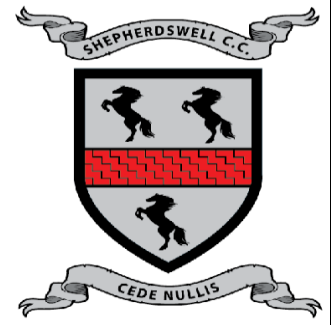


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View from the Chair

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

The current view from my chair is of a very wet and stormy Recreation Ground and certainly not the type of weather we look forward to this summer. I can report that the ground has survived the winter and hopefully will be ready for our first game at the end of April. There has been no progress on the Football club changing rooms so we will once again be using the Scout Hut as our 'pavilion'.

The Parish Council have identified some trees to be removed along the Hill Avenue side of the ground but unfortunately this does not seem to involve the removal of the overhanging branches. This will inevitably lead to our usual debate of whether if a ball hits one of the overhanging branches without hitting the ground whether it is signalled a four or a six. Not being a bowler, as you all know, I vote for it being a six which would fit with the Laws of the game which says that if a ball hits an obstruction which is 'rooted' outside of the boundary then a six is signalled. Of course local rules can always be invoked, like they were with the much missed old lime tree

at St Lawrence Ground.

I was encouraged by the number of junior members who attended the Saturday morning sessions last season and the hard work put in by the coaches. I hope that we can enjoy an even more successful season in this department this year. Having the new mobile net proved very useful not only for junior but also senior members. Hopefully we will continue with our weekly sessions this year.

I expect that most players have spent the winter limbering up with some overseas 20:20 franchise and will be in fine form for the coming season. I myself was on the brink of being signed for Antigua (El Salvador not the Caribbean Island) but the proximity of an erupting volcano and the limited time at my disposal meant that I was unable to fulfil those obligations. I look forward to hearing your cricketing experiences from the winter break. Russ is organising some nets so this will be a good opportunity for you to show off your new found shots, ramps, reverse sweeps or just the classic 'leave')

If you know of friends/colleagues, female or male, who would like to join the club as playing members please do encourage them to come along and have a go. Time to go and check that the mice have not taken a fancy to any of our kit. Here's wishing you a fun and successful season.

News Update

Over the winter months the club also 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! There have only been two draws so far 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/support/shepherdswell-cricket-club>



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/support/shepherdswellcricketc.../>

At the end of last season, the club arranged a new kit package with Ambition Sports. The new range includes the Surrige range of Whites, the expanded Blade range of training wear (including hoodies, tee-shirts, polo-shirts and performance tops) and, most importantly, the new range features JUNIOR SIZES too. Please follow the link below to browse and purchase so that you or your child are ready for the new season!

<http://www.ambitionsport.com/cricket-clubs-shepherdswell-cr...>



Youth Coaching News

We are delighted to announce that two of our coaches, Russell and Max, are currently undertaking their ECB Level 2 Coaching Certificate. This means we are very likely to have 3 ECB Qualified coaches leading our sessions this season. Please see the flyer below for more details about the sessions.

We will be launching our sessions in a new manner this year, with a pre-registration event in Shepherdswell Village Hall on Saturday 20th April (from 9:00-11:00). All of our coaching team will be present to offer indoor games of kwik cricket for the youngsters while parents are signing forms! Feel free to drop in for 15 minutes or stay for two hours. Furthermore, samples of our new kit range will be available as will Junior and Senior Membership forms.

Platinum Duck

A View from the non-striker's end, our erstwhile, 2018 Man of the Season Dmitri Lugthart, reflects on cricketers in the winter in the second of our regular column.

As cricket clubs awake from their winter slumber with thoughts of mowing the square and the dreaded call to arms of Cricket Force day, it is worth casting the mind to the humble Sunday cricketer, and what **do** they do during the cold winter months, between the drawing of stumps on that last windy September Sunday evening to the crisp April lunchtime, striding purposefully to the middle in crisp, washed whites and new boots, as knockdown price at Sport Direct, dependant on the level of commitment?

Sleeping is probably the most common habit of the dormant cricketer. Not so much sleeping, as dreaming. Dreaming of the vitally important 13 not out made to win the game on a sticky dog or the 1-40 racked up on a belter with a short boundary at cow. Dreaming of how next season, it's going to be 14 not out, including a 3, and 2-40. Indoor cricket is a pursuit of wintertime; however, this is ill suited to most Sunday cricketers who generally have the turning circle of a supertanker and the reactions of a snoozy sloth. And it often takes place in the evening, thereby eating into valuable drinking/snoozing time. Holidays (well, I can hardly take a holiday in summer, that's the cricket season) can also help fill the time. There is the option of skiing, but that takes the sort of skill and guile reserved for bowling at the death. On top of that, it's cold. Searching for winter sun is an admirable pursuit, particularly if you can manage to accidentally coincide your vacation and venue with a touring England side. Really, though, the Sunday cricketer spends the winter marking time and hoping against hope that mice have not infested the cricket bag over the winter and nibbled on the Kookaburra, and waiting for the sun to shine warmly again.



