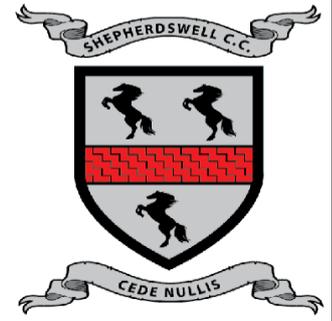


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View from the Chair

Our esteemed Chairman, Wicketkeeper- Batsman & Groundsman, Dr Richard Webster, offers his musings on cricket and life.

Happy New Year to you all and here's hoping that it is better than last year both on and off the cricket pitch.

It is at this time of year that my mind stops thinking about what might have been last season, the fifties I should have scored and the last time I was dismissed (a chip shot to mid off and the last wicket to fall of our season). I now turn my mind to what is to come this year. Taking some inspiration from the Big Bash League perhaps a more expansive approach to my batting or a more measured test match approach, only time will tell. The only true objective is to do better than last year.

The club continues to develop with the Clubmark (or its equivalent) accreditation moving forward again. The plans for a pavilion have been submitted for planning. The storage unit has been erected on the Rec, thanks must go to Kate, Chris, Keith, Russ, Tom and others for making this happen. It is certainly a great addition and means my garage is looking a lot emptier. All we need now is the roller to ensure a consistently flat track for the batsmen/batswomen among us.

As we move in to the New Year,

we can look forward to a full season of games, more youth training sessions and more importantly more youth games. So have a check on the kit bag and start limbering up for some pre-season nets.

On a personal note, as I move away from Shepherdswell and look for a new club near Aylesbury, can I thank you all for friendship and the great times we have had together over the last 25 years. I wish you all the greatest success in the future and I hope to be able to come back and play or umpire the occasional game. Here's looking forward to some more successful cricket this year. Stay safe and well,

Richard

Chairman Shepherdswell Cricket Club.

As a club, we will greatly miss Richard's contributions both on and off the field. He first played for the club before many of our current members were born! His unrivalled efforts as a groundsman and chairman are hugely appreciated. As Chairman, he has guided the club through a period of success and is always a brilliant source of advice for players. As groundsman, he has prepared hundreds, if not thousands, of tracks which no club can survive without! Good luck Rich, you will be greatly missed and we hope to give you a proper send-off in the future.

Off Field Update

More exciting progress is being made off the field as our storage shelter has now been completed. As Richard mentioned in his column, we would like to thank Kate, Chris, Keith, Russ, Tom and others for their help in the construction of the shelter. A special thanks must go to Richard himself for his efforts in this. The shelter will make it easier for the club to store our every-growing quantity of coaching and ground maintenance equipment. The shelter has a concrete base which will enable us to store a roller at The Rec (hopefully in the not too distant future).



Ambition Sports

We are proud to have our own Kit Supplier, local sportswear manufacturer Ambition Sports. This range of kit includes whites (from the Surridge Range) and training kit (from the Blade Range) for Junior and Senior Members, which can also be personalised with initials. Please follow the link here to purchase: http://www.ambitionsport.com/cricket-clubs-shepherdswell-cricket-club-c-315_12_474.html



Platinum Duck

A View from the non-striker's end. Our erstwhile, 2018 Man of the Season, Dmitri Lugthart, reflects on the return to cricket in the sixth of his regular columns.

So here we sit in hibernation. Deep hibernation. Deep double hibernation, partially inflicted by the time of year, which at least takes some of the sting out of it. Imagine if this were during the cricket season. We would have to change the way we played the most individual of team sports. We wouldn't be able to congratulate the treasurer as he snares his second wicket caught at deep cow. He'd only gone for 7 an over this week too. We wouldn't be able to go to the oppo's pub, where there is the longest line of the worst karaoke singers ever heard. To be fair, we wouldn't actually be playing.

This is the time to batten down the hatches, tune in to TMS, even listening to some of the Big Bash, because it's cricket. Of a sort. And there must be a way to pick up a broadcast of the Sri Lankan Premier League. That's also cricket. And it'll do. And then we dream. Firstly, we dream of getting the vaccine, not in the bowling arm, so at least we have a decent chance of still being here at the beginning of the season. Then, we dream on. We dream about those sunny Sundays, the leaves gently rustling in the breeze. We dream of gully cursing loudly, as the ball is played past his nose from a treasurer long hop. Why does he have a gully anyway? Most of all, we dream of playing cricket, having tea, playing cricket, going down the pub. We dream of "normal". The normal normal, not the new normal. Fingers crossed.

Fundraising

Dover District Community Lottery

The club continues to be registered with Dover District Council's Community Lottery Scheme. Tickets are available at a cost £1, of which the club receives 50%. There a wide range of excellent prizes available, if your ticket features the lucky numbers! Draws continue to happen weekly so it's definitely not too late to get involved! Please follow the link below to purchase tickets and support the club and Dover community!

<https://www.doverlotto.com/suppo.../shepherdsowell-cricket-club>

Easyfundraising

An incredibly "easy" way to support the club is to register with Easyfundraising (for more details please watch this clip https://youtu.be/Sn2dsQGAe_w). The club have currently raised almost £60 through this means, it is completely free to use! All monies raised through Easyfundraising will be spent on purchasing coaching equipment for our Youth Coaching Sessions. Follow the link below to find out more and sign up!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/.../shepherdsowellcricketc.../>



Website

We would like to continue to draw attention to our website, which features lots of information and is regularly updated. Please follow the link here:

<http://shepherdsowellcricket.club/>

The website, alongside our social media pages, is a hive of information for all things Shepherdsowell Cricket Club.

Junior news, official club documentation, fundraising initiatives, our club shop, senior fixtures and statistics and much more can all be accessed through the website, which we will continue to develop over the coming months!

Sponsor Recognition

We are very grateful for Eythorne Building Contractors for their continued support. "EBC" will continue to be our main sponsor next season and we are looking forward to



Interested in Sponsorship? As a club we are always interested in hearing from prospective sponsors. We have a diverse and interesting range of packages available, be it sponsoring a particular element of the club or general sponsorship in exchange for advertising and featuring on our social media channels. **If you are interested please either email the club**

(via shepherdsowellcc@btinternet.com) or contact a committee member directly.