

Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club



Annual Report

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We finally got to play our first game of the season under Covid rules at Goodwood and what a beautiful day it was!

Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club Officers 2020

President	Graeme Bennison
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Captains

Club Captain	Simon Hasted
1st XI	Sean Dobbs
2nd XI	Peter Lamb
3rd XI	Graeme Bennison & James Mayne
4th XI	David Baily

Chairman's Statement

2020 has been an extraordinary year, sadly not for many positive reasons from a cricketing perspective, as most of our season was lost to the tragic circumstances of the Covid 19 crisis. This curtailed our season from April to mid-July, when we were finally allowed to resume recreational cricket, for a five game adult cricket season, re-named the August Cup and our junior and women's section were also able to play a decent number of matches.

Despite the shortened season, I am extremely proud to say that the volunteers who are the absolute heart and soul of our club, once again stood up and worked as hard as ever, if not harder, to ensure that we were able to provide some cricket and training for our members of all ages. Chichester Priory Park Cricket Club is deeply indebted to the incredible work done by Matthew and Richard Geffen to get Goodwood safely re-opened for pre-season nets and have pitches ready for play when we began with our inter-club friendly, where all four adult teams were in action.

From a financial perspective I am pleased to say that the club remains in a sound position. Not least due to the tireless efforts of Ben Hubbard as Treasurer who maintains a watchful eye over all aspects of club finances. We are indebted to Goodwood Estate and Rathbones for their continued support of our club. Rathbones sponsorship of junior festival cricket and newly formed Chichester Lionesses, who played in the women's August Cup Softball league was invaluable. We look forward to continuing our burgeoning relationship with Rathbone's next year and long into the future. To ensure no financial hardship to our membership, we made the decision to waive membership fees in 2020 and simply charged for matches played and the utilisation of our nets at Goodwood for coaching sessions, which provided a great opportunity for outdoor activity in the early days when full lockdown measures were lifted and we were allowed to congregate in small groups.



Chichester Lionesses



Junior Cricket Festival

Senior Division

In a normal year, I would provide some commentary on the performance of the four Senior Saturday league teams, but this seems less relevant this year as the focus of our attention was to maximize participation and to give younger players the opportunity to play at a higher level to give them a taste of a higher standard of cricket that they may not have seen in a more 'normal' season. This process was driven by the forward thinking nature of our new 1st XI captain Sean Dobbs who continued to give great support to the club in so many ways, captaining, coaching and organizing the club's on field activities in conjunction with the other captains Peter Lamb, Graeme Bennison, James Mayne and David Baily.

As with every season, however short, there is no cricket without the support of umpires and scorers. I would like to thank everybody who scored or umpired matches throughout the season and especially to Bryan Tomalin who, as always, gave up an enormous amount of his personal time as both Fixture & Umpire Secretary and on field umpire.

Junior Division

The junior section of our club continues to flourish under the tremendous leadership of James Mayne and Sean Dobbs and a host of team managers who oversaw a very successful season. Since I joined the club in 2014 the progress that the junior section has made has been truly remarkable. My son Ben barely played in a team that won any games when he first joined the club, but this year the under 19 team in which he played with his ever present mate and co-captain Sam Price lost out on reaching the final of the Sussex Festival Cup by a decimal point, caused by a rain out in their first game, prior to winning all their remaining fixtures. This represents an astonishing turnaround and is a tribute to James and Sean and also in no small part to the improvement of a number of players, who have worked hard individually and also benefitted from playing adult cricket, starting in our 4th XI under the watchful eye of Andrew 'Boss' Barnes. Boss handed over to David Baily this year and it was no surprise to me that David's son Tom deservedly won the Robin Pine Trophy for best young cricketer in 2020, as well as picking up the 4th XI player of the season award. Such has been the progress of our youngsters that we were able to field a 5th XI team this season, which would have been captained by another club stalwart Jes Goode and given his very talented son Arran his first vitally important taste of adult cricket, had inclement weather not intervened and washed out the entire fixture. Going forward, it is our intention to add a 5th team on a Saturday in 2021. We believe the depth of available players in adult, junior and women's divisions, will make it possible to create a new and sustainable team that can enjoy and benefit from an introduction to league cricket.

Women/Girls Division

Women's cricket took a giant stride forward in 2020 with more than 20 participants enjoying regular training sessions overseen by the 2020 winner of the Dyer Quake award for club person of the year, Matt Geffen. The newly formed Lionesses won two of their four completed league games and played a full part in two very enjoyable cricket softball festivals at Arundel Castle and Middleton. I remain very enthusiastic about the role women's cricket will play in the club's future development and we have very ambitious plans to drive this forward in the future and make Chichester the 'go to' club for women and girls in West Sussex. Anna Scriven-Wood, who also plays for Sussex is another example of young talent that has developed in our junior ranks under the leadership of James and Sean.



