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Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club Officers 2021

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Club Captain	Simon Hasted
1st XI	Sean Dobbs
2nd XI	Peter Lamb
3rd XI	Graeme Bennison
4th XI	David Baily/Jes Goode
5 th XI	Tim Gregory

Chairman's Statement

In my fourth and final year as Chairman of Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club, I was delighted that we had a slightly more normal year than 2020, when we had played so little cricket because of the Covid 19 pandemic. Although Covid did continue to overshadow so many aspects of the game, with changing rooms out of use and no teas for much of the season, in addition to the challenging situation that many players were forced to sit out some weekends, whilst suffering from covid or simply isolating from the virus, we did manage to play a full season of league, junior and women's cricket. Despite the challenges, the club enjoyed a largely successful season.

Seniors

- Our 1st XI successfully navigated their way to safety despite a young side and some batting challenges. Matt Bennison enjoyed a very strong start to the season with the bat and entertained us royally with superb match reports all season long. Ajit Sambhi had a fantastic first season with the club, bamboozling most oppositions with his brilliant spin and deservedly won player of the year and was the league division 2 league wicket taker. Andrew Crookham played in the 4th XI with me not that many years ago, so to see him bowl consistently well all season and deservedly win the Robin Pine Trophy was really pleasing and a reminder of why we encourage our younger players to play as much adult league cricket as possible as soon as they are old enough.
- Sadly, the 2nd XI were relegated from a very strong division but were passionately led by Peter Lamb all year and I am sure, will bounce back next season.
- Congratulations to our 3rd XI who won the Division 8 league and therefore promotion, going through a large part of the season unbeaten. They were once again led by the evergreen Graeme Bennison and complemented by other senior players like Guy Montgomery and Ben Hubbard.
- The 4th XI were co captained by club legends Jes Goode and David Bailly and had a decent season finishing mid table and developing many exciting young players not least their own sons Arun Goode and Tom Bailly. In fact, Tom and David ended up playing most of the season in the third team and played a massive part in their total domination of their division.
- The newly formed 5th XI provided cricket for a whole host of new players at the newly developed Keepers Green venue, which proved a huge success. Although the team only won one game, it delivered everything that was intended to, in that it provided a platform to bring women and girls into adult league cricket and also allowed a number of young juniors to start their league cricket career, who might not otherwise have had many opportunities to play.

Juniors

Our junior section had another hugely successful season growing rapidly to a point where some age groups had to establish a waiting list. We had 154 juniors registered on Teamo for the 2021 season for 5 – 18 years of age. James Mayne and Sean Dobbs did an absolutely incredible job again, managing so many different players and were, as always, complemented by volunteer coaches, managers, and very supportive parents.

Future

The long-term future of our club is largely dictated by the strength of our junior section, when I joined the club seven years ago this area had been struggling but thanks to the incredible efforts of James and Sean and so many other people it is now absolutely thriving. Proof of this is best illustrated by the fact that two of our teams went to and won, the end of season tournaments at the Hove. Quite incredibly 5 of our junior sides also won their respective leagues, an amazing achievement!! We are fortunate to have a naturally very talented crop of youngsters, many of whom are representing Sussex, but this is also complemented by rapidly improving young players who train hard and are eager to learn. James will report in more detail on our juniors later in this report.

The club committee is cognisant of the need to continue its recent positive development and to do this we need to recruit more volunteers to grow the club in the future. It is really important that parents of the junior groups become more active in the management of the club if we are to continue to build on our recent success. There are so many ways to help, whether it be in the management of a junior team, voluntary coaching or assisting with any of the social events and projects we engage in to raise funds to secure our future. Please don't hesitate to contact the club if you think you would like to help in any way possible.

Women & Girls

I'm very pleased to say that our women's and girls' section grew strongly again this year with 38 registered on Teamo and 12 girls attending our new Dynamo's for Girls program.

Matt Geffen and Lara Johnson provided hugely entertaining Monday night coaching sessions that had great attendance levels and introduced a lot of new people to the wonderful game of cricket. We once again entered the softball league and played as many players as we could to make sure everyone who wanted to, gained to useful match experience. There was also opportunity to play hardball cricket both from a combined enterprise with our great friends at West Wittering, who joined us to form the Western Roar and reached the semi-finals of the Sussex Slam. As earlier mentioned, I'm also very proud that four women and girls, Lara Johnson, Emma Bennison and the highly promising duo, Anna Scriven-Wood and Poppy Walker all regularly played in the Saturday 5TH eleven, acquitting themselves with great credit.

For the first time in 2021, we also launched the ECB Dynamo's program for girls aged 8 – 11 years old and were delighted with the turn out on a weekly basis at all the training nights. It is our ambition to build this further next and hopefully be able to enter a girls team into the junior league competition very soon.

Thank you

A very big thank you to all our umpires and scorers. Bryan Tomalin umpired around 1000 matches as ever and did a great job as fixture secretary, a job made even more complex by the introduction of the 5th XI.

Cathy Gregory, Jan Barnes, and Philippa Spicer scored lots of games, which is a huge help to the club and hopefully we can recruit more help with this area next year, especially with the introduction of electronic scoring, which makes life so much easier (honestly Jan it really does).

