

Pitch Report

Epsom Cricket Club



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WHAT A YEAR WE HAVE AHEAD — CHAIRMANS CHAT



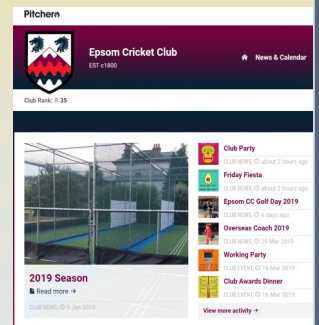
It's amazing how quickly the start of the season comes around after we start the winter net programme in January, but we are here again and we definitely haven't stood still over the winter months. Thanks to a lot of hard work by our voluntary committee and extended set of helpers we are on track to continue progress against many of the items laid out in the 5 Year plan which I published last year.

We now need some more successes on the pitch after a close **3rd place** finish in Div3 for our 1st XI last year. **Phil Edwards will again be leading the 1st XI** with support from our **new overseas player/coach Tendai Chisoro** (Zimbabwe International) to push for promotion into Div 2 . For further info. See Club Captain Update.

The biggest changes over the winter is the **club website** (www.epsomcricketclub.co.uk) with the consolidation of the junior section site into the main club site, further moving towards the OneClub ethos. **Team Management/News/Events/Fixtures/Results/League tables** etc will all be available through the **one site** or the **Pitchero App** which will be an important tool for all parents and players going forward. I would like to call out **Garry Dale** who has completed much of the work in this area helped by Andrew M. and Andy Clarkson. Technical change is always a journey so please be patient as the system beds in.

This year we will also be having a **staffed bar on Saturday afternoons** from 2pm, so please feel free to drop in and watch the game and have a drink. All Saturday World cup Games will be on the big screen. We are also holding a **League Lunch on 22nd June** which will start at 1pm. It will co-inside with World Cup match West Indies v New Zealand. We are looking to host up to 30 for a 2-3 course lunch. Should be a fun afternoon. If you are interested please get in touch events@epsomcricketclub.co.uk Finally I want to wish everyone a successful season on the field, and I am sure supporters are also looking forward to swapping those winter sport touchlines for Summer ones :-)

Dan Berry—ECC Chairman



GROUND & TRAINING NEWS



The grounds team **SJK** are working hard on preparing the ground for the start of the season. **First training session due on the 24th April**, but we need to stay off of the main ground until then to help ground regeneration. Luckily for us we do have a great net facility that we can use before this time, therefore we will be organising some early sessions to give us more early practice time. In terms of season preparation we held a **working party on 14th April for members to come down and volunteer some help**. Thanks to all those who came down on the day, there are still a few outstanding jobs but hopefully we can all help in the coming weeks to finish.



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<https://www.surridgesport.com/epsom-cricket-club>

EPSOM SPORTS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR FUNDRAISING

Summer Ball

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

BLUE RIBAND ROOM
QUEENS STAND EPSOM RACE COURSE

WELCOME DRINKS 7PM
CARRIAGES 1AM

SPARKLING DRINK ON ARRIVAL, 3 COURSE MEAL COFFEE & MINTS

CHARITY AUCTION
DISCO

TICKETS £60

TABLE BOOKING

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DRESS TO IMPRESS

Club Captain Update - Tom Nickels

The 2019 season is fast approaching and it promises to be a big season for ECC.

Firstly I would like to thank Will Moore for all his efforts over the last few seasons as club captain and I look forward to continuing his good work.

There are **three key areas of focus** from me for the 2019 season

1.Success on the field - we have a strong core of players that are well positioned to challenge for promotion across our respective leagues. Inconsistent performances

were a hallmark of the 2018 season and if we can deliver the performances that reflect our ability we should be



well placed come September. Whilst we unfortunately had to withdraw our 4XI from league cricket due to availability issues I am hopeful that we will be able to organise a number of friendlies to provide competitive cricket for all members. We also welcome a new overseas player for the year - Tendai Chisoro (Left). Tendai is a slow left arm bowler and middle order batsman and will join the Es after playing for Zimbabwe in ODIs against the UAE in April. We are really looking forward to welcoming Tendai to the club and seeing what an exciting impact he can have on and off the

field.

