

## Young Achiever Sahan Wijaratne

This year Shipton Cricket Club has been lucky enough to recruit Sahan Wijaratne to help our playing squad and coach our younger players. Sahan has played for the Sri Lankan “A” team and hopes to play test cricket. He has been fantastic, coaching four nights a week as well as belting out the runs on a Saturday. He has also run our summer coaching along with Justin and Andy Hemming and despite the August weather, has helped over 60 boys and girls improve their cricket skills.

Sahan is a 23 year old all-rounder, an expansive top-order batsman with the ability to bowl useful off-breaks. He has represented Sri Lankan U19, Sri Lanka Academy, Sri Lanka Board Presidents XI, Sri Lanka A team and is currently



playing first class cricket for Nondescript Cricket Club. He captained the Sri Lanka U17 & U19 teams and scored 100 not out against England Academy, which was captained by Robert Key.

### How's that?

At 18, he won a scholarship from Sri Lanka Cricket and played league cricket in England (Middlesex League). He won the British High Commissioner's award (Prince Charles Trophy) for Most Outstanding U19 Cricketer of the Year 2003 in Sri Lanka. He scored 234 runs against Bloomfield Cricket Club in U 23 tournament in Year 2004 which is the highest score by a Sri Lanka U 23 cricketer.

Sahan is an exciting cricketer who is seeking his second season in the UK.

### Charlie Barrett

## New AB for the PC

With the retirement of Alice Burns, Shipton Parish Council was faced with the urgent need for a new Parish Clerk. What better replacement than to find another AB in the form of Angela Barnes!

Not that Angela is a stranger to the job, she has also been Parish Clerk to Ascott Parish Council for the past four years.



Although she was born and brought up in Chipping Norton where she now lives.

She is married to Shane Barnes who comes from an old Ascott family.

Angela plans to be at the New Beaconsfield Hall on Tuesday afternoons but can be contacted on: 01608 641045.