

Shipton-u-Wychwood Cricket Club

We have just completed another very enjoyable season's cricket and although not blessed with the best of summers we did not lose many fixtures to the weather, even if at times we had to rely heavily on the hard work of our groundsmen and club members to make conditions playable.

On the field we enjoyed a very successful league season with the first XI topping division one of the Cherwell league all season, only to be denied by the weather at the end to finish second. Our second XI including many young players were also in contention for honours all season and again finished second in their league.

In the Wadworth's 6x National Village Knock-out Competition, which creates much local interest for the club, we managed to win the Oxfordshire Group, but just lost to Usk, the South Wales group winners in the first national round. (Usk were later disqualified for actually being a town!)

Under Jerry Senior's guidance our youth players have competed successfully in five age groups U10 - U17, with several boys being selected for County group coaching. Our youth cricket puts a tremendous strain on the resources of the club, and Jerry would welcome any help, especially on the coaching side. The club will happily arrange coaching courses for any parent or anyone else interested in helping with the boys.

On Sundays the club played 1st and 2nd XI club social fixtures which were thoroughly enjoyed by all those who played. We rounded off our season with a most successful club dinner at the New Beaconsfield Hall.

The club committee is at present heavily involved in making grant aid applications to help provide all-weather practise nets to be constructed in the spring and also provide other equipment for the ground which will especially help with our youth coaching and reduce overall pressure on the club's present resources.

New members whether players, umpires, tea ladies, youth players or supporters are always most welcome at the club. The younger boys and girls play on Sunday mornings and club night for other members is on Tuesdays.

Anyone wishing to come along or requiring further information about the club, please contact the writer,

Geoff Miles, Chairman. 01993 830905.

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It seems incredible that we should already be talking about Christmas and carols! But we are, so anyone who would like to join our Carol Evening on 22nd December is most welcome. If it's not too cold, wet or windy we will sing carols around the village, meeting at the bus shelter at 6.00 pm. Later, at about 6.30 pm, there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall. If the weather is bad, then we shall omit the tour of the village and go straight to the village hall.

Pat Yaxley