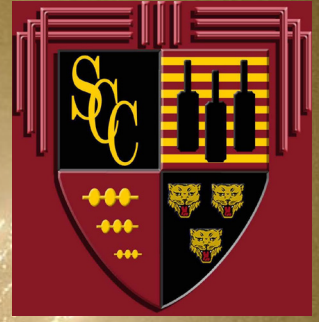


# Shifnal Cricket Club Newsletter



December 2024

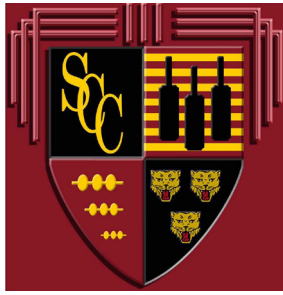
Fireworks  
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AGM  
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League  
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*Best wishes for a Happy Christmas to all our members  
and a run-scoring and wicket-taking New Year*



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## AGM/Presentation

**Shifnal's AGM and presentation evening will be held at the pavilion on Saturday, January 11, 2025.**

It will start with the juniors 5.30-6pm. Food will then be served 6-7pm, with the seniors AGM and presentation (including Women) from 7-8pm followed by a social. All welcome.

## All Stars/Dynamos

**Shifnal's Winter Indoor Allstars and Dynamos sessions are in full swing through to the Spring.**

The All Stars sessions are at Shifnal Village Hall while the Dynamos sessions are taking place at the Charlton School Sports Hall in Wellington on alternate Saturday afternoons.

There are still spaces available, anyone interested should contact Chris Dirkin on 07478 329332.

## Bowls & tennis

**The Board of Shifnal CC has signed new long-term leases with the Bowling and Tennis clubs.**

This is part of the Board's commitment to developing a multi-sport site for our local community.

Regular meetings are taking place led by Neil Lorimer from the cricket side which help to maintain good relationships and to address issues of common interest to everyone on the ground.

● Newsletter produced by PR Director Will Clarke, contact will\_clarke@hotmail.com



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# Fireworks night success



**The club's annual fireworks night was once again a huge success.**

More than 3,000 people ventured down to the ground to see the spectacular display, stalls, rides, various food outlets.

A massive thanks from all at the club to all the volunteers who helped on and prior to the evening and the clear-up

afterwards. It's a huge undertaking our biggest fundraiser which provides for the lifeblood of the club for the next 12 months.

Club chair Andy MacNaughton singled out Hannah Mountford for immense thanks for leading the project again this year and all the helpers. It really is a great community event for Shifnal.

## Morgan's award



**Congratulations to the 2nd XI's Morgan Ward who won the prestigious Gerry Gladwell wicket-keeping sheild at the Cricket Shropshire awards night.**

The citation said: "Morgan had a busy 2024 season playing across the Shropshire U15/16 and 18 teams. He has only really focused on his wicket-keeping in the last 12 months but has shown good potential during this period.

"He is fearless and confident and this gives him a good presence as a keeper, particularly when standing up. He took 13 wicket-keeping dismissals across the age group teams and is also a fine athlete in the field. "He captained the U16 team from behind the stumps, coming up with creative ideas and taking responsibility at key times."

