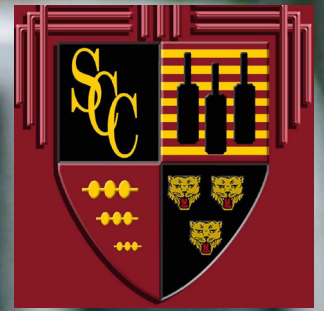


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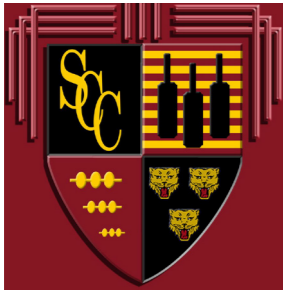
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## Chairman's notes

**W**elcome to another cricket filled summer at Shifnal Cricket Club as we approach the upcoming season with eager optimism.

In what I'm sure will be another challenging but successful year for the club on the pitch as we see our 1st XI do battle again in the Birmingham District Premier League which will be competitively fought as ever.

Our 2nd XI face a fresh challenge of the Shropshire Premier Division but with some new and returning faces among the team we're backing Jonty and the boys to make a big impact in the division.

The 3rd XI welcome back Dan Aston as their skipper as they look to bounce back in Division 3 of the Shropshire League.

2022 sees the 4th XI fixtures located at Priorslee Road for the first time with Sunday cricket being played throughout the year.

It will be great to see weekend filled senior cricket at Priorslee Road this season and I hope you join me at the ground through the summer watching the teams with a cold refreshment in hand.

Junior coaching commences on Friday,

May 6 for Ages 5-8, 8-11 and U13 all taking place on a Friday night.

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

We are also pleased to welcome a new member to our grounds team with Simon Rumble taking over at Weston, and we have also invested in a new mower at Priorslee Road.

We were also delighted to welcome SIS Pitches to the ground recently for the installation of four new hybrid SISGrass strips on the square.

It is exciting to see this new technology installed which will provide more durable pitches with pace and bounce and we can't wait to see it in action this season.

Ahead of the start of the season I would like to thank our returning sponsors for 2022 - see the back page of this newsletter. I encourage members to support sponsors where they can.

Here's to another successful year for Shifnal CC.

Alex

## Skipper Muz's musings

**H**ere we are again! Another Winter over and after a couple of weeks of glorious March sunshine the cricket season is upon us and guess what... the Met Office have issued a weather warning!

The first thing I must do is offer a very warm welcome to some new faces who have joined us this winter. We have worked really hard to bring in some young, talented players to boost the club not just this season but for the next 5-10 years.

Firstly, I am delighted to announce that for the first time in recent years we are welcoming over an overseas player.

Ethan Jamieson will join us on 20th April from Sydney, New South Wales. Ethan is a genuine all rounder - a left-handed top order batter who bowls leg spin and has had a high level of success playing A grade cricket in Sydney already at the age of 18.

Ethan scored his first A grade hundred for his home club, UNSW, in their final round of fixtures. He is currently representing NSW under 19s in the National festival and will hopefully be a great addition for us with a big future in the game! I am sure that he will be made to feel really welcome by all.

We have also managed to add Matthew Lamb (Wellington) and Theo Pickin (Worfield), two of the most talented youngsters in the county. I am sure that both will have long and successful careers with Shifnal and I am looking forward to watching them develop as cricketers. I'm also delighted to welcome back to the club Sam Cotter (Acton Reynald) as well as Andy



Jack Edwards, 2nd XI skipper Jonty Mountford and 1st XI skipper Chris Murrall

Warner (Wednesbury). It has also been great to see Ian Simmons back at Winter nets on his return from a serious knee operation.

A couple of thanks from me also, firstly to Steve Leach who has made the decision to take a step back from club cricket as a result of the back injury he has been suffering from over the past couple of years.

Steve's influence on the club really can't be understated. When he first joined from Shrewsbury we were struggling in the bottom half of Division 2 and it was largely as a result of Steve's runs and influence that we managed to pull ourselves up to the Premier Division in just three years earning two promotions along the way. Thanks from me personally, and I'm sure from many others, must go to Steve for all his efforts at the club in the last few years - I will miss his

runs more than I will miss his terrible chat! Huge thanks also go to Alex Wyatt who, following his relocation to Kenilworth, has opted to play his club cricket closer to home. Again, a huge part of our success over the past few years, without a doubt one of the best bowlers in the league as well as being a brilliant influence around the club. I must also pass on my thanks to Robbie and Xavie Clarke who have also moved on this winter for their efforts in the 2021 season.