2.Junior development - the senior sections should continue to support the excellent work done by Andrew and all the junior coaches and volunteers and provide a pathway into senior cricket for our older juniors. We have some exceptionally talented junior cricketers and we should provide them with the right support and opportunities to play important roles in the various senior sides and continue their cricket development. Some younger legs in the field will also provide a good counterbalance to some of our more "experienced" players!

3.Enjoyment - Ultimately we all play, watch and are involved in cricket for fun. I want there to be a real feeling of community and enjoyment right through the club from U5 to the 1XI. Katie Moillet has done a fantastic job of organising a number of social events throughout the year and I look forward to seeing many of you at those during the season.

Here's to a successful 2019 for ECC!

Training

Senior training will be taking place on a Wednesday night, with the first pre-season session on April 10th from 6.30-8.00pm for the 1XI squad, nets only (light and weather permitting). **Main Training begins on 24th for everyone** else.

All senior players are encouraged to attend Wednesdays, we do expect **1XI team squad players to attend regularly for us to be successful, with additional nights too for adhoc sessions e.g. Tuesday or Thursdays. 2 new sidearms and a few sets of flexi-stumps have been purchased to assist training sessions.**

This year we are also striving to make training for the extended 1st team squad more intense. **We are looking to bring in a professional coach for a number of Wednesday sessions to improve structure and intensity to support this.**

Epsom Cricket Club Website

<http://www.epsomcricketclub.co.uk>

Please use the website as the main news and event portal or download the smart phone app. for convenience.

Senior Captains for 2019

Club Captain -	Tom Nickels
First Team -	Phil Edwards
Ladies Manager -	Lisa Jaland
Second Team -	TBC
Third Team -	Matt Lassiter
Sunday Trust -	Dan Allen

Senior Membership Fees 2019

Senior 1st/2nd *	£200
Senior 3rd/4th *	£170
Student *	£130
Ladies	£65

*discount available for early payment

Match Fee's 2019

Ladies	£7
Senior 1st/2nd	£12
Senior 3rd/4th	£10

Pitchero



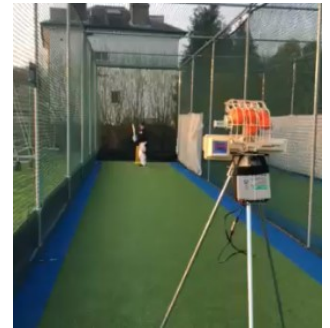
Junior Cricket News

Welcome to Epsom Junior Cricket 2019 season



Firstly a huge thank you for your ongoing support and the fundraising you have been involved in over the past few years which enabled us to invest £47,000 last season in the new nets at the club.

We are now starting to use these nets in preparation for the season, with the Easter pre-season junior training just finishing. In these sessions we have also started to use the new junior bowling machines which we are finding very useful for our batting coaching, allowing the coach to stand back and study the player while the bowling machine automatically feeds the balls.



Our ground development plans continue which will improve and expand our facilities for Junior Cricket with an **additional facility at Old Schools lane coming on line next season**. Full updates on this and **new pavilion** on page 6. We will continue to use Alexander Rec this year but this new ground will give us more flexibility for arranging fixtures and training, plus better ground security, an all weather pitch and a chance to deliver other benefits like covers and sightscreens for Juniors, and Senior teams.



This season we are extending our Tuesday and Saturday **Academy programs** to support more players. We are also making changes to look to enhance the coaching we provide at our Monday, Thursday and Friday training sessions by reducing the coaching ratios, the key being finding good coaches. We are lucky in having a good coaching group at the club.

