted first and Angus Barret and Rohan teed off and smashed the power play before we lost quick wickets. This gave us the



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U19 Surrey T20 Winners

platform for Freddie and Mackenzie to go through the gears and help us post 165. With our bowling, they were never going to get anywhere near that, in previous games, we had regularly defended 120 or below. A comfortable win saw Esher matched up against a strong Banstead team in the final at Normandy CC.

The final was an almost perfect performance. Jack captained the side with great tactical awareness and passion. After Banstead had taken the first three overs for 34, he brought Freddie Harrison and Trish Patel straight on and together they bowled a match winning combined spell of 8 overs, taking five wickets for only 25 runs in a T20 match. Banstead then crawled to a modest 115 off 20 overs. The return of the in-form Joe Moss saw Esher put the game beyond doubt quickly with Joe destroying their attack in the power play to get a quick fire 40. A special mention to two players who finished the match with us winning with 9 overs to spare. Firstly, Ed Crook who guided the team home with a very sensible and well-crafted 40 not out- it must also be noted that Ed filled in as Captain on two occasions through the group stages and did a brilliant job. Secondly, Denil Manuel who is without doubt the best keeper around on the circuit – he kept through the group stages brilliantly and finished this final off with some imperious ramp shots which added a touch of class to a superb all-round display. It will be difficult to match or aim higher than what we have achieved in the last two years, but we must continue to strive to get better, make it enjoyable and incorporate the YC's into this environment to

bolster adult cricket in the way we have in the last few seasons. A huge thanks to Neil Fletcher for his work with the team and for umpiring regularly and to Alisa, Doc, Tom Lenton and Carolyn for scoring on a regular basis. (RGH)

### Under 17's

The under 17s had a successful season especially as we prioritised ensuring participation by all concerned over winning. The squad was made up of boys from the U14 to U17 age groups. We played two warm-up matches, winning one and losing one. In the league we won against Horsley and Send at home but lost the away return fixture. A very young side lost to a strong Guildford team but gained valuable experience. The undoubted highlight of the season was an away win in the semi-final against a strong Wimbledon side with captain Rohan Gupta starring with both bat and ball.

Another young side contested the final against Banstead and almost defended a below par 117 in 20 overs. Most of the squad will be eligible for next season and beyond and we will aim to provide plenty of cricket to enable to develop their skills in preparation for the under 19 squad.

### Under 15's

In their last season as a single-age age group, the U15s had one of their best seasons, comfortably winning the Tier 1 Invitational League, remaining undefeated winning the Tier 3 league and were runners-up in the Surrey Cup. Although we lost our opening ECB Cup match in our second game of the season, when the boys produced their poorest performance, it should not detract from an excellent year. Of the 30 boys in the age group, 21 of them played in the Griffins 9 matches and 20 played in the Dragons 6 matches.

**The Griffins** entered the expanded, highly competitive Tier 1 Invitational League of 12 teams. We ended the season with top and third highest run scorers in the league in Christian Nicolaou (331 runs at a league highest average of 66.20) and James Page (250 runs) as well as the top and joint second highest wicket taking bowlers in Sam Gale (13 wickets at 4.31) and Rahul De Silva (11 wickets at 13.91). However, it was more collective team effort throughout the season rather than individual prowess that made the team successful, often embodied in a never say die attitude in the field,



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## Under 15 Season Stats

### Batting:

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	50's	Highest	Balls	Average	Strike Rate
Christian Nicolaou	9	9	3	384	5	74	409	64.0	93.9
James Page	14	14	3	353	2	59	288	32.1	122.6
Ben Clarke	9	9	1	262		41*	257	32.8	101.9
William Malet de Carteret	13	10	7	138		32*	89	46.0	155.1
Fin MacLenan	11	9	4	122		30*	103	24.4	118.4
Oli Bamford	6	6	2	120		39*	152	30.0	78.9
Thomas Reed	10	10	1	112		30*	170	12.4	65.9
Jack Joyce	11	6	2	86		42*	46	21.5	187.0
Joe Goodsman	4	4	2	77		32*	64	38.5	120.3
Sam Slaney	8	7	3	76		34	100	19.0	76.0
Wilf Stokhuyzen	5	5	0	73	1	52*	74	14.6	98.6

### Bowling:

Name	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Economy
Ben Frewer	16	52.1	4	254	19	13.37	4.87
Sam Gale	6	21.5	4	67	16	4.19	3.07
Jack Joyce	10	39.4	4	160	12	13.33	4.03
Rahul De Silva	10	45	4	174	12	14.50	3.87
Fin MacLenan	11	28	1	173	9	19.22	6.18
Harry McLusky	7	17	1	91	8	11.38	5.35
Sam Slaney	6	19	2	107	5	21.40	5.63
Tian Patel	7	16	0	108	5	21.60	6.75
Tom Lenton	8	20.4	1	101	4	25.25	4.89
Jean Van Der Spuy	7	18	0	117	4	29.25	6.50
Krish Chandaria	8	19	2	123	4	30.75	6.47

such as the 6 superb catches in the match against Richmond which contributed to the eye-catching result of a 175 run victory (highest in the league), although there was the telling contribution of Sam Gale (6-3) in the same match, also the best bowling figures in the league.

However, the matches where the team took most from were ones where they had to battle for the



U15's in the final of the Surrey Cup

win and the strength in depth really shone through. Against Reigate, after an excellent start (83-2 off 16.4 overs – Christian Nicolaou (47) and Oli Bamford (26), we suffered a classic batting collapse to 98-7 off 20.2, and eventually limped to a below par score of 117-7 thanks to the stoic partnership of 19 between Rahul De Silva and Jean Van der Spuy. We defended that total, winning by one solitary run, reflecting a team contribution of superb fielding including a 'worldy' one handed over the head catch by William Malet de Carteret, three run outs by Lorcan Poutney and Wilf Stokhuyzen, and supreme death bowling by Sam Slaney.

Against our nemesis Chobham, who had beaten us in 2019 to the U13 championship, they put into bat on a damp tricky wicket (their coach said 130 was a par score), losing both Christian Nicolaou and James Page without scoring and were quickly 9-2 within three overs. The fact that we reached 188-5 was thanks to quick scoring from Wilf

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Stokhuyzen (52), Ben Clarke (22), Oli Bamford (39\*) and William Malet de Carteret (27\*). After our first 12 bowling overs, the game was effectively over, with Chobham 32-5: Jack Joyce's miserly bowling from one end combined with spin from the other with Sam Gale (3 for 10) and Rahul De Silva (2 for 13) gutting their top order.

**The Dragons** entered the mid-week Tier 3 league comprising of 9 teams. We were often short of players and so I would like to extend my thanks to the U14 boys and the U16 girls who stepped in. Very ably captained by Ben Frewer, they produced some excellent displays with Joe Goodsmen (70 runs at an average of 70), Tyler Butler (66 runs at 33), Thomas Reed (58 runs at 14.50) and Tom Lenton (58 runs at 58) all contributing well with the bat. However, it was our bowling which really differentiated us from other teams having a great mix of spin and pace and we always exceeded the leagues target of a minimum of 7 bowlers. Ben Frewer was the leading wicket taker with 8 wickets (at 6.37, economy - 3.40), and was well supported by Harry McLusky (5 wickets at 11.2, economy - 4.67), Fin MacLenan (4 wickets at 16.75, economy - 5.15) and Tom Lenton (3 wickets at 20.67, economy - 4.54).

Two games were distinctly memorable. Against a strengthened Ashtead B's in a "player reduced" 8-a-side game which produced 313 runs. We had built ourselves a strong foundation achieving 157 all out, with important contributions from Tyler Butler (30\*), Tom Lenton (26) and Tian Patel (15). However, despite some excellent bowling, including Felix Day's first wicket in his first season playing club cricket, the game went down to the last over with Ashtead needing 8 runs with one wicket in hand. Having got 2 wides and a four off Tom Lenton's first 4 balls, and the batsman well set on 47, Tom produced a peach of a ball to bowl him and win the game by 1 run.

The other memorable game was against a very strong Sunbury A team (who play in a higher division in the Middlesex league) was also very satisfying, and having reached 163-3 with 3 players retiring, excellent bowling by Tom Lenton and Ben Frewer in particular meant that the match was always in our control and we won by 18 runs.

We also enjoyed an entertaining run in the Tier 2 Surrey Cup. Enroute to the final we beat Wimbledon U14B's by 56 runs (Jack Joyce 42\* and Will Jarrett 40\*, Krish Chandaria 3-25), Epsom by 26 runs (James Page 40\*, Harry McLusky 3-10), and TMW by 14 runs. In the final against Valley End, played on Bank Holiday Monday, we looked like a team that hadn't played for a few weeks and were a bit rusty (I blame the manager!), and therefore it was not surprising that the match culminated in a 29-run loss, not helped by two direct hits run outs. However, hats off to the boys for battling to the end.

### End of Season Awards:

- **Batting:** Christian Nicolaou (384 runs at an average of 64.0. Five 50's)
- **Bowling:** Sam Gale (16 wickets at 4.19 and an economy of 3.07)
- **Clubman of the Year:** Ben Clarke (extraordinarily consistent with the bat, 262 runs at 32.8, supreme behind the stumps, 3 memorable stumpings vs Chobham, and went on to play for the U17s, U19s and 5ths, 3rds and 1sts)
- **Most Improved:** Harry McLusky (who deserved more than his 8 wickets this season, and at times was unplayable)

Further to the award recipients there are some very honourable mentions to:

**Batting:** James Page (353 runs at 32.1. Two 50's).

**Bowling:** Ben Frewer (19 wickets at 13.37, 4.87 economy), Rahul De Silva (12 wickets at 14.50, 3.87 economy) and Jack Joyce (12 wickets at 13.33, 4.03 economy).

**Most Improved:** Rahul De Silva and Tom Lenton

Finally, I want to acknowledge those players who I know worked hard on improving their game during the season and spent the time and effort necessary to improve and it really showed; the other boys have something to learn from your examples: Jack Joyce, Christian Nicolaou, Rahul De Silva and Tom Lenton. It has been an absolute privilege to be the AGM for this fantastic groups of boys - I have genuinely loved every minute on or at the side of the pitches this season.