We get underway on April 2 with a pre-season friendly away at Worfield, which will be followed by a home game against Kidderminster in the Graham Williamson Trophy on the April 9 and the league season starting the following week at home to Ombersley. The 2nd XI also get underway on April 16 away to Allscott with the 3rd and 4th XIs starting up the following week.

As ever, the BDPCL Premier Division will provide us with a really tough test against some top sides - however, the opportunity to face up against the best players in the West Midlands is a challenge that the team have always stood up to and I'm sure that 2022 will be no different. To have our 1st XI and 2nd XI competing at the highest level that they are permitted to do so is something that I am extremely proud of and is something that I hope we can continue over the next few years while continuing to provide a strong environment for our young players to come into and thrive.

As ever, all of your support is greatly appreciated! Have a great summer!

Muz

## Junior cricket

**T**here's a packed Junior Programme on the cards for youngsters at Shifnal Cricket Club this Summer.

The club will be running both the All Stars and Dynamos programmes, and there will also be training sessions for the Junior mixed squads.

Juniors Coach Chris Dirkin said: "If your son or daughter is keen to take up cricket, or is just keen to learn a new activity with their friends, why not come on down and join us?"

"We welcome all abilities/experiences and cater for everyone."

"And if you need any further excuse, it's a great reason for Mum and Dad to have a Friday night drink and a bite to eat in the sunshine along with their friends."



The **All Stars** sessions for youngsters aged 5-8 start on Friday, May 6, and the eight sessions will run from 6.15-7.15pm each week.

The eight-week **Dynamos** programme for ages 8-11 will run from the same date, Friday, May 6, from 6.15-7.30pm. The cost for both these programmes is £45 and bookings can be made if you search for All Stars/

Dynamos with Shifnal as the location with the package including kit.

The **Junior Mixed Squad for ages 9-13** will start on Friday, April 29, with 12 sessions from 6.15-7.45pm each night - All Stars and Dynamos players may also be invited to attend these sessions depending on their progress.

The **Junior Mixed Squad**

for ages 14-19 starts on Thursday, April 28 with 12 sessions planned running from 6.15-7.45pm each night.

The cost of the junior programmes is £45 with sibling discounts available. See [www.shifnal.co.uk/pages/junior-cricket](http://www.shifnal.co.uk/pages/junior-cricket) to book with online registration now available.

It follows on from a successful season in 2021. More than 30 Shifnal juniors represented Shropshire Age Group squads.

The Under 13s won the County Cup and were league leaders. They were narrowly beaten by Little Stoke in the Regional Final.


The Under 15s Cosmos won their district league and the Under 19s were unbeaten in their group.

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



























## 1st XI FIXTURES (all games 12noon start)

	<b>April 9 Shifnal v Kidderminster</b> (Graham Williamson Trophy)			<b>June 25 Shifnal v Kidderminster</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>April 16 Shifnal v Ombersley</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>July 2 Ombersley v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>April 23 Shrewsbury v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>July 9 Shifnal v Shrewsbury</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>April 30 Moseley v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>July 16 Shifnal v Moseley</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>May 7 Shifnal v Leamington</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>July 23 Leamington v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>May 14 Barnt Green v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>July 30 Shifnal v Barnt Green</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>May 21 Shifnal v Halesowen</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>Aug 6 Halesowen v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>May 22 Shifnal v Wem</b> (T20 Challenge Cup)			<b>Aug 13 Shifnal v Berkswell</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>May 28 Berkswell v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>Aug 20 Kenilworth Ws v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>June 4 Shifnal v Kenilworth Ws</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>Aug 27 Shifnal v Knowle &amp; Dorr</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	
	<b>June 11 Knowle &amp; Dorr v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem))			<b>Sep 3 Shifnal v Smethwick</b> (Birmingham League Prem))	
	<b>June 18 Smethwick v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)			<b>Sep 10 Kidderminster v Shifnal</b> (Birmingham League Prem)	

## 3rd XI FIXTURES (all games 12.30pm start)

	<b>April 23 Shifnal v Quatt IIs</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>July 9 Quatt IIs v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>April 30 Trysull &amp; S'don v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>July 16 Shifnal v Trysull &amp; S'don</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>May 7 Shifnal v Madeley IIs</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>July 23 Madeley IIs v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>May 14 Oswestry IIs v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>July 30 Shifnal v Oswestry IIs</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>May 21 Shifnal v Harpers</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Aug 6 Harpers v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>May 28 Newport IIs v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Aug 13 Shifnal v Newport IIs</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>June 4 Church Aston v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Aug 20 Shifnal v Church Aston</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>June 11 Shifnal v Willey</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Aug 27 Willey v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>June 18 Shifnal v Albrighton</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Sept 3 Albrighton v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>June 25 Wem IIs v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Sep 10 Shifnal v Wem IIs</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	
	<b>July 2 Shifnal v Welshpool</b> (Shropshire Division 3)			<b>Sep 17 Welshpool v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Division 3)	

