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### Notice of Annual General Meeting

PUTNEYSRICKET CLUB  
The Pavilion  
Lower Richmond Road  
Putney SW15 1JF

**07th March 2022**

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Putney Cricket Club will be held on Wednesday 23rd March 2021, at 7:30pm.

The Dukes Head  
8 Lower Richmond Rd,  
Putney  
London  
SW15 1JN

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider and discuss the 2021 season, and to conduct the business as set out in the following agenda:

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Management Committee Report and Chairman's comments**
- 3. Financial Report**
- 4. Update to Constitution & Club rules**
- 5. Approve PCC 5-year plan**
- 6. Adoption of the annual report.**
- 7. Vote of Thanks to outgoing Officers**
- 8. Election of President**
- 9. Election of Officers**
- 10. Any Other Business**

Members are reminded that all Officers retire, and nominations may be received for any position, whether vacant or not. All such nominations must be received by the Secretary, at the address shown below or by email ([paulmccanns@me.com](mailto:paulmccanns@me.com)), by noon of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022. All such proposals must have the consent of the nominee, and the support of a seconder.



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A list of the present Officers who are prepared to offer themselves for re-election is shown below. Members are reminded that if they are elected to any of the posts, they are fully expected to perform their duties.

We are as ever looking for people to help with the running of the club. Please do contact me if you are interested. (paulmccanns@me.com)

President	<i>Nomination Required</i>
Chairman	D. Shaw
Vice Chairman	C. Smulian
Secretary	P. McCann
Deputy Secretary	<i>Nomination Required</i>
Treasurer	A. Hyland
Joint Club Treasurer	P. McCann
Welfare Officer	A. Ockwell
Team Secretary	C. Smulian
Fixture Secretary	B. Brook
Facilities Secretary	B. Macmillan
Groundsman	K. Pearce
Social Secretary	<i>Nomination Required</i>
Saturday 1st XI Captain	A. Hope
Saturday 1st XI Vice Captain	B Williamson
Saturday 2nd XI Captain	A. Bendre
Saturday 2nd XI Vice Captain	B. Macmillan
Saturday 3rd XI Captain	<i>Nomination Required</i>
Saturday 3rd XI Vice Captain	<i>Nomination Required</i>
Sunday 1st XI Captain	B. Brook
Sunday 1st XI Vice Captain	<i>Nomination Required</i>
Sunday 2nd XI Captain	A. Sayer
Sunday 2nd Vice Captain	S. Hampson
Sunday 3rd Captain	R. Taylor

Paul McCann  
Secretary  
26 Harefield Avenue  
Cheam SM2 7NE



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## Management Committee Report

**Chairman:** Doug Shaw

**Vice Chairman:** Charlie Smulian

**Secretary:** Paul McCann



Perhaps to a lesser extent than 2020, there were still few weddings, engagement parties or stag dos to attend, nor hen parties from which to pick up our drunken partners. But there was still cricket! I am delighted to report that we enjoyed a full season and that playing numbers remained high. We routinely put out 6 sides each weekend, sometimes eight and once nine. Unheard of numbers.

On Saturdays, the First team came third in the First Division, the Second team came third in the Premier Division and the Third team came second in the Sixth Division. The Fourth team team, well, they were just happy to be there.

And our Sunday sides flourished too, adding new players and bonding them to the club under the ethos of MPSGA. And Great Again they were, led by Ben, Justin, Adam and Rob and their deputies, they played a unique and inclusive brand of cricket of which we can be proud, fuelled by the mysterious and potent liqueur **Thunderbitch**, which has brought alcoholic glamour to the club

Thanks to this year's committee and captains. Their ability to onboard so many new players is down to the culture of the club that we have all helped to make and, as Sam Mazurek called it, the *quality of the welcome*.

That is so important and so crucial to what sustains this club. To make sure that *every* player feels that they belong in *their* side, that they can make *their* contribution to the game, to feel valued as part of a team and, frankly, to get something on a weekend that they just cannot get at home.

I know that for many players, that is not just runs or wickets or catches but a sense of belonging and camaraderie. Be they young people new to London looking for a new social circle, players from abroad



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looking for a new club and to make real connections in a new country or players just looking for a hit and a catch.

I am saying there is a Putney side for you and it has been a measure of our own success that wherever you have come from, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Barbados, South Africa, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Belgium, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, we welcome you and we are lucky to have you.

### **Putney cricket matches don't happen on their own:**

- the ground is in good and improving shape, thank you Kieron,
- our beer is cold and plentiful, thank you Brian.
- that players believe that they will have a meaningful day out to which they can make their contribution, thank you all the skippers Amogh, Alex, Calum and their vices.
- To make sure that we have opposition against whom to play, thank you Ben,
- To make sure our finances are in good order, thank you Andy Hyland.
- to make sure our administrative affairs are in good order and that we keep the law suits to a minimum, thank you Hon. Sec. Paul McCann.
- To make sure we have a website through which so much of our business is conducted and which helps attract so many players to the club, thank you Ben Brook.
  - When I started here the team sheet went out by post!

I thank the continued support of our sponsors, [OakNorth](#) Bank and Waitrose, whose financial support of the Club is greatly appreciated. Please do join me in shopping at Waitrose and saving at OakNorth. I was able to open my account there through their app within a quarter of an hour. Very efficient.

