

2022

Esher Cricket Club
(Founded 1863)

**Annual Report & Accounts
2022**

**Notice of AGM
and 2023 fixtures**

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2023 Esher Cricket club annual report. In the document we take a detailed look at the very successful 2022 season and the many and varied achievements across the Club (see pages 4 to 7) and start to look forward to 2023.

We continue to strive to improve in all areas and we consider much has been achieved over recent years. Our focus in 2023 will be to continue the playing improvements across all teams and squads and to improve the Club facilities. By the time you are reading this our new nets will be built. I am sure you agree a huge benefit to all playing members. Many thanks to everyone who contributed not only to the fundraise but also to the implementation of the build contract.

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

ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL

RETURNS TO NEW ROAD.

Saturday 9th September 2023



More details to follow

President's Report



There's always something happening in the world of cricket – some special and some not quite so good – but never dull. This year's highlight, for me, has been the extraordinary transformation in the performance level of the England men's Test cricket team. For all of us who love our great sport, it has been fascinating to witness the change in approach, attitude and associated improvement in results, with practically the same on-field personnel that had been involved in such underwhelming performances under the previous regime.

How refreshing it is to see such a positive mindset running down through the dynamic leadership team of Brendan McCullum and Ben Stokes to the rest of the squad, instilling confidence in players who may have been, quite rightly in some cases, worrying about their future selection. Loyalty can work and has, in many cases, been repaid in much improved individual performances and a seemingly unbreakable team spirit and unity which, in turn, has seen the return of happy players and cricket fans alike. Like many who have been lucky enough to witness this amazing transformation, I found myself cynically thinking that this run of wins could not last, given the hugely positive (sometimes verging on reckless) approach to winning Test Matches. Well, they keep winning and let's hope that the same methods can continue to work for us against Australia next summer – the ultimate test.

Through all of this, strong leadership, clear messaging and the total 'buy-in' from all of those involved, both on the field and off, have been the stand-out reasons for this change in fortunes.

The values of belief in people's ability to perform under pressure, backing them to come good and accepting, along the way, that failure can be a vital part of eventual success through learning, is such a valuable lesson in life, let alone sport. For my part, I have particularly enjoyed the roles that both Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad have played in the team's success. Class is, as the saying goes, permanent and whilst both of these England legends will, inevitably, reach their career ends at some stage, their recent performances and the wealth of experience that they bring to the squad make a mockery of the utterly preposterous decision to leave them out of the West Indies tour last winter. For all young 'quickies' out there, you won't go far wrong watching Anderson and Broad in action.

Geoff's report, as always, has summarised another fantastic year for our Club at all levels and has highlighted, importantly, areas that require more focus in the future. It is sad to see Geoff stand down as Chairman but, after so many years of unstinting support as Treasurer and Chairman, it is entirely understandable that he might want to focus on other things. Referring to my earlier comments, Geoff has always brought a positive, solutions-based approach to the difficult and, sometimes, sensitive role that he has so successfully undertaken. I would personally like to thank Geoff for all of his tremendous work on behalf of the Club over the years – it is thriving and healthy and he should take pride in a 'job' extremely well done.

As Geoff mentioned in his report, it is impossible to run a Club like ours without the help of so many wonderful volunteers and, without mentioning you all by name again, I'd like to pass on my thanks to everyone who has helped out, in any way. I am sure that the new Chair, whoever it may be, will benefit from the same levels of support in the future.

Finally, I hope that all Esher CC members and their families winter well. The summer will be here before you know it and it'll be time to dust off the kit or look forward to supporting friends and loved ones. Thanks to all for your continued support.

Jonny Robinson
President, Esher CC

Farewell to the ex-President, welcome back to the new



Andrew Bernard
President Elect

After a spell with Surrey CCC from 1988-1992 Jonathan Robinson (Robbo) returned 'home' to help Esher win the Surrey Championship in 1993, then followed in his father Peter's footsteps by captaining the Esher 1st XI; Robbo led from the front to complete a dominant win in the Surrey Championship in 1996, scoring 744 runs, taking 17 wickets and some fine catches.

After his playing days, he took on the role of Club President in 2008, at quite a turbulent time for the club following the sad death of the previous President Graeme Newman; not to mention recent relegation from the top division of Surrey cricket. Jon brought a great understanding and love of the game from club cricket to international cricket – forged from his time as a professional cricketer followed by a career working for the MCC at Lords. Both his job and his three daughters kept him occupied in the summer, but throughout his Presidency he remained a passionate supporter of Esher; just this summer he couldn't have been more pleased watching Esher 1st XI chase down 268 to beat Wimbledon – a team for so long our major rivals in the late 1980s and 1990s. It was noticeable that as he aged, his annual President's XI fixtures followed the modern trend of shortening the game – starting as all day fixtures in Cricket Week, down through 40 over games with a long lunch, before finally settling on a 20-over game with long drinks intervals at the ten over mark and lunch between innings! Robbo has always been fully aware of the importance of Esher cricket club to both the sporting contests and to great friendships.

His Presidency term of fourteen years has seen the club recover from a low ebb to being a busy, thriving club – back near the top of Surrey cricket again. There have been many more key driving forces behind this recovery – as Jon would be the first to acknowledge – but he has throughout provided a very calming hand on the tiller. Thanks Robbo, for all you have done for Esher CC, both on and off the field, for so many years.

Life's optimists say that a loss is just the bringer of another opportunity, and indeed it is very good news to welcome Andrew Bernard as the new President. Like Jon, Andrew was a local boy, educated at Milbourne Lodge school and was the stalwart of Esher batting for two decades. His 11,159 runs in the Surrey Championship put him in the top five run scorers in the history of the championship; and when he passed 10,000 runs he was both the only player to score all 10,000 runs for the same club – but also to score them all in the top division. See page 73 for a snapshot from 1982. He has also scored more centuries (seven) in the Cricketer Cup than any other player and his 2,167 runs in that competition were well earned as he used to joke that his school only normally played in one round a year. He captained Esher CC from 1985-88, was the leading run scorer in the Championship winning side of '93 (859 runs @ 57), and second highest scorer in '96 (586 @ 35). He was recognised with induction into the Club Cricket Conference Hall of Fame in 1999. Andrew enjoyed a very successful career in business, whilst continuing to support Esher as Chairman of the Management Committee from 2003 to 2007. Whether as an Esher cricket tourist to Barbados in the 80s, or visits to the Seaford Golf tour stretching back to 1979 and still going, Andrew has remained a loyal supporter of the club.

Like his friend and predecessor as President, Andrew will bring a lifelong love of the club, a great knowledge of the game and a deep pool of experience to the role.

Welcome back Bernie.

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

We are magnanimous when we win, and gracious when we lose. We always strive to learn, and believe conduct is more important than sporting prowess.



2022 Achievements

Leading League Run Scorers

Justin Broad	797 runs @ 53.13
Nick Smit	747 runs @ 46.69
Darren Helwick	572 runs @ 63.55
David Brent	461 runs @ 35.46
Will Edwards	368 runs @ 24.53

League Hundreds

Justin Broad v Sunbury 1st XI	150*
Mark Hopkinson v Malden Wanderers 2nd XI	149
Justin Broad v Ashted 1st XI	139
Darren Helwick v Chessington 3rd XI	138
Nathan Roberts v Weybridge 2nd XI	120
Justin Broad v Wimbledon 1st XI	119*
Nick Smit v Wimbledon 1st XI	118
Julian Jones v Old Wimbledonians 5th XI	116*
Justin Broad v Weybridge 1st XI	115
Mark Hopkinson v Sunbury 2nd XI	111*
Ali Birkby v Weybridge 2nd XI	105*
David Brent v Sutton 1st XI	105
Ollie Hamilton v Old Pauline 3rd XI	103*
Nick Smit v Reigate Priory 1st XI	102*
Nathan Roberts v Reigate Priory 2nd XI	101
Darren Helwick v Chessington 3rd XI	101
Nick Smit v Normandy 1st XI	100

Senior Players Awards

1st XI player of the year	Justin Broad
2nd XI player of the year	Trish Patel
3rd XI player of the year	Max Wallis
4th XI player of the year	Darren Helwick
5th XI player of the year	James Ellis
Newcomer of the year	Nic Smit

Leading League Wicket Takers

Justin Broad	36 wickets @ 18.53
Freddie Harrison	33 wickets @ 24.70
Chris Parrish	31 wickets @ 12.39
Tom Brown	24 wickets @ 17.63
Ollie Baker	20 wickets @ 8.95

League Positions

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

2022 Achievements

YC League and Cup Results

U8s

Horsley and Send Tournament – Winners
SJCC Tier 1 League, Central & West – Winners

U9s

Esher Tournament – Winners and Runners Up

U10s

Surrey County Cup – Runners Up
SJCC Tier 1 Central League – Winners
SJCC Tier 1 West League
SJCC Tier 1 Sunday West League

U11s

Surrey County Cup – Winners

U12s

Surrey County Cup – Third Round
SJCC U12 Tier 1 Midweek League – Third
Girls U10-12 Tier 1 North league – Champions
Girls Esher Tournament – Runners Up

U13s

ECB Surrey County Cup – Winners
Esher Tournament – Winners
U13 Tier 2 Central League – Winners
U13 Tier 2 West League – Winners

U14s

Surrey County Cup
Surrey Plate (The Hundred)
Girls County Cup – Semi Finalist
Girls Esher Tournament – Runners Up

U15s

ECB Surrey County Cup – Runners Up

U17s

Surrey/Tier 1 Plate – Runners Up

U19s

ECB U19 T20 Cup – Winners

U21s

Wasim Raja Shield – Runners Up

Representative – Surrey CCC – Boys

<p>U9 Performance</p> <p>Aariz Awan Alex Hawkins Arthavit Anoop Benjamin McClintock Dylan Narinesingh Ethan Saunders Felix Pace Freddie Carswell George Bain Hugo Sanford Blight Jack Hooke Jake McGlashan Joseph Crowley Landon De Goede Max Ashton Samuel Callaghan Sarvesh Ganesan William Dennis Woody Guest Xander Milton</p>	<p>U10 Performance</p> <p>Alexander Coetzee Dan Pullinger Dushyant Parthiban Fletcher McHarg Kailan Sivakumaran Kush Patel</p> <p>Successful trials and Selected for 2023</p> <p>Arun Narinesingh George Garrett</p>	<p>U11 CAG</p> <p>Barney Ashton James Siveyer Sam Hawkins Thomas Hooke</p> <p>U11 Performance</p> <p>Christopher Crowley Fraser Bache Harry Harding Marley Gould Rohan Kavia Theo Tottman</p>	<p>U12 CAG</p> <p>Max Chambers Max Giles Rihaan Nair Zachary Perkins</p> <p>U12 Performance</p> <p>Ben Frendo Kunsh Khanna</p> <p>Successful trials and Selected for 2023</p> <p>Charlie Hulme Sammy Temperley</p>	<p>U13 CAG</p> <p>Adam Helwick Benedict French Tamash Raaj William Hamilton</p> <p>U13 Performance</p> <p>Ayaan Shabbir Dilan Guganeswaran Joe Pullinger Josh Kavia Rohan de Silva</p> <p>Successful trials and Selected for 2023</p> <p>Odran Williams</p>
<p>U14 CAG</p> <p>Alfie Webb Felix Le Vesconte Felix Porter Jaanzabe Jamali Max Rawlinson</p> <p>U14 Performance</p> <p>Alex Frewer Ayan Sohail Charlie Pitts Henry Hulme Noah Luxman Ram Kolanu Richard Page Tom Price Zain Ali</p>	<p>U15 CAG</p> <p>Alex Chambers Alex French Daniel Old Max Wallis Tom Pitts</p>	<p>U18 EPP/Academy</p> <p>Krish Patel Kislaar Shabbir Alex French</p>	<p>ECB Bunbury/Super 4s</p> <p>Krish Patel Alex Chambers Alex French</p>	<p>England U19</p> <p>Krish Patel</p>

Representative – Surrey CCC – Girls

<p>Surrey Performance Programme</p> <p>U11</p> <p>Grace Coleman</p> <p>U13</p> <p>Arabella Choudhry Mayako Dennis</p> <p>U15</p> <p>Saskia Simmons Anna Coleman Lucy Kirkman</p> <p>U16</p> <p>Emilia Pitts</p>	<p>Surrey Foundation Programme</p> <p>U13</p> <p>Ashley Maclean Violet Davatzis Hannah Price</p> <p>U15</p> <p>Ellen Clarke Phoebe Johnson</p>	<p>YC League and Cup Achievements 2022</p> <p>U9</p> <p>Surrey Smashit tournament winners</p>
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2022 Achievements

The Sam Ryder Award

This award is presented to the person who has made a contribution to the life of the club far beyond the norm. In 2022 the award goes to Geoff Ellis.

It is fair to say that Geoff has put his life and soul into Esher Cricket and has made a huge and lasting impact on the Club.

Geoff has instigated the highly successful City Lunch, has been a highly celebrated auctioneer at the Ball to save a few bob but also to raise many thousands of bob, and has secured a second ground that is the envy of our peers.

Geoff has presided over tremendous growth at the club, including record numbers in the boys section and encouraging the introduction and growth of the girls section. In addition, the senior sides have gone from strength to strength. Not so long ago the First Team were in Division 2 and we ran only three sides. Today the First and Seconds are two of the top sides in Surrey and the club are putting out five league sides and seven sides on occasion, a tremendous achievement.

Geoff has further encouraged volunteers to help at the club and fretted over making the ground and facilities as good as they can be, even including lopping off errant tree branches at New Road. He has implemented and lived the Esher values: Player development (though it has to be said that he is yet to grace the 5th XI), inclusivity, respect, enjoyment, integrity and humility.

Geoff has done all of this with a certain "bonhomie". Always a smile and a friendly word be it with players, parents, opposition, or supporters together with a diet coke or glass of something stronger.

Geoff is a club legend who has guided this club for the last 14 years as both Treasurer and as a fantastic Chairman and is a deserving winner of the Sam Ryder award.



Geoff Ellis being presented with the Sam Ryder Cup.

Previous Winners

2016 Sam Ryder
2017 John Woolhead
2018 Henry Witten
2019 Duncan Pauline
2020 Matt Sabben-Clare
2021 Carolyn Lenton
2022 Geoff Ellis

Esher Cricket Club 200 club

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

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

Esher CC Chairman's Report Year to 30th September 2022



Given that I have decided to step down after nine years as Chairman and five years as Treasurer it is important to begin with sincere thanks to the legions of volunteers who make Esher Cricket Club a special club. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Neil McCallum for taking the reins in the interim and to hope that my successor is as fortunate as I have been with the volunteers around the Committee table and throughout the club.

2022 has been a good year in many ways, terrific participation from boys and girls at New Road and Imber Court, five adult league XIs for the first time and despite the lure of holidays missed in Covid summers, six and occasionally seven teams during the summer, solid performances, the first XI finishing fourth in the Championship, the 4th XI promoted, the U19s winning the Surrey T20 for the third time in as many years, many happy young cricketers enjoying competing in hundreds of league and cup matches, many age groups picking up Surrey trophies and the Under 15 girls progressing to two regional semi-finals.

We have improved facilities, at long last securing a firm foundation for the patio and extending it towards the sunniest corner, a particular boon on Ladies' Day.

We enjoyed the company of sponsors old and new, particularly the competition between Curchods, Sporting Wine Club and NFU Mutual in the Sponsors six a side. These companies and others contributed significantly to the most enjoyable and financially successful City Lunch to date, our fifth, as Geoff Miller regaled more than 180 of us with stories and ace auctioneer Jonny Gould picked our pockets. Please put 21st April 2023 in your diaries now. The annual ball was enjoyed by all who attended.

It would, however, be disingenuous to pretend that everything has gone well. Years of experience tells me that it never does. But that is life. The ladies section struggled this time but will flower next year, scheduling of practice nights and venues could have been better for the junior girls and we did not quite achieve our goal of starting work on the new nets before the season began, again that should not be far away.

None of this should detract from a good year and I would like to finish where I began with more thanks. I make no apology for making special mention of these people, but I do apologise if I have missed anybody out. In truth everyone helps make Esher what it is, 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 their hard work.
- Vince Chandler and John Woollhead for many hours of wise counsel.
- Alisa French for working incredible hours to organise and manage pitch allocation, website entries, overseeing the junior boys ensuring fair and equal participation for everyone!
- Geoff Smith and his team at Imber Court for their help preparing many pitches and providing such a good venue for the ball.
- Rachel Narinesingh for making sure we followed Health & Welfare guidelines so that everyone was able to be in a safe environment after a smooth handover from David Reed.
- Mark Lappin for helping to run girls' cricket.
- Sue Da Vall for her continued support with our fledgling ladies' section.
- Callum Green for leading the coaching of our girls.
- Glenn Harrison for running Development and U19 XIs. Esher won the U19 T20 for the third time in as many years, 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 again did a terrific job, inspired the young cricketers, became close friends and enjoyed playing cricket together.
- Club management, Treasurer Nouman Hashmi and Secretary Neil McCallum.
- Jenner Sturges and Kate Ellis for helping to organise the ball.
- Captains Will Edwards, Dan Taylor, Angus Greenlees, Chris Burton and Gareth Narinesingh.
- James Ellis for his work on obtaining grant funding and for playing wherever picked from 2nd XI to 6th XI.

