



Annual Report 2018

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8th November 2018

Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Sutton Cricket Club will be held on Tuesday 4th December, 2018 at 8pm in the Clubhouse, Cheam Road, to consider the following business:

1. The Chairman's Welcome.
2. To confirm the minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
3. To receive the Annual Report.
4. To receive the Annual Accounts.
5. To pass a vote of thanks to the Independent Examiner
6. To adopt subscription proposals for 2018.
7. To consider, and if thought fit, to adopt the proposed amendments to Rules of the Club
8. To elect a Chairman.
9. To elect Officers
10. To elect Captains and Vice Captains
11. To elect Vice Presidents
12. To transact any other business.
13. To pass a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

By order of the Officers of Sutton Cricket Club.

Members are reminded that in accordance with Rule 6, nominations duly proposed and seconded by club members, must be made, in writing, at least 14 days prior to the scheduled starting time of this meeting.

Please address your nominations to: - Peter Edwards, Club Administrator, Sutton Cricket Club, c/o 24 Oakley Avenue, Beddington, Surrey, CR0 4QP. Email – admin@suttoncricketclub.com

Your retiring committee request the pleasure of your attendance and look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Peter Edwards, Club Administrator, Sutton Cricket Club.

From the Chairman

The year started in a sombre fashion with the passing of our longest serving Vice President John Hitchen in January followed by Past President Ken Ohlson on the eve of the new season in April. The contribution of John and Ken to our club over many years was immense and was recognised by the large attendance of members at John's funeral and the Service and after party at Cheam Road to celebrate Ken's life.

The 1st XI returned to Premier League cricket after dominating the 1st division in 2017 and after a promising start to the campaign struggled on the dry spin friendly pitches of mid-season ultimately having to rely on the results of others to retain Premier League status. This was a disappointing outcome for a highly talented, well invested team who on its day were good enough to beat anyone as Reigate Priory will testify. Club captain Dan Edwards has decided to stand down after three years at the helm during which he has worked hard both on and off the field in leading the Club and deserves special praise for managing to keep a smile on his face most of the time! The 1st XI was once again followed by our loyal band of supporters who support home and away which is much appreciated by the team.

Led by Jamie Griffin and building upon the progress made in 2017 the 2's won the 2nd XI First division title in a campaign that included losing three of the first four matches and then winning the next eleven. This was a magnificent performance from a very youthful side of predominantly home grown players. Next season will see a much stiffer challenge for Jamie and the team where perhaps consistency, application and method will be the key to consolidating in the division.

After avoiding the drop last season the 3's were unable to repeat the escape act and were relegated with two games to go but can count themselves very unlucky that the match against basement side Old Whitgiftians was cancelled due to bad weather. The problem again was sporadic availability. As per the 1's on their day the 3's were a match for anyone but a league table doesn't lie and its consistency that counts over the course of a season.

The 4's embarked on a new adventure in the Surrey Downs league acquitting themselves well and having a jolly time along the way although skippers also had challenges with availability with games having to be conceded. The 4's provides cricket for our youngest and on occasion oldest members, it's therefore important that this team finds an appropriate level to provide social but equally competitive cricket.

The club continues to provide a pathway for our Colts to progress into county age group cricket and above. This year we are particularly proud that Jamie Smith was awarded a professional contract, Freddy Boys and Rehan Ratnasabapathy represented Surrey 2nd XI and many others represented age group sides, Aneesh Jhalla with particular success at U/17 level.

Our Colts section once again had a successful season winning trophies at U/11 and U14 level. We now have 200 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 16 registered with the club and we are indebted to the army of parents, coaches, age group managers and others who work tirelessly to provide coaching, put out teams and provide opportunities for our youngest members and in doing so make a massive contribution to the future of our club.

The Ladies section also enjoyed a successful season winning the Surrey Trust League and the midweek T20 competition. Promotion to the top flight of Ladies cricket will present new challenges for skipper Carolyn Brady and a recruitment campaign has already begun to bolster the ranks for the coming season. The Ladies section has made immense strides in a very short time which is a great credit to all those involved and justifies the investment made by your Committee in this section.

Girls cricket is also a major growth area with around 20 girls attending weekly summer sessions in 2018, they also played competitive cricket in Festival matches, winter coaching starts in February 2019.

Our main ground at Cheam Road again received very high ratings from the Surrey Championship Umpires panel confirming the fact that we are lucky enough to play on and enjoy one of the finest grounds in the county with facilities off the field to match. Our thanks are due to John Fry and his assistants for the dedication and pride they take in their work at both Cheam Road and Holmwood Close. Thanks are also due to Ron Lambe for overseeing the changing room refurbishment and looking after our facilities generally.

In my message last year I asked for volunteers to join the Committee to assist in running the club, unfortunately I wasn't knocked down by the rush of applications. It appears that serving on Committee is too onerous a burden for many and it is for that reason the Committee has debated the existing structure and agreed that the club would be better served by a smaller general Committee which will oversee a number of sub Committees where the bulk of the day to day activity of the club can be dealt with. This change in Club rules requires support from the membership at the AGM which I hope will be forthcoming.

