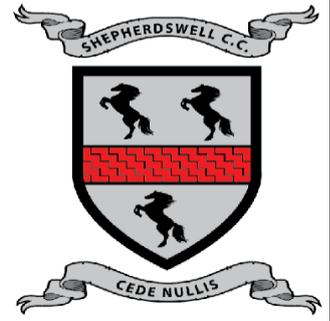


# Won, Drawn & Quartered



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## View from the Chair

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

As I write this piece from deepest darkest Buckinghamshire, I am pleased to note that the first team has won its first two games with some very impressive performances from both batters and bowlers. A century in the second game must be one of the earliest in recent years. My local club has yet to start its league fixtures so I have not had the opportunity to get out in the middle and see if I can remember what to do.

Youth cricket spears to going from strength to strength. All credit to the coaches and parents who give up their time to give the youngsters the opportunity to get in to cricket. I hope that the season goes well for the juniors and that some of them get the chance to feature in the first team as well as the Development XI.

I have viewed the ground preparation via Facebook over the last couple of months. Well done guys I can't say that I miss all the early season stuff on and around the square. From what I can make out the square looks in good shape, but I may need to do a closer inspection when I am next in the village. I'm still a member at Kent so will be down to take in a few games at the St Lawrence ground.

Look out for me in the Underwood Knott stand.

I was reflecting on the life of a groundsman this morning as I was raking dead grass from the outfield at my current club. Yes, someone had forgotten to cut the grass until it was rather long and consequently the cuttings clumped together and were not collected. As I cleared 100+ sqm I was thinking its not exactly easy keeping a ground in top condition. However, the rewards are that you get a good work out, you can spend time talking to people walking their dogs, you can muse over the meaning of life/cricket and you generally get a game at the weekend because most people don't want to upset the groundsman. Note to those who get out first ball and complain about the uneven bounce – you have a go at cutting and rolling the pitch next time and see if it makes any difference to your poor shot selection!

Having been overlooked, yet again, for the position of ECB director of cricket and captain of the England teat side I will have to make do with waiting for the call from the Whitchurch skipper to see if I am available for the coming weekend.

Have a good season. Go well.

Richard

Ex-Chairman Shepherdswell Cricket Club.

## Senior Results

24.04.22 Shepherdswell (162 A.O, Wilkinson 37) beat Herne (95 A.O, Dyer 5-18 & Ruthwell 4-14) by 67 runs.

01.05.22 Shepherdswell (222/5, Roberts 107) beat Sturry (175 A.O, R. Skues 4-22 & Dyer 3-14) by 47 runs.

08.05.22 Shepherdswell (148/8, Ruthwell 42) lost to Lordswood (149/3) by 7 wickets.

15.05.22 Match abandoned, with Shepherdswell (212/5, Vinten 65, T. Skues 52\* & Roberts 50) needing two wickets to defeat Deal Vics (77/8, Dyer 4/11 & Lugthart 3/12).

22.05.22 Nonington (175/9, Woodruff 3/24 & Lugthart 3/35) beat Shepherdswell (115/7) by 60 runs.

29.05.22 Shepherdswell (109/7, T.Skues 40\*) lost to New Romney CC (110/5, Dyer 3/14) by five wickets.

## Upcoming Fixtures

June 11<sup>th</sup> Development XI vs. Folkestone (a) 13:00

June 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday XI vs. Three Horseshoes (h) 2:00

June 18<sup>th</sup> Development XI vs. Canterbury (h) 13:00

June 19 Sunday XI vs. Nonington (h) 2:00

June 26 Sunday XI vs. Boughton & Eastwell (h) 2:00

## Platinum Duck

*A View from the non-striker's end. Our erstwhile, 2018 Man of the Season, Dmitri Lughart, offers his latest thoughts.*

The season is back in full swing and a sense of normality has returned to the cricket pitch. By normality, I of course mean the normal array of rash shots, dropped dollies and lengthy strops.

Your correspondent has this year had the honour of having the captaincy of the team bestowed upon him. Usually, this would mean having to manage a collection of pampered egos, dainty divas and pernicky prima donnas. Not here. Here the role encompasses the cricketing equivalent of Fred from Scooby Doo or Hannibal Smith from the A Team or perhaps Morticia from the Addams Family. To bring the whole array of diverse elements together is akin to King Canute trying to hold back the tide.

First, there is the management of your own position in the team. Do you forego your conventional role within the team? This would mean not opening the bowling against players who know what end of the bat to hold and having to bowl at the lower order, who, as the song goes, only have one shot. Ooh, what a dilemma. Then, there is the rest of the bowling attack. Some of them will happily bowl whenever and wherever, but then there are those who have a different opinion about their bowling than you do. Bowling up the slope? Oh yes you are. Then proceeds to get 1-33 off 4 and blames you because they are entirely unsuited to bowling up the slope and should always bowl downhill. This is despite the fact that last time they bowled downhill, they got 1-33 off 4. And yes, I do want 3 people on the boundary. Managing the cantankerous curmudgeon is easy. Just let them blow on. "A wide, a wide? You must be joking, do you need your eyes testing?" Says the player whose eyesight is so bad, they can't actually see the other end of the pitch.

Batsmen. We all know that batsmen are the glory boys and everything revolves about them... Strangely enough, not so much of an issue. Most are happy to occupy the position they are given but then there are those who have a different opinion about their batting than you do. Number 8? Off they go for a long walk around the boundary, chuntering quietly to themselves..."Should be opening...I could hold my end up better...I'm in great form." Comes in with 10 overs to go and screams his way to 8 off 30 balls.

Fortunately, I am blessed not to have these problems. "Daphne" still looks good but doesn't do much, "Velma" is still the workhorse, "Shaggy" still works hard and is often a winning player without realising it and "Scooby" can always find the ball when it's smacked into the undergrowth.

### 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.../shepherdswell-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](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/.../shepherdswellcricketc.../>

### Youth Section Update

It has been a fantastic start to the season for our Youth Section. We currently have 81 youth members registered with the club, with attendances at more than 40 cricketers every Saturday. We are operating four groups based upon age, which will really help our young cricketers to develop and improve. Our Development XI have their first match on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and it will be intriguing to see how they fare this year after another year of practice and growth, not to mention a great winter of nets!

We are always interested in recruiting new members for our youth section, boys and girls aged 6+ are more than welcome and there is a £15 registration fee (which can now be paid via BACs or cash) and no weekly session fee. All of our sessions are led by fully qualified and insured ECB coaches and are planned and tailored to support players' skill development and develop a love of cricket! Sessions take place from 10-11:30 at The Rec every Saturday morning. With any questions on our youth section, please contact Ben Spurgeon on 07934405852.

### Ambition Sports

We are proud to have our own Kit Supplier, local sportswear manufacturer Ambition Sports. This range of kit includes whites (from the Surrige 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](http://www.ambitionsport.com/cricket-clubs-shepherdswell-cricket-club-c-315_12_474.html)

