

## **HHCC Club Report: 2022**

Putting my kit bag away and tidying up gloves, bat grips, practice balls and yes tiger balm, tubi-grips and ice spray (!), I came across a number of editions of "Slip Talk", the HHCC club newsletter I compiled for a few seasons in the early 2000's.

Flicking through the newsletters (and raising an eyebrow at some of what we published back then), I was struck by a couple of things that screamed out from those pages and how they compare with where we are as a club at the end of our 2022 season.

In 2001 we had just claimed our first league title in over 25 years, we were fundraising towards £30K to keep the old pavilion serviceable and had enjoyed a season that included a tour, a karaoke night, a club dinner dance, President's Day and a Sonny Rogers 6-a-side; we were also rightly proud of a growing junior section, numbering around 80 kids.

What we didn't know at the time was that we were about to go on a rollercoaster ride both on the pitch and off it that would take us up and down the divisions, out of the TVL league bound for the Surrey Champs, on to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and then the clubhouse fire, resulting playing and financial fallout and the subsequent rebuild.

Looking back to the start of the new millennium, what is striking is that the same spirit of fun, family, inclusion and tradition holds true now as it did then, whilst the hard work of all involved since means we are now enjoying a period of more sustained and planned for success and are working hard to ensure this continues.

In 2022 Dave Mackinney and Steve Fidler have led the charge on getting our £82K project to flatten our outfield and lay a new practice square off the ground, aided by a £10K Surrey CC grant and £12.5K raised by the junior section (the rest remarkably coming from club funds). Work on the outfield is now complete and I'm sure we all look forward to seeing the results in the spring.

Our third XI, led by Paul Thornley claimed a hard-won promotion and all other league XIs cemented spots in new leagues after adding to our now burgeoning trophy cabinet with their championship seasons in 2021. Adam Oliver and Sam Fullicks hit over 1,000 club runs and Adam Mackinney and Jamie Hillier both took over 60 club wickets; these and many more milestones, alongside key results and club news were all relayed via our social media channels thanks to Adam and Mike Murton (who incidentally claimed a club and league record of 5 wickets from 5 balls versus Purley 2s!).

Thanks in large part to Jack Fullicks and Will Smith, our tour and end of season dinner have returned alongside a plethora of social events, which just like in 2001, included a karaoke night at which tunefulness was optional.

Our junior section (which reduced to about 30 children in the aftermath of the fire), has grown to an astonishing number of over 400 registered colts and we are very lucky to now have more than 40 coaches as part of our team. We now field two sides at most age groups, offer Sunday cricket for boys and girls aged 4 to 9 years old, with Mark Broad leading the way. We held a series of social events aimed at families during the season, alongside our much-enjoyed coaches matches.

Shrina Limbachia has led the growth of our girls section this year and we have seen a number of juniors progress into representational cricket. Importantly the pathway between juniors and seniors has never been stronger with 42 of our colts (male and female) playing senior cricket this term.

We recorded a total of 321 games this season, which is another club record and simply wouldn't happen without all our captains, junior coaches, umpires, scorers and administrators and especially Rob Fullicks and Roger Coates who do so much to get senior sides out each weekend.

We now provide cricket almost every day of the week during the summer across our three home grounds, with Bushy park becoming the go to local venue on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday and even a Monday evening, thanks to our hospitality and of course the very well run bar and a clubhouse that David Coates has helped to keep in good condition.

Nicki Mackinney and her team have worked hard to keep us all well refreshed over the summer and alongside all the hard work Lisa Fullicks puts in on lettings for club members and community groups, has presided over a year that has smashed previous records in terms of bar income as evident from our accounts.

If there's a difference to what we do now that we didn't do twenty years ago it's in the depth of engagement and commitment that we are able to go into to in all our endeavours. A vastly expanded membership has responded brilliantly to efforts to take the club forward.

We have more committee members, volunteers, supporters and helpers than we have ever had and this in turn allows us to invest in our facilities and the level and standard of cricket we offer to all. There is also more red tape and process than ever and we thank Ria Broad, Charlotte Rance and our welfare team for all they have done to keep us on the straight and narrow, maintain our Clubmark status and deal with the very rare occasions on which independent intervention or advice is required (just one minor event recorded this year).

As always there is more to do; more cricket means more strain on our pitches and Steve and Tom Hampton must be thanked for all their efforts across our grounds. We are also planning to invest in net facilities at Carlisle park and Nally Fernando continues to work with the council and local groups to push this project along.

We will need to continue to put money into our facilities over the coming years to allow us to thrive at both senior and junior level. With this in mind please continue to support our efforts to raise funds and if you have ideas, time, contacts or experience through which you can help the club fund such activity then please let a member of the committee know.

All that remains is to thank each and every member of our committee and all who volunteer for the good of the club. In 2001 we were pleasantly surprised by our success and celebrated it well; in 2022 we have worked hard to ensure we continue to build on what's gone before and will hopefully continue to reap the rewards going forwards on and off the pitch.

Up the Hill!  
Cheers  
Ian

Ian Exworth  
Chairman  
HHCC

**2022 detail for noting:**

<b>Membership Numbers</b>	
Playing	96
VP	20
Hon VP	14
Club	272
Life	12
Junior	410

**Committee meetings held:** 9

**Community Lets:**

Lady Eleanor Hollis School  
 The Stragglers  
 Hampton Hill Junior School  
 Nobel Green Wines  
 Stanley School  
 Shaef Shifters Running Clubs  
 Hearts of Tedlothian Football

**2022 Main HHCC Award Winners:**

<b>Senior Awards</b>	
Hall Edwards Batting Trophy	Massimo Campanale
Nigel Coates League Batting Trophy	Sam Rogers
Skim Carroll Bowling Award	Adam Mackinney
Mike Crane League Bowling	Jerry Fallows
Pete Cullinan Best Bowling	Mike Murton
Carr Hurst All Rounder	Sam Fullicks
Udal Raine Young Performance Award	Max Goubert
Ian Greenaway Team Player Award	Joe Ayley
Rice Sian Outstanding Contribution to Female Cricket	Shrina Limbachia
Ian Exworth Player of the Year	Sam Fullicks

<b>Junior Awards</b>	
Bill Haunting Colt of the Year 2022	Alex Penny Kemp
Chairmans Cup for Batting 2022	Alex Penny Kemp
Mike Crane Bowling Award 2022	Jacob Rice
Coaches All Rounder Award 2022	James Neville
Doug Hill Most Improved Colt 2022	Ursula Ogden
Fielder of the Year 2022	Jake Dale
Best Junior Performance 2022	Luca Alsford

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