

# Colts Newsletter 2020



**Cricket soon...** A Happy New Year to you all and with England claiming an exciting victory in the last Test Match it should have whetted all our appetites for the fast-approaching 2020 cricket season. Last season was again very successful, with the U11 team winning their league for the second season running and the U13 team also topping their league. We reintroduced an U15 team to the leagues last season and although we only had a limited number of players for that age group, we fulfilled all of our matches with the help of both U13 and U11 players. Although we didn't challenge for the top position we did manage to come second, which was an outstanding achievement for all who played, well done! As always the shuffling of players in the various age groups makes predictions for the coming season difficult, but we will make sure that your cricket is enjoyable.

## **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, **23rd February, from 1 – 3pm**. This year we were unable to book the gym for the U11's so we will all be sharing the sports hall. Fortunately it is a large hall and should accommodate us all. As a result we will not be running nets for the adults at the same time.

## **The Team**

The main coaching team will be the same as last season. The Colts managers will be the same as last year, with me running U11 team, Dan Molloy the U13's and Osman Patel the U15's. As always it is our aim to encourage members of the U15 team to start to play adult cricket and hopefully you will support us in this endeavour, especially as we would like to start an adults Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI again this season, playing friendlies.

## Summer Training

Summer training will be on **Monday nights** from **6 to 8pm**, with the first session on Monday, **20<sup>th</sup> April**, and will continue until **20<sup>th</sup> 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. So please continue to support your club by regularly checking the web-site at [www.southgatecompton.com](http://www.southgatecompton.com) and coming along. We would welcome any ideas that you might have for social events, either using the clubhouse or the playing field.

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 Graham Driffill, club secretary at [gray2804@aol.com](mailto:gray2804@aol.com) .

## Enrolment

I am pleased to say that colts' 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, with your colts fee 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 colts to develop.

## Finally...

As mentioned above, the club's web-site [www.southgatecompton.com](http://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 2019 season on the website and the Colts' fixtures for the 2020 season will be added soon.

I will try to arrange some 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 and Joel Miller who volunteered their time last season. I will remind everyone closer to the time!

The dates of fixtures will not be known until after Monday when I attend the fixture strike, so I will let you know when your league matches start as soon as possible. I know that football tends to interfere with our Winter training but if you're not playing football then let's get ready for this season by coming to winter training on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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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