Off the field there are a number of initiatives in progress to improve our facilities and raise money. Firstly a working party has been set up to develop new net practice facilities in the former Tennis Court area; we are currently at Planning Application stage and exploring opportunities for Grants and Loans. Discussions are taking place with the Professional Cricket Association (PCA) with a view to staging a charity cricket match during cricket week to raise funds to develop the new net area and improve our links with local businesses.

Your club has enjoyed another year of progress and development both on and off the field, we have staged three highly successful cricket related events, the Surrey Championship 50th Anniversary match v Banstead at which we opened the Eaton Swaby Memorial Garden . The gathering at Cheam Road after Ken Ohlson's memorial service was a fitting tribute to Ken's contribution to the Club. The sight of Ken's children and grandchildren practicing slip catching on the outfield will live long in the memory. Finally we staged our first International match as England over 70's beat Australia in a last ball thriller in September to clinch a three match series.

My thanks to the outgoing Committee for their work throughout the year and particularly to Dave Lunn and Sam Clarkson who have decided to stand down. My thanks also to Peter Edwards for his huge contribution to all sections of the club and I would make a plea on his behalf to members for next year to a) tell us about your availability rather than Peter and others having to chase you and b) when you owe some money please pay it.

My thanks finally to our Umpires, Scores, Tea Ladies, Parents, Team Managers and Clubhouse Team for your efforts in supporting the Club.

Sat 1st XI

Sutton with a very youthful team faced many challenges throughout the 2018 season and finished with a record of 5 wins 3 draws and 9 losses.

Sutton wins came against Ashted, Sunbury, Cranleigh, and twice vs Reigate, away wins at Sunbury & Reigate were the stand out achievements.

Harry Allen took last year's form into the 2018 campaign with bat and ball with 632 runs @ 42.13 with 100s vs Sunbury and Wimbledon and 25 league wickets at 30.00 with a match winning five wicket haul at Reigate. Harry will be hoping to take this form to Australia during the winter and we wish him the best of luck.

Many thanks to newly appointed wicket keeper/batsman David Murphy for his season behind the stumps and with the bat 423 @ 32.62 and with the gloves 22 catches and 3 stumpings. David set the league standard behind the stumps with under 10 byes threw the season, we are looking forward to Murph's 2019 Campaign!!

Freddie Boys 404 runs @ 28.86 with 20 wickets at 26.65 with a stand out bowling display at Cranleigh of 4/6, Skipper Edwards 343 @ 26.38 former Captain Outram 305 and L. Smith 300 runs. A big effort from Aman, Rehan and Seadon this season bowling in tough conditions and with many injuries along the way,

Many Congratulations to Suttons 2nd Team captain Jamie Griffin who won Division 1, a fantastic achievement and we wish you the best next year in the premiership.

A big Congratulations to Jamie Smith who received his first county contract with Surrey CCC

A massive thanks for everyone who has helped me along the way over the past 3 seasons, I wish the next captain the best of luck.

Sat 2nd XI

A season of missed chances' just about summed up our 2017 season, and by God did we not let those ghosts come back to haunt us in 2018!

Well that was not my thinking after the first 4 games of the season where 3 losses and an abandoned game left us rock bottom of the league with 10 points, and deja vu was starting to set in. We then went into the time games and oh how things changed!

Away at Cranleigh, Connor Griffin took 4-23 in his 14 overs restricted them to 120 all out. A 'charming' 50 from Luke Smith and a quick fire 24 from 14 balls for Chris Morris set us onto winning ways. This win certainly helped my team talk the following week, although after a gritty maiden league 50 for Connor helped us through to 186ao, I had my head in my hands...again! Step up the bowlers, Sam Blake this week with the honours and figures of 4-33 eventually skittling them out for 171, a tremendous bowling performance and my favourite game of the season!

Away at Guildford, Aneesh Jhalla produced the season's best bowling performance with 6-15, and he was suitably assisted by the rest of the bowling attack which helped us to 3 wins on the bounce, giving us some momentum for the season. I then decided to go and lounge on a sunbed in foreign climes for a week, but stand in skipper Josh Blake kept that winning streak going in my absence, helped by scoring his first of six 50's this season. Cheers boys!

I could go on, the wins just kept coming in the 100 over format of the game, with wins in all 9! And the wins didn't stop there, 2 more coming in the 50 over format, making it 11 on the bounce, meaning promotion was secured. We had a feeling!

Guildford brought us back down to earth the following week and subsequently clawed back the deficit we had built up, which did not help my nerves! A win at Dulwich was slightly soured after hearing that Guildford had too won, meaning we went into the final game of the season still needing 4 points.

In a season dominated by our opening bowling attack, Sam Blake (32 wkts @ 18) and Connor Griffin (26wkts @ 21), backed up by the little wizard that is Aneesh Jhalla (32 wkts @ 16), it was time for the batters to step up. A wonderful partnership of 158 from what turned out to be our highest run scorers, (Josh Blake 712 @ 42 and Sam Woods 501 @ 30) we were on our way to the required 225 we needed, with veteran all-rounder, Sam Schofield giving a little fist pump as he scrambled to that with a single! The loss to Walton in our final game was a bitter pill to swallow, but does not stop me saying we did it.....We are the Champions!!!

A final mention must go to all those that helped along the way, Chris Moore and Steve Foster for officiating, Chris Clapham and Mike Woods for their scoring and then last but not least, Richita, Sulu, Sarah and Chris for keeping us fed and watered.