## 2025 SCCL MSG Structure

|    | Premier          |    | Division 1     |    | Division 2      |    | Division 3        |    | Division 4        |    | Division 5        |
|----|------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Allscott Heath 1 | 1  | Bomere Heath 1 | 1  | Alberbury 1     | 1  | Bridgnorth 2      | 1  | Bomere Heath 2    | 1  | Allscott Heath 2  |
| 2  | Bridgnorth 1     | 2  | Broseley 1     | 2  | Albrighton 1    | 2  | Church Aston 1    | 2  | Condover 1        | 2  | Bishops Castle 1  |
| 3  | Ludlow 1         | 3  | Chirk 1        | 3  | Column 1        | 3  | Church Stretton 1 | 3  | Cound 2           | 3  | Column 2          |
| 4  | Madeley 1        | 4  | Cound 1        | 4  | Ellesmere 1     | 4  | Guilsfield 1      | 4  | Frankton 2        | 4  | Frankwell 2       |
| 5  | Newtown 1        | 5  | Frankton 1     | 5  | Forton 1        | 5  | Ludlow 2          | 5  | Harpers 1         | 5  | Hodnet 1          |
| 6  | Quatt 1          | 6  | Newport 1      | 6  | Frankwell 1     | 6  | Sentinel 2        | 6  | Iscoyd 1          | 6  | Knockin 2         |
| 7  | Sentinel 1       | 7  | Oswestry 1     | 7  | Knockin 1       | 7  | St Georges 2      | 7  | Llanidloes 1      | 7  | Lilleshall 2      |
| 8  | Shelton 1        | 8  | Quatt 2        | 8  | Lilleshall 1    | 8  | Wellington 3      | 8  | Newport 2         | 8  | Madeley 2         |
| 9  | St Georges 1     | 9  | Shifnal 2      | 9  | Montgomery 1    | 9  | Welshpool 1       | 9  | Newtown 2         | 9  | Much Wenlock 1    |
| 10 | Wellington 1     | 10 | Shrewsbury 2   | 10 | Shelton 2       | 10 | Wem 2             | 10 | Pontesbury 1      | 10 | Oswestry 2        |
| 11 | Wem 1            | 11 | Wellington 2   | 11 | Wheaton Aston 1 | 11 | Whitchurch 2      | 11 | Priorslee 1       | 11 | Shrewsbury 3      |
| 12 | Whitchurch 1     | 12 | Worfield 2     | 12 | Wroxeter 1      | 12 | Willey 1          | 12 | Shifnal 3         | 12 | Wroxeter 2        |
|    | Division 6       |    | Division 7     |    | Division 8      |    | Sunday Division 1 |    | Sunday Division 2 |    | Sunday Division 3 |
| 1  | Acton Reynald 1  | 1  | Albrighton 2   | 1  | Cae Glas 2      | 1  | Church Aston 2    | 1  | Alberbury 3       | 1  | Allscott Heath 3  |
| 2  | Alberbury 2      | 2  | Chirk 2        | 2  | Chelmarsh 1     | 2  | Harpers 2         | 2  | Bomere Heath 3    | 2  | Bridgnorth 4      |
| 3  | Cae Glas 1       | 3  | Condover 2     | 3  | Corvedale 1     | 3  | Knockin 3         | 3  | Bridgnorth 3      | 3  | Chelmarsh 2       |
| 4  | Calverhall 1     | 4  | Guilsfield 2   | 4  | Lilleshall 3    | 4  | Madeley 3         | 4  | Broseley 2        | 4  | Frankton 3        |
| 5  | Coton Hall 1     | 5  | Harcourt 1     | 5  | Pontesbury 2    | 5  | Newport 3         | 5  | Cound 3           | 5  | Knockin 4         |
| 6  | Ellesmere 2      | 6  | Ludlow 3       | 6  | Quatt 4         | 6  | Priorslee 2       | 6  | Frankwell 3       | 6  | Llanidloes 2      |
| 7  | Forton 2         | 7  | Quatt 3        | 7  | Quayside 1      | 7  | Shelton 3         | 7  | Lilleshall 4      | 7  | Madeley 4         |
| 8  | Montgomery 2     | 8  | Whittington 1  | 8  | Sentinel 3      | 8  | Shrewsbury 4      | 8  | Oswestry 3        | 8  | Newtown 3         |
| 9  | St Georges 3     |    | 21 Games       |    | 21 Games        | 9  | St Georges 4      | 9  | Shifnal 4         | 9  | Oswestry 4        |
| 10 | Wellington 4     |    |                |    |                 | 10 | Wellington 5      | 10 | Wem 3             | 10 | Sentinel 4        |
| 11 | Welshpool 2      |    |                |    |                 | 11 | Worfield 3        | 11 | Whitchurch 3      | 11 | St Georges 5      |
| 12 | Willey 2         |    |                |    |                 |    | 20 Games          |    | 20 Games          |    | 20 Games          |

## New home for 3rd XI

**F**ollowing the last Winter's Weston review and much consideration and consultation this season, the Board has decided that our 3rd XI will not carry on playing there.

We were unable to agree acceptable terms with our landlord the Bradford Rural Estates following lengthy negotiations.

In addition, worsening ground conditions (we didn't play any cricket there until June this season due to the really wet winter and not being able to access the ground with lying water), cost of equipment needing repair, groundsman costs and volunteer demands, all contributed to the decision.

We have been playing at Weston since

2007. When we took on the ground, cricket had not been played there for some time and it had been used mainly for football. We built a square, prepared the outfield and refurbished the pavilion through the work of many volunteers and the ground was officially reopened at a match against a Viscount Newport's XI.

It is a lovely place to play, with many of our current seniors starting their cricket journey at Weston. We enjoyed a good relationship with Lord Bradford, Viscount Newport and the staff at Weston Park. We will be sad to leave but will do so with many happy memories. A massive thank you to those who looked after Weston and, in particular, to

Richard Gough who spent many hours cutting grass.

The second ground at St Georges has become available and we are very pleased to say with we have been able to put an agreement in place for our 3rd XI to play there, initially for the next three seasons. It is only three miles from HQ, has first-rate changing facilities, access to the social club and good car parking and is seen by the board and 3rd XI as a positive move.

