



SHAMLEY GREEN CRICKET CLUB

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Dear Member

The Cricket Club has enjoyed another good season on the field, winning most of its games, playing some high quality opposition and close fought matches. We have been able to attract some good new players, which has enabled those of us past our sell by dates to watch from the sidelines. We are grateful to the four captains – Benson Beard, Guy Pakenham, Grant Silvester and Andy Dodd for getting teams out and leading some entertaining cricket.

Off the field we held a successful dinner in April at the Arbuthnot Hall with Tim Henman as guest speaker. Thanks to the excellent response from the village we raised £1,000 for a children's charity chosen by Tim. It also provided a good opportunity to thank Tony Hodgson for his 10 years service as President and Benson Beard for a valiant stint as captain, a role in which he continues part time. And as usual the Club ran the beer tent at the village fete, which enabled us to contribute £100 to the fete charity, as well as helping to keep the club afloat.

After 168 years without one, we have signed a lease on behalf of the club with Waverley Borough Council for the use of the Green for cricket. This is part of a wider effort by the Council to regularise the use of its common land for sporting activities. The lease is for 10 years initially with a rent for the first 5 years of £125 per year. As part of the lease we have agreed with the Council on a Code of Conduct to guide relations between the Club and its neighbours on the Green. A copy is attached. We hope that you will agree that it strikes a reasonable balance between allowing cricket to continue to be played and respecting the needs of our neighbours.

Before signing the lease the committee took legal advice. While it is acceptable for the committee to appoint trustees to enter into a legal

agreement on behalf of the club, the club does not at present have any formal legal status. The committee has concluded that we should change this. We have taken advice on the best option and decided that we will recommend to the next AGM that the club should be registered a company limited by guarantee. This will require an annual report to Companies House at a small cost, but otherwise not change significantly the running of the Club. This type of company does not have shareholders and does not distribute profits. The guarantee is provided by 'Members' of the Club who will be officers (probably the Chairman and Treasurer, currently the two of us) of the club and will be limited to a nominal £1 for each Member. This change will not affect the wider membership of the club.

As many of you will have seen, we have provided new netting to protect 'Waverley' to a height agreed with Mr and Mrs Burgess. We had hoped that this would have brought the previous year's differences with Mr and Mrs Burgess to a close. We are willing to try again over the close season.

The next AGM will be held at 8pm on 9 February at the Red Lion. As usual all playing and non playing members are welcome to attend. We will elect the officers of the Club for the next year. We are hoping to elect a new President and that this will lead to a revival of the President's Day lunch in July. We are also hoping to arrange a 2009 club dinner in March or April. We will be in touch about both of these in the New Year

In the meantime we remain very grateful for your continued support. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Jim Drummond
Chairman



David Cule
Treasurer

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