Off the field the club had a very successful year from a fundraising perspective. Simon Hasted the clubs Vice Chairman deservedly won the Dyer Quaich trophy having led the fundraising effort, which raised £15,000 via a crowdfunding initiative that also utilised ECB match funding. The proceeds went to enhancing the facilities at Goodwood providing a new batting cage and 2 hybrid training pitches. Thank you to everyone who supported that event.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all our sponsors who have supported us so strongly in recent years. Goodwood Estate, George Ide, Rathbones and Marchwood all have made a huge contribution to our club, financially supporting us through thick and thin and allowing us to develop the club in many ways, especially with respect to junior and women's cricket.

Thanks also to our social media team who were so energetically led by Anna Davies, Matt Bennison and Matt Geffen who posted so much useful and entertaining information which is great for the club's overall profile, recruitment, member engagement and sponsorship recognition.

Simon Hasted, James Mayne, Ben Hubbard, and the absolutely tireless Lisa Rustell, successfully introduced Teamo this season for the collection of subscription and match fees which, Ben tells me, has led to a significantly enhanced level of cash collection for the club and we hope made it much easier for parents and players alike. It says a lot about the growth of our club that we had over 500 people on Teamo by the end of the year.

Future

We are continuing to try hard to improve the facilities of the club. Although Covid has definitely held this back, we have made some progress, albeit rather slowly, with our plan to assist Chichester District Council to redevelop the White Pavilion in Priory Park. We are deeply grateful to Nathaniel Gee who has produced what we think, is a fantastic plan to redevelop the now dilapidated building and we are working with the CDC to gain approval, although I can say that we have already met with a frustrating objection on 'conservation' grounds. We will continue to work with the council to rectify this situation and have the full support of local interest groups, who fully recognize the benefits of what we are trying to achieve for the wider local community.

Conclusion

My last four years as Chairman have been a hugely rewarding time, albeit at times somewhat frustrating (see above comments on White Pavilion development). I believe the club to be in good shape and with the support of such great, committed people leading it into the future, it can continue to go from strength to strength. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has provided me with such great support over recent years, not least my wife Cathy, who has been so patient in listening to my constant chatter with respect to everything cricket and has helped with the ever-growing administrative burden. I intend to remain on the club's committee to continue the work of developing women's cricket and look forward to seeing you all again next year for what hopefully will be another great season for the Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club.

Tim Gregory
Chairman

Financial Report Summary

- The club recorded a cash loss of £1,745.
 - This includes around £14k of improvements (£10k in Goodwood pitches and £4k in new sight screens at Priory Park) which are not capitalised.
 - Key items that contributed to the loss include the unbudgeted replacement of Priory Park sights screens (£1.1k) and additional junior coaching equipment, including that related to Keeper's Green (£1k).
- There have been several important financial events during the year:
 - Significant increase in subscriptions largely due to and expansion of the women / girls membership and the introduction of a Men's 5XI.
 - Introduction of Teamo to assist with subscription and match fee collection
 - £15k raised through Crowdfunding, £10k of which was used (in conjunction with £10k from Goodwood Cricket Club) to install new hybrid wickets at Goodwood
 - Gaining access to a further cricket pitch at Keepers Green (making this the club's 3rd primary ground after Goodwood and Priory Park)
 - Awarding of a £1,250 grant from the ECB to assist in expanding women's cricket
 - Two of the sightscreens in Priory Park were damaged in the storm and removed by CDC. Our insurers have indicated they will provide £2.5k towards the £3.6k cost of replacements.
 - Building of the new club website at a cost (including hosting) of around £700.
 - Discussions have continued with CDC regarding the renovation and leasing of the White Pavilion in Priory Park. This includes the club spending £375 on a pre-planning application.
- The club has ample liquidity with around £33k in the bank.
- The support from the local business community through sponsorship is critical to the financial success of the club. Without their support, we would be unable to operate the club with our current subscription / match fee structure. A special mention to our primary sponsors of Rathbones, George Ide and the Goodwood Estate for their continued and very generous support.
- We would also like to thank Nathaniel Gee from Nathaniel Gee Architects for preparing the drawings for the proposed White Pavilion renovation on a pro bono basis.
- Finally, thanks to the committee and team captains for all their efforts this year.

Ben Hubbard

Treasurer

CPPCC Season Rankings - All teams

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	No result
1 st XI	20	7	1	10	2
2 nd XI	18	2	0	16	0
3 rd XI	18	15	0	2	1
4 th XI	16	5	0	9	2
5 th XI	15	1	0	12	2
T20	3	1	0	2	0
Women's Slam	6	2	0	3	1
Women's Softball	4	0	0	2	2

2021 Seniors Awards

Dyer Quaich	Simon Hasted
Club All-rounder	Martin Ford
1 st XI Player of the Season	Ajit Sambhi
2 nd XI Player of the Season	Will Price
3 rd XI Player of the Season	Guy Montgomery
4 th XI Player of the Season	Max Smith
5 th XI Player of the Season	Jonah Hutchings



Club All-rounder: Martin Ford

1st XI - Season Report

After the weird and not so wonderful 2020 season, we entered 2021 in the hope of a normal, uninterrupted festival of Cricket with glorious sunshine and runs and wickets a plenty.

We got barely any sunshine, a fair few wickets and not enough runs if the truth be told that said we finished 5th in a very competitive division 2 and a lot of our better performances and wins were against the top teams in the division.