Finance

It is always sensible to ask how well or badly the club has managed financially. It is hard enough keeping our heads above water at the best of times and this year was no different.

Careful management in previous years meant that we started with some cash in the bank, thereafter it was generally positive.

- Membership numbers were good, the Easter courses were well subscribed, and the nursery continues to contribute.
- We are very grateful to our sponsors. Special thanks to *Rowan Preparatory School, Sporting Wine Club, NFU Mutual*, and of course Andrew Dewar and his team at *Curchods*. We look forward to continuing to develop partnerships with *Kingston Grammar School, Milbourne Lodge, Shrewsbury House, Parkside* and *Box Hill School* next year.
- The city lunch was a roaring success and the ball went well. 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. This year we replaced the concrete foundations and surface of the patio at New Road and next year we plan to build new nets at New Road and then potentially at Imber Court 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 U11 Surrey cup final against Horsley & Send at Valley End. It would have been easy for Esher heads to drop at 0-3 and 7-4 but the boys showed immense heart to post 84. Of course, it is a 'funny old game' and soon after H&S were reduced to a strikingly similar 6-4 in 7 overs, eventually struggling to 42.

The second was the U15 girls regional eight-a-side semi-final against Spencer at New Road. Chasing 140, Esher were reduced to 60-6, and with only one wicket remaining managed to make 120. A terrific last wicket stand. I was impressed that all nine Esher bowlers bowled, yes there is a roving ninth and the keeper can bowl!

The third has to be the first XIs batting against Weybridge. 300 is a super score in 50 overs so 375-6 was almost off the charts. A fine century from Justin Broad and mouth watering batting from Krish Patel, Nic Smit and David Brent. This 220 run victory must have been one of the biggest turn arounds after making only 63 in an eight wicket defeat earlier in the season!

And fourth, in particular order, watching 14 year old Alex French take his first Surrey Championship Premier League wicket. Later Alex and Alex Chambers were selected for the Bunbury festival, a splendid achievement.

Finally, I would like to wish Captains Edwards, Taylor, Dickenson, Burton, Narinesingh and others and all our cricketers good luck for the 2023 season.

The AGM will be held on 6th April at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. The formal notice is on page 75 of this report. You are more than welcome to attend. An open question and answer session will be held at the conclusion of formal business to respond to any questions relating to the club.

Geoff Ellis
Chairman, Esher CC

Esher CC Interim Chairman's Report Year to 30th September 2022



All change!

I was privileged to step in as interim Chair in September following Geoff's tremendous stint as Chairman – he has done so much for the Club over many years, and I am sure will continue to support the club in many ways. Indeed, Geoff is organising the City Lunch in April where I hope to see as many members as possible supporting this important event for the club.

As we embark on a new year, we have given some thought to the goals for the club going forward. Although certain things will change, we will be building upon the work that Geoff and others have put into the club over many years. The overall aims are:

- To maintain financial stability.
- To maintain Premier League status for Men's first and second teams and to maintain or improve First Division status for the men's third eleven.

- To continue to field men's fourth and fifth teams in the Surrey Championship as this provides a pathway for Young Cricketers.
- To develop and strengthen our Ladies section.
- To develop and grow our Girls section.
- To provide increasing opportunities for Young Cricketers (girls and boys) to play in adult cricket.
- To develop further the practice facilities at New Road.
- To work with Imber Court to improve the facility over time.
- To uphold Esher CC values at all times.
- To remain fully compliant with Clubmark requirements at all times.
- To provide support for members/potential members who struggle to fund cricket activities.
- To encourage increasing volunteer involvement in the club.

Clearly there is a lot to do.

Governance

To help us achieve our aims we have implemented a new Management Committee structure (see below). This includes a focused Management Committee together with Sub-Committees, covering key areas for the club, that report into the Management Committee.

Committee

Management Committee

Finance Committee

Entertainment, Social and Communications Committee

Bar and Grounds Committee

New Nets Project Committee

Adult Cricket Committee

Young Cricketer Committee

Chair

Neil McCallum

Nouman Hashmi

Rachel Narinesingh

Dan Taylor

John Woolhead

Vince Chandler

Glenn Harrison

The following are also members of the Management Committee:

General Manager & Director of Coaching

Duncan Pauline

Director of Boys Cricket

Alisa French

Director of Ladies Cricket

Sue Da Vall

Director of Girls Senior Cricket

Sid Simmons

Director of Girls Junior Cricket

Matt Price

Sponsorship Lead

Chris Burton

1st XI Captain

Will Edwards

The Management Committee comprises the Chairs of each Sub-Committee together with the heads of each of the cricket sections. The aim of the new structure is to enhance governance, spread the workload among the team and attract new volunteers.

Updates

At the end of the season the Management Committee made plans to ensure that Esher cricket is well organised for 2023. We have put in place a training plan to cover all youth training (boys and girls) that aims to maximise the use of New Road. We have also listened to members and made Tuesday evenings at New Road the training evening for the Girls from the U10 to U18 age groups and the Ladies, with a view to encouraging the growth of Girls and Ladies cricket at the club.

Of course, we also moved ahead with the proposal to add three nets to the New Road site, and once again can I say that the club is very grateful for the donations that have been made. Details of the nets project are covered elsewhere in the report but my thanks to John Woollhead for leading this project and to the project team, Alisa French, Sid Simmons, John Bache and Rachel Narinesingh who have worked tirelessly and skilfully to successfully complete the project.

Final Comments

As ever the club relies on fantastic volunteers to function properly – nothing “just happens”. If you are able to support the club, please do get in touch with me.

Whilst I have not seen as many matches as our previous Chairman, I do not recall as many hundreds being scored for Esher as in 2022. There was some fantastic batting on display. My personal favourites were the 123 scored by Dan Old for the Development XI in an innings full of good timing and Julian Jones blasting 116 not out for the 5th XI.

There have been a few comments (rightly so!) relating to my strap line--“Putting the fun into Cricket”—but I believe that we should all look to enjoy our cricket over the summer, be it playing, watching, supporting, administering, winning or losing. I can recommend “volunteering” to play for the 5th XI as a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon but if not playing I also recommend a visit to New Road to catch a midweek youth game or pop in on a Saturday afternoon or evening to enjoy a social.

Finally, I would like to wish the captains for 2023, Will Edwards, Dan Taylor, Dan Dickenson, Chris Burton, and Gareth Narinesingh and all our cricketers the best of luck for the 2023 season.

Neil McCallum

“Putting the fun into Cricket!”



It is with great pleasure that I took up the role of Safeguarding officer for the club this season enabled by a thoroughly professional and supportive handover from David Reed (thank you David). It has been a great privilege working with our amazing captains and AGMs this year to keep our young people and vulnerable adults safe at the club.

A highlight for the Club has been achieving our renewed Clubmark status in July. ECB Clubmark is an accreditation scheme for cricket clubs which shows that a club is sustainable, well run and provides the right environment for its members. Clubmark accreditation also means our club is recognised as a safe, rewarding and fulfilling place for participants of all ages. Well done to everyone!

During the season a small number of Safeguarding concerns were raised to me by our AGMs and I am pleased to say that in all cases, the matter was resolved. I'd like to thank our AGMs for working so openly with me, and the parents, and children involved who so clearly demonstrated their commitment to supporting our values.

With over 1100 members we all have a role to play in making sure we create an environment where everyone feels safe and can enjoy their cricket. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with our code of conduct and if you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the welfare of our members please come and have a chat with me.

Rachel Narinesingh

For 2023 we have set up a new Entertainment, Social and Communications Committee, chaired by me. We are a team of willing volunteers passionate about building on the amazing work James Ellis has been doing (thank you James) to increase the social aspect of the club by creating a strong sense of community and smiles! Some highlights planned for next year include:

- Season opener for Captains and AGMs
- Annual City Lunch 21st April.
Please let Geoff know if you'd like a table
- Ladies Day
- Comedy and Quiz evenings
- Weekday evening BBOs
- Family day
- Sponsors day
- Adults and YC awards
- Annual end of season Ball

All of these events rely on volunteers to make them a success. If you would like to get involved, in any way, with any of these events, please come and speak to me or any of the Entertainment, Social and Communications Committee.

(Committee members: Rachel Narinesingh, Alisa French, Sid Simmons, Chris Burton, Max Simpson, Matt Macpherson, Archie Stroud, Caroline Sanford-Blight and Alia Awan).

Rachel Narinesingh

2023 Events calendar

April 1	Pre-season opener	2.00pm	AGMs and Captains meeting to highlight some key messages on sites, fixtures, YCs and safeguarding
April 16	Volunteers event and Adults v YCs	12.30pm	All members invited. Showcase volunteer opportunities and thank current volunteers
April 21	City Lunch	12.00 noon	Annual event with guest speaker and auction
June 10th	Match day lunch	12.00 noon	1st XI v Sunbury – open to all members to support 1st team
June 24	Comedy night	7.00pm	Social event open to all members
July/August	Weekly BBQ		BBQs to be scheduled
July 8th	Match day lunch	12.00 noon	1st XI v Weybridge – open to all members to support 1st team
July 15	Quiz night	7.00pm	Social event open to all members
July 22	Handbags & Gladrags	12.00 noon	Social event aimed at welcoming more ladies to make use of the social side of the club
August 10	Sponsors day	11.00am	An opportunity to meet our sponsors
August 11	Family day	11.00am	Social event aimed at unifying girls and boys players and parents. Mixed teams encouraged on the day
September 2	Adults awards	7.00pm	Annual event. Range of prizes Speeches from Neil and captains
September 9	End of season ball	7.00pm	Annual event, back at New Road
September 10	YC awards	11.00am	Range of prizes. Speeches from Neil, Glen and AGMs

Grounds and Facilities Update

Enhancement of net facility

The focus in 2022 was planning for the addition of three new, state of the art, nets adjacent to the existing nets in the far corner of the ground.

Planning permission was received in February 2022 which enabled the team to progress thinking and look at the funding required to complete the project.

A massive thank you to all who donated via the crowdfunding campaign in November and December 2022 from which a total of £36,000 was raised. This enabled us to secure grants from Sport England and the ECB both to the value of £10,000. These monies coupled with available funds from the Club enabled us to place the installation contract in December 2022 with an expected start date of early February 2023 and completion prior to the Easter school holidays.

In order to place the contract we secured a borrowing facility which we will be aiming not to draw down so expect further fund-raising activities during the summer. In addition we have opened a Just Giving page to enable those who wish to donate, but didn't get the opportunity to do so via crowdfunding, the chance to do so.

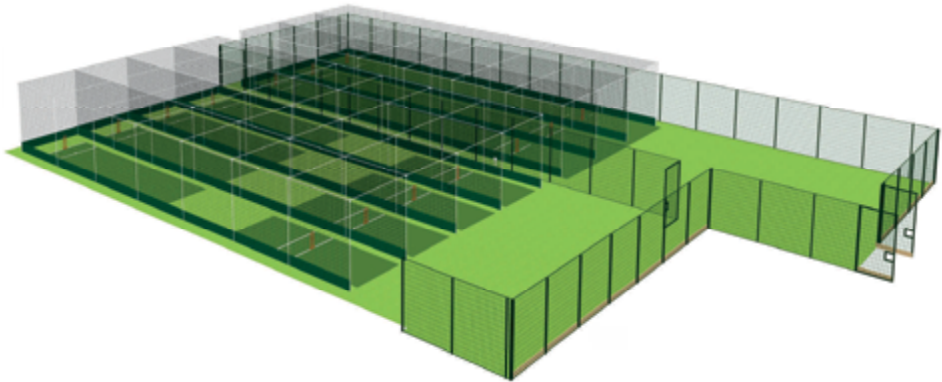
By the time you are reading this the new nets will be nearing completion and ready for use and the existing nets will have been refurbished.

Other projects on the horizon

Finance allowing, we have a number of other projects on the horizon including:

- The installation of hybrid wickets on the main and YC squares at New Road which will enhance the playing surface and result in less matches lost to rain,
- Extension of the sprinkler system on the Imber Court square again to provide an enhanced playing surface; and
- A general smartening up of the Clubhouse at New Road including new furniture and carpet.

We are hopeful that some of the above will be eligible for the various grants that are available, and we will carefully consider over the coming year what we can and cant afford.



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Treasurer Report 2022



During my second year as treasurer, I have aimed to bring matters relating to the financial sustainability and automation of Esher Cricket Club to the fore, and I would like to thank all of the board for their attentiveness during the meetings & willingness to make changes. The objective was to embrace the efficiencies available due to technological improvements in how we interact with the members and process both financial and non-financial data. To this effect, we introduced Xero Accounting Software and Spond as effective management and communication tools.

Profit

I am pleased to report that the Club continues to be financially healthy. We finished the 2021-2022 fiscal year (which ended on September 30, 2022) with an operating profit of 17,481 (2021 £18,129), which was attributable to continued strong membership (both retention and recruitment) (£128,340), various successful fundraising events (£50,322), a successful claim against Business Interruption Insurance for the COVID period (£25,765) and keeping operating expenses (£281,988) broadly on budget, the latter being a tribute to the efforts of all those who are involved with running the club on a day-to-day basis. We closed the year with a positive cash balance even after investing in significant capital projects (£69,153). We will continue to work hard to achieve a similar result in the coming years.

Cash flow

During the year, we spent £68,311 (2021 +£77,092) of operating cash. As mentioned above, most of it was spent on upgrading the patio area, improving the facilities at Imber Court and extensive repairs to the sightscreens at New Road and Imber Court.

Infrastructure and investment

We have agreed to invest the 2022 surplus in three new all weather nets at the New Road ground. Additional fundraising has been undertaken during winter 22/23 and the build commenced in February 2023 with the facility being ready for use by Easter 2023.

Process Improvement

We will continue to review and improve how we manage the accounting process, especially around making payments to our coaches and third-party suppliers. We have also produced a comprehensive budget for 2022-23. With the significant cash outflow required to deliver the new nets project, it is more important than ever to have a system in place that will help the management team make the required management decisions during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank David Tilston, who retired as an external independent examiner at the end of last year, for his unstinting work for over the last 13 years, and I would like to thank and welcome Aileen Woollhead, who has accepted our request to replace David to act as the Independent Examiner.

Nouman Hashmi



New Road from the air

Annual Accounts 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 30th September 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions & Match Fee	140,093	137,266
Sponsorship	25,483	11,209
Fundraising and Functions Note 1 (a)	50,323	24,085
Bar Note 1 (a)	3,315	6,465
Courses & Tournaments Note 1 (a)	23,013	66,126
Rent	13,177	6,900
Furlough Income	–	7,450
Playgroup Income	30,483	29,376
Government Grants	15,000	22,241
Other Income Note 1 (b)	29,346	5,235
Total Income	330,233	316,353
Expenditure		
Ground and Pavilion	89,765	86,882
Staff and player costs	65,158	62,530
Coaching and equipment costs	57,827	59,231
Administration	49,595	50,282
Playgroup costs	19,643	11,785
Depreciation Note 2	28,651	24,345
Total Expenditure	310,639	295,054
Excess/(Deficit) before tax	19,594	21,299
Taxation	2,113	3,169
Excess/(Deficit) before depreciation and tax	17,481	18,129

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Balance Sheet

At 30th September 2022

	Cost £	Depreciation £	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets				
Freehold Ground (Note 2)	2,750	–	2,750	2,750
Pavilion	435,754	148,229	287,525	296,241
Car Park and Pavilion Surrounds	67,539	56,730	10,809	14,186
Nets, Outside Machinery and Scoreboard	147,081	88,197	58,885	47,034
Pavilion Equipment	53,981	49,523	4,457	9,945
Patio, Fence & Sheds	77,927	28,853	49,073	2,851
Kitchen and Bar Furniture	26,576	26,436	140	131
			413,639	373,138
Current assets				
Stocks			1,014	1,440
Trade Debtors			10,000	1,749
Other Debtors and Prepayments			2,588	24,398
Premium Bonds			10	10
Cash at Bank			80,528	152,008
			94,140	179,604
Current liabilities				
Creditors and Provisions			31,418	92,806
Unsecured Loans repayable within one year			20,000	20,000
Taxation			2,113	3,169
			53,531	115,976
Net current assets (Liabilities)			40,609	63,629
Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land) (Note 2)			454,248	436,767
Represented by:				
General Fund			454,248	436,767

Approved by the Management Committee on 23rd February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Neil McCallum ACA
Nouman Hashmi FCCA

Funds Flow and Notes to the Accounts

Year ended 30th September 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash generated from operating activities:		
General	17,481	18,129
Depreciation	28,651	24,345
Cash inflow from Operating Activities	46,132	42,474
Movement in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in Stock	426	(175)
(Increase)/decrease in Debtors	13,559	(17,061)
Increase/(decrease) in Creditors	(59,275)	70,507
Total changes in working capital	(45,290)	53,271
Capital expenditure:	(69,153)	(18,653)
Operating cashflow	(68,311)	77,092
Financing		
Tax paid	(3,169)	(3,848)
Loan repayment		
Total financing	(3,169)	(3,848)
Increase (decrease) in Cash	(71,480)	73,244

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. Other income includes a Business Interruption insurance claim of £25,765.