Roll on Premiership Cricket!!



Sat 3rd XI

I always knew that this was going to be a challenging season for the 3rd XI, however I never expected it to be as tough as it actually became.

VC Bobby Foster, in my absence got us off to a great start with a win against Walton on Thames and was flying in the second game against Old Whitgiftian's. Sadly the game got abandoned during the first innings due to the weather and with other games going ahead this result proved decisive in our relegation by only 3 points.

Availability proved to be a huge factor in our struggles this season, mainly due to the pressures of exams taking place for a lot of our key players, and new school rules in place that state you must revise in every waking hour!!

We can't however, blame our plight solely on this. We simply weren't good enough for the majority of the season. Our batting overall, let us down quite badly, with whoever was batting at six, usually occupying the crease between the 15th and 20th over.

It wasn't all doom and gloom though, as when we got it right and availability was strong, we were capable of beating any other team in the league. This showed with consecutive wins against three very strong teams Ashtead, Reigate Priory and Weybridge.

A few big batting performances did take place surprisingly. Ganesh Nerurkar (101 v Weybridge) Rob Griffin (76* v Ashtead) and not forgetting the standout innings of the season, Zeeshan Zafar (75 v Dulwich) I believe sixty of these runs came from sixes and with a few fours thrown in for good measure. Unbelievable batting!!

The bowling overall was good through the season. Sadly there was no 5fers, but everyone chipped in with wickets, most notably Lee Quincy (4/18 v Walton on Thames) Amarullah Jan (4/33 v Reigate) and Richard Clark (4/50 v Old Whitgiftian's)

Amongst the negatives there were some positives to take from this season, with once again the emergence of some really good talent coming through our colts set up. Lee Quincy, George Duckworth and Amarullah Jan (all U14) showed they have a great future ahead of them, and from the start to the finish of the season, it was a pleasure to watch their development and see their confidence grow with every game they played in the adult teams. Work hard through the winter lads and you'll be knocking on the door of the higher XI's!!

Next season will be tough in Division one but I know that there is enough talent and quality in this team to get us straight back up at the first attempt, as long as everyone is available!!

A big thank you from me goes to Bobby Foster who reluctantly took on the role as my vice-captain and really helped in the background offering advice at times when he probably should've been planning his wedding. So maybe it was my fault he spelt his fiancé's name wrong!!

So that's me signing out as captain of the 3s. I would be lying if I said it wasn't tough, but it has been enjoyable and I have shared the field with a real good bunch of lads. Thank you all for your support.

Sat 4th XI

Some winter work meant that Sutton 4th XI would start a new adventure in the 2018 season breaking free from the shackles of the Surrey Championship and begging life in the Surrey Downs League 3rd Division.

Extremely poor availability throughout the club meant that there was quite an unfamiliar look to the team for its first game at Westcott. The less said about the cricket that day the better but we couldn't have asked for better hosts and the bar prices couldn't be bettered all season (some severe market research was performed by certain members of the team)

3 weeks without a game would follow due to concessions both for and against before the side would mark its first league victory with a narrow victory away to Old Woking.

Some close games followed but Sutton were soon realising that life in their new league was not only bringing along some lovely new venues but also a jump up in standard from the previous season.

For me the game of the season came at our lesser known 'home venue' of Warlingham Rugby Club against Beddington Village. Sutton got off to a slow start before some sensible work from Venkat Putani (45) and some clean hitting from Jaren Crawford saw Sutton reach 113/2 before a true Sutton middle order performance saw Sutton trundle to 152 all out with 5 overs to spare! Sutton knew early inroads would be key and wickets fell in clusters throughout the innings with all Sutton's six bowlers claiming victims including a lesser spotted LBW for Matt Lewis!!

This report would not be complete without a little look back to Ockley away. A Sutton side hadn't made the journey to the village green for a few years after Ockley's struggles as a club have led to the cancellation of their cricket week. Heavy Friday downpour on the uncovered wicket meant a delayed start which allowed the Sutton boys a quick trip to the nearest pub for a nerve settling pint.

Captain Clarkson lost the toss and Sutton were put into bat on a wicket that looked like it would be tricky to bat on. Sutton scored 317/3 off their 40 overs. Captain Clarkson with an anchoring 102 opening the batting had the best seat in the house to watch Jaren Crawford turn his first ever 50 into a big 140* with a couple of lost balls along the way. Sutton headed out in the rain to field hoping to get through some quick overs to force a result but it became a case of what would happen first, 20 overs or Ockley all out. Sutton claimed victory by a grand 275 runs. Diaper, Griffin and Rodrigo all claiming 3 victims.

A quick check over the stats show Skipper Clarkson leading the runs with 241 in the 8 games he managed to play closely followed by the teams youngest member Aarav Pillai who scored 218 runs including 20 scores of 70+ at the age of 12. His ability to bat sensibly and patiently will surely benefit the clubs higher XIs in seasons to come. Spring Chicken Stephen Hall led the way on the wickets list with 19 victims at the tender age of 68!

As always thanks must go to everyone that turned out for the odd game to help the club out. I'd like to thank our numerous tea ladies for as always giving the opposition something to compliment us on and to Peter Edwards for his hard work in securing us venues to use after the great balls up by the mighty powers at the Surrey Championship.