The turnover of players since our last league campaign was significant. Sharpey and Fordy played in the truncated 2020 season and were joined by Ajit and Tarryck (overseas) as well as a plethora of our young guns and of course a new old man at the helm.

After a couple of good performances in pre-season, we started against Roffey at home and were undone by a quite brilliant innings as one of their batters scored 140 out of 230 to nick a win for the opposition. In game 5 we beat St James away in a nail biter that should have acted as a springboard but did the opposite as Geff was ruled out for a month. We found ourselves in a spot of bother after a

winless streak, but the return of the talisman at home to Lindfield and a heart stopping win at home against Horsham gave us a bit of momentum and belief. The great Mayfield robbery was up next and after a second close defeat to eventual and worthy champions Bognor, we sealed div 2 status with an easy 1 wicket win against Billingshurst chasing just over 200.

Finishing fifth was about right, our bowling attack when fit and firing was as good as any but batting wise, we simply weren't up to the task in too many games. Ajit finished with 40 poles and was the leading wicket taker in the division as well as our runaway player of the year. Notable mentions to Fordy for his all-round contributions and never say die spirit, as well Crooks who stepped up effortlessly into his role as a first team regular. Timmy's performances in the second half of the season were excellent and the group of youngsters we have is exciting and also a great reflection on the emphasis the club places on youth.

So, onto 2022 and we simply have to be better. We improved without doubt, but mid table mediocrity isn't something we as a club should be overly happy with and I will strive to push this team forward. With hard work over the winter and hopefully a couple of new additions the aim as always will be to compete and try to win every game we play, if we get that right then league positions will take care of themselves.

A huge thanks to the committee for your hard work and my soundboards who have helped keep me sane with sound advice. A special thanks this year to Tim Gregory, our outgoing chairman. We have made great strides under your leadership and the club as a whole is in a fantastic position.

I wish you all a restful and peaceful winter and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sean Dobbs
Captain



1st Team Player of the Season: Ajit Sambhi

1st XI: Sussex Cricket League Division 2

Batting Statistics: 1st XI

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	N/OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	ST RATE
1	Tarryck Gabriel	14	14	1	497	100	38.23	4	1	70.54
2	M Bennison	16	16	1	426	82	28.40	3	0	59.72
3	Tim Wergen	15	15	0	395	68	26.33	3	0	78.82
4	Sean Dobbs	18	17	1	274	33	17.13	0	0	59.03
5	Simon Hasted	14	14	1	267	68	20.54	1	0	47.38
6	Martin Ford	14	11	3	228	43	28.50	0	0	50.87
7	Mike Smith	16	16	1	223	70	14.87	1	0	96.45
8	Ajit Sambhi	17	15	3	169	36	14.08	0	0	73.21
9	Ed McCarthy	6	6	1	109	41	21.80	0	0	100.93
10	Owen Spicer	11	10	1	103	25	11.44	0	0	44.39

Bowling Statistics: 1st XI

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST	5 WKT	ECON	STR RATE	AVR
1	Ajit Sambhi	184.5	38	608	42	5/35	2	3.29	26.40	14.48
2	Andrew Crookham	124.3	17	542	19	3/62	0	4.35	39.32	28.53
3	Tarryck Gabriel	113.5	13	420	16	4/20	0	3.69	42.69	26.25
4	Martin Ford	84.2	17	340	11	3/39	0	4.03	46.00	30.91
5	Matthew Geffen	74.4	14	276	10	4/12	0	3.70	44.80	27.60
6	Ben Gregory	55	4	273	9	4/38	0	4.96	36.67	30.33
7	Owen Spicer	24	0	107	3	2/18	0	4.46	48.00	35.67



1ST XI Team 2021

2nd XI - Season Report

After the second lockdown the wait for a full season of cricket in 2021 seemed a very a long one. Many amazing people put in lots of hard work to prepare us for what would undoubtedly be a challenging season. The 2nd XI was one of only two second elevens in Division 4 West and the reshuffling after the changes to the league structure were starting to take effect.

However, there was plenty of optimism with much to look forward to, with a few new faces, some Juniors coming through the ranks and a few players anxious to make their mark. If we could have gained a couple of wins under our belt early the thought was that we could really have a chance to compete in this league. At this point I'd just like to say a massive thank you to all those that turned out for the 2's this season.

Compete is what the 2nd XI did throughout the season, picking up points in most games, just not quite putting in that full performance to get us over the line. It finally came together in the second Stirland's match, the first win of two in the season. There were a couple of other matches when if close calls had gone our way we could well have been in a very different position.

On to the team itself, Will Price scoring 349 league runs @23.27 became literally the first player on the team sheet, taking the first ball of any innings is a real responsibility and he is well deserving of the 2nd XI player of the year.

Toby Toft after growing about 2ft in the last 18 months and sporting a questionable hair style really came of age as a senior cricketer. Toby made some very good batsmen look like they had never played the game before, with his tall left arm orthodox bagging 21 wickets and best figures of 4/11. 185 runs showing his batting abilities too, there's lots more to come from him I'm sure and he truly earned most improved player.

There are plenty of players I'd also like to mention like the ever present and Jack of all trades Johnny Maynard, the experienced, combative, and sometimes grumpy James Mayne who helped me immeasurably throughout the season. The big Mitts and even bigger sixes of Glen Stanford, Billy O'Brien with his massive in-swingers and magic deliveries, not forgetting Paul Vickers whose best performance must have been at the Rainbow at the end of the season.

