# Shifnal Cricket Club Newsletter

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2023 fixtures

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Shifnal CC – Encouraging participation, nurturing talent



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## **Chair's notes**

■elcome to another cricket filled summer at Shifnal Cricket Club as we approach the upcoming season.

Following on from a disappointing end to the last season, I'm sure we are all keen and eager to get underway for the 2023 campaign.

Our 1st XI return to Division Two of the Birmingham Premier Cricket League following relegation from Division One last season.

New signings and the return of old faces to the 1st XI give us a strong squad in what we expect to be a hard-fought league in order to regain our position in the top flight.

Good luck to Muz and the boys in their attempts for promotion this season, we are backing you all the way.

The 2nd XI return to Division One after a challenging season in the Premier Division of the Shropshire Cricket League.

Experienced Mark Bissell takes over the reins as captain from Jonty Mountford who stepped down at the end of last season.

Mark is keen to get a successful campaign underway and I wish him all the best for the season ahead, and I'm sure we will all support him in his first year as captain.

Andy Warner is seeking promotion for the 3rd XI who feature in Division Four of the Shropshire League with lots of opportunities expected for our junior players who move up the ranks within senior cricket.

Veteran Paul Gough is taking on the captaincy of the 4th XI who return with Sunday cricket to Priorslee Road in Sunday Division Two.

Junior coaching commences on Friday May, 12, for Ages 5-8, 8-11 and Under 13s all taking place on a Friday night.

We have new faces within our coaching ranks who I wish a very warm welcome to. It's great for the club to bring in new coaching experience to improve and develop our junior talent.

As ever, the club is on the lookout for new volunteers, either coaching within the junior age groups on the field or helping out behind the bar instead so please get in touch if this is of interest.

Ahead of the start of the season I would like to thank our returning sponsors for 2023.

I encourage members to support sponsors where they can.

Wishing members all the best for what I'm sure will be a successful year for Shifnal CC. Alex





Ben Roberts

# **Skipper Muz's musings**

### **S** o here we go again for the 2023 cricket season at Shifnal CC.

Despite the wettest March in recent memory and a pretty miserable Spring to date, but with the 1st X1 opening their campaign on April 8 away at Smethwick in the Graham Williamson Trophy, I for one, am really excited about what this season has in store for the club.

Firstly, I would like to welcome some new faces to the club:

Charlie Home, after a five-year spell away from the club, returns to play a huge role in our side this year along with his responsibilities as the newly-appointed Shropshire CCC captain for 2023. Charlie will bring quality to the top order as well as being a high-quality spin bowler.

Ben Lees joins us from Bridgnorth, a top quality keeper/batsman who is a regular in the Shropshire CCC first team. Leesy brings quality with both bat and gloves and will be a real boost to have around the place both on and off the field.

Ben Roberts and Andy Harrison have joined us to bolster the seam bowling ranks. Both have Minor Counties experience as well as a wealth of club cricket experience to draw upon and will provide us with strong new ball options that I am really excited to see in action.

Harvey Wakefield has also joined us from Lilleshall, where he has had a great deal of success with the bat, and will be a part of the first team squad and add more depth to what already appears to be a strong batting line up.

In addition, we will welcome our new overseas player, Rehan Afridi from Pakistan, to the side for the season. Rehan is a top order batter who has played a number of First Class games in Pakistan - we are really excited for him to join us.

I would also like to congratulate 2022 overseas player, Ethan Jamieson, on his success over the Winter playing for Australia Under 19s against England.

Looking ahead to the season, the 1st XI will compete in BDPCL Division 1 this year while the 2nd XI find themselves in SCCL Division 1 under the new leadership of Mark



Bissell. This follows Jonty stepping aside from the role after six seasons and I would like to personally thank and congratulate him on doing a great job for the team and the club in those years as well as wishing Mark the best of luck in getting the team promoted back to the Premier Division. Andy Warner will once again captain the 3rd XI this year in Division 4 with Paul **Gough** taking the reins for the 4th XI in

Sunday Division 2.







Charlie Home

Harvey Wakefield

Andy Harrison

I am really excited to see these teams progress this year and in particular to see how our youngsters are getting on - it has been great to see more and more of them getting their opportunities in Senior cricket in the last couple of years and I look forward to seeing that continue in 2023 as we are undoubtedly blessed with some of the best young players in the area.

On the junior front, I would also like to welcome Harry Bolland to the club who will take over the management of the junior

section. I am sure that everyone will make Harry really welcome and support him with his efforts to produce really talented players for our sides.

Rehan Afridi

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our volunteers in advance for all of their hard work that goes into making Shifnal such a great place to play cricket and spend our time in the Summer.