What makes the club strong is not so much the triumphs **on** the pitch it is the effort that so many put in **off** the playing area. So I salute your club's officers, current and historic, for their service.

It is not the *best* players that make us a terrific club. It is the players who *strive to be their best*, to exceed their own expectations and to develop their abilities. I have in mind Adam Sayer who has come so far these past few years. Soham Bendre, who is making great strides and has the burden of being the club's entire youth policy. I am thinking of Paul Hogarth, who has really worked on his bowling, now that his eyes have started going.



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I am delighted to announce that **Shiraz Ahmed** has become a Patron of the Club on account of his financial support, without which we might've lacked the confidence to put on our successful 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. This was a terrific night and was superbly organised by Paul Hogarth and Alex Ockwell. Paul's speech was a particular highlight. Shiraz was a very influential slipper at Putney and an important part of our history as a club.

We also elected four life members of the club, each joining a very select band of Putney greats. **Robin Bell** took 500 wickets and scored over 6,000 runs many of them in 1995! Robin grew as a player with us. Most of the daddy hundreds are scored by young guns in their third or fourth Putney game. Often their final game! We know little about them, they bat three and score big and are seldom seen again. Robin's 163\* for the first XI came after years of toil in the Sunday sides. He then opened the bowling, for fear of his muscles seizing up, and took 3-18 off 12. We won by 15 runs! He was 48 at the time!

**Steve Young**, scored 12,000 Putney runs and took 676 wickets, he emigrated to New Zealand not once but twice and still returned! Steve runs the Putney outpost at Slinfold. **Gary Peters** and **James Peters** are also now Life Members. I will not tempt fate by writing of their prowess here, lest it becomes their cricketering obituaries: they have years of service left in them!

I want to look forward also. We have, in the past two years, invested in the ground and now we must invest in our pavilion also so that it can continue to serve. We need to re-design and to re-clad, both projects are key components of a five-year plan which I hope the AGM will endorse.

Please offer your help with these projects. If you cannot offer your time, we accept cash also! With your committee I look forward to bringing these concepts to you in 2022.

Doug Shaw on behalf of the 2021 Management Committee  
Chairman



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### 2021 Club Awards

R E Haddock Trophy	(Clubman of the Year)	Paul Hogarth & Alex Ockwell
Tom Price Trophy	(Player of the Tournament)	Adam Sayer

### Saturday Awards

Newcomer	(Saturdays)	Cameron Russell
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#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Awards**

R E Haddock Trophy	(Bowling)	Byron Langley
Reg Weller Trophy	(Batting)	Damandeep Singh
H A Mawer Trophy	(Fielding)	George Penfold
Player of the Year		Byron Langley

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Awards**

H C Dickeson Trophy	(Bowling)	Tom Seaman
Putney Trophy	(Batting)	Amogh Bendre
Maurice Lickens Trophy	(Fielding)	Sam Mazurek
Player of the Year		Brian Macmillan

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Awards**

Gary Peters Trophy	(Bowling)	Niket Patel
Devon Ebersohn Trophy	(Batting)	Caspar Barnes
Saad Hannan Trophy	(Fielding)	Lewis Hill
Player of the Year		Lewis Hill

#### **Saturday 4th XI Award**

Bowler of the Year	(Bowling)	Paul Emmet Costelloe
Batsman of the Year	(Batting)	Nick Rooney
Fielder of the Year	(Fielding)	George Gilligan
Player of the year		Nick Rooney



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### Sunday Awards

Chandra Sud Trophy	(Sunday Player of the Year)	Nicky Ison
Newcomer	(Sundays)	Ifan Jenkins

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Awards**

Claude Ford Trophy	(Bowling)	Nicky Ison
Bert Thornley Trophy	(Batting)	Rob Cross
Pat & John Greenslade Trophy	(Fielding)	Tan Balendra
Player of the Year		Nicky Ison

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Awards**

Amir Rahemtulla Trophy	(Bowling)	Nic Saunders
Eve & Stan Marshall Trophy	(Batting)	Manish Naik
Brian Brough Trophy	(Fielding)	Adam Sayer
Player of the Year		Jack Bickford-Smith

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Awards**

Sun 3s Bowling Trophy	(Bowling)	Nic Saunders
Sun 3s Batting Trophy	(Batting)	Manish Naik
Sun 3s Fielding Trophy	(Fielding)	Adam Sayer



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### 2021 Honours Board

#### Centuries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>
Justin Jarmola	109*	Sunday 1s	Sunday 2s	Home	25 <sup>th</sup> April
Finbarr O'Halloran	116	Saturday 4s	Dorking	BEST	1 <sup>st</sup> May
Robbie Ceiriog Hughes	102*	Saturday 4s	Dorking	BEST	1 <sup>st</sup> May
Ben Gallop	118	Saturday 4s	Crossbats	Away	22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Rupert Forbes	100*	Sunday 4s	Eversley	Away	6 <sup>th</sup> June
Rob Cross	109	Sunday 1s	Wandering Maniacs	Home	13 <sup>th</sup> June
Sam Sud	131	Sunday 3s	Thames Ditton	Away	20 <sup>th</sup> June
Alexander Savage	100	Sunday 2s	Chiswick	Away	29 <sup>th</sup> August
Alexander Savage	121*	Sunday 1s	Ploughmans	Home	05 <sup>th</sup> September
Nick Rooney	162*	Sunday 1s	Captain Scott Invit. XI	Home	12 <sup>th</sup> September
Alexander Savage	136	Saturday 4s	Woodmansterne	Away	18 <sup>th</sup> September