These players are just a few of the many involved in what was a very challenging season. However, all in all it was a good learning experience and there were many positives that can be taken forward into 2022. Sorry if I have not named you directly and thank you for to all players that represented the 2nd XI in 2021. The 2's always felt like a team with good laughs, camaraderie and fight which augers well for the future.

Even though at times it was just extremely challenging, it truly was a pleasure to captain you all this season and thank you all for your support. After having a little break I'm looking forward to getting back out there in 2022 as I hope you all are to! There are some very good teams in our 2022 League and some very nice grounds to visit and our ground at Goodwood is improving every year, I am confident that we will be more than capable of holding our own.

Many thanks,

Peter Lamb
Captain



2nd XI Player of the Season: Will Price

2nd XI -Sussex League Cricket Division 4 West

Batting Statistics: 2nd XI

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	N/OUT	RUNS	H SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STR
1	William Price	16	16	0	349	51	21.81	1	0	42.67
2	Peter Lamb	15	15	0	246	51	16.40	1	0	61.62
3	Paul Vickers	9	9	0	186	52	20.67	1	0	74.85
4	Toby Toft	15	15	0	185	33	12.33	0	0	89.63
5	Glen Stanford	12	12	3	178	41	19.78	0	0	90.43
6	J Maynard	17	17	0	144	23	8.47	0	0	36.63
7	Owen Spicer	6	6	1	139	53	27.80	1	0	58.59
8	Ed McCarthy	9	9	0	99	32	11.00	0	0	76.19
9	Ben Gregory	5	5	0	70	34	14.00	0	0	52.43
10	Simon Hasted	4	4	0	61	26	15.25	0	0	58.70

Bowling Statistics: 2nd XI

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST	5 WKT	ECON	STR RATE	AVERAGE
1	Toby Toft	69.4	9	342	21	4/11	0	4.91	19.90	16.29
2	James Mayne	63.3	5	305	12	4/28	0	4.80	31.75	25.42
3	Elliot Scott	70	13	266	11	4/9	0	3.80	38.18	24.18
4	J Maynard	20.1	1	86	8	3/22	0	4.26	15.13	10.75
5	Peter Lamb	37.3	2	218	7	3/17	0	5.81	32.14	31.14
6	Billy O'Brien	39	0	192	7	3/23	0	4.92	33.43	27.43
7	James Rowe	64.3	7	279	6	2/48	0	4.33	64.50	46.50
8	Corey Perrett	24	6	79	5	2/25	0	3.29	28.80	15.80
9	Owen Spicer	40	0	263	4	2/58	0	6.58	60.00	65.75
10	S Mayne	41	0	267	4	2/40	0	6.51	61.50	66.75



2nd XI Team 2021

3rd XI - Season Report

After a disappointing and truncated season in 2020, we started 2021 full of optimism. As ever we regard the 3rd XI as the springboard to senior cricket played by the 1s and 2s, since taking over the captaincy, it has been my ambition lift the team to within 2 divisions of the 2nd XI.

We started with a strong squad, a mixture of experience and potential, Monty, Johnny, Ben, Alex providing the experienced backbone of our team, together with Harry, Greg, and potential in the form of Tom, Shiv, Billy and Jonty. We were well supported throughout the club, and we had a number of players who contributed significantly through the season in total 35 players represented the 3rd XI across our 18 game season.

The season started well, with strong batting contributions, from Alex (182runs) and Ben (488runs), and Johnny (328runs) performing his finishing role to a tee. We took games away from the opposition by batting first & posting strong totals, before strangling their batting with Monty's brilliant and miserly opening spells (29wkts) and Tom's excellent and economical off-spin(22wkts), before bamboozling them with Stanley's leg-spin(19wkts), and on occasions, Johnny finishing off games with the ball (13wkts). Billy (9wkts) was rightly promoted to 2s and Toby likewise becoming 2s top wicket taker. As a team we were helped out by some cameo performances in a number of very close finishes, James (7/47) coming back from injury vs Broadwater in a 1 run victory, Louis (55* and 3/20 vs Brighton), and Johnny variously across the 1st half of the season. David (254) had the opportunity to bat with Tom (117) and give the team the benefit of his experience, and Shiv's batting (198) and wicketkeeping (12 dismissals) continued to develop as the season progressed as he made the opening slot his own. We made great progress as a team and a club through the season, blooding a number of junior players at higher levels and giving them experience to help them prepare for the future. Max, Saam, Rory, James, Dominic, all performing well and preparing for 2022 and beyond.

As a team we had a tremendous season, winning 15 of the 17 games completed, and securing promotion and the league title with games to spare. We had several close games which required resolve and confidence, and our young team took on the challenge and came through.

So to 2022, our ambition must be to push forward to bring through the next batch of 2s players, whilst pushing for promotion to Division 6.

Great season, well done all 35 players who have represented 3s in 2021, and thanks to Mike Dannatt for his umpiring which improves each year.

