

## Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club

### What a Season!

*2011 was one of the most successful seasons for the club ever. All 3 senior sides won promotion and three other county titles were Shipton's.*



#### First Eleven

The First Eleven, pictured here, won the Cherwell League Division One title on a dramatic last day of the league season, followed by two major Twenty20 titles including the prestigious Bernard Toller Oxfordshire Cup, beating Banbury in the Final. 2012 will see Shipton in the Home Counties Premier League for the first time in the club's history.

#### Second Eleven

Last season the 2nd XI won promotion to Division Four of the Cherwell League, the highest division they had ever been in. Consolidation was their main target, having been promoted and relegated in consecutive seasons before, however victory in the last game of the season secured second spot and their own promotion to new heights!

#### Third Eleven

Our 3rd XI is the first step for our youth development section to have a taste of competitive Senior cricket.

This year a number of youngsters who have played the last couple of seasons stepped up and played some brilliant cricket as they topped Division 10 with 13 wins and only one defeat all season.

#### 'Old Dogs'

Shipton also run an Over 40s' side in the Oxfordshire Twenty20 Cup competition and they took on Kingston Bagpuize in the Final of this year's event. Chasing the title

for the **fourth** consecutive year Shipton racked up an incredible 180 runs in their innings, a total the opposition never got near.

#### Youth Section

Our fantastic youth section goes from strength-to-strength and a big thank you to all the coaches involved- with over 120 kids participating in cricket at Shipton the future is bright!

We were also involved in the organisation of the ECB **Chance2Shine** scheme this season, which sees coaches attend the local schools for school-time and after-school sessions, further developing our links with the local communities.

#### Sportsman's Dinner and Awards

On Saturday 1st October we welcomed former England International Robert Croft to the New Beaconsfield Hall for our Sportsman's Dinner and Awards Evening. A great time was had by all and Robert proved to be a very able and amusing speaker with tales of such greats as

Waquar Younis and Viv Richards.  
Thanks to everyone who participated  
in the organisation of it, particularly  
Ian Lewis.

This season's award winners were as  
follows:

**1st XI Batting Award**

- Simon Hole

**1st XI Bowling Award**

- Shaun Miller

**2nd XI Batting Award - Ian Lewis**

**2nd XI Bowling Award**

- Joe Cockroft

**3rd XI Batting Award - Jamie Nelson**

**3rd XI Bowling Award - Matt Hemming**

**Young Player of the Year**

- George Seacole

**Village Knockout Champagne Moment  
of the Year**

- Simon Hole for 100 vs. Horspath

**Arthur Badger Club Member of the  
Year – John Drake**

**Fundraising**

We have run a number of fundraising  
events this year, most notably the **Balloon  
Race**, which was launched at the  
Wychwood Fete. A number of tickets  
were returned, the furthest being Stephen  
Brain's, reaching Curt in France!

**Looking Ahead**

2012 holds fresh challenges for all parts  
of the club. Our 1st XI will be playing in  
the Home Counties Premier League for  
the first time in the club's history – this is  
'all day' cricket and requires a greater  
commitment from players and support  
team, especially the tea ladies who will  
now need to provide two sets of  
refreshments!

We will also be entering a 4th XI into the  
Cherwell League to provide further  
opportunities for the youth section to



The Old Dogs

make the step up into senior cricket as  
well as maintaining the current number of  
youth sides.

We have a small but dedicated number of  
volunteers helping on the committee,  
around the ground and with the youth  
section, but we are always on the lookout  
for more helpers. If you have any interest  
in scoring, umpiring or helping the youth  
section then we can provide information  
on basic coaching courses. Also helping  
with teas or any area within the club,  
please get in touch via the website  
[www.shiptoncc.co.uk](http://www.shiptoncc.co.uk) or by the contact  
details below.

**And 'Thank You's'**

It would be remiss of me to not thank our  
sponsors for this year's support. **FWP  
Matthews** have been our club sponsor for  
the past three years and their contributions  
have been vital to the development of the  
Nursery Ground and youth section. Thank  
You!

I should also take this opportunity to  
thank our **Vice Presidents**, an ever  
expanding list of supporters who ensure  
the clubs on-going survival. If you would  
like to become a VP please get in touch  
with our VP Liaison Officer Jeremy  
Huntingford on: 01993 831140.

**Justin Hemming, Hon. Secretary**