Chichester Lionesses



The Future

Whilst I am delighted to report that we have made great strides on the field, I must also note that I am very conscious of the need to keep our club fully inclusive of all standards of players. We must strive to encourage everyone to believe that their sons and daughters will get every chance to participate in a full and appropriate way when they join Chichester, otherwise we will have failed in our mission to provide cricket for players of all abilities in an inclusive, friendly and objective way that respects the integrity of the game. That is not to say that we are unambitious, nothing could be further from the truth, but Chichester has long been a club of integrity and renowned for playing the game in the correct spirit and I believe we can achieve all our goals without straying from this mantra.

We are also continuing to drive forward a plan to improve the club's facilities. We have draft plans in place for the renovation of the White Pavilion in Priory Park, which we intend to submit to the council shortly. I am greatly indebted to both Simon Hasted and Nathaniel Gee for the work they have put into this project and hope to be able to report on further progress in the near future. In addition, we hope to improve the training facilities at Goodwood over the winter to significantly enhance both one on one and group training. This is also pending Goodwood Estate approval.

Committee Retirement

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the retirement of Jan Barnes, as club Membership and Welfare Officer. Jan has done so much work for the club for circa 35 years including as Chairperson of the club as well as scoring innumerable matches with her legendary coloured pens and drawing of a small duck to signify an unfortunate dismissal for nought, which I have seen in the score book against my own name far too often. Jan is a remarkable person who typifies the spirit of Chichester in every way, selflessly giving her time for the club and being upbeat and encouraging around all teams and members, even in the face of the heaviest of defeats. Jan intends to stay involved with scoring and supporting the committee and I want to thank her on behalf of the whole club for her incredible contribution.

Conclusion

I would be being disingenuous if I said I had enjoyed my third year of Chairmanship of the club, having thoroughly enjoyed the first two years. 2020 was extremely challenging, requiring more administration than ever for considerably less cricket. However, I can say I am incredibly proud to have been involved with so many dedicated people who gave up a huge amount of time to play a relatively small number of games, when it would have been far easier to draw stumps on the season.

I intend to continue as Chairman of Chichester next season, should I be re-elected, and look forward to 2021 being more normal. We have very ambitious plans with respect to an overseas player, Irish ex professional James Shannon, who is scheduled to come over in April and alongside the considerable talent he offers as a player, is also going to enhance our already excellent coaching staff with a special emphasis on women's cricket. Current Covid uncertainty makes predicting how next season will take shape very difficult, but we will be making every effort to provide a full season of cricket next year.

Tim Gregory
Chairman



Richard, Anne & Matthew Geffen receiving awards

Financial Report Summary

- The club recorded a gain of £156 for the 12m ending 31 October 2020.
- This was a small improvement on last's years loss of £501.
- 2020 was a highly unusual season with almost all aspects of the clubs' activities impacted by COVID-19 and associated Government policies designed to limit the spread of the disease.
- From a financial perspective, the key events/policies were:
 - Waiving of all subscription fees for the year with player contributions being limited to match fees.
 - Significantly reduced number of matches and training.
 - Cancellation of cricket week.
- The club continues to be well capitalised with around £35k in the bank.

We would like to especially thank Rathbones and the Goodwood Estate for the continued generous support throughout the year. Finally, thanks to the committee and team captains for all their efforts this year.

Ben Hubbard

Treasurer

CPPCC Season Rankings for August Cup Only - All teams

Team	Played	Won	Lost	No result
1 st XI	8	3	5	0
2 nd XI	6	2	4	0
3 rd XI	7	2	5	0
4 th XI	8	4	3	1

1st XI - Season Report

Well where to start?! I think it's fair to say that 2020 will be remembered for a fair few other reasons than anything that happened on the field.

After taking the reins from Geff it was evident from winter training that the side would take a very different look from the previous year. Martin Ford and Matt Sharpe were excellent additions, adding much needed experience to a youthful looking squad. Training was well attended and there was a fair deal of optimism about the coming season as we entered March, then of course the whole world changed.

As lockdown took hold it soon became fairly obvious that any cricket played would look very different to previous years. As game by game, and month by month the fixtures were cancelled we were informed that promotion and relegation would no longer be taking place, in all honesty myself and the rest of the players just wanted to get out and play.

