

2023

Esher Cricket Club

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Annual Report & Accounts 2023

**Notice of AGM and 2024
fixtures**

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SAVE THE DATE
ESHER CC END OF SEASON BALL
RETURNS TO NEW ROAD.
Saturday 14th September 2024



| <u>Club Calendar</u> | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| AGM | Tuesday 19 March 2024 | New Road | 7-30pm |
| Get Set Weekend | Saturday 6 April 2024 | New Road | 8-00am |
| Club Day (& world record attempt) | Sunday 14 April 2024 | New Road | 11-00am |
| City Lunch | Friday 19 April 2024 | | 12-00noon |
| End of Season Ball | Saturday 14 September 2024 | New Road | 7-00pm |

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.



President's Report

2023 was my first year as President of Esher Cricket Club. In my lifetime there have been four Presidents at the club, Ebby Gerrish, Peter Wreford, Graeme Newman and Jonny Robinson. It has been an honour to follow in such illustrious footprints, as I also celebrated 50 years of involvement with adult cricket at Esher, having made my debut for Esher 2nd X1 in 1973.

I have been very impressed with the running of the Club. A significant amount of work goes into balancing the books each year in order to provide facilities for 6 adult sides, a ladies side and 700 young cricketers. This enables it to operate in a highly competitive Cricket League within Surrey, being one of the top clubs in Surrey. The standard of cricket is very high, there is an excellent team spirit within the club, and it is set up so well with many high-quality young cricketers coming through to the Senior Ranks. It's wonderful to see young people being given the opportunity to play adult cricket as I have a strong belief that adult cricket enables younger cricketers to mature more quickly as they recognise that they have to adapt to the adult game. Long may our young cricketers thrive, and well done to all the volunteers who put hours and hours into supporting our young cricketers and giving them a platform for a lifetime in cricket.

There are a number of projects ongoing within the club which are praiseworthy. In particular, the Alumni project will bring many valued old players together, and also the Honours Board will reflect real achievement on the field. Let's hope that our current crop of excellent cricketers can make changing the Honours Board a very regular occurrence.

I am delighted that Esher CC have elected six new Vice-Presidents to the club, all of whom have served the club with great distinction. I am sure that you will see many of them around the club on match days.

2023 has been the first year as Chairman for Neil McCallum. He has led the club behind the scenes exceptionally well and keeps all of us informed with his weekly newsletter update on the playing and social matters. We are in good hands with Neil and his team, and we can expect more initiatives ongoing as we develop the Club. If we don't go forwards, we go backwards, and the energy that drives our Management team is vital in such a competitive environment.

But it must be fun as well. I have been struck during my visits as a spectator to see the proper camaraderie in place, and also to meet up with so many old players from other clubs. It's great to have such friendships with players from rival clubs and reminds me of a lesson that I was given as a young player by Esher stalwart, Jamie Alan-Smith, who summoned me after play, and advise me to go to talk to the opposition in the bar. I did as I was told, and the result is lifelong friendships across the Surrey cricket world.

As I write this in October, with nights closing in, it's always a bitter sweet time for cricketers as we know it is such a long time till we see cricket again at Esher. So, I wish all members and their families a good winter as we have to rely on our televisions for our cricket before our own cricketing season commences.

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Chairman's Report

Well, that season went quickly!

The first year of doing any job is always an eye-opener and being Chairman of Esher CC is no different. It is truly amazing how much goes on behind the scenes and how much care and attention is given by volunteers to make sure that the club is run effectively. All so that we or our children can bosh a red (or white or orange!) ball around a field. Or watch others do this!

We sometimes forget but in March the Nets project was completed and the 3 extra nets together with the upgraded existing nets proved to be a boon in the wet early season weather, as the junior age groups could train in the nets rather than have a session cancelled. Thanks again to John Woolthead for leading this project, the project team and the members who contributed so handsomely.

Last year I provided some goals for the club to aim for. I provide an update below.

| <u>Goal</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| To maintain financial stability | This has been achieved in 2023. The Nets Project has been funded and the club is breakeven for the year. |
| To maintain premier league status for men's first and second teams and to maintain or improve first division status for men's third eleven. | Achieved (just!). There is a sense of optimism for the 3 rd XI in 2024. |
| To continue to field men's fourth and fifth teams in the Surrey Championship as this provides a pathway for Young Cricketers. | Achieved. |
| To develop and strengthen our Ladies section. | This aim is a work in progress. A keen group of Ladies has trained and played a few matches in 2023 and additional members are being encouraged to join. |
| To develop and grow our Girls section. | With 170 girls this section continues to grow. The Tuesday evening training sessions for the senior girls and ladies worked well. Both Sid and Matt, together with the AGMs, have done a great job. The senior girls are playing in the Ladies competition to gain good experience. |
| To provide increasing opportunities for Young Cricketers (girls and boys) to play in adult cricket. | This continues to be a strength of the club with over 60 boys and at least 2 girls playing in the senior adult teams this year. |
| To develop further the practice facilities at New Road | The Nets Project was completed in 2023. In late 2023 a soakaway was installed to alleviate the flood risk to the grounds after heavy rain. Funding has been obtained from Elmbridge Council. |

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| To work with Imber Court to improve the facility over time. | The club is to install irrigation to the second square at Imber Court during the winter to improve the performance of this square which is used extensively during the season. |
| To uphold Esher CC values at all times. | Mostly achieved. There are isolated cases where members need to be reminded of the club values and which are addressed during the season. |
| To remain fully compliant with Clubmark requirements at all times. | Achieved |
| To provide support for members/potential members who struggle to fund cricket activities. | This remains a work in progress. |
| To encourage increasing volunteer involvement in the club. | This remains a work in progress. The club recognises and thanks the many members who volunteer as AGMs, scorers, umpires during the season. New volunteers are required to assist with the work of the Management Committee. |

In terms of governance the revised Committee structure was implemented last year and is generally working well. The aim of the new structure being to enhance governance, spread the workload among the team and attract new volunteers.

2023 Season

Looking back at the 2023 season we can reflect on an excellent year for the senior adult sides. It was not all plain sailing, but the teams showed “grit” where required.

The 1st team were top of the league after 4 matches but with Justin Broad gaining a well-earned contract to Northamptonshire and a mid-season lull in form the side finished mid-table. The 2nds struggled for consistent availability/selection and needed a wonderful victory on the last day of the season to remain in the Premier League.

The 3rd XI made a late surge to finish a commendable 3rd, the 4th XI performed consistently and the 5th XI improved over the season as availability improved. In addition, the 6th XI had a successful season and provided further opportunities to young cricketers.

The Development XI continued to provide a useful springboard from youth to adult cricket, with the U19s making the final of the T20 competition yet again.

The senior academy girls side had a successful season, playing age group matches and also representing the club in the Ladies Surrey Slam hardball league where they played really well and reached the final.

The junior sides, both boys and girls, have also performed admirably, with more than 800 matches played. The reports of each section provide details of the many talented cricketers we have at the club as well as the tremendous energy and commitment that is provided by the leaders and administrators within each age-group.

Runs by the junior players in the club were well made with centuries scored by Sam Slaney, Max Rawlinson (2), Will Hamilton (2), Oliver Hunt, Max Wallis and Tamash Raaj.

Highlights for the season included the record 334 runs scored by the 1st XI to chase down the Wimbledon total, the opening spell of bowling by Alex French and Seb Stuart-Reckling for the 2nd XI in the key last game of the season, the sumptuous 6 over square leg by Anna Goodsmann in the Ladies Surrey Slam final and the two perfectly timed sixes that smashed the clubhouse windows!

Congratulations to the following young players who have played representative cricket this season:

Alex French: ESCA and Surrey 2nd XI

Krish Patel: Surrey 2nd XI

Seb Stuart-Reckling: Surrey 2nd XI

Special Thanks!

The club is very grateful for the time, commitment, and hard work that so many volunteers put into making Esher such a fantastic club. I would like to express my particular thanks to the following:

- Duncan and Lek for their hard work, coaching, organising excellent young cricketer tournaments and superb Saturday evening dinners!
- Alisa French for the superb organisation of the fixtures and pitch allocations throughout the season.
- Rachel Narinesingh for carefully running the safeguarding responsibilities for the club.
- Nouman Hashmi for his hard work as Treasurer for the club and for updating our financial system to improve our financial reporting capability.
- Carolyn Lenton for maintaining our Spond database and for the excellent administration of the membership for the club, as Membership Secretary.
- Sid Simmons and Matt Price for running and developing the Girls cricket section.
- Sue Da Vall for continuing the development of the Ladies section.
- Glenn Harrison for his role in running the selection each week as well as organising the U19 and Trust league teams.
- Dan Taylor for running the Bar & Grounds Committee.
- Geoff Ellis for the superb masterminding of the City Lunch, a great start to the season.
- Rachel Narinesingh, for organising a tremendously enjoyable end of season Ball, held back at New Road.
- AGMs, umpires, scorers for keeping all the age groups running smoothly.
- Captains Will Edwards, Charlie Winder, Dan Dickenson, Chris Burton and Gareth Narinesingh for their leadership and inspiration.
- And finally, Vince Chandler and John Woollhead who do many things for the club both in terms of leadership and guidance as well as practical stuff (cleaning Imber Court pavilion, raking pebbles, cleaning patios).

Finance

We continue to manage Club funds responsibly and rely on fundraising events to breakeven. This season we will be looking to host more events in the bar at New Road and to raise important funds for the club. Please support the Entertainment, Social and Communications Committee where you can, including the Club Day on Sunday 14th April.

Note that the City Lunch this year is set for Friday 19th April 2024.

This year we are grateful to our sponsors Curchods, NFU Mutual, Dawsons Auctioneers, AJ Sports, The Bear (Esher), Masuri, Rowan Preparatory School, Sporting Wine Club, Kingston Grammar School, Milbourne Lodge, Shrewsbury House, Parkside, Box Hill School, and Danes Hill School. The cricket played on Sponsors Day was particularly good this year.

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.

Finally, I would like to wish the captains for 2024, Rob Honeybul, Ali Birkby, Dan Dickenson, John Woollhead, Gareth Narinesingh and Tim Lenton and all our cricketers the best of luck for the 2024 season.

The AGM will be held on 19 March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. The formal notice is on page 69 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.

Neil McCallum

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2023 Achievements

Adult cricket

| | | | |
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| Leading League run scorers | | | |
| Justin Broad | 544 @ 77.71 | Sam Slaney | 389 @ 43.22 |
| Darren Helwick | 433 @ 61.86 | David Brent | 346 @ 26.62 |
| Nic Smit | 422 @ 32.46 | Andrew McCallum | 318 @ 45.43 |
| Leading League wicket takers | | | |
| Ben Townsend | 28 @ 23.61 | Ollie Hamilton | 21 @ 9.00 |
| Max Wallis | 26 @ 19.42 | Sheharyar Parhaar | 21 @ 12.38 |
| Tom Brown | 21 @ 15.57 | Tom Burnett | 21 @ 18.38 |
| League positions | | | |
| 1 st XI | 6 th | 4 th XI | 4 th |
| 2 nd XI | 8 th | 5 th XI | 5 th |
| 3 rd XI | 3 rd | | |
| League Hundreds | | | |
| Sam Slaney V Hampton Wick Royal 5 th XI | | 150* | |
| Max Wallis V Dulwich 4 th XI | | 142 | |
| Darren Helwick V Valley End 4 th XI | | 118* | |
| Arthur Mills V Sunbury 4 th XI | | 117* | |
| Anosh Malik V Ashtead 1 st XI | | 113 | |
| Will Hamilton V Epsom 3 rd XI | | 109* | |
| Nic Smit V Guildford 1 st XI | | 109 | |
| Justin Broad V Reigate Priory 1 st XI | | 109 | |
| Darren Helwick V Sunbury 4 th XI | | 106 | |
| Justin Broad V Weybridge 1 st XI | | 104 | |
| Spencer McHarg V Old Pauline 3 rd XI | | 103* | |
| Justin Broad V Cranleigh 1 st XI | | 102* | |
| League 6 wickets | | | |
| Tom Burnett V Egham 3 rd XI | | 6-31 | |
| Freddie Harrison V Guildford 1 st XI | | 6-70 | |
| Senior player awards | | | |
| 1 st XI player of the year | Ben Townsend | 4 th XI player of the year | Will Hamilton |
| 2 nd XI player of the year | Max Wallis | 5 th XI player of the year | Shiv Patel |
| 3 rd XI player of the year | Ayan Sohail | Newcomer of the year | Ben Townsend |
| Young Cricketer (boys) League and cup results | | | |
| Under 9 | | Under 10 | |
| Tier 1 Hardball North - League Winners | | Tier 1 Sunday Central - League Winners | |
| Tier 1 Hardball South - League Winners | | Tier 1 Sunday South West - League Runners Up | |
| Tier 1 Hardball Sunday Central - League Winners | | | |
| Tier 1 Hardball Sunday West- League Winners | | | |