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, Bar Furniture and Software	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.

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 2022 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.

Aileen Woolhead

Relevant professional qualification ACA
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1st XI



Will Edwards

1st XI Captain

Following a fourth place finish in 2021, Esher's highest for a number of years, the 1st XI were hoping to improve on this position in 2022 and believed there may be an outside chance of challenging for the league title. As expected, with the return of a number of overseas players returning, the league was notably stronger this year than the previous two years. Esher themselves welcomed overseas Nic Smit, in addition to Ollie Sheen and Rob Honeybul.

When looking back on the season, it is clear it can be split into two sections. The first of which was the first six games of the season. At the end of which, the team had made a slow start winning only two of the first six games. Although this was disappointing, there were times when the team played some excellent cricket. In particular, game 4 with a win at home against eventual champions Wimbledon, where set 250 to win. Esher chased the target down with 10 overs to spare with centuries for both Justin Broad and Nic Smit, Nic's second of the season already. It was said by many on the day that it was the best batting they had seen at club level.



Game 7 started the final 12 games and the second section of the season. Electing to bat, things were not looking good away at Malden Wanderers when Esher were bowled out for 155. However, excellent spells from Justin Broad (4for) and Freddie Harrison (5for) ensured Malden were bowled out 30 runs short, giving Esher a much needed win.

This kick started a run of four consecutive wins, including East Molesey and Reigate Priory. These wins preceded a loss away to Normandy, which, barring an excellent century from Nic Smit was a disappointing display.

Entering the final seven games of the year, Esher sat middle table but with no team running away with the league an outside shot at a title challenge was still on the cards. Two frustrating games followed however and despite two dominant performances, Esher could only come away with winning draws against Sunbury and Wimbledon. The Wimbledon game particularly frustrating, Esher being 20 runs short at the end despite having 10 overs less to bat than their hosts.

The next two games produced another couple of dominant wins for Esher against Weybridge and Ashstead. Justin Broad scoring a century in each game, meaning he had scored three centuries in four games. With a further win to follow against Malden Wanderers, Esher sat fourth with two games to go and still with an outside shot of winning the league. These hopes were unfortunately put to bed in the penultimate game of the season away at Sutton, where their two professionals chose the wrong game to come to the party from an Esher point of view.

A fourth place finish and a brief title challenge was no mean feat in a very strong league with some sensational individual performances included. In addition, there was a run to the final of the T20 competition, where Esher were unfortunately beaten by Wimbledon. However, being at finals day was a great experience and one that needs to become the norm for the club rather than the exception. Overall, it was a very encouraging

1st XI 2022

Back row, L-R: Will Tavare, David Brent, Justin Broad, Joe Moss, Andy McCallum, Johnny Wright

Front row, R – L: Ben Collins, Alex Martin, Will Edwards, Freddie Harrison, Charlie Winder, Nic Smit

season for the 1st X1 and one that can certainly build upon in 2023 where a title charge must be the target.

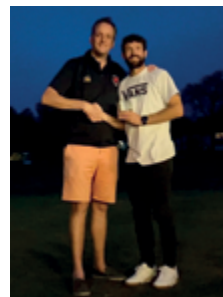
1st XI Player of the Season

Although there were many strong contributions from almost every player. Justin Broad won the player of the season award for the second successive year.

A superb season scoring over 800 runs and taking 36 wickets. His performances were on a different level to every other all rounder in the league and led many to say he is the best player they had seen without a professional contract.



Justin Broad
1st XI Player of the Season.



Nic Smit
Best Newcomer Award.

1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Batting Averages 2022 Qualification: 4 matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Krish Patel	5	5	1	259	99	64.75
Justin Broad	17	17	2	797	150*	53.13
Nic Smit	18	18	2	747	118	46.69
David Brent	15	14	1	461	105	35.46
Will Edwards	16	16	1	368	92*	24.53
Ben Collins	10	5	4	24	12*	24.00
Alex Martin	14	14	2	285	50*	23.75
Freddie Harrison	18	14	2	271	72	22.58
Charlie Winder	10	10	2	171	36	21.38
Nathan Roberts	5	5	0	91	39	18.20
Andrew McCallum	15	11	1	168	52	16.80
Joe De La Fuente	4	1	1	15	15*	15.00
Anosh Malik	5	4	0	57	43	14.25
Johnny Wright	11	5	4	14	5*	14.00
Rob Honeybul	8	6	0	83	34	13.83
Ollie Sheen	4	2	1	10	8	10.00
Trishan Patel	4	4	1	24	16	8.00
Khurram Irshad	6	4	0	22	13	5.50

Also played – 3 Matches: Alex French, Joe Moss. 2 Matches: Matt Macpherson, Adam Koep.
1 Match: Ollie Baker, Ali Birkby, Dan Old.

1st XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Bowling Averages 2022 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Johnny Wright	71	7	284	8	35.50
Justin Broad	166.2	24	667	36	18.53
Freddie Harrison	197.1	16	815	33	24.70
David Brent	91	9	388	15	25.87
Nic Smit	98	4	425	19	22.37
Khurram Irshad	56.4	5	248	7	35.43
Ben Collins	89.3	7	408	15	27.20



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2nd XI



Dan Taylor
2nd XI Captain

Another solid fifth place finish probably does not tell the full story of the season for the second eleven. A team that would have finished joint top based on Overs cricket, but second bottom in overs cricket, probably needed to show more than just the dissatisfaction of the group in playing timed cricket. Five centuries from three different players underlined much batting strength, all the way through the order. Two wonderful centuries from the evergreen Hopkinson, the highlight being a 149 against Malden. Roberts dominated at the top of the order when not needed in the first team, his wonderful century at Reigate a real joy. Birkby showed his class in a dominant hundred at Weybridge. Nice to see a first half century from youngster Old, other key runs came from Moss, Patel, Honeybul, MacPherson and Stroud. Whilst the fantastic summer of weather supported some terrific batting wickets, 10 wickets especially in the timed game often proved a challenge.



The attack was wonderfully lead by Brown throughout 2022, who game after game pushed through on some very flat pitches. He was capably supported by Crichard, French and Dunn. Good to see the youngsters coming through and am sure we will see much more of French and Chambers in the coming years. As ever the second eleven pushed on with their slow bowling group, often keeping it very tight, if not climbing through the wickets. Medium pacer De La Fuente, was constantly supported through the season by Patel and Taylor, with Collins and Winder book ending the support at either end of the season. Collins nine wickets in two games deservedly got him a return to the first team for the whole season. 2023 sees player a year older, many more mature some too mature, and others just right. A very competitive group should hopefully push for bigger and better things in 2023.

Some thank you's – thanks to our near ever present scorer Doc Holiday, a pleasure to be around, and a member of the team, wonderful statistics and a real joy to see the team do well. Thank you also to the two guys to support the captain when away, VC Matt MacPherson, and Rob Honeybul. Both generated positive results, maybe they have missed their calling. Thank you also to Chris Notton for the ground work, and Duncan and Lek for the best tea's and supper's in the league.

2nd XI Player of the Season

It is rare that the player of the season award is unanimous, however that was the case in 2022. Trish Patel came down to the second team, after a couple of games with only a few overs in the first team. He quickly found his rhythm and week after week contributed in all three facets of the game. He led the spinners with 18 wickets at 22, owned the middle order batting with 169 runs at 19, but also led the fielding with seven catches and three run outs, dominating at cover. A talented young player who will shine in the first team again.

2nd XI 2022

Back Row L to R – Nick Winder, Max Dunn, Matt MacPherson, Nathan Roberts, Tom Brown

Front Row L to R – Dan Old, Max Wallis, Archie Stroud, Anosh Malik, Joe De La Fuente, Trishan Patel

2nd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Batting Averages 2022 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Nathan Roberts	6	6	0	324	120	54.00
Ali Birkby	6	6	1	246	105*	49.20
Anosh Malik	8	8	1	278	93*	39.71
Nick Winder	5	5	2	100	32	33.33
Mark Hopkinson	12	12	1	361	149	32.82
Joe Moss	6	6	1	159	70*	31.80
Joe De La Fuente	10	9	1	205	68	25.63
Matt Macpherson	12	12	2	236	72	23.60
Austin Wilman	9	9	0	206	71	22.89
Dan Old	7	7	0	159	59	22.71
Rob Honeybul	5	5	0	98	44	19.60
Trishan Patel	11	10	1	169	44*	18.78
Freddie Price	4	4	0	57	31	14.25
Archie Stroud	7	7	0	79	29	11.29
Tom Brown	13	10	5	55	13*	11.00
Ruari Critchard	9	6	0	52	32	8.67
Max Dunn	7	4	1	22	16*	7.33
Dan Taylor	16	9	2	44	23	6.29
Max Simpson	5	4	1	7	5	2.33

Also played – 3 Matches: Alex French, Charlie Winder, Mackenzie Holliday, Adam Koep.

2 Matches: Max Wallis, Ollie Baker, Ben Collins, Jack Fletcher, Jess Richman, Ollie Sheen, Max Rawlinson.

1 Match: Adrian Price, Rohan Gupta, Salaar Shabbir, Sateeswaran Kanagartnam, Angus Barrett, Dan Dickenson, Ed Crook, Jack Slaney, Christian Nicolau, Alex Chambers, Andrew McCallum, Johnny Wright, Tim Clews, Nick Woolhead.

2nd XI AJ Fordham Surrey Championship Premier Division Bowling Averages 2022 – Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Ben Collins	17.1	2	63	9	7.00
Alex French	28	3	133	9	14.78
Tom Brown	101.1	18	423	24	17.63
Ruari Critchard	54.2	4	250	12	20.83
Trishan Patel	94.5	7	398	18	22.11
Dan Taylor	156.5	24	547	19	28.79
Joe De La Fuente	84.3	13	288	10	28.80
Max Simpson	30.4	2	170	5	34.00

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3rd XI



Angus Greenlees
3rd XI Captain

The 3rd XI season this year was one for the books. Having been promoted there was an aspect of apprehension as to how we would fair in our new league. As ever the team has been made up of a great mix of both young and old with many youngsters making their adult cricket debuts. There have even been occasions where the ever-present Chris Parrish was the only member of the team in full time employment. However, these youngsters fast became the backbone of the side. Especially in the early season with the likes of Ayan Sohail, Jaanzabe Jamali, Max Wallis and Tamash Raaj (to name but a few) making regular contributions to the side. So up and down was availability this year that not once was the same side selected twice, this enabled the thirds to become a hot bed of flourishing talent and a social extravaganza as no two Saturdays were the same. Overall, the teams tended to perform well against some very good sides. Some outstanding bowling kept us in games that we perhaps would otherwise not have been so lucky in, and some

solid batting also kept some losses at bay, most memorably James Fischer's stunning 93 against Banstead which was the bedrock for a draw – though it was the grim determination of Chris Parrish's straight bat that held on for the final over. Another outstanding batting partnership came from Max Wallis (coming in at 8) and Angus Greenlees (batting 10) at Sutton, together they put on 83 in 8 overs, with Angus scoring his first ever half century. This effort was then backed up with an astonishing bowling performance which took the game right down to the wire, with every man as close to the bat as he dared. As the season wore on the university students returned to bolster our side and the wins kept flowing. Special mention must be made to Max Simpson who led the team terrifically in the high summer, very nearly going unbeaten as captain. His ferocious appetite for wickets and runs inspired so many around him and resulted in the team finishing fifth in the league after a slightly rocky start. There were many individual heroes in all the games the thirds have played this season and they will remember those moments as the season draws to a close and the winter nights loom over us, but it has been the excellence of the countless different iterations of teams that has made this season so special. Each week the thirds turned up and played as a team despite having never played as a unit before and they managed to get the job done and that cannot be praised enough. Well done to all those who played for the 3rd XI this season, you smashed it!

3rd XI Player of the Season

The player of the season this year by popular vote was Max Wallis. He played every game with the same passion and enjoyment no matter what the result. His skills with the ball are that of a much older man, producing ridiculous amounts of turn and bounce that deceived players on every team he played against. His love of cricket is infectious, and his understanding of the game and the nuances involved mean he has a very bright future



3rd XI 2022

Back Row: L-R – Ed. Crook, Tom. Burnett, Oli. Baker, Jess. Richman, Nick Woolhead, Neil Fletcher

Front Row: L-R – Angus Barrett, Tamash Raaj, Ayan Sohail, Angus Greenlees, Chris Parrish.

in cricket and at Esher. Max has the ability to take control of games (sometimes with a bit of help from the boundary, particularly at Guildford) and offer real stability from one end. He impressed the

opposition teams week, in week out and he was a great team mate to those he played with. Keep an eye on Max Wallis as he moves through the ranks at Esher CC.

3rd XI Fordham Sports Surrey Championship Division 1 Batting Averages 2022 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Freddie Price	7	7	1	286	77	47.67
Tamash Raaj	8	7	2	169	48	33.80
Angus Barrett	10	7	2	154	75	30.80
Dan Dickenson	4	3	0	81	47	27.00
Angus Greenlees	9	6	2	98	69*	24.50
Charlie Green	4	3	1	47	23*	23.50
Adam Koep	6	5	0	117	40	23.40
Ollie Baker	10	8	2	140	60*	23.33
James Fischer	6	6	0	135	92	22.50
Dilan Guganeswaran	4	3	0	39	30	13.00
Adrian Price	6	6	0	73	27	12.17
Max Simpson	7	6	2	47	14*	11.75
Max Wallis	11	8	1	77	37	11.00
Jess Richman	6	6	1	54	17	10.80
Chris Parrish	11	8	3	44	13*	8.80
Tom Burnett	4	4	2	17	8	8.50
Ayan Sohail	6	5	1	30	13*	7.50
Viraj Pillai	5	4	0	28	13	7.00
Sam Slaney	8	6	1	20	10*	5.00
Jaanzabe Jamali	4	4	0	18	10	4.50

Also played – 3 Matches: Nick Woolhead, Sam Warner, Mackenzie Holliday. 2 Matches: James Ellis, Darren Helwick, Rohan Gupta, Chris Harvey, Ed Crook, Dan Old, Tim Clews, Kairan Siva, Matt Macpherson, Gryffyn Stuckey. 1 Match: Sachin Patel, Mark Carroll, Adam Helwick, Will Tilston, Priyesh Patel, Pratik Patel, Tim Morris, Julian Jones, Sean Davies, Neil Fletcher, Johnny Wright, Ben Clarke, Alex Chambers, Nick Winder, Max Dunn, Lorcan Pountney, Josh Da Vall, Ben Dickenson.

3rd XI Fordham Sports Surrey Championship Division 1 Bowling Averages 2022 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mackenzie Holliday	24	7	55	9	6.11
Ollie Baker	68.5	18	179	20	8.95
Max Wallis	83.2	17	252	17	14.82
Chris Parrish	88.5	18	297	20	14.85
Angus Barrett	32	5	123	7	17.57
Angus Greenlees	93	26	300	17	17.65
Viraj Pillai	38	5	144	8	18.00
Sam Slaney	46	7	169	9	18.78
Max Simpson	57.3	13	241	7	34.43



Max Wallis receiving the 3rd XI Player of the Season award.



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4th XI



Chris Burton
4th XI Captain

2021 saw the team secure the Division 5 East title in the 4th XI's debut league season. After some geographical discussions with the league, we were promoted/moved to Division 4 West with the general consensus that it would greatly reduce journey times for those playing or transporting YCs around the county.

In true Esher form, at the halfway stage of the season we'd won four and lost five doing enough for a respectable mid-table position. By the eve of the last day of the season we were in third place, playing away at second place Walton, who had beaten us earlier in the season, knowing whoever wins would get promoted, but if the heavens opened, which looked likely, then an abandoned match would leave us third.



Skipper Burton won the toss and fielded. Walton looked solid at 48 without loss and then not so solid at 76 all out with the bowling of Chris Parrish, Tom Burnett and Dan Dickenson bamboozling the opposition. Walton made us work for it though and a gritty knock of 47 not out from Darren Helwick saw us home, four wickets down. Later in the bar, we found out that first placed Valley End tied with Chessington in what must have been a gripping match and so Esher had jumped from third place to first and won the league!

Across the season, we used 72 different players with a hearty mixture of young and old – testament to the size of the playing membership we have at Esher, but also the logistical challenges of availability and appeasing everyone with appropriate game time.

Of particular note, it's been great to welcome new players like Jack Park and Shery Parhaar, see the return of Tim Clews and be part of a number of YC's making their first steps into adult league cricket including Priyesh Patel, Adam Helwick, Henry Harrison, Ollie Hamilton, Will Hamilton and others, all of whom acquitted themselves excellently.

Notable highlights through the season included Tom Lenton getting faster every match, leading the wicket taking for us with 20 @ 12.70 including a personal best of 7/22 against Ripley, closely followed by Tom Burnett with 19 @ 13.37. There was also a classy 5/18 from James Britton who we hope to see more of next season.