● The MSG Shropshire County League structure for 2025 has been confirmed.

The 2nd XI will again play in Division One, while the 3rd XI will continue in Division Four. The 4th XI remain in Sunday Division Two.

## Leaving the crease



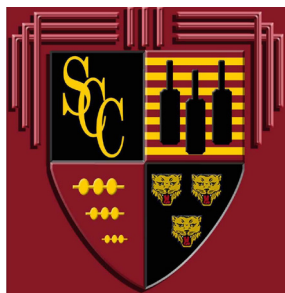
**W**e are very sorry to report the passing of Jim Home.

Jim has raised his bat for the last time at the ripe old age of 90. Jim has been a constant presence at the club for the last 20 years supporting firstly his sons Ed and Guy and then grandchildren Charlie, Millie, Jack and Tom, all of whom have represented Shifnal with distinction.

We will miss Jim's presence, such a lovely man. He enjoyed nothing more than chewing the cud as he wandered round the boundary or in the bar afterwards, with many of us at Shifnal, giving us his tenpenny worth of wise words.

Our thoughts are with the Home family and all Jim's friends in cricket and beyond.

A memorial service will be held at Atcham Church on December 18 at 11.30am.



## First Class success

**H**uge congratulations to a trio of Shifnal players who are making their mark in the First Class game.

**Jack Home** made his debut for Worcestershire in this year's Metro Bank One Day Cup and has earned a three-year contract with the club.

In the past 12 months, **Theo Wylie** has represented England at the Under 19s World Cup and earned a contract with Warwickshire.

**Mitch Stanley** was selected in England Lions squad which is currently in South Africa.



Jack, pictured above, made a big impression in the One Day Cup for the Pears, playing in five games and picking up 16 wickets, including impressive figures of 6-51 in victory at Derbyshire.

He also played in one T20 Blast game and two Vitality County Championship games towards the end of the season.

His performances also brought him to the attention of the national selectors, and he received a call-up for the England Young Lions (under 19s) for a three-week training camp in South Africa.

Theo was given a two-year contract at Edgbaston in the Summer and played in Warwickshire's Metro Bank One day Cup campaign.

It followed on from him taking 4-42 for England U19s against Australia at the World Cup earlier in the year and also playing against Sri Lanka in the Summer.

Mitch played for Lancashire in the T20 Blast in the Summer, and also one game in the Metro Bank One Day Cup in a campaign which was hit by injury.



From left, Holly Fozzard, Chloe Newbould (captain), Katie and Maisie Rushton

## Winning Women's team

**I**t's been a brilliant year for Shifnal's Women's side.

After success in claiming the Women's Indoor League crown in the Spring, they also won their outdoor title.

They won six of their eight games in

the Cricket Shropshire midweek Hardball T20 League to claim the title.

Members of the successful team were present at the Cricket Shropshire Women & Girls' Presentation evening at the Wroxeter Hotel to receive the trophy.

## Congratulations Will



**C**ongratulations to Will Hurford who received the Metro Bank Champion of Girls Cricket award at the Cricket Shropshire Presentation night.

Will put in a lot of hard work developing the Women and Girls's section at Shifnal for nearly 10 years.

Will Clarke said: "All of us at Shifnal are really please to see Will receive the recognition he deserves for the work he has done promoting Women and Girls cricket in Shropshire.

The nomination said: "Will has significantly impacted girls' cricket by increasing participation, developing skills, and sharing his knowledge."

## At the bar

**A** big thank you to the club's new Bar lead Catherine Redding.

Catherine has taken over from long-standing Bar manager Tim Kelly who is a huge act to follow.

Thanks also to all the helpers over the course of the year for all the hours they have spent behind the bar – it is the life-blood of the club and really important for our sustainability moving forward.

We're always on the lookout for additional bar staff both paid and voluntary, so if anyone is interested then please get in touch with Catherine or Chair Andy Mac.

## Nets arranged

**I**t's time to look forward to the 2025 season with the first net dates arranged for the 1st XI.

Nets have been booked at Shrewsbury School's Indoor Cricket Centre starting in February.

The first net date is Thursday, February 20 with more bookings also for March 4, 18 and 25 and April 3.

Each will run from 6-7pm with one net booked on each occasion.



# New signings for 2025



## Talented opening batter Rahul Kaushal joins from Bridgnorth.

Rahul scored over 500 runs for Bridgnorth last season including a sparkling century against Old Hill.

We are also delighted that local lad Thomas Newnes has rejoined the club from Newport.

Thomas has been a consistent run scorer for Newport over the past few seasons and it's great to have him back home.

The clubs also delighted to sign all-rounder Stephen Taylor from St Georges.

Steve's a really talented cricketer both with bat and ball. He's played for Shropshire in the past many times and it's great to have him on board.



