

# SHANKLIN & GODSHILL CRICKET CLUB

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## Coronavirus update

We were able to play a full list of fixtures this year, although there were still restrictions on catering, and use of the changing rooms. The worst of the pandemic is behind us but unfortunately it is never going to disappear. The ECB and the Hampshire Cricket League will provide guidance for clubs near the start of the season. We hope that we will be able to make full use of the pavilion.

Unfortunately our application for the 2nd team to play in the HCL next season has been rejected. No more teams from the IOW are to be allowed in.

## Save the Date

Linda Piche is organising a second fund raising event on **Saturday 19th March 2022.** The previous one was very successful and raised over a £1k for our refurbishment project. This year we are raising money for the refurbishment and repair of the entrance to the car park. The fund raising event will be at the Shanklin Conservative Club and the entertainment will be provided by Frank Sinatra (or similar!)



The car park will never be the same again

## Car Park Repair

The entrance to the car park at the rear of the club has become badly eroded. This in part has been caused by the use of the car park by dog walkers in the winter, when the ground is wet and muddy. Brian Porter has again project managed the repair of this area, and involved digging out the worn area, placing a layer of crushed concrete flattened with a vibrating roller, placement of toughened plastic lattice, covering of topsoil and finally reseeding. Bollards have been placed in the new concrete entrance to stop unauthorised use of the car park in the winter. New notices will be displayed at the entrance.

The club is very grateful to Dave Attrill for the loan of his digger, and to Norton Mew for his skilful use of the dumper truck and roller. Andy Trotter, and myself provided willing support, shovelling a lot of topsoil. The cost of the project will be approx £5k and we will raise this from club events and grants.



## Ground report

Andy Butler and his team came to the ground in the first week of October and did the end of season work to prepare the square for its winter rest. He was able to do this in a single morning as he had all the right equipment - the down side is that it cost us over £2k.

We have used some of the excess topsoil from the work on the car park to fill in some of the hollows in the outfield on the far side of the ground. We have also used topsoil in the net practice area to even out the run ups.

The grass in the outfield has been cut and we will continue to do this until it becomes too wet. This will pay dividends when we start to prepare the ground in the springtime.

We have previously under invested in the maintenance of the club ground equipment. This year we have arranged for all of our machinery to be properly serviced, and we have added several new pieces of equipment to our stock, principally the new roller, but also another ride on tractor and trailer, a strimmer and a leaf blower. It is our aim to become totally self sufficient and look after the square and grounds ourselves in future.

## Barry Ward Legacy

Barry was a member of the club in the 1980/90's and passed away last year. He had no living relatives, and so he very generously split his estate between the hospice (50%), Shanklin Football club and Shanklin & Godshell Cricket Club (25% each). This unexpected income will be used to further improve the playing facilities at the club and a subcommittee will be formed to consider how we can best make use of this money. This is good news for the club, and will allow us to continue the refurbishment work that has been project managed by Brian Porter over the last 2 years. Areas of the pavilion that will benefit from upgrading include refurbishing the bar and the kitchen.

A full report on the legacy will be given at the **AGM** in February. This will be held on **Tuesday 15th February 2022** in the Shanklin Conservative Club.

## AWARDS EVENING

The awards evening was held in the pavilion in October, superbly organised by Jim and Seb. A fish and chip supper was followed by a selection of sweets, and the awards were presented by the team captains and the chairman. The award winners were:

Sat Player	Sam Mills
Sun Player	Archie Lucy
Midweek	Jack White and Lewis Powell
2nd XI	Sam Billington
Evergreens	Norton Mew
Junior	Ben Fry and Toby Morgan
Clubman	Andy Trotter

Paul Biddlecombe provided the music and the evening was completed with one of his special quizzes. Thank you Paul, and thanks to all those who helped make the evening so enjoyable.

The raffle raised £140.