Regards

Graeme Bennison
Captain



3rd XI Player of the Season: Guy Montgomery

3rd XI - Sussex Cricket League Division 8

Batting Statistics: 3rd XI

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INN	N/OT	RUNS	H SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STR RATE
1	Ben Hubbard	12	12	2	488	112*	48.80	4	1	88.89
2	J Heaven	8	8	3	328	76	65.60	3	0	-
3	G Bennison	17	14	5	278	63	30.89	2	0	50.77
4	David Baily	10	9	0	254	60	28.22	2	0	82.20
5	Shiv Naik	16	14	3	198	37*	18.00	0	0	54.90
6	Greg French	12	12	1	188	38	17.09	0	0	45.35
7	Alex Burrows	6	6	0	182	74	30.33	1	0	-
8	Harry Randell	10	10	0	159	39	15.90	0	0	41.94
9	Tom Baily	15	9	1	117	31	14.63	0	0	35.14
10	Louis Gibbons	6	5	3	100	55*	50.00	1	0	0.00

Bowling Statistics: 3rd XI

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST	5 WKT	ECON	STR RATE	AVE
1	Guy Montgomery	118	20	346	29	5/40	1	2.93	24.41	11.93
2	Tom Baily	101.1	12	351	22	4/22	0	3.47	27.59	15.95
3	Stanley Mayne	70.5	4	333	19	4/34	0	4.70	22.37	17.53
4	Jonathon Heaven	40.2	6	126	13	4/36	0	3.12	18.62	9.69
5	Billy O'Brien	32.1	3	96	9	3/14	0	2.98	21.44	10.67
6	Graeme Bennison	15.3	4	36	8	3/2	0	2.32	11.63	4.50
7	James Mayne	24.2	5	92	8	7/47	1	3.78	18.25	11.50
8	Louis Gibbons	29	3	109	8	3/20	0	3.76	21.75	13.63
9	Toby Toft	26	0	105	6	3/30	0	4.04	26.00	17.50
10	Jonty Stanford	45	5	211	6	2/32	0	4.69	45.00	35.17



3rd XI Team 2021

4th XI - Season Report

Firstly, my thanks as always goes to the Committee who work so hard behind the scenes throughout the year to ensure that this Club provides as best as practicably possible an opportunity for all its members to play cricket in arguably two of the finest quintessential settings one could ever ask to play, that of Goodwood and Priory Park.

I certainly took the field on many an occasion this season, post Covid pandemic, having to pinch myself thinking how lucky and fortunate I was to be playing cricket at such special grounds, that over the years growing up I had once taken for granted. Now it is the turn of those juniors that now play in the 4th XI who may not quite understand how lucky they are to be playing on such grounds who will one day look back and think the same as I and so many past and present players do.

In all, over the season, the 4th XI team were represented by 38 players in total, of which 17 players were under the age of 16 and at every game we had least 7 to 8 junior players under the age of 18 playing. This is truly a fantastic achievement by every one of them and not one looked out of place, holding their own playing adult league cricket. It also shows the strength and depth of our excellent junior section that feeds our senior teams up through the years.

The 4th XI played 16 matches, winning 5 matches, losing 9 and 2 being abandoned due to weather, coming a respectable 6th in the League. A tremendous effort when you consider the opposition fielded far more adults than juniors.

I was ably assisted sharing the skipper's duties with both Jes Goode and Steve Parker and my thanks goes out to them for taking over the baton. We were all so very impressed as to how our youngsters grew in confidence and maturity over the season and were unfazed by the competitiveness and edginess (at times) of our opponents.

Special mention must go out to our juniors Fred Gillett, James Connolly and Tom Baily for scoring their first League fifties. Oscar Pitman, Max Smith, Joe O'Brien, Dominic Ortlepp-Atkins, Saam Alam, Seb McNamara and James Connolly for taking wickets. The latter James Connolly taking the most wickets for the team in the season with 18 wickets.

Most notable also was 13-year-old Arran Goode our 4th team wicket keeper, who stood behind the stumps and did brilliantly against both pace and spin bowling. Well done to Arran who never flinched when he got pinned by a rearing 'snorter' of a ball on some of the more suspect opposition pitches that we played on. He also scored some important runs at the most crucial times in the game, with 30 odd run 'cameos' with the bat that kept us in the game.



4th Team Player of Season: Max Smith

Of course, it was not just the juniors who took all the limelight. Our all-rounder Jes Goode took 6 for 27 in one game and Stuart Gillett with his hard-hitting prowess especially of anything full or short really helped the side make some respectable scores. Steve Price as always scoring a few fifties too. Last, but not least, how lovely it was to see so many cricketing Dad's play with their sons. In total we had 6 father and sons combinations play in the 4th XI team together this season, something that is so very special and one that will live long in the memory of both father and son.