There are far too many to name everyone individually, but a particular thanks to Shell for all his efforts at Priorslee Road as well as to **Rich Gough** for the work that goes into Weston - we are very fortunate to have people that put so much hard work into the club – make sure you buy them a beer when you see them in the Summer!

Look forward to seeing you all over the next few months and hopefully to celebrate a really successful season for the club as a whole.

Enjoy the summer.

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SWESTRY CRICKET CLUB

# **Membership**

■ith the season upon us, the time has come to renew your subscription for 2023 which enables you to eniov the great facilities we offer at Shifnal Cricket Club.

We have decided to go back to the old model, where a subscription is due at the start of the season and then a weekly match fee. The all inclusive subscription arose as a result of Covid and we now feel we have the appropriate resources in place to go back to the old model.

Weekly match fees will be payable through the **Teamo app**. Please download the app and register with Shifnal CC if you are looking to play senior men's cricket this vear.

These subscriptions remain in place to cover costs such as umpires, balls. equipment, insurance, upkeep of the ground along with making a contribution to our overheads.

As ever, payment (as well as lack of) of subscriptions will be considered at selection meetings. If players have not paid within 30 days of the due date then they will not be considered for selection.

#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Subscriptions will be paid via the Teamo app for all members looking to play men's senior cricket on a weekend. If you are registered on Teamo, you will receive a notification making you aware that your 2023 subscription charge has been allocated to your account.

For all other memberships, please can these be paid through the website (this excludes Allstars & Dynamos where payment must be made direct to the ECB) www.shifnalcc.co.uk/memberships

#### **MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Full Men's Adult Player Rate - This is the rate for those that wish to be considered for selection in adult cricket when they are available. £100 payable by 15th April.

Payment in instalments – £22 payable for five consecutive months from April to August – total payable £110. First instalment is payable by 15th April. If you wish to pay by instalments please let us know.

**Occasional Men's Adult Player Rate** - This is the rate for those that wish to be

## Venue hire

### Shifnal Cricket Club is the perfect place for private venue hire.

Whether you're hosting a meeting, planning a party or wanting to run a regular class, we can cater for your requirements at Priorslee Road.

We offer ample parking, a high-spec recently refurbished kitchen, TV, party speaker, toilets with baby changing facilities and a well-stocked bar selling an array of



selected in adult cricket, however, do not wish to play more than six games. Payment in full – £40 to be paid by 15th April 2023

Student Rate Men's - Payment in full -£65 if paid by 15th April 2023

Women's Hard Ball - £30 to be paid by 30th April

Women's Soft Ball- £20 to be paid by 30th April

Junior membership - All Stars (Age 5-8) £45 – paid through ECB, Dynamos (Age 8-11) £45 – paid through ECB

Boys and Girls (aged 9-18) £50 – paid through the website (unless registered on Teamo)

www.shifnalcc.co.uk/junior-membership Please note Allstars and Dynamos registration is completed through the ECB

website. All details about the 2023 junior coaching programme can be obtained on the Shifnal CC website - www.shifnalcc.co.uk/pages/

junior-cricket Discounts are in place for multiple children attending our junior coaching programme. Please see the website for

details of discounts offered. Social membership - This rate will be for all members who wish to use our facilities socially but not for any other purpose.

beverages (additional costs for use of the bar and hire of the party speaker apply).

We're very competitively priced - and don't forget members get a 20 per cent discount with the new Membership Cards!

Please check out the Venue Hire page on the Shifnal website for more information and to discuss a potential booking please complete the online enquiry form and one of the team will respond as soon as possible.

#### Social members will receive a membership card which will give them access to discounts on the bar. £15 for the full season. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

New for the 2023 year will be membership cards, which are available to all members including social members. Once your membership has been paid you will receive a membership card with a unique number on. It will entitle you to receive discounts from the bar. In order to receive these discounts you must have paid your 2023 subscription. You will also need to show your membership card when ordering at the bar. In case you forget your membership card, the bar staff will have a list of fully paid members.

In addition to the membership cards, all members will receive a 20 per cent discount when hiring club facilities including the pavilion. Membership numbers will need to be quoted in order to receive the discount.

We are trialling the use of membership cards for the 2023 season and therefore the membership cards will only be issued to members over the age of 18. This will be reviewed at the end of the season.

If you have any queries regarding membership email the adress below shifnalcricketclub@gmail.com

#### Win tickets to **Cosford Air Show!**

RAF Cosford (huge supporters of our annual Fireworks event) have gifted us two complimentary adult tickets to this year's Airshow, taking place on Sunday, June 11, to raffle off. Tickets are just £2 each and can be purchased from the cricket club bar, on or before Friday, May 12.

The winner will be contacted by phone and will have up until May 23 to claim their tickets from the Air Show Office. Good luck!

# **Junior Cricket**

et ready for an exciting new season at Shifnal Cricket Club as the junior section gears up for another year of fun and development.