Next season will see a new captain steering the ship through the green of the Surrey Hills. I'd like to wish Paul Eldridge the best of luck upon his return to captaincy at Sutton and I'm sure the club members will do their best to support the side next season.

Sunday XI

We ended the 2018 season in the magnificent surroundings of Bushy Park. Our opponents, Teddington Town, had started work on their square for next year, and so had hired the neighbouring pitch. However, when we all arrived, the pavilion was locked, and, when contacted, the neighbouring club said it would be extra to go into the pavilion. Teddington declined this attempt at extortion, and we changed in the bushes. We played under the watchful gaze of the grazing deer. We did not win, but we gave them a run for their money (248 and 212).

Fear not, this report will not, tediously, go back through the season, game by game, but it will mention the penultimate one which was played at the not so nearly uplifting Peaches Close, because it had a very exciting end: a tie, in the chaos of several run-outs. Josh ended the season with two half centuries and Rehan only missed doing so by one run in one of his innings.

Mid-season, Manish scored a century against Goldleaf in a big win, 301 playing 203, and Schoey got one (plus a five for) against Mynthurst, our 252 beating their 165. Matt Gardner had started the season with a century against Chadwick in a win by 203 runs.

Sunday cricket was as enjoyable as ever. There is the ongoing problem of getting a side out if there is a development game, as a result of which we missed too many Sundays.

This report started in Bushy Park, and will end in the village of Lintz in County Durham, where, come 1975, they had been playing cricket for 70 years and the words quoted below were written:

"In summertime village cricket is the delight of everyone. Nearly every village has its own cricket field ... [Lintz] tend [theirs] well. The wicket area is well rolled and mown. The outfield is kept short. It has a good club house for the players and seats for the onlookers. ...

... Yet now after these 70 years a judge of the High Court has ordered that they must not play there anymore. He has issued an injunction to stop them. He has done it at the instance of a newcomer who is no lover of cricket. This newcomer has built, or has had built for him, a house on the edge of the cricket ground which four years ago was a field where cattle grazed. The animals did not mind the cricket. But now this adjoining field has been turned into a housing estate. The newcomer bought one of the houses on the edge of the cricket ground. No doubt the open space was a selling point. Now he complains that when a batsman hits a six the ball has been known to land in his garden or on or near his house. His wife has got so upset about it that they always go out at week-ends. They do not go into the garden when cricket is being played. They say that this is intolerable. So they asked the judge to stop the cricket being played. And the judge, much against his will, had felt that he must order the cricket to be stopped: with the consequence, I support, that the Lintz Cricket Club will disappear. The cricket ground will be turned to some other use. I expect for more houses or a factory. The young ... will turn to other things instead of cricket. The whole village will be much the poorer. And all this because of a newcomer who has just bought a house there next to the cricket ground."

The above words were written not by a professional writer, nor by a cricketer, but by a judge, probably our greatest judge of the last century, Lord Denning, when he was presiding over our Court of Appeal (the job title of which is Master of the Rolls). Denning overturned the injunction granted by a judge of first instance, on the ground that public good of playing and watching trumps the private right of not having the nuisance of cricket balls landing in your garden. Denning was famous for not only his brilliant legal mind, but the beauty of his written English. It is clear that his sentiments about cricket were also spot on.

Women's XI

We started the season well, with many new players coming along to 'have a go'. We also welcomed experienced players, Ahmi and Bethan, which strengthened our squad considerably, along with Abi, who at 14 years old has gone from a beginner to regular squad member.

We were disappointed to only play 7 league matches, as teams conceded due to lack of players. However we won the League and have been invited to join Surrey Division 1! This will be a great opportunity to get higher level experience and we are looking forward to the challenge!

We also played, and won, the T20 midweek league....this was an ideal opportunity for lower order batters and bowlers to get match experience.

Our junior section, run by Sam Clarkson, has been a great success, culminating in several friendly fixtures. We kept the momentum going from 2017 by adding an 11-14 years old section so girls of all ages can now participate at Sutton Cricket Club! We attracted sponsorship from Asda for kit and equipment for the girls and are hoping to finance winter training for the women, from monies received from Surrey Cricket.

The team have continued to improve this season, and were rewarded with 4 players...Carolyn, Ammi, Dani and Zarish....being selected by Surrey to play in a Representative League match, which was held at Cheam Road.

Thanks to all members who have been part of our success this season; coaches, umpires, scorers, and supporters!



Colts Report

Another successful season for our youngsters, a 15% increase in membership, more matches played than ever before, the introduction of All Stars, all capped off by Jamie Smith, a member since he was 6 years old, earning a professional contract at Surrey CCC.

Numerous boys and girls represented the county in CAG, academy and Surrey 2nd XI matches.

Girl's cricket gained momentum as the season progressed, and we played in 3 or 4 highly enjoyable games or festivals during the summer.

Individual age group reports are below, huge thanks go to all of the managers, scorers, coaches and helpers that make junior cricket possible at Sutton.

Under 8s

The Under 8's is the entry level to playing competitively and whilst it is good to win, the emphasis is very much on making sure that the boys enjoy playing cricket, learn the right skills and how to play the game in the right way. This was very much the case this season. Every single one of the boys can be proud of how they played and how much improvement they made and the enthusiasm, fun and excitement that they brought to their games was a joy to behold.

