



SHAMLEY GREEN CRICKET CLUB

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Dear Member

I am writing to thank you for your support for the Cricket Club, to report briefly on the last year, and give you some dates for next season.

It was in some ways a frustrating season with several oppositions crying off at the last minute and a couple of occasions when we struggled to raise teams. But we had a number of close matches, roughly even on winning and losing and some excellent performances especially from our younger players. Thanks to the captains – Mo Kimmins, Benson Beard, and Guy Pakenham – for all their work in organising teams. Fortunately the sun shone for the President’s Match and the match was won on the last ball.

Neil Harding organised another successful Village Match and barbecue on the Green.

We are making a serious effort this winter to attract new players particularly from the village. So if you know of anyone who would like to play some cricket – a few matches per season is fine – please put them in touch with me. We are also looking for a groundsman and someone to make the teas. There are adverts in the shop. So if you know of anyone who might be interested...

Highlights off the field included the Club’s annual dinner, laid on by chefs Guy and Noel, compered by Julian, and after dinner entertainment from Henry Olonga, the former Zimbabwe test cricketer, who has not only had a fascinating life on and off the cricket field but is a wonderful singer.

We launched the SGCC calendar at the village fete and split the proceeds of almost £2000 between CHASE, sports equipment for the village school and the club. My thanks to Alison and Neil Harding, Karen Cordery, Charlotte Kimmins, Deborah Blake and Martin Davies (the photographer) who made it happen, and all who shivered.

Maintaining good relations with our neighbours on the Green remains a high priority for the committee. A few broken tiles from last season's games have been repaired, and I am particularly delighted that the new owner of Waverley comes from a family of cricket enthusiasts and has kindly agreed to store the poles for the nets that provide some protection for her house.

A few dates for your diaries:

- The club's AGM will be held at the Red Lion at 8pm on 10 March. We are keen to have more people from the village involved in the Club so please come along and give us your views. Or if you can't make it David Harris and I would be happy to hear views by letter or e mail.**
- The Club's dinner will be on 9 April, with Phil De Freitas as guest speaker. Phil was born in Dominica but grew up in the UK, narrowly avoiding playing football for Luton Town. He broke into the England team in 1986 as an all rounder and played in the 1986/7 Ashes winning team in Australia with Botham and Gower, the last time before this winter that England won there. He was a regular in England's Test and One Day International teams for 10 years and played successfully on the county circuit until 2005. I enclose your invitation. As time is getting on please get back to me quickly to confirm your attendance, and let me know if you would like to bring friends.**
- I enclose your invitation for the President's Day lunch. This will be followed by the usual match in the afternoon.**

I also enclose your fixture card for the coming season.

Finally, as ever, the Club relies on the generosity of its non playing members. There is no fixed contribution. I give £25 as a guide to those who ask. A lot of non playing members contribute more, but less is fine too. Last year some decided to pay by standing order. If anyone else would like to use that method please let me know.

With best wishes for 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Drummond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

Jim Drummond
Chairman

PS If you have an email address and would be happy for the Club to use it for communications please send it to drummond2000@btinternet.com