## 2nd XI FIXTURES (all games 12noon start)

	<b>April 9 Wellington v Shifnal</b> (Pre-season friendly)			<b>July 2 Shifnal v Allscott Heath</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>April 16 Allscott Heath v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>July 9 Oswestry v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>April 23 Shifnal v Oswestry</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>July 16 Sentinel v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>April 30 Shifnal v Sentinel</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>July 23 Shifnal v St Georges</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>May 7 St Georges v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>July 30 Quatt v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>May 14 Shifnal v Quatt</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>Aug 6 Shifnal v Wellington</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>May 21 Wellington v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>Aug 13 Madeley v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>May 28 Shifnal v Madeley</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>Aug 20 Shifnal v Ludlow</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>June 4 Ludlow v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>Aug 27 Newport v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>June 11 Shifnal v Newport</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>Sep 3 Whitchurch v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>June 18 Shifnal v Whitchurch</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)			<b>Sep 10 Shifnal v Shelton</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)	
	<b>June 25 Shelton v Shifnal</b> (Shropshire Premier Division)				

## 4th XI FIXTURES (all games 1pm start)

	<b>April 24 Oswestry IVs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>July 10 Shifnal v Oswestry IVs</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>May 1 Harpers IIs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>July 17 Shifnal v Harpers IIs</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>May 8 Lilleshall IVs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>July 31 Chelmarsh IIs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>May 15 Shifnal v Bridgnorth IVs</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Aug 7 Shifnal v Pontesbury IIIs</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>May 22 Pontesbury IIIs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Aug 14 Knockin &amp; Kin IVs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>May 29 Shifnal v Knockin &amp; Kin IVs</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Aug 21 Shifnal v Madeley IVs</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>June 12 Shifnal v Chelmarsh IIs</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Aug 28 Church Aston IIs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>June 19 Bomere H IIIs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Sep 4 Shifnal v Bomere Heath IIIs</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>June 26 Shifnal v Church Aston IIs</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Sep 11 Bridgnorth IVs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)	
	<b>July 3 Madeley IVs v Shifnal</b> (Sunday Division 3)			<b>Sep 18 Shifnal v Lilleshall IVs</b> (Sunday Division 3)	

# Women & Girls

**W**omen and Girls cricket has faced a resurgence in recent years and has become a focus for the ECB as they look to grow the game.

Shifnal CC had been fortunate enough to have had a long running Women and Girls section established a number of years ago.

More recently the Women's Softball Cricket offer was started only a couple of years ago.

This offer promotes the social side of the game and is for anyone looking to get involved regardless of experience and knowledge of the game.

The initial Girls offer was established a number of years ago and continues to progress with a number of our girls now representing Shropshire.

Our focus now is to engage more girls through girls only All Stars and Dynamos introductory programmes which offer a fun environment for the girls to introduce the basic cricket skills.

Finally the Women's Hardball team has also been running for numerous years as a result of the older girls needing a progression from the girls activity.

This offers more able women and girls to experience hardball cricket, which is now developing on a broader county wide level.

There is something for all females at Shifnal CC regardless of age or ability.

The exponential growth in the game is set to continue and we at Shifnal CC want to remain a big part of it, with our continued offer.



**Softball Cricket for beginners** – no experience needed, the chance to have fun and give cricket a go. Fridays, 6.30pm-7.45pm, from Friday, May 6. Cost is £15 per person. There will be Festivals held throughout the Summer, with Prosecco, sunshine, fun and games

**Women's Hardball** –for more experienced players. Girls and ladies net session on Wednesdays 7.15-8.30pm starting on April 27. Cost is £25. Equipment is available to borrow, along with access to a high-quality net facility. Local fixtures weeknights throughout the Summer.

**Girls' cricket** – There's a free trial for any girls looking to give cricket a go.

**Girls' Festivals & Fixtures** – Festivals and fixtures throughout the Summer for the Girls to get involved in playing at different venues across the county.