The friendships and camaraderie the boys shared grew strongly during the year, which I am sure will develop further as they move into senior and adult cricket. Thanks to all the parents for their support and contributions during the season and to Duncan and the coaching staff for their assistance.

### Under 14's

There were fewer COVID hurdles to battle this season but a traditional English summer made for a challenging season. Thankfully with the use of Imber Court we were able to fulfil all our home fixtures in what felt like a summer of two halves with half-time being a wash out.

The Tier 1 team were still in hibernation when the season started with the 3 losses in the first 3 leagues games. Thankfully the team then went on a "Manchester City run" with convincing wins in the next 10 games in the league and cup. The only blip after this slow start was the semi-final cup match which was just one of those horrible games, not enough runs, not a great day in the field which ended a fabulous unbeaten cup run over the last 4 years.

A few highlights; Alex Chambers impeccable half century vs Horsley and Send off 20 balls (not a bad week with an unbeaten century vs Spencer 3 days before) and Ben Giles' 1st 50 vs Lingfield. Overall, from the 14 league and cup games everyone contributed with bat and ball throughout. There were impressive contributions with bat and ball from Freddie Price and Alex French respectively.

The Tier 2 team competed well in a league that was mainly other clubs A team finishing in a very respectable 3rd place. Some great contributions with the bat from Conor Carville, Ollie Casebourne, Charlie Babb and with the ball from Reuben MDC, Kush Patel, Hari Stewart. An amazing group of boys who always play with a smile on their faces.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have helped and support both teams in 2021. A lot of hard work behind the scenes from Duncan and Alisa gave all 26 boys as much as cricket as possible including adult cricket. I'm looking forward to next season and watching from the boundary. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as this group's AGM and again a big thank you for all your support. (RL)

### Under 13's

Every boy was invited to more than 10 games including boys who joined mid-season. A total of 55 games were played in the U13's during the season.



U13 UCB National winners



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### U14 Tier 1 Invitational West – P8 W5 L3

East Molesey first game of the season and having hammered them the previous year, the boys were in confident mood. That mood continued as Esher restricted them to 132/7 from their 30 overs on a good pitch with a quick outfield: Tom Price the pick of the bowlers with 4/17. Esher's confidence soon waned as we stuttered to 95 all out; a year is a long time in cricket... An easy victory vs Walton followed, Zain Ali returning figures of 4-7, Alex Frewer 42\* and an 8 wicket win. Horsley and Send next, who were perhaps a little like we were vs EM having turned us over the previous year. Esher were just better in every department. Esher were stuck in and posted a very respectable 163/7 off 25 overs, Richie Page 37 and Henry Hulme 48 off 27

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### U13 UCB National winners

balls with 8 4's. Everyone bowled tidily with Jaanzabe Jamali the pick with 3-19. It felt like the season was back on track only to be halted by Surrey selecting 9 of the squad at the same time as our game vs Guildford. Thankfully we were bolstered by the mighty U14's who would surely see us home...No such luck, Guildford scored 160/6 which felt chaseable, unfortunately we fell 7 runs short. Royal Ascot were up next and they set off like a rocket, 44-0 after 4. Once the opening partnership was broken wickets tumbled, ending 88 All out; Alfie Webb 3-15, Jaanzabe 2-6. We easily knocked them off for the loss of 1 wicket with Richie Page scoring a terrific 57\*. Normandy were bowled out for 116, Felix Le Vesconte, Felix Porter and Zain Ali all collecting 2 wickets each. Once again these were knocked off with ease, for the loss of only 1 wicket, Charlie Pitts this time with the batting fireworks, 53\* from 40 balls including 8 boundaries. Chobham came to Imber court as league leaders and full of confidence, full of runs. When they were knocked out for 74, Felix Porter, Alfie Webb, Zain Ali and Tom Price all chipping in with 2 wickets. At 38-2 with 15 overs left we were cruising; it shouldn't have needed number 9 & 10

to hit the winning runs but win we did. Our one and only game at New Road was against a powerful Weybridge side, once again hampered by Surrey on selection. Freddie Price smashed 68 with Esher posting 133/8 which always felt 20-30 short. Weybridge always looked comfortable, but we managed to push them to the 23rd over. A disjointed campaign, showing glimpses of what we can do, was no mean feat in an u14 league and definitely helped with what was to come later on in the season.

Massive thank you to Matt Price for being an ever-present scorer, SJ for her tireless Spounding and Gav and Clive for helping out too. Special mention for Mark Lappin who helped enormously throughout the season to ensure the entire age group ran smoothly.

A triumphant year for our 2nd XI illustrated the strength in depth of our U13 boys as they secured the Surrey Central Tier 2 midweek league and showed well in the opening rounds of the Tier 2 Cup. Familiar faces all showed impressive development throughout the season, bolstered by some excellent new recruits such as Owen Flower,



Tristan Downing, Kit Lockard and Felix Gerlach. They started their campaign away at Ashted on a miserable April evening and a pitch on top of a hill, where civilisation exists somewhere below. Wicketkeeper Fenton Elliott was back wreaking havoc at number 3 being retired after sending the pink ball out into the woods. A tricky match curtailed by 6 overs due to bad light was safely navigated for our opening 20 run win.

A Siberian Friday followed against Pyrford. If anyone is thinking of family punishments just wait until the start of May and play cricket at 6pm. Fenton retired again off 26 balls and Owen settled into Esher life scoring a quick fire 22\*. Pyrford fell 30 runs short on 97 as Ben Grimshaw grabbed 2 for 8. A switch to the cup away at Weybridge showed no let up as Alex Kay and Tom McMurray both retired on 25\*. Harry Banerjee's 4-18 was matched by Ben Grimshaw's fabulous hat-trick to close out a 60 run win. Off to Walton for the biggest win (117 runs) of the year. Owen Flower and Tom McMurray both retired out with Sunny Sharma grabbing a fast 24 before he and Tom both followed up with 2 for 3. The pivotal league match away at Horsley and Send followed. The Hoff, aka Henry Hulme, saved a game going south in true Baywatch style with 3 fours and 3 sixes, the last of which smashed a far-away shed. Tight bowling kept Esher ahead on run rate, eventually suffocating H&S for a 7 run win. Chertsey away saw 29, 30\* and 26\* from Deyan Patel, Jaanzabe Jamali and Owen Flower, before Sen Patel (2-10), Deyan (3-2) and Shay Patel (2-10) saw Esher home comfortably with the ball. Back to the cup for a trip to Dorking where Esher delivered its perfect game. 115 without loss from 15 overs with two retirees (Alex Kay and Fenton Elliott), Tristan Downing (23\*) and Owen Flower (19\*) providing excellent backing singing, before Charlie Lappin dropped the mic and ripped the opposition's top order taking 3/3 with the ball.

Even more atrocious weather meant no more Tier 2 matches for 4 weeks, with our 2nd XI boys instead stepping up to try their arm at Tier 1 level. A number of close defeats and an abandonment were snatched from the jaws of victory interspersed with some 'development' losses served up by Epsom and AJ Academies. Back to Tier 2 and Esher experienced its first wobble of the season. An out of character league defeat at home to Teddington

starting with a batting collapse was followed up with a heavy Tier 2 cup defeat by Richmond, albeit against an effective Tier 1 and performance team. Esher still held them to only 90 runs with Max Webb playing at short notice with a broken thumb! Esher further showed its depth as whilst losing against Richmond in the cup, a Tier 2 league match against Stoke D'Abernon had to be played simultaneously. An almost exclusive U12 side deputised with aplomb securing a 28 run win with Kunsh Khanna (21), Ram Kolanu (31) and seven different bowlers taking wickets. After a concession from Sunbury, our final league match with East Molesey was the match that never was. After being rescheduled twice, it was eventually abandoned without a ball being bowled due to yet more rain. This gave Esher a crucial 2 points and meant the league title was won by a single point over Horsley and Send. Several friendlies followed with the pick of the bunch being Banstead away. Chasing 136 off 20 overs in failing light, Esher showed technique, resilience and nerve under serious pressure to come back from the brink and win with two balls to spare. This match best summed up the season in glorious drizzle!

### End of Season Awards

- Batting: Fenton Elliott
- Bowling: Charlie Lappin
- All rounder: Max Webb
- Most Improved: Ben Grimshaw and Seth Slocombe
- Clubman: Felix Gerlach
- Player of the Year: Owen Flower

Esher's own Beatles were all working 8 Days a Week to help the team this year on matchday itself. The merry band includes Phil Banerjee, Andy Hulme, Andy Lister, Mark Kay, Angela Patel, Matt Price, Tony Rai and Dan Webb. A big thank you to every single one of them for their time with the team this season.

### U13's ECB National Champions. The ECB National Cup Winners' Route to Success.

**Squad:** Max Rawlinson (Capt & WK), Alex Frewer (VC), Zain Ali, Henry Hulme, Jaanzabe Jamali, Felix Le Vesconte, Noah Luxman, Richie Page, Charlie Pitts, Felix Porter, Tom Price, Ayan Sohail, Alfie Webb

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First, there was the Surrey County Cup. **Round 1 v. Ashtead Esher won by 12 runs:** A potential banana skin first round tie, with my worst fears coming true at 30-4 off 8 and 60-6 off 10. Ayan Sohail and Tommy Price dragged us to 121/8 which felt like a miracle. Thoughts of a first-round exit loomed as Ashtead were 80/3 off 14 overs, however terrific team spirit pulled us through, bowling Ashtead out for 109. Perhaps that was just what the doctor ordered.

**Round 2 v. Epsom Esher won by 9 wickets:** A comfortable victory against a solid Epsom team was brought about by some of the tightest U13 bowling I have ever seen. Felix Porter, Ayan Sohail and Zain Ali bowled the first 12 overs for 21 runs, restricting Epsom to 65/4 in their 20 overs and knocking them off for the loss of 1 wicket in 8 overs, Noah Luxman 30, Al Frewer 20.

**Quarter final, Esher v. Weybridge Esher won by 10 wickets:** Weybridge the opponents this time, once again at New Road, and a similar outcome. Some wonderful bowling restricted them to 97/2, once again knocking them off without losing a wicket, Richie Page and Noah Luxman both retiring on 30.

