

SHANKLIN AND GODSHILL CRICKET CLUB

Westhill Road, Shanklin, Isle of Wight PO37 6PT

Water Supply

The equipment for the new water supply to the square has been delivered, but unfortunately we have been unable to connect it to the new main water pipe. A new part was ordered and then it was too cold to work on the square. However, the irrigation system looks impressive and there will be no problem getting sufficient water on to the square this summer.

Club Coach

Benji White, our 1st team captain, has signed up for an ECB coaching course in Chichester this spring. The club is keen to have more coaches so please let me know if you wish to apply for a coaching qualification. Courses are held on the Isle of Wight.

Bridget Biddlecombe

It was very sad to hear that Bridget died in January this year. Her obituary can be found on the County Press website. We offer Paul our condolences at this sad time.

The appearance of the bar area before the final colour scheme has been painted.



AGM deferred

The ongoing pandemic lockdown means that our Annual General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16th February has been deferred. The elected committee will remain in office until such time that we are able to hold a meeting either in the Shanklin Conservative Club or in the newly refurbished pavilion. Bob Crawley, our treasurer, has received our audited accounts from Bright Brown. They are awaiting approval from the committee and then I can send a copy to those club members who wish to have one before the rescheduled AGM.

I do know that Rob Moore and Bob Crawley will not be standing for re-election to the committee and so there are vacancies to be filled. Please let me know if you wish to join the committee - it is an exciting time to be part of the management of the club. The committee is made up of the main officers, (president, chairman, treasurer, secretary, fixture secretary, membership secretary, welfare officer), all club captains and 6 elected members. This gives us a committee of up to 15 people, which allows for the workload to be spread. Being a committee member is not onerous and so please do consider putting your name forward.



Andy and Brian building the new shed

Ground Equipment

Stubblings Bros have returned the Toro mower, after its major service. All of the cylinder cutters have had an overhaul and look like new. We committed to this work last year and now we hope that the £4k spent on it will prove to be a wise investment.

We have also taken delivery of an Alko tractor mower. This will be more reliable than the old Countax, which has been serviced and will be used for scarifying and moving the trailer. The Alko will be used to cut the grass in the car parking area and the boundary area of the ground.

We have a great selection of good working ground equipment. We now need volunteers to use it so don't be shy in offering your services.

Club Web Site

Our club website is www.shanklinandgodshill.play-cricket.com and will be used this year for fixtures, match reports, score cards and player statistics. It will be very helpful for all club members to go to the website and ask to join, so that we can build our database of players and non players. The site is provided by the ECB and all affiliated clubs have been included.

Refurbishment Project.

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. Our major effort before Christmas was to get the new shed built. It was decided to join this to the side of the existing shed at the rear of the pavilion. It seemed like a good idea but it posed many structural difficulties for the chief architect, Brian. The build was slow going but we do now have a very solid well built storage shed - that is waiting for its roof and door! It is too cold to work outside and so it will be back to the shed in March. Gerald and Sylvia have painted the shed with the forest green varnish, and have also tidied up and cleaned the kitchen each week.

Meanwhile our efforts have been directed to the pavilion, the ladies cloakroom and the umpires room. The number of volunteers has increased and we are very grateful to Harry Moore (plumbing), Sean Phillips (painting and decoration), Andy Trotter (multiple skills) and of course Micky (now 82 years old) who does the heavy work knocking down walls and digging trenches. Nathan Moore and Benji have helped with decoration using skills they never realised they possessed. The electrical work is being done by Berry Electrical, and the ceiling work by Mike Jones.

We are hoping to have the main pavilion finished by the middle of February, and then will finish the umpires room and the ladies toilets in February and March. Harry has almost completed the plumbing in these rooms and then Brian will rebuild the walls before the decoration can be completed.

Sean and Harry busy at work - the club is indebted to them for donating their skills to help the project.



Our club president, Bill Jenkins will be celebrating his 101st birthday in February. He is still living at home and is looking forward to visiting the club when the refurbishment is done.