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| <u>Under 11</u> | <u>Under 12</u> |
| Tier 1 Midweek West - League Winners | Tier 1 Midweek - League Winners |
| Tier 1 Sunday Central - League Runners Up | Tier 1 Sunday - League Runners Up |
| Tier 1 Sunday South East - League Runners Up | Tier 2 Sunday Central - League Winners |
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| <u>Under 13</u> | <u>Under 14</u> |
| U13 ECB - Surrey County Cup Champions | Tier 1 Midweek - League Winners |
| Tier 1 Sunday - League Winners | Tier 1 Sunday - League Runners Up |
| Tier 2 Midweek West - League Runners Up | |
| Tier 2 Sunday West - League Runners Up | |
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| <u>Under 15</u> | <u>Under 19</u> |
| Tier 1 Midweek - League Winners | ECB U19 T20 Cup - Runners-Up |
| Tier 1 Sunday - League Runners Up | |
| Tier 2 North West - League Runners Up | |

Young Cricketer Representative Cricket - Boys

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| <u>ECB Super 4s/Young lions</u> | <u>Surrey 2nd XI</u> | <u>Surrey EPP Academy</u> | <u>Surrey U18s</u> |
| Krish Patel | Krish Patel | Alex Chambers | Alex Chambers |
| Alex French | Alex French | Alex French | Alex French |
| | Seb Stuart-Reckling | Krish Patel | Krish Patel |
| | | Ollie Hunt | Salaar Shabbir |
| | | Salaar Shabbir | Seb Stuart-Reckling |
| | | Seb Stuart-Reckling | |
| | | | |
| <u>Surrey U16 CAG</u> | <u>Surrey U15 CAG</u> | <u>Surrey U15 Performance</u> | <u>Surrey U14 CAG</u> |
| Alex Chambers | Alfie Webb | Ayan Sohail | Adam Helwick |
| Alex French | Felix Le Vesconte | | Benedict French |
| Dan Old | Felix Porter | | Tamash Raaj |
| Max Wallis | Jaanzabe Jamali | | William Hamilton |
| Ollie Hunt | Max Rawlinson | | |
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| <u>Surrey U14 Performance</u> | <u>Surrey U13 CAG</u> | <u>Surrey U13 performance</u> | <u>Surrey U12 CAG</u> |
| Josh Kavia | Josh Wiles | Charlie Hulme | Marley Gould |
| Odran Williams | Max Chambers | Kunish Khanna | Sam Hawkins |
| | Orson Jones | Max Giles | Thomas Hooke |
| | Zachary Perkins | Sam Temperley | |
| | | | |
| <u>Surrey U12 performance</u> | <u>Surrey U11 Performance</u> | <u>Surrey U10 performance</u> | <u>Surrey U10 Performance</u> |
| Barney Ashton | Arun Narinesingh | Aariz Awan | George Bain |
| Harry Harding | Dan Pullinger | Alex Hawkins | Jack Hooke |
| James Siveyer | Dushyant Parthiban | Arthavit Anoop | Jake McGlashan |
| | Fletcher McHarg | Benjamin McClintock | Landon De Goede |
| | George Garrett | Dylan Narinesingh | Max Ashton |
| | | Ethan Saunders | Samuel Callaghan |
| | | Freddie Carswell | Sarvesh Ganesan |

Young Cricketer Representative Cricket-Girls

| <u>Surrey U13 Performance</u> | <u>Surrey U11 performance</u> | <u>Surrey U13 foundation</u> | <u>Surrey U12 foundation</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mayako Dennis | Grace Coleman | Hannah Price | Clara Pyecroft |
| Arabella Choudhry | | Violet Davatzis | |
| Sonali Garcha | | Ashley Maclean | |

Save the Date – Getting the club ready for summer.

Saturday 6 April 8.00am to 2.00pm

The annual volunteering event to help get the club and grounds ready for the season.

Your help is needed

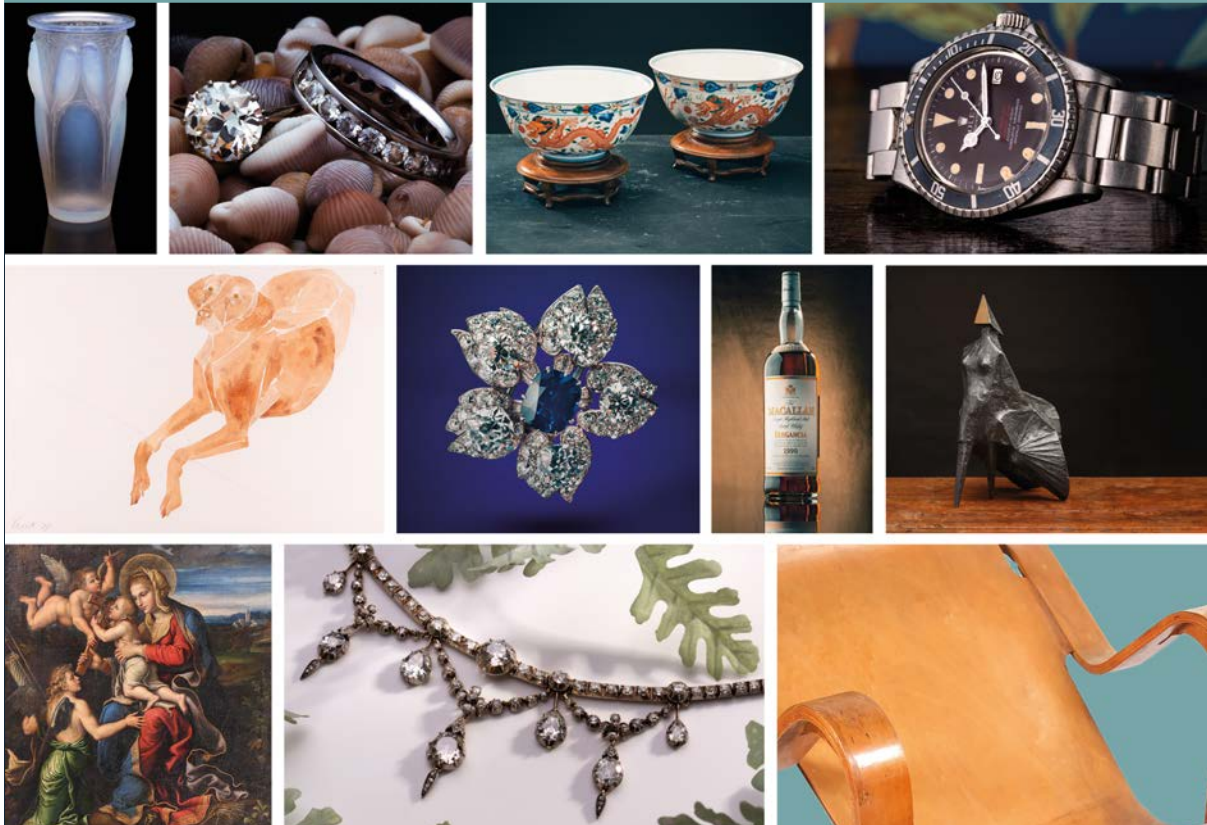
As always there are several tasks to help get the ground in shape for the season.

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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 2023 for the first time, we made the award to three deserving candidates who are all stepping down from their respective roles.

Alisa French

Alisa has done an incredible number of jobs for the club with distinction over many years. She has been the Young Cricketer Fixtures Secretary organising and arranging approximately 700+ junior matches that take place each year and liaising with the various AGMs. Alisa has also been Director of Boys Cricket, being a point person for the AGMs and listening to any issues they may have as well as providing a word or two of advice no doubt!

Alisa was also instrumental during the Covid/lockdown period in setting up a Nets Booking System and being part of the team to make sure the club opened up asap. In addition, she was a driving force behind the Back to Cricket Dads initiative which has been such a great success. It is understood that the rumour that this proposal was only made so that Alex and Ben could bowl at Richard in the nets is not true!

In addition, Alisa has covered many administrative tasks relating to the setting up of courses and tournaments and maintaining the Esher website.

A true club person, who has given her time and energy to the club over many years, we thank Alisa for all the hard work she has put in on behalf of the club.



Chris Burton

The Chairman first came across Chris at a 3rd XI match where Andrew was making his senior debut as an Under 13. Chris took time to make sure the juniors settled in and brought the team together very well. Chris has continued to do this over many years for all the teams he has been involved with.

Chris has been captain of the 3rd XI since 2014, including a title winning undefeated 2017 season, and the 4th XI from 2020, leading the 4s to two recent promotions as title winners and so improving the level of cricket played at that level.

Chris has played 120 matches for Esher, scoring over 2,400 runs including two centuries, and as a keeper has 108 victims plus another 27 fielding dismissals when not wearing the gloves. A little-known fact is that he has also bowled on occasion and has 9 wickets for the club!

A good club man Chris has served on the Management Committee for many years, doing various roles including being in charge of sponsorship and our liaison person with the Surrey League. He was also one of the initiators for the highly successful City Lunch.



Will Edwards

When Will arrived at Esher some eight years ago in 2015, the First XI was in Division 2 and struggling to get out of it. Since then, Will has been instrumental in improving the squad every year so that we got promoted to Division 1 in 2017 and to the Premier league a year later.

Will has scored nearly 3,000 runs in 145 matches, most of which he captained. In 2023 he was the longest serving premier league captain in the league. We would not be where we are today without his huge commitment to the club, and he exemplifies our values of respect for others and total integrity.

Will has our huge thanks for all his hard work on our behalf and our congratulations for his success in taking us to the Premier league and keeping us there.

All 3 are deserving winners of the Sam Ryder award.



Previous winners

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

Esher Cricket Club 200 club

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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the Esher Cricket Club for the financial year ending on 30 September 2023. It has been a significant year marked by both achievements and challenges, and I am sharing the following highlights showing the financial status and developments of our club.

Financial Overview

The year 2022-2023 has seen growth in our club's finances. Our income has seen an overall increase, primarily attributed to a surge in membership and match fees. The unwavering support of our dedicated members has contributed significantly to our financial success. The membership numbers have seen a commendable rise, showcasing the growing interest and engagement within our community.

Development of New Cricket Nets

One of the major highlights of this fiscal year has been the successful completion and development of the new cricket nets at New Road. With the club investing in more than £140,000, this significant project was only made possible through generous contributions and donations from our club members, as well as grants received from government and sporting bodies. The new cricket nets stand as a testament to the hard work and commitment of our members towards improving our facilities and promoting the sport of cricket in our community.

Income Breakdown

The increased income from membership and match fees has significantly bolstered our revenue streams. Membership subscriptions have notably risen by 21% compared to the previous year, with a surge in junior memberships. Additionally, match fees from league fixtures, friendly games, and tournaments have contributed positively to our income, showcasing heightened participation and enthusiasm among our members. This is despite the fact that a number of league matches and tournaments were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions during the cricket season.

Expense Breakdown

Corresponding to the rise in income, our expenses have also increased. The most significant increase was noted in essential repairs and maintenance, which was necessary for the upkeep of our facilities and grounds. The maintenance of our existing infrastructure incurred higher costs, aligning with our commitment to providing top-notch facilities for our players.

Financial Sustainability

Despite the increased expenses, I am pleased to report that our club remains financially stable. We have diligently managed our finances to ensure responsible spending while making strategic investments in our facilities. Our financial prudence and the steady growth in our revenue streams demonstrate our commitment to financial sustainability and prudent fiscal management.

Changes to the Presentation of information within the Income & Expenditure Account

Following the closure of the Club's fiscal year, the Finance Committee met to deliberate on strategies to augment the relevance and significance of the financial data presented to our members. As a result of thorough discussions, the following measures were proposed and unanimously approved during the Finance Committee meeting:

(a) Introduction of an "Exceptional Items" section to segregate between trading, non-trading, and non-recurring activities. This "Exceptional Items," section aims to include distinct elements such as grants, restricted donations, and insurance claims for better understanding and transparency of the Club's financial activities.

(b) Reallocation of specific cost lines between Ground and Pavilion costs, Staff and player costs, Administration costs, and Playgroup costs across both the current and prior fiscal years. It's imperative to note that despite the reclassification, the overall costs, excluding depreciation, for the comparative figure of 2022 remained unchanged.

These measures signify the Finance Committee's commitment to providing comprehensive and clearer financial information to our members, enhancing transparency, and ensuring a more refined understanding of our financial operations.

Strengthening of the Finance Team

I am pleased to announce the strengthening of our club's finance team with the appointment of Viraj Pillai as Honorary Assistant Treasurer. We warmly welcome Viraj and with his extensive financial knowledge and enthusiasm for cricket, look forward to his valuable contributions in improving the Club's financial stability and achievements.

In conclusion, the fiscal year 2022-2023 has been a rewarding and eventful period for Esher Cricket Club. We have witnessed continued growth in income, successful completion of essential projects, and a strong commitment to improving our facilities. As we continue to improve, I extend my gratitude to all our members, volunteers, and contributors whose unwavering support has been instrumental in establishing our club as one of the best-managed cricket clubs in Surrey.