After Boris' now infamous 'Vector of disease' comment and a national campaign led by Michael Vaughan we were finally given the go ahead to play. After what seemed like endless zoom calls, false starts and frustration we were going to be back in whites and on the field. At this point the Geffen's came into their own, an incredible amount of work on the ground and meticulous planning to make sure we were COVID safe enabled us to get the game on.

Outdoor changing areas, no teas and bottles of disinfectant galore became the new normal and despite it being so very different the feeling of being back playing was one I'll never forget, the sun shone, family's watched and after the bleakness of the previous months it was a day from the gods.

So, onto the cricket and the August Cup, we lost more than we won but in every game, we lost key moments. The experience gained by our younger players against good opposition will stand them in excellent stead for the future, in every game they were asked to bowl key overs and bat in key positions and more often than not they performed admirably. Going forward it's important those youngsters turn potential into on field performances, I have every faith that they have the drive and ability to do so.

So the season that never was, has left me in no doubt as to what we need to do to get back to where I want us to be. I will work harder than ever over the winter months to make sure that a global pandemic notwithstanding, that 2021 can be a very successful year for our great cricket club.

Sean Dobbs
Captain



1st XI: Sussex Cricket League Division 2

Batting Statistics: 1st XI

Rank	Player	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Sean Dobbs	7	7	2	195	61	39	1	0	92.13
2	M Bennison	6	6	1	137	50	27.4	1	0	56.19
3	Matthew Sharpe	7	6	0	114	73	19	1	0	91.25
4	Tim Wergen	5	5	0	106	35	21.2	0	0	98.57
5	Owen Spicer	7	6	2	85	42	21.25	0	0	57.89
6	Martin Ford	6	5	1	70	24	17.5	0	0	106.67
7	Alex Lowther	4	3	1	51	47	25.5	0	0	
8	Charlie Futch	5	5	0	46	31	9.2	0	0	
9	Will Futch	3	3	0	43	39	14.33	0	0	86
10	Elliot Scott	7	5	3	38	29	19	0	0	62.5
11	Ben Gregory	6	5	1	38	27	9.5	0	0	71.05
12	Simon Hasted	5	5	0	35	17	7	0	0	35.29
13	Matthew Geffen	7	5	2	22	12	7.33	0	0	8.7

Bowling Statistics: 1st XI

Rank	Player	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST BOWLING	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVG
1	Owen Spicer	50	3	277	13	3/22	5.54	23.08	21.31
2	Elliot Scott	49	3	219	11	4/17	4.47	26.73	19.91
3	M Geffen	55	10	188	8	2/16	3.42	41.25	23.5
4	Martin Ford	46	4	206	5	2/22	4.48	55.2	41.2
5	Ben Gregory	41	2	222	4	2/30	5.41	61.5	55.5
6	Mike Smith	7	2	17	3	3/17	2.43	14	5.67

2nd XI - Season Report

It's not often the first ball of the season can be a metaphor for the remainder. "Peggy at the top of his mark with a steely look in his eye, just like the rest of the second XI after being cooped up over recent months and of course with the intention of getting one up on the 1st XI. He charges up the hill, bounds and delivers. 'HOOOOOWWWSSSS TTHAAATTTTTT?????!!' Echoes around the splendid surroundings of Goodwood. A trademark in-swinging Yorker from the big man, looked to have struck the unsuspecting Matt Sharp's big toe in front of all three uprights and perhaps this is what ended up saving him, NOT OUT." Similar to many of our games this year close but just not quite close enough.

I have found in the past Interclub games to be a shade lack luster, but not this season. The contest was on and at 25 for 3 the 1st XI were in the second teams sights and things could have gone our way, after Tim Wergen (100 retired) was not dropped in the gully early in his innings and the opposition skipper Sean Dobbs (61 Retired) edged though a vacant third slip that was manned just the ball before, while still in single figures. Terrific batting ensued from the two of them and the ball went to all parts pushing the score onto 255 for 6 off 35 over. This was nothing against the efforts from a new look and young bowling attack the pick of which being Andrew Crookham (2 for 39 off 7) and Eliot Scott (2 for 32 off 7) both of which play for the 1's during the season with the latter after his performance playing the rest of the season in the 1's. 255 was always going to be a big ask, against a strong bowling attack. Some fluid shots from Will Futch (24) a dogged and gritty effort from Jonathan Maynard (22) showed how much he valued his wicket, a great quality to have. A couple of lusty blows from Ed McCarthy (15) towards the latter of the innings took us to 118 for 8 off our 35 overs, a performance with plenty of positives to take from it and forward into the season.

