

## Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club

# New Season 2011- Sportsmen and Spicy Encounters

AGMs are wonderful things; they give a chance to reflect on the achievements of the previous year whilst giving some focus to the forthcoming months. We were



able to reflect on a successful 2010 both on and off the field, with our success in the League and Village Cup well publicised (our trip to Lord's was fantastic despite the result), and successful social events including an inaugural Sportsman's Dinner. Looking into 2011, enthusiasm at the club has not dimmed over the snow-ridden winter months, with a record turnout at pre-season nets in January (yes, January!).

### Youth Section

The youth section have their own pre-season workouts planned and will look to continue their successes of 2010. We have a great team of youth coaches, headed by Charlie Barrett, but are always on the lookout for new members to add to the team.

### nPower Village Cup

Our annual journey to reach the home of cricket starts this year with a Home tie against Steeple Aston on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May** and should we be successful, we will be hosting local rivals, Oxford Downs, in the

next round, which would provide a spicy encounter.

### CricketForce

Over the past few years NatWest has developed a scheme where clubs can sign up

to their CricketForce weekend to help promote clubs in the community by providing discounts for materials with which to prepare the club grounds and pavilions. This year we are participating and on the **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April** will be coaxing out the nets and dusting off the cobwebs to get the club grounds ready for the season ahead.

This will also involve painting the new Nursery Ground Pavilion and various other projects at the ground - all volunteers welcome, tea and snacks will be provided throughout the day.

### Date for Your Diary

The second Sportsman's Dinner is already booked in at Beaconsfield Hall on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October** with guest speaker former England International, **Robert Croft**.

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Please keep an eye on our website for the latest news, fixtures and results at the club.

**Justin Hemming, Hon. Secretary**

Our 2nd XI were promoted to Division 4 last season and now must supply a scorer to every league match. If anyone is interested in scoring for the 2nd XI on Saturdays from 9th May to 3rd September please contact Justin Hemming on: 07776233730 or email [info@shiptoncc.co.uk](mailto:info@shiptoncc.co.uk).