Many thanks,

David Baily
Captain

4th XI - Sussex Cricket League Division 11

Batting Statistics: 4th XI

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	N/OT	RUNS	HIGH	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	David Baily	5	5	3	218	95*	109.00	2	0	109.52
2	Stephen Price	11	11	1	200	59	20.00	2	0	30.88
3	David G-Wood	6	5	2	150	75*	50.00	2	0	74.07
4	Steve Parker	11	9	1	149	33	18.63	0	0	34.48
5	Jes Goode	10	7	1	141	46*	23.50	0	0	91.49
6	James Connolly	10	8	1	119	55	17.00	1	0	61.64
7	Arran Goode	13	9	4	118	38*	23.60	0	0	22.22
8	Freddie Gillett	7	7	1	114	59	19.00	1	0	-
9	Darren Connolly	4	3	1	106	65*	53.00	1	0	-
10	Oscar Pitman	10	7	3	67	32	16.75	0	0	70.00

Bowling Statistics: 4th XI

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST	5 WKT	ECON	STR RATE	AVG
1	James Connolly	59.5	4	261	18	4/17	0	4.36	19.94	14.50
2	Jes Goode	63.4	8	243	14	6/27	1	3.82	27.29	17.36
3	Max Smith	61	9	239	12	2/8	0	3.92	30.50	19.92
4	S McNamara	24.5	1	118	7	3/21	0	4.75	21.29	16.86
5	Freddie Gillett	44	5	183	7	2/7	0	4.16	37.71	26.14
6	Saam Alam	30	2	163	6	3/32	0	5.43	30.00	27.17
7	Oscar Pitman	46	6	273	6	2/10	0	5.93	46.00	45.50
8	D Ortlepp-Atkins	33.2	1	159	5	2/14	0	4.77	40.00	31.80
9	D Graham-Wood	30	5	107	4	1/2	0	3.57	45.00	26.75
10	Jonah Hutchings	9.4	0	45	3	3/17	0	4.66	19.33	15.00

5th XI – Season Report

When we made the exciting decision to launch a fifth eleven to play Saturday League cricket, we had three main reasons to do so. Firstly, we wanted to give more of the up and coming young players in our club the opportunity to experience the competitive environment that playing in a league situation provides. Secondly it had become apparent that we needed another team to accommodate a number of more senior players (myself included) who still wanted to play on a Saturday afternoon and thirdly and arguably most importantly, it was an opportunity to bring women and girl players into the team as part of our long term plan to grow our women's and girls section.

Despite an appalling summer that led three of our sixteen games to be abandoned and all the challenges that Covid 19 continued to bring, we managed to complete 12 games conceding only 1 (when our junior players and their parents triumphantly went to Hove with their parents to lift the Champions League). I think this was quite an achievement and I was also very proud that we had women and girl players in the side every week bar one and we normally had at least 2 or 3 female players representing us.

The arrival of a fifth team meant that the club needed a third ground. Keepers Green provided an absolutely excellent new home for us with great facilities, which were widely complemented by visiting teams. We fervently hope we will be able to keep this facility going for adult and junior cricket for many years to come.

Although we only won one game, most weeks we were competitive and with a bit more luck we could have easily come away with 4 or 5 victories.

Of the senior players Roger Smith continued to be ultra-consistent with the bat and ball all season and he was complemented by a new-comer in Paul Walker, whose enthusiasm is exactly what this team is all about, as is our desire for parents to be playing with their children, Poppy Walker played with great credit in many games and is a very promising talent for the future. We had other new seniors making debuts including Orlando Gibbons and I was delighted that Simon Crundwell and his son Ben teamed up for the last game of the season and hopefully will play a lot more next year.

Of the juniors, there were so many young players who did well and constantly improved as the year went on. Rhys Hall and James Scriven Wood were regulars who will also hopefully keep improving and be even better in 2022, while it may be that players like Jonah Hutchings and Lucas Toft will be playing at a higher level. Jonah was absolutely pivotal in our one win over Worthing and bowled, batted and fielded superbly every week scoring a maiden 50 against Broadwater. Like his brother, Lucas Toft is a highly promising player with a very bright future bowling left arm seam and already hitting the ball miles further than I ever could.

Of the women and girls, apart from Poppy Walker; Anna Scriven Wood, Emma Bennison and Lara Johnson all played regularly and did really well, and I hope all of them will be back with us again next year. A special mention must go to Lara Johnson who joined us in 2021 and helped out massively with playing and coaching the women's section.

I must also mention Andy and Jan Barnes who provided fantastic support umpiring and scoring nearly every week. I would also like to thank all the parents of the younger players who so regularly came to support us.

I am delighted to say that the cricket committee has made the decision to run the fifth eleven again next year. I am determined that once again it will accommodate players of all abilities, women players and aspiring juniors who can use it as a stepping-stone to improve their game and move up to higher teams in the fullness of time.

Tim Gregory
Captain



5th XI Player of the Season: Jonah Hutchings

Batting Statistics: 5th XI Division 12

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	N/O	RUNS	HIGH	AVG	50s	100s	ST RATE
1	Roger Smith	14	13	2	214	31	19.45	0	0	67.86
2	Tim Gregory	13	11	1	136	32	13.60	0	0	69.01
3	Paul Walker	8	7	0	133	63	19.00	1	0	64.22
4	Jonah Hutchings	8	8	1	116	56	16.57	1	0	52.94
5	Thomas McHarg	9	9	1	98	25	12.25	0	0	21.13
6	Teddy Phillipo	6	6	0	76	50	12.67	1	0	30.16
7	Rhys Hall	14	13	1	74	27	6.17	0	0	5.88
8	James Scrivin-Wood	9	8	2	56	19	9.33	0	0	51.28
9	Lucas Toft	9	7	0	45	19	6.43	0	0	178.57
10	David Graham-Wood	3	3	0	42	33	14.00	0	0	26.32