We had one more game before the August Cup against Stirlands 1st XI and it was the first feather in our caps with a comprehensive victory. After winning the toss and electing to bat a poised innings from Will Price (37) got us off to a decent start C. Futch, J. Maynard and P. Lamb all got into the twenties and Jez Goode (44*) saw us to a respectable 183 for 8 off 40 overs. Now it was over to the bowlers and it was almost over before it had begun with early wickets for both A. Pegg (3 for 33 off 6) and A. Crookham (3 for 28 off 8) well supported in the field especially with an absolute worldy at gully from Olly Troy. There was even a request from Stirlands to have a second innings at one point, they where finally all out for 129 and a good first win of the season.

Our first game of the August cup was away against Worthing 2nd XI and post lockdown teething issues clearly evident with the opposition, just emphasizing the amazing work from Richard Geffen and his team. After losing the toss a confident opposition captain elected to bat. It was clear why, as he come out to open the batting and proceeded to have harder hands than I allegedly have. Worthing passed 100 with the loss of just one wicket, cometh the hour cometh the Jonty Stanford. After seeing the ball disappearing to all parts, the job at hand was a toughie and all that hard work in preseason training came off with the perfect inswinging yorker to dismiss the opposition skipper and was the turning point of the game. As a tremendous team effort was able to restrict Worthing to just 200. A terrific maiden 2nd Team fifty for Will Price picking up where he left off against Stirlands, gave us a great start. Ed McCarthy (31*) hit a six so big it almost went on to the adjacent square luckily their game had finished, before handing over the reins to Ezaz Safi (53*) who decided to finish the game off with a six over extra cover to bring up his fifty. Resulting in a win with 11.4 overs to spare.

Moving on to arguably our hardest game of the season Chippingdale's 1st XI on what I believe was one of the hottest days I've ever played cricket. Definitely a day to win the toss and bat, which the

opposition skipper promptly did happily. The large frame of Alex Pegg struggled initially with the combination of bowling up hill and heat, but came back strongly at the end to finish with 4 for 33 off his 7 overs. Alex Lowther (2 for 15 off 7) a new addition to the attack, bowled extremely well up front with little reward for the skill on show. Finding the edge through to the keeper to be turfed, followed up by what could be classed as an identical delivery this time firmly in the grips of Ed McCarthy much to his relief. The heat was to play a further factor losing Sam Price to heat stroke on just his third over. The efforts of Stanford (1 for 55 off 7), P. Lamb (1 for 31 off 5 'up the hill') and the added experience of Dan Joseph (2 for 28 off 7) was good enough to restrict Chippingdale's to 221. A tremendous effort from the whole team to keep them to a very gettable score, however J. Goode (16) was the only one to get into double figures in the top six. The rear-guard action now commenced with Ed McCarthy (65) and Alex Lowther (58) taking the game to them and resulting in us needing 11 off the final over with one wicket remaining, A. Pegg struck a four down the ground before a controversial incident resulting in J. Stanford being run out and Chichester being all out for 215. An amazing effort against a strong side and odds stacked against us it was a great learning experience for sure.

In stark contrast from the heat of the previous week we played Middleton 2nd XI in one of the wettest games I've ever played in. Winning the toss and after losing an early wicket, both Lamb (29) and Goode (42) looked to get to work of setting a platform and at 102 for 4 it could have gone either way. Will Futchter struggled at the start of his innings but was able to find his feet while Ed McCarthy (62*) continued his run of fine form at the other end. Futchter got better and better and was a fine display of batting with even some very good ramp shots. He finished on 71* and took us to a very respectable 238 for 4 off our 40 overs. Patches of drizzle from the dark sky that plagued Chichester's inning looked set to continue and even get worse. Something Middleton realized might come into the game, as even with 2 early wickets from Ben Gregory (2 for 32 off 5) they came out hard to get in ahead of the game and we found ourselves behind for the majority of Middleton innings. With the weather getting worse, the ball could only be described as a bar of soap and how both J. Maynard and W. Futchter were able to bowl spin with it is nothing short of a miracle. Lamb (3 for 37 off 6) bowled well in the difficult conditions, but it was inevitable the drizzle finally turn into rain and players had to leave the field of play. Resulting in Middleton narrowly winning via Duckworth Lewis method having had the better of the conditions on the day.