Nouman Hashmi

Treasurer

25 January 2024

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Annual Accounts 2023

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30 September 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 re-stated | 2022 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Income | | | |
| Subscriptions and match fees | 168,555 | 140,093 | 140,093 |
| Sponsorship | 16,080 | 25,483 | 25,483 |
| Fundraising and functions (note 1) | 28,490 | 50,323 | 50,323 |
| Bar (note 1) | 2,690 | 3,315 | 3,315 |
| Courses and tournaments (note 1) | 27,165 | 23,013 | 23,013 |
| Rent | 16,368 | 13,117 | 13,177 |
| Playgroup income | 30,000 | 30,483 | 30,483 |
| Government grants | | | 15,000 |
| Other Income (note 2b) | 11,623 | 3,581 | 29,346 |
| Total Income | <u>300,971</u> | <u>289,468</u> | <u>330,233</u> |
| | | | |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Ground and Pavilion (note 2b) | 136,269 | 133,526 | 89,765 |
| Staff and player cost (note 2b) | 40,501 | 37,984 | 65,158 |
| Coaching and equipment cost | 61,420 | 57,827 | 57,827 |
| Administration (note 2b) | 38,131 | 28,001 | 49,595 |
| Playgroup cost (note 2b) | 25,990 | 24,650 | 19,643 |
| Depreciation (note 3) | | | 28,651 |
| Total Expenditure | <u>302,311</u> | <u>281,988</u> | <u>310,639</u> |
| | | | |
| Excess/(deficit) before Depreciation, Exceptional items and tax | <u>(1,340)</u> | <u>7,480</u> | |
| | | | |
| Depreciation (note 3) | 43,189 | 42,139 | |
| Excess/(deficit) before Exceptional items and tax | <u>(44,529)</u> | <u>(34,659)</u> | |
| | | | |
| Exceptional items | | | |
| Government and sporting body grants (note 2a) | 23,500 | 15,000 | |
| Donations – Nets 2023 (note 2a) | 30,367 | | |
| Insurance claim (note 2a) | 2,240 | 25,765 | |
| Total Exceptional Items | <u>56,107</u> | <u>40,765</u> | |
| | | | |
| Excess/(deficit) before tax | <u>11,577</u> | <u>6,106</u> | <u>19,594</u> |
| | | | |
| Taxation | 762 | 2,113 | 2,113 |
| | | | |
| Net Excess/ (Deficit) | <u>10,815</u> | <u>3,993</u> | <u>17,481</u> |

Balance Sheet at 30 September 2023

| | Cost £ | Depreciation £ | 2023 | 2022 re- stated £ | 2022 £ |
|---|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Freehold Ground (note 4) | 2,750 | | 2,750 | 2,750 | 2,750 |
| Pavilion | 435,754 | 156,944 | 278,810 | 287,525 | 287,525 |
| Car park and Pavilion surrounds | 67,539 | 60,107 | 7,432 | 10,809 | 10,809 |
| Nets, outside machinery and scoreboard | 287,398 | 124,670 | 162,728 | 45,397 | 58,885 |
| Pavilion equipment | 53,981 | 53,726 | 254 | 4,457 | 4,457 |
| Patio, fence and sheds | 77,927 | 34,933 | 42,994 | 49,073 | 49,073 |
| Kitchen and bar furniture | 26,576 | 24,265 | 2,310 | 140 | 140 |
| | | | 497,278 | 400,152 | 413,639 |
| | | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Stock | | | 1,659 | 1,014 | 1,014 |
| Trade debtors | | | 9,355 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Other debtors and prepayments | | | 22,194 | 2,588 | 2,588 |
| Premium Bonds | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Cash at bank | | | 6,768 | 80,528 | 80,528 |
| | | | 39,976 | 94,140 | 94,140 |
| | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors and provisions | | | 64,917 | 31,418 | 31,418 |
| Unsecured loans payable within 1 year | | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Taxation | | | 762 | 2,113 | 2,113 |
| | | | 85,679 | 53,531 | 53,531 |
| | | | | | |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | | (45,703) | 40,609 | 40,609 |
| | | | | | |
| Net asset value (excluding enhanced value of Freehold Land (note 4)) | | | 451,575 | 440,760 | 454,248 |
| | | | | | |
| Represented by | | | | | |
| General Fund | | | 451,575 | 440,760 | 454,248 |

Approved by the Management Committee on 25 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Neil McCallum ACA

Nouman Hashmi FCCA

Funds Flow and notes to the accounts for year ended 30 September 2023

| | 2023 £ | 2022 re- stated £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash generated from operating activities | | | |
| General | 10,815 | 3,993 | 17,481 |
| Depreciation | 43,189 | 42,139 | 28,651 |
| Cash inflow from operating activities | 54,004 | <u>46,132</u> | <u>46,132</u> |
| | | | |
| Movement in working capital | | | |
| (increase)/decrease in Stock | (645) | 426 | 426 |
| (increase)/decrease in Debtors | (18,951) | 13,559 | 13,559 |
| (increase)/decrease in Creditors | 32,148 | (62,444) | (59,275) |
| Total changes in working capital | 12,552 | <u>(48,459)</u> | <u>(45,290)</u> |
| | | | |
| Capital Expenditure | (140,317) | (69,153) | (69,153) |
| | | | |
| Operating Cashflow | (73,760) | <u>(71,480)</u> | <u>(68,311)</u> |
| | | | |
| Financing | | | |
| Tax paid | | | (3,169) |
| Loan repayment | | | |
| Total Financing | | | <u>(3,169)</u> |
| | | | |
| Increase / (decrease) in cash | (73,760) | <u>(71,480)</u> | <u>(71,480)</u> |

Notes to the Accounts

1. Income

Income lines for Fundraising and Functions, Bar and Courses are shown net of costs. All other income lines are shown gross.

2. Changes to the presentation of information within The Financial Statements.

After the conclusion of the Club's fiscal year, the Finance Committee convened to deliberate on enhancing the relevance and significance of the financial information presented to members. The following measures were suggested and unanimously approved during the Finance Committee meeting.

2.a Exceptional items in Income and Expenditure Account

In order to distinguish between trading activity, non-trading activity and non-recurring activity, a new section entitled 'Exceptional items' is created encompassing items such as grants, restricted donations and insurance claims. As a result, the comparative figures for 2022 were revised as follows:

- Other income decreased from £29,346 to £3,581.
- The Government grant section was relocated from Income to the Exceptional Items section.

2.b Other changes to the Income and Expenditure Account

The comparative figures for expenditure in 2022 have been updated to match the expense categories used in the 2023 results. The changes are as follows;

- Ground and Pavilion costs £89,765 to £133,526
- Staff and player costs £65,158 to £37,984
- Administration costs £49,595 to £28,001
- Playgroup costs £19,643 to £24,650
- A prior year adjustment of £13,488 increased depreciation in 2022 from £28,651 to £42,139.

2.c Changes to the Presentation of the Funds Flow Statement

The comparative figures for 2022 have been updated to match the new presentation used for the 2023 Financial Statements which no longer show prior year's tax payment as a separate financing item. The changes are as follows

- Decrease in creditors has increased by £3,169 from £59,275 to £62,444 being tax paid in respect of the previous financial year and tax paid reduced by £3,169 to zero as category removed.

3. 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

4 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 Examiners statement on the accounts

Report to the Management Committee and members of Esher Cricket Club (the Club) on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023 set out on the previous pages.

Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and the 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 Examiners 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 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 Examiners 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 Woollhead

Relevant Professional qualification ACA

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1st XI report and averages

Overall, this was a very mixed season for the first team. Despite the lack of pre-season due to the weather, a sign of things to come, the team were well set to make a real challenge for top spot in the league.

A wash out against Weybridge on Coronation Day saw in the 2023 season. This preceded a run of 3 convincing victories in the remaining white ball fixtures against Reigate, Cranleigh and Guildford, with some significant contributions coming from a range of individuals, including Justin Broad and Nic Smit who continued their fine form from the 2022 season.

The red ball season started with a commanding win away at Normandy thanks predominantly to a fine all round bowling performance. Ben Townsend continued his form and was well supported by the ever-youthful Dan Taylor and 15-year-old Alex French who really showed his potential.

This win saw us open a lead at the top of the league. Unfortunately, despite a decent performance, a loss against an exceptionally strong Sunbury side followed the Normandy win. This loss proved a turning point for our season as, for a variety of reasons, we were unable to rediscover our best form.

A loss versus Wimbledon preceded and a winning draw against Ashted, which included a fine century from Anosh Malik followed, leaving us in the top 4 at the halfway stage.

Despite consecutive hundreds from Justin Broad, rain effected winning draws against Weybridge and Reigate followed. Before, two wash outs saw out the red ball season.

We entered the final 4 games of the season knowing a shot of the league title was incredibly unrealistic and the season was closed out with a further washout against Ashted, two defeats against East Molesey and champions Sunbury and a fine win against Wimbledon. The Wimbledon win saw the team chase down 333, the club's highest ever chase in a 50 game. Thanks to several contributions, most notably 91 from Nic Smit.

In the end, we ended up in mid table, which at the start we would have considered a disappointment but in reality, it represented a decent season. Multiple young players were blooded, especially towards the end of the season and significant contributions came from a wide variety of players. And if not for wash outs and perhaps a bit more luck with injuries/availability, we could well have been mounting a serious title challenge.

The highlights of the season for me, however, were the number of our players that went on to achieve higher honours throughout the season. Justin Broad, Krish Patel, Sheridan Gumbs, Ben Townsend, Alex French and Seb Stuart-Reckling all went on to represent county second teams. With Alex French representing England Under 19s despite his young age, Krish Patel making his list A debut for Surrey aged just 17 and of course Justin Broad receiving a two-year professional contract with Northamptonshire.

As I sign off my 8-year tenure as captain, I hope the club can build on the success we have had in recent seasons. It has been a monumental effort by multiple individuals to get the club and the first team to the position that it is in today. And I feel the first team is well positioned to be able to attract the best players and to consistently challenge at the top end of the premier league.

My final comment is to again thank all those that have who I have worked with and played with over the last 8 years; it has been a huge honour to captain Esher.

1st XI player of the season

Ben Townsend – His first season at the club, he threw himself into every aspect of it both on and off the field. Opening the bowling, he led our target superbly, bowling with aggression and accuracy throughout the season, finishing in the top 10 wicket takers in the league. On top of this he also contributed with some handy lower order runs.



1st XI batting averages 2023

Qualification 4 matches

| Name | Games | Inns | Not Out | Runs | High Score | Average |
|------------------|-------|------|---------|------|------------|---------|
| Justin Broad | 8 | 8 | 1 | 544 | 109 | 77.71 |
| Anosh Malik | 6 | 5 | 0 | 183 | 113 | 36.60 |
| Nicholas Smit | 14 | 14 | 1 | 422 | 109 | 32.46 |
| Ben Townsend | 14 | 12 | 8 | 115 | 24* | 28.75 |
| David Brent | 14 | 13 | 0 | 346 | 87 | 26.62 |
| Krish Patel | 9 | 9 | 0 | 234 | 73 | 26.00 |
| Andrew McCallum | 4 | 4 | 0 | 85 | 29 | 21.25 |
| Alex Chambers | 5 | 5 | 2 | 63 | 37 | 21.00 |
| William Edwards | 15 | 14 | 0 | 293 | 59 | 20.93 |
| Sheridon Gumbs | 11 | 11 | 0 | 227 | 52 | 20.64 |
| Freddie Harrison | 13 | 13 | 1 | 130 | 46 | 10.83 |
| Ben Collins | 4 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 10.00 |
| Alex Martin | 9 | 8 | 0 | 74 | 17 | 9.25 |
| Arthur Mills | 4 | 3 | 0 | 23 | 11 | 7.67 |
| Alex French | 5 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 5.00 |
| Dan Taylor | 9 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1* | 0.60 |

Also played.

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Matches: | Tamash Raaj | Salaar Shabir | Archie Stroud |
| 2 Matches: | Dan Old | Mackenzie Holliday | Matthew Macpherson |
| | Rob Honeybul | Charlie Winder | |
| 1 Match: | Joe De La Fuente | Ali Birkby | |

1st XI bowling averages 2023

Qualification 5 Wickets

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Alex French | 34.4 | 4 | 123 | 6 | 20.50 |
| David Brent | 45.4 | 2 | 248 | 11 | 22.55 |
| Justin Broad | 74 | 3 | 319 | 14 | 22.78 |
| Ben Townsend | 147.5 | 25 | 661 | 28 | 23.61 |
| Dan Taylor | 79 | 11 | 311 | 13 | 23.92 |
| Nick Smit | 65.3 | 5 | 316 | 8 | 39.50 |
| Freddie Harrison | 110 | 10 | 528 | 13 | 40.62 |



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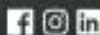
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2nd XI report and averages

It's very hard to sum up a season like this. At the start the aims of the team were to challenge for the title and be a tough side to play against. Then at the halfway stage things were looking bleak with us languishing at the bottom of the league and survival seeming like a formidable challenge. However, a run of good games and a couple of fortunate results meant that survival was achieved and the Esher 2nd XI will stay in the Premier division next year. With the goals set out at the start almost forgotten it was a joyous group after the final game when our safety was ensured. Reflecting now it is clear to see where improvements can be made and yet each of the 39 players who played have contributed to one of the most memorable seasons in recent years.