There was only really one contender for player of the season though. Step forward Darren Helwick, scoring 432 at an incredible 86.40 including a match winning 138 and 101 both against Chessington.

4th XI 2022

Back row L-R Tim Clews, Shery Parhaar, Dan Dickenson, Chris Burton, Darren Helwick, Chris Parrish, Tom Burnett, Joe Gilhooly
Front row L-R Lorcan Pountney, Tom Lenton, Adam Helwick

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4th XI

My thanks to Mike Old, Sachin Patel, Chris Parrish, Jess Richman and Gareth Narinesingh who all stood in as Captain at different times with great aplomb. All in all a highly enjoyable season was had and we look forward to 2023.



Darren Helwick receiving the 4th XI Player of the Season award.

4th XI Fordham Sports Surrey Championship Division 4 West Batting Averages 2022 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Darren Helwick	7	7	2	432	138	86.40
Chris Parrish	6	3	2	40	21*	40.00
Chris Burton	7	7	1	213	66	35.50
Jess Richman	6	6	1	139	48*	27.80
Pratik Patel	4	3	0	55	26	18.33
Richard Harrison	6	4	1	52	19	17.34
Tom Burnett	10	4	2	32	16	16.00
James Ellis	5	4	0	60	35	15.00
Sheharyar Parhaar	5	3	1	29	21	14.50
Adam Helwick	5	4	0	57	43	14.25
Ollie Adams	4	4	0	50	27	12.50
H Harrison	5	5	0	58	25	11.60
Priyesh Patel	5	5	3	15	6	7.50
Tim Lenton	5	4	0	29	15	7.25
Tom Lenton	10	4	2	13	9*	6.50
Ben French	4	3	0	19	11	6.33
Sam Slaney	4	2	0	8	8	4.00
John Woolhead	4	3	0	1	1	0.33

Also played – 3 Matches: Sachin Patel, Will Hamilton, Gryffyn Stuckey, Josh Da Vall, Tim Clews, Tamash Raaj, Jack Park. 2 Matches: Sateeswaran Kanagartnam, Neil Fletcher, Deyan Patel, Mike Old, Oliver Hamilton, Paul Hamilton, Chris Harvey, Will Tilston, Fabien Pountney, Ollie Hotchin, Ben Temperley, Jaanzabe Jamali, Dan Dickenson, Joe Gilhooly. 1 Match: Dilan Guganeswaran, Mark Carroll, Dylan Pritchard, Gareth Narinesingh, Yassir Awan, Tim Morris, James Fischer, Alistair Maclenan, I Nabarro, Fin Maclenan, Neil Allday, Richard French, A Payar, Glenn Harrison, Rahul De Silva, Rohan De Silva, Nick Woolhead, James Britton, Seb Stuart-Reckling, Max Rawlinson, Johnny Wright, Emma Chandler, Jack Slaney, Lorcan Pountney.

4th XI Fordham Sports Surrey Championship Division 4 West Bowling Averages 2022 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
James Britton	6	1	18	5	3.60
Deyan Patel	14	0	39	7	5.57
Chris Parrish	32.1	7	87	11	7.91
James Ellis	12	4	44	5	8.80
Tom Burnett	62.2	15	237	17	13.94
Richard Harrison	27	4	123	8	15.38
Priyesh Patel	30	4	96	6	16.00
Tom Lenton	54.3	4	232	13	17.85

A weekend of cricket

Over the second May bank holiday weekend we are delighted to present a weekend of top-level cricket where a number of the Surrey main and academy squad may be playing.

Friday 26 May A number of YC matches will be played at the Club from 6.00pm onwards.

Saturday 27 May The First XI host old rivals Guildford at New Road in the Surrey 1st XI Premiership.

Sunday 28 May The First XI play host in the 3rd round of the national knockout cup on the road to the final at Lords!

Bank Holiday
Monday 29 May The club will host the Surrey T20 super Monday. Four teams will compete. The first match will be played at 10.00am, the second at 1.00pm with the winners of both competing in the final at 4.00pm. At the time of writing we don't know which other teams will be playing but are confident Esher will be one of them.

We are planning a number of additional attractions and the opportunity to win Ashes tickets for the Sunday and Monday of the Oval test match.

More details will be published in due course.

Senior Cricket – Reports and Averages

5th XI



Gareth Narinesingh
5th XI Captain

It was a tale of two halves of the season for Esher's first foray into 5th XI league cricket.

Entering a new 5th XI into the Surrey Championship, only a season after launching a new 4th XI, was a bold move and testament to the enthusiasm of senior and junior membership throughout the club to make themselves available and commit to Saturday afternoon cricket.

As it went, the team placed as high as fourth in the league before finishing fifth, which was both a fair outcome and a successful one in terms of what we set out to achieve in our debut season. The team was able to blend the experience and wisdom of some of the older playing members with the enthusiasm and energy of our junior cricketers, many of whom were playing league cricket for the first time. Whilst availability proved sometimes to be a struggle in the first half of the



James Ellis receiving the 5th XI Player of the Season award.

season, with one concession and some near misses, the second half of the season offered rich pickings for the skipper, who then often had seven or eight decent bowling options and strong batting all the way down the line.

Accordingly, we lost seven of our first nine matches in the first half of the season and won seven of our nine in the second half.

Notable performances included unbeaten tons from Julian Jones and Ollie Hamilton, the latter as a 15 year old who carried his bat through the innings and got to his century off the last ball of the innings with dad up the other end! Not bad considering he had been run out by his brother the week before! James Ellis took 5th XI player of the year for his 12 wickets but also offered so much more to the team for his encouragement in the field and perpetual show of sportsmanship proving to be a great role model for many of the younger cricketers who he played alongside.

The 5th XI was proud to have played at least six father/son pairings as well as three ladies over the course of the season, including giving a debut to 14-year-old Charlotte Reed. It also gave senior league debuts to around 20 boys, who we hope will remember their big day out for the club for the

5th XI 2022

Front row L-R: Rohan De Silva, Gareth Narinesingh, Shiv Patel.

Back row L-R: Harshad Patel, James Britton, David Crook, Neil McCallum, Adil Abdul-Khaliq, Tim Lenton, Richard Harrison.

rest of their lives. Some of the lads were to make such an impact that they were immediately propelled up the ladder to play 4th and even 3rd XI cricket. It was a pleasure to play alongside so many talented junior cricketers and witness the talent coming through the club.

From the 5th XI viewing gallery, the future certainly looks bright at Esher CC and the team will continue to play its role in providing an important link between junior and senior cricket at the club, for both boys and girls.

5th XI Fordham Sports Surrey Championship Division 6 West Batting Averages 2022 Qualification 4 Matches

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	High Score	Average
Ollie Hamilton	4	4	2	171	103*	85.50
James Ellis	6	5	3	125	62*	62.50
Pratik Patel	4	4	1	105	58	35.00
Priyesh Patel	4	2	1	28	19*	28.00
Gareth Narinesingh	13	11	1	226	54	22.60
Chris Hugal	5	5	0	80	33	16.00
Chris Harvey	5	1	0	15	15	15.00
Ben French	7	5	1	58	29*	14.50
Richard Harrison	6	6	0	65	38	10.83
Neil McCallum	7	7	0	75	33	10.71
Tim Lenton	6	5	1	41	20	10.25
Tom Lenton	4	3	3	8	7*	8.00
Richard French	5	4	0	24	14	6.00
Shiv Patel	4	4	2	11	5*	5.50
Richard Brimblecombe	4	4	0	16	12	4.00

Also played – 3 Matches: Parv Sains, Julian Jones, Will Hamilton, Dilan Guganeswaran, Josh Da Vall, David Crook, Rohan De Silva, Alistair MacLenan, Gryffyn Stuckey. 2 Matches: Yassir Awan, Mike Old, Paul Hamilton, Liam Adendorff, James Britton, Sean Davis, Lucas Jones, Charlie Lappin, Chris Burton, Adil Abdul-Khaliq, Emma Chandler, Fin MacLenan, Jean Van Der Spuy, H Harrison, Lorcan Pountney, Alex Frewer, Alfie Webb, Ram Kolanu, Rahul De Silva, Joe Gilhooly, Darren Helwick, Adam Harlick. 1 Match: Sachin Patel, Jagit Manhas, I Nabarro, Richie Page, Mark Lappin, Harshil Patel, Harish Patel, Charlotte Reed, Joe Pullinger, Sam Gale, Philippe Van Der Spuy, Lauren Avery, Ben Temperley, Ollie Adams, Cam MacLenan, Max Rawlinson, Navik Mendis, Jack Park, Jason Lui.

5th XI Fordham Sports Surrey Championship Division 6 West Bowling Averages 2022 Qualification 5 Wickets

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Rohan De Silva	20.5	5	67	9	7.44
Charlie Lappin	16	2	65	8	8.13
Fin MacLenan	10	1	50	5	10.00
Tom Lenton	18.3	4	52	5	10.40
Chris Harvey	34.1	7	125	11	11.36
Pratik Patel	29	10	99	8	12.38
James Ellis	31	3	165	12	13.75
Gryffyn Stuckey	20	2	92	5	18.40
Priyesh Patel	31	6	122	5	24.40
Richard Harrison	39	2	224	6	37.30

Women's Report 2022

Esher Cricket Club launched our Women's Cricket in 2021 and our aim is to develop this section and invite all women over the age of 18 to come and join us.

The strategy is to actively promote women cricket development and drive growth through participation across all levels of ability and keep it social and fun!

Our all inclusive approach will deliver our two key objectives:

1. To provide a friendly social environment for women who may or may not have played cricket before through women specific development coaching to whichever level they wish: softball and/or hardball including social friendlies and/or league fixtures.
2. To provide an onward landing platform for our very successful Esher Girls section post age 18 at their home club, enabling their continuing enjoyment and development across all levels with participation in friendlies and league fixtures

Esher CC Young Cricketer's Reports 2022

Senior Academy 2022

The ECB Surrey U19's Trophy is notoriously difficult to win – in 2020 Esher went into the final having never won it and Andy McCallum captained the team to a historic win. The following year Jack Fletcher masterminded another victory in the final against Banstead at Normandy CC. This year was always going to be one of rebuilding and integrating some very talented U15s and U16s into the team; the fact that we won it again to complete a treble of victories was exceptional. Freddie Harrison captained the team intelligently and integrated all the younger players perfectly. Anosh Malik scored crucial runs in the group game against Guildford and in the semi-final against Wimbledon, where he scored a match winning 50 not out against a good attack – in that game we defended a modest 128 thanks to excellent bowling from Trish Patel, Max Wallis, Freddie and an inspired spell by Mackenzie Holliday guided us into the final

We are keen to drive our inclusive approach hence this request is open to all and no experience of cricket is required nor is any equipment. In addition, we would be delighted to hear from any ladies who have played previously and would be interested in supporting the ladies section through coaching assistance.

We are offering a free no commitment women social softball internal friendly session early next season at New Road followed by drinks at the clubhouse. Dates will be shared on social media, our website and email.

Please do share this with any women you know: friends, family, work colleagues, neighbours etc. everyone welcome!

Anyone who is interested or would like further information please contact Sue Da Vall on esherwomenssection@gmail.com or on 07912 757244.

against East Molesey at Normandy again. The final was a superb spectacle. The date clashed with a Surrey U15 game which meant that we were missing the talented young guns French, Chambers and Wallis. We did extremely well to keep a strong East Molesey team to 140 off 20 overs. Our reply got off to a good start, but after Anosh ran himself out, Joe Moss and Dan Old fell soon after, we were looking in a spot of bother. Freddie Harrison came to the crease and initially took the bowling apart to get us ahead of the run rate and then batted sensibly with Fred Price and Ben Clarke who both contributed important partnerships with Freddie to get us over the line. Freddie was caught for 48 off 24 balls with Esher still needing a handful of runs and it was so pleasing to see Kairan Siva go in and hit the winning runs off the last ball – Kairan has played with the age group since the Under 7s and he also got three vital wickets. A memorable final and another successful campaign! Special mention to the contributions of the young players – Max Wallis taking five wickets against Guildford, Jack Joyce bowling brilliantly



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against Rowledge, Alex French bowling a hostile spell at Guildford and Ben Clark's sensational wicket keeping in the semi and final was stand out. Trish Patel was superb again with bat and ball and when he and Freddie bowled in tandem, the team always stood a chance.

The Trust league, as always, provided further opportunities for a tremendous group of players to enjoy cricket together against good opponents on first team pitches – it was useful development to integrate the likes of Dan Old, Fred Price and Max Wallis. Dan Old scored a sublime century against a Weybridge team containing several first team players. Fred Price shared a memorable 150 partnership with Freddie Harrison against Ashtead scoring 86 high class runs and Max Wallis regularly bowled with success as a leading spinner in the attack.

Charlie Winder again captained the team with a perfect blend of fun, inclusivity and desire to win – this league has always been about development and making sure whoever was selected always had a role to play in the team – Charlie achieved all these goals and the fact that we just fell short again was secondary to the enjoyment and fun the boys had. The highlight of the season was probably Charlie and Mossy scoring 99 off the power play at Finchampstead with some incredible stroke play which meant we could cruise to victory with a classical 50 not out from Andy McCallum helping us chase down 220 with 10 overs to spare. A tremendous season and some exceptionally consistent all round performances from Austin Wilman, Trish Patel and Freddie Harrison, all of whom regularly took the important wickets and scored vital runs and of course to Charlie and Mossy for the fireworks at the top of the order on many occasions. Terrific middle order runs, running between the wickets and fielding were always exemplary from Adam Koep and Andy McCallum. Sadly, we had a significant number of players unavailable for the key game against Valley End which meant we just fell short, but the team should be rightly proud of their stylish victories against Ashtead, Weybridge and Finchampstead.

Both the U19s and Trust league success have been instrumental in connecting more young players to successfully perform in adult cricket and more

importantly enjoy the experience – six of this squad actually represented the first team in the premier league this year including Alex French aged 15. Congratulations to all who have played and particularly to Charlie and Freddie for their exceptional leadership. *(Glenn Harrison)*

Under 17 Boys

The Under 17s had a very busy season with two teams entered in T20 Leagues played on weeknights in high summer. In one eventful week we had four mid-week fixtures and it was a credit to the club that we fulfilled all fixtures and even had players selected for an Under 19 fixture on the free evening. We were therefore able to provide extra cricket for club members other than their age group and weekend fixtures. Both teams played well all season with the Griffins finishing runners-up.

This enabled players from different age groups to gel and hopefully provide the backbone for the Under 19's side in the years ahead. Although it was good to be successful the premise for the Under 17s is to give opportunities and winning is not to be an end in itself. Christian Nicolaou and Freddie Price proved to be a productive opening pair often getting the team off to quick start where we had a powerful middle order with the likes of Ben Clarke, William Malet De Carteret and Jack Joyce all scoring at more than 100% strike rate. It was modern dynamic cricket.

T20 bowling is a difficult job but the boys bowled well to the plans and special mention must go to Tom Lenton, often opening the bowling in the power play, followed by the spin threat of Max Wallis, Rahul De Silva, Fin Maclean and Jean Van Der Spuy. To be able to field an attack with two leg spinners gave the captain many resources.

We shared the captaincy around with Christian N. and Ben C. demonstrating excellent leadership skills. The majority of the time the batting order and bowling decisions were all done by the captain.

With players from the Under 13s and upwards representing the Under 17s it means that Esher has an exciting future over the next few years. *(Adrian Price)*

Under 15 Boys

The League season could not have got off to a better start for the Griffins when in late April on the main Square at New Road we managed to chase down Wimbledon's score of 225 for 2 in 30 overs with our own score of 228 for 1 in 29.3 overs. Unfortunately, that was to be the highlight of the league season, as with most of our matches played on Sundays when many of our boys are playing representative cricket, we were unable to field competitive teams and even had to concede some matches which left us bottom of the league at the end of the season. We were able to provide cricket for younger age group players and many performed admirably.

The Under 15 ECB Surrey County Cup provided many exciting games and we started with a 10 wicket win away to Horsley and Send. Esher then hosted Ashtead at New Road managing to defend 132 in 20 overs. We were now in the semi-final and with home advantage against Sutton we set a competitive total of 153 for 4 off our 20 overs. Sutton were cruising to victory and were 129 for 1 but the boys never gave up and fought back to bowl Sutton out for 144; a remarkable comeback with Ben Temperley taking two wickets for one run in the 19th over to secure victory. Unfortunately, we could not field a full-strength team for the final against Wimbledon due to injuries and absences and were unable to chase down their total of 139, falling 30 runs short. Many of last years Under 13s Champions contributed significantly to our run to the final so it looks like next year we could see another good cup run.

The Dragons made it through to the quarter-final of the Under 15 plate which was played under the Hundred rules which everyone enjoyed.

Many of the boys represented Surrey this season. Alex Chambers and Alex French both went on to play in the Bunbury Festival with great success. Saturday senior cricket also gave many boys a chance to play Men's league cricket and the boys were playing in all the teams. Max Wallis was named Player of the Season for the 3rd X1. Special mention must go to Dan Old who made his debut in Esher's 1st X1 in the Premier Division.

