



Hawkinge Cricket Club

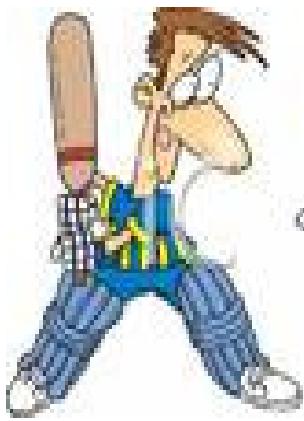
COLTS NEWSLETTER



2011



Colts Review




This year we have managed to run teams in the Saxon Shore league at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups. Although we have not won any silverware, there has been significant improvement throughout the season, and a great deal to be encouraged about for the coming season and the future of the colts as a whole.

I must admit that it has been a particularly busy and difficult year for the club. Sadly, we were not able to get Parag back this year due to financial constraints, and this has put additional pressure on the coaching staff, because Parag's contribution to the colts was immeasurable. The club has also entered a senior 2nd XI on a Sunday which has meant additional time and effort on the part of those running cricket at Hawkinge. Nevertheless, this has been a great opportunity for some of our older colts to take the step into the world of senior cricket. I have been very proud of the lads who have played in the Seconds. They have shown that our youth section can make a tremendous contribution to the senior sides, and proved that the future of the club is extremely healthy.

Macca and I were asked to run the District Under 10 side this year and several of our players played a significant part in the games against other Districts. It was an extremely enjoyable experience and we will be running the District side again next year. Hawkinge players also played representative cricket for the other age groups and I would encourage as many as possible to attend the District training sessions this winter so that we can get more players progressing to this level of cricket.

Once again, I would like to thank all the parents for coming along to the coaching sessions and matches. Your support and help is very much appreciated and I hope you have enjoyed watching your sons and daughters taking part and developing their cricket skills over the last six months.

We shall be writing to all current colt members before the beginning of next season to inform you of the dates for the commencement of coaching sessions etc. However, we would hope to see as many of you at the Presentation Evening on 3rd December (see below). 


Phil Payne
Colts Manager

Under 11's Managers report



It was a somewhat difficult season for the Under 11's this year. The squad struggled with injuries throughout the summer. Olivia suffered a broken wrist, Bobby went one up when he broke his arm, thenm Elisha decided to get in on the act and fractured her foot!

Nevertheless, the squad showed that they were more than capable of competing with the best and we hope that, next year, we can be out there pushing to even higher levels. The game against Sibton Park at the end of the season showed just how close we really are to the top teams. The strength and determination showed by the players was tremendous and, with a little bit more experience and our fair share of luck, we could be a top side.

In order to improve and expand the experience of the Under 11 age group we are intending to expand the initiative we started to introduce last year. This will mean that some of the U 11 players will be given the opportunity to join in with the Under 13's training sessions where we feel this will benefit the colts involved. 

Rob Tibbles & Shaun Ryan
Under 11's Managers & Coaches

UNDER 13's Managers report



Normally people say that your league place does not lie, but I feel this year, in our case, it does. We finished 5th winning 2 of our 10 games, but this fails to show just how well we competed. Most of our games had close finishes, and anyone who saw our last game of the season would have been very pleased in the way our lads played in what was, from my point of view, the best performance by a colts team we have had in many a year.

Playing under 13's cricket is a big step up the cricket ladder from under 11's, kids start to gain more power and it becomes a hard game where one ball can ruin a whole morning. Our Under 13's have been a credit to the club and to themselves. They have generated a team spirit which is second to none. This is one thing coaches have little to do with, it comes from the players themselves.

Some of the squad will now move up to our Under 15's, but these will be replaced from the fine pool of players we have moving up from the Under 11's. They will join a sizable number of players who will be playing a second year at this level and things look very good for the Under 13's age group next year.

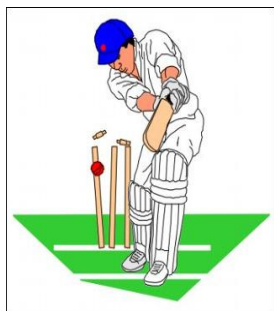
I hope that all the players have enjoyed the season as much as the coaches and will be back in April, keen to play again.

Finally we would like to thank the parents for their support and ferrying of players to and from games and hope they enjoyed the season as much as us.



Phil Payne, Joe Payne & Paul McLeary
U13 Managers & Coaches

Under 15'S Managers report



Under 15's Indoor Season 2010

It was our first year playing in the Saxon Shore Indoor League and we acquitted ourselves very well, winning two out of our 10 games but having 3 games where the opposition conceded.

Everyone who played did very well and adapted well to what is a very different game. It is very quick and the basics of bowling straight and keeping the ball down when batting are much more important than perhaps is the case with the outdoor format.

We thank all the players and parents for their support during the winter and hope to take part in this again this winter. So please contact Phil Payne (07876232411) if you are able to play these games which take place on Sundays at the Pent Valley Sports Hall starting in January. The fixtures are already on the web site and on the noticeboard.



Under 15's Outdoor Season 2010

After what the players themselves would describe as a nightmare start at Sandwich, the under 15's came back and had a good season. From the beginning of the season to the end, the team changed very little in terms of the team sheet, but as cricketers they changed a lot.

The spirit which they showed by the end of the season will serve them all well as they move up to 2nd XI games and then on into the 1st XI, as we hope many will do.

During the season we saw a marked improvement in all departments - batting, bowling and, most importantly, fielding. Games can be won or lost by fielding alone and our fielding, on the whole, was as good as some but better than a good proportion of the opposition. For this the lads should take full credit.