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### 5 Wicket Hauls

<u>Player</u>	<u>Figures</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Date</u>
Nic Saunders	5 / 20	Sunday 2s	Camel	BEST	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Harry Hedges	5 / 18	Sunday 3s	Christchurch	Home	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Matthew Proctor	6 / 5	Sunday 3s	Willow Leather	BEST	9 <sup>th</sup> May
Byron Langley	6 / 15	Saturday 1s	Guildford City YP	Away	29 <sup>th</sup> May
Nicky Ison	8 / 11	Sunday 1s	Concorde	Away	6 <sup>th</sup> June
Cameron Russell	6 / 23	Saturday 2s	Staines & Laleham	Away	19 <sup>th</sup> June
Bakhtiyar Khan	5 / 8	Saturday 3s	Wallington	Away	26 <sup>th</sup> June
Byron Langley	5 / 21	Saturday 1s	Southern Railway & K.	Home	3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Gary Peters	6 / 16	Saturday 2s	Southern Railway & K.	Away	10 <sup>th</sup> July
Byron Langley	7 / 18	Saturday 1s	Claygate	Home	10 <sup>th</sup> July
Robert Taylor	5 / 25	Sunday 3s	Little Islanders	BEST	11 <sup>th</sup> July
Adam Sayer	5 / 33	Wales Tour	Abergavenny	Away	15 <sup>th</sup> July
Brian Macmillan	5 / 42	Midweek	Vice-Chairmans XI	Home	21 <sup>st</sup> July
Byron Langley	5 / 2	Saturday 1s	Woodmansterne	Away	7 <sup>th</sup> August
James Peters	5 / 13	Saturday 2s	Staines & Laleham	Home	21 <sup>st</sup> August
Ben Brook	5 / 27	Sunday 1s	Barnes Common	Home	22 <sup>nd</sup> August
Tom Seaman	5 / 32	Saturday 2s	Mitcham	Away	28 <sup>th</sup> August
Byron Langley	5 / 17	Saturday 1s	Southern Railway & K.	Away	4 <sup>th</sup> September
Sam Cornick	5 / 20	Sunday 2s	Spelthorne	Away	5 <sup>th</sup> September
Brian Macmillan	5 / 45	Saturday 2s	St James	Home	18 <sup>th</sup> September



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### Treasurer's Report

**Treasurer:** Andrew Hyland



After a challenging 2020 season, 2021 brought with it renewed hope (pun intended) and many new club members (welcome).

A highly successful showing in the bar and record player numbers in addition to numerous grants (thanks to Macca for successfully obtaining so many for the club) and donations from old friends saw the generate some solid cash flow.

Additional expenses have been incurred (a trend that will continue) to improve our facilities – many thanks to the many who have helped to translate these spends into tangible benefits to members. After taking into account the next allocation of the clubhouse works costs and adjusting for the donations and grant, the club generated a net £411

Given the continued expenditure, on various aspects of the ground and clubhouse it is imperative that the club maintains high levels of traffic both on the field and in the bar. The trend is an upward one, however, and long may it continue.

Andrew Hyland

Treasurer



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INCOME	2021		2020
Annual subs	£10,708	[91 'easily identifiable']	£4,518
Match fees	£12,856		£7,077
Bar takings		£23,638	£14,867
Cost of sales		£12,455	£8,510
Bar profit	£11,183		£6,358
Social functions/Presentation evening	(£1,669)		
Inflow		£9,174	
Outflow		£10,843	
Net sales of club kit (incl. ties)			(£428)
Net monies	£1,926		£583
Ground hire/match fees from opposition	£664		£263
Other	£350		£102
Monies owed from 2020	£159		
Grants and donations	£9,500		£3,120
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£45,677</b>		<b>£21,592</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>GROUND ACCOUNT</b>			
Work on ground/Groundsman	£8,898		£4,733
Water rates	£181		£96
Grass seed/loam/weed control	£6,078		£4,652
Equipment repairs	£2,615		£2,059
Petrol			
Sundries	£636		£256
<b>Account total</b>	<b>£18,409</b>		<b>£11,797</b>
<b>PAVILION ACCOUNT</b>			
Joint fund	£2,500		£2,500
Heat and light	£607		£138
Cleaning and decoration	£1,201		£200
Clubhouse repairs	£3,000	(next 3000 of phase 2)	£3,095 (next 3000 of phase 2)
<b>Account total</b>	<b>£7,307</b>		<b>£5,933</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT</b>			
Affiliation fees and fines	£1,122		£365
Teas/umpiring/match fees and hire	£5,030		£778
Playing equipment/misc.equipment	£1,964		£1,507
Trophies/plaques/engraving	£182		
Website/texts/Sky Sports	£507		£261
Sundries	£1,185		£891
Bank charges	£60		
<b>Account total</b>	<b>£10,049</b>		<b>£3,801</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£35,765</b>		<b>£21,531</b>
<b>Surplus of income over expenditure</b>	<b>£9,911</b>		<b>£60</b>
Grant money deferred to pay for clubhouse works	£9,500		
<b>Net surplus on income (less grants) over expenditure</b>	<b>£411</b>		



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### Ground Report

Thankfully we enjoyed a full season in 2021 after the reduced campaign of 2020. We did in fact play approx. 67 games inc. 20/20s. In anticipation of this I extended our use of the square to its extremity of 92 feet. This meant we could use 10 strips and spread the load of games, using the end strips for pre-season games and end of season friendlies which proved very successful. We even managed to get league games out of pitches 2 and 9 one even ending in a draw! Ultimately our aim is for the whole square to play the same regardless of which pitch we use; this will take time but is achievable with some perseverance. At the moment the middle wickets play the best and are the preferred option for league games and some of cricket week. Using them 8 times and sometimes 10 times a season is unrealistic and will cause them to deteriorate, hopefully over the next 3 to 5 years as the rest of the square improves, we can begin to play across all 10 pitches with confidence.