Coaching 1-2-1s – anyone interested in more coaching support for their player please get in touch with me. Individual sessions are generally run for an hour, either 4-5pm or 5-6pm during the week or by arrangement at the weekend. The cost of these sessions is arranged with the coach.

We are a member run club, all the cricket activity is organised by twenty or so parental volunteers, if you feel you would like to be involved please get in touch with me. The more people we have helping, the more we can do.

Many thanks as always and see you next week when training starts in earnest.

Andrew

Junior section chairman



EPSOM CRICKET CLUB

SUMMER SOCIALS

APR

Friday 26th-FRIDAY FIESTA

*Junior training begins with Mexican themed party
Nachos, Drinks Specials 6PM*

MAY

Friday 10th-BINGO & WINGS

Play Bingo and eat chicken wings BBQ 8PM

Sat 11th-CLUB PLAYERS PARTY

*All welcome after first home game of season
Tortillas & Tequilla 7PM*

Sat 18th-SUMMER BALL

*Raising the roof and funds at Epsom Racecourse
Auction, Dinner & Disco - 7PM*

JUN

Sat 8th-RACE NIGHT

*Forget The Derby - Andy Hewiston is back!
Sponsor a Race - Win Big! 7PM*

Fri 21st-KATIE'S QUIZ NIGHT

*Taste tests, pop trivia + money can't buy prizes
£15 per team of six 8PM*

JUL

Friday 12th-BAND NIGHT

*Epsom Tennis and Epsom Cricket in cahoots
with live band 'Rock Salts' - 8pm*

Sat 20th-HUDSONS PRESENTS

*The Hudson Bros present a crazy night of
karaoke, 80's disco + fancy dress prizes - 7PM*

AUG

Sun 11th-CHAIRMANS DAY

*Fun day for all members to watch Epsom
take on the Chairman's XI. Bar & BBQ*

Sat 17th-QUESTION OF SPORT

*Fun quiz night with prizes £15 a team of 6
What happens next? Mystery Guest round - 7PM*

SEP

Fri 6th-JUNIOR AWARDS PARTY

*Celebration of season and awards night
Inflatables and live music 6PM*

Fri 20th-CLUB AWARDS DINNER

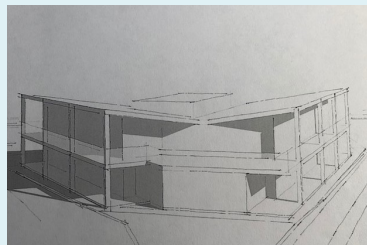
*Club players awards dinner
& end of season party*



SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Epsom Sports Club Projects

New Club Pavilion at Woodcote Road



We continue to work on plans for the new pavilion in partnership mainly with the Tennis section. Since my last update we have been through the slow process of pre-planning and consultation with the council over a number of items, in particular the idea of removing the small path running between the bungalow and the tennis club. This would benefit views from the pavilion to the tennis courts and was seen as a good opportunity to make this change for our benefit. Our next goal is to look at a joint funding plan and how we are going to be addressing this going forward. To give you a rough idea of cost, this pavilion work could cost in the region of £1.5-2m However we need to think carefully about the design as finding this funding could be challenging. Any ideas are welcome at this time.



Epsom Junior Surrey Honours 2018

Name	Squad
Isabelle Berry	Surrey U'17 Girls CAG
Ben Berry	Surrey U'12 Boys CAG
Alex Chambers	Surrey U'12 Boys CAG

Big congratulations to all our Junior Cricketers who represented the County last year. Its great to see Epsom Juniors performing at the highest level in their respective age groups, both Girls and Boys.

All three had exceptional performances, Alex scoring his first 100 for Surrey and was one of Surrey best bowlers all year. Ben again excelled with the bat scoring over 1100 runs for County, Club and School and Izzy Captained the U15 Girls Surrey, scoring 75 nt in one game as well as other strong performances throughout the season.

Lets hope our current crop of Junior going for county assessments can excel and show them what they can do.