A rained off game in week 1 against Reigate before an away trip to Dulwich is never the nicest way to start a season. Sadly, a rather crushing defeat there was not ideal despite N Winder taking 4-47 and Taylor with 2-46 trying their best. Only Hopkinson (43) got going in reply and we were bowled out for 136, 80 runs short. The chance to right the wrong at home to Spencer a week later came but sadly 159 was never going to be enough although Stroud scoring a wonderful 51 was pleasing to watch. Spencer chased this easily although Hamilton impressed with 2-25. A trip to Guildford with a fired up squad beckoned, and the old adage rang true, catches win matches. Sadly, putting down 7 chances did not aid our cause and we let them smash their way to 419-4 from 50 overs with only Mills showing skill with the ball. In response Roberts 53, Malik 50, Birkby 50 and Mills 69 showed great fight but sadly it was not enough and we ended being bowled out for 309. A disappointing start and an uphill climb to come.

Knowing that we needed to kick start our season the excitement was palpable at home to Malden Wanderers and a brilliant bowling display reduced them to 191 all out. De la Fuente as economical as ever with 3-30 ably supported by Birkby 2-53 and Fletcher 3-42 were the pick of the pack. In response the chase never looked in doubt as Stroud crashed a classy 54 and Price steered the ship with calm beyond his years finishing 50* alongside Macpherson 31* to see it home. Hoping to continue this form we went away to Sunbury. Putting in a good bowling performance to restrict them to 195 all out with De La Fuente 3-24, Brown 2-24 and Wallis 2-45 leading the line gave us hope of another good chase. Sadly, this was not to be and we ended 80 runs short with only Roberts 41 showing class with the bat. Ashtead came the following week and batting first we scored 252-9 dec with Birkby 63 and Macpherson 55 scoring freely. It meant a good bowling performance was needed to win. Agonisingly they managed to chase this down with only 1 wicket in hand despite Brown 4-69 doing his best. An away trip to East Molesey gave us another chance to get back to winning ways. Batting first and Hopkinson anchoring the innings with a brilliant 70, supported by Birkby 39 and Wallis 31* led us to 225-8. Time for a good bowling performance. Unfortunately, only Birkby made a lasting impression with 3-59 to counter their stroke play and another defeat. Halfway through and bottom of the league with a mountain ahead of us. Nothing too much for the mighty Esher however.

Top of the league met bottom as we welcomed Wimbledon and sadly, they were too strong. Batting first they scored 235-7 dec with Collins 4-48 and De La Fuente 2-49 the pick of the bowlers. In reply, Roberts again batted well for his 67 with Price showing good touch to score 31 but sadly the rest of us let them down as we fell cheaply for 168. With backs against the wall, we knew even one more loss could send us down. A rain affected game next against fellow relegation battlers was not ideal and we were left with 28 overs to chase 167 after De La Fuente 3-50 and Holliday 1-18 from 8 had bowled well. Hopkinson and Hunt started the chase well with 23 and 33 respectively before a few cheap wickets fell creating the real possibility of losing before the ever-calm McCallum 29* and Wallis 16 batted sensibly to ensure a winning draw at 138-8 at the close of play. Next came Dulwich and despite Brown dismantling their top order with 5-49 we let them reach 220-8. A good chase was required. Hopkinson with 56 gave us a great chance and Birkby 64 carried that forward with time

running out to chase the total and McCallum poised to strike we were left with 6 to win from the final ball. Sadly, it was not to be as McCallum was caught on the boundary for 40. But another winning draw and momentum was building.

The following week rain was again the winner sadly and points were shared away at Spencer. Guildford came next and choosing to field after they bashed 400 against us earlier in the season was a risk. Restricting them to 160-9 after 55 looked good with Brown with 4-45 De LA Fuente 2-24 and Collins 2-35 bowling with skill and control to ensure this gamble would pay off. Then it was the batters turn to do their job and at 42-3 a few nerves began to creep in. No need for that however when McCallum is at the crease. He played brilliantly for his 79* alongside Price with 34* to ensure the win was successfully secured. Fellow relegation strugglers Malden Wanderers came next but unfortunately again the rain was the winner and points were shared. No losses in 5 weeks meant we were full of confidence going into the Sunbury game. With them winning the toss and choosing to bat we wanted to come out firing and we were witness to some top-quality new ball bowling from Brown 4-30 supported by Wallis 3-38. Unfortunately, we couldn't close them out and let them slip to 242 all out. No one really got going in reply although a late flourish of 32* from Wallis was pleasing to see.

With three games to go we knew we needed a result to go our way and for us to win them all. An away trip to Ashted and the chance to show we were still in the hunt came next. Batting first and scoring 205 thanks to Roberts 37, Hunt 45, Price 30 and Honeybul 34 batting well meant the game was in the balance. Stuart-Reckling 2-21, Collins 4-34 and C Winder 2-36 bowled well to secure the win. Welcoming East Molesey to Esher on the penultimate week of the season we were excited to claim a big scalp. Unfortunately, the nemesis of our season the rain came again, and the points were shared. One final push against Wimbledon was required and we needed our best friends East Molesey to beat Reigate to ensure survival. Being put into bat came as no shock and the group was ready. McCallum showing his class yet again with 66, Honeybul 41 and exciting cameos from Wallis 18 and De La Fuente 21* propelled us to 221-7 at the end of our 50. A final bowling performance was required and delivered. Backed up by some brilliant fielding as well. French 3-30 and Stuart-Reckling 1-29 got us off to a good start before the control of De La Fuente 2-23 and the spin twins of Wallis 4-36 and Collins 0-43 kept it tight and us on top leaving them bowled out for 165. Absolutely clinical, and as luck and fate would have it, Reigate lost meaning we stayed up!

What a season it was, and it was a privilege to be a part of a special group. I'd like to thank Doc for his splendid scoring and always keeping us informed of run rates, and opposition stats. Thanks also to everyone at Esher CC for their support throughout the season home and away. Finally, best of luck for next year as there's no ceiling to this group's potential.

2nd XI player of the season

The Second XI player of the season this year was **Max Wallis**. Max is a joy to play with each week and his attitude, enthusiasm, and desire to improve was inspirational to see. Coming into the team as a young left arm spinner was no doubt a daunting task but Max filled the role with aplomb and his destructive batting and tight bowling were key to the team staying in the premier division. Max has the rather enviable trait of picking up crucial wickets and moreover doing so to break partnerships at key moments. He is an ever-present voice in the outfield encouraging teammates and often dragging us along with him to ensure pressure doesn't let up. He had a fantastic individual season and I look forward to seeing his progress in the years to come.



2nd XI batting averages 2023

Qualification 4 matches

| Name | Matches | Innings | Not out | Runs | High Score | Average |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|------------|---------|
| Andrew McCallum | 6 | 5 | 2 | 233 | 79* | 77.67 |
| Ali Birkby | 6 | 6 | 0 | 246 | 64 | 41.00 |
| Nathan Roberts | 12 | 11 | 1 | 298 | 67 | 29.80 |
| Mark Hopkinson | 10 | 10 | 0 | 285 | 70 | 28.50 |
| Freddie Price | 12 | 10 | 3 | 197 | 50* | 28.14 |
| Matt Macpherson | 6 | 6 | 1 | 130 | 55 | 26.00 |
| Rob Honeybul | 5 | 4 | 0 | 93 | 41 | 23.25 |
| Arthur Mills | 4 | 4 | 0 | 92 | 69 | 23.00 |
| Ollie Hunt | 8 | 7 | 1 | 137 | 45 | 22.83 |
| Archie Stroud | 11 | 10 | 1 | 189 | 54 | 21.00 |
| Max Wallis | 14 | 9 | 3 | 122 | 32* | 20.34 |
| Jack Fletcher | 6 | 4 | 0 | 47 | 31 | 11.75 |
| Joe De La Fuente | 10 | 7 | 2 | 58 | 29 | 11.60 |
| Mackenzie Holliday | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10.00 |
| Tom Brown | 9 | 6 | 1 | 47 | 18 | 9.40 |
| Ben Collins | 8 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 5* | 9.00 |
| Charlie Winder | 11 | 9 | 0 | 65 | 19 | 7.22 |
| Jack Park | 5 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 1.75 |

Also played

| | | | |
|------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 3 Matches: | Joe Moss | Max Dunn | Dan Taylor |
| | Dan Old | | |
| 2 Matches: | Angus Barrett | Tim Clews | Ollie Hamilton |
| | Jess Richman | Anosh Malik | Ayan Sohail |

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | Max Rawlinson | Alex Chambers | Seb Stuart-Reckling |
| | Alex French | | |
| 1 Match: | Nick Winder | Darren Helwick | Sam Slaney |
| | Angus Greenlees | Mark Porter | Austin Wilman |
| | Salaar Shabbir | Max Simpson | |

2nd XI bowling averages 2023

Qualification 5 wickets

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Alex French | 16 | 1 | 66 | 5 | 13.20 |
| Tom Brown | 82.3 | 16 | 327 | 21 | 15.57 |
| Joe De La Fuente | 105 | 16 | 317 | 18 | 17.61 |
| Jack Park | 24.3 | 2 | 113 | 5 | 22.60 |
| Ben Collins | 80 | 9 | 304 | 11 | 27.64 |
| Max Wallis | 89.5 | 5 | 412 | 14 | 29.43 |
| Ali Birkby | 66 | 2 | 311 | 9 | 34.56 |
| Jack Fletcher | 40.3 | 0 | 265 | 7 | 37.86 |



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3rd XI report and averages

All in all, 2023 season for the 3rd eleven was strong. Missing out to promotion to the premiership by just 6 points. The beauty of captaining this team is watching the incredible young talent we have at the club contribute to positive results. Of course, the reliable senior players that turn out week on week are just as important, but the heart of any successful club is bringing the youngsters through, and we had some outstanding contributions.

There were some stand out performances early on with Max Wallis scoring a blistering 142 away to Dulwich, which selfishly was Max's only contribution to the 3's, bar a brief cameo vs Battersea Ironsides where he again starred but with the ball this time getting a measly 5 wickets. The 2's gain was our loss for the remainder of the season, but well done Maxy.

Bowlers inevitably win matches, especially in the opening and closing games of the league which are 50 over affairs. Luckily, we had some very special opening bowlers, Oli Hamilton, Ayan Sohail and Jaanzabe Jamali (aka JJ). Oli I first noticed bowling in the nets and genuinely troubling both 1's and 2's batters, so I was more than happy to have him scaring the pants off 3rd eleven batters, which he did, well done Oli you have a bright future. Ayan was metronomic, not as quick as Oli, but Glenn McGrath tight, it was a joy to have him in the team, his attitude and demeanour was 1st class, and he played every game with a smile and passion. JJ was another that got better as the games went on, he bowls with genuine pace and control, I can't wait to see what he has next year, well done JJ! It goes to mention both these boys are u15's, Oli under u16.

I want to mention a few of the older generation that keep the bar running at the club. Notably Darren Helwick, who very rarely fails at the crease, scoring a sublime ton at Sunbury, alongside Millsy who again both times he played for the 3's batted with majesty, scoring an equally sublime ton at Sunbury, who btw won the league easily.

Equally when the likes of Fletch and Max Simpson coming into bowl one feels rather pleased that you are playing for Esher and not the oppo, thank you both for your contributions.

Finally, I would like to thank Adrian Price for his constant support and non-stop chat, we need club members like him to nurture the young uns. Secondly Max Simpson (Spoons) for skippering in my absence at the end of the season.

Well done all...we go bigger next season!

3rd XI player of the season

My player of the season went to **Ayan Sohail**, for a multitude of reasons. Firstly, his passion, you can't coach passion, it either there or not, and Ayan has it in spades. Ayan constantly showed a winning mentality, in his all-round game. Secondly his commitment was second to none, every weekend he was available bar the last when he was injured. Thirdly his metronomic bowling put enormous pressure on the opening batters which time after time contributed to winning positions, we found ourselves in. Lastly playing with a smile, it's important that as parents we teach our kids to enjoy the sport we love.



3rd XI batting averages 2023

Qualification 4 matches

| Name | Matches | Innings | Not Out | Runs | High score | Average |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|------------|---------|
| Chris Parrish | 5 | 4 | 3 | 57 | 26* | 57.00 |
| Darren Helwick | 6 | 5 | 0 | 234 | 106 | 46.80 |
| Dan Old | 4 | 4 | 0 | 122 | 71 | 30.50 |
| Sam Slaney | 9 | 9 | 1 | 219 | 63* | 27.38 |
| Jack Park | 4 | 4 | 0 | 103 | 61 | 25.75 |
| Max Simpson | 6 | 4 | 1 | 75 | 41* | 25.00 |
| Sheharyar Parhaar | 10 | 8 | 1 | 165 | 43* | 23.57 |
| Adrian Price | 9 | 9 | 1 | 188 | 54 | 23.50 |
| Mark Porter | 5 | 5 | 1 | 86 | 53 | 21.50 |
| Tim Clews | 7 | 7 | 2 | 102 | 36* | 20.40 |
| Rohan Gupta | 4 | 3 | 0 | 61 | 54 | 20.33 |
| Jess Richman | 6 | 6 | 1 | 94 | 52* | 18.80 |
| Austin Wilman | 4 | 3 | 0 | 55 | 27 | 18.33 |
| Adam Helwick | 4 | 3 | 0 | 49 | 28 | 16.33 |
| Dan Dickenson | 12 | 10 | 1 | 142 | 55* | 15.78 |
| Ayan Sohail | 11 | 10 | 5 | 67 | 19* | 13.40 |
| Tom Burnett | 4 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 10* | 11.00 |
| Ollie Hamilton | 7 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 9.50 |
| Angus Barrett | 6 | 4 | 0 | 36 | 28 | 9.00 |
| Ben Temperley | 5 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 15 | 6.75 |
| Jaanzabe Jamali | 6 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 5.00 |
| Tamash Raaj | 5 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 4.67 |

Also played.

