

OLD WHITGIFTIANS CRICKET CLUB

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Whitgiftians Cricket Club will be held in the Clubhouse, on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at 19:45 hrs.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence
2. To approve, if thought fit, the Minutes of the 2017 AGM, held on 15 February 2018 and Minutes of the 2017 EGM, held on 30 April 2018. As per the rules of the club the Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the club website.
3. To consider matters arising (other than on this agenda)
4. To receive and approve, if thought fit, the Hon Secretary's Report
5. To receive and approve, if thought fit, the accounts for the year ending 30 September 2018. These will be made available at the meeting, or before, via the website.
6. To elect the Officers for the 2019 season. (See note below).
The nominations of the outgoing Main Committee are:

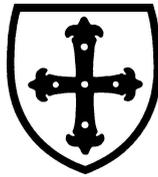
President	John Carter
Chairman	Paul Kerr
Hon. Secretary	David Hagger
Hon. Treasurer	
Chairman of Cricket	
Chairman of Marketing	Stuart Woodrow
Chairman of Ground	Jonathan Higgins
Chairman of Colts	Shirish Patel
Social Secretaries	
Welfare Officer	Fidoo Etwaroo
Chairman of Selectors	Nick Bonneywell
Club Captain	Adam Clarke
Captain 2 nd XI	Arun Ramamurthy
Captain 3 rd XI	James Robbins
Captain 4 th XI	Stuart Barradell
Captain Sunday Friendly XI	James Schad
Membership Secretary	
Communications Secretary	
Team Secretary	
Hon Fixture Secretary	

7. Any other business

NOTE: Nominations for vacant positions were requested by 12 February 2019 - no such nominations were received by the Hon. Secretary by this date.

By order of the Committee

Hon Secretary
24 February 2019



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Chairman's Report to the 2018 AGM

Dear Members

The 2018 was a frustrating season for us on the field. The 1st XI led by Adam Clarke were relegated again. The 2nd XI led by Arun did very well to maintain their status but the 3rd XI were also relegated after their superb promotion the year before. The 4th XI didn't get as many matches as we would have hoped for – that will be discussed later in this report. After some years of success, Abhinay stepped down as Captain of the 3rd XI – he is helping to strengthen our other teams and the position of captain of the 3rds was taken over by James Robbins. Although relegated, he did play with a large number of Colts, these Colts are keen to play with him again and hopefully, with more experience and age under their belt, they will have a better season in 2019.

Whilst on field issues have been difficult and quite depressing to write about, these have been brewing for some time. It is because we have addressed them that we have struggled on field, but I hope that we can now push forward. After many years of comments being made about the outfield and lack of attention to the square, our previous grounds team – Southern have now left. They have been replaced by the grounds team from Whitgift School. This is not a saving for us, but it is giving us a team dedicated to making the ground much better. I have seen them working on the square during the closed season and I am confident that we will have a much better ground to play on this year. This leads me to the state of the nets, and I am delighted to say that if you haven't seen them yet, take a stroll to the nets area and you will see a brand new set of nets that are almost ready for us to use. Through a very generous donation from a Colt parent and some donations from the membership and Surrey Foundation, we have been able to raise enough money to get them built in time for the season. My personal thanks goes to Jonathan Higgins for his work on this project – it wouldn't have been delivered without his efforts, and also to Suraj for his professionalism in drawing up the plans and negotiating the ridiculous world of the Croydon Council planning.

The second area that needed our attention was getting some of our membership to pay – for a while it has been the case that some members played, but didn't pay any or all of their subs. This was a situation that we couldn't allow to continue – it is simply unfair on those that do. This year we took a strong position on it – if you don't pay your subs, you will not be available for selection. This undoubtedly caused issues, especially for the 4th XI – suddenly there were fewer people available for selection. I am sorry that the 4s paid the ultimate price for this as the available players were used to fill up the 1st, 2^{nds} and 3rds – we even cancelled some games for the 3rd but we could not let the situation continue. It did cause pain but had to be addressed.

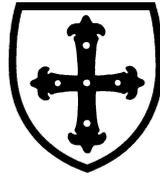
Our Colts had another strong showing with many teams in finals – perhaps not our strongest year, but considering our size, we have done very well. Retaining Colts has been an issue with the lack of net facilities – exit interviews with players who have left did identify this as a key issue. Now we have this rectified, our aim has got to be to increase the number of junior players that we can keep until they reach the adult teams – this isn't easy and we are by no means the only club struggling with junior numbers but I feel that we have a fighting chance now.

I welcome you all to attend the AGM – I do feel positive about the direction of the club – it will undoubtedly still be a difficult season ahead of us, but I believe that the basics are now in place and we are ready to go out and actively recruit new players – we have grounds and facilities to admire. My strategy for this season is to build up the numbers both adults and Colts and to get us acting as a club with our own identity and all pulling together.