Taking some valuable lessons learned so far this season into what was to be the 2nd XI's final game of the season against West Wittering 1st XI, we set about putting them into practice. A. Crookham and B. Gregory were patient and supported each other well with the new ball resulting with 2 well-earned wickets for Gregory (3 for 29 off 7). Sam Price (1 for 35 off 8) bowled extremely well in the middle overs and was rewarded with his first 2nd XI wicket, I'm sure first of many. Lamb (2 for 24 from 4) with a double wicket madden followed by A. Crookham (3 for 18 from 8) came back to mop up the tail with his array of slower balls, resulting in West Wittering being all out for 175. A tricky total to chase on an interesting wicket, several batsmen got in and out in some interesting ways and Greg French (16) looked to be a solid addition to the middle order and team overall. However, with some senior top order players now patrolling the boundary nervously it was time for the young guns to step up. We said after the Chippingdale's game the key is to take it deep and give ourselves every opportunity to win, Gregory (30) struck the ball well and J. Maynard (12) made sure we had a chance with the tail slowly ebbing away. It came to the last over, 3 need to win and 2 wickets remaining. Dot, Dot, One Run, WICKET, WICKET. Close but just not quite close enough as we lost by just a single run.

What a season for the 2nd XI, I really cannot fault any of the efforts from all those who played this season. I believe everyone showed heart and grit they should be hugely proud. This was my first

season captaining a Chichester team and I can honestly say I enjoyed every bit of it. I cannot thank enough all those who played for the 2nd XI this season and all those who helped me both on and off the field to make it such an enjoyable process. So thank you and I am looking forward to doing it all again next year!

Many thanks,

Peter Lamb
Captain

2nd XI -Sussex League Cricket Division 4 West

Batting Statistics: 2nd XI

Rank	Player	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Ed McCarthy	6	6	2	189	69	47.25	2	0	103.03
2	Jes Goode	5	5	1	137	44	34.25	0	0	81.48
3	Peter Lamb	6	6	0	97	29	16.17	0	0	108.11
4	William Price	6	6	0	91	45	15.17	0	0	75.93
5	J Maynard	6	5	0	90	26	18	0	0	52.22
6	Ollie Troy	3	3	0	28	10	9.33	0	0	75
7	Alex Pegg	4	3	1	18	7	9	0	0	100
8	Sam Price	6	4	0	15	8	3.75	0	0	33.33
9	A Crookham	5	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	25

Bowling Statistics: 2nd XI

Rank	Player	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST BOWLING	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVG
1	A Crookham	37.5	6	154	13	4/19	4.07	17.46	11.85
2	Alex Pegg	27.3	0	154	9	4/33	5.6	18.33	17.11
3	Peter Lamb	18.4	2	113	6	3/38	6.05	18.67	18.83
4	Ben Gregory	12	0	50	4	2/21	4.17	18	12.5
5	J Maynard	22	2	125	3	1/21	5.68	44	41.67

3rd XI - Season Report

The season started with 2 friendly matches. A win against the 4th XI and a loss to Bognor. Losing skipper Graeme Bennison and Guy Montgomery to injury after only 1 league game was far from ideal and did mean that the team lacked Graeme's leadership and steady batting as well the team's principal bowler. James Mayne took over as skipper for the remaining 4 games but was slightly hampered by a finger injury throughout.

Apart from a debacle at Bognor where the team was dismissed for 23 on a wet one, the batting held up reasonably well. 191 at Stirlands, with Glen Stanford making 91 was a decent enough score but still resulted in a loss by 6 wickets and 4.3 overs to spare.

Asked to field first on a sweltering hot day in Priory Park was not ideal against Petworth Park and they amassed 286 for 3 off 40 overs. This would have been a lot lower had catches been taken. In reply, good contributions from French, Hubbard, Toft and both Maynes along with a Martyn Collins fifty got us to win 9 runs without really looking like winning.

Following the disappointment of Bognor the team were determined to put things right against Arundel. A better bowling performance restricted Arundel to 181 for 8. A fantastic debut by 13 year old Harry Walker who bowled with excellent pace and control and finished with figures of 2 for 8 off his 7 overs. Good spin bowling by Toby Toft (2 for 15) Stanley Mayne (1 for 36) showed promising signs for the future. In response excellent batting by new member Alex Burrows (38) and a fine hundred by Will Parker got us home with 7 overs remaining and only 2 down.

The final game was at a windy Selsey. Despite a good opening spell by Harry Walker and Martyn Collins the Selsey batters had a day out at the expenses of the young spinners and the skipper. 254 was a tall order to chase and 190 was a fair effort in response. Ben Hubbard made 37, Mohan 45 and Martyn Collins 44 not out.

Ben Hubbard topped the run scoring with 178 runs, he was followed by Will Parker (163), Glen Stanford (144), Martyn Collins (123) and Toby Toft (114). The lack of wickets (sometimes down to poor catching) was the main reason the team struggled. Toby Toft finished with 5 wickets, Harry and Stanley 3 each. Despite the best efforts of Martyn Collins who bowled with great heart every week he only managed 3 wickets.