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|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 3 Matches | Max Wallis | Jack Fletcher | |
| 2 Matches | Angus Greenlees | John Sturgess | Neil Fletcher |
| | Arthur Mills | Joe Moss | |

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|---------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 Match | Tom Lenton | James Fischer | Sulaiman Adil |
| | Paul Hamilton | Freddie Price | Max Dunn |
| | Charlie Green | Lakshan Thamel | Chris Harvey |
| | Alex Rawlinson | Liam Adendorff | James Ellis |
| | Rohan De Silva | Ollie Hotchin | Will Hamilton |
| | Satheeswaran Kanagaratnam | Henry Harrison | Matt Macpherson |
| | Josh Kavia | Sheryar Kurshid | |

3rd XI bowling averages 2023

Qualification 5 wickets

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Max Wallis | 34 | 9 | 93 | 12 | 7.75 |
| Ollie Hamilton | 57.1 | 9 | 164 | 19 | 8.63 |
| Angus Greenlees | 23 | 6 | 64 | 6 | 10.67 |
| Max Simpson | 46.4 | 3 | 184 | 16 | 11.50 |
| Sheharyar Parhaar | 65.2 | 8 | 214 | 18 | 11.89 |
| Tom Burnett | 26.3 | 1 | 114 | 9 | 12.67 |
| Jack Fletcher | 35.4 | 2 | 121 | 9 | 13.44 |
| Jack Park | 49 | 10 | 137 | 10 | 13.70 |
| Ayan Sohail | 75 | 9 | 280 | 15 | 18.67 |
| Jaanzabe Jamali | 48 | 7 | 133 | 7 | 19.00 |



4th XI report and averages

2023 had its ups and downs for the Esher 4th team, finishing in 4th place in the league with 9 wins and 5 losses, wondering what may have been with a drier summer, having suffered 4 rained off fixtures and being 2 wins from our third promotion in a row.

In typical Esher 4s fashion we were reliant on the dads' army mobilising in May and June and used 66 players across the season with a variety of new and old faces, testimony to the size and breadth of the club.

Lakshan Thamel (who finished leading run scorer) and Jon Sturges were very welcome new additions, both contributing with bat and ball, while former captains Al Mason and Henry Witten made entertaining returns.

Various impressive batting displays occurred, notably centuries by Darren Helwick and U14 Will Hamilton (his first in adult league cricket) and 50s shared around by U14 Josh Kavia (2), Darren Helwick, Sachin Patel, Chris Burton, Tom Chandler, Jon Sturges, Lakshan Thamel and John Woollhead.

Chris Parrish (12 @ 12.46) and Tom Burnett (12 @ 22.67) led the way for wickets with match turning figures and Navik Mendis (10 @ 8.9) bowled some particularly devastating spells.

Notable highlights through the season included Chris Harvey opening the bowling against Epsom, taken off after 2 (no) balls and then returning with four wickets in his impressive second 'spell', Brandon Forward keeping the crowd on their toes against Teddington with a 13 ball over that included two wickets and Tom Burnett's mane running the gauntlet, dodging various bullets until the last game of the season, when 'father of the club' John Woollhead, in true 'hold my beer' style, missed a couple of buckets worth of balls in the morning net and then defied the odds to hit his first post covid 50, demonstrating that class really is permanent.

It was incredibly heartening and rewarding to see so many fantastically talented YCs come through the system, particularly given the spirit they played with. In addition to those mentioned above, valuable contributions were also made by Jayden Forward, Rohan de Silva, Henry Harrison, Ben French, Aayan Shabbir, Adam Helwick and Orson Jones.

A special mention should also go to esteemed clubman Sachin Patel, who literally saved a life on the boundary, serving as a great reminder of how fragile life can be and how we should make the most of it while we're here.

4th XI player of the season

Player of the season was deservedly **Will Hamilton**. His attitude to every game was exemplary and he finished the season averaging a battling 55 with the bat and even chipped in with a few important wickets.

All in all, a highly enjoyable season with many tight matches and we look forward to 2024.



4th XI batting averages 2023

Qualification 4 matches

| Name | Matches | Innings | Not Out | Runs | High score | Average |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|------------|---------|
| Will Hamilton | 5 | 5 | 1 | 220 | 109* | 55.00 |
| Henry Harrison | 5 | 2 | 1 | 46 | 46* | 46.00 |
| Jonathan Sturges | 7 | 7 | 3 | 157 | 61* | 39.25 |
| Lakshan Thamel | 11 | 11 | 3 | 254 | 53 | 31.75 |
| Chris Burton | 10 | 10 | 2 | 223 | 62 | 27.88 |
| Angus Barrett | 4 | 4 | 0 | 99 | 47 | 24.75 |
| Satheeswaran Kanagaratnam | 6 | 6 | 1 | 100 | 41 | 20.00 |
| Chris Parrish | 7 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 12 | 20.00 |
| Navik Mendis | 5 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 9 | 11.50 |
| Jayden Forward | 4 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 18* | 10.50 |
| Ram Kolanu | 5 | 5 | 1 | 31 | 18* | 7.75 |
| Tom Burnett | 10 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 7* | 3.50 |
| Rohan De Silva | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2.00 |
| Benedict French | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Also played.

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|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>3 Matches</u> | James Ellis | Chris Harvey | Kashif Hussain |
| | Sulaiman Adil | Adam Helwick | Orson Jones |
| | Aayan Shabbir | Adil Abdul-Khaliq | |
| <u>2 Matches</u> | Sheharyar Parhaar | Darren Helwick | Gareth Narinesingh |
| | Tom Lenton | Richard Harrison | Izat Khan |
| | Joe Goodsman | Ollie Hotchin | Tim Lenton |
| | Richard French | Henry Witten | James Britton |
| | Josh Kavia | Adil Abdul-Khaliq | Sachin Patel |
| <u>1 Match</u> | Viraj Pillai | Shiv Patel | Glenn Harrison |
| | Murray Barrett | Sam Warner | Josh Da Val |
| | Ali Khan | Charlie Green | Lauren Avery |

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| | Elwyn McDonnell | Liam Adendorff | Shaun Davis |
| | Avinash Chugani | Julian Jones | Brandon Forward |
| | Alex Mason | Ali Rawlinson | Max Rawlinson |
| | Max Chambers | Ben Temperley | Adrian Price |
| | Spencer McHarg | Nick Woolhead | John Woolhead |
| | Thomas Chandler | | |

4th XI bowling averages 2023

Qualification 5 Wickets

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|---------------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Chris Harvey | 22.2 | 3 | 65 | 9 | 7.22 |
| Ben French | 23.1 | 2 | 65 | 8 | 8.12 |
| Navik Mendis | 30.2 | 6 | 89 | 10 | 8.90 |
| Chris Parrish | 54 | 8 | 162 | 13 | 12.46 |
| Angus Barrett | 16.5 | 1 | 66 | 5 | 13.20 |
| Orson Jones | 21 | 2 | 69 | 5 | 13.80 |
| Rohan De Silva | 21 | 4 | 83 | 6 | 13.83 |
| Satheeswaran Kanagaratnam | 41 | 8 | 114 | 7 | 16.29 |
| Lakshan Thamel | 27 | 1 | 112 | 5 | 22.40 |
| Tom Burnett | 69.2 | 11 | 272 | 12 | 22.67 |



5th XI report and averages

Esher 5s finished the Div 6 West 2023 season in 5th place out of 12 league teams, with 8 wins. This is a consistent performance with our 2022 season when we also finished 5th with 8 wins.

Like 2022, we struggled with consistent availability in the first half of the season, winning only 2 of our first 9 matches, conceding 2 unfortunately plus a match cancellation due to rain.

During the second half of our season, the 5s changed home ground to Shrewsbury House, which must be one of the best lower league grounds anywhere in the country! With the improvement in pitch and outfield, the team went on a fantastic run, losing only 1 of our 9 matches in the second half of the season and winning 6, with 2 cancellations for rain. The cancellations probably prevented us from finishing a spot or 2 higher.

Over the course of the season the 5s beat every team which finished above us, except for a narrow 21 run loss against Camberley where it has to be said the pitch played a key role!

Our best performance of the season was a very convincing 5 wicket win against eventual league champions Woking & Horsell 3rd XI, where the standard of our bowling and fielding was simply outstanding. A special mention must go to our YC spin pairing of Rahul De Silva and Shiv Patel who supported each other from either end in a breath-taking spell. The speed with which they got through their overs meant that we took the game away from our opposition in less than an hour during an uninterrupted 16 over spell for very few runs. However, the final word went to Sachin Patel and Tom Lenton who took us over the line with a partnership of 99*, Sachin finishing on 72*.

The skipper's favourite moment of the season was in our final league match, with 9 men sat on the boundary relaxing in the September sunshine and enjoying great banter, whilst watching the opening pair of Messrs Will and Paul Hamilton ticking off a fabulous 10 wicket win against Weybridge. Saturday afternoons do not come any better than this.

Once again it has been an incredible privilege to play with and witness the talent emerging from Esher YCs. Sam Slaney's devastating 150* against Hampton Wick Royal, the all-round performances of Jayden Forword, Max Chambers, Josh Kavia and Orson Jones, and the craft of our spin pairing of Rahul De Silva and Shiv Patel. Also a special mention to Barney Rawlinson who claimed a senior 3-fer whilst bowling off 22 yards for the first time. I am so proud of our YC lads, many of them who made their first appearances in senior league cricket in 2023.

A big thank you also to several senior players who have shown great commitment to 5s cricket this season to make it so enjoyable for everyone – James Ellis (who we will miss very much), Ali Rawlinson, Chris Harvey and Richie Harrison.

5th XI player of the season

Shiv Patel (U14) has undoubtedly been the 5s most consistent player in 2023 and once again tops the entire club as leading wicket taker with 65 victims from 165 overs at 7.89. His economy rate is a miserly 3.11 and it is no surprise as to why this is as he wheels away effortlessly with his canny left-arm around action. He is a nagging bowler, dropping the ball fractionally short of a length from an awkward angle when coming into the right-hander, forcing batters to come forward and push at the ball. Shiv always creates pressure and takes most of his wickets by squeezing opposition runs at the critical middle of the innings phase and forcing batsmen into errors.

Shiv also brings exceptional value through his fielding, saving many runs every match at backward point and he has taken some very sharp catches this season, especially off his own bowling.

Off the pitch Shiv is a team guy, always willing to do his bit with the scorebook. Whilst a quiet lad, he is enthusiastic about his cricket and learning about the game. He is a great prospect for Esher CC.