Shepherdswell Cricket Club Youth Coaching



Starting Saturday 27th April

10:00-11:30

Aged 6 and Over (Boys and Girls)

A softball session for younger/ inexperienced players

A hardball session (often involving our net) for older players

Enjoyable, exciting sessions, combined with technical elements

Sessions planned and lead by ECB Level 2 Coaches

Both sessions and youth membership free of charge

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News Update Take II **British Heart Foundation**

Dates have been confirmed for our adult pre-season nets. Sessions will take place at the St. Lawrence Ground on Tuesday 16th and Tuesday 23rd April, from 20:00 - 21:30. Current, new and returning players are more than welcome! Any questions please feel free to drop us a message!

Our 2018 season award winners:

Batsman of the Year (260 runs at 43.3): R. Skues

Bowler of the Year (14 wickets at 8.14): D. Thomas

Fielder of the Year (9 catches): P. Vinten

Young Player of the Year (18 wickets at 17.11 and 200 runs at 28.57): W. Wilkinson

Bill Jones Award: J. Mothersdill

Cede Nullis Award: The Three Peaks Challenge Team (B. Spurgeon, R. Skues, D. Lugthart, K. Roberts, D. Woodruff, M. Robinson & J. Woodruff).

Clubman of the Year: Our Saturday Coaching Team (B. Spurgeon, M. Spurgeon, R. Skues, M. Robinson, A. Evans & P. Vinten)

Man of the Season: D. Lugthart (25 wickets at 18.68)

Bowler's Award for 5-58: D. Woodruff

Bowler's Award for 5-15: A. Evans

Bowler's Award for a hat-trick: D. Thomas

British Heart Foundation

Shepherdswell Cricket Club's Three Peaks Challenge Team had the pleasure of handing over a cheque for £716 to their 2018 adopted charity the British Heart Foundation. Climbers Max Robinson, Russell Skues, Ben Spurgeon, Duncan Woodruff, Jamie Woodruff and drivers Dmitri Lugthart and Keith Roberts attempted the challenge in July 2018, and in the process managed to raise £1432. Half of which was given to the Youth Coaching Department of the Cricket Club and the other half to the British Heart Foundation.

The challenge was both mentally and physically draining and our appreciation goes out to the Team. There is a special thank you to the parents who sponsored the minibus and the Mountain Guides. Thanks also to customers of The Bell Inn and the T42 Community Café for putting their loose change and tips into the Charity Pots. The 2019 adopted Charity will be chosen at the Club's AGM and we will hopefully equal then break last year's fantastic total.

Fixture Cards

We are currently finalising details for our 2019 Fixture Cards. This year, we are aiming to incorporate as many local businesses and individuals as possible in an expanded card. Do please consider sponsoring your local cricket club!

Circulation of the cards will also be increased this year. Cards will be present at all SCC events (including fixtures and Youth Coaching Sessions), the "T42 Community Cafe" and Post Office and the Bell Inn, as well as other village and local locations. Club sponsors will also feature on our facebook posts.

Please contact the club's facebook page if you are interested in featuring in our advert! We already have one new sponsor signed up to feature, will you be next?



DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	TIME
22 April	TSC	A	2:00
29 April	Whitstable Labour Club	A	2:00
6 May	Welles	A	1:30
13 May	Woodwards	H	2:00
20 May	Cherwell	A	2:00
27 May	Skelling	H	2:00
3 June	New Romney	A	2:00
10 June	St Margerets	A	2:00
17 June	Falmer TSC	H	2:00
24 June	Margate	H	2:00
1 July	Gravelly and Eastwell	A	2:00
8 July	Skelling	A	2:00
15 July	Thorn Houshob	H	2:00
22 July	Dear Sea	H	2:00
29 July	Devonham Priory	H	2:00
5 August	Whitstable Labour Club	A	2:00
12 August	TSC	...	2:00
19 August	Cherwell	A	2:00
26 August	Langthorpe	A	1:30
2 September	Dear Common	A	1:30
9 September	Thorn Houshob	H	1:30
16 September	Falmer TSC	H	1:30
23 September	Whitstable Labour Club	H	1:30