We hope that everyone enjoyed their season and all the squad will be back next year to, compete for honours.

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Paul McLeary, Joe Payne & Phil Payne
Under 15s Coach



Winners !

At the end of the season, an under 14 team from the club went to Elham to take part in a charity day and WON. We played teams from Elham, Hythe and an All-Star side and won very well. The team won each game and was the strongest in every department, batting, bowling and fielding. The club is proud of this, but now we need to make this the first of many.



Captains

I would like to thank all our Colts Captains for the job they do on the field for us. Unlike many CLUBS we trust our Colts Captains to run our teams during a game and they do all their own batting orders, field placings and bowling changes, and they have done a superb job throughout the season.



Hawkinge Colts Coaching Team

With the Under 11's being run so well by Rob and Shaun we see no need to change the arrangements for this age group. However, part of our forward plan was to enlarge the coaching/managment team for Under 13's and 15's. This team was made up of Phil Payne (Manager) Joe Payne (Coach) and myself (Paul McLeary), to this we called upon some senior players to help, and we thank Terry Dunham and Dave Fox for their help with the wicket-keepers and Mark Hyman and Rob Tibbles when we've been short-handed.

We hope to next year make this team bigger by adding more coaches, and if anyone would be interested in helping please contact Phil Payne (07876232411).



Coaching Nights

For the 2012 Season onwards we would like to change the structure of our coaching. To enable us to get the best use of our new net, we would like to move the Under 15's coaching to a Monday Night, this would allow to give far better coaching to the players and hopefully benefit all. The Under 13's, Under 11's and Under 9's would remain on a Friday Night. Should this be a problem to anyone please don't hesitate to contact us and we will try to find a suitable solution for the individuals involved.



New Net

As most of you are aware at the start of the season we had a New Net installed at the club. This was made possible through securing several grants due to a lot of hard work by Phil Payne. This is a top of the range net and needs to be treated as such, as we hope this will last us for many years to come. The old net will be available at all times for use by the colts. However, the new net will only be used under the supervision of one of the coaching staff



Presentation Evening

This year's Presentation Evening will take place on Saturday 3rd December, starting at 7.00pm. Last year was a great success and everyone seemed to have a great night.

This year we will once again be starting off with the presentation of the medals to the Under 9's followed by the trophies for the Under 11's, the Under 13's and Under 15's. The trophies for the senior players will then be presented .There will then be the raffle draw, the proceeds of which will go towards buying equipment for the Club. Following this there will be a buffet laid on for all attending. After this break the evening will be finished off with a disco for all who wish to stay on.

We hope that all the Colts will be able to attend for at least part of the evening and we welcome all family members to come along and enjoy the evening together.

If anyone has any raffle prizes that they can donate, we would be most grateful (Please contact Phil Payne 07876 232411)



Web Site

This is the Hawkinge Cricket & Social Club's new web site. On it you will be able to find out information regarding fixtures, results and other events. In addition, the hope is that we will be able to put match reports on line within a couple of days of playing.

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/hawkingecricketclub/>

The site will be able to keep you up to date with everything going on cricket or not and for those who sign up it will have a social forum feature which will allow you to communicate with your friends and fellow players throughout the year.

So please visit the site and join up as a member - both parents and players so you can keep abreast of the clubs activities and join in with making the web site a vibrant and enjoyable facility for everyone connected with the club



Second Hand Kit & Equipment

Kids grow out of their kit so quickly and it is expensive for parents to keep on buying new stuff all the time. To help to reduce this expense for you parents, and to provide some extra funds for the Colts, we are suggesting that parents bring in unwanted kit, which can then be passed on to other younger players for a small contribution to club funds. We now have a reasonable collection of clothing and equipment which will eventually be advertised in a special section of the web site as well as on the noticeboard.

Please contact Phil Payne (07876 232411) and any items for donations can be collected at your convenience. We will then have a list available ready for next season for those wishing to take advantage of this service.



Boot Fairs

Next year we are hoping to have a Cricket Club table at all Boot Fair taking place at the club. If you have any unwanted items cluttering up your attic, we will be happy to take them off your hands and hopefully raise more funds for the Club at the Boot Fairs. (Please contact Phil Payne 07876 232411)



District Training

District training for colts cricketers at the Harvey Grammar School on Saturday mornings has now started (29th October). This will continue until 10th December. There will then be a short break, recommencing 28th January and finishing 24th March.

Under 10's & Under 12's sessions start at 9.30 until 11.30

Under 14's sessions start at 11.30 until 1.30

Details can be obtained from Nobby Clark (07956 636585) or Phil Payne (07876 232411)



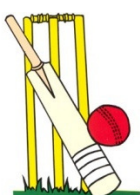
Volunteers

I am sure you are aware that running a Colts Cricket Section requires a great deal of time and effort on the part of the coaches and managers at the club. It is, however, extremely rewarding when we have a group of young cricketers like we have here at Hawkinge. Nevertheless, we can always do with additional help, especially on match days.

Not only do we need assistance with the transport, but help with organising drinks and snacks for the kids and teas or coffees for the parents is an area where we would appreciate additional volunteers.

We are also continually looking for parents or other interested people who are prepared to get involved in the coaching sessions themselves. As a club, we are happy to consider funding coaching courses for those who would like to get the qualifications, but we are just as happy for people to get involved in the a Friday evening sessions.

If anyone feels the irresistible desire to help in whatever way they can, please talk to any one of the coaches at the club.



Hawkinge Cricket and Social Club

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