This autumn we top dressed with Ongar loam for the first time, completing the transition from surrey to Ongar which we began last autumn. This will gradually improve the pace bounce and carry in the wickets, the groundman's holy grail. We also treated the square for worm casts twice as the wet summer has resulted in their returning with vengeance. They remain our biggest challenge as the treatments permitted are not very good at getting rid of them and therefore require repeated doses. This calendar year we may end up with 4 treatments as opposed to last year's 1.

One advantage of the very wet summer of 2021 was its impact on the outfield. After the very successful top dressing and over seeding in Oct 2020, we put down a slow-release fertiliser in May and this had a dramatic impact with all the rain that followed throughout the season. The downside was our issues with keeping the outfield cut regularly. I must thank Sam Mazurek for his interventions when we were really struggling, our own machine being out of action a lot during the summer. I think this has been resolved with a commitment to service it annually rather than every other year, but it is something that I will be monitoring closely when the mower is returned in March.

I was very happy with the performance of the square given the overall situation of lots of rain and wickets seemingly needing to be covered most weeks. I must thank everyone who participated in the 'covers team' particularly sculler who starred regularly throughout the season. We did appear to have unwanted guests staying under them on Friday evenings, I guess there isn't that much to do in Putney on a Friday night in the middle of summer. In the pitches there is still a tendency to low bounce and a lack of pace, but I think this will improve for next season. We will be verti-draining or deep spiking the square in the new year and beginning another course of pre-season rolling starting in March. In 2020 we managed 10 hours of pre-season rolling, thanks to Doug and Paul who chipped in. This year I am looking to do up to 20 hours if we get favourable conditions. We have also purchased a scarifier which will really help with pre-season work and pitch preparation during the season, as we have a tendency for wild grass to work its way into square and cause problems particularly on the outer wickets. This is connected to the worm casting issue as the worm casts provide a seed bed for the wild grasses over the closed season.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone who has helped over the year particularly Doug and Brian, also the six heroes who turned up in October this year to shift 12 tonnes of topsoil onto the outfield. You know who you are. I look forward to seeing everyone next season in hopefully more 'normal' conditions.

Kieron



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### Team Reports

The club played 182 games<sup>1</sup> this season (including where both sides were Putney), winning 92, losing 64, 20 Abandoned and 6 draws of various types). The full results can be seen below:

Team	Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
Saturday 1s	League	18	11	1	0	0	5	1
	Friendly	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Cup	4	2	0	0	0	2	0
	<b>All</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
Saturday 2s	League	18	9	2	0	1	3	3
	Friendly	6	4	0	1	0	1	0
	<b>All</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
Saturday 3s	League	16	9	0	0	0	4	3
	Friendly	5	4	0	0	0	1	0
	<b>All</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Saturday 4s	<b>All</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Sunday 1s	<b>All</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
Sunday 2s	<b>All</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
Sunday 3s	<b>All</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>
Sunday 4s	<b>All</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
Midweek	<b>All</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
Surrey Slam	Friendly	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Cup	7	6	0	0	0	1	0
	<b>All</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Wales Tour	<b>All</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Putney CC	<b>All</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Give or take a couple



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### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI

**Captain:** Alex Hope



**Vice Captain:** Ben Williamson



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
League	18	11	1	0	0	5	1
Friendly	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Cup	4	2	0	0	0	2	0
<b>All</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

2021 saw another solid year for the 1st XI finishing 3rd in the league and reaching the semi-final of the cup but ultimately falling short of achieving the promotion we targeted.

Having retained the nucleus of the squad from last season the team started strongly despite losing the first game of the season to weather. After dispatching Wandgas, despite finishing the game in monsoon like conditions, we then went on to a comfortable victory against eventual league champions Effingham inflicting their only loss of the season. Next followed a trip to Guildford and playing on an outfield more akin to a meadow restricted them to 58ao without a boundary scored thanks to 6-15 from Byron Langley. However, we made hard work of the chase before club stalwarts Saad Hannan and Gary Peters saw us home with a couple of wickets to spare.

The good run continued with a 9-wicket demolition of the other eventual promoted team Woodmansterne and the team was on a roll before succumbing to bogey team Sheen Park where we chased leather around the field on a scorching afternoon. A close fought draw with Shepperton followed, after a tight run chase where we might have got over the line if not for my best attempts to run out half the team in true Inzaman fashion!

A few wins later the team was well set going in to the second half of the season however a mini blip followed which ultimately cost us losing 3 in 4. A lost toss at champions Effingham saw us struggle with the bat in difficult conditions before the pitch dried out and they made light work of the chase. Arriving at Woodmansterne with the pitch under several inches of water we somehow got a game in and had the opportunity to really put promotion in our own hands. An incredible opening spell from Byron Langley of 5 wickets for 2 runs set us well on our way but unfortunately we let the tail wag as they scraped past 100 which ultimately proved too many.