Although the results were disappointing then the young players (especially the spin twins of Toft and Mayne) will benefit enormously from the overs bowled and the experience. Harry Walker has proved he is an exciting prospect for next season and with more young players pushing up and the return of some more experienced heads then the prospects of the team remain bright.

Thanks to Mike Dannatt for his umpiring and all those that helped with scoring.

Regards

Graeme Bennison & James Mayne
Captains

3rd XI - Sussex Cricket League Division 8

Batting Statistics: 3rd XI

Rank	Player	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Ben Hubbard	7	7	1	178	42	29.67	0	0	100
2	Will Parker	6	5	3	163	101	81.5	0	1	95.38
3	Glen Stanford	5	5	1	144	91	36	1	0	82.91
4	Martyn Collins	7	6	3	123	53	41	1	0	42.62
5	Toby Toft	7	6	1	114	38	22.8	0	0	103.08
6	Greg French	3	3	0	75	43	25	0	0	72.73
7	Mohan Babu	7	6	0	68	45	11.33	0	0	14.29
8	G Bennison	3	3	0	40	25	13.33	0	0	56.34
9	Alex Burrows	3	3	0	38	38	12.67	0	0	-
10	Stanley Mayne	7	5	3	30	18	15	0	0	0
11	Harry Randell	3	3	0	15	9	5	0	0	40.91

Bowling Statistics: 3rd XI

Rank	Player	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST BOWLING	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVG
1	Toby Toft	28	0	179	5	2/18	6.39	33.6	35.8
2	Harry Walker	15	1	41	3	2/8	2.73	30	13.67
3	Stan Mayne	37	1	222	3	1/12	6	74	74
4	M Collins	40.3	4	196	3	1/26	4.84	81	65.33

4th XI - Season Report

A different, if not a memorable season for me to say the least. At times I thought we wouldn't play any cricket this year but with a window of opportunity and a will, my thanks must go to Tim Gregory, Chairman and the Committee who put in such a magnificent effort to enable so many Chichester cricketers to play some decent cricket in a shortened Covid 19 season.

In all the 4th XI were meant to play eight matches but due to poor weather we actually played six and half matches, (the half being a wash out against Bosham which was a pity as we were on top for most of that match!).

Having taken on the Captain's mantle for the season, I literally had no idea of what my team would be, who could bowl or bat, but above all, I wanted to ensure that I had as many aspiring juniors playing adult cricket as possible. How lucky I was then, being pleasantly surprised just how quickly these juniors became an integral part of the team, with one of them being promoted part way into the season to the 3rd team, having just turned fourteen. Well done and congratulations to Harry Walker for his pace bowling and powerful hitting, batting. Jofra Archer would be proud (and should watch out in a few years' time!)

We were entered into the August Cup competition brimming with confidence. Generally we played very well, showing signs of real character when up against some strong cricketers. I felt that we as a team, at our best, could beat anybody in the league. We were lying second in the table up until the last match, when the pressure may have got to us a bit when playing Middleton Academy, the strongest team in our division. In all my years playing cricket, I cannot recall playing in a team where we dropped so many catches when fielding. I lost count at ten!

We came fifth in the league as a result but nevertheless for the juniors such challenging experiences are stepping stones that one must go through on their cricketing journey and this is why the 3rd & 4th XI's (and possibly a 5th XI) are so important to this club, bringing youngsters up through the ranks and hopefully one day, playing for the 1st team.

Special mentions must go out to three players who in my opinion made a significant difference and who were my 'go-to' players when the passage of play wasn't always going our way.

Firstly Dave Graham Wood – our all-rounder provided some entertainment on and off the field but proved more than capable with bowling figures of 34.4 overs, 9 wkts for 178 runs at an avg 19.78, with a best of 4/31, including scoring 196 valuable runs at average of 28.

Steve Price, our opening batsman had enviable form throughout making the most of the shortened season scoring 292 runs at an average 48.67. Any 'Test' batsman would be proud of that average. Steve certainly set the foundations for the side to build some sizeable scores and surprised us all by launching some huge sixes off his old flat mate when playing against Eastergate. Very satisfying...

It is always difficult when trying to write an unbiased account but there was one twelve year old Tom Bailey, who I turned to the most when the pressure was on, especially when the opposition started to bring out their ruthless big hitters. With no compulsion and showing great maturity above his years, he took these ex 1st teamers on with his offspin. Every time he ensnared these guys wickets (for not many runs) and so turning our fortunes around. In total he was highest wicket taker with 13 wickets,

conceding 160 runs at an average of 12.3. His best was against Bognor 3rd team where he bowled 6 overs, 6 maidens, 3 wkts for 0 runs.