**Semi-final, Esher v. Dorking Esher won by 8 wickets:** Like a machine, win toss, stick them in, bowl and field brilliantly, Felix Le Vesconte 4-10, Dorking 93/8. Esher 95/2 with 3 overs to spare, Richie Page retiring again 30\*, Charlie Pitts 23\* and Max Rawlinson 15\*

**Final, Esher v. Blackheath Esher won by 8 wickets:** The scene was set for a thriller, Esher had home advantage again. The first hurdle to get over was the debacle between Blackheath and Spencer about when and where to play the final, logistics aside all the talk was about the strength of Blackheath's batting with Esher barely tested in the earlier rounds. Another miserly bowling display, restricting them to 93/8, Tommy Price 3-13, two quality stumping's from Max Rawlinson, Felix Le Vesconte 2-12. Blackheath put us under pressure but a quality partnership from Richie Page and Alex Frewer saw us home in style and into the regional finals.

The Regional Finals: **London and South East Quarter Final vs Preston Nomads (Sussex winners) – Esher won by 71 runs:** Our run of home games continued, this time hosting the Preston Nomads. This was only the second time Esher had been put into bat and we were under pressure from the off. Scoring was slow and scoreboard pressure built, resulting in a flurry of wickets with people trying to push the score on. Richie Page remained resolute, before holing out for 26, but 50-4 after 10 was far from ideal. A couple more wickets and the murmurs around the ground suggested getting 100 might be a good result. Cometh the hour, cometh the men! Step forward Jaanzabe Jamali hitting 31\* off 23 balls, in a 50-run partnership with Ayan 26, motoring us to an improbable 140/6. Then came the best bowling display of the tournament to date, bowling them out for 69, Felix Le Vesconte 2-8, Tommy Price 2-11 and Richie Page cleaning up the tail with career best figures of 3-4 from 1.4 overs.

**Regional Finals day was held at Horsham CC. London and South East Semi-Final vs Sunbury (Middlesex winners) – Esher won by 30 runs:** Sunbury won the toss and elected to bowl first. They bowled brilliantly restricting us to 29/2 after 7. Al Frewer and Max Rawlinson put on 34 in the next 5 overs, Overs 13 and 14 going for 17 before Max fell bringing school pals Felix Le Vesconte and Zain Ali to the crease. Powerful hitting from Felix, 3 consecutive 4's in over 15 and some cheeky running between the wicket dragged us to a very healthy 124/8. Tyrone, Tyrone who, a wonder catch from Alex Frewer at cover saw the back of their best batsmen and you could see the positivity drain out of the Sunbury team. 9-1 after 4 overs, typically tight bowling by Felix Le Vesconte and Ayan Sohail built pressure every ball. This was supported by a tremendous spell from Alfie Webb going for 8 runs in 3 overs. Sunbury never got near the run rate with Esher turning the screw at every opportunity, eventually running out comfortable winners restricting them to 94/6, winning by 30 runs.

**London and South East Final vs Shenley Village (Hertfordshire winners) – Esher won by 8 wickets:** One game away from finals day but all our eyes were on this game. Esher won the toss and stuck with the winning formula of bowling first. Another brilliant display in the field, wickets shared equally around the team, restricting the opposition to 97 All Out. After an early scare second ball losing Noah Luxman, Richie Page 20 and Al Frewer 30\* steadied the ship, allowing Charlie P 7\* and Max R 31\* to hit the winning runs with 6 overs to spare. National finals here we come!

**The National Finals:** ECB National Final Day was held at Rugby School

Everyone stayed over the night before, there were video messages of support from Chris Gayle and Jason Roy, the boys managed to get to bed (reasonably) early... We were drawn pitch 2 for the first game and the rain was heavy during the night. The boys were allowed to choose a song to walk out to during the day and picked Eye of The Tiger by Survivor, I couldn't have chosen better myself...

**ECB National Semi-Final vs Wimbourne & Colehill CC (Dorset)– Esher won by 4 wickets.** Wimbourne scored 93/4 from 20 overs, Ayan Sohail the pick of the bowlers with 3-0-11-2 with a superb death bowling performance from Jaanzabe Jamali. Esher went out to bat full of confidence but were reduced to 2-1 and 19-2 before rallying to 52-3 off 13 overs, Max Rawlinson 16, Noah Luxman 23 – then lost 3 quick wickets needing 28 off 4.2 overs. After an early scare and a stall in the middle a solid partnership between Zain Ali, 22 off 21 balls and Ayan Sohail 11 off 9 saw the team home with 4 balls to spare. Survivors indeed... Onto the final...

**ECB National Final vs New Rover (Yorkshire) – Esher won by 10 wickets.** The boys moved onto pitch 1 for the final, a superb track that had been higher scoring in the previous games over the last 2 days of the festival. New Rover won the toss and elected to bat; Esher would have done the same. New Rover came flying out of the blocks, 42-1 off 6.4 overs. Cometh the hour, cometh the man, Felix Le Vesconte taking 2 wickets with his final 2 balls, 1 clean bowled, 1 caught behind, Esher tails were up. Alfie Webb, 4-0-12-2 and Tom Price, 4-0-10-3 bowled first and second change, turning the screw, with cracking catches from Alex Frewer and Charlie Pitts. Felix Porter bowled tightly and a couple of crazy run outs resulted in Esher bowling New Rover out for 78 from 18.1 overs. 79 runs between Esher and National Cup glory, Noah Luxman and Richie Page were sent out to bat with Eye of the Tiger blaring out of the PA system. Richie retired on 31 from 31 balls, with Noah, 32, hitting the winning runs after 14.2 overs. A comprehensive 10 wicket victory and Esher were National Champions, 10 games over 3 months against teams from 6 counties. We are only the third team from Surrey to win the U13 National Cup in 50 years. All that was left was to lift the trophy and celebrate back at New Road!

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### Under 12's

As expected, with just under 50 boys in the under 12 age group, the season was frantic. Having entered 5 different leagues (and 3 cup teams), and including friendlies, tournaments and cup matches, Alisa did an incredible job organising over 80 fixtures. This provided all boys with many opportunities and notwithstanding cancelled fixtures and lots of rain, over 95% of the boys played in at least 10 matches. There is no doubt that the additional facilities at Imber Court provided us with great flexibility for both league games and ad hoc friendlies.

Whilst we were knocked out of the Tier 1 Cup in the second round (a very close match with East Molesey), we were crowned Tier 2 Cup Champions. Captained by Arya and managed by Sri and Pratik, the boys were deserved winners beating Salford CC in the finals. There were some great performances in the quarter & semi-finals but the Round 3 game versus Woking and Horsell was a nail biter (98/6 versus 92/3). Across the 5 Leagues, we did a fantastic job and the boys had opportunities to make positive contributions and to grow, learn and develop:

**Under 13 Eagle – U13 SJIL Sunday:** Playing a year up was challenging and this was exacerbated by general player availability (Covid and Surrey Performance causing havoc with very last-minute selection). Two matches were also cancelled due to bad weather which impacted our final position. Whilst we finished mid-table, some of the games were close and we were a little unlucky. The first game against a very strong Blackheath team, on a quick green wicket, was a real challenge. The match set us up for good wins over Malden Wanderers and Chobham (snatching victory from the jaws of defeat). Unfortunately, we lost against Weybridge, Dorking, Stoke and a very close game against Ashtead which went down to the wire. Overall, it was a very good learning experience for the boys to play against older, more experienced and often more organised opposition.

### Under 12 Griffins U12 Tier 1 Midweek:

We were joint winners with Spencer CC – Won 8, Lost 1 (to Spencer). We had some very good wins over Ashtead (126/2 v 111/9), Malden Wanderers (121 AO v 116/8), Dulwich (85/2, v 86/0 reached in 12 overs), Sutton (110/6 v 111/4 reached in 16 overs), Old Whits (131/6 v 100/3), AJ (140/7 v 105/7) and Banstead (87/9 v 91/0 reached in 13 overs). All in all, a fantastic effort by the Griffins.



U12 Esher Tournament winners



U12 Tier 2 Surrey Cup winners

**Under 12 Griffins U12 Tier 1 Sunday:** We finished 3rd (Won 5, Lost 3). For the Sunday games, we used a mixed squad, providing Tier 1 experience for many of the boys. One of the highlights was a Friday night win versus Wimbledon (135/6 v 82/7), despite a middle order batting collapse.

**Under 12 Dragons Tier 2 Midweek:** League Runners Up (32pts), Chobham (35pts) overall winners. Unfortunately, our title hopes were dashed by rain. Our match against Pyrford was rained off.

**Under 12 Dragons Tier 2 Sunday:** League winners on 26 points (won 6, lost 2), pipping Tadworth to the title (who won 5 but also tied 1 game).

**Tournaments:** Generally, we had mixed success in the tournaments. Up in Barnes, we somehow managed to lose to Spencer when we thought we had sealed victory. I think the boys learned a valuable lesson and we subsequently managed to win the Esher Tournament in an incredibly tight match against Ashted.

Overall, the 2021 season was highly successful. All the boys played in lots of matches and they have continued to develop and grow as cricketers. As the boys move up in age group, it is important that they focus on all aspects of the game (including

fielding and field positions), continue to support each other on the field, embrace the spirit of sportsmanship and most importantly, have fun.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone at Esher who day in/day out work tirelessly to ensure that the club (and the members) continue to prosper. From coaches, to managers, scorers and parents, it is tremendous team effort to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be involved at all levels and to challenge. (Richard & Alisa)

### Under 11's

The 2021 season was a journey into the unknown, entering an U12 league for the first time, a Tier 1 league at that. We also entered two U11 Tier 1 leagues and an U11 Tier 2 league, boldly going where no U11 team had gone before. Every boy was invited to more than 10 games including 4 boys who joined mid-season.