Bowling Statistics: 5th XI

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST	5 WKT	ECON	ST RATE	AVG
1	Roger Smith	94.2	17	288	14	5/17	1	3.05	40.43	20.57
2	Lucas Toft	40.4	2	202	9	3/54	0	4.97	27.11	22.44
3	Viren Chudasama	43.3	1	291	9	3/48	0	6.69	29.00	32.33
4	Jonah Hutchings	28	1	143	8	3/13	0	5.11	21.00	17.88
5	Paul Walker	39	4	169	7	5/26	1	4.33	33.43	24.14



CPPCC Women's Report

2021 saw us enter our first women's teams into the Sussex league competitions. We felt strongly that it was important for our girls and ladies to have something to strive for and so for the first time we entered:

- Sussex Women's Softball League
- Sussex Women's Hardball League (joint with West Wittering)
- 5th XI Mixed Team – Sussex Saturday League (Hardball)
- Dynamos for Girls (aged 8-11)

Following a very active recruitment campaign on social media and local press, we were thrilled to be that we had an unprecedented response to our advertisements encouraging women and girls of all ages and abilities to join us for our free taster sessions at the beginning of the season and then subsequent free training sessions. 38 women and girls registered to play with over 25 regularly attending our dedicated women's training on Monday nights throughout the season. This is nearly a 100% increase on the previous year.

In addition, we secured a dedicated ladies coach and mentor, Lara Johnson who works for the Sussex Cricket Foundation, to help us drive this division forward. Matt Geffen & Lara Johnson and Matt Sharpe provided the weekly training sessions which were enjoyed by all who attended, and Tim Gregory managed the Women's Section. Together they were all instrumental in making this season such a success for all concerned.



Sussex Women's Softball League:

We were immensely proud of our amazing group of ladies who bravely played in their first ever competitive cricket games this season. Over the season over 20 different players represented CPPCC in the Women's Softball League. While our success in games won was low, our success on enthusiasm and enjoyment was very high!



Sussex Women's Hardball League:

This year we decided to enter a combined team with West Wittering in the Women's Hardball league to provide our more experienced players the opportunity to play hardball competitive cricket. The combined team was called the 'Western Roar'. We were all delighted when they made it into the semi-final of the Sussex Slam competition.

5th XI Mixed Team:

For the first time in 2021, CPPCC entered a 5th XI Saturday League team to give much needed opportunities and experience to our female players wishing to play hardball cricket & juniors coming through our ranks, all supported by some of our most senior players in the club. This made for wonderful team camaraderie, and they were affectionately known at the club as 'The Chives' (and mixed herbs). We are proud to say that we had at least 2 ladies playing every week led by our ladies coach, Lara Johnson.

Dynamos for Girls:

Another first came when we decided to launch our first Dynamos Programme for Girls only (aged 8-11). Girls are of course invited and encouraged to join our mixed training sessions in all age groups but, the input we received suggested that girls in this age group can sometimes be too self-conscious to attend mixed gender sessions, so we thought to encourage their participation and make them feel as comfortable as possible, we would offer a dedicated training session just for them. We were delighted to have 12 registrations and very well attended sessions throughout the season.



CPPCC Junior Report

Our objective at the start of the season was to get as many of our junior members playing cricket as possible. It was a wretched winter, and it is almost unthinkable now that our young people were denied the opportunity to get outdoors and play sport. Thankfully for cricket the lifting of restrictions enabled us to offer a full season. The rain didn't always help at times, and I hate cancelling training sessions or games, but we did our best to play whenever we could.

I love cricket statistics, but I am in the minority, so I won't bore you with any numbers. Knowing the quality of our junior section it will be no surprise to hear we won a lot of cricket matches and I don't think we have had a better set of Festival matches results than we did this season. Certainly not in the last 5 years. We also had a lot of fun and cricket was enjoyed as best as it can be. Cricket is a tough sport and success doesn't come easy.

The Club's leadership are extremely passionate about the integration of our junior and senior sections of the Club. We very much want to continue to provide a pathway for our juniors to play through their age groups with their peer group and at the same time have the opportunity to play alongside the seniors on a Saturday. To be able to do this successfully takes an enormous amount of understanding from Senior Captains and fellow players and we owe a massive thank you for everyone involved.

Especially our chairman who pushed through the creation of a 5th Eleven, despite not knowing whether they would have a pitch to play on. We have not been afraid to give our juniors responsibilities beyond their years and I believe that as a Club we have been rightly rewarded for the faith shown.

I wish to thank all the junior managers: Matthew Sleep, James Field, Adam Ferrier, Ben Green, Kerrin Arens, Steve O'Flinn, Jes Goode, Matt DeLacy and David Baily.

I wish to make some collective thank yous on behalf of all the Junior Managers. Firstly. thank you to Sean Dobbs and his coaching team. Sean provides so much energy and passion and we are so lucky to have him in the Club. I won't name all the other Coaches as there a lot of them but thank you, you know who you are. Friday nights are extremely enjoyable but very tiring so a special thank you to the Friday night team which includes Claire, Anna, Mo, Nys and Lisa. Lisa is our Safeguarding Officer which is a very important job but she also took on the 'roll out' of Teamo across the membership. It was a massive task but we are so grateful that we went through the pain barriers to do it.

Thank you to all the umpires and scorers and parent helpers. Special thanks to Bryan who umpires so many of the junior festival games.

Final thanks go to our Junior Sponsors George Ide Solicitors and Rathbones. Their support is invaluable in allowing us to offer the cricket we do.