The team bounced back and showed our quality winning the last few games comfortably but unfortunately missed out on promotion by 9 points. In the cup the team made easy work of reaching the semi-finals before a batting collapse against Croydon proved costly.



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Again the seam bowling attack was the strength of the team, led by Byron Langley who took a league high 48 wickets he was ably supported by the likes of Williamson, Waddington, Jackson and co. A shout out from all the bowlers must go to George Penfold for his immaculate glove work behind the stumps including some incredible catches and stumping.

The batting line up struggled a bit this year due to a combination of tricky pitches and batting first in all but one game, leading to chasing a lot of low totals. This made it difficult for people to find consistent form. When available Bam Bam proved his class averaging over 60 for the season and George Penfold played some nice knocks at the top of the innings. There is plenty of batting talent in the team and this is an area we must look to improve on next season as we look to put up some big scores!

Newcomers Jack Bagness and Alex Sachak showed plenty of potential in the second half of last season and will be solid additions to the group for next year, while the club will miss the "Mean Aussie" Sam Furber after returning back to his homeland.

As ever this is an extremely tight knit and social team where new players are welcomed and settle in quickly. No matter the result everyone is back to the club to enjoy a few cold beers (or coke's), discuss the days play and laugh at each others' antics. I've no doubt this team is ready to take the next step and achieve promotion in 2022 and I can't wait to get going!"

### **R.E. Haddock Trophy – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batsman of the Year**

Damandeep Singh

### **Reg Weller Trophy - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowler of the Year**

Byron Langley

### **H.A. Mawer Trophy - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

George Penfold

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Year**

Byron Langley

Alex Hope

Saturday 1st XI Captain



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### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

**Captain:** Amogh Bendre



**Vice Captain:** Brian Macmillan



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
League	18	9	2	0	1	3	3
Friendly	6	4	0	1	0	1	0
<b>All</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>

Proper league cricket was back in 2021. The Saturday 2's team was filled with regular members and club stalwarts from past years and, as always, some exciting new additions making it another fun filled, exciting season.

The Saturday 2's finished in a respectable 3rd position in 2ndXI Premier Division, narrowly missing promotion yet again. Partly to blame was an abandoned game vs Mitcham and a few games that we could not close in our favour.

2021 was a silly season, rain affected games, low scoring close encounters, this season had it all. Low scores meant we were 60-5 or thereabouts on several occasions, leaving the lower order plenty to do to keep us in the game. On a lighter note, it meant everyone was guaranteed a bat. Not many high scores were recorded, however, there were some good knocks during the season. James Barker vs Cobham and Gymkhana, Sam Mazurek vs Staines with Rolf Merchant providing stability at top of the order. Gary Peters, Lewis Hill, James Peters and Brian Macmillan all contributed with the bat at various times. Notable milestone for the year was Brian reaching 1000 runs for Putney and this was his best batting season ever.

The bowling unit looked as strong as ever with Gary, Brian, Tom Seaman and JP all having their moments to shine. Highlights from the 2021 season saw Tom Seaman get a well-deserved first 5fer for Putney, James Peters taking his 700th wicket for Putney (what a legend) and Gary Peters take 6fer vs Railways

We also had our pre and post season friendlies vs St James who on the return game end of the season provided us a great game. Pretty close encounter where we also saw heroics of Robbie with the bat take us to a respectable total that we managed to defend by 2 runs. We also had started SW15 2's games vs Roehampton 2s that makes it a local double header. Looking forward to continuing with this local rivalry again 2022.

Great season, plenty of memories on and off the field, in the end it was a truly team effort to be 3rd in the league despite not having a leading batsman or bowler in the league standings.



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Looking to build up from 2021 and hope to be challenging Top of Table positions again in 2022!!!

### **Putney Trophy – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Batsman of the Year**

Amogh Bendre

### **H.C. Dickeson Trophy - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Bowler of the Year**

Tom Seaman

### **Maurice Lickens Trophy - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

Sam Mazurek

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Year**

Brian Macmillan

Amogh Bendre

Saturday 2nd XI Captain



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### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI

**Captain:** Calum Goddard



**Vice Captain:** Lewis Hill/Charlie Smulian



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
League	16	9	0	0	0	4	3
Friendly	5	4	0	0	0	1	0
<b>All</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

It was a real pleasure to captain this new (2nd season in a league), energetic and exciting side. Superbly aided by club legends Charlie Smulian and Lewis Hill, we were able to string together a very successful league campaign, finishing 2nd in the Surrey Championship Division 6 EAST.

After an incredible unbeaten start to the league campaign, winning our first 9 games in a row the clean sweep was on our minds. The Arsenal Invincibles if you will... However, we'd do it in more style, not draw all our games...

We had an incredibly strong bowling attack like the previous year, with an ever reliable opening seam attack of Siddharth Asokan & Max Taylor/Ajay Tikare. These three caused real issues for the opening batsman of Division 6 East, rarely going for many runs, keeping consistent lines and, of course, cleaning out furniture from the soil. Siddharth finished the season on 15 wickets, Ajay 13 and Max 16.