U15 Eagles

Off to a bad start in the U15 league having to concede the first fixture vs Horsley and Send due to lack of players, a theme for the season unfortunately. Our first game was against Ashtead, where we won the toss and elected to bowl. Ashtead struggled to 128-8 in their 30 overs, Tom Price and Owen Flower both picking up two wickets. A classy 40 from Ben Temperley put us in good shape but lost regular wickets leaving Ollie Hamilton and Tom Price to hit the winning two off the penultimate ball. Hard work, but off to a winning start.

Next up were Ascot who batted first, only managing 117-9 from their 25 overs, with Felix Porter the pick of the bowlers with 4-15 off his five overs. After being 0-1, 20-3 and 28-4, Charlie Pitts run a ball 36 and Felix's 30 off 26 meant we battled back into contention. Needing 36 off the final four overs with two wickets in hand it was left to U13 Priyesh Patel to hit the winning runs with two balls to spare.

Wimbledon were our next victims, batting first Esher posted 159-5 with Alex Frewer, 45, Ram Kolanu, 35 and Charlie Pitts all in the runs. After a solid start from Wimbledon, Esher's bowling proved too strong with Alfie Webb picking up a superb 5-30 and Ayan Sohail with 3-32.

Esher were top of the league after four games and looking forward to welcoming Cranleigh to Old Paulines. Esher stuck Cranleigh in to bat and they scored a very gettable 139-5 from their 25 overs. Felix Porter once again the pick of the bowlers with 2-12. An innings that never got started, wickets falling regularly, only Charlie Pitts, Noah Luxman and Alfie Webb showing any form of resistance until we succumbed to a measly 117 all out, a game that we may rue come the end of the season.

East Molesey next, with honours even in our previous two encounters. Molesey only got 111-9 in their 25 overs, surely not enough. Wickets shared with Aaryan Desai, Max Webb, Tom Price and Priyesh Patel all taking two each, Priyesh only going for 9 in his 5 overs! Richie Page played a swashbuckling innings with 30 from 32 and Ed Reilly looked classy on his way to an unbeaten 23, proving the strength in depth of this squad! A win by one wicket, with two balls to spare, we were always in control...



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What a day at Chertsey, Mark P was behind the bar, Chertsey batting first and only posting 111-8 in their 25 overs, Jaanzabe Jamali and Tom Price picking up 2 wickets a piece. Ram Kolanu and Charlie Pitts made light work of the below par total and Esher won by seven wickets, on the charge again up the league.

Lingfield at home next and surely another four points in the bag... Complacency is a bad thing in cricket, unable to take regular wickets, Lingfield posted 167-7 in 25 overs which looked impressive. Only Noah Luxman looked anything like composed on this surface and we ran out of steam, only getting to 157-8 in reply. Special mention to Dilan G (U13) for his great effort at the end, hitting 19 off 13 balls with some clean striking and a late rally from Alfie W, 19 off 15, was all too little too late.

Back to winning ways vs Normandy winning comfortably by 68 runs, posting 136-8, Jaanzabe Jamali 54 from 56 with nine fours the highlight. We bowled Normandy out for 68 with Alfie Webb, Tom Price and Charlie Pitts all taking two wickets. A feisty affair with Walton at Imber Court much to big Al's delight, Walton struggled to 116-8 from 25 overs, Tom Price expensive with 3-44 and a cheeky over from Barney R (U12) who had only just got out of bed! Richie Page 41 from 39 and Charlie Pitts 28 from 23 hit 10 fours and steered us home in quick time winning by five wickets with eight overs to spare!

Guildford proved too strong for us on the day, posting 153-6 from a light affected 23 overs. Tom Price and Felix Porter both with two wickets each. Esher never got going and were behind the rate from the off limping to 101-9, losing to the league winners is no disgrace in the year up...

It was nice to end the season on a high, playing our one and only league game at New Road, Old Whits didn't provide much opposition to be honest, however that didn't stop Ram Kolanu who plundered 14 fours in a brilliant 89 from 73 balls, taking us to 158-6 in our 25 overs. Old Whits were bowled out for 65 in 18 overs, Priyesh Patel and Ayan Sohail both sharing two wickets a piece this time.

The season was punctured with mixed availability however this allowed over 23 boys to play in an U15 league, providing great opportunities to stretch their skills against some tough opposition.

U14 Cup Run

We started with a bye and a concession from Ripley followed by a home tie vs Ashtead, who had us reeling at 55-5 in the U13 first round the year before! Esher were put in to bat at New Road and managed to score 132-5 from our 20 overs. No one really got going but solid contributions from Richie P, 37, Alex Frewer, 32 and Max Rawlinson, 22 gave us something to defend. Ashtead never threatened that total with some tight bowling up front from Jamali and Ayan Sohail, Ayan the pick of the bowlers with 2-8. Even Alex Frewer got to turn his arm over! Esher won by 29 runs.

Epsom were our next victims. Esher once again posted a sub-par score of 134 all out from 19.4 overs on a tricky pitch, Noah Luxman looked stylish for his 40* off 33 and Josh K (U13) showed the U14s how to bat with a rapid 30 from 14 balls including five marvellous fours! The game was played in wonderful spirit epitomised by a dog stopping play for five minutes and then the same dog trying to disrupt play again, only for Tommy Price to float one up for the batter to reverse sweep in the direction of the dog to distract it! Esher were always too powerful with some miserly bowling from Porter and Sohail, the former returning season best figures of 3-8 from four overs including two maidens.

Next up were Stoke D'Abernon, the first game I haven't attended in the cup for three years, I left it in Mark P's safe hands... Esher put Stoke in who scored 122-6 from their 20 overs, surely not enough with our powerful and deep batting line up. Aayan Sohail (U13) with the best figures, 2-8 from his three overs. At 46-2 it was looking OK, at 74-5 we hoped we had enough in the locker. At 101-7 and 103-8 things had started to unravel. We needed 20 from the last two overs with only one wicket in hand. Jamali hit the first ball of the 19th over for six, 14 off 11, the pendulum was swinging. Nine off the last, 1, 2, dot. Six needed from three balls, Aayan Sohail is dropped on the boundary and the ball trickles to the rope, it's a four. Two needed

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from two, a scampered single and the scores are tied, the last ball is a bye, and Esher perform their greatest escape yet. Mark P said it was never in doubt...

Big crowds, supporters and players from other clubs came to watch this game vs Banstead in the semi-final at New Road. Banstead won the toss and chose to bat posting 118-5, excellent tight bowling by Felix Le Vesconte and J Jamali up front. 118 was never going to be enough and when their premier bowler was dispatched over the nets for six by Charlie Pitts, Esher never looked back. Richie Page and Max Rawlinson steered us home with four overs to spare, a very strong display indeed!

The final was held at Valley End with the biggest boundary I had ever seen. Esher were put in to bat by Valley End and were off to a slow start, Charlie Pitts the only one to have a strike rate above a hundred in his 22 from 19 balls. Regular wickets were falling with little support for Max Rawlinson, 41* managing to scrape to 118 all out. It was a big pitch but if they got off to a flyer our six year unbeaten record in the cup was in jeopardy. In the end, hostile bowling up front from Felix Le Vesconte and J Jamali, followed by season best figures from Tom Price, 4 overs 4-13 and Ayan Sohail 1.4 overs 3-6 meant that Esher ran out comfortable winners by 48 runs in the end.

A huge thank you from me to all the parents for all their support throughout the season, we even had a few first time scorers come out of the woodwork which was great to see. Thank you to Duncan and the coaching team and of course Lek and her team serving the Rose/Beers... A big thank you to the U13's for bailing us out so often to ensure we fielded a full team, I think we had over 10 U13's represent the U14's during the season, along with an U12! Special mentions to ever present Mark L for his superb season, Matt P, Gav and Clive for their scoring support and SJ for her relentless Spounding.

End of Season Awards

- Player of the Season: Ram Kolanu
- Batting: Ram Kolanu – 731 runs in the season at 36, fourth highest in the club
- Bowling: Tom P – took 17 wickets at 14
- All Rounder: Felix Porter – Power hitting, superb bowling and 13 victims in the field

U14 2nd XI

Another successful year for our U14 2nd XI was sandwiched by two matches: both away at Valley End; both played on Bank Holidays; both separated by the entire four months of Summer; and both with somewhat different outcomes. 2022 proceedings began with a Tier 1 match on a blustery Monday afternoon, with Esher winning the toss, electing to field and soon regretting it. Valley End posted 195-6 from 30 overs with Esher's bowlers suffering at the hands of their middle order. We responded with a solid 39 from opener Ed Reilly and a run a ball 57 from Max Webb but fell 88 runs short in a match that seemed to last forever.

A swap to the U14 County Cup soon followed with an away trip to Chessington, who chose to bowl on a pitch less predictable than the British weather. After an umpiring controversy and the wicket being 'reset' to 21 yards, Esher were reduced to 21-5. Charlie Lappin made an assured 26, whilst getting frequently hit from length balls rearing up around his head. Esher scrambled to 90, but despite 3 for 16 a-piece from Ed and Owen Flower, Chessington won by four wickets with four balls left, including a batter (erroneously and hilariously) doing a lap of honour when miscalculating the winning runs. Next was Guildford and a grandstand finish. Excellent batting from captain Alex Kay (27), Sunny Sharma (21), Freddy Lister (18) and a 50* from U13 player, Jayden Flower, saw Esher post an imposing 168 off its 25 overs. A couple of wickets from fast bowler, Ollie Fenton (3-24), helped reduce Guildford to 25-3 and Esher were cruising. However, Guildford had other ideas, reaching 155-6 with two overs left. Ben Stuart-Reckling's (2-16) excellent penultimate over meant a final showdown and more umpiring controversy with the call of a fielding circle no-ball tying scores with one ball

left. Charlie held his nerve taking a wicket off the final delivery to secure a tie in a match that could have gone any which way.

A Friday night away at Banstead will be remembered for the delayed start (late finishing tournament); weather (drizzle never stopped); and result (Esher snatching defeat from the jaws of victory). Solid bowling from Alex (2-14) and Sunny (2-10) meant Esher was only chasing 113 from 20 overs. A sound start, followed by Aaryan Desai's pyrotechnics (34 from 26), preceded an England-esque collapse with the last eight wickets disappearing for 35 runs and a 16 run defeat. Hopefully something better was around the corner... A change is as good as a rest, and so proved the adage with Esher playing its first ever '100' match at New Road against Hampton Wick Royal. The format of a maximum 20 deliveries (for both bowlers and batters) seemed to agree with Esher, who controlled the tempo and held our visitors to 92-4 from its 100 balls. Ed (23*) and Alex (38) then put on a rapid fire 69 first wicket partnership helping to see Esher home in only 56 balls.

A comfortable Tier 1 win on Father's Day followed at Imber Court against a decent Crown Taverners outfit after a few wobbles, with Charlie (21) propping up the middle order after decent early work from U13 Priyesh Patel (19), followed by an accomplished all-round fielding display delivering a 29 run win. A tough defeat away at Ewell, followed by excellent 27 run and 5 wicket wins at home to Asstead and Stoke D'Abernon underlined Esher's inconsistency in the league. So back to the '100' we went... An away match at Thames Ditton on a hot summer's evening followed with the hosts putting Esher in, and soon wishing they hadn't. Alex (25) and Ed (20*) once again proved their appetite for this format of only facing 20 balls. Able support from Max (16*) and Owen (10*) set a target of 104. Charlie set the tone with an early LBW, via an appeal that could be heard miles away and Harresh Jayanathan (2-5) worsened TD's misery. Alex rotated the bowling expertly to strangle their batting and deliver a 15 run win.

Back to the league and a horror show at home to Ewell. This was easily Esher's worst performance of the year, resulting in a 10 wicket loss after only scoring 82-6 in 20 overs. Nobody was truly spared

from some very encouraging words from the manager! If anyone thought that maybe this was a year to focus on the 100 competition, then they did not have long to wait. Walton-on-Thames was up next in the quarter finals. Winning the toss and batting seemed like the ideal plan for a match starting in the evening on a wicket so dry it better resembled Mumbai. With an outfield like glass providing excellent value for your shots, Ed once again showed his pomp in this competition. This time he blazed 42* from 20 balls including two sixes. Support from Aaryan (17*), Priyesh (23*) and fellow U13 Shiv Patel (16*) took Esher to 127-3. More controlled bowling by Shiv (2-2), the standout, left Walton stranded on 93-4 and another comfortable Esher win. With leagues completed, it was now all about the 100, albeit with a month's gap before a very tasty semi-final clash at home to Cranleigh in late August. Scoring runs for fun in The Hundred and always electing to bat, Cranleigh shocked Esher by winning the toss and choosing to field on a night where light would disappear later on. Cranleigh's bowling was pretty good too, leaving Esher wobbling on 27-3 and 45-4 after a quick opening once again by Ed (17 off 12). Deyan Patel delivered a superbly crafted 22*, marshalling the innings and setting Cranleigh 108 to win. They were off to a flyer with 54 off the first 40 balls, but with three wickets down thanks to James Allsop and Ed, runs were drying up. The game was in the balance, but with the light fading fast and Dillon Rai, Max, Aaryan and Deyan grabbing wickets, Cranleigh were falling behind the run rate and when Fenton Elliott took a catch off Max to close out the 10 run win, mayhem ensued in the dressing room.

So back to Valley End, where it all began for the Hundred Plate final, only this time to face a Sutton team that also had an impressive cup run behind them. Alex won the toss and elected to bat and Esher flew out of the blocks again with Ed (37) and Alex (10) setting the platform. Boundaries were at a premium due to the 70-yard outfield, and with the run rate slowing and wickets falling to some consistent bowling, Esher somewhat stalled to 110. Sutton started brightly with 40 coming off the first 30 balls and confidence was high before excellent fast bowling from James, had a nick behind to the keeper and two balls later, superb boundary fielding from Max executed an amazing

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split second run out. Wickets started to fall regularly to the bowlers and with the pressure on Sutton, two more run outs closed out the game and a 26 run win for the inaugural U14 100 Champions, Esher CC.

As ever, massive congratulations to the boys, but of course none of this was possible without the help of Tony Rai and Hayden Flower amongst many others. However, a special mention goes to Dan Webb as he was with me through it all this year, scoring, umpiring, supporting and helping – a big thank you. (*Mark Lapping*)

End of Season Awards

- Player of the Season: Ed Reilly
- Batting: Ed Reilly
- Bowling: Aaryan Desai
- All Rounder: Fenton Elliott
- Clubmen: Priyesh Patel and Shiv Patel (both U13)

Under 13 Boys

With 45 boys in the group and a lot less rain than last year, we were able to play 51 matches this season across five leagues and three cup entries. Whilst we always want to be competitive, the main aim was to give the boys as much opportunity as possible to learn, develop and enjoy their cricket. A mid-table finish in the Tier 1 leagues, both in our own age group and the age group above, indicates that we have achieved the right balance.

Half of all the matches we played were Tier 1 and sixty percent of the boys played Tier 1 cricket this season. For Tier 2 competitions, the aim is to provide a lot of match play opportunities to promote the development of skills. Several boys played both Tier 1 and Tier 2 cricket and we successfully won two midweek Tier 2 leagues this year, indicating the strength and depth of our whole age group. For all the Cup competitions, the primary aim is to win and this is reflected in the team selection. It is also worth remembering that Cup restrictions prevent players from playing across different teams.

Cup matches tend to be tense, and we had a nervous start against East Molesey in round 2. Our fielding was excellent and not one bye was

conceded. We comprehensively beat Horsley and Send in the Quarter-final with a strong bowling and fielding performance. The semi-final against Ashted was both close and entertaining. We were restricted to 101 runs which looked to be light. At 35-4, Ashted appeared to be on the ropes. However, they fought back hard and we managed to scrape in by five runs, due a gritty bowling performance and two outstanding direct hit run-outs. We faced Chobham in the Surrey Cup Final and managed to restrict them to 107. This was a good target to chase down and we knocked off the runs in 15 overs. Once again, Esher were Surrey Cup champions, representing Surrey in the national championships. Unfortunately, we lost a very close game to Hampstead by seven runs. We had a very good start and managed to restrict their batters in the early overs. However, they still managed to get a competitive score and we were never able to get ahead of the run rate. The boys learned a lot from the experience, which should help them in the years ahead.

In the 100 ball competition, our Tier 2 Plate teams were both knocked out of the competition in the early rounds, and we were not able to successfully defend the 2021 plate final.

In the U14 Tier 1 Sunday league, we managed to finish mid table. This is a great result given that we are playing up against some very strong teams. Whilst the older boys do not necessarily bowl better, they hit the ball much harder and tend to punish loose bowling. We were also impacted by losing many of our Surrey performance players to their Sunday matches. All in all, a very good learning experience. There were several notable batting and bowling performances which helped us to win three of our matches. In the Griffins Tier 1 Sunday league, we also finished mid table. Once again, there were some fine individual batting and bowling performances across the board. However, we probably should have had a better finish which requires us to be more consistent.

In the Tier 2 leagues, we were brilliant and won both the Central and Midweek leagues. We were fourth in the Sunday league, where we had to abandon two games. Looking at the statistics, we had nine boys retiring after scoring 30 runs and five boys took at least three wickets in a game.

