

Colts Newsletter 2018



Cricket soon...

It's that time of year again: to start thinking about the coming cricket season. After a disastrous Ashes series England will be looking for some new long-term prospects and we can set you on the road to cricket fame and fortune! The club's First XI have won their league and been promoted for the last two seasons and now it's time for our Colts to emulate the adults. The weather may make it seem like a long time before Summer arrives but it will be here before you know it.

Winter Training

As usual our season kicks off with Colts' indoor training, which will again be held at the Sports Hall at the **Ashmole Academy**, Cecil Road, Southgate, N14 5RJ. The sessions will run for 5 weeks from Sunday, **25th February**, from **1 - 3pm**. As usual we have booked the gym for the U11's as well as the sports hall for the older players. The academy provides excellent facilities and will be a good way to get you back into a cricket frame of mind.

The Team

The main coaching team will be the same as last season and we hope that Luke Keohane, who provided invaluable assistance with the U11 squad last season will be able to take time off from his exams and join us again. Osman Patel will continue to manage the U13 team.

Unfortunately there are only 5 U15 players left from last season and the club's Committee has reluctantly decided to withdraw the U15 team from the league for this season. We do want the remaining U15 players to continue to play for the club so we will continue to provide coaching on Monday evenings and guarantee all U15 players a game with the adults teams at the weekend. We will reduce the annual subs for these players. Keith Walker will continue to manage the U11 team.

Summer Training

As usual, Summer training will be on **Monday nights** from **6 to 8pm**, with the first session on Monday, **16th of April**, and will continue until **16th July**.

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.

An introduction of a new member will earn you a £5 discount on your annual subs!

Socials

Events are regularly organised at the clubhouse and the proceeds from these enable us to continue to be the most affordable cricket club in our catchment area, and are great fun. So please continue to support your club by regularly checking the web-site at www.southgatecompton.com and coming along.

It seems almost impossible to find time between the end of school term and before your holidays to organise a 2-day cricket camp but we'll try again this year and hope for the best.

As always we would welcome any ideas that you might have for social events, either using the clubhouse or the playing field.

Also, I spoke to some parents last season who were not aware 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 Graham Driffill, club secretary at gray2804@aol.com .

Enrolment

The colts' fees have been the same for several seasons but the increased costs involved in league registration, pitch fees, insurance, pitch maintenance etc means that we have had to raise fees for all club members and the colts fee will be £70 this year, which includes the indoor training, Monday night sessions and colts' league matches. U15's will only pay £20 plus any match fees when playing in adult matches.

I'll send the membership form round shortly before the first indoor session; just bring it along, with your colts fee to the first week of training you attend.

Clubmark



We are Clubmark accredited, 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 colts to develop.

Finally...

As mentioned above, the club's web-site www.southgatecompton.com is always being updated, including the Colts section. If you haven't already seen it, there is a report of the Colts 2017 season on the website and the Colts' fixtures for the 2018 season will be added soon.

Once again there are several fixtures on Sunday mornings and we hope to be able to provide some refreshments for spectators at a modest price. If there are any parents who would like to help make this work, then please let me know. Many thanks to Victoria Miller and Emer Harley who volunteered their time last season.

This year fixtures start on 29th April for the U13's and 27th April for the U11's so let's make sure we're ready for the opposition by starting with winter training on Sunday, 25th February – the coaching team are waiting to get you ready for another fun, and hopefully successful Colts season.

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

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