In terms of performance, against some strong teams, their record at the end of the season was reasonably good, with 3 wins and 5 defeats from 8 matches. In addition, something of a scratch team of 8 almost made the semi-finals of the Beddington festival. The results were especially impressive as quite a few of the squad were completely new to cricket at the start of the summer.

One slight disappointment was that we played fewer matches than last year as there didn't seem to be as many options to play matches against. Our squad was also smaller than last year, but we were always able to get a team out.

The main highlights from the season included a fantastic bowling and fielding display away to a very strong Esher team, where we took 12 wickets with some outstanding bowling and catching and the final game of the season, away to Purley, where all of the hard work for the season really paid off and we ran riot with bat and ball, winning by over 100 runs.

There are some really talented players in this age group, some of whom have already represented the club at older age group levels and I am looking forward to seeing how they develop and improve over the next few years.

Thanks are very much due to Peter, John and the team for the Friday evening training sessions – these are extremely well run and useful and lots of fun for the boys.

Finally, also many thanks indeed to the parents for all of their support and encouragement and especially to Vineet and Rosh for their help with the scoring.

Under 9s

The 2018 season saw the under 9s play 21 fixtures which covered both a softball and hardball league campaign. The team won 5 matches and one was abandoned due to an errant thunderstorm in an otherwise glorious summer. The other matches were, well, neither won nor abandoned, and our position in both leagues can be described as 'lower mid-table'.

However, at this embryonic stage of a cricketing career, results are not as important as learning and practising the basic skills of the game. In this regard the team excelled, and it is generally accepted by parents and coaches alike that the improvement in both individual and team performances was remarkable. The whole squad of 27 under 9s should be very proud of their progress this year, in what was for most their first experience of competitive hardball cricket – this foundation should reap benefits in the seasons to follow.

Most pleasing of all is the way in which the under 9s played their cricket. They have evolved from a group of players into a team of friends, gracious in defeat and humble in victory. They display an attitude to be applauded, which can only be an advantage as they continue their cricketing journey at the club.

Thanks to all the parents for their help scoring, organising and generally supporting the team with good cheer and positive encouragement throughout the year. Thanks also to the coaches and of course to Peter for their input, advice and assistance.

Onwards and upwards to 2019.

Under 10s

U10s year started with approx. 15 players this season most of whom were returning from the previous year.

Season went fairly well and started with a win, but the team only managed 1 more win in the season bringing it to 2 and finishing 7/10 in the league. The lost games however were often close and the boys performed well particularly with their bowling.

They were consistent in the field and have shown some great leadership and team work during the season. And it is clear that they have a great team spirit and some strong team bonds with very good availability all round and supportive and helpful parents showing commitment.

Improvements in batting with winter training would be beneficial for 2019 season.

During the season we were joined by approx. 5 new players bringing total to approx. 20.

The boys have this season expressed their wish to play in “when you’re out you’re out” league in 2019

Under 11s

A very successful year for U11s. First time this team played conventional cricket, won U11 NEC cup (won convincingly against strong Wimbledon team) and finished second in the league. We only lost one match in the whole season. No doubt this year was the best season for this team. Our only defeat this season was against TMW and we only lost by two runs.

It is great to see young players with such commitment. The number of players in the squad grew substantially this year. We managed to field U11 B team in few friendly matches.

Congratulations to the award winners

Clubman of the year went to Diyath for his never give up attitude. Ansh won the batting award for his explosive batting. Anuj won the bowling award for his lethal leg spin. Lastly but not least Abhi won the most improved player award.

A big thank you to parents, family and friends for all the support with umpiring, scoring and setting up the tea for the teams.

Looking forward to the next season.



Under 12s

The U12s had a phenomenal season only losing one match in the NEC League. We started the league campaign with a resounding victory against the former champions Purley CC and carried on in the same vein by beating Cheam CC, Old Whits CC, Oxted & Limpsfield CC, Banstead CC and Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian CC while losing to the eventual champions Reigate CC and tied against Ashted CC in a thrilling encounter.

We finished second in the league with only a point adrift from the 2018 NEC League champions, Reigate CC.

Our journey in Cup championship only lasted for one match as we were ousted in the first round in a close game against Banstead CC.

It's been an awesome year for the team in terms of the overall progress in execution of plans against the opposition, bowling a particular line based upon the strengths and weakness of the opposition batsman and setting the field accordingly.

We boast a line-up of 2 leg-spinners, 1 off spinner and 1 left arm leggy along with 3-4 top end pace bowlers who are capable of challenging any county level batsmen which helped in making this team a formidable bowling unit.

Our batsmen have improved immensely and we rarely lost all our wickets in an innings. We have a combination of technical adept and hard-hitting batsmen to help the team in any situation.

This team's capabilities instigated us in accepting invitation from the elite Surrey Junior Invitational League for the forthcoming 2019 season where the squad will be challenged further.

2018 season also has been great for the development of fringe players as we arranged quite a few friendly matches where opportunities were provided to the upcoming players to improve their skills and thereby boost the strength of the squad.