Once again, our results are indicative of our depth and the tremendous skills the boys are developing.

As always, it takes a tremendous amount of effort, coordination and support to get through the season. Once again, thank you all for your support – match managers, umpires, scorers and those providing match teas. It was great to see so many parents involved, particularly with umpiring and scoring. We continue to develop a strong community identity which we will build on in the 2023 season. Congratulations to the boys who continue to be part of the Surrey Performance set up. It is very competitive process and we all benefit from their contributions to the age group. We hope the boys get some well-earned rest and we look forward to another exciting season in 2023. *(Richard and Alisa)*

Esher U13 Eagles – 6th – beating three of the five teams ahead of us!

A tough opening fixture against a strong Banstead team who stuck us into bat. Max C hit a swashbuckling 53* off 31 balls including 11 fours. Solid contributions from Ben F, Sam T and Kunsh K were finished off by some 100+ strike rates from Will H and Isaac H to get us to a massive 176 in our 25 overs. Banstead got off to a flyer but were pegged back in the middle with some tight bowling and excellent fielding. Needing 15 off the last over the first ball goes soaring for six... they only need one off the last ball to be run out by Sam T – match tied, not a bad season opener! AJ must have heard how strong we were and conceded which meant we were faced with another U13 powerhouse in Sutton. Sutton must have thought they would easily win after they smashed 183-6 off their 25 overs, Arjun T pick of the bowlers 2-25. However, they were in for a surprise with Max C smashing another 50, this time off 28 balls, ably supported by Sam T with 48 off 40. A quick fire 34 from 15 balls by Will H secured a very impressive win by four wickets!

Oxted and Limpsfield next up, 2nd year running we have been drawn away to O&L, sticking us into bat, Esher made 137-6 from their 25 overs. Rihaan and Will H top scoring with 30 and 26 respectively. Ollie D was the pick of the bowlers four overs at 2-13 with a special mention for Charlie H with five overs at 0-8, restricting O&L to

107 and another comfortable win out in the sticks. Esher were on a roll and another long away trip, this time to Dulwich. Dulwich won the toss and elected to bat. Esher bowled brilliantly, Charlie Hulme bowled five overs (3-18), Arjun T three overs (2-8) and Barney R 4 overs (2-21), bowling Dulwich out for 117 in 23.3 overs. At 0-2 and 19-3 it wasn't looking good but a dogged 30 from Ben F on a tricky four-paced pitch, and the form batsman Max C smashing another 11 fours on his way to 48 only to run out of balls for his 50 as Arjun smacked two fours off his first two balls, taking us past their total in just 19 overs!

Next up were the much revered Wimbledon. A fabulous 51 from Sam T might have been the knock of the season against a tremendous Wimbledon attack. Fine attacking play from Arjun T (27) and Kunsh K (32) set a fantastic platform, 148-4. Wimbledon got off to a flyer and were ahead of the rate the whole way. A spirited bowling and fielding display took them to the 22nd over but a step too far for the boys. Not the best evening for the boys against Salford, Esher winning the toss and posting 125-7 off their 20 overs. Arav D (30) and Max G (31) both in the runs. Unfortunately, the bowling and fielding wasn't up to scratch on a fast outfield, losing by seven wickets with two overs to spare.

A wonderful game against table topping Spencer. Esher won the toss and showed no fear electing to bat on a fine day. Ben F (39) and Will H (36) batted superbly against some hostile bowling, supported by a stylish and very quick 45 from 33 balls from Kunsh! There is no doubt that we had Spencer rattled at 5-1 and then 13-2 and 13-3! Charlie H, (2-26) and Barney R (2-23) were the pick of the bowlers, with Max G taking three catches and getting one wicket himself being involved in four of the five wickets. Alas their power proved just too much on the day but a brilliant game going into the 23rd over, our third game scoring over 175 in 25 overs and we only won one of them! We had to concede against Malden unfortunately due to lack of available players which was a real shame but they really wanted the points and didn't want to rearrange the fixture... must have heard how strong we were!

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Old Whits were next and they batted first posting a solid 144-7 in their 25 overs, Max C, Charlie H and Arjun T all collecting two wickets a piece. Super contributions from Max C, Zach P, Kunsh K and Max G saw us home with three balls to spare. The last game of the season was against Old Ruts, looking for revenge for the U12 fixture. Esher stuttered to 125-6 in 25 overs, Kunsh K the only player to look comfortable falling one short of his half century. We never got into the game, losing by five wickets to a strong Old Ruts team.

A fine season in an extremely tough league, really stretching the boys who benefited from being pushed in every facet of their game.

Under 12 Boys

Esher U12 Phoenix

A contender for game of the season was first up at Malden Wanderers. Esher lost the toss and were asked to have a bowl. Malden scored a competitive 129-4 in their 20 overs. Esher were cruising at 95-1 and 110-2, Sam Temperley retired, Kunsh Khanna 22 off 18 (had to rush off to the airport!). Esher needed two runs, with five wickets remaining and three overs to get them... with light fading Malden Wanderers bowled their fastest two bowlers who managed to clean us up!

East Molesey away is one of my favourite fixtures but this was a day to forget, Esher bowled out for 64, Molesey knocking them off for one inside 10 overs! Sutton were next, they won the toss and stuck us in, Rihaan Nair 42 off 46, Max Giles 33 off 33 helped us post a very competitive 141. In response we restricted Sutton to 110, pick of the bowlers was Barney Rawlinson with 2-6.

A chance for revenge versus East Molesey who scored 106-5, Charlie Hulme, four overs (1-4). Esher were struggling at 50-4 after 12 overs but a solid 50 partnership by Temperley and Rawlinson brought it home with two overs to spare. A seven wicket win at home to New Malden followed and our tails were up going to league pace setters Old Ruts. Max Chambers retired and Zach Patel (29) had a 78 run opening partnership only to lose with four balls to bowl. Special mention to Freddie C stepping in from the U9s! Sutton was the final match of the season with Will H and Kunsh K both opened and retiring, wickets shared evenly and a very successful campaign by the Phoenix.

U12 Griffins – 3rd

We started the season against old rivals Horsley and Send. Esher won the toss and elected to bat as the game didn't get off until close to 18:30 – light was going to be an issue! Ben F was the only highlight in a scrappy innings, dragging us to 99-9 in our 20 overs. It looked like H&S were cruising at 41-1 and 60-2 but they were chewing up balls. Will C, Ollie D and Max G bowled some tight overs, causing the rate to rise above five with 10 overs to go, and above six with six overs to go, which was when H&S waved the white flag and the match was abandoned due to dangerous light, the points were halved. Esher scored a mammoth 185-2 against Stoke D'Abemon and restricted them to 99-6. Chobham away next and Esher were on the wrong side of a one sided affair, Chobham scored a massive 185-5 in their 20 overs on a lightning fast outfield and tiny boundary. A day to forget for most of the bowlers, but not Rihaan, who bowled magnificently returning figures of three overs, two maidens, 4-5! Will C played the knock of his career, retiring on 40* but unable to get us anywhere near their huge total.

126-6 was never going to be enough against a strong Valley End side, Max C and Armaan N scoring freely but no one else getting in. Valley End made light work of knocking the scores off, not before Max G bowled a blinding spell of two overs at 4-6!

H&S were back for more, this time in the cup, batting first on a wet and windy morning at IC. H&S scrapped to 107-7 from their 20 overs, Rihaan the pick of the bowlers, four overs at 3-14. The reliable top order didn't fire but the strength in depth of this team meant batters nine and ten, Charlie H and Barney R got us over the line with three balls to spare, even managing to run a five to cover!

Valley End were too strong once again, the highlight for Esher was a powerful 41 from 24 balls from Isaac H. Esher had the chance for revenge over Chobham in the home fixture, posting 127-6 off our 20 overs, Ben F and Sam T both with 28. Our bowlers weren't going to get carted to all corners again and came out firing, this time Will H doing the damage, four overs at 4-9, bowling Chobham out for 106 in 19.2 overs. A tough fixture versus Ashtead in the quarter final of the cup, only

Max G with any resistance with a fine 44, saw us lose by 33 runs.

Another nailbiter against H&S, this time Isaac H bowling the tightest, four overs at 2-8 restricting H&S to 121-5 from their 20 overs. The highlight of the game was Thomas B from the U11s getting the prized scalp of a Surrey U12 CAG player! Esher knocked them off comfortably with a superb 41 retired by Max G with four overs to spare!

Finally, Esher would get one over Ashtead, who posted 137-7 in their 20 overs, Max C taking 3-15 from his four overs. Max C then turned Ben Stokes and smacked 41 from 37 balls to bring us a four wicket victory with one over to spare. We were too strong for Dorking unfortunately in both fixtures winning at a canter by 10 wickets and Sam T (40*), Ben F (25*) and 119 runs, Armaan (40*), Ollie D (33), Ben F 3-1 off three overs.

Esher U12 Dragons

The Dragons competed in a midweek and a Sunday league, as well as the Surrey County Cup. There was lots of cricket and the Sunday side enjoyed a good season, eventually finishing fourth to a strong East Molesey team. We also reached Round 3 of the Cup – a fantastic achievement given the Tier 1 opposition. There were a number of memorable games:

The win against Thames Ditton when one of their players got six wickets for three runs but we still won, managing to get what seemed a mediocre 106 but then bowling them out for 73! Fresh from a midweek cup win against Hampton Wick, the Sunday would see a repeat fixture. Chasing 138 we needed three from the last ball. A four duly followed to the delight of the travelling support.

The Sheen Park game showed the boys that in cricket, anything can happen. After posting only 62 runs from 11 overs things looked tough. But some fantastic attacking bowling and energy in the field resulted in a five run victory.

And finally, who will forget making the trip to Battersea Park for a 9:30 start on a Sunday, only to find the pitch was being used by a dog show. It was so pleasing to see all the boys develop and progress during the season and we are looking forward to watching them enjoy their cricket again next year.

A huge thank you from me to all the parents for all their support throughout the season, we even had a few first time scorers come out of the woodwork which was great to see. Thank you to Duncan and the coaching team and of course Lek and her team serving the Rose/Beers... A big thank you to the U11s for bailing us out so often to ensure we fielded a full team, I think we had over 15 represent the U12s during the season, along with some U10s and an U9! Special mentions to Josh and Neil for their support with the Dragons and to Ali C for her relentless Spounding.

The awards are always difficult as so many boys have done so well. The coaches have picked out the boys who they think have improved throughout the season, contributed to their teams and the club and played the game in the right spirit.

End of Season Awards:

- Player of the Season: Max Chambers – 493 runs @ 41 and 13 wickets @ 17
- Batting: Kunsh Khanna – 565 runs @ 24 with a top score of 49
- Bowling: Ryan Grogan – Took wickets and bowled tight in every match
- All Rounder: Eddie Fulk – Had success with bat and ball and a demon fielder
- Most improved: Ollie Peacock – A brilliant season for Ollie
- Clubman: Felix Downing – Bat or bowl wherever, whenever and always with a smile!

Under 11 Boys

63 boys, six league entries and 86 matches in total meant a busy and fruitful year for the Under 11s. Some experienced heads and new recruits saw competitive cricket at Tier 1 and Tier 2 level. Our rotation policy and wish to give all players valuable game time at Tier 1 level saw us competitive in all leagues but securing honours in none. Our Tier 2 boys fared better, finishing 3rd in a division of 11 but equal on points with the top 2, defeated only by the early season weather and head to heads against our competitors. With many debutantes it was a great year for all, especially at Tier 2 level.

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U11 Boys

10 of the boys in our age group were part of the Surrey Performance Programme this year far more boys than any other single club in the county, highlighting the real strength in depth of the age group. Well done to all those boys involved. 4 of them went on to gain full Age Group Match Caps this year so special mentions go to, Tom Hooke, Sam Hawkins, James Siveyer and Barney Ashton. Well done to all of you.

The Surrey Cup proved the highlight of the year with three entries for the age group. Two teams falling in the first round giving them Plate and 100 Format experience but by Round 3 only one Esher team remained in the Cup. The Esher Griffins were handed a bye in round one then a forfeit in Round 2 followed by comprehensive wins versus Walton and then Teddington, finding themselves winners in the final over versus Woking and



U11 Boys

Horsell at Fortress Imber in the quarter final securing a semi-final away to Spencer on a balmy Friday evening in late July. Batting first a competitive total was set and thanks to a tight fielding and bowling performance a comfortable victory was secured with a month to wait for finals day!

The final versus Horsley and Send was played at Valley End CC on Finals Day on Monday 29th August is a match that will live long in the memory. Batting first and keen to put on a sizeable score, being 0 for 3 after the first over was not part of the plan. Thanks to an unbeaten and retired 26* from Sam Hawkins the boys somehow scrambled to 88 off their allotted overs giving them something of a total to defend. And defend they really did. The opening overs were some of the quickest, hostile, aggressive and ultimately wicket taking bowling ever seen in the age group from Marley Gould and Tom Hooke taking two wickets a piece and reducing the opposition to 11-4 after six overs. Supported brilliantly by the rest of the bowling attack and focused and determined fielding, Horsley and Send were eventually bowled out for 44 from 13.1 overs giving our boys a victory in the Surrey Cup that looked far from likely just 90 minutes earlier. A proud day for everyone associated with the age group and especially well done to all boys involved in the cup success.

In the well-attended end of season event awards were given in special recognition for the season. Two players received 'Manager's Awards' in recognition of their determined and resilient approach throughout the year. Well done to Dylan Pritchard and James Higgins. The boys themselves were then asked to select their Player of the Year with two boys securing the most votes. Well done to Sam Hawkins and Zach Patel. It's been a great year for the age group which bodes well for future years. We hope to see many of the boys at Winter nets in preparation for the 2023 season. Finally, a special thanks to all the volunteer managers, scorers, umpires and refreshment providers. It's really appreciated by the club. Thanks all!!

Under 10 Boys

This was a fantastic season for the U10s, with two league wins and a cup final, but more importantly, a group of boys who enjoyed themselves, played

the game in the right spirit and who really developed their skills and their learning of the game.

Griffins, Unicorns and Phoenix

We played in three Tier 1 leagues and ended the season top in two and runners up in one. We also had a great cup run, only ended in the final by a very strong East Molesey team. A great performance all round after the disruption of the previous two seasons. Some of the highlights as follows:

- A three run win in a high scoring game against eventual league winners Woking & Horsell in front of a packed ground at New Road on 10 July (an absolute scorcher of a day). Fletcher McHarg and Alexander Coetzee starred with the bat, whilst Ario did the damage in the field with wickets and catches. This was a super result having been soundly beaten by W&H at their place.
- A tied match at Tilford, where we recovered from 12-5 to equal Tilford's total of 73. An excellent effort with the ball restricted Tilford to less than four an over, which then looked like being more than enough as our top order crumbled, with three wickets falling before a run was scored. Our U9 stand-in Jack Hooke then stepped up and played a wonderfully controlled and mature innings to bring us back into the game. Then came a final twist as we fell from 70-5 to 73 all out in the final two overs!
- A convincing win in the cup semi-final against an unbeaten Leatherhead team. A tough start with the bat against a good bowling attack, but another fine innings from Fletcher and counter attacking from Anton and Henry Kingsnorth got us to 124 from our 20 overs. We then bowled and fielded superbly to restrict Leatherhead to 88, with George Garrett and Freddie Carswell the pick of the bowlers with two wickets a piece.

Dragons

Having played some very strong sides, all the practice sessions and hard work definitely started to pay off towards the end of the season. Confidence with both bat and ball increased significantly with several nail-biting finishes



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against very solid opposition. The enthusiasm of the boys never wavered and it was a joy to see how much they grew as team, supporting each other in both good and more challenging times. The game against Valley End at the end of the season stood out to me, where we were very unlucky to finish with just a draw – were it not for a couple of talented bowlers on the opposition team, the win would have been ours! It was an absolute pleasure helping this group of fantastic boys but a big thank you must go to the parents who supported on the boundary, with the scoring and in the middle. There are lots of positives going into the 2023 season.

Overall lots to look forward to for 2023 and a few things to work on for winter nets. Bring on the next season! (Nick Frendo)

End of Season Awards:

- Batting: Fletcher McHarg
- Bowling: George Garrett
- Fielding: Ario Emamy
- All Rounder: Kailan Sivakumaran
- Most improved: Luke Scrinii
- Clubman: Ben Goodsman

Under 9 Boys

The U9's had another strong year this year, with the step up to hard ball cricket. If success was based on participation alone, having 69 boys all playing Tier 1 hard ball cricket should be celebrated as an incredible achievement and really sets the boys up well for further challenges down the line. Entering six teams across three divisions, all in Tier 1 as mentioned, results were more up and down this year with a third place, two fourth places, two fifth places and a sixth place. But context has to be given as no other team in any league had more than one Tier 1 entry so we were constantly up against the best boys from opposing clubs. Everyone who played in the league games contributed to many an enjoyable evening and competitive game of cricket and we enjoyed a number of good wins against the strong opposition of Reigate Priory, Cranleigh, Epsom, Teddington and East Molesey. There was also more opportunity to take positives out of a defeat which will also stand the boys in good stead going forward.