Led by our new Junior Cricket Coordinator Harry Bolland (*picture right*), our talented group of coaches are committed to improving children's cricket skills while ensuring they have a great time on the field.

Harry replaces Chris Dirkin in the role, thanks to Chris for all his hard work at Shifnal CC over the years.

We offer a range of programmes to suit different age groups and abilities. All Stars and Dynamos sessions are perfect for kids aged 5-8 and 8-11 respectively, and run for eight weeks starting from May 12 until July 7.

For just £45, players can enjoy weekly sessions on Friday evenings from 6.15-7.15pm, in addition to a kit package when booking online.

## Women & Girls

new chapter has started at Shifnal Cricket Club and we send our Thanks to our previous coach, Katie Rushton, for her hard work and commitment over the past few years .

The women and girls have kindly had some playing tops donated and sponsored by Core Groundwork Ltd, many thanks to Kelly Honicke for her generosity.

I'm pleased to announce the return of Kate Brazier who has agreed to come and lead the coaching for the girls this year. She is ECB level 2 and looking to get her level 3. She also plays Women's county,

Ludlow 2s and for Quatt Women in the West Midland Premier League. Message from Kate. "I started playing

cricket when I was seven. I have a picture of me, sitting on the pavilion steps, deep in conversation with my coach. We talked about the game – fielding positions, the bowlers, which shot the batter should have used - but we also talked about me. And we spent a lot of time laughing.

## **100 club**

#### ntries can now be made for this year's Shifnal CC 100 Club.

To enter please pay £50 to the club's bank account 20-85-46 A/N 33717208 with the reference 100/yourname

The more entries we get, the higher the prizes that will be available. Last year we paid £75 first prize and £25 second prize each month.

The 100 club is a great way to support the club and earn yourself some cash.

Please enter by May 5 to be included in this year's draws.

Older children can join our three junior teams for ages U11s, U13s, and U15s. Training sessions will be split into three age groups on Fridays, starting from May 12 and running for eight weeks until July 7 from 6.15-7.45pm. Harry aims to provide a well-rounded development programme by incorporating sports psychology techniques to help players perform under pressure, along with prioritizing technical, tactical, and physical aspects of the game.

night is May 5 for Juniors and Girls.

You can also register now on our website at

https://shifnalcc.co.uk/pages/junior-cricket Friday evenings are family-friendly and provide a fantastic opportunity to enjoy cricket as kids play and and parents can relax with food and drink - the bar will be open and the BBQ fired up!

"A couple of years later, Will suggested that I join Shifnal girls. And there it was again! Infectious enthusiasm, competitiveness, endless encouragement. Our team spirit helped us punch above our weight and our self-confidence was developed alongside our game play. "That is the kind of atmosphere that I want to create for your girls. I have great hopes for us as a team. I want everyone to develop their technique, to improve their understanding of the game and to be competitive. I want to push the girls (individually and collectively) to play at the highest standard they can.

"But, when you come to a game, or to training, expect to hear a lot of laughter, maybe lots of chatter, because I firmly believe that you learn best when you are having fun. I will encourage the girls to push themselves, try new things, make mistakes, support each other and believe in them self. And if we win our leagues, so much the better!"

# Volunteers

#### 🥐 hifnal Cricket Club needs you! We're looking For help and support from members behind the scenes and on the training pitch:

 Juniors – Helpers, Admin, Team Managers, Coaches, run the barbecue

- Social Media Club Lead PR Director
- Events and social organising
- Ground staff helpers
- Accounts admininstrations, finance helpers
- Bar Staff

Please contact Alex on 07915 962259 or Shaun 07930 917012 if you are able to help in any way

The cost per junior programme will be £50 and siblings can enjoy discounts. Signing on



• Help with gaining and upkeeping of Sponsorship



Training for the girls starts each Monday from May 15. Training is available for all regardless of age or ability. There will be opportunities to play all forms of cricket ranging from county organised softball festivals through to hardball league cricket.

The older girls with a bit more more experience will also have the opportunity to play for Shifnal Women's team captained by Chloe Newbold.

We have entered the U14 league, U17 league and the Women's Shropshire League where we play other girls and women's teams throughout Shropshire.

We also have entered the U19 and U15 Lady Taverners knock out competitions which gives the girls a chance to play at Lord's if they get to the finals!

New members are most welcome regardless of ability.

Get in touch at willhcricket@gmail.com if you would like more details and to come along for a taster session.

Will Hurford

### Safeguarding

#### \Lambda t Shifnal CC we are committed **H**to making sure that all of our members are safe.

If you ever wish to report or discuss something you've heard or seen please contact our newly-elected Safeguarding Officer who is here to help, Ian Vasey.

If you feel that there is something our junior section can do to be more inclusive and accommodating please get in touch with lan on 07855 679612.