Following on from our openers we had real strength in depth that allowed us to bowl teams out for really low scores; Myself (10 wickets), Charlie Smulian (13 wickets), Cam Russell (6 wickets), Savan Patel (2 wickets) and Niket Patel (26 wickets & bowler of the year) consistently picked off the middle order throughout the season. Superbly aided by Lewis Hill behind the stumps - a man who took 15 catches over the campaign, an extremely skilled keeper to have throughout the season.

Our batting depth ultimately was our downfall when it came to not winning the title and finishing the season undefeated. I felt sorry for our fantastic top order batsmen, they really were not aided as well as they could have been by us bowlers through the season... HOWEVER, we had some really strong batsmen who were able to put on some serious knocks throughout the season. Avish & Girish were our pragmatic openers with real courage in the middle. Girish with a high score of 52, Avish with a brilliant 61\* helped cement our top order through the campaign.

Following on from the openers Finbarr and Caspar were our equivalent to Root and Stokes. Not only were they incredible players but they also scored BIG runs for us. Finbarr scored fast runs whenever he was in the middle with a high score of 38 and Caspar (our batsman of the year) scoring an incredible 80.



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However our golden asset through the season was Lewis Hill, not only was he a safe pair of gloves behind the stumps, he also was a same pair of gloves whilst holding Grade A Willow. With a high score of 93\* Lewis had a brilliant season with the bat, resulting in him picking up Saturday 3's Player Of The Year. Congrats Lewis.

What a season it was, PROMOTION! Really looking forward to seeing what we can do in the division up next year. Although I won't be taking the team on as captain next year I look forward to playing with the 3's again!

Thank you for a brilliant season chaps!

### **Devon Ebersohn Trophy – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Batsman of the Year**

Caspar Barnes

### **Gary Peters Trophy - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Bowler of the Year**

Niket Patel

### **Saad Hannan Trophy - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

Lewis Hill

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Player of the Year**

Lewis Hill

Calum Goddard

Saturday 3rd XI Captain



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### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> XI

**Captain:** Savan Patel



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
All	11	8	0	0	0	1	2

Not many clubs have a 4th team playing and it was a great honour for me to lead the team. We only played friendly games but played them in some of the finest grounds in and around London. Even though the games were friendly – the games were played to high league standards and many of the players from the team were scouted to 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs.

Our performance was quite consistent throughout the season. We played 11 matches, won 8, lost just once and has 2 abandoned. I am very proud of achieving these stats (ed –the best win rate in the club!) as a new and young team.

The team’s strength was our bowling. The team would successfully manage to get the oppositions all out on multiple occasions. Paul Costelloe would be my go-to choice with the new ball. He was consistent with the new ball and would often cause trouble to the top order batsman with his swinging ball. He managed to take 8 wickets with an average of 16.57 George was excellent with the ball as well, he managed to get 8 wickets with an average of 9.88!

We were quite consistent with the bat with Nick Rooney scoring 237 with an average of 46.4. Ben Hargreaves would open the batting for the team and has scored 94 with the highest score of 45! The team was blessed with other non-regular players like Charlie, Seb, Adam, Sam, Ben, Arjun and many more who have scored significantly for the team. A notable innings was by Alex Savage – where he scored 136 in 87 balls!

The team was quite good on the field with the fielding – with George leading the stats with 4 catches followed by Charlie.

All in all, the team has a good foundation with a few regular players. The season was fun, was played at a high standard and most importantly was enjoyed by the team. The goal for 2022 will be to play more regularly and lay the foundation to compete in Surrey league

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> XI Batsman of the Year

Nick Rooney

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> XI Bowler of the Year



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Paul Emmet Costelloe

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

George Gilligan

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> XI Player of the Year**

Nick Rooney

Savan Patel

Saturday 4th XI Captain



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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI (a.k.a Make Putney Sundays Great Again XI)

**Captain:** Ben Brook

**Vice Captain:** Justin Jarmola



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
All	25	11	0	0	0	11	3

Really good first full season since Covid19, starting the season winning the MPSGA Golden ThunderBitch Trophy vs the Sunday 2s

We won as many as we lost (probably), it really doesn't matter (*ed – You did*). Same excellent list of oppo, who we will play again in 2022.

Big thanks to the vice-captain who as you may know has moved to Berkhamsted. He will be missed, but when he does show up, perhaps not.

#### Game Highlights

I won't go through all the games but here are some matches of note

- **Concorde** - Lovely venue, was a really close game until our Essex superstar turned up with an 8fer
- **Elsted** - Beautiful village in the South Downs, however they got COVID so we went to Highgate instead who plugged the plug last minute. We then went to the Coat and Badge for swills and scoops and everyone played their rain card.
- **Hyde Farmers** - Now 6 wins in a row vs the Hyde Farmers, someone gave 4 teams COVID on this day, but records don't show who. Couple of guys got a club record stand too.
- **Essex UOB** - We raised over £2K for charity (twice as much as 2021) and put plenty more behind the bar - was a fantastic club day. Same August BH Sunday in 2022
- **Captain Scotts XI** - Mark Smith did NOT have an ice cream this year
- **Long Ditton** - We all had halloumi. As good as Nando's.

