

Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club

Oxfordshire National Village Champions

We have had a busy and productive first half of the year at the cricket club. The most significant news is the completed development work on our new Nursery



Lords?

We are Oxfordshire Champions of the National Village Knockout, and we beat Hopkinstown of Wales at home on Sunday 10th July in the first National

Ground behind the main pitch. The pitch is laid and in use and the pavilion has been erected, which has allowed our 3rd XI to move from Burford School, as well as being available for the many youth sides to use for training and games. Charlie Barrett, our Youth Co-ordinator and Vice Chairman, has worked tirelessly with Geoff Miles, local sponsors including FWP Matthews, and local charities including the Doris Field Trust, to raise the money and organise the construction of this wonderful facility.

Great for Young Cricketers

We have also seen youngster Joe Barrett, 15, make appearances for the Gloucester Development XI against ex-international Charl Willoughby, with various other boys *and* girls making it into their County and District age group squads, all thanks to the coaches at the club. If you have a child interested in cricket please contact Charlie Barrett on youth@shiptoncc.co.uk.

Our senior teams have progressed well in the Cherwell League after a couple of indifferent seasons; our 1st XI have only lost one game and sit third, whilst the 2nd XI are so far undefeated and are nicely positioned in second place. Our 3rd XI remains a development XI but is also putting together some useful performances.

Round of the competition setting the opposition a target of 273 (Steve Bates 88, Jason Hunt 67 and Andy Hemming 42). Hopkinstown could only reply with 147 all out. We are now only three games away from another trip to Lords and are receiving good coverage in the local media, especially with Andrew Hemming scoring 200 in the Regional Semi-Final away at Tiddington, followed by a century in the Final at home to Cumnor.

Our Over 40s side is progressing well in it's annual quest to retain the Oxfordshire title, having won it for the past three years. They have won the first two of their four group stages and are on course to reach the Finals day, at Shipton toward the end of the season.

Shipton have cricket every Saturday and most Sundays, so why not catch up with your local teams? Finally we are hosting a **Sportsman's Dinner on Saturday 25th September** with guest speaker former England cricketer Ronnie Irani, an auction, raffle and two-course meal, raising the funds for the Nursery Ground and youth development at the club.

Contact Ian Lewis via social.events@shiptoncc.co.uk or visit our website. There are Curry Nights, Race Nights and a Twenty20 in August, so keep your eyes peeled for posters.

Justin Hemming