

Colts Newsletter 2021



Cricket when?

Firstly, I sincerely hope that you and your families have kept well during this extended pandemic and I appreciate that cricket may well be the last thing on your minds at this moment.

Before I start to let you know about cricket possibilities this season I must offer an apology to Alex Molloy, who I have just discovered was left out of my last year's end of season report. If it hadn't been for Alex stepping in to run U13 matches we would not have been able to have provided you with as many matches last season, so a big thankyou to Alex.

So to answer the question above, at this moment in time we don't know, but we have been preparing for a full season, with fixtures planned to start towards the end of April. Obviously this will depend on the restrictions that are in place at the time but our opening matches are; U11 at home to Botany Bay on April 20th; U13 away to Old Eliz B team on April 20th and U15 at home to London Maccabi Vale on April 25th.

It was also generally agreed among the various club coaches that playing friendlies beyond the school year last season was very successful and that we would like to do so again this season.

Winter Training

At this time it looks highly unlikely that we will be able to run indoors winter training but we are in contact with Ashmole Academy in case the restrictions are lifted before the end of March.

The Team

The main coaching team will be the same as last season, although we are hoping that Alex Molloy and Sam Baxter will have been able to complete their coaching qualifications before the start of the season and join the team.

I am also pleased to announce that my regular plea to parents has been answered by John Harley who has volunteered to assist on training nights.

At this time I have decided to manage the teams and the matches will be run with the help of all of the coaches. It worked well for the friendlies at the end of last season so hopefully all will go well again.

We had hoped to start an adults Saturday 2nd XI again last season, but our hopes were dashed for the obvious reason. However, Covid-permitting, we will try again this season, especially as there are more of our U13 team who are now eligible to play adult cricket. So, once we are able to get together I shall be looking for players and maybe some of you dads (and mums) would like to start looking for your cricket gear!

Summer Training

Summer training will be on **Monday nights** from **6 to 8pm**, and we would like to start on **Monday, 19th April**, but this will depend on whether there are any restrictions in place at the time.

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.](#)

Socials

We are hoping that we will be able to start Social Events again this Summer and we will keep you informed once we are able to socialise again – remember those times?

Also, please remember that if you are looking for somewhere to hold an event for family or friends, once the restrictions are lifted then our clubhouse is available – for further information please contact Graham Drifill, club secretary at gray2804@aol.com .

Enrolment

I have notified you in the past that all of you who paid your membership fee last season would carry forward a credit, after last year's indoor training fee of £5 per session had been deducted. Because we are unlikely to have indoor training this season the committee has decided that there will be no annual membership fee this year. All of those who paid last year will be able to train and play in matches at no cost. Club costs will be borne out of the credits that you accumulated. If you did not pay your membership last year then you will be charged £5 per match that you play in. We believe, and hope that you

agree that this is a generous proposition and a fair one for all concerned. To enrol you will need to complete a membership form and I will be sending one to everyone shortly before we start training; just bring it along, to the first week of training you attend.

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 always, please take a regular look at the club's web-site www.southgatecompton.com for news, especially as things are changing all the time. The full fixture list will be posted in the near future so you'll be able to update your calendars so we can get maximum participation for the season.

Let's hope that we'll have something approaching a normal season this year and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Keith Walker

Colts Secretary, Southgate Compton Cricket Club

Email: walker45ggt@hotmail.com

Contact: 07786 000 804; Clubhouse: 020 8440 2322.