Some good bowling contributions also from Oscar Pitman, Theo Bachelor and Roger Smith too and some good batting performances from Shiv Naik.

My thanks as always goes out to Ida Janet Barnes for scoring and well...just always being available every Saturday.

We are also extremely fortunate to have a plethora of umpires to turn to. Special thanks to Andrew Boss Barnes, Nat Gee and we welcomed Bruce Ruddick into the club, who I hope will spend many a match umpiring for the club.

Lastly, I could not miss out Tim Pitman, who also volunteered to umpire as well as being 4th team sports correspondent who put together some very amusing reports, only submitting the edited versions to the newspapers, of course!

David Baily
Captain

4th XI - Sussex Cricket League Division 10

Batting Statistics: 4th XI

Rank	Player	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Stephen Price	7	7	1	292	76	48.67	3	0	70.15
2	David Baily	8	7	3	214	59	53.5	2	0	61.61
3	David G-Wood	7	7	0	196	51	28	1	0	76.54
4	Tom Baily	8	8	5	113	43	37.67	0	0	49.48
5	Shivam Naik	3	3	0	107	46	35.67	0	0	85.19
6	Roger Smith	7	6	2	99	53	24.75	1	0	112.12
7	Harry Walker	5	5	4	74	33	74	0	0	60
8	Steve Parker	3	3	0	68	44	22.67	0	0	60
9	Teddy Phillipo	3	3	0	34	19	11.33	0	0	-
10	Oscar Pitman	6	4	2	23	15	11.5	0	0	25.93
11	Tim Gregory	5	4	0	18	12	4.5	0	0	66.67

Bowling Statistics: 4th XI

Rank	Player	OVERS	MDNS	RUNS	WKTS	BEST BOWLING	ECONOMY RATE
1	Tom Baily	49	8	181	13	3/0	3.69
2	David G-Wood	34.4	2	178	9	4/31	5.13
3	Roger Smith	44	6	190	7	2/29	4.32
4	Harry Walker	28	3	107	6	3/39	3.82
5	Toby Toft	4	0	23	3	3/23	5.75
6	Oscar Pitman	25	3	96	3	1/6	3.84
7	Theo Bachelor	33	1	181	3	2/22	5.48

CPPCC Junior Report

Before Covid took hold, we almost completed another very successful Indoor Cricket season. Both the U13s and U11s had qualified for their respective finals. Sadly, these were not played.

With a shortened summer season, our number one priority for our juniors was to get as much cricket played as possible. However, the Government and ECB guidelines made this extremely challenging. It was not possible to use the Schools for our normal age group training nor Goodwood for our large Friday night softball activities, so innovation was required. With the help of Richard Geffen of Goodwood Cricket Club practice wickets were made available in June and July. This enabled Sean Dobbs and Matt Geffen to offer small group net coaching. These proved very popular and every child wanting an opportunity to get some cricket did so. Both Sean and Matt commented that the smaller groups allowed for more focused activity and this is something that we look to incorporate in our training programmes going forward. Once the Festivals commenced then no further training was possible except for a 5 week softball programme for our youngest juniors at Goodwood on a Friday night.

With no league programme we were able to arrange a small number of 'friendly' matches with other Clubs. Our U9s/U10s played their 8 a side softball matches on a Saturday morning and really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Jonathan Clements, Marcus Woodard, Ben Green, James Fish, Jes Goode and Adam Ferrier for all their assistance.

Our main focus for competitive matches was the Sussex Junior Cricket Festivals. Along with the U12, U13, U14 and U16 teams we entered an U18 team for the first time and two U11 teams. The Under 18s had a very successful week with 3 victories and a rain abandoned game with Horsham. They finished third in the ladder and narrowly missed out on a place in the Sunday final. Tim Wergen scored two fifties against Bognor and Findon. The bowling was very good throughout with Andrew Crookham the pick with 5 wickets for the week.

The U12s had an equally successful week with victories over Stirlands and Wisborough Green. Dominic Ortleib Atkins scored 194 runs in 3 innings with scores of 49*, 67 and 78. Tom Baily scored 161 runs with scores of 70 and 62. Freddie Gillett played two matches and scored 95 not out and 56 not out.

The U13s managed two wins and a draw with lots of good individual performances. Harry Walker scored 141 runs with a 96 against Findon. Tom Baily scored 69 against Preston Nomads and 53 against Findon. Josiah Scored 64 against Worthing. Seb McNamara took 7 wickets in the week including 5 for 14 against West Chiltington.