Old Schools Lane

The Sports club continues to put time and effort into this project primarily for benefit of the Hockey section who have been searching for a home venue for some years.

For those who are not familiar with progress, the hockey pitches are now in full use, the footy pitch is ready for play, however the cricket square is not available yet due to problems last year with the contractor laying the pitch and the weather.

We have been promised that everything will be ready for the 2020 season down there. So we are going to push our fundraising this year for this project.

Digitalising Epsom CC

I am please to announce that Epsom recently won a grant to improve some of our in club facilities.(Thanks to Allan Fairley-Clark for managing this) The grant will go towards **new TV** in the club house, **new speaker system** and a **PA system for events**. We are also hoping to introduce **PitchVision** this year which will allow us to stream our own live matches on the web and also review performances, so everyone can get an opportunity to relive those great moments. We hope this will also be a valuable coaching tool we can use across the club. Thanks to all those donating to make this possible











Sunday Cricket

As last year we will be running a mixture of Surrey Trust League (STL) games for the younger players and some more leisurely paced cricket friendlies. More details to follow on the website if you would like a run out without the league intensity.











Stato's Corner

Just a reminder for those who like to set goals in 2019. These were the figures across the senior teams last year, where the first team had a pretty successful run of form, reflected in the statistics we see below. Obviously and well expected Godfrey our overseas coach for the year topped both batting and bowling stats. Lets hope you can all be successful this year and aim to excel these figures below

2018 Senior Batting Stats

Rank	Player	Games	Inns	Not Outs	Runs	High Score	Avg	50s	100s	Strike Rate
1	 Godfrey Stevens	17	15	3	685	152*	57.08	4	2	67.26
2	 Will Moore	14	13	2	433	77*	39.36	2	0	107.73
3	 Stuart Watts	12	12	2	347	74*	34.70	3	0	71.93
4	 Phil Edwards	17	15	2	295	53	22.69	1	0	60.53
5	 Asim Zeb	14	13	2	290	61*	26.36	3	0	71.37
6	 Daniel Allen	18	17	0	289	73	17.00	1	0	43.10
7	 Stephen Zwarts	15	13	2	280	102	25.45	2	1	91.67
8	 Rob Lowe	15	11	1	276	65	27.60	1	0	76.19
9	 Ben Hudson	8	8	1	272	80	38.86	2	0	66.14
10	 John Batley	10	10	2	246	86	30.75	2	0	47.71

2018 Senior Bowling

Rank	Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	5 Wicket Haul	Economy Rate	Strike Rate	Average	Percentage Team Wicket
1	 Godfrey Stevens	172.0	39	431	48	6/18	2	2.51	21.50	8.98	32.88
2	 Zac Stanger	146.3	25	461	31	5/8	1	3.15	28.35	14.87	23.85
3	 Fred Retief	101.5	9	472	24	5/45	1	4.64	25.46	19.67	22.64
4	 Nik Vidler	81.0	16	305	23	5/23	2	3.77	21.13	13.26	25.00
5	 Asim Zeb	102.3	9	418	22	3/7	0	4.08	27.95	19.00	21.57
6	 Stan Somerford -----	161.3	53	454	22	4/29	0	2.81	44.05	20.64	15.28
7	 Adam Hlobil	99.1	20	328	19	3/8	0	3.31	31.32	17.26	19.19
8	 Dean Bartley	72.0	23	137	14	5/6	1	1.90	30.86	9.79	22.58
9	 Aaron Somerford	95.1	6	376	14	3/46	0	3.95	40.79	26.86	12.96
10	 Greg Hughes	71.1	8	339	13	3/26	0	4.76	32.85	26.08	13.83

Epsom CC Sponsors Page

Thanks to all of our generous sponsors this year. We are always looking out for more local business sponsors. We currently have 3 packages starting from £350. Please get in contact with Caroline Beswick sponsorship@epsomcricketclub.co.uk for more details!



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