Awards

Junior of the Year Award – The Robin Pine Trophy

Sean and I ended up with an extremely long short list for this Award. So many of our juniors made remarkable progress in their skill development and confidence. And there have been some extraordinary achievements. However, we were both unanimous in our choice.

The pinnacle of this Club is our First team. To represent the first team as a “junior” is a massive achievement in itself. To be given the responsibility of opening the bowling or bowling the “death” overs ahead of much more experienced cricketers speaks absolute volumes of how far much this cricketer has progressed and how much respect he has earned from his teammates.

Andrew started out at Chichester like a lot of our juniors, softball cricket, Under 11 pairs, 12s, 13s etc, festival cricket, indoor cricket and then senior 4th team cricket. He has attended Sean’s winter sessions and over a sustained period really worked on his developing a skill that is invaluable to his team. He has never been particularly keen on batting or indeed fielding but has continuously worked on trying to be better at both.

I have been lucky enough to manage Andrew in junior cricket and he is an absolute pleasure. He is highly liked and respected in his peer group. That respects extend beyond the Club and there has been countless times an opposing Manager has remarked to me what a skilful bowler he is.

17 league wickets in his first full season is a brilliant effort in what has been an extremely challenging and high standard of league cricket. We are immensely proud of who Andrew is and what he has achieved, not only this year but throughout his junior years.



Junior Player of the Year: Andrew Crookham

Other Junior Award Winners

U9s	Theo Field & Henry Barnes
U10s	Sam Bradford & George Hobkirk
U11s	Willem Hodgson & Fred Clements
U12s	Callum Baily & Indie Stone
U13s	Tom Baily & Vivaan

Dixit	
U14s	Harry Walker & Lucas Toft
U15/U16	Max Smith & Stanley Mayne
Junior Girl	Poppy Walker



Competitions and Successes

We entered the following (regular league season) competitions:

Under 9 softball Festivals
Under 10 Softball non-competitive league matches
2 x Under 11 non-competitive league teams
2 x Under 12 league teams (1 league winner)
Under 13 (league winners)
Under 14 (league winners)
Under 15 (league winners)
Under 19s

Under 14s won the Sussex 'Champions League' Final at Hove
Under 10s won the Sussex Cup (softball) at Hove

We entered the following in the Sussex Junior Cricket Festivals:

Under 11 (Finished 10th of 20)
Under 12 (15th of 23)
Under 13 (10th of 23)
Under 14 (5th of 20)
Under 16 (7th of 23)
Under 18 (3rd of 20)

Regards,

James Mayne
Junior Manager



Under 10 Winning Team



Under 14 Winning Team

Historical Club Statistics

CHICHESTER PRIORY PARK CRICKET CLUB – 1ST X1 LEAGUE RECORDS 1971-2021

Appearances		Runs		Wickets		Catches	
J Edwards	307	D Briance	6878	M Geffen	335	J Edwards	221
D Briance	227	P Hillier	4825	N Budden	333	D Leaver	152
D Oliver	196	M Bamford	3935	J Saunders	330	D Briance	99
N Budden	191	D Oliver	3919	N Dyer	302	P Hillier	83
T Hillier	190	T Hillier	3817	Fazl-E-Akbar	256	N Budden	78
J Saunders	185	J Edwards	3015	D Briance	234	M Geffen	69
P Hillier	184	A Barnes	2796	D Joseph	199	J Goode	62
J Stedman	176	J North	2769	J Stedman	190	R Armist	53
M Geffen	171	D Leaver	2531	N Smith	149	D Oliver	52
M Bamford	157	J Goode	2515	J North	142	N Smith	50
N Dyer	134	J Hall	2403	D Willis	123	T Hillier	48
D Leaver	130	C Kirkham	1928	R Logan	120	N Dyer	45
A Barnes	124	S Hasted	1765	P Terry	108	N Hiller	45
N Smith	119	J Phillips	1697	D Finn	96	B Hardy	44
S Hasted	114	M Bennison	1565	P Willmer	92	A Barnes	43
J North	112	R Briance	1540	C Wall	91	J Saunders	36
J Phillips	112	P Lamb	1410	B Hardy	89	R Longmore	35
P Terry	111	J Hartard	1397	T Anscombe	82	J Hartard	34

1ST X1 LEAGUE RECORDS 1971-2021 (2020 excluded due to Covid)

Wicket	Stand	Time	Year	Batsmen & Scores	Opponents
1	237*	2h20	1990	D Briance 109* & T Hillier 110*	Sidley (H)
2	184*	2h10	2009	M Bamford 94* & J Edwards 78*	St. James (H)
3	170	1h42	1984	R Gartrell 113 & P Bailey 47*	Worthing (A)
4	164	?	2018	J Hartard 100 & J De La Fuente 62	Lindfield (A)
5	156*	1h14	1992	D Briance 52* & T Hillier 101*	Horsham (A)
6	119	1h25	2002	K Wulff 91 & A Sharp 47	St. James (H)
7	88*	51m	2005	D Leaver 76* & J Edwards 30*	Littlehampton (A)
8	105	?	2008	N Budden 53 & P Terry 43*	Cuckfield (H)
9	104	59m	1980	D Briance 34 & J Saunders 77	Bexhill (H)
11	81	?	2018	M Bennison 61 & M Geffen 26*	St. James (H)