### U12 Tier 1 Sunday Orbital: P7 W6 L1 – League Winners

The season got off to a flyer with a solid win against a strong Epsom side. Will Heslop the pick of the bowlers with 3-28, Max Chambers 31 retired, Ollie Drake 28 and Ben Frendo 28\* knocking off 144 with 2 overs to spare. Reigate Priory were up next and this game was played immediately after a last ball thriller with the RP U11 team in another league, back to back games but the boys were up



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for it! RP won the toss and elected to bat first, a decision they were soon to regret, Charlie Hulme taking what must have been the fastest hat-trick in world cricket with wickets off balls 2,3 & 4! A wicket maiden followed from Barney Rawlinson to tighten the screw, 4 down with 1 run on the board after 2 overs... It did get better for Reigate who rallied to a very respectable 102/8 off their 20 overs. Esher were always ahead of the rate, Max Chambers once again impressing with the bat, 32 retired, knocking them off with 10 balls to spare. Stoke D were brushed aside by 56 runs, Esher posting an imposing 146/1 off their 20 overs, Max Chambers 36 retired, Kunsh Khanna 26, Kunsh was the pick of the bowlers with 3-2 and Will Carswell picking up 2-18. An away trip to Oxted next, who were very surprised we were an U11 team, putting us in to bat as lambs to the slaughter. Worth noting we were ably assisted in this game by 3 actual U12's due to fixture congestion which was much appreciated. After losing Arya early for 10, Ben Frendo 41\* and Kunsh Khanna 27 put on a 50 partnership, albeit at test match speed. That meant the lower order were able to swing the willow and scramble to a very decent total of 141/6. Oxted limped (pardon the pun) to 95/8 in reply, Dron Manial the pick of the bowlers with 2-6 and some hostile bowling from Rihaan Nair. The Oxted manager was extremely complimentary of the boys play but also how they conducted themselves which for me was even more pleasing than the result. 5 wins out of 5, not a bad start. Horsley & Send up next, by far the toughest opposition, who won the toss and elected to bat, another team that must have thought they would impose themselves on these little U11's. Once again a brilliant start, 2 down with only 4 runs on the board after 4 overs, however that only brought in their Surrey batsmen who plundered our middle overs to all corners of Imber Court. An excellent rally from the bowlers at the death held H&S to 128/5 from their 20 overs, Felix Downing with career best 3-5 from his 3 overs, the boys were confident they could knock them off. Max Chambers and Ben Frendo saw off some excellent fast bowling, struggling to 40/2 off 8 overs, 80 off 72 was still very possible. We were cruising with Kunsh Khanna displaying some wonderful power hitting, 43 off 42 balls ably assisted by Charlie Hulme 19 off 25 balls. Tight bowling at the death

meant we needed 13 off the last over with plenty of wickets in hand. Wickets fell 1st & 4th ball which sealed the victory for H&S, a valiant effort from the boys who came up 4 runs short. Merstham were our next victims, Esher posting the biggest total of the season, 157/3, Isaac Hodge 41\*, Ollie Drake 29, Sammy Temperley 28. Merstham replied with 65 all out, Will Carswell 3-10, Felix Downing 2-10 the pick of the bunch. The last game of the season was against Ashted, a winner take all game for the U12 Orbital league title. I will take it as a massive compliment that the Ashted team conceded the game with 12 hour's notice due to the fact they had some players missing with Surrey. We had players missing throughout the season, our strength in depth is what makes this group of boys so special. A wonderful achievement from the boys to win an U12 league!

### U11 Tier 1 Sunday South – P10 W9 L1 – League Winners

Reigate Priory won the toss and elected to bat, posting 117 All out, Barney Rawlinson 2-13, Kunsh Khanna 2-16. Esher won on the last ball, 118/6 Ben Frendo 31\*, Charlie Hulme 28. A solid win vs Stoke D meant old rivals Horsley and Send were our next victims. Esher posted an intimidating 142/4, Max Chambers & Kunsh Khanna 30\*. Tight bowling restricted H&S to 107/8. Our only loss off the season for this team was Reigate Priory away, only posting 97/6 always felt a few runs short which did indeed turn out to be the case. Comfortable victories followed against Cranleigh \*2 and Epsom \*2, the later posting our highest 20 over total of the season 185/2. Retired batsmen in those games included Max Giles \*2, Kunsh Khanna \*2, Ben Frendo, Will Heslop, Charlie Hulme & Sammy Temperley. The return fixture vs Stoke D will be remembered for career best figures of 5-2 from Kunsh Khanna, overshadowing Isaac Hodge and Will Heslop retiring once again. The season was rounded off with a 40 run win vs old foes H&S, Tom Hooke, Charlie Hulme and Kunsh Khanna all retiring.

### U11 Tier 1 Sunday North East – P9 W4 L3 T1 A1 – 4th

This was by far the strongest U11 league with the likes of Dulwich, Banstead, Wimbledon, AJ and Spencer. Esher lost the opening game of the

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season vs Old Ruts which was followed by the game of the season against old foes Spencer. Spencer won the toss and elected to field, which looked like a good decision taking 2 wickets in the first over. The ship was steadied by Ben Frendo 32\* and Charlie Hulme before Max Chambers showed his class with 33\* from 27 balls. A flurry of wickets fell late on with Esher posting a competitive 114 on a tricky pitch with fading light. Spencer were always ahead of the rate with Esher pegging them back with timely wickets. Spencer needed 16 off the last 3 overs to win and hit 11 off the 18th, crucially their in-form batsman retired. Up steps Charlie Hulme bowling a maiden! Ben Frendo was given the ball as a reliable, calm head to bowl the last over. Spencer needing 5 to win, the field set deep, the light almost entirely gone, could this be our first victory over Spencer? Dot, dot, dot, dot, Spencer had managed to turn an easy win into a possible defeat, 5 needed from 2 balls, dot! 5 needed off the last ball, Ben's head was spinning, some excellent advice being shared by his team mates, protect the boundary, don't bowl a wide, don't bowl a no ball, don't bowl a half tracker, don't bowl it short, don't bowl it full, don't bowl it wide... Ben bowls just back of a length, perfect, the Spencer player can only manage to squirt it out to deep mid wicket, Charlie Hulme calmly collects and throws to the non strikers end, batsmen have run 2, coming back for a 3rd. All that is left to do is whip off the bails, a victory for the boys, the first victory over Spencer, the managers are shaking hands, close game... Hang on a minute, what's that, Ben is running down the pitch with the non striker. Oh no, a shy at the stumps, fumble, get back to the non striker, confusion, another shy, another miss and Spencer manage to sneak a tie running 4 off the last ball. Shouts from Spencer of a win due to fewer wickets lost were quickly quashed, a Tie it was and a fitting end to a wonderful game. As fate would have it, the U12's had a cup game on the next pitch, which was also a tie, what are the chances... We will have to wait for our first win against our rivals Spencer. A tough away game against Dulwich, some excellent bowling from Charlie Hulme 2-6 and Ollie Drake 2-11, along with a successful debut for Armaan Naviwala restricted them to 112/7 however we never really got going, Barney Rawlinson top scored with 16 but 4 run outs contributed to falling

28 runs short. We would have an opportunity for redemption in the Cup later in the season. Comfortable wins against Wimbledon, Sutton and AJ saw Ollie Drake & Max Giles in the wickets again, with Isaac Hodge, Kunsh Khanna, Ben Frendo and Ollie Drake in the runs, special mention to an awesome knock from Freddy Heaton, 31 off 17 balls against AJ which set up the win. That rounded off a very successful campaign against some very strong opposition.

### U11 Tier 2 Midweek West – P7 W2 L4 C1 – 6th

A very tough Tier 2 league filled with quality sides, some of whom should probably have been in Tier 1 but that's another story. First game was against Maori Oxshott, Esher recording 104/6 from 20 overs, Ryan Grogan top scoring with 29\* and Ben Webb 18. Unfortunately, a very powerful Maori side knocked them off in 13 overs, Ben Webb the only bowler to make a dent with 2-14. Next up were Chobham, Esher posting a solid 129/7, Max Owen 29\*, Will Carswell 18 and Felix Downing 16. Cobham were restricted to 72/6 in reply with tidy bowling from the entire side. Ashtead came to Imber court for what turned out to be a thriller. Esher struggled to 80/7 from their 20 overs and Ashtead were always ahead of the rate in reply. 4 quick wickets in overs 6-8 pegged them back and then a wicket in the 10th, 11th and 12th overs made Ashtead very nervous indeed. Some brilliant bowling figures, Theo Tottman 3-7, Ed Fulk 2-7 and Ben Webb 2-3. Ashtead eventually scraped over the line but Esher showed tremendous spirit during the game and never let their heads go down. Long trip to Dorking was next and they were a top side, posting 126/4 from their 20 overs. Freddie Schreiber the pick of the bowlers with 2-14. In reply, Esher never really got going, eventually posting 84/6, only Ryan Grogan 26 (from 59 balls) and Freddie Schreiber 14 getting started. Another away trip, this time to Pyrford, saw another cracking game. Pyrford won the toss and elected to bat, a Platinum duck followed by a plethora of no balls. Armaan Naviwala was the star of the show taking 4 wickets. Esher chasing 99 polished them off comfortably with 5 overs to spare, Ed Fulk top scoring on 30\*. Last game of the season was against Valley End, another away game, another tight loss. This was an 8 aside 16 over game and we were very confident when



posting 105/6, Noah Brownlow top scored with 23. Valley End had some powerful top order batting that we weren't able to keep quiet, eventually losing with 7 balls left. Special mention to Keeran Jithendra's U9 brother Ruben who helped us out a couple of times.

### U11 County Cup – Losing Finalists

- R1 – Cobham 104/3, Esher 105/5 Won with 7 balls remaining Rihaan & Charlie H 21
- R2 – Horsley & Send Esher 80/6 H&S 68/7 Tight bowling from Rihaan N 2-16 and Max G 1-8
- S/F – Ashted 79/4 Esher 100/7 Rihaan N 28 retired Ollie D 1-10, Barney R 1-9
- Final – Dulwich 90/7 Esher 82/9 Ollie D 2-9, Max G 1-13

We organised 17 friendly fixtures in addition to the league and cup cricket, giving all boys at all levels of the game opportunity to play. Notable mentions include a terrific win at Horsley and Send with Sam Corkery, Armaan Naviwala and Keeran Jithendra all retiring in a mammoth score of 198 and Phoenix Stromgren getting 3 wickets in an over vs Camberley. We entered the Beddington and Esher festivals, finishing runners up in both.