#### 100s and Fivefors

##### 100s

- Justin Jarmola 109\* vs Sunday 2s
- Rob Cross 109 vs Wandering Maniacs ● Aex Savage 121\* vs Ploughmans
- Nick Rooney 162\* vs Captain Scotts

##### Fivefors

- Nicky 8/11 vs Concorde
- Brook 5/27 vs Barnes Common



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### **Sunday Thanks For Coming Champ**

Could have been Wibbs, who was just only ahead of me in the batting averages, but on the totting up process, the winner is Justin Jarmola

### **Sunday Dick of the Year**

Very nearly won by Jarmola, who dropped a catch at slip when Nicky was on a hatrick and a fivefor. However, the winner, last June, went on a one man mission to single handedly infect as many of the three Sunday teams plus the Hyde Farmers with COVID19 ... The Putney Variant!

### **Make Putney Sundays Great Again Formerly Known As Champagne Moment Sunday Thunder Bitch Moment Of The Year**

#### **Contenders**

1. At Barnes Common, Seb Kidson scoring 59 off 20 balls including 7 towering 6's
2. Jack Bagness and Nick Rooney 181 Record 2nd wicket partnership
3. Rob Cross taking a military call in the innings break and ordering a bollocking.
4. Also Rob Cross for 6 massive swipes to a very very slow left armer, resulting in a maiden
5. Nic Saunders' inaugural Putney 6 over cow but he's not in the 1s.

#### **Winner**

Max Taylor knocking in his bat on the sidelines and one of the Barnes Common grown man opposition walking off in a strop.

### **Sunday Batsman of the Year**

It was a really tight call. Greg topped the averages with 49 and was excellent in limited appearances and won us games. The winner of the Bert Thornley Trophy though is **Rob Cross** with 223 runs at 37, including key and composed innings, looking very solid at the top of the order and also a ton.

### **Sunday Bowler of the Year**

- GCB took 3 wickets at 48
- Skuller 19 wickets, 2 maidens
- Brook 19 wickets, Hogy 20 wickets, 21 maidens between them
- Jarbolwer, underbowed, 3rd in the averages (1 maiden)
- Beeeeeeedle often excelled for us and was 2nd in averages
- Clear winner, with 26 wickets including 19 maidens and that 8 for 11, taking the Claude Ford Trophy for the 2nd year running **Nicky Ison**

### **Sunday Fielder of the Year The Pat & John Greenslade Trophy**

JJ took 8 catches but dropped loads Hogy took 5 catches but by his own admission missed so many more

Hannaford took 7 and might consider himself a contender, but it's a hard no from the rest of the team.

I took 6 catches but who gives himself the fielding award...???

In the end, I have decided to give it to the person who by all accounts took an amazing catch vs Captain Scott's - **Tan Balendra**

### **Sunday Newcomer of the Year**

Lots of new faces in the team this year, but this lad really stood out and understood our mentality and also owed a car

Ifan Jenkins



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### **Sunday Player of the Year**

What this lad can do on and off the pitch is remarkable, a great all round talent, if he's not scoring with the bat, he's taking wickets. And then propping the bar up late into the evening, earning lady points and drinking off his hangover - **Nicky Ison**

### **Bert Thornley Trophy - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batsman of the Year**

Rob Cross

### **Claude Ford Trophy - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowler of the Year**

Nicky Ison

### **The Pat & John Greenslade Trophy - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

Tan Balendra

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Player of the Year**

Nicky Ison

Looking forward to the 2022 season

Ben Brook

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain



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### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

**Captain:** Adam Sayer



**Vice Captain:** Sam Hampson



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
All	24	11	0	0	0	9	4

#### Summary

1. A mixed bag.
2. Triumph.
3. Disappointment.
4. Meeting those two imposters just the same.

#### 1. A mixed bag.

What a lucky bunch we are to be able to have had a full season of cricket this year. The Sunday 2's were lucky enough to have had 59 Putney CC players wear the baggy blue this year. Covid only once disrupted the flow of the season when the Putney variant swept throughout the clubhouse. Thankfully nobody was hit too hard with the well-known symptoms and we were back to playing in no time.

Thanks to Ben we had a full season of fixtures to play and we only missed a couple due to rain. However, those afternoons were not wasted and we made sure the bar was hit harder than a Sorger cover drive. We had a great time playing in some fantastic grounds in Surrey with the highlight most likely being our away game in Dogmersfield. A beautiful afternoon spent with Manish and Mr Bendre Sr knocking off the runs required with elite precision as the skipper lay in his deckchair under the tree after putting himself at 9 in the batting order (what a day).

We won some, we lost some. There were 50's, there were ducks. Results wise it was a mixed bag and we will learn from our mistakes and be less hungover on Sunday's next year (*ed-how about some realistic targets?*).

#### 2. Triumph.

There were some brilliant performances this season with both bat and ball. The addition of J. Mackie really added some quality in the slips. Bickford-Smith was as excellent as ever opening the batting on some difficult wickets. Manish was fantastic with multiple innings that won matches for us. Sayer slogged.

Mr Economical (Nic Saunders) bowled with incandescent mystique with some of his deliveries, after the ball was emitting heat from being slapped around from our opening bowlers on the occasions



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where Sayer and Briggs were taken off after short spells. Bendre Jr. at times was magical. He won games single handedly for us on occasion and bowled with a maturity and precision that would make Sr. proud.