5th XI batting averages 2023

Qualification 4 matches

| Name | Games | Inns | Not Outs | Runs | High Score | Avg |
|----------------------|-------|------|----------|------|------------|-------|
| Jayden Forword | 4 | 3 | 1 | 127 | 66* | 63.50 |
| Orson Jones | 5 | 4 | 1 | 107 | 61 | 35.67 |
| Max Chambers | 5 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 22* | 23.00 |
| Gareth Narinesingh | 7 | 5 | 2 | 55 | 30* | 18.33 |
| Tim Lenton | 6 | 3 | 1 | 35 | 23 | 17.50 |
| Kashif Hussain | 7 | 7 | 1 | 100 | 35* | 16.67 |
| Elwyn McDonnell | 4 | 4 | 0 | 49 | 26 | 12.25 |
| Adil Abdul-Khaliq | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 6* | 12.00 |
| Shiv Patel | 8 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 11 | 8.33 |
| Richard Brimblecombe | 4 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 29 | 8.00 |
| James Ellis | 8 | 5 | 1 | 30 | 12 | 7.5 |

Also played

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|-----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 3 Matches | Henry Harrison | Rahul De Silva | Chris Harvey |
| | Spencer McHarg | Shaun Davis | Richard Harrison |
| | Richard French | Harish Patel | |
| 2 Matches | Joe Goodsmann | Tom Lenton | Ali Rawlinson |
| | Sam Temperley | Josh Kavia | Barney Rawlinson |
| | Kunsh Khanna | Dave Mistry | Brandon Forward |
| | Glenn Phillips | Lucas Jones | Julian Jones |
| 1 Match | Sachin Patel | Deyan Patel | Harshil Patel |
| | Lakshan Thamel | Benedict French | Rashid Hafiz |

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| | Alfie Webb | Dilan Guganeswaran | Joe Pullinger |
| | Tom Price | Will Hamilton | Paul Hamilton |
| | Ben Temperley | Zachary Perkins | Graham Perkins |
| | Nouman Hashmi | Josh Da Vall | Sam Gale |
| | John Woolthead | Jagit Manhas | Neil McCallum |
| | Lauren Avery | Mike Old | Sam Slaney |
| | Charlie Pitts | Liam Adendorff | Charlie Green |
| | Avinash Chugani | | |
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5th XI bowling averages 2023

Qualification 5 wickets

| Name | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Richard French | 14 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 5.60 |
| Lucas Jones | 11 | 2 | 39 | 6 | 6.50 |
| Shiv Patel | 50 | 7 | 160 | 19 | 8.42 |
| Jayden Forword | 13.3 | 2 | 59 | 6 | 9.83 |
| Max Chambers | 28.5 | 8 | 95 | 8 | 11.87 |
| Adil Abdul-Khaliq | 35 | 9 | 88 | 7 | 12.57 |
| James Ellis | 33.5 | 2 | 145 | 6 | 24.17 |



6th XI report

Being a non-league team, the Esher 6th XI don't play every week, especially in the early part of the season. Many of our players will be playing in the 5ths and 4ths whilst younger players are still at uni. So, it's the second half of the season when the 6th team plays regular cricket together. It can often be a battle to field a full eleven, as availability can be a challenge, however that doesn't diminish the spirit in which we play our cricket, and the enjoyment we take from it. The availability of players can sometimes leave us with a shortage of specialist skills; however we treat these as challenges rather than problems. As a result, some of us have played in some unfamiliar roles. This has led to the likes of Elwyn McDonnell and Richard Brimblecombe establishing themselves as an accomplished opening pair, and Elwyn and yours truly sharing wicketkeeping duties at times when we've not had a specialist keeper (including me dropping an absolute sitter on one occasion!) The ethos of our team being to play good, competitive cricket, create an opportunity for youngsters to play adult cricket, ensure we enjoy our cricket, and share a drink after the match where possible. Despite the loss of a number of matches to rain, I think we achieved our objective – it was a very enjoyable season, we blooded plenty of youngsters, and even managed 4 wins with only a solitary loss in our completed 6th XI matches.

We have a mix of “experienced” cricketers, and youngsters who are getting their first taste of adult cricket, in the 6th XI. We often field Dads & Lads together, which is hugely rewarding for both dads and lads (some examples this season being Shayan and Shehryar Khurshid, Harshil and Shiv Patel, Richard and Ben French, Graham and Zachary Perkins, and Matthew and Tom Price).

Some season highlights: Shayan Khurshid's 63 against Normandy in June. In the return match against Normandy in July we had a magnificent 4 for 10 from Elwynn McDonnell, 3 for 23 and 37 from Shayan again, and a composed 21 not out from Richie Harrison to lead us home to victory. Kunsh Khanna's 50 (retired) and Tom Price's 3 fer were highlights against Old Hamptonians. Against Sutton, Odran Williams picked up a 4 fer, and Zachary Perkins fell just 1 short of a fifty. In our final match of the season against Ploughmans, Kunsh Khanna scored 60, Shaun Davis smashed 31 off 18 (strike rate of 172) as he needed to catch the last train from Esher on a train strike day, and Dave Harrison bamboozled the opposition, taking 4 for 14! A great win to finish the season!

Thanks to all who played in the 6ths and for making it such an enjoyable season!

Women's report

2023 Season welcomed our Women's Section at Esher Cricket Club with new vigour and wide group participation. It was fantastic to welcome new ladies to the club, make new friends and we also got the opportunity to play in a Softball Festival which we hosted at Esher.

Each and every team member greatly improved through the training sessions managed by Nick Attenborough and played their part at each fixture. Our ladies team comprised of: Sue Da Vall, Aruni Wijeratne, Claire Paisley, Deepti Mittal, Marsha Lawson, Nafiseh Emamy, Roza Domi, Jane Chadwick and Aliya Jasrai.

Nick was an inspiring coach who worked tirelessly and with great patience instilling the fundamentals whilst also ensuring training continued to be fun!

In our softball festival we witnessed great batting and fielding and bowling improvements! All visiting teams commented on the well set out the grounds and in particular how fantastic the afternoon tea was - huge thanks go to Duncan, Lek and the team for making this happen.

We look forward to 2024 Season and I hope we continue to attract ladies to try cricket out and be part of our very social group - no experience or equipment is needed. I will be hosting a pre-season get together so please do share my details with any ladies that would like to join:

sue.davall@gmail.com

We are proud to represent Esher Cricket Club and look forward to our continued growth in the 2024 season and beyond!



Senior Academy 2023

The U19s T20 cup is notoriously difficult to win. After never winning it in, Esher incredibly won a treble of back-to-back titles under the exceptional captaincy of Andrew McCallum, Jack Fletcher and Freddie Harrison in 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively. This was always going to be difficult to follow this year, as all the title winning teams were largely made up of older players in the 18/19 age bracket.

The majority of this year's team were actually u17 and will be available together for the next two years - the fact that Esher reached the final was extraordinary and whilst we were outplayed by an impressive Ashted team, we were a little unlucky that the game clashed with a Surrey u18 game which deprived us of Alex French and Seb Stuart Reckling who both played Surrey 2s matches this season and would have obviously made a difference to our attack. In truth though, Ashted showed us how to bat in this format and at this level - our young team will learn and improve on shot selection, running between the wickets and building key partnerships which will make a difference in the future if they are to win a final down the track.

There were some memorable victories along the way though with the team outplaying strong Sutton and East Molesey teams in the group stages and a stunning win in the semi-final away to Valley End. Freddie Price led the way with the run scoring and he along with Sam Slaney, Alex Chambers and Ollie Hunt played with real flair and talent to contribute to the success. The fast-bowling department was well stocked with Alex Chambers, Alex French, Seb SR and Salar all stepping up and bowling brilliantly & this was crucial in the semi-final in particular. The quicks were backed up superbly by the talented left arm spinner Max Wallis who also scored some very handy quick middle order runs. A huge thank you to Charlie Winder, Freddie Harrison and Andrew McCallum for coaching the team so successfully & to Rohan Gupta for his astute leadership.

The Trust league is very much about developing young players and integrating them into adult cricket so they can learn from the older academy players and look forward to thriving in adult cricket together- whilst we have not won this title in recent years, the players have had enormous fun and it has definitely been the catalyst to so many young players feeling comfortable to committing to adult cricket.

This year we reached the semi-final of the main competition after successfully winning our group, but unfortunately our inconsistent batting let us down and Reigate went through. The league is also a valuable way of giving everyone a game without pressure of having to win - young players like Max Wallis, Alex Chambers, Ayun Sohail and Ben Temperley gaining good experience bowling at good players was really valuable. It was also a really good opportunity to get Andrew McCallum bowling again - he bowled superbly which led to him doing well in the top adult teams on the following Saturdays with both bat and ball. Fred Harrison and Ben Townsend scored most of the runs in the Trust - they regularly bowled long spells in adult cricket on Saturday and therefore sometimes took a back seat in the Trust bowling, but still contributed match winning spells against East Molesey and Indian Gymkana. Sam Slaney was also an absolute gem in the Trust, and he scored some terrific attacking runs in the early part of the campaign. Tamash Raaj and Max Rawlinson are also both highly talented keeper batsmen(U14/15) who not only played superbly in the u19s & Trust, but both also represented the 1st team in league and cup matches at such a young age - this is another example of the talent and pathway Esher provides for talented YC's. Esher 1st team were also represented in the Surrey Premiership regularly by Andrew McCallum, Fred Harrison, Ben Townsend, Alex Chambers and Alex French who are all products of the Senior Academy.

Charlie Winder has made immense contributions to Esher cricket leading many of his Trust League team on a Saturday as Captain of the 3rd and 2nd Team - thank you Charlie for all your great work in leading the Trust team and helping the development and transition of young Esher players into adult cricket go so smoothly.

Glenn Harrison



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Esher CC Boys 2023 Season Report

2023 started with 140 boys attending the indoor winter courses in January. A solid winter of technical practice should invariably lead to a successful summer of cricket. However, rain at Easter and further rain delays to our first summer training sessions put a dampener on the eagerness to learn and play.

Once we did get going, 2023 lived up to its pre-season expectations of a busy one! Our ethos of developing and providing plenty of match play opportunities for every player led to 165 training sessions being coached and more than 400 boys' matches being played utilising the excellent home facilities of New Road and Imber Court.

We can also boast successes too. Every boy's age group (U9 to U15) was successful in winning a SJCC league Tier 1 champions trophy and overall, we were winners or runners-up in 23 Surrey age group competitions. For the 3rd year in a row, our U13s won the Surrey Cup and went on to represent Surrey in the ECB National Competition. After a good run they fell short to the eventual National Winners and ended up in the top 8 sides in the country, a fine achievement.

At a representative level. 72 boys were selected for the Surrey Performance Programs. 24 boys represented Surrey in County Age Group cricket and 4 boys played for Surrey U18s and helped Surrey top their U18 3 Day Championship League and win the U18 T20 National Title.

None of this can be achieved without significant effort from many. Thank you to Duncan and his team of coaches, the grounds team, age group management teams and all match managers, scorers, umpires, and volunteers. Finally, Lek and her kitchen team in keeping the boy's energy going and keeping the parents hydrated!

After several years, I'm signing out this season to spend more time with my family - I've thoroughly enjoyed helping the boys develop a passion for playing cricket over the years. Please join me in wishing Mark Hopkinson all the best with leading the Boys Age Groups forward into 2024 and beyond.

Alisa French

Under 15s – Ali Rawlinson

The Tier 1 Midweek team won the league with 6 wins out of 6. The Tier 1 Sunday team came second in a very competitive league, Max R dominated with the bat scoring 2 centuries, 126* vs Stoke D'Abernon and 119 vs Chessington.

The anticipation of the 2021 ECB U13 National Champions returning for the U15 National contest was due to be the highlight of the year. Unfortunately, the trusty English weather put pay to that with one of the pre-tournament favourites crashing out to Valley End in the first round in controversial fashion. 5 runs behind the rate, with 9 overs and 6 wickets in hand the rain came in from nowhere and unfortunately, we were unable to get back out. A very harsh lesson for the boys, you can't win them all... although that was the first time this group had lost a cup game in the Surrey Cup ever, a losing streak dating back to U8!

The Tier 2 midweek team also came second, with some great wins against Thames Ditton, Woking and Horsell, Sunbury and Epsom, a game that included Ed Reilly scoring 50* off 17 balls with a magnificent 7 6's!

Richie P ended the season as the leading wicket taker with 16, a genuine all-rounder!

Special mention to SJ and Matt for all their help and support throughout the last 5 years. This is me signing off as the AGM of this exceptional group of young men. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with them and hope to see several of them represent Esher in the senior teams in the coming years... who knows, I might even get a game with a couple of them... Here's hoping!

Under 14s – Darren Helwick

The 2023 season was a cracker for our Esher U14 lads, who seemed to enjoy themselves on and off the pitch! The team played exceptionally well winning 17 out of 19 matches and tying a quarter-final cup match. They won the mid-week T1 league and finished 2nd in the Sunday T1 league. All players contributed throughout the season, and I'm pleased that we had 4 batters in the top 10, 4 bowlers in the top 10 (Shiv P at No.1) and 4 of the top 10 fielders throughout the entire club.

The club also recognises some special performances: Tamash R and Will H scoring their maiden centuries, Shiv P and Jayden F our most improved bowler and batter respectively.

This is a wonderful group of boys who I hope are keen to play even better next season. Thanks to Duncan and the Esher coaching staff and to Alisa for all her work behind the scenes arranging fixtures etc. I look forward to an exciting 2024 season, which is not too far away...

Under 13s – Ali Rawlinson

A season of what might have been... The Griffins Tier 1 Sunday team won the league at a canter, played 10, won 9, one abandoned. The mid-week team didn't fare as well, returning 4 wins, 6 loses, 1 abandoned, 1 cancelled, finishing 6th in an extremely competitive league.

The highlight of the season was a terrific ECB National cup run that wasn't without controversy. We beat New Malden and Weybridge easily in the opening 2 rounds and were drawn against old foes Ashted, who knocked us out the previous year, in the quarter finals. Esher batted first and posted a respectable 133/5 with Charlie H and Sam T both retiring. Tight bowling from 7 bowlers used restricted Ashted to 123/4 in fading light. Valley End away up next in the Semi-Finals who were blown away by a superb team performance. Valley End only managed 115/8 on a very small ground, Charlie H excelled with 4/14 and Esher knocked them off with 8 overs to spare, Zach P and Orson J retiring the latter with 30 off 13 balls. Spencer were waiting in the finals, a team we had never beaten before. Esher won the toss and batted first, posting an impressive 143/6 from their 20 overs, Max C retired. With an imposing total on the board, Esher bowled and fielded well to choke Spencer who stuttered to 89/9, Barney R the pick of the bowlers taking out the tail with 3/13. A bye for the Surrey champions meant Bromley were waiting in the next round of the national cup, a home tie on a baking hot Sunday at New Road. Esher were outplayed in every department, but it turns out Bromley had fielded not one, not two but three ineligible players who had all represented other clubs in earlier rounds. A blatant flouting of the rules ensured Esher were given a lifeline, reaching the regional finals by default. Ealing were waiting for us on a damp day at Teddington. When life gives you a second chance it is vital to take it with both hands, unfortunately a team of talented individuals once again failed to produce on the big day, falling short to the eventual National Winners and in the top 8 sides in the country, a fine achievement.