I would finally like to thank Duncan and the coaches, Lek and the team at New Road & Ali Carswell for all the Sponding. Thank you to Jon Taylor Marsh, Daniel Stromgren, Josh Galaun, Huw Owen, Susan Clarke, Andy Hulme for all your support throughout the season. Special mention for Matt Heslop for all his help in particular scoring 99% of games he attended this year. Not quite making the thank you's but this season saw debuts on the iPad for Nick Temperley, Simon Drake and George Carswell, long may that continue chaps.

### End of Season Awards

- Batting: Sam Corkery
- Bowling: Phoenix Stromgren
- All Rounder: Felix Downing
- Most Improved: Freddie Heaton
- Clubman: Armaan Naviwala – (Age group record 34 games!)
- Player: Kunsh Khanna



U10 Griffins Cup semi-final V Malden Wanderers

### Under 10's

With nearly 60 boys in the age group, the season was always likely to be both frantic and fun. This age group is now a solely hard ball group and proper 'when you're out, you're out' league and cup cricket is also introduced for the first time. A learning experience for the boys away from the cosy comfort of pairs cricket, whereby losing your wicket is often deemed a little less valuable. We entered 6 different leagues, 3 cup teams, and including friendlies, internal matches, tournaments and cup matches, we played in excess of 80 fixtures. This provided all with playing opportunities. There is no doubt that the excellent additional facilities at Imber Court provided us with great pitches and great flexibility to play. With this many fixtures, the parental match managing and scoring support network had to come into full force. We wish to thank all the many volunteers who made the boys playing experience so enjoyable for all.

**Cup competitions:** We entered 3 teams in the Surrey Cup and did rather well. So well, that none of our Esher teams lost, except to another Esher team they happened to be drawn against. The Dragons, Griffins and Eagles had good wins against Chertsey, East Molesey, Teddington, Malden Wanderers and Royal Ascot. This set up (likely the first ever in Surrey history) an Esher v Esher Final! After a rained off first attempt, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience of playing on the Esher main square. The Griffins eventually won, but Esher U10 was the winner and Surrey provided cup winners medals for all. After the cup

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presentation was a fantastic parent co-ordinated match tea and pizzas!

**League Competitions:** Across 6 Leagues, the boys had more opportunities to make positive contributions and to grow, learn and develop.

**Under 11 – Sunday Tier 1 (2 teams):** Playing a year up was challenging and this was exacerbated by general player availability (Covid and Surrey Performance causing havoc). Overall, it was a very good learning experience for the boys to play against older, more organised and experienced opposition. The team led by a captain and managing their own field for the first time, was not without challenge. In the earlier fixtures, the square leg umpire could have a nice cosy chat with not one but three fielders! With some focused effort on learning field settings and the importance of backing up, the boys looked a top-notch fielding side during some of their later fixtures and it has been fun to witness their progression.

**Under 10 – Midweek Tier 1:** League winners – Won 8, Lost 2. We had some very good wins over Malden Wanderers, Sutton and Ashtead. All in all, a fantastic effort by the Griffins.

**Under 10 – Sunday Tier 1:** We used a mixed squad, providing Tier 1 “proper cricket” experience for many of the boys. Including a memorable game against Purley with a last wicket stand and 1 run required. We lost that match but Esher Values (team spirit and sportsmanship) was the true winner. Finishing the league mid-table (5th) but ahead of Spencer, Wimbledon, Dulwich and



U10 Surrey Cup final- Esher Griffins V Esher Dragons- all winners

Banstead was a tremendous effort by this group of boys.

**Under 10 – Tier 2 (2 teams):** We entered two pairs leagues, with the aim to provide good experience, development and participation for all. Won 5, lost 9, rain unfortunately abandoned far too many fixtures but finishing mid table was a fantastic effort by the Dragons. This group will now move to proper cricket in 2022.

**Tournaments:** At Beddington, we retained our title, tournament winners two years running, in a tense final which went to a superover, Tom H hitting two 6's of the first two balls to win! We were winners in the Horsley and Send U10 tournament and semi-finalists in our Esher tournament.

**Surrey Performance:** In 2021, 11 boys were selected to play in Surrey performance fixtures; a fantastic achievement for this age group.

Overall, the 2021 season was highly successful and this was despite missing the key technical winter nets coaching in 2020/21 due to Covid Lockdowns. There are currently over 25 boys attending winter coaching courses, which bodes extremely well for the 2022 season.

It has been a privilege to look after this group for the last couple of years and a huge thank you to everyone at Esher who work tirelessly to ensure that the club and all its players continue to prosper. It is a tremendous team effort. I now hand on the AGM reins to John Bache and Paul Hawkins, who will take this group forward. I'm sure as the boys move up in the age groups, they will continue to develop, enjoy many more successes, continue to support each other on the field and most importantly continue to have fun! We look forward to 2022! (Alisa, John and Paul)

### Under 9's

The 2021 season saw a return to normality for the U9s, with a full season of training and league matches for the boys, still played in a pairs format, allowing everyone to be involved. We played in 5 different leagues, 4 hardball and 1 softball, and entered several tournaments (including some home tournaments expertly organised by Duncan and team), with the boys reaching a couple of finals, but falling short against some very strong opposition.

Given how things were looking in Jan/Feb, the fact we were able to get a full season of cricket in was remarkable – it was just a shame that the weather gods were not kinder. We saw great improvements through the season, most notably in the bowling and fielding. That was highlighted in a match versus Teddington, where we restricted a good Teddington team to a net score of nil after 20 overs. Some excellent bowling from Alexander Coetzee, Max Taylor and Nicky Draycott, and a really good all-round team performance in the field, including 5 direct hits! There were some other very strong efforts through the season, including victories against quality teams from Roehampton, East Molesey and Wimbledon.

The boys missed out on winter nets last year as a result of Covid, which impacted development with the bat and saw us struggle a bit against some of the stronger bowling teams, where technique is so important. That said, there were still some excellent batting performances across the season, with standout knocks from Fletcher McCarg, Dan Pullinger and Luke Foster. Dan's effort against Petersham and Ham sticks in my mind, with one of his lusty blows leaving a nice cherry on my poorly positioned motor. Overall, the boys seemed to have a lot of fun and played their cricket in the right spirit – as a result we had lots of positive comments from other teams and managers about the way they conducted themselves, and so plenty of requests for additional friendlies! So well done to all the boys and also to the parents for supporting them in the right manner. Also, a big thank you to all who helped out with the matches last year, with a special mention to James Pettit who superbly ran many of the matches for the boys.



U9's at the end of the season social tournament

I'm confident that we'll see some even bigger steps made in 2022, with Duncan and the team running a full set of pre and post Xmas nets, which is already benefitting the boys batting and bowling and setting them up really well for the coming season. (NF)

### Esher U8's

An age group of nearly 60, with 6 teams playing 50 games in 3 divisions, with a rookie AGM. What could possibly go wrong? Early season logistical challenges aside, the focus for fixtures at this age group is participation, enjoyment, and development. With 50 games across 6 teams, we were able to provide cricket for everyone who was available on a weekly basis. Seeing the boys getting out onto the pitch, competing against other clubs and enjoying their cricket was a real privilege and the development seen across the squad was quite staggering. By the end of the summer, 24 boys were regularly playing hard ball cricket and 4 boys were selected to play for Surrey CCC in the age group above; a brilliant achievement.

Obviously, it's not about winning at this age, but a run through some of the numbers for the season: Of the 50 league matches scheduled, we won 31, with only 6 losses across the 6 teams all season. Of those 6 losses, 1 was a concession and 2 were internal club games. Staggeringly, we only actually lost three games of cricket to other clubs. The win numbers could have been higher had it not been for the early season weather induced abandonments which cost us 13 games. We won all three of the leagues we were entered into and finished 2nd in two of them as well. Esher U8 teams also won the Esher CC May Bank Holiday



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Esher U8 Griffins – ECC bank holiday tournament winners

tournament, beating another Esher team in the final, as well as the Beddington CC tournament at the end of August.

Given it was the first introduction of competitive match-play cricket for most of the squad, they performed brilliantly throughout the season. Tactically they improved throughout the season, as well as technically. By the end of the season, the sight of captains moving fielders to different positions, fielders backing up and the general improvement in match awareness was brilliant to see in boys so young and inexperienced at match-play. There are lots of very talented cricketers in this age group so it will be great to see how much further improvement they can make over the winter, before a full season of hard ball cricket next year.

There were far too many good performances to list them all, and play cricket is too incomplete to use for any stats, but a few of the standout performances:



Esher U8 Griffins Beddington U8 tournament winners

### Batting

A Anoop 40 v Weybridge  
H Dilkes 35 v Wimbledon  
C Walton 35 v Horsley & Send  
M Ashton 34 v Weybridge  
J Hooke 32 v Ashtead

### Bowling

H Sayers 5-0 (including a hatrick) v Roehampton  
A Anoop 5-8 v Shepperton  
J Hooke 4-1 v Maori Oxshott  
A Anand 4-2 v Ashtead  
D Narinesingh 3-1 v Shepperton  
J Crowley 3-2 v Shepperton  
S Ganesan 3-5 v Shepperton  
F Guganeswaran 3-7 v AJ Cricket Academy  
D Crowe 3-26 v AJ Cricket Academy

Finally, a massive thanks to Duncan & Alisa for all their help over the season. I am sure at times during the first few weeks they regretted their decision to give me their email addresses, but we got there in the end! Thanks to Lek and all the bar / kitchen staff, for keeping the boys in ice creams and fruit pastilles (and me "hydrated"). And finally, to all the parents who took teams and generally helped out over the season. It would not be possible to provide so much cricket without your help. So have a refresher on Play Cricket Scorer over the winter and I will see you in April!

## Girls Summary: Carolyn Lenton

We have had another incredible season under Callum Green, our new Director of Girls Coaching. We have a new structure and some great new coaches joining us this season. The girls have certainly benefitted and have improved across the board.

With leagues restarting we had plenty of cricket for all! Thanks to Duncan, this season we have led the way in Surrey in hosting the first ever girls only hardball tournament, using his tried and tested format. This generated so much positive feedback and was loved by all the girls attending that we look to replicate this across all the age-groups in the 2022 season.