Finally my thanks to all of our Committee members – an awful lot of work goes into the running of the club, and without people willing to stand up and be involved, there would be no OWCC

Paul Kerr

Chairman – 23 February 2019



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Hon. Secretary's Report to 2018 AGM

First Eleven

The First Eleven, after a bright start, never recovered after losing to Worcester Park in the fourth week of the season. The side was led by Adam Clarke, who missed several key weeks of the season through injury, and was ably assisted by Shaz Rana. The side struggled for consistency as injuries and a lack of consistent player availability led to the batting order and bowling attack changing weekly.

A strong bowling performance in the first game of the season saw the OWs bowl out Kingstonian for 101, which was overhauled for the loss of four wickets. A washout against Dorking followed. A strong batting performance against Bank of England saw the OWs post 246, including a fifty from Adam Clarke. The bowlers reduced Bank of England to 160/8 before a spirited come back was ended by Suliman Younas and a run out by Ishan Kalra to leave Bank 13 runs short.

A strong bowling performance against Worcester Park held them to 192/7 in their 50 overs but, unfortunately, the batsmen struggled against some accurate slow bowling to finish 7 runs short.

Eventual runners up Malden Wanderers restricted the OWs to 154 in the first 100 over game and cantered to victory by 6 wickets. A couple of close games followed, with Sanderstead creeping past the OWs total of 207 by 3 wickets off the penultimate ball of the game, and the Oxted and Limpsfield's last pair held out to hold the OWs to a draw at Croham Road. Eventual champions, Walton on Thames, overhauled the OWs total of 194/9 in 41 overs. The OWs then held out for a losing draw against Dulwich. The following week Dorking swept aside the OWs, declaring on 286/7 off 45 overs before bowling the OWs out for 199.

The OWs travelled to Kingstonian and scored their highest score of the season, hitting 255/5 in 55 overs, including an unbeaten 107 from Fuaad Syed. Despite making early inroads, the OWs were unable to bowl Kingstonian out and finished with a losing draw. Worcester Park overhauled the OWs total of 191, including a further unbeaten 87 from Fuaad Syed, for the loss of two wickets. Another losing draw followed against Bank of England, with the OWs finishing on 190/9 chasing 241/6.

With the return to limited overs cricket, the OWs nearly pulled off an upset, posting 296/4 against Malden Wanderers, thanks largely to an unbeaten 122 by Fuaad Syed. Loose bowling led to the Malden Wanderers batsmen recover from 120/3 and 194/5 to creep over

the line by one wicket. Sanderstead then completed the double over the OWs in emphatic style with an 81 run victory.

Oxted and Limpsfield were reduced to 61/6 before recovering to 167/8 and an unbeaten 112 from Fuaad Syed saw the OWs to a comprehensive 8 wicket win. Losses then followed against Dulwich (by 131 runs) and Walton on Thames (67 runs).

The batting was led by Fuaad Syed, who scored 740 runs at an average of 56.92, including 3 hundreds and two fifties. Vice captain Shaz Rana, whose 2017 season was ended by injury, scored 449 runs at 29.93, including 3 fifties, Adam Clarke scored 257 runs at 23.36 and Joe Murtagh scored 255 at 28.33.

Leading wicket taker was Harshil Shah who took 20 wickets at an average of 20.15 followed by Suliman Younas who took 19 wickets at 28.37 and Shaz Rana whose off breaks took 18 wickets at 20.

The 2018 season was played in good spirits and featured many home grown players who continue to develop.

Second team

The Second XI started the season with hopes of promotion under skipper Arun Ramamurthy but struggled for consistency at the start of the season. However, a run of six wins on the trot to end the season saw the side finish fifth.

The team won 7 matches and tied their game away against Oxted and Limpsfield, a rare result in a 100 over game as both sides were bowled out for 148.

Overall, the batting was led by Mo Basit who scored 496 runs in 13 innings at an average of 38.15, including 6 fifties supported by Arun Ramamurthy, who scored 262 runs at 20.15 and Maqsood Rana, who scored 244 runs at 20.33

Leading wicket taker was also Mo Basit who took 22 wickets at an average of 20.14, followed by young Izzet Khan who took 18 wickets at an average of 22.17 and fellow youngster Moiz Rana who took 17 wickets at an average of 14.18.

Third Eleven

The third eleven, who lost a number of players compared to the promotion winning 2017 season, struggled to compete. The team blooded some promising youngsters, who were outclassed by a number of teams which featured players who had or wanted to play first eleven premier league cricket.

The side came closest to victory against Sunbury and Walton on Thames, who they lost to by 2 wickets at Croham Road. The club struggled to put out a consistent side, though notable performances include 104 by Akshat Kacker against Walton on Thames, 52 from Darshan Prakash against Spencer and Nikil Johri took 4/35 against Ashted.

Other teams

The 4th XI continued to provide an environment for colts to learn about adult cricket under the leadership of Stuart Barradell. On Sundays, the friendly XI continue to play relaxed games under the leadership of James Schad.

The colts continue to field sides at a number of age groups and the section continues to provide talented youngsters to play in adult sides. We would like to thank chairman Shirish Patel, the manager of colts' teams, the coaches and the parents for their continued support. The colts continue to provide vital income for the club and the winter programme is already underway ready for next season.