### 3. Disaster.

Newdigate has proven to be a fixture that brings out the best in the Putney CC players over the past two seasons. Last year was a game that went down to the last few deliveries and had Sayer and Sorger win the game for Putney. Naturally this year the aforementioned were useless this year and the hero's were found elsewhere among the ranks. Bendre Jr. batted with stoic resolve with newbie Greg Newark adding some class to get us within touching distance of our required total. It is also worth mentioning that Rohit sadly did NOT get his 100 this day. Unfortunately with skipper Sayer umpiring the batting order was tampered with due to scoring duties meaning that we were quite unlucky to run out or overs to score the required total. This game, or Newdigategate will go down in the history books for Sam Cornick breaking a car window whilst bowling in the nets. An hour drive in hired cars, only to lose in the final over after a batting order mix up and a hefty price to pay for the broken windshield.

### 4. Meeting those two imposters just the same.

In true Sunday spirit we made the most of the bad times and drank so that we couldn't remember the good times. We experienced some outstanding moments of cricket and some real improvements from multiple players. Tommy Briggs bowled wonderfully at times and next season I pick him to take more wickets. The addition of Oli Ruthven behind the stumps added some real quality for the 2's. Jack Sorger's raw talent is beginning to flourish and we will try and tie him down to another contract for the forthcoming season. To the future!

Thanks to all involved at the club for working so hard. This has allowed us to have a superb season and I am positive that next year's season will be even better! A big thank you to the committee and groundsman Kieron for working so hard on the home ground.

#### **Eve & Stan Marshall Trophy - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Batsman of the Year**

Manish Naik

#### **Amir Rahemtulla Trophy - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Bowler of the Year**

Nic Saunders

#### **Brian Brough Trophy – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

Adam Sayer

#### **Sunday XIs Player of the Year (shared across all Sunday sides)**

Jack Bickford-Smith

Adam Sayer

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain



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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI

**Captain:** Rob Taylor



Fixture	Played	Win	Win Draw	Draw	Lose Draw	Lose	Abandoned
All	21	5	0	0	0	13	3

This time last year, I was writing full of hope for the newly-fledged and blossoming Putney Sunday 3s team. Come April, I was excited, raring to go, keen with anticipation of meeting 2021's crop of new players along with welcoming back some seasoned pros. Surely with a full season beckoning, this would be one to remember, a year of such cricketing highs that it would pass down to future generations as a golden age of friendly amateur cricket on the day that even God decided to take it easy.

With a team brimming with enthusiasm and hungry for victory, we headed to Park Hill for our first away fixture. On a sluggish pitch and with a much more entertaining game taking place on the neighbouring pitch, we batted first and struggled our way to 130 all out, a gutsy 44 from Harry Hedge, displaying his all-rounder prowess, and a useful 20 odd from Noman guiding us to some sort of respectability. Newbies Triggs and Rabjohn proceeded to rip through the top order (despite the latter being called for a backfoot no-ball – how terribly un-Sunday!) and, although I did my best to ruin it, we managed to clinch the win. One out of one. Could we keep the 100% record going?

Next, playing host to Christchurch. Bowling first this time. A tight bowling display from all, a wonderful steeping catch from Sam Puntan and a terrific 5-fer from Hedges kept a decent batting attack at bay. In the manner of Bradley Walsh, it's time to face the chase. We stumbled pretty heavily, but a solid partnership between housemates, Puntan and Asim, sharing time at the crease as well as each's other's living space, meant we just got over the line. Two out of two. How long could the dream last?

For one week more, it could! Next, a trip to Barn Elms, a venue that started as a fortress for us, to face newly-formed team, Willow Leather. Batting first, we put on a respectable total, but had no idea what would follow – it was the greatest individual performance of the season. Proctor came steaming in from the far end, foaming at the mouth, angry and beastlike. He tore through the oppo and, with the help of two fantastic catches from Tycho and Hedges (is there anything he can't do?), finished with figures of 6-5 off 4.4 overs. Three out of three. Would this be an unbeaten season...?

...unfortunately not. Two weeks later, we lost to the Brickies, and our season took a turn from then on. Through June, July and August, we would only win two more games, and not one single time after



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11<sup>th</sup> July (most of you will remember this as Euro Finals day; I remember it as the last taste of victory for the Sunday 3s in 2021).

There were several low moments in this period (especially 26 all out!), but I would like to focus on the highlights during this period:

- A near perfect win against Wycombe Capitals, dominating with ball and bat, Rooney and Rohit stand-outs of the day.
- Sam Sud's glorious century in a losing cause against Thames Ditton.
- A great win against the Little Islanders (our aforementioned last win of the season), with a bowler getting a five-fer (our team's third of the season – half as many as Byron managed all by himself!).
- A gritty and determined display in our last game of the season away at Chipstead Coulsdon & Walcountians.

This is the game I will look back on most fondly. With 57 players in total appearing for the Sunday 3s of over the season, a decent number of losses under our belt, and only 10 players on the day, we stepped out and could have capitulated easily. We threw ourselves at the match, put in a gritty display in the field, with our batting letting us down in the end. We felt like a team, determined to give it our best shot and, while ultimately falling short, we bonded and fought to the last minute of the season. It's moments like this that will keep me coming back – after all, isn't that what Sunday cricket is all about?

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Batsman of the Year**

Sam Sud

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Bowler of the Year**

Harry Hedges

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Fielder of the Year**

Sam Puntan

Rob Taylor

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain



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Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Vice Captain	J. Jarmola
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	A. Sayer
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Captain	S. Hampson
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Captain	R. Taylor

\*Appointed Mid-Season