In the 2021 season our numbers have continued to grow, ending at 189 girls from U5 to U9. This growth has allowed us to move forward with our plans and going into 2022, we be moving to replicate the boys structure, with Mark Lappin moving into the new role for the Senior Academy:

- Junior Girls Section (U5 – U13): Carolyn Lenton, Director of Junior Girls
- Senior Girls Academy (U14 – U17): Mark Lappin, Director of Senior Girls

Thanks to Callum and all the coaches for their dedication to the girls each week. Thank you to all our AGM's, who have done an amazing job with girls leagues this season and lastly to all our DBS parents who have stepped in to help umpire, manage and score games across the season. The girls would not be able to continue playing without you all!

## Girls Report

### U15 – U17: Mark Lappin

Another excellent year for our senior girls demonstrated the increasing development of our U15-17 age groups in the Surrey Hardball Smash IT leagues, which also included many of our U14/ U13s playing up in matches and some of the most exciting finishes possible.

The U15 girls started their 2021 adventures early in May against a well drilled Pyrford side that had just beaten our girls last season. The match was played under changeable skies with Esher restricting the opposition to 128-4 off 20 overs

despite their #3 retiring on 48\*. Anaya Patel (23) and Emilia Pitts (45\*) led Esher to 112-2, before the scores were tied with 1 ball to go and Charlotte Reed and Phoebe George scrambled the leg bye needed to secure the win.

Another thriller followed against East Molesey with Saskia Simmons (33) showing her quality and Anaya (15\*) marshalling the tail to post 102-6 against a quality attack. After evening ice age appeared, Anaya and Saskia took 2-8 and 2-9 respectively and by the time Lexie Hulme had taken her 2nd wicket, East Molesey still needed 16 to win from its last stand. However, Esher could not get the final breakthrough and lost a tight one by 1 wicket with 7 balls to spare.

After an abandonment away at Weybridge when the heavens opened after 6 overs, West End Esher was next and of course more close fought drama ensued during 2 hours of persistent drizzle with Esher scoring 101-4 from its 16 overs. Despite Anaya top scoring (40\*), Esher was unable to apply the brakes on WEE's openers who put on 59 for the first wicket and ran out winners by 6 wickets in the penultimate over.

A bank holiday Monday trip to Guildford included a mix of performance players on both sides, and grass so long it magically turned 4s into singles. Esher elected to field, which was a masterstroke with Saskia returning a season's best 4-13 from 3 overs. Janane Prakash took her first 2 wickets of the year and the hosts made only 86. Emilia (30\*) and Ellen Clarke (16) played sensibly putting on 64 for the 1st wicket and despite a wobble with Guildford's Surrey player taking a straight and fast hat-trick, Esher was home with plenty to spare.

The return trip to East Molesey was another nail biter with an interpretation of 'last-man standing' that would be crucial in deciding the outcome. Esher had scored strongly against a good performance attack with Grace Redwood opened with 22, Anaya made 36 and good contributions from Anna Goodsmen (14) and Freya Moody (13). 131 could have been enough, but a mix up on the final ball (again!), led to overthrows and defeat snatched from the jaws of victory.



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After Pyrford conceded, our glorious summer put a finish to the WEE return match, with a biblical thunderstorm meaning everyone could watch England beat Germany in the Euros instead. The miserable weather continued into July with rain further ruining our home match against Guildford after one of their best players took 5 for 13, with 4 in one over that included a hat-trick. Needing 81 to win, the match was stopped when 8 overs constituted a match and Guildford were ahead by 5 runs on run rate.

In between the rain affected matches, the U17s made their season debut at home to Ashtead and guess what – just like their younger sisters, the U17s served up yet another last ball finish! The match went in a blur, early wickets, boundaries, too many extras and 2 for 8 from Nicola Peters meant Ashtead limped to 104. After some early setbacks, Olivia Finnigan delivered a tremendous run a ball 22 and Mariska Venzelaar-Pelly 24 before being run out in the final over. Esher needed a 6 off the final ball to win, but a single meant a narrow 4 run defeat.

Talking of Ashtead, a specially combined ladies and girls match was arranged and hosted on their main square with the temperature rising to 30C on a very rare occasion – a 2021 summer's day. Esher competed valiantly as every time Ashtead appeared to be cutting loose, a wicket was to fall. Charlotte returned 3 for 21 and Janane 2 for 22 with Lexie claiming a c&b to hold Ashtead to 141 off their 20 overs. Saskia tried to respond after a number of early wickets with a run ball 26 and

Mabel added 19 before we fell short on 92 all out, but it was a superb effort given an array of younger girls playing up several years.

Whilst it was hot in the morning, some of the girls backed up in a re-arranged U15 match against Weybridge at Imber Court in the afternoon when it was now even hotter! Weybridge demonstrated its Surrey Performance fire power, with 18 fours and a six in a brutal 16 over innings leading to 155-2. The run chase never really materialised and Esher was left some way short. By a twist of fate, Esher was also playing the same opposition the following night in another rain affected re-arranged game. Could the girls get themselves mentally ready for it...

...“ignore yesterday, yesterday never existed. Go out there and fight.” Esher responded by doing just that. The fielding had really energy, and the bowling was tight with Grace Lappin starting the wickets off before a brace of LBWs to Anaya, two bowled by Janane and another from Saskia had our hosts reeling at 62-6. Their best player, Daisy, set about restoring some order and protecting the tail adding 65 for the 7th wicket. Esher needed 128 to win, and some good scores from Saskia (16), Charlotte (18\*) and Anaya (21) were not quite enough as we fell 39 runs short to the league's best team – BUT this was a perfect example of dealing with adversity and picking yourselves up.

Esher's final U15 match was a win 'away' at West End. After the loss of early wickets, Charlotte and Grace dug Esher out of a hole with a crucial 4th wicket partnership of 55 and a total of 101 with Charlotte unbeaten on 25. Esher's bowling then totally suffocated WEE for a 30 run win. Improved game management showed how to recover with the bat and the energy and chat in the field was louder and had greater meaning, with the girls now properly supporting each other with every ball.

Little did we know that only one more match, an U17 away at Ashtead, would be the senior girls' last one due to more poor weather / cancellations and of course it was as close as most of the others. Anaya and Mable Norley both showed well with the bat (18 each) after Ashtead posted 94-2 from 16 in a bad light affected match on their main

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square. The batting was not quite there with Esher losing by 6 runs and the 'extra' difference being byes.

Thoughts now possibly turn to what some of our U13 and U14s playing up this year could achieve next as U15s and the development of our U15s and above towards the Esher Ladies team. Thank you to everyone that has scored, umpired, travelled and DBS checked this year. There are many to thank, but a special acknowledgement to David Reed and Deepan Patel for scoring and umpiring respectively as it was not possible without them. Finally, well done to all of the Esher girls that played in the U15 and U17 leagues this season; we hope you enjoyed it...

### Award Winners:

- Player of the Year: Saskia Simmons
- All Rounder: Lisara Mendis
- Batter: Arabella Finnigan
- Bowler: Janane Prakash
- Club Player: Jaya Mittal

### U13 – U14: Deepti Mittal

This season U13 and U14 were put together as a team for U14 Girls Smash It Hardball leagues.

This season we saw a number of new players joining us which took our total number of players in the above age groups together to 50.

The season started with three league matches being played at the same time, one away at Cranleigh and other two at home. With 24 girls playing simultaneously, sun shining and girls in good spirits, it was a very busy and a fantastic day for cricket. We won 2 matches and lost 1 but all in all it was a triumphant start to the season.

As the season went on we played several matches, we won some and lost some but always had a smile on our faces. We saw some brilliant bowling from Lisara Mendis, Saskia Simmons, Ahana Wijeratne, Lexie Hulme, Mary Milnes, Izzy Lenton, Charlotte Reed and Tilly Swift. Some big hits from Arabella Finnigan, Ellen Clarke, Anna Goodsman, Jess Quinton, Nicola Peters and Charlotte Reed. Some emerging captains with an excellent display of our club value, like Lexie Hulme, Frances Oakley,

Nicola Peters, Arabella Finnigan, Grace Redwood, Charlotte Reed and Mary Milnes. Season also saw some who shone because of their commitment towards the game and holding their ground while the other end seems to be vanishing, we saw such display from Jaya Mittal and Molly Gault.

Every match provided a superb experience and a great learning opportunity for the girls. During the season we tried our best to provide every player a chance to play. Some of our U13/14 girls regularly played with U15 squad displaying their talent and they also supported our newly formed Ladies team. They were more than happy to up the number of our ladies team for a friendly against Pirbright.

We played most of our matches and did not concede any due to lack of numbers. We are very lucky here with a big group of extremely enthusiastic players who are always ready to play and amazing parents who are happy to take them to places like Valley End or Sanderstead, even on the hottest day of the year. We have achieved a lot this year and this wouldn't have been possible without our parents who are happy to score, manage, umpire and even provide lifts when needed.

Later on girls got to play several friendlies and earned a lot of match experience. We were invited by Valley End CC, Thames Ditton CC, Chobham CC and Pyrford CC. They all commended our girls for their skills and politeness. Also, this allowed us to build a good relationship with clubs in Surrey whom we then invited to the first ever U13/14 Girls Hardball tournament Surrey has seen. It was a busy and buzzing day at Esher CC and a speech from umpire congratulating all the teams and Esher CC for such an achievement was encouraging and uplifting for all of us here.

The season started and ended with only CRICKET at the centre.

### U10 – U12: Matt Price, Bobby Swarup & Susan Clarke

2021 saw Esher's junior girls successfully deliver a highly ambitious match program across the merger of our three age groups, counting 23 fixtures in the U12 leagues plus the two league finals days we qualified for as a result of our performances, two Esher Tournaments and five friendlies! This meant we were offering





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significantly more hardball cricket at U10 and U11 than our peers and were pleased to attract a number of new girls into our club as a result.

First and foremost, we were delighted that nearly all of our 60 girls participated in our program of external fixtures, with teams always comprising a mix of U10, U11 and U12s. It is also clear from our performances in the leagues that the combination of our dedicated girls coaching team and the growth of cricket at many of the local schools our girls are attending is developing standards at an express pace.

