

# The Bugle



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## MAY 2020 EDITION

The Bugle returns again; as the current holder of the bugle, I've decided it's time to bring the newsletter back. In this edition I'll give a recap of last season, what's been going on over this extended close season ([typically the driest May on record](#)) and finally, some future plans that we hope will take place.

### Senior cricket

By the 1<sup>st</sup> team's standards, the 2019 season conclusion was slightly disappointing. After pushing for promotion throughout the majority of the season, they then had a dip in form at the end which resulted in a sixth place finish. Will Woodward, taking over the captaincy from Tom Moore, lead from the front with 597 runs and 32 wickets. He was supported by Tom - with 421 runs and 25 wickets and Harry Bartlett 301 runs and 23 wickets. Contributions from Olly Woodward (294 runs),

Matt Bolton (19 wickets) and Dave Pearce (11 wickets at a strike rate of 18) were also vital to the success of the team.

Poor availability and a tough first round draw saw us knocked out of the NVC. They will be looking to bounce back when the opportunity arises.

Moving on to the second team, who clinched promotion for the second year running - in a slightly odd fashion with the opposing team forfeiting the final game. There were significant contributions from the whole team. The four senior bowlers performed well to each take 20+ wickets. Ben Moore was the stand out by picking up 33 and also playing some crucial innings with the bat; Jim Spooner and Andy Reclik each took 28 and Mark King took 22.

### Around the ground

Once again we've had a productive winter period, putting finishing touches to the clubhouse and continuing with ground maintenance and improvements.

In January, a work party helped install a much needed new fence that will also house the covers. Various areas have been blitzed and that continues now while we prepare the ground and square in hope of cricket in the near future. (Keep up the good work to those involved)

Batting wise, we stumbled across a new opening partnership where James Basu (423 runs) would marshal our innings and Martin Bloomfield (297) would play a more attacking role. In the middle order we had James Shirley (321) who has the ability to change a game in no time.

First of all we'd like to say thank you to James Basu for captaining the Sunday friendly side. Who performed well winning a good percentage of games, while giving youngsters valuable senior experience. James has since stepped down and been replaced by Alex Ross who'll continue to try and give colts their first steps in adult cricket.

### Colts cricket

Colts cricket made a promising start this year with Marcus, Alex and Tom leading training sessions at winter nets. The Colts in attendance were making improvements every week. Unfortunately, it was brought to an abrupt hiatus; however, we are hopeful that we'll be able to run a few Friday night sessions at some point this summer, which will be centred around the All Stars and Dynamos



### NETS

With the restrictions starting to lift, we are now able to offer nets for households or for two people from separate households. Slots are available Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm - 8pm & Saturday 10am-5pm. Sessions will be 50 minutes allowing a 10 minute change over for cleaning the nets and people leaving. You can book sessions and read all the guidelines [Here](#).

### Fundraising

#### **Spacehive**

As many of you may have seen, with emails promoting Spacehive. We are currently on a fundraising mission to allow us to renovate our nets so we can offer the best facilities to the current and future cricketers at our club. The existing nets have been in place for 18 years, they have served us well but it is now essential we upgrade our facility.

programmes. For anyone that hasn't seen, the ECB have now released an app with the Dynamos program which has some useful drills and quizzes to try.