The Dragons Tier 2 Sunday team finished a very creditable 2nd in a tough league, Amir Naviwala 2nd top run scorer in the league with 182 runs av 61 and Ben Webb 3rd highest wicket taker with 9 wickets at 12's, Felix Downing taking 6 catches, joint 3rd in the league.

This is a talented group of cricketers yet to fulfil their true potential. With continued development and focus these boys will be a force to be reckoned with over the next couple of years, exciting times ahead, no doubt.

Under 12s – John Bache

63 boys, five league entries and 65 matches in total meant a busy and fruitful year for the Under 12s. 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. We achieved honours of winning the Tier 1 and Tier 2 midweek leagues and runner's up in the Sunday Tier 1 league. In the Surrey Cup, we were looking to secure a 3rd successive Trophy. The campaign got off to a great start with wins over Thames Ditton and East Molesey. A cup semi-final place beckoned after a decent bowling and fielding effort restricted Horsley to a chaseable 135 but to much bemusement a succession of caught wickets tumbled and we ended up 57 all out! In defeat comes learnings that this group will take forward to the National U13 ECB Cup in 2024. Though all boys worthy of mentions, the end of season awards saw Joe Inch and Rannvj Tomar take the players player awards and Max Schroder and Toby Tomlinson taking the managers player awards. Well done to all it's been a great 2023 and the strong community, team ethic and togetherness across the age group has continued to flourish. Roll on the 2024 season!

Under 11s – Nick and Kat Frendo

This was a fantastic season for the U11s 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. We played in four Tier 1 leagues and ended the season top in one and runners up in two. The Tier 2 side played 'out your out' cricket for the first time. Confidence with both bat and ball increased significantly over the course of the season and it was a joy to see how much they grew as team, supporting each other in both good and more challenging times. There are lots of positives going into the 2024 season and a few things to work on for winter nets.

Under 10s – Adam Pace

If you enjoy watching ridiculously tense cricket matches that are decided by the final ball of the match, then you would have loved following Esher Boys Under 10s teams in 2023.

Of our fifty-nine matches, three finished in ties. It doesn't end there. We won one game off the last ball of the match, lost one game off the last ball of the match, and lost one match by one wicket. And that's just the REALLY close ones!

Despite our penchant for tight finishes and generally making life difficult for ourselves we found that we were heading into the business end of the 2023 season with a realistic chance of winning four of the six leagues that we entered.

Our Dragons team lost a title decider against Thames Ditton to narrowly miss out on winning their mid-week Tier 2 League, but it's a super testament to the ethos of the Esher CC boys section that we were able to give 8 boys from this team their debuts in Tier 1 matches with the boys often contributing to wins with vital runs, wickets and catches as the season progressed.

In Tier 1 cricket we managed to wrap up the U10s Central League relatively quickly winning nine and tying one of our ten matches. Heading into the final two weeks of the season we were also unbeaten in the U10s South-West League. However, despite re-arranging fixtures, finding astro pitches to play on and generally doing everything we could to play games we had to abandon our

last two matches due to bad weather. So, no losses for this team either, but we finished second in this league. A similar story unfolded in the U10s North-West League where we came up just short. We also won the only U10 Summer Tournament that wasn't rained off.

In the end we walked away with one league trophy, 14 players on the Surrey performance Pathway, 60 boys playing a lot of cricket, 8 players making Tier 1 debuts and lots of nerve-racking finishes!

Under 9s – Mark Hopkinson & Alisa French

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 60+ 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. We entered six league teams across three divisions, all in Tier 1 Hardball and organised additional weekly internal matches with an aim to provide as much matchplay experience at an appropriate level to as many players as possible. The strength of the age group was clear as we ended up league winners of 4 leagues which is quite remarkable 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. If their development trajectory continues there are exciting times ahead for this group.

Under 8s – Alisa French

At under 8, pairs softball league matches against external opposition are introduced. This ensures more ball contact and involvement in the game by all. With 48 league games across five teams, we were able to provide cricket for everyone who was available on a weekly basis. The focus is participation, enjoyment, and development of all. Thank you to all parents who helped coach, umpire, score and encourage the boys first steps into matchplay. To witness the sheer enjoyment of those playing matches for the first time and their rapid progression over the course of the season has been a real privilege.



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Esher CC Girls 2023 Season Report

U8 Girls

The U8 girls joyfully welcomed new members eager to learn and enjoy cricket. Sunday morning training sessions at New Road were a collective delight, marked by genuine improvement throughout the season under dedicated expert coaching.

Venturing boldly into the competitive arena, we entered two teams into the U9 Smash IT league. The girls revelled in their maiden encounters with match play, embracing the thrill and challenge it brought. Despite playing a year above their age, both teams secured a commendable mid-table finish.

As the curtain fell on the season, we revelled in the promising trajectory of our budding cricketers and look forward to many more victories as well as friendships being fostered through the love of the game.

U9 Girls

An excellent season for the U9s who had their second taste of league action building on their first-year last summer and it was great to welcome some new faces as well.

Cricket this year began during the early part of the year with indoor 6s completions run by Surrey. Most of the girls, alongside some U8's were able to participate and win in one of more of these and kept the cricket flag flying during the cold winter months.

To have a balance of fixtures the U9's entered one team in the U11 smash-it league playing teams with a large number of older girls, and one team in the U9 smash-it league.

In the main outdoor season, in the U11 league, as the girls were playing teams that were in some cases two years older whilst there were some good performances there were also some uneven match ups. The U9 league provided closer matches and some victories. Where it was deemed appropriate some also had the opportunity to try hardball with the Esher U10 age group.

The girls had a great attitude, showed enthusiasm and learned a lot about working as a team and a wider group. They understand the nuances of cricket, improved on all their skills and played with good humour and sportsmanship.

At the end of the season there was the opportunity for the girls to try out to be part of the U10 Surrey County Cricket development squad for the next season. Congratulations to Martha for making it through.

I would like to thank the parents for their support during the year in managing, scoring and umpiring the games as well as all the support they gave the girls. I would also note and applaud the parents for their increasing IT skills with regard to using Spond which has helped greatly with planning and visibility of availability for fixtures.

For the 2024 season the girls will start training hardball in earnest and will play a mix of hardball and softball games.



U11 Girls

The U11 girls went from strength to strength throughout the season, with teams in T1 and T2 we had some strong opponents to face. We kicked off the season with a win V Ashted and highlights included beating Weybridge by 55 runs and Wimbledon by 18 runs. With a solid group of girls committing to the matches our fielding skills developed throughout the season giving our opponents some hard games.

The U11 played some of their best cricket in the 100 Cup and made it to the ¼ finals but got knocked out by a very strong Ham and Petersham.

Looking forward to seeing the girls develop their skills even more in 2024! Certainly, some rising stars to watch out for!



U12 Girls

The U12 girls got off to a strong start to the season, reaching the final of a brilliant tournament at Esher. They went on to win 3 out of their first 4 games in Tier 1, but unfortunately extras played a big part in the middle part of the season to knock us off track. However the season finished on a nail biter with Esher chasing 123. They showed true grit and determination, rallying from 9-3 to needing one run off the last ball to secure 2nd place in Tier 1, however a run out meant they had to settle for 3rd place. In Tier 2 it was the same story, as we were often facing the oppositions' A teams. But great pairs cricket gave opportunities for all girls, new and old, to enjoy the game of cricket.



U14 Girls

The U14 girls can be proud of the spirit they showed in putting together a great winning run in the middle part of the season after a rather poor start. May was a bit of a disaster losing the first match, conceding the second and then all out for 15 runs in the third game! June, however, saw the girls up their game with 4 convincing wins. This impervious run got us in contention of winning the league but even though the wins continued two disappointing losses (one when we were cruising to victory) versus the top two teams meant settling for third in the Tier 2 Central league. Availability issues often meant we had to borrow players from the U13s and even the U11s (all who did remarkably well).



U15-U18 Girls

The U15-U18 season got off to an enthusiastic start as we returned to New Road for our training sessions. It was fabulous to witness many familiar faces from the previous season rejoining us, and we were equally thrilled to welcome several new members to our group.

Regrettably, we faced some challenges early on, experiencing a slower start and losing a few matches that we had anticipated winning. Our performance in the U15 cup only took us to the second round, and our league performance didn't exactly shine as we had hoped.

As the summer holidays rolled around, however, we found our groove. The U16s displayed remarkable prowess by clinching victory in the Esher tournament, beating 6 other teams including East Moseley and Ashtead. They also made it through to the semi-finals of the Hundred tournament.

The highlight of the year was our run in the Women's Surrey Slam tournament. With an average age of just 15 years old, our team demolished Walton-on-Thames, Chertsey and Outwood, before being narrowly beaten by Malden Wanderers women's team. It was a run that bodes very well for the future. Well done to everyone and thank you to the parents who continue to support the club.

There were many great performances during the season, but the ones that really stood out were Anna's destruction of Reigate, Arabella's remarkable 52 off 21 balls in the Hundred game against East Moseley, Lucy's 4 wickets in the same game and Ellen's amazing last over against Ashtead to win us the Esher Summer tournament. Congratulations to all our players for a great season and many thanks to the parents whose unwavering support continues to bolster our club.



Surrey championship fixtures 2024

First XI -Surrey Championship Premier league

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Fixture type | Start time |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 28 April 2024 | Great Brickhill | Home | National Cup | 1 pm |
| 11 May 2024 | Sutton | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 12 May 2024 | Ealing or Weybridge | Away | National Cup | 1 pm |
| 18 May 2024 | Wimbledon | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 25 May 2024 | Reigate Priory | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 26 May 2014 | Round 2 | Away | National Cup | 1 pm |
| 1 June 2024 | Ashtead | Home | 50 overs | 12 noon |
| 8 June 2024 | Banstead | Away | Timed | 11 am |
| 15 June 2024 | Guildford | Home | Timed | 11 am |
| 16 June 2024 | Round 3 | Away | National Cup | 1 pm |
| 22 June 2024 | East Molesey | Away | Timed | 11 am |
| 29 June 2024 | Weybridge | Away | Timed | 11 am |
| 6 July 2024 | Sunbury | Home | Timed | 11 am |
| 13 July 2024 | Sutton | Home | Timed | 11 am |
| 20 July 2024 | Wimbledon | Away | Timed | 11 am |
| 27 July 2024 | Reigate Priory | Home | Timed | 11 am |
| 3 August 2024 | Ashtead | Away | Timed | 11 am |
| 10 August 2024 | Banstead | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 17 August 2024 | Guildford | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 24 August 2024 | East Molesey | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 31 August 2024 | Weybridge | Home | 50 Overs | 11.30 am |
| 7 September 2024 | Sunbury | Away | 50 Overs | 11.30 am |

Second XI -Surrey Championship Premier league

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Fixture type | Start time |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 11 May 2024 | Normandy | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 18 May 2024 | Wimbledon | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 25 May 2024 | Spencer | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 1 June 2024 | Ashtead | Away | 50 overs | 12 noon |
| 8 June 2024 | Valley End | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 15 June 2024 | East Molesey | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 22 June 2024 | Guildford | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 29 June 2024 | Sunbury | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 6 July 2024 | Dulwich | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 13 July 2024 | Normandy | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 20 July 2024 | Wimbledon | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 27 July 2024 | Spencer | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 3 August 2024 | Ashtead | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 10 August 2024 | Valley End | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 17 August 2024 | East Molesey | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 24 August 2024 | Guildford | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 31 August 2024 | Sunbury | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 7 September 2024 | Dulwich | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |

Third XI -Surrey Championship - Division 1

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Fixture type | Start time |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| 11 May 2024 | Beddington | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 18 May 2024 | Wimbledon | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 25 May 2024 | Malden W | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 1 June 2024 | Dulwich | Away | 50 overs | 12 noon |
| 8 June 2024 | Sunbury | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 15 June 2024 | SinjunGrammarians | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 22 June 2024 | Banstead | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 29 June 2024 | Old Rutlishians | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 6 July 2024 | Sutton | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 13 July 2024 | Beddington | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 20 July 2024 | Wimbledon | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 27 July 2024 | Malden W | Away | Timed | 12 noon |
| 3 August 2024 | Dulwich | Home | Timed | 12 noon |
| 10 August 2024 | Sunbury | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 17 August 2024 | SinjunGrammarians | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 24 August 2024 | Banstead | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 31 August 2024 | Old Rutlishians | Home | 50 Overs | 12 noon |
| 7 September 2024 | Sutton | Away | 50 Overs | 12 noon |