A major highlight of our season was the August tournament where participation and performance by the 16 girls who played was exceptional – see Girls – Esher Cricket Club ([eshercc.co.uk](http://eshercc.co.uk)), but there was so much great cricket that preceded it, week in week out. Early in the development league season, comfortable victories over traditional rivals Spencer and Wimbledon showed that the hard work in training could be transferred to the match setting and underlined both the strength and passion for cricket we have at U10 and U11.

This was followed by a magnificent away win in our first U12A Smash IT league game at Reigate Priory, who were top of the league after two games. The win owed much to our superstar captain, Liv Tufts, who was exceptional throughout the season with bat and ball and Holly Redwood who agreed it was time to follow in her

father's footsteps by superbly keeping wicket. Just for good measure Holly also finished the U12A Smash IT League's top run scorer.

As the season progressed, more star girls across all of our age groups began to emerge. In our final league game, the batting of Anna Coleman and Mia Cunningham helped us to a glorious last gasp win at East Molesey, set up by 3 wickets in the last over from leg spinner Arabella Choudhry that qualified us for league finals day. At this event, we were again victorious over Reigate in our first knockout game thanks to terrific bowling and batting at the death from Anaiah Swarup and Maisie Luxman.

The level of participation and these results demonstrate the high standards of cricket set by our junior girls, all of whom were a credit when representing the club. Many of them were playing hardball for the first time this season and AGMs Matt, Susan and Bobby were in awe of their bravery to keep facing and chasing those 'pink missiles' being fired at them. It was also a privilege to witness their reactions to all of the wickets, fours and catches that were taken on debut and the many more that followed.

Finally, we are very grateful to the many parents who supported us throughout and look forward to seeing you and your daughters for winter nets and the 2022 season!

#### Award Winners:

- Player of the Year: Hannah Price
- All Rounder: Sofia Wood
- Batter: Holly Redwood
- Bowler: Clara Pyecroft
- Club Player: Eva Poppe

#### U8 – U9: Jim White

A great season for the Minis who for many had their first taste of league action. The U8/U9 entered two teams in the U11 smash it league but had to wait until the end of May for the first game with the great British weather getting the better of the first two rounds of fixtures. It wasn't just matches that suffered, with a number of the early training sessions cut short by rain, hail and if memory serves me right even some snow!

## Esher CC Young Cricketers Reports 2021 continued

As the girls were playing teams that were in some cases two years older there were some uneven match ups, but I was very impressed by the great attitude and enthusiasm shown. Cricket is a funny old sport but they quickly got to grips with all aspects of fielding, batting and bowling and we saw some great performances across the four matchdays we completed.

Highlights include Shriya's three wickets in an over against a strong Horsley team, almost single-handedly bringing Esher back into the match and Izzy's and Holly's 22 run opening partnership in the second match of the same fixture plus Grace's clean hitting against some intimidating New Malden bowling.

The age difference between the teams was a large handicap, but hopefully, we are able to enter a dedicated U9 league next year (for the current U8s) which should provide for a more even contest.

In terms of training, it is great to see so many happy faces every Sunday morning as I walk around, and it is clear the girls get a lot out of the sessions. I've seen a huge improvement throughout the summer in each of the main skills, and I think everyone has benefitted from the small group focussed sessions. A lot of credit should go to the coaching team plus all the 'behind the scenes' support, it was my first year as AGM and I had no idea the amount of time dedicated by the volunteers to make the club a success.



Mini Girls awards winners

I would like to thank the parents for their support during the year, the patience they have shown as I wrestled with Spond, the support they gave the girls and those who helped score and umpire. We even had some grandparents umpiring an end of season festival which is exactly what we like to see!

To the current U9, best of luck moving up to hardball, I am sure you'll do great, and to the U8 – can't wait for next year! Thank you, the minis have made everyone proud this year.

### Award Winners:

- Player of the Year: Annie Williams
- All Rounder: Aurora Stromgren
- Batter: Liya Luxman
- Bowler: Raphi West
- Club Player: Charlotte Redwood

### U5 – U7: Carolyn Lenton

We have had another successful season with Surrey cricket festivals running again. We entered two U7 Festivals, which is a first for our Esher Girls! The first festival was held at New Road, where we entered two teams of eager U6 & U7 girls. It was a lovely day of cricket enjoyed by the girls and their eager umpires made up of brother, dad's and grandad's! It was a great introduction to competitive games with contacts set up for the 2022 season.

We are set for more cricket festivals and friendlies with our AGM's – Jo Robinson, Alana Milton, Lucas Bastin, Rachel & Mike Garrett!

## Surrey Championship 2022 Fixtures

### 1st XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
01/05/2022	Crawley	Home	Cup	1.00pm
07/05/2022	Reigate Priory CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
14/05/2022	Normandy CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
15/05/2022	Middleton or Bromley Common	Home	Cup	1.00pm
21/05/2022	Sunbury CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
28/05/2022	Wimbledon CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
04/06/2022	Weybridge CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
11/06/2022	Ashtead CC-	Home	Timed	11.00pm
18/06/2022	Malden Wanderers CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
25/06/2022	Sutton CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
02/07/2022	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
09/07/2022	Sutton CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
16/07/2022	Normandy CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
23/07/2022	Sunbury CC	Home	Timed	11.00pm
30/07/2022	Wimbledon CC	Away	Timed	11.00pm
06/08/2022	Weybridge CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
13/08/2022	Ashtead CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
20/08/2022	Malden Wanderers CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
27/08/2022	Sutton CC	Away	50 Overs	11.30pm
03/09/2022	East Molesey CC	Home	50 Overs	11.30pm

### 2nd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
07/05/2022	Spencer CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
14/05/2022	Reigate Priory CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
21/05/2022	Sunbury CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
28/05/2022	Wimbledon CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
04/06/2022	Weybridge CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
11/06/2022	Ashtead CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
18/06/2022	Sutton CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
25/06/2022	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
02/07/2022	Esher CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
09/07/2022	Spencer CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
16/07/2022	Reigate Priory CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
23/07/2022	Sunbury CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
30/07/2022	Wimbledon CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
06/08/2022	Weybridge CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
13/08/2022	Ashtead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
20/08/2022	Sutton CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
27/08/2022	East Molesey CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
03/09/2022	Malden Wanderers CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon

## Surrey Championship 2022 Fixtures

### 3rd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
07/05/2022	Battersea Ironsides CC-	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
14/05/2022	Beddington CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
21/05/2022	Guildford CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
28/05/2022	Dulwich CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
04/06/2022	Streatham & Marlborough CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
11/06/2022	Old Rutlishians CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
18/06/2022	Sutton CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
25/06/2022	Ashtead CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
02/07/2022	Banstead CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
09/07/2022	Battersea Ironsides CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
16/07/2022	Beddington CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
23/07/2022	Guildford CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
30/07/2022	Dulwich CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
06/08/2022	Streatham & Marlborough CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
13/08/2022	Old Rutlishians CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
20/08/2022	Sutton CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
27/08/2022	Ashtead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
03/09/2022	Banstead CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon

### 4th XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
07/05/2022	Chertsey CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
14/05/2022	Normandy CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
21/05/2022	Shepperton CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
28/05/2022	Hampton Wick Royal CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
04/06/2022	Valley End CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
11/06/2022	Old Rutlishians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
18/06/2022	Ripley CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
25/06/2022	Chessington CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
02/07/2022	Walton on Thames CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
09/07/2022	Chertsey CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
16/07/2022	Normandy CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
23/07/2022	Shepperton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
30/07/2022	Hampton Wick Royal CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
06/08/2022	Valley End CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
13/08/2022	Old Rutlishians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
20/08/2022	Ripley CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
27/08/2022	Chessington CC	Home	40 Overs	12.00 noon
03/09/2022	Walton on Thames CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00 noon

## Surrey Championship 2022 Fixtures

### 5th XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
07/05/2022	Old Hamptonians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
14/05/2022	Kempton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
21/05/2022	Weybridge CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
28/05/2022	Old Pauline CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
04/06/2022	Old Wimbledonians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
11/06/2022	Sunbury CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
18/06/2022	Camberley CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
25/06/2022	Hampton Hill CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
02/07/2022	Kingstonian CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
09/07/2022	Old Hamptonians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
16/07/2022	Kempton CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
23/07/2022	Weybridge CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
30/07/2022	Old Pauline CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
06/08/2022	Old Wimbledonians CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
13/08/2022	Sunbury CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
20/08/2022	Camberley CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
27/08/2022	Hampton Hill CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00 noon
03/09/2022	Kingstonian CC	Home	40 Overs	12.00 noon

## Other adult 2022 Fixtures

### Friendly Fixtures

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
09/04/2022	Saffron Walden	Home	40 Overs	12.00pm
10/04/2022	Development XI	Home	30 Overs	1.00pm
16/04/2022	Malden Wanderers 1st XI	Home	40 Overs	12.00pm
	Malden Wanderers 2nd XI	Away	40 Overs	12.00pm
17/04/2022	Magdalen CC	Home	30 Overs	1.00pm
23/04/2022	Walton on Thames 1st XI	Home	45 Overs	12.00pm
	Walton on Thames 2nd XI	Away	45 Overs	12.00pm
	Walton on Thames 3rd XI	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
30/04/2022	Weybridge 1st XI	Home	50 Overs	12.00pm
	Weybridge 2nd XI	Away	50 Overs	12.00pm
	Weybridge 3rd XI	Home	40 Overs	12.00pm
	Weybridge 4th XI	Home	40 Overs	12.00pm
19/08/2022	Nomads	Home	Timed	11.30am

### Surrey Trust League 2022

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
19/06/2022	East Molesey	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
26/06/2022	Walton on Thames	Home	40 Overs	2.00pm
03/07/2022	Guildford	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
10/07/2022	Ashtead CC	Home	40 Overs	2.00pm
17/07/2022	Finchampstead CC	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
31/07/2022	Weybridge CC	Home	40 Overs	2.00pm
07/08/2022	Valley End CC	Away	40 Overs	2.00pm
14/08/2022	Camberley CC	Home	40 Overs	2.00pm
21/08/2022	Play Off's	TBA	40 Overs	TBA
28/08/2022	Reserve Date	TBA	40 Overs	TBA
04/09/2022	Final	TBA	40 Overs	TBA



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## Esher CC Golf Tour to Seaford – 2021

The build up to Seaford 2021 followed a familiar pattern, with a full house of 20 being gradually eroded by injury, illness, weddings and motorsports and finally by hearing the news of a reluctant Covid no-show at midnight on Friday. Covid 19, 20, 21 etc had left its mark the week before when Non-Smokin' Bob Seager caught it from his son; meaning that there was no Seager at Seaford for the first time since 1970. The late summer sun had vanished and the weather forecast was set unfair for torrential rain and 40mph winds. Fortified by a welcome pint of Harvey's, the troops marched out to face the storm. As scientists we did prove that wet weather gear lasts for only about 2 to 3 holes and that Footjoy shoes have a design flaw in that they let water in, but don't let it out again. On his 6th hole, a weary looking Charlie Winder looked over at his dad and said "No one wants to be the first to ask, but do we really have to play in this?". We agreed to stop after 9, with Bryan Coutts somehow holding a 2 point lead. After rushing to the bar, stopping only to cause a minor flood in the drying room, a long but enjoyable evening was had by all. Andrew Bernard will hopefully bounce back, buoyed by the news that the new chef has finally abandoned the soup course. The world was put totally to right after dessert and the rest of the evening was just talking balls along with the obligatory 3 hour frame of snooker. The wind continued to ravage outside, so all we could do was to hope for the best for Sunday. With 11 players within four points of the leader it was all to play for.