Under 13s

2018 was another enjoyable season, with the side continuing to make good progress. As often happens at the start of a new season we lost a few players as they moved onto other things. However we also gained a few new ones with a net result of 2 additional players which really helped with availabilities in the second half of the season. Overall the squad was strengthened and all the new lads fitted in well.

On the field, we won over half of the games and finished in the top group in the league. Notable successes for the team were wins against Spencer (twice) and against a decent Old Ruts side in a terrific match. Even in the matches we lost, 3 of them went to the last over which demonstrates how competitive we were.

We also twice recorded our highest ever totals, 189 against Reigate and then 198 against Beddington. Individually we had 4 players scoring over 100 runs, with one scoring over 200, and we had 17 different bowlers taking wickets. It was a great team performance and it's

great to see the spirit continue to grow and to see the way the players remain positive in difficult match situations.

We can look forward to next season with confidence.

Under 14s

A highly enjoyable and successful season for the U14s.

2nd in the league and cup winners was just reward for a small but talented group of boys.

We only twice lost all season both times to Old Whits, who eventually won the league, but got our revenge by defeating them in a nail biting cup final (report below)

Manager Martin Coughlan resigned half way through the season, the boys lost their next game but then embarked on a winning streak until the end of the season, Peter took over the admin duties and along with Dave and Neil managed the boys on match days, many thanks to Martin for all his work over the years, and to all that helped during the season.

End of season awards went to George D, Jake, Dylan and Amrullah, congratulations to them and all of the boys who played during the year.

It was very pleasing to see a number of U14s playing senior cricket, reports back from the senior captains were very positive.

A special mention to Brindon who recorded his maiden 100 before departing to sunny Birmingham, we all wish him well in his new adventure.

Match Report, Cup Final, Sutton U14 vs Old Whits

Sutton U14 came out on top in a thrilling cup final victory at Banstead on Sunday 27th August.

Skipper Jay lost the toss and was inserted on damp wicket, the early loss of the captain and leading run scorer George D saw Sutton at 7 for 2, and No 4 Harsh played an outstanding innings of 56 including a 60 run partnership with Moksh to see Sutton to a competitive 116 for 8 in their 20 overs.

Old Whits starting slowly but recovered and gradually chipped away at the Sutton total, the Old Whits opener made an excellent 56 but wickets fell regularly at the other end, good spells from Dylan and Jay kept the pressure on culminating in 15 required off the last 2 overs, Jay bowled the penultimate over and thoughtful field placing and good fielding left 8 required off the last over, Amarullah roared in, 1, 1, bye (5 needed off 3) dot ball, wicket (opener caught behind) last ball and 5 needed, however a tie will win it for Old Whits as they have lost less wickets, so 4 needed, nick George D catches, cue mass celebrations, Sutton win by 4 runs!

Ultimately Sutton out fielded the opposition to win an excellent final.



Under 15

Our Under 15s made the step up to the Surrey Junior Invitation League, for the top team's right across the county, and fully justified their place in that group. A final position of 8th out of 11, with 4 wins and 6 defeats doesn't tell the full story, though, as our wins came against the sides that finished 2nd, 5th, 6th and 11th, and we only lost to champions East Molesey by 4 runs.

Three matches at Cheam Road typified the season. In our first match v Pyrford, we were cruising to victory but collapsed to lose by 5 runs; v Esher we showed what we were capable of, making 191-4 off 25 overs and holding a very good side to 185 all out off the last ball; and v Bank of England on a blameless track we were bowled out for just 62, but fought hard to get Bank to 43 for 4 before they put a stand together to beat us.

We didn't bat as consistently as in recent seasons, though openers Rhome Jacquart (236 runs at 24) and George Duckworth (141 at 20) quite often both got starts without going on - until, that is, we played Banstead in the league. We had earlier in the season lost in the Cup in the last over to Banstead, but at Avenue Road Rhome and George put on 133, Rhome making his maiden half-century, as we thumped our local rivals by 9 wickets. Captain Josh Green struggled with the bat, but always fronted up for the team, and richly deserved his last-game knock of 61 at Blackheath - here we lost by 2 wickets in the last over. Jay Evemy led the batting with 213 runs at 36, his 50s coming in our wins v Guildford, Esher and Epsom, and Brindhan Ratnasabapathy, though only available for five matches, played two classy innings in his 87 at 22.

Rayyan Hassan, having missed all of 2017 injured, came back better than ever, his left-arm swingers often getting us off to a good start with the ball as he finished with 13 wickets at 15. Next highest wicket-taker was Inamullah with 8 at 15, while Amrullah, Sam Forbes and Josh Green all picked up 7 - in Josh's case, from just 11.2 overs at an average of 10.

We didn't put the brakes on mid-innings with the spinners as in previous years, though, as opponents rarely let bowlers settle in. This meant that we often got to the final few overs with a side's leading batsman at the crease, so keeping the score down at the end proved challenging on occasions.

Fielding has always been a strong suit of this side, and while all sides occasionally drop catches and misfield, there were a number of outstanding catches and stops that were great to see, with Amaan Afridi in particular excelling in the outfield.

Thanks to all the parents for their support, especially Doug Forbes for umpiring and Michelle Green for scoring and organising refreshments, and of course to John Fry and Rehan Ratnasabapathy for their excellent pitches at both Cheam Road and Holmwood Close. I have really enjoyed managing these boys since they were under 11s, and sincerely hope that they all go on to enjoy playing cricket at a senior level.

