

# OLD WHITGIFTIANS CRICKET CLUB

THE CLUBHOUSE, CROHAM MANOR ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY CR2 7BG

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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 Thursday 15 February 2018 at 19:45 hrs.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence
2. To approve, if thought fit, the Minutes of the 2016 AGM, held on 10 November 2016. 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 (to follow)
5. To receive and approve, if thought fit, the accounts for the year ending 30 September 2017. These will be made available at the meeting, or before, via the website.
6. To elect the Officers for the 2018 season. (See note below).  
The nominations of the outgoing Main Committee are:

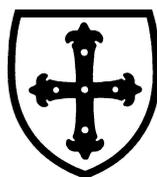
President	John Carter
Chairman	Paul Kerr
Hon. Secretary	David Hagger
Hon. Treasurer	Shirish Patel
Chairman of Cricket	Gary Kenton
Chairman of Marketing	Stuart Woodrow
Chairman of Ground	Jonathan Higgins
Chairman of Colts	Shirish Patel
Social Secretaries	
Welfare Officer	Fidoo Etwaroo
Chairman of Selectors	Nick Bonneywell
Club Captain	Adam Clarke
Captain 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Arun Ramamurthy
Captain 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Abhinay Raj
Captain 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Richard Chilvers
Captain Sunday Friendly XI	James Chad
Team Secretary	David Hagger
Hon Fixture Secretary	

7. Any other business

NOTE: Any Nominations for Officers must be made in writing, together with the nominee's written agreement, to the Secretary by Thursday 8 February 2018 (7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting). All additional nominations will be posted upon the Club Noticeboard and [www.owcc.org](http://www.owcc.org) by 12 February 2018.

By order of the Committee

Hon Secretary  
31 January 2018



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## Chairman's Report to the 2017 AGM

Dear Members

The 2017 season was mixed one for the club. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI led by Abhinay secured back to back promotions, whilst the 1<sup>st</sup> XI led by Mo Raza were relegated. It is unfortunate, but a fact of life that we don't have the financial resources to match the other clubs in Division 1. In the closed season we lost our main strike bowler and our captain Luke Fisher to different clubs. The team gave it their all, but in the end we came up short.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI led by Arun had a steady season and held their own and the 4<sup>th</sup> XI enjoyed another season of recreational cricket continuing to be a fantastic social side for the older players, and proving to be the ideal proving ground for our up and coming stars from the colts. 2017 however was the end of an era for Nick Bonneywell who decided to hang up his spikes and put his bat and pads away in the loft. Nick has been a fantastic supporter of our club. He has brought countless colts through and always put the interests of the club before his own team when it comes to selection. I am extremely grateful for what he has done, and what he continues to do as he takes up his new post as Chairman of selectors.

2017 will hopefully turn out to have been a seminal year for the club as off the field issues have dominated the committee's time this year. We got off to a shocking start with the state of the handover to us. The ground was unusable for cricket for weeks after the handover dates. The nets collapsed over the winter and were unusable for the year. There were serious discussions at a high level between OWCC and WSC about the future, and as I was able to communicate with you all late last year, we have come to a settlement which I hope leads to a secure future for the club.

Shirish Patel again led our considerable colt's cricket operation very well in tandem with his excellent band of managers and coaches. Part way through the season we parted ways with our former Head Coach – Brian Berthoud. Brian has been replaced by our very own Adam Clarke – now the 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain. This is a good appointment for the club. Adam has a tremendous knowledge of the colts' players and will ensure a smooth pathway for the older colts as they transition into adult players. Whilst there was limited success for the Colts this year, our under 13s were selected to play in the inaugural Surrey Invitational league. This has been set up by Surrey to let the stronger teams play each other to prevent too many one sided games. The U13s held their own and probably should have won the league but fell just short. The colts are still very well represented at district and county level.

I welcome you all to attend the AGM – there is a lot to discuss about the future of the club. If we can weather the issues of last year and stabilise this year, the future could be very positive if we all pull together

Finally my thanks to all of our Committee members and Colts managers who continue to work hard on your behalf. Thank you to our sponsors – especially Gary who puts both time and money into OWCC, and

to Stuart who secured sponsorship money again to keep us afloat. Sponsorship is always welcome, so if you have any good contacts, please get in touch.

Paul Kerr

Chairman – 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018