*New signings Rahul Kaushal, Thomas Newnes and Steve Taylor*

## Club kit



0 Bespoke Shirt S/S - Shifnal  
£5.00

T20 Bespoke Shirt - L/S Shifnal CC  
£34.00

T20 Bespoke jumper - L/S Shifnal CC  
£36.00



c Tee (H787) White - Shifnal  
£1.00



Training Tee (E865) Black/Red - Shifnal CC  
£17.50



Pro Mid Layer 1/4 Zip (E868) Black/Red - Shifnal CC  
£29.00



Our club kit is supplied by Hawk Cricket, details can be found via [www.hawkcricnet.com/shifnal-cc](http://www.hawkcricnet.com/shifnal-cc)

# Volunteers needed

**The club is always on the look out for volunteers, and need you now more than ever!**

Many thanks to all that helped on fireworks night recently, it was great to see lots of people helping our great club out.

We're particularly looking for a new Finance Director to take over from Alex after the AGM.

If anyone is interested, please contact club chair Andy McNaughton to discuss the role on 07866 989345. We would be

most grateful if someone came forward. We're also looking for a couple more board members.

The feedback we have received shows that volunteering does give you a sense of pride and achievement. It also helps out the local community, giving something back and can also provide experience of management skills.

Again, if anyone is interested in helping out, talk to Andy. Other roles we have out that need to be done throughout the year include the following roles.

- Juniors – Helpers, Admin, Team

Managers, Coaches, run the barbecue

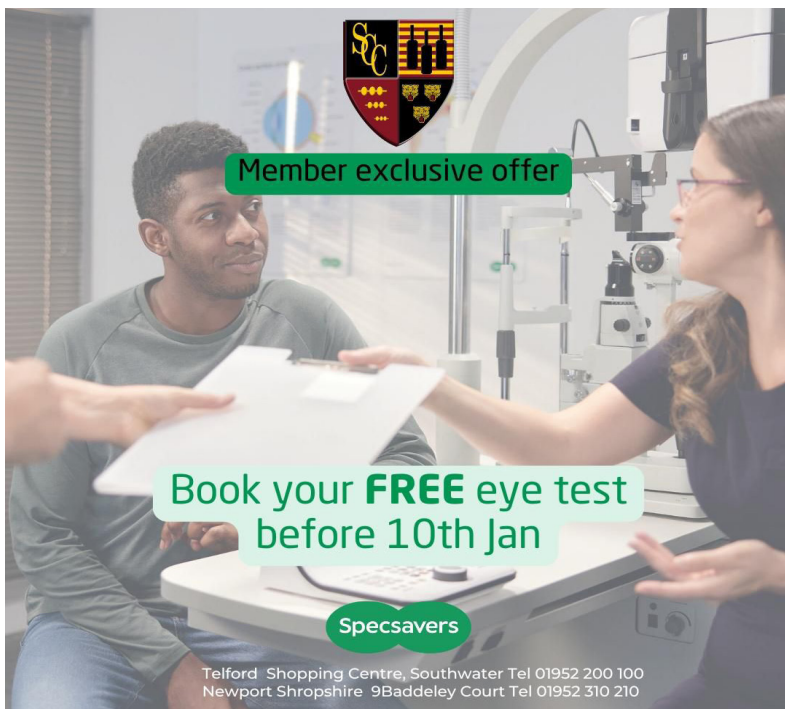
- Social Media Club Lead
- PR Director
- Help with gaining and upkeeping of Sponsorship
- Events and social organising
- Ground staff helpers
- Accounts administrations, finance helpers
- Bar Staff

If anyone is interested in helping out, please do come forward and put your hand up, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Bright sparks



## Free eye test for members



**Member exclusive offer**

**Book your FREE eye test before 10th Jan**

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**There have been some electrifying new additions at the pavilion at Shifnal CC since the end of the season.**

Solar panels have been installed on the rear south facing roof of the pavilion.

This will help generate electricity and help the club reduce costs significantly.





# Thanks to our sponsors



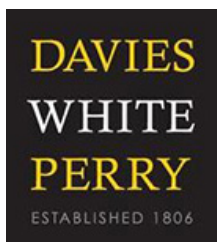
## Shirt sponsorship

**W**e're delighted to announce that the club has agreed a new shirt sponsorship deal with Specsavers which will extend for the next two seasons.

Thanks to Specsavers for their continuing support of the club, it is much appreciated.

And thank you to all our sponsors, including those who have come on board in the past 12 months.

If anyone is interested in becoming a club sponsor, you can contact Club Chair Andy McNaughton on 07866 989345.



Members please try and support our sponsors, let them know you're from Shifnal cricket club and thank them personally for supporting our great club