**Girls' Coaching – 5-8 All Stars** is on Fridays 6.15-7.15pm starting on May 6. Cost £40 for eight Sessions – mixed girls & boys

**Ages 8 – 11 Girls Exclusive Dynamos** – on Fridays 6.15-7.30pm starting on May 6 – again £40 for eight sessions.

**Ages 9-16** – Coaching takes place on Wednesdays from 6.15-7.45pm starting on April 27.

Cost £40 per person (sibling discount for squad members – 2 siblings £75, 3 siblings £95, 4 siblings £110)

## Kit

 <p>from £26.00</p> <p>0 Bespoke Shirt S/S - Shifnal CC</p> <p>£5.00</p>	 <p>T20 Bespoke Shirt - L/S Shifnal CC</p> <p>£34.00</p>	 <p>T20 Bespoke jumper - L/S Shifnal CC</p> <p>£36.00</p>
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Our club kit is supplied by Hawk Cricket, details can be found via [www.hawkricket.com/shifnal-cc](http://www.hawkricket.com/shifnal-cc)

## Membership

**S**hifnal CC's membership fees have been agreed for the 2022 season – with discounts available for early payment.

The cost of a men's full season membership is £175 if paid by April 9, 2022, with the cost then increasing to £190 if paid after that.

This can also be paid in two installments of £100 – the first payment is due by April and second payment due June 25.

Students membership is £120 if paid by April 9 which rises to £130 if paid after that.

The other option is an occasional membership which is available for those who play six games or less which is £65.

Junior membership is £45 with discounts available for families with more than one child playing cricket at the club – £85 for two children, £115 for three.

Women's Hardball membership at the club is £25, with Women's Softball membership set at £15.

Full details can be found at [www.shifnalcc.co.uk/memberships](http://www.shifnalcc.co.uk/memberships)



# Social diary

### SATURDAY 23RD APRIL – BEERS, BURRITOS & BOXING!

For the first weekend all 4 x senior teams are back in action, it would be great to see as many friendly faces as possible down the Club on the Saturday evening for a beer or two!

And for a real treat, we'll be joined by Sophie's Kitchen, who will be serving a delicious Burrito & Nacho Bar for the evening – just £8pp, no need to pre-book a place, but we will set up a FB event to try and gage numbers, so please check that out.

For those who don't need to rush off, we'll be aiming to show the Fury vs. Whyte fight too (currently scheduled for 10pm approx.).

### FOOTBALL ON THE BOX

Catch all the big football fixtures down the Club, once the season kicks off – including end-of-season Premiership highlights, the FA Cup Final (Saturday, May 14 – 5pm kick off) and the Champions League Final (Saturday, May 28 – 8pm kick off). Keep an eye out on social for which matches will be shown.

### FRIDAY NIGHT BBQS WILL BE BACK...!

It was fantastic last year to see the Club buzzin' on a Friday evening whilst the Ladies & Juniors trained (and the Mums & Dads enjoyed a catch up!).

Firing up the BBQ went down really well, so we'll be doing the same this year – we'll be pulling together a rota of volunteers to man the BBQ on Fridays throughout May & June, between about 6-8pm, so if you're able to help flip a burger or two, please let Alex know.



## Pitch upgrade

**S**ome amazing technology was on show at Priorslee Road as four new hybrid SISGrass pitches were stitched and curated by SIS Pitches ahead of the 2022 season.

This is the same technology used at a number of professional grounds around the world which combines normal turf with just five per cent of twisted compact yarn which in turn allows surfaces to become more durable with pace and bounce. This will give more playing hours and a faster recovery time than previous fully grass wickets.

A huge thanks to SIS Pitches for their work which allows us to continue to provide our members with the best quality facilities that we possibly can.

Shifnal Town Council have confirmed they will fund 75 per cent of the hybrid pitch cost – a big thank you to them! Existing club funds will be used to cover the remaining cost and we are looking forward to seeing the pitches in action.



## Venue hire

**S**hifnal 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 fully-functioning kitchen, large projector screen, toilets with baby changing facilities and a well-stocked bar selling an array of beverages (additional costs for use of the bar apply).

Dependant on other bookings, we can be flexible with timings and requirements, so if your function does not fit into the price list or you would simply like to discuss your potential booking further, please get

in touch via the enquiry form on the club website, and one of the team will respond as soon as possible. Minimum booking period for any private hire is three hours.

For bookings requiring the bar, you will only be charged for the time the bar is open. Substantial time will be provided to set up and clear down for your event, however this is at the discretion of the club and dependent on other activities taking place at the club.

Full terms and conditions and a Letting Hire Agreement will be shared before any bookings are finalised. Costs to be reviewed on an annual basis in January, for the start of the next season. A 20 per cent discount for members and sponsors is available.

[www.shifnalcc.co.uk/pages/facilities-hire](http://www.shifnalcc.co.uk/pages/facilities-hire)



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**H**ave you had your latest eye-test yet? With World Health Day coming up on April 7, it couldn't be a better time.

Visit Specsavers Newport or Telford to benefit from their £10 OCT offer.

An optical coherence tomography scan (commonly referred to as an OCT scan) helps the team to view the health of your eyes in greater detail, by allowing them to see what's going on beneath the surface.

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