Under 19s

We entered this year's competition as holders and having won last year without any actual U19's in the squad! However getting 11 eligible players on the pitch proved to be extremely difficult!

Fortunately our first opponents Banstead away, were having similar problems and conceded literally an hour before I was going to.

After losing quite comfortably away at Oxted and Limpsfield, we managed to win our final 3 group games. These included a thrilling last baller at home to Ashted. An excellent bowling and fielding performance at home to Banstead, restricting them to 101 for 7 in 20 then knocking the runs off inside 14 overs. Finally posting 145 for 7 against Reigate, then watching one of their openers smash

50 retired in around 6 overs, before restricting them to 136 for 9!

This all meant that we qualified for a home quarter final against Wimbledon.

This proved to be a best performance as we posted a healthy 154 for 7. Then restricted them to 105 for 8 in their 20.

With our campaign growing in confidence and momentum we had qualified for finals day. However with several players representing Surrey in various games, several on holiday and the U14's playing in their cup final, we could only muster 6 players and had to pull out and allow Wimbledon to take our place!!! Embarrassing!!!!!!

Surrey Trust League

After a fantastic year in 2017, we found ourselves facing the winners of the Kent Trust League in the opening game of the season.

On a typically slow early season surface, with a lush outfield, we posted what seemed a modest 164 in our 40 overs. However it was our strong bowling attack which saw us home, with experienced first teamer Sam Seadon taking 3 for 23 in his 8 overs and young bowlers Blake, Griffin and Ratna taking 2 wickets each.

A fine performance from a brilliant mixture of experience and youth, which makes this competition so valuable to our player development at Sutton.

Continuing this theme, due to a busy schedule and lack of availability of senior players, many of this season's group games were played by very young teams. Despite losing 3 games we gained some valuable experiences, including a fantastic high scoring game away at Sunbury which we unfortunately lost off the final ball! Also chasing down 241 away at Banstead for the loss of only 3 wickets!

This is a great format to play in given the right mixture of youth and experience, something that the players and the club should be taking seriously, and I'm looking forward to next year.

Cricket Week

Another diverse cricket week ensued and it was, generally, a successful one. The summer heatwave continued leaving the ground unsurprisingly parched and brown.

MONDAY – Sutton Ladies 108-7 beat South Nutfield Ladies 88-5 by 20 runs.

A couple of years ago, Sutton would have lost this type of game, a T20 friendly, but the improved fielding and bowling managed to contain an enthusiastic South Nutfield side.

Sutton were without their skipper, Carolyn Brady but her late arriving daughter, Laura, took 1 for 9 off her four overs and, abetted by excellent field placements, cricket week opened with a win.

TUESDAY – Sutton Scorchers 102-3 (13.4) beat Banstead Rams 101-7 (20) by 7 wickets.

This was an ECB Vitality under 19 T20 match which was rather one sided yet mostly entertaining. Former Sutton player, Shanaal Nathan went for 6 and the rather understrength Banstead side never really looked like posing a threat although skipper, Tyler Meyer hit a brisk 38 and Callum Estall 24 late on to get the visitors past the 100 run mark.

Callum Furmidge (24) and Jaimin Patel (42) put on 71 for the first wicket as Sutton eased home. (They need to win their final two matches to make the finals day).

WEDNESDAY – Sutton 177-5 (19.4) beat Worcester Park 175-9 (4) by 5 wickets.

The visitors were rocked by three key cry offs and did well to field a full eleven on the day but they were easily beaten despite an entertaining 62 from Rajistav which allowed a respectable total.

Sutton were too strong and 19 year old Josh Blake passed 1,000 runs for the season on his way to a brisk 100. Nice to see a few opponents hang around after the game although there was a murmur that their fielders did not get their drinks break. This was due, of course, after 20 overs!

THURSDAY – Sutton 233-6 dec (50) lost to Sam Seadon XI 235-7 (41.1) by 3 wickets.

This was the game and day of the week, as a current Sutton side were defeated by Sam Seadon's "ex-Sutton XI" in fine style. Sutton's innings was built around good knocks from Chris Morris (78) and Josh Blake (58) but the highlight of the innings was surely opening bat, Paul Eldridge, hitting Spencer Champ for three boundaries early doors.

The game was competitive although friendly with much banter on the field and from spectators. In hindsight, the declaration was probably too generous as, although Sutton made some early inroads with the ball, David Mercer, now at Leatherhead hit a fine 74 and former Sutton overseas, Nick Foster added an entertaining 78 as the old boys won with nearly 9 overs to spare.

The evening included an excellent fines meeting and it is hoped that this fixture can become an annual event. I really hope so.



FRIDAY – Sutton 260 ao (49) lost to Paralytics 263-2 (43.4) by 8 wickets.

At 61 for 6 Sutton looked in all sorts of trouble as Nick and Richard Clark took 5 early wickets. But Sam Woods (115) and skipper Sam Schofield (69) put on 154 for the 7th wicket allowing a decent total.

However, The Paras included the impressive Hartley Country Club CC South African Magatosi and his 91 not out was probably the best innings seen all week at Cheam Road. Beddington CC batsman Maslona hit a less thrilling 87 as the visitors strolled home with 38 balls to spare.