Our prayers were answered as Seaford continues to provide the four seasons in one weekend. At one point the sun shone brightly and some far better golf appeared in shirtsleeves. The new world handicap system was quite harsh on the better golfers and in the conditions defending champion Johnny Wright and Nick Winder had little room for error, which was a shame as they made too many. Aiden Baker scored a very commendable 36 points, and Simon Cloke's 33 points cemented his slow but steady ascent up the leaderboard from frequent booby prize contender to the podium. But it was Bryan Coutts who extended his lead with a very fine round of 37 points to secure the Max Seager trophy. With Jim Steven at a wedding and Bob Seager in isolation, the booby prize was wide open, but Spencer Franks just sneaked it. It was a pleasure to include two debutants in Dan Taylor and Ollie Baker, and to see the welcome return of Paul Rimmer (who needed to go to court in Australia to be allowed to travel to Seaford) and of Jon Allbrook. The plan remains to fill the place next year. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## Esher Cricket Club Remembers James Parker

The club is sad to announce the passing of James Malcolm Parker, who died peacefully at Epsom Hospital on Sunday 16th January, following a short illness.

'Parky', as he was so fondly known by many who knew him, joined Esher CC in 1952 and played for the 1st X1 and Sunday X1 for 35 years, scoring 18,696 runs at an average of 30.4 with a top score of 157. He captained the 1st X1 in 1978 and 1979.

A talented and wholehearted sportsman, Parky was a fearless left-handed opening batsman with a free-scoring approach and regularly kept wicket. He was a long time supporter of the club, as well as playing for and supporting Esher Rugby Club and playing golf at Burhill Golf Club. Making his first tour in 1976, James was a regular tourist over 20 years on the annual Esher trip to Seaford. He was a hugely popular tourist on and off the course, winning the trophy once and winning the foursomes on two occasions – along with a couple of booby prizes for good measure. He was also a popular member of the XL Club golf society and will be much missed in the annual XL Club vs Esher CC fixture



An Old Harrovian, James was known for his dry and abundant sense of humour, always armed with a story and was wonderful company. He was also a very caring man, always looking out for his many friends and, of course, his family. He will be missed.

Esher Cricket Club's condolences go to James's wife, Maggie and their children, John and Sarah and their families.

As a tribute to James, on the following page we repeat the 1979 season report in which he was 1st XI league winning captain.





# ESHER CRICKET CLUB

## SEASON 1979

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Abandoned
1st XI – League Matches	7 (5)	1 (3)	5 (6)	3 (1)
All Matches (1978)	21 (17)	8 (9)	18 (24)	6 (2)

Congratulations to James Parker and the 1st XI on winning the Surrey Cricketers League in the last season before we transfer to the Surrey Championship, and the excellent overall results. Our valedictory League triumph was achieved against generally improved opposition and serves as a great encouragement before taking on next year the stiffer opposition, including many aspirants to County Cricket.

The averages demonstrate that individual performances, while clearly important, were less crucial and the success was the result of good captaincy and teamwork which we have lacked to varying degrees in the recent past.

Andrew Bernard again tops the batting with an aggregate of 1,246 runs in all, made in spite of having to give priority at the beginning of the season to the accounting examiners. Kevin O'Brien again performed very well in the League and overall it was just as well that he played in 41 matches because early on in the season the cognoscenti seriously wondered whether he would ever get off the mark. Both the Captain, James Parker, and the "senior professional", Nigel Paul, made their usual invaluable and experienced contribution augmented by the performances in their first full season of Ian Parser and Richard Wilkinson and the most welcome increased availability of Michael Hooper. Nigel Defty kept wicket well and hopefully the same will be said of his batting in the forthcoming season. Outside the League, once again stalwart contributions were made by Peter Wreford, Derek Fenn, Peter Robinson and Ian Fisher but we anxiously await the return of form of Michael Moore who, like Graeme Newman, has served us so well in recent years.

We welcome to our ranks three great friends and adversaries, transferees from Wimbledon, namely John McDermott, Chris Barnes and Peter Rold, who have played for both XI's successfully in 1979.

Anthony Wreford again dominated the bowling and gave his valuable assistance as Vice-Captain. His efforts resulted in taking 31 wickets in League matches at a cost of comfortably under 10 runs apiece and of his total overs bowled, one-third were maidens. We excuse bowlers who concede over 1,000 runs when they work so hard and this includes Kevin O'Brien's greatly improved performance. It could be argued that the opening onslaught of the two Tonys, Shilson and Howeson, paved the way for them. Peter Robinson once again exploited line and length and Kevin Chester faithfully plugged away both to their usual good effect.

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Abandoned
2nd XI – League Matches	6 (8)	2 (2)	6 (4)	2 (1)
All Matches (1978)	8 (8)	2 (4)	8 (7)	2 (1)

Another successful season was chalked up under the aegis of Max ("the Ayatollah") Seager who, in a fit of megalomania, is bidding this year to dispense with the services of a Vice-Captain. Our thanks to Roger Chovil who is graciously stepping down although still keeping the famous gloves in readiness.

A series of near misses resulted in fourth place in the League, which was disappointing. However with a fine example from the Captain and John McDermott our openers, the batting was solid and, from a glance at the averages, has certainly matured with age (not a bacchanalian analogy). While there are no outstanding bowling performances, all bowlers contributed significantly and it is greatly to be hoped that Robert Munro will continue his sharp pace, Dale Hobson will bowl more, Max Seager will bowl less, Simon Martineau faster and Hamish Banks straighter. From this you will reasonably conclude that Chris Barnes deserved to take more wickets than anyone else.

### Third XI and Colts

Success, however, has brought the paradoxical problem of providing sufficient cricket for the available playing members, particularly the good players who have recently left school.

The Colts thrive under Jamie Smith's incredible inspiration and Tony Shilson's devoted assistance. As a result of their efforts we provide cricket for very many boys, a good nursery for Esher but, unhappily for us, an equally good nursery for other clubs where they can possibly progress more quickly to the 1st XI. Hence the need for a Third XI which will be captained by Jamie Smith in its inaugural season prior to participation in the Surrey Championship Third XI League in 1981.

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Young Cricketer Committee	Geoff Ellis (Chair), Glenn Harrison, Duncan Pauline, Carolyn Lenton, Alisa French, Mark Lappin, Callum Green and David Reed		

## 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Esher Cricket Club

The AGM of Esher Cricket Club is scheduled for 14th April 2022 to be held at Esher Cricket Club, 47 New Road, Esher, KT10 9NU.

The meeting will be held in person but should Covid restrictions be in place at that time revised arrangements will be posted on the Club website.

### Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Esher Cricket Club (The Club) will be held on Thursday 14th April 2022 at 7.30pm 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 2021 AGM (Note 1)
3. To approve the Accounts for the year to 30th September 2021 (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 2022 subscription rates as follows:

Full playing member (male) – £205

Full playing member (female) – £50

Full time student – £50

Occasional playing member – £50  
(up to 4 games)

Social member – £30

Young Cricketer boys U16 to U19 – £95

Young Cricketer boys U9 to U15 – £220

Young Cricketer Boys U8 £180

Young Cricketer boys U6 to U7 – £150

Young Cricketer boys U5 – £115

Young Cricketer girls U14 to U17 – £210

Young Cricketer Girls U10 to U13 – £180

Young Cricketer Girls U9 – £145

Young Cricketer Girls U8 – £130

Young Cricketer Girls U5 to U7 – £115

The young Cricketer subscription includes family social membership.

8. Any other business

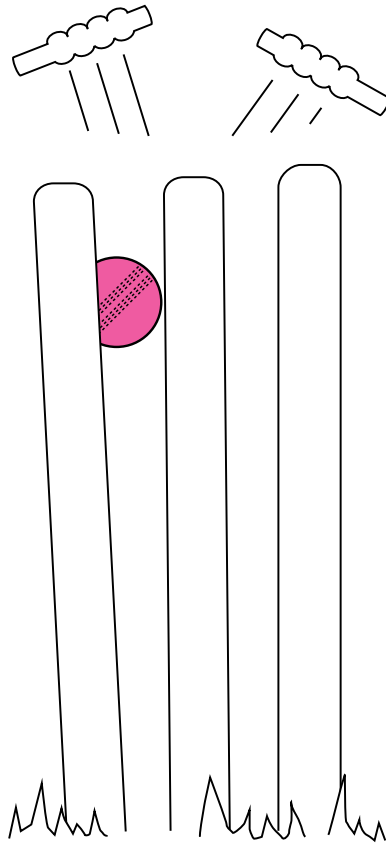
### Notes

1. The minutes of the 2021 AGM will be displayed on the club notice board for 15 days prior to the meeting
2. The 2021 Accounts can be found on pages 16 to 22 of this report
3. The Officers of the Club and the membership of the Committees can be found on page 72 of this report

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