Fourth XI -Surrey Championship – Division 3 West

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Fixture type | Start time |
|------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| 11 May 2024 | Epsom | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 18 May 2024 | Kingstonian | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 25 May 2024 | Chessington | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 1 June 2024 | Chertsey | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 8 June 2024 | Walton | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 15 June 2024 | Valley End | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 22 June 2024 | Woking & Horsell | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 29 June 2024 | Egham | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 6 July 2024 | Kempton | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 13 July 2024 | Epsom | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 20 July 2024 | Kingstonian | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 27 July 2024 | Chessington | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 3 August 2024 | Chertsey | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 10 August 2024 | Walton | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 17 August 2024 | Valley End | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 24 August 2024 | Woking & Horsell | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 31 August 2024 | Egham | Away | 40 Overs | 12 noon |
| 7 September 2024 | Kempton | Home | 40 Overs | 12 noon |

Fifth XI -Surrey Championship – Division 6 West

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Fixture type | Start time |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------------|
| 11 May 2024 | Chessington | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 18 May 2024 | Bye | | | |
| 25 May 2024 | Woking & Horsell | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 1 June 2024 | Staines & Laleham | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 8 June 2024 | Normandy | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 15 June 2024 | Kempton | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 22 June 2024 | Old Pauline | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 29 June 2024 | Weybridge Vandals | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 6 July 2024 | Weybridge | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 13 July 2024 | Chessington | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 20 July 2024 | Bye | | | |
| 27 July 2024 | Woking & Horsell | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 3 August 2024 | Staines & Laleham | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 10 August 2024 | Normandy | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 17 August 2024 | Kempton | Away | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 24 August 2024 | Old Pauline | Home | 40 Overs | 1 pm |
| 31 August 2024 | Weybridge Vandals | Away | 40 Overs | 12 noon |
| 7 September 2024 | Weybridge | Home | 40 Overs | 12 noon |

Other adult fixtures

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Fixture type | Start time |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 13 April 2024 | Walton 1 st XI | New Rd | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 13 April 2024 | Walton 2 nd XI | Away | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 14 April 2024 | World Record Attempt | New Rd | | 11 am |
| 20 April 2024 | Weybridge 1 st XI | New Rd | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 20 April 2024 | Weybridge 2 nd XI | Away | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 20 April 2024 | Weybridge 3 rd XI | TBD | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 21 April 2024 | Magdalen | New Rd | Friendly | 1 pm |
| 27 April 2024 | Richmond 1 st XI | Away | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 27 April 2024 | Richmond 2 nd XI | New Rd | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 27 April 2024 | Richmond 3 rd XI | Imber Court | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 4 May 2024 | Banstead 1 st XI | Away | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 4 May 2024 | Banstead 2 nd XI | New Rd | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 4 May 2024 | Banstead 3 rd XI | Away | Friendly | 12 noon |
| 14 August 2024 | Sponsors Day | New Rd | Friendly | 9-30 am |
| 16 August 2024 | Nomads | New Rd | Friendly | 11-30 am |

Obituary

PETER MICHAEL HEASTEY ROBINSON **14TH October 1929 – 23rd March 2023**

Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, before going to Lodge School in Barbados aged 8, Peter came to England soon after the conclusion of WW2 in 1945, and to Lancing College where he was in Seconds House. He captained the 1st X1 at cricket for 2 seasons, also gaining his colours in squash, soccer, tennis and athletics.

Peter went up to Magdalene College, Cambridge, in 1949 and studied Law, played cricket with the likes of Rahman Subba-Row, Peter May, David Sheppard and Hubert Doggart and captained the squash team, earning a Blue. He would go on to represent England at squash twice, winning on both occasions.

After a short spell as a teacher at Westbourne House Prep School near Chichester, Peter began his long and distinguished career in film and television in 1958, specialising in current affairs and travelling all over the world. He became a freelance producer/director in 1964, directing the first documentary to be broadcast in colour on British television, which included Martin Luther-King's famous speech, 'I have a Dream'. He made his first training film, for EMI, in 1971 before founding Video Arts with Sir Anthony Jay and John Cleese, producing informative, enjoyable and amusing training films for businesses starring, amongst others, Ronnie Barker, Ronnie Corbett, Prunella Scales and Cleese himself. Peter was Managing Director, also directing most of the films which included such titles as 'Meetings, Bloody Meetings', 'Balance Sheet Barrier' and 'Who Sold You This, Then?', growing the company in the UK and internationally. In 1982, they were awarded the Queen's Award for Export Achievement at Buckingham Palace, before selling the company in 1988.

Peter's love of sport and, in particular cricket, led him to play for a number of wandering clubs including MCC, Sussex Martlets and Free Foresters and he often represented the Duke of Norfolk's X1 at Arundel Castle CC. He played his Club cricket for Esher CC and his one first-class game, for Colonel Stevens' X1 v Cambridge University, came in 1961. He also played golf for the Hazards, XL Club which he captained in 1992/3, and at Burhill GC in Surrey.

It was Lancing Rovers that became the focus of his cricketing life, playing in the annual cricket week in the summer holidays against other school old boy teams and in the Cricketer Cup, captaining from 1961-71 and then becoming President of the Rovers twice in the 70's and 80's. His love of both the College and the Rovers led him to setting up the 'Peter Robinson Cricket Scholarship', enabling talented cricketers to benefit from an education and tailored sports programmes at Lancing. It was most fitting that, at the time of Peter's death, Lancing were on tour in Barbados and the Director of Cricket, Raj Maru, organised a two minute silence before their first game, at the Isolation Cavaliers ground, St Andrew. The touring squad included 3 beneficiaries of the scholarship.

Brian O'Gorman, past president of the Sussex Martlets, eloquently described Peter's cricketing skills and approach thus:

"Peter bowled off-spin owing more to length, flight and variation of pace than break, with an easy rhythmic action. His batting technique was stylish with all the strokes and a readiness to use them. He was very competitive in every match, being difficult to overcome and radiating intensity of purpose rather than spoken attitudes".

Peter passed away peacefully at home in Esher, Surrey, in March aged 93 and leaves his wife of 58 years, Wendy, 3 children – Sally, Michael and Jonathan – 10 grand-children and 7 great grandchildren.



Obituary

Robin Crawford

Esher Cricket Club is very sad to announce that Robin Crawford has recently passed away at the age of 77. Robin grew up in Surbiton, attended Epsom College and became a teacher and Master i/c cricket at Milbourne Lodge, where he taught many future Esher players including our current President.

He taught thousands of boys at Milbourne over two stints starting in the 1960s and finishing in the 2000s. Many children were lucky to enjoy his incredible enthusiasm for Games and Maths; where his career record for Common Entrance maths results was truly extraordinary. He also loved skiing and was a legend in Crans for his skiing prowess. Every year he would take a Milbourne Lodge school party to the resort.

At Esher he joined as a Colt, and for the senior sides he predominantly played in the 2nd XI and on Sundays. When at Sandhurst he was famous for running back to Esher at weekends. Quite a warmup. He was most noted for his very, very flighted leg breaks - often bowling from the pavilion end as the sun was setting in the batsmen's eyes. One year when the 1st XI was very strong under Chris Sutton-Mattocks, he played as a leg spinner in order to entice the opposition if the games were going dead. One memorable game that season he guided the 1st XI home in a very tight finish at Sunbury, hitting some spectacular shots at the end of the game. Robin loved cricket. He would regularly play over 100 games a year, many for wandering sides. He was a stalwart in Esher cricket week every year.

Robin was also a great servant to the club. For many years - prior to Play Cricket - he compiled all the Averages and Statistics for the annual reports, originally published in fine manuscript handwriting. He used to organise barbecues after games, which were enjoyed by all and he had a tremendous sense of fun that lifted the spirits of many with his fantastic attitude to life. A true Esher legend. His last visits to New Road this summer were to watch the very exciting Wimbledon fixture and to attend the ball.

Our thoughts and condolences are with his wife, Angie, and his family.



Obituary

Chris Stone

When Chris Stone arrived to play for the club for the 1988 season, he had already played sport at the highest level. He played as an opening batsman for Victorian Schools and once (I am sure he told me) for Australian Schools, graduating to Grade Cricket for St Kilda, by now an opening bowler. He played there for ten years before moving to Sydney where he played Grade cricket for the Manly Warringah Waratars for two seasons until his move to Europe. He had significant success at both clubs, but between 1978 and 1981 he was best known for his prowess at Australian Rules Football which he played at the highest level, also for St Kilda, as half -forward, half-back, centerman or forward pocket (whatever these might be) until a knee injury brought his ARF career to a halt.

Moving to the UK in 1988 for work he opened the bowling for Esher between 1988 and 1990. His preferred Australian length may not have given his natural outswing its best chance, but he bowled with an aggression that was very much not his nature off the field and he was a fixture in the 1st XI throughout his time at the club, and the leading wicket taker in 1989 with 34 wickets. He was just pipped for that honour on the Barbados tour in 1988, but he will have made up for it with everything else a tour there has to offer; he was the perfect tourist and team man.

His working life began with Pearl and Dean, which had brought him to London in 1988. He became the regional sales director of Mills & Allen in 1991, a role which limited his time for cricket, and in 1994 moved to Belgium as CEO of Vivendi's Belgian division. In 1998 he became Chief Operating Officer of RMB International, and in 2001 he bought his own outdoor advertising company, Dewez, which he ran for many years.

He ascended to the pinnacle of Belgium society through his marriage to Sophie Wilmes who rose to be Prime Minister in 2019 and was Minister of Foreign Affairs until her resignation in 2022 to look after Chris. He had a son Jonathan from a previous relationship, and with Sophie he had three treasured daughters Victoria, Charlotte and Elizabeth, from all of whom he has been taken far too early.

Chris was a lovely man. A great competitor on the field, he was kind, loyal, humorous and self-deprecating off it. He is much missed by those who were fortunate to know him.

Rest in Peace Stoney

Henry Hood

Seaford golf tour 2023

The annual build up to Seaford saw some usual dramas and it was very sad that Pete Segal's return to the Downs was prevented by the return of COVID. Smokin' Bob Seager ensured that there has been a Seager on tour every year since 1970 and we were delighted to welcome two debutants: club Chairman Neil McCallum and Jack Fletcher. Less predictable after a few years of very exciting storms was the brilliant sunshine and enough warmth to see shorts for the first time since Robin Crawford's heyday. Defending champion Simon Cloke hit the first tee shot, but it was at the back of the field where the experienced Phil Parvin, Jules Winder and Bryan Coutts (75 tours between them) set the early pace with 33, 32 and 32 points respectively. At the other end of the field there were three players on 22 points meaning that we headed towards dinner with competition for first and booby prizes on a knife edge.

Thankfully a slow round meant we hadn't had to watch England's dire performance against Samoa, but a fine dinner was enjoyed, and the world was yet again put to rights. A little more Rugby World Cup preceded some fiercely contested snooker frames, where the occasional fine shot kept things moving. We awoke to more bright sunshine and in the early match Winder and Parvin traded blows to be level with 9 to play. Fletcher senior was clawing back the shots required to match son Jack, and Jim Steven played himself well away from the danger. Our Chairman eventually grasped the Booby Prize – despite Bobby Lowe's video presentation award – and Bryan Coutt's challenge fell away, as did the organiser's whose wheels came crashing off allowing Phil Parvin to ease home with a total of 65 points for his 5th win – just one win required to match Reg Dodd's tally of 6. Dan Taylor's postman outfit was nearly enough to win the Best Dressed golfer, but we seldom fall for such blatant trophy hunting.

Our 57th tour was yet another very enjoyable weekend. We toasted our absent, ill or sadly departed friends and celebrated ex-President Robinson's 30th wedding anniversary (presumably OK for the next 10 years now!). We look forward to number 58 and hope to see more of the younger current players return.



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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2024

The AGM of Esher Cricket Club will be held on 19 March 2024 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 19 March 2024 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 2023 AGM (Note 1)
3. To approve the accounts for the year to 30th September 2023 (Note 2)
4. To elect the Officers of The Club (Note 3)
5. To elect The Management Committee (Note 3)
6. To elect Aileen Woollhead ACA as Independent Reviewer of the Accounts
7. To approve the 2024 subscription rates as follows:

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| Full playing member (male) | £230 | Young Cricketer boys U8 | £205 |
| Full playing member (female) | £60 | Young Cricketer boys U7 | £175 |
| Full time student | £60 | Young Cricketer boys U5 to U6 | £125 |
| Male adult age 19 to 23 | £130 | Young Cricketer girls U16 to U18 | £100 |
| Occasional playing member – up to 4 games | £80 | Young Cricketer girls U10 to U15 | £210 |
| Social member | £30 | Young Cricketer girls U8 to U9 | £155 |
| Young Cricketer boys U16 to U18 | £110 | Young Cricketer girls U5 to U7 | £125 |
| Young Cricketer boys U9 to U15 | £260 | | |

The Young Cricketer subscription includes Family Social Membership.

8. To approve the ECB Safeguarding Policy Statement.
9. To consider any other business

Notes

- 1) The minutes of the 2023 AGM will be displayed on the Club notice board for 15 days prior to the meeting.
- 2) The 2023 Accounts can be found on pages 21 to 25 of this report.
- 3) The Officers of the Club and the membership of the Committees can be found on page 68 of this report.



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