Many thanks to all the officials, caterers and players for giving their best all week long.

Single Wicket

It is the quality that counts, not the quantity and this old adage certainly covered the 2018 single wicket day which is now latched on to the end of the new cricket week dates.

Just 21 men and 9 women entered but the cricket was of a high standard and certainly entertained the decent crowd boosted by a christening at the club, much to the concern of a certain senior member as a few kids came mighty close to being victims of some hard hitting! The open draw threw up some intriguing ties but first, the women's competition.

This was won by Ameer Ahmad, in her first year at the club since joining from Maidenhead, and she beat the captain Carolyn Brady in the final on balls faced after a 5-5 tie. Carolyn had hit a record 31 in her first round match against wicket keeper Amanda Celliers and defeated Anita Coyne 23-0 in the semi-finals. Ameer had beaten Saskia Harris (15-7) and Dani Borini (10-9) before the much awaited semi-final against Zaresh Rehman. However a routine 1-0 win for Ameer saw her through.

A quick mention for Aly Arzente whose bowling has come on in leaps and bounds this year and more improvement in her batting may see her as a future champion.

The men's first round was most entertaining. Dan Edwards saw off Sam Blake via two huge sixes (22-8) and Venkat won against Nick Clark 11-6.

Spencer Champ won 4-2 against Sam Griffin who survived Spen's hostile bowling at least and Nick Foster, on a short trip over from Australia won 3-2 against Chris Moore, possibly the slowest bowler on show all day?

All eyes were on the Connor Griffin v Josh Blake tie and it didn't disappoint as Connor prevailed 19-18.

The second round saw well backed Sam Woods defeat Rehan Ratnasabapathy 20-15 while the 2nd XI skipper, Jamie Griffin, overcome the 3rd XI skipper, his brother Rob 4-3.

A superb game ensued between first teamers Sam Seadon and Gary Outram with the latter showing his credentials with a 24-23 success much to the horror of Seadog's watching girlfriend and pal (and good fun they were too)!

Richard Sillars, our 2018 pro, edged out Steve Hall 5-4 though Hally hit a superb cover drive; one of the shots of the day.

Ricky Singh hit three maximums in his 23-2 win over Aidan Sheridan and the 1st team skipper, Dan Edwards, was humbled 12-0 by 16 year old Callum Furmidge. Connor Griffin edged out Venkat 7-6 while Nick Foster beat Spencer Champ 12-11.

In the quarter finals, Sam Woods eased past Jamie Griffin 13-5 and some tight bowling by self-proclaimed all-rounder Gary Outram saw him prevail 19-11 against Richard Sillars.

There was some controversy as Ricky Singh escaped punishment for three very wide looking deliveries and that helped him nudge past Callum Furmidge 15-8 while Nick Foster was 6 not out at the death to see off Connor Griffin who was out with the same score.

In the semi-finals, Sam Woods posted a testing 19 but Gary Outram was too strong (22) including a massive six and Nick Foster eased past Ricky Singh 5-3.

The final saw Outram bowled off the 9th ball for 20 giving Foster every chance but he fell 7th ball for just 5.

So we had two new recipients of the tankard in 2018 which is always good to see. It had been an enjoyable watch

Thanks to Percy for the admin, to Sleazy and Aly for the BBQ, to Sam Griffin, the bookie, and the umpires, Bob McLeod, Steve Foster and John Fordham.

Also thanks to Sleazy for the incisive commentary and to Ian Philippe for the presentation speech.

The evening was rounded off by copious ales and varied music and a very long week was over.

Hay Cup

After a successful change of venue in 2017 we once again donned the Plus 4s for a walk across Epsom downs with a 'bag of sticks' as so elegantly put by Matt (Bear) Lewis!

Given the early finish to the cricket season this year we decided to bring the event forward by a week on the 27th September to hopefully give us the chance to grab on to some final rays of sunshine and boy were we not disappointed, 23 degrees meant it was a perfect day for golf in shorts, although looking at some of the legs on show, rain may have been better!

Once again we split the day into 3 sections, 8 holes to warm up in the morning and get the shoulders loose followed by the lunchtime Simulator Nearest the Pin competition laid on by EGC. Playing in his first Hay Cup, Sam Griffin was given the task of picking the ideal hole to play and it would be fair to say given his choice of the Postage Stamp at Royal Troon that he will not be given the choice next year. Only one person managed to land on the green so we all applauded Paul Liddiard for picking up this award!

The afternoon's main event followed, and everyone had their game faces on. Undulating greens and narrow fairways again proved that this would be a tough day, but Sunny Luthra on his second appearance played some steady golf all day picking up the guest award with 36 points.

The Hay Cup award for the members was a slightly tighter contest with 3 players all scoring 31 points and according to the trophy the lowest score to ever win.....so a feat in itself! Andy Alabaster once again, being one of the bridesmaids coming 3rd on countback, although with some consolation that he too picked up the longest drive and nearest the pin awards. Second was Paul Liddiard with 17 points on the back 9 but this year's winner, coming home with 19 points and putting a new name on the trophy is Robert Griffin.

We once again thank Epsom GC for their hospitality and look forward to 2019, and hopefully seeing a few more members out there on the course!