This year we also entered an U9 team (The Eagles) into the U10 Tier 1 West division of the SJCC. 20 boys played at various times in this team and



U9 Boys

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was a good test of their development playing normal cricket rules in a T20 game, against boys a year ahead of them in their cricketing development. They secured impressive victories against Chobham (twice) and Blackheath before being involved in a remarkable tie against Tilford when, after being bowled out inside 16 overs, bowled and fielded brilliantly to leave Tilford needing five off the last over with two wickets in hand. The first ball of the final over went for four before Dylan Narinesingh took back-to-back wickets to secure a tie. Brilliant!

A staggering 26 boys were successful in getting onto the Surrey CCC performance programme, following the April "trials" this year. This is a remarkable effort and speaks volumes for the coaching set-up we have at the club, as well as the ability and dedication of the boys themselves. Hopefully those involved benefit from some good winter coaching with Surrey (and Esher), and those who were not successful this time around have access to a full winter program of coaching and a goal to aim for in April.

The other undoubted highlight was the three Esher CC tournaments held over the summer. All three tournaments saw Esher vs Esher in the final and some of the cricket on display was of a ridiculously high standard given their age and the fact that most were less than a year into hard ball cricket. They are long days (as I am sure the parents will concur...) but it's so enjoyable watching them tackle a different format, enjoying themselves and playing with great commitment and sportsmanship. A big thank you must go to Duncan and the kitchen staff for putting on these events, they are a real highlight of the summer!

Thanks to Duncan and Lek, Sohail and the rest of the coaching team for giving me Sunday mornings off and to the regular army of parents who managed, scored, umpired and provided refreshments throughout the season, your efforts are greatly appreciated! (MH)



U8 Boys Horsley & Send Tournament Champions.

Under 8 Boys

It's been thoroughly enjoyable looking after this Under 8 age group, especially as league matches against external opposition is introduced. To witness the sheer enjoyment of those playing cricket matches for the first time and their rapid progression over the course of the season has been a real privilege. U8 league cricket is six-a-side pairs cricket with a soft ball. This ensures more ball contact and involvement in the game by all. With 60 league games across eight six-a-side teams supplemented by internal games and playing in two tournaments, we were able to provide cricket for everyone who was available on a weekly basis. The focus is participation, enjoyment and development of all.

We started the season with internal practice games. A learning curve for both players and parent volunteers, especially those parents introduced to a pairs scoresheet for the 1st time! Those first practice games provided a fun safe learning experience. Running between the wickets provided some particular amusement. "Yes? No? What? Maybe? Shrug? What do you think? Quizzical expression? Maybe? Then, when the ball was fielded, the batting pair often decided at that point 'YES'. Sometimes they scraped home, sometimes definitely not. Sometimes they even attempted to run again due to their new found running confidence and fielding overthrows as a result of the communication chaos caused! The next coaching sessions were unsurprisingly on running between the wickets, calling and backing up in the field! Following on from those first practice games was the introduction of competitive match-play cricket for most of the squad, they performed brilliantly throughout the season. Tactically they improved as well as technically. By the end of the season general improvement in game awareness was brilliant to see. Running between the wickets, fielding skills, backing up (and minimising overthrows) were the stand-out areas of improvement. Parent scorers also started to achieve A* grades for both effort, presentation and innovation for Spond uploading and use of scoring apps. Travelling to the opposition also took us on a journey to some very beautiful grounds and villages.

Obviously, it's not about winning at this age, but the improvements in both technical skills and game awareness manifested itself in good performances across all teams. We won two of the leagues we were entered into and finished second in three of them as well. The U8 team that travelled to the Horsley & Send tournament also came home with the silverware after winning all their games.

By the end of the summer, over 30 boys were regularly training with a hard ball and six boys were selected to play for Surrey CCC in the age group above: a brilliant achievement. There are lots of very talented cricketers in this age group so it will be great to see how much further improvement all can make over the winter, before a full season of hard ball cricket next year.

Finally, a massive thanks to Duncan, Sohail and the coaching team for all their help over the season. Thanks to Lek and all the bar/kitchen staff, for keeping the boys in ice creams and fruit pastilles and everyone in bacon rolls. And finally, to all the parents who managed teams, umpired, scored and generally helped out over the season. It would not be possible to provide so much enjoyable cricket without your help. So have a scoring and umpiring refresher over the winter and I will see you in April for their first season of hardball matches!
(Alisa French)

Save the Date – Getting the club ready for summer

Saturday 1 April 8.00am to 2.00pm The annual volunteering event to help get the club and grounds ready for the season.

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Girl's Report

U13 to U17 Girls

This year has been a tricky one for the Esher U13-U17 girls. We got off to a rather shaky start in April/ May with the switch to training in Chessington on Friday evenings causing the membership numbers to fall away, with only 37 girls returning compared to 69 in 2021. This caused some issue with the leagues, and we had to withdraw from several competitions.

Nevertheless, despite this fall off in numbers, the team has been very successful. We won 10 of our 19 games (53%) compared to only seven of 20 last year (35%) – this is excellent progress from last year.

The highlight of the year was our U15 cup run. We started on a wet Sunday morning against Ashted and looked set for defeat after losing three early wickets in our run chase. The game was turned on its head by a remarkable 51 runs scored in a matter of minutes by U13 Toni Bednall.

Toni went on to better her performance, scoring 77 runs in the next match to beat Binfield.

The quarter final against Chobham was the first match the team had played at New Road for the whole season, and it was witnessed by a large, loud group of Esher supporters. The match was won by a magnificent performance by Emilia Pitts, taking five wickets and then scoring over 40 runs in a matter of minutes.

Sadly, the team was beaten by Spencer, the eventual cup winners. It was a close match in which Saskia took the wickets of four Surrey players, but the team suffered an early batting collapse. Ellen Clark and Anna Goodsmann pushed Spencer to the very end, but the target was too big.

Nevertheless, it was a fantastic achievement and bodes well for the future. The U13s and U14s combined to play a few matches in the U14 league, but we struggled to field teams and ultimately had to concede too many matches.



U13-U17 Girls Team

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Senior Girls award winners

By the time we hit July, the success of the U15 cup run had helped to form a core team of players who know and trust each other. This core group have formed the spine of the U17 teams and had we not had to cancel a few games, we could have easily won the U17 Tier 1 league – despite not playing with any 17-year-olds. We also did very well in the tournament we organised in the Summer, winning a silver and two bronze medals.

With a bit more practice during the closed season we should be able to push the likes of Spencer, Basingstoke and East Moseley much further.

In August the U15 girls played Esher's first ever Hundred match, beating Ashted before being knocked out in the semi-finals by the eventual tournament winners Bexley. It was a close match that we could have easily won with a bit more luck.

At an individual level there has also been some real progress. Four players (Antonia, Arabella, Anna and Saskia) have scored over 50 runs in a match compared to none last year – Antonia did it twice, scoring 51 and 77 in the T20 cup run.

Seven players scored more than 100 runs in the season (the previous four plus Emilia, Ellen and Charlotte), compared to only three last year. Our batting strike rate has also increased dramatically. Last year only two players scored, on average, more than a run a ball compared to nine this year (Emilia, Phoebe, Toni, Saskia, Anna, Lucy K, Arabella, Lexie and Anaya).

The key area we need to work on is our bowling. As we play against better teams, we will automatically get hit more – last year we conceded 2103 runs compared to 2215 this year. Two players achieved five wickets in a match (Emilia and Anna), compared to none last year.

In total, however, we took fewer wickets than last year – 82 compared to 113. If we are to improve as a team, this is the area in which we need to work.

At the end of the season a final match was held and awards were given as follows:

Charlotte Reed – Club player of the year

There were several candidates for this award, with Izzy or Mary both being strong contenders. Charlotte pipped them both to the award. She has played more games than anyone else (she has also been playing in the men's 5th and 6th teams). She coaches the younger players on Sunday mornings. She is hugely reliable as bowler and batter – she was the player who helped anchor several innings during the T20 cup run and her bowling is very difficult to score from. And I will never forget her fabulous catch in the cup game against Chobham.

Emilia Pitts – Best Bowler

Again, there were several candidates. Saskia for consistency and taking the most wickets during the season – especially in Spencer cup match. Lexie for showing the biggest improvement in speed and accuracy. Nicola was an even stronger contender, being the most economical of all of the bowlers over the season. But the winner is Emilia. She has almost the same economy as Nicola, but has taken more wickets, the highlight of which was her five wicket haul against Chobham in the cup match. She has also been a fantastic captain.

Antonia Bednall – Best batter

Anna, Saskia and Emilia could all claim this award, having either scored more than 50 runs or having hit the ball so hard that the opposition were petrified (Emilia) Antonia is the only one to have almost single handily got us through two rounds in the T20 cup, with a score of 77 in one game and 51 in another. I say 'almost single handily' because she couldn't have done it without Charlotte's support in both games. She is our youngest player. She also has the highest batting average of all the players.

Arabella Finnigan – All Rounder

Anna, Ellen, Emilia, Lucy and Saskia were all contenders for this award. Arabella is, however, the standout player. She has batted magnificently, especially in the second half of the season and has the third highest batting average of the year. In addition, she has established herself as our number one wicket keeper and has changed the course of many games.

Anna Goodsmen – Player of the year

Ellen, Saskia and Emilia could easily have taken this award. They have all batted, bowled and fielded exceptionally well. They have also all taken on the role of captain from time to time. Nevertheless, Anna deserves this award more than anyone else. She's scored the second highest number of runs and taken second highest number of wickets for the year, but most importantly she's also the most improved player of the year. Anna wasn't able to collect her award on the day, so Saskia stood in for her in the photo.

Under 13-17 Season Stats

Batting:

Name	Matches	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest	Average	50s	Strike Rate
Saskia Simmons	11	11	5	261	61*	43.50	1	120.83
Anna Goodsmen	11	8	4	160	55*	40.00	1	120.30
Antonia Bednall	6	5	0	158	77	31.60	2	137.39
Emilia Pitts	7	7	2	151	46*	30.20	0	148.04
Arabella Finnigan	7	6	4	139	57*	69.50	1	110.32
Ellen Clarke	9	6	2	122	42	30.50	0	94.57
Charlotte Reed	10	7	2	97	27	19.40	0	95.10
Lucy Kirkman	7	5	2	83	29*	27.67	0	116.90
Lexie Hulme	10	7	2	74	41	14.80	0	108.82
Aahna Wijeratne	6	6	1	52	31*	10.40	0	72.22

Bowling:

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best	5 wicket haul	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average
Saskia Simmons	23.1	1	117	14	4-8	0	5.05	9.93	8.36
Anna Goodsmen	23.5	0	135	12	5-8	1	5.66	11.92	11.25
Emilia Pitts	20.4	1	106	8	5-25	1	5.13	15.50	13.25
Mary Milnes	18.3	0	140	5	2-18	0	7.57	22.20	28.00
Lucy Kirkman	13.2	0	82	4	2-4	0	6.15	20.00	20.50
Ellen Clarke	16	0	114	4	2-5	0	7.13	24.00	28.50
Lexie Hulme	20	0	130	4	2-5	0	6.50	30.00	32.50
Anaiah Swarup	3	0	6	3	3-6	0	2.00	6.00	2.00
Lily Hinkly	14	0	94	3	1-5	0	6.71	28.00	31.33
Izzy Lenton	14.4	0	129	3	1-7	0	8.80	29.33	43.00

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U12 League Champions

U10 to U12 girls

The 2022 season saw Esher U10-12 Girls have another successful season in the Surrey Hardball leagues, entering five teams in four competitions, which resulted in our U12s being crowned champions of the Tier 1 North and our U10-11s finishing a very respectable fourth in the Tier 1 South, following a last gasp win at New Road against a very strong Ashtead team.

This was one of the best performances of the season by any team in the section. Ashtead were confident in electing to bat first but excellent bowling from Clara Pyecroft and captain Danielle McGlashan managed to contain them to a total of 84 in 16 overs. Ashtead made the chase very challenging, taking wickets regularly and just when it looked like they might defend their total, Gemma Langham gave us hope in the middle overs before Izzy Bailey smashed 20 in the final pair to get us over the line off the final ball and get the U10-11s their first win in U10-12 Tier 1.

A special mention must be made of all U10s who played in the Tier 1 fixtures, who showed exceptional courage against opposition teams mostly comprised of experienced U12s. This was perhaps best shown by Amelie George who against the eventual Tier 1 South winners Weybridge, walked out to face some of the best U12 players in the league and very nearly bowled and batted Esher to the win.

Of equal importance, it was pleasing to see the growth in our teams playing in the Tier 2 London and Central leagues, where many girls made their hardball debuts and managed to bag two great wins over the Spencer teams in the process. The victory in the Tier 2 London league came via a thrilling chase of 118 in 16 overs, which after captain Maisie Luxman and Maya Patel had laid a solid platform, Poppy Arnold-Roberts and Flora Maclean steered the ship home off the final ball.

The Tier 2 Central win over Spencer was set up by some excellent batting from Gemma Langham, Aashi Amin, Lucia Parkinson and captain Mamie Lane, setting an imposing total that Spencer's hopes of chasing were dashed by a fine spell at the death from Grace Coleman.

These victories ensured we did the treble over Spencer in junior girls after the U12s won an early season crunch match in the Tier 1 North at New Road. Arabella Choudhry and Hannah Price were calm personified in chasing down a total that looked very challenging after Spencer had bowled exceptionally well at the first two pairs. After beating Richmond the week before thanks to a 40 run partnership between Ashley Maclean and Mia Cunningham, which they backed up against Ashtead a week later in a game that was also memorable for two excellent catches from Sofia Wood, the foundations had been laid for a first league title.

A further four consecutive victories were delivered by some excellent performances from girls being promoted from Tier 2, which was a really pleasing sign of the breadth and depth of the talent we have in junior girls. There were unplayable deliveries from Alyssa Saunders, swashbuckling batting from Eleonore Mighall and fine all-round work from Olivia Priest, Zara Ingles and Sofia El-Bachir. These performances took the Tier 1 North league to a decider in the final game away at second placed Wimbledon.

In a game where Wimbledon raced to 50 for no wicket off the first four overs, we needed a heroic performance from our Captain Marvel, Mayako Dennis, who took two catches and bowled an outstanding 16th over to restrict Wimbledon to 112 off 16. She then ignited the chase with four consecutive fours which allowed Ashley Maclean



U12 Dragons

to apply the coup de grace, when we still needed two off the last ball. Of all the skills the girls had been encouraged to copy from the professionals during this long and successful season, just one remained – the pitch invasion at the moment of victory – which they duly did in style!

As a section, we also hosted Esher Tournaments at Imber Court in May and New Road in July, a format that is proving very popular with our girls and the opposition clubs. Esher were represented in the finals of both events, but unfortunately losing out to strong performances from a very good Ashted team (whose management love the Bento Boxes almost as much as the cricket). Against the disappointments of losing in both finals, the Esher girls played some exceptional, setting new standards for their performances in all



three departments. The spectacle was further enhanced by outstanding contributions from U11s Aanya Jain and Clara Pyecroft along with U10s Lucia Parkinson, Marnie Lane and Holly Potter who all did the business against top ranked U12 opposition.

While initially hesitant to commit to day-long events, the feedback from those attending is that they enjoy this cricketing experience more than any other. This is partly because of the format's ability to produce quick-fire, thrilling encounters but also because it is an environment where the bonds of friendship between the girls can really flourish. Along with the thrills and spills in the league competitions, the next Esher Tournament dates in particular will be much looked forward to in the 2023 season.

Five teams could not dispute so many matches and tournaments without the assistance of a brilliant group of parent volunteers. The junior girls section is much indebted to the tireless commitment of Helen and Tim Pyecroft, Kelly and David George, Cameron Bailey, Rob Lane, Julian Jones, Clive Luxman, Vikesh Patel, Ollie Saunders and Alistair Maclenan.

U9 Girls

A great season for the U9 who had their second taste of league action building on their first year last summer. The U9 entered two teams in the U11 smash-it league playing teams with a large number of older girls.

As the girls were playing teams that were in some cases two years older there were some uneven match ups, but I continue to be impressed by the great attitude and enthusiasm shown. They are gelling as a team and starting to understand the nuances of cricket and improving on all their skills whilst playing with good humour and sportship.

Across the two teams, they played 16 games in aggregate and won five.

In May we started with a double loss to Chobham who fielded a couple of very quick bowlers who proved very difficult to get away and kept taking wickets. We had an intra-Esher match-up which was incredibly close, the teams shared the points with each match decided by only a handful of

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U10s

runs. The team played Weybridge for a doubleheader winning the first mainly down to Imogen's accurate bowling and some great running between the wickets and losing the second by only four runs despite not losing a wicket in their innings.

In June there were a number of cancellations as fielding a team for an away fixture in the evening proved difficult but we managed to beat Horsely and Send twice thanks to three wickets in an over from Liya in the first game and three in an over from Annie in the second. The repeat against Chobham resulted in two more losses, however, the margin was much narrower with the second game going down to the final over.

