

# Juniors Newsletter 2024



## Another Season Looms

Just when I thought the weather was getting better and the temperature was rising It's all change and the 'long johns' are back on!

I hope you all had a good Christmas and a belated Happy New Year to you and your families. 2023 was like most of our recent seasons, mixed. The wet weather for the first part of the season resulted in several matches being cancelled and some clubs were unable to field teams on a regular basis, which was a relatively new phenomenon. In fact 2 clubs have pulled out of the junior leagues this season; Potters Bar and Cockfosters. So if you know anyone who was playing for either of these clubs last season then please convince them to come and join us - we need more players!

Our U11 team were again the most successful side last season, narrowly coming second to Winchmore Hill B's. The other age groups had reasonable seasons, with a few outstanding results, but lacking consistency, both with bat and ball. This season will be challenging for all age groups as players change age groups and come to terms with facing better and older players. We generally have fewer players than the bigger clubs in our area so please promote our club to schoolfriends and neighbours so that we are able to fulfil all of our matches. Our fixtures have all been made and will be published by the league around the end of February and will be on our website soon after. Our opening matches are;

U11 - Thursday, April 25th at home to Totteridge Millhillians;

U13 - Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at home to Southgate and

U15 - Wednesday, May 1st. away to Old Elizabethans.

## Winter Training

As usual Winter training will take place at Ashmole Academy in Southgate, starting on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and running for 5 weeks. However, they were unable to provide suitable times for all of us together as in previous years. So please note: –

U11 age group training is from 11.30 – 13.30 in the gym

U13 and U15 age groups training is from 13.00 – 14.30 in the sports hall

Ashmole Academy is at Cecil Road, Southgate, N14 5RJ.

## The Team

As for last season the team managers will be:–

Garry Durston – U11

Matt Barrett – U13

Ben Shearly – U15

In addition to the managers, who are all level 2 coaches, we have 3 more level 2 coaches to run our training sessions: Andy Grayson, Shankar Mehra and Keith Walker.

Alex Molloy is studying hard at Uni so is unlikely to be available this season and we wish him well in with his studies.

## Summer Training

Summer training will be on **Monday nights** from **6 to 8pm**, and we would like to start on Monday, **8<sup>th</sup> April**, weather permitting.

**New members** [As always, we need and welcome new players to keep the club moving forward so please try and encourage school friends and neighbours to come along and join in the fun. We would also like to see some more girls playing cricket for us so please encourage your daughters to join us.](#)

Our ultimate aim is for our Juniors to move seamlessly into playing senior cricket for one of our adult teams at the weekends. So those of you who play in the U15 age group, please consider making yourselves available at the weekends.

## Socials

We will hopefully be organising more social events this Summer and by supporting these events at the clubhouse you will enable us to continue to be the most affordable cricket club in our catchment area, and you will have a great time.

Also, please remember that if you are looking for somewhere to hold an event for family or friends, then our clubhouse is available – for further information please contact Ian Day, at [iland@mortgageforce.co.uk](mailto:iland@mortgageforce.co.uk) .

### Enrolment

I am pleased to say that Juniors' fees will remain at £70 this year, which includes the Winter indoor training, Monday night sessions and colts' league matches.

To enrol you will need to complete a membership form and I will be sending one to everyone shortly before the first indoor session; just bring it along, to the first week of training you attend. If you can't make the Winter training then bring it to your first Summer training session.

### Clubmark



I am pleased to report that we have had our Clubmark accreditation confirmed again, proving ourselves across four themes:

- Duty of Care and Safeguarding Children
- The Cricket Programme
- Knowing your Club and its Community – One Game
- Club Management.

This shows the club's commitment to provide a safe environment for our Juniors to develop.

### Finally...

Don't forget take a regular look at the club's web-site [www.southgatecompton.com](http://www.southgatecompton.com) for news of team results, events etc. The full fixture list will be posted soon so you'll be able to update your calendars so we can get maximum participation for the season.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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