The U14 team also had a very successful and enjoyable week. 3 wins and a draw was the best this team have achieved in the festivals. The performance of the week was 105 not out by Freddie Gillett against Eastergate. Freddie Rustell made 50 not out at Barns Green and Harry Walker scored 62 not out at Pagham. The bowling was very good with Simon Pietersen, Tom Baily, Max Smith and Saam Alam all taking 5 wickets each in the week.

The U16s had a challenging week against strong opposition. A narrow defeat by West Chilts was followed by a disappointing defeat to Chipps when in a strong position. A battling batting performance against eventual winners St James was the highlight but the bowling was not consistent enough to put

their batters under any pressure. Tim Wergen made 75 against Chipps and Owen Spicer made 68 at St James and 54 at West Chilts.

The U11 teams had a frustrating week which was plagued by poor weather. The B team completed two of their matches with Todd Trundle managing 6 wickets across the two games.

Thanks to all our junior managers and helpers, Jonathan Clements, Jes Goode, David Baily, Matt De Lacy, John Spicer, Gary and Lisa Rustell, Martin O'Brien, Kerrin Arens, Khris and Amy Berlevy and anyone I missed that helped on the day. Thanks also to Sean and Matt for their excellent coaching. No Awards Ceremony was arranged but we did award the Robin Pine Trophy. There was a number of worthy nominees, but the Club Junior of the Year was Tom Baily. As well as representing the U12s, 13s and 14s Tom also was a regular member of the 4th XI. In total Tom scored 520 runs and took 29 wickets. This was a fabulous effort and reward for his consistency.

James Mayne
Junior Manager



Tom Baily receiving Robin Pine Award for Young Player of the Year

Historical Club Statistics

1 ST X1 LEAGUE RECORDS 1971-2019 (2020 excluded due to Covid season restrictions)									
1st X1 Record Partnerships									
Wicket	Stand	Time	Year	Batsmen and Scores					Opponents
1st	237*	2h20	1990	D Briance	109*	&	T Hillier	110*	Sidley (H)
2nd	184*	2h10	2009	M Bamford	94*	&	J Edwards	78*	St. James (H)
3rd	170	1h42	1984	R Gartrell	113	&	P Bailey	47*	Worthing (A)
4th	135	1h3	2015	S Hasted	120*	&	B Caldera	84	Bognor Regis (H)
5th	156*	1h14	1992	D Briance	52*	&	T Hillier	101*	Horsham (A)
6th	119	1h25	2002	K Wulff	91	&	A Sharp	47	St. James (A)
7th	88*	51min	2005	D Leaver	76*	&	J Edwards	30*	Littlehampton (A)
8th	73	?	1978	R Briance	12*	&	B Hardy	48	Three Bridges (H)
9th	104	59min	1980	D Briance	34	&	JSaunders	77	Bexhill (H)
10th	57	43min	2001	T Hillier	49	&	M Sleep	27*	Hastings (A)

Fastest Hundred

T Hillier (101*) v. Horsham (A) 1992 (100: 77 balls, 74 minutes)

Fastest Fifty

Fazl-E-Akbar (52*) v. East Grinstead (H) 2004 (50: 22 balls, 22 minutes)

Best Bowling Performance

Matt Geffen (9 for 33 runs in 10.2 overs) v. Goring (A) 2016

CHICHESTER PRIORY PARK CRICKET CLUB – 1ST X1 LEAGUE RECORDS 1971-2019

Appearances		Runs		Wickets		Catches	
J Edwards	307	D Briance	6878	N Budden	333	J Edwards	221+96
D Briance	227	P Hillier	4825	J Saunders	330	D Leaver	152+15
D Oliver	196	M Bamford	3935	M Geffen	328	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	J Goode	62
P Hillier	184	A Barnes	2796	D Joseph	199	R Armist	53
J Stedman	176	J North	2769	J Stedman	190	D Oliver	52
M Geffen	161	D Leaver	2531	N Smith	149	N Smith	50
M Bamford	157	J Goode	2515	J North	142	T Hillier	48
N Dyer	134	J Hall	2403	D Willis	123	N Dyer	45
D Leaver	130	C Kirkham	1928	R Logan	120	N Hillier	45
A Barnes	124	J Phillips	1697	P Terry	108	B Hardy	44
N Smith	119	R Briance	1540	D Finn	96	A Barnes	43
J Phillips	112	P Lamb	1410	P Willmer	92	J Saunders	36
J North	112	J Saunders	1356	C Wall	91	R Longmore	35
P Terry	111	J Hartard	1347	B Hardy	89	J Stedman	33
J Goode	110	A Bennett	1340	T Anscombe	82	J North	32