July suffered more cancellations and a couple of losses to a strong Molesey team.

In terms of training, the Thursday sessions were well attended and it is clear the girls get a lot out of the sessions. We've seen an improvement throughout the summer in each of the skills.

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 manage, score and umpire.

The girls are moving up to hardball next year and rejoining the age group above, I am sure we'll have another great year. *(Jim)*

U8 Girls

With the record-breaking temperature providing a glorious backdrop for Sunday training, a new Surrey Girls U9 league this season provided the platform for the U8 girls to get their first taste of competitive matches and put into practice their evolving skills. This "Smash-It" league offered seven match days of 6 over, 6-a-side cricket with each matchday comprising three such matches against other local clubs. The new format was fast moving and kept everyone in the game.

With two Esher U8's teams in action (the Dragons and the Griffins), all the girls had the opportunity to play several matches, which provided a focus to put into practice the skills learned in training,

Despite some of the opposition teams being a year older, the games themselves were generally close and whilst the results were not of primary importance, the teams were generally well matched and there were some close finishes – Sienna drawing the Dragons level with a wicket in the final over sticking in the memory.

As the Smash-It league fixtures drew to an end in July, the season finale was the Esher festival in August, a tournament at New Road.

Overall the girls showed enthusiasm and a great attitude as they got to grips with all aspects of fielding, batting and bowling and this will stand them in good stead as they move to U9s next year. We all noted a significant development in the quality of the games as the season progressed.

Meanwhile, the number of league and festival games also allowed the parents to hone their game management, umpiring and scoring skills – thank you all for your support during the year.

In addition, I would like to thank those in the background at Esher arranging training, pitches and helping with fixtures, as well as the opposition teams and AGMs – as expected, the games were all played in a lovely spirit.

To the current U8 girls, well done on a fantastic year, we are all looking forward to seeing your continued enjoyment as you develop your games in the winter matches and next summer.

Surrey Championship 2023 Fixtures

1st XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
30/04/2023	Dartford	Away	Cup	1.00pm
06/05/2023	Weybridge CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
13/05/2023	Reigate Priory	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
14/05/2023	National Cup Round 2	Away	Cup	1.00pm
20/05/2023	Cranleigh CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
27/05/2023	Guildford CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
28/05/2023	National Cup Round 3	Home	Cup	1.00pm
03/06/2023	Normandy CC	Away	Timed	11.00am
10/06/2023	Sunbury CC	Home	Timed	11.00am
17/06/2023	Wimbledon CC	Away	Timed	11.00am
24/06/2023	Ashtead CC	Home	Timed	11.00am
01/07/2023	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	11.00am
08/07/2023	Weybridge CC	Home	Timed	11.00am
15/07/2023	Reigate Priory	Away	Timed	11.00am
22/07/2023	Cranleigh CC	Home	Timed	11.00am
29/07/2023	Guildford CC	Away	Timed	11.00am
05/08/2023	Normandy CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
12/08/2023	Sunbury CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
19/08/2023	Wimbledon CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
26/08/2023	Ashtead CC	Away	50 Overs	11.30am
02/09/2023	East Molesey CC	Home	50 Overs	11.30am

2nd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
06/05/2023	Reigate Priory CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
13/05/2023	Dulwich CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
20/05/2023	Spencer CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
27/05/2023	Guildford	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
03/06/2023	Malden Wanderers CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
10/06/2023	Sunbury CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
17/06/2023	Ashtead CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
24/06/2023	East Molesey CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
01/07/2023	Wimbledon CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
08/07/2023	Reigate Priory CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
15/07/2023	Dulwich CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
22/07/2023	Spencer CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
29/07/2023	Guildford	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
05/08/2023	Malden Wanderers CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
12/08/2023	Sunbury CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
19/08/2023	Ashtead CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
26/08/2023	East Molesey CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
02/09/2023	Wimbledon CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon

Surrey Championship 2023 Fixtures

3rd XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
06/05/2023	Valley End CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
13/05/2023	Battersea Ironsides CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
20/05/2023	Dulwich CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
27/05/2023	Banstead CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
03/06/2023	Sutton CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
10/06/2023	Sunbury	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
17/06/2023	Weybridge CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
24/06/2023	Old Rutlishians CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
01/07/2023	Sinjun Grammarians CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
08/07/2023	Valley End CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
15/07/2023	Battersea Ironsides CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
22/07/2023	Dulwich CC	Home	Timed	12.00 noon
29/07/2023	Banstead CC	Away	Timed	12.00 noon
05/08/2023	Sutton CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
12/08/2023	Sunbury	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon
19/08/2023	Weybridge CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
26/08/2023	Old Rutlishians CC	Home	50 Overs	12.00 noon
02/09/2023	Sinjun Grammarians CC	Away	50 Overs	12.00 noon

4th XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
06/05/2023	Malden Wanderers CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
13/05/2023	Egham CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
20/05/2023	Thames Ditton	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
27/05/2023	Staines & Laleham CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
03/06/2023	Woking & Horsell CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
10/06/2023	Epsom CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
17/06/2023	Kemoton CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
24/06/2023	Teddington Town CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
01/07/2023	Valley End CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
08/07/2023	Malden Wanderers CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
15/07/2023	Egham CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
22/07/2023	Thames Ditton	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
29/07/2023	Staines & Laleham CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
05/08/2023	Woking & Horsell CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
12/08/2023	Epsom CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
19/08/2023	Kemoton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
26/08/2023	Teddington Town CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00 noon
02/09/2023	Valley End CC	Home	40 Overs	12.00 noon

Surrey Championship 2023 Fixtures

5th XI

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Fixture Type	Start Time
06/05/2023	Woking & Horsell CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
13/05/2023	Camberley CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
20/05/2023	Kempton CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
27/05/2023	Weybridge CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
03/06/2023	Hampton Wick Royal CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
10/06/2023	Hampton Hill CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
17/06/2023	Roehampton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
24/06/2023	Chessington CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
01/07/2023	Weybridge Vandels CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
08/07/2023	Woking & Horsell CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
15/07/2023	Camberley CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
22/07/2023	Kempton CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
29/07/2023	Weybridge CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
05/08/2023	Old Wimbledonians CC	Away	40 Overs	1.00pm
12/08/2023	Old Paulines	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
19/08/2023	Roehampton CC	Home	40 Overs	1.00pm
26/08/2023	Chessington CC	Away	40 Overs	12.00 noon
02/09/2023	Weybridge Vandels CC	Home	40 Overs	12.00 noon

Other Adult 2023 Fixtures

Friendly Fixtures

Dates	Opposition	Venue	Start Time
15th April 2023	Walton 1st XI	Away	12.00pm
	Walton 2nd XI	Home	12.00pm
16th April 2023	Esher Development XI	Home	1.00pm
22nd April 2023	Malden Wanderers 1st XI	Home	12.00 noon
	Malden Wanderers 2nd XI	Away	12.00 noon
23rd April 2023	Magdalen CC	Home	2.15pm
29th April 2023	Richmond 1st XI	Home	12.00 noon
	Richmond 2nd XI	Away	12.00 noon
	Richmond 3rd XI	Home	12.00 noon
29 May 2023	T20 Super Monday	Home	10.00am
11th June 2023	MCC	Home	12.00 noon
18th Aug 2023	Nomads	Home	11.30am



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Seaford 2022

After Genesis comes Exodus, and alas the build up to the annual Four Seasons of weather golf festival was slightly marred by a steady stream of perfectly good excuses. From marathons to birthdays and motorbike races, there were all sorts of very good reasons to be elsewhere, but it did mean the party was yesterday's men when it came to cricket.

To fill the silence of nine young cricketers there was only one solution – Bobby Lowe duly made his debut appearance at Seaford. As so often, the weather forecast was ominous with the tail of hurricane Janet causing excitement but we set out in eerily fair weather. Watching group one tee off there was not a single ball visible on the fairway but some good golf must have been played after that; as when we arrived back Simon Cloke's loss to banking is golf's gain as he scored 35 points in blustery conditions, followed by defending champion Bryan Coutts (31pts), Jim Steven and Robert Seager. The more senior group fared less well with Lowe (22pts) and Robinson (17pts) bringing up the rear. Winder J (27pts) and Bernard (26pts) both with mid-table mediocrity with a big gap to overtake and a far from optimistic weather forecast for Sunday.

The smaller dinner group led to lively chat and as usual the world was firmly put to right. The absent and sadly departed were toasted. A final very late – and very long – game of snooker has created some top of the range TikTok material; well worth a view. So, it was a pretty jaded looking team that attacked breakfast to prepare for the challenge ahead.

Obviously, it was raining quite hard at our allotted tee time and none of the members followed us out. Despite some setbacks – I'd left two clubs in the car and Bobby had no waterproofs – we set forth once more into the mist and rain. It wasn't entirely great fun and after five holes we were approached by a weather beaten messenger with a request to pack it in. The President and the club house leader despatched the request more easily than a leg stump half volley and we pressed on. We were rewarded on the 10th tee when a miracle happened – the mist rose, the rain stopped and a few holes later we were in bright sunshine. Unbelievable. By now Clokey was over the horizon and later finished with a mightily impressive round of 37 points (nine holes in permanent rain and



puddles on the greens) so we were playing for minor places – or more realistically – to avoid the Wooden Spoon. The President responded well with a good round of 32 points, but Robert Seager had a real crack at it. A while after we had finished the less cheerful group arrived back at the 18th. It wasn't quite the day to play without waterproofs, but Bobby Lowe had done just enough to take the Wooden Spoon. At 9.00pm, the odds on us having sandwiches and a post golf drink on the terrace in bright sunshine were long – but we did just that.

Another highly enjoyable trip to Seaford. I hope we can get back to a full sized party next year. But the final word must go to Simon Cloke. He first came to Seaford in 2001 and his slow and steady progress from a regular Booby Prize contender (and winner of it in 2007 and 2009) to the pinnacle of golf has been an example to us all in never giving up on your dreams. He becomes the 29th different winner of the 56 consecutive tours. His 72 point score in tricky weather was richly deserved and applauded – mainly by the three people who backed him in the Tote – and we all look forward to his defence of his title. Off 9!

Gordon Dean obituary

Gordon Dean sadly passed away peacefully on 18th November. He was a stalwart in Esher's First XI of the 60s and 70s as a wicket keeper batsman and was for many years the Club's Honorary Secretary. Gordon went to St Andrews prep school in Eastbourne where he was an exact contemporary of Esher legend James Parker and then attended Winchester College with another Esher legend, Max Seager, all of whom remained lifelong friends with the club being such an important common bond between them. Gordon went up to Cambridge University where he represented the Crusaders and played racquet sports before qualifying as a chartered accountant. He had a highly successful City career with Esher's captain and subsequent President Peter Wreford at Gresham Trust.

Living opposite the club in March House, Littleworth Avenue, Esher CC became a focal point of his social life with his first wife Lindy and three children Joanna, Caroline and James, who was a promising left arm spinner with Esher Colts and the club before he moved to New York. Sadly Gordon's father was watching his grandson play for Esher sitting in the pavilion when he passed away. As a wicket keeper Gordon, regularly attired in his MCC sweater, always had a funny word to say behind the stumps and his catchphrase was "sorry cock" if a chance went amiss or four byes slipped past. His skill allowed him to occasionally stand up to quick bowlers on a flat one including Esher's great fast bowling all rounder Colin Smith, ex-Lancashire C.C.C. and Cambridge University. When Gordon, not irregularly, managed a leg side stumping off them, which was always his intended aim, it was something to witness and applaud.

He was often seen in the early mornings exercising his two black labradors, one named Satchmo after the great singer Louis Armstrong, by jogging around the ground, before going to work, after three ever decreasing circles of the outfield leaving his footprints clear to see in the frost or dew. When reprimanded at a committee meeting for ignoring the "no dogs allowed" sign on the gate, quick witted as usual, he replied "my dogs can't read".



Gordon left Esher when his first marriage ended and had a wonderfully happy life with his second wife Sally living near Winchester, and in Florida during the winter months. Visits to Esher were seldom but he always attended the old players lunch whenever he could staying with the Parkers. He was due to come to an Esher traditional lunch last December honouring Esher's senior member Peter Wilson. Sally said that he passed away a few days after suffering a severe stroke with all his family by his side, but he had thankfully enjoyed watching England's T20 win in Melbourne which gave him great pleasure. Gordon's larger than life persona will be much missed by all that fondly remember him and our thoughts are with Sally and his children Joanna, Caroline and James, who he leaves behind.

His funeral was held at St. Cross in Winchester on 30th November 2022, with many of his friends from Esher present, along with his wife Sally, and Lindy and all his children.

ESHER CRICKET CLUB

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The results for the season reflect the greatly improved weather over the appalling 1981 season but also represent a mildly disappointing season for the Club with both League Elevens lower in the table of the Surrey Championship. Again our grateful thanks go to Leslie Wood who, in spite of the volatile climatic conditions produced some splendid wickets during the year. This was in spite of expert opinion that we had very serious problems with the "square" in 1981 but that crisis seems to have abated, at least for the time being.

First Eleven

Individually the season belonged to Andrew Bernard who was, almost unbelievably prolific with the bat particularly in the early part of the season. He took a season off to devote his summer to playing cricket and was well rewarded for this decision and hopefully has derived life-time memories of his performances during the year. He broke the record for the aggregate number of runs during a season for Esher, a record held apparently since time immemorial by the President, Peter Wreford. His outstanding innings was a century against the Old Whitgiftians and of his runs, 605 were scored in the League. The Club extends their heartiest congratulations to him and thanks for doing Esher cricket so much good. The Captain, Christopher Sutton-Mattocks, ably supported Andrew in the opening position and redeemed an indifferent season with an excellent 121 not out on the final day against Banstead to give him an aggregate for the year of 567 in the League. Other notable contributors include James Parker, returning to the First Eleven to demonstrate age before beauty, and Christopher Worlidge whose obvious talent has not been fully converted into the number of contributory performances which it deserves.

Other regulars who contributed to the batting, albeit to a limited extent include Richard Brown, Tim Elliott and Robbie Johnston, whose impeccable wicket-keeping complimented the high standard of fielding during the season.

It cannot be said that the batting was augmented by Anthony Wreford who amassed thirteen runs from eight innings having played in 17 matches. One might be forgiven, however, for thinking that he may have been bowling at himself because his memorable performance in 1981 was followed during the season by an aggregate of 55 wickets in the League making him comfortably top of the averages. Support for him was not significantly forthcoming although Richard Brown and Tim Elliott both persevered gamely respectively taking 32 and 21 wickets.

The bowling has missed the former penetration both of Bobby Lowe and Anthony Howeson and Robert Munro, while continuing to be as fast as anyone in the League, has not really been able to harness his speed to real success.

It is a great credit to the Captain that availability has been excellent and no fewer than ten players appeared in 16 or more matches out of the total of 20 played during the season. It is so encouraging to see so much enthusiasm engendered although the results were disappointing.

Esher CC – Management Committee 2023

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2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Esher Cricket Club

The AGM of Esher Cricket Club will be held on 6th April 2023 at 7.30pm at Esher Cricket Club, 47 New Road, Esher KT10 9NU.

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Esher Cricket Club (The Club) will be held on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse, 47 New Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 9NU.

The following resolutions will be proposed:








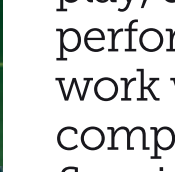
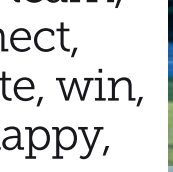



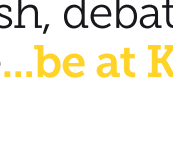



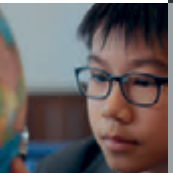



1. To elect Neil McCallum as Chairman of the Club
2. To approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM (Note 1)
3. To approve the accounts for the year to 30th September 2022 (Note 2)
4. To elect the Officers of The Club (Note 3)
5. To elect The Management Committees (Note 3)
6. To elect Aileen Woollhead as Independent Reviewer of the Accounts
7. To approve the 2023 subscription rates as follows:
 - Full playing member (male) – £210
 - Full playing member (female) – £50
 - Full time student – £50
 - Occasional playing member – £75 (up to 4 games)
 - Social member – £30
 - Young Cricketer boys U16 to U19 – £100
 - Young Cricketer boys U9 to U15 – £240
 - Young Cricketer boys U8 – £190
 - Young Cricketer boys U7 – £160
 - Young Cricketer boys U5 to U6 – £120
 - Young Cricketer girls U16 to U19 – £100
 - Young Cricketer girls U10 to U15 – £200
 - Young Cricketer girls U8 to U9 – £150
 - Young Cricketer girls U5 to U7 – £120

The Young Cricketer subscription includes Family Social Membership.

8. To approve the adoption of the ECB Anti-discrimination code.
9. Any other business

Notes

1. The minutes of the 2022 AGM will be displayed on the Club notice board for 15 days prior to the meeting.
2. The 2022 Accounts can be found on pages 22 to 26 of this report.
3. The Officers of the Club and the membership of the Committees can be found on page 74 of this report.

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