



Shanklin & Godshill Cricket Club

Preseason Newsletter

Get Set Weekend

We have signed up for the ECB Get Set Weekend, which is an initiative to get club grounds ready for the new



season. A lot of work has already been done in the winter months: The dressing rooms and the main bar area have been painted, the bar shelving has been repaired, the terrace slabs have been jet washed, and the outside of the pavilion has had a new coat of paint. Our Get Set weekend is on Saturday 23rd March.

We would like lots of club members to turn up to help out. Bacon Butties and plenty of tea and coffee will be provided.



Ground News

This photo sums up much about last season and this winter. We have endured one of the wettest 12 months in living memory, with many matches being called off last season. The rain has relentlessly continued with a small respite in February when we were able to cut the outfield. The weather has recently settled down and drier weather is expected for the next 2 weeks. We will make the most of this break, and will commence grass cutting as soon as we can get the machinery on the outfield. The picture above was taken last August and there hasn't been much difference for the 7 months since then.

The square has been cut in February and a winter fertiliser has been applied. RGServices has done a great job in ensuring that the ground equipment is in good order for the hard work ahead.

A tree on the Westhill Road boundary was blown down during one of the winter gales. Luckily it fell onto the ground and no damage was done. The fencing by the car park has also suffered some damage.

The gate post on the pedestrian entrance on Westhill Road has broken and a new post will be fitted.



Trevor Jones arranged for the hedge adjacent to the spare field to be severely pruned. It will now be possible to retrieve a cricket ball hit into the hedge and also ongoing maintenance will be much easier. Trees have been planted on the bank to replace those lost due to ash dieback disease.

The Flat

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We are expecting Jaedin Garrard, an Australian cricketer, to join us this season. He is newly married and is bringing his wife with him. They will stay in the flat, which has been given a makeover, and we hope that they have a very enjoyable stay with our club. Jaedin will help out with the junior players training, will play in the IW league on Saturdays and hopefully lots of the midweek and Sunday matches.

Picnic Benches

Have you got an unwanted/old picnic bench at home? We are looking to place some picnic benches on the terrace to add to the facilities that we offer visitors to the ground. We will accept benches in any state of disrepair as long as they are fixable. Please let the committee know if you have one that you are happy to donate to the club.

Cricket news

For the first time in the clubs history we are going to field 3 teams in the leagues on a Saturday. We want to offer the younger players a pathway into mens cricket as many young cricketers stop playing once the u15 season ends. We hope that we can offer them a suitable way of making the transition from youth to senior cricket. The 3rd team will be a mix of experienced older players and the young players. We have arranged for the 3rd team to play their home matches at Smallbrook stadium, thanks to the generosity and cooperation of Ryde Cavaliers CC.

Our indoor training programme, which has been in place since January, has been very well attended and we hope that we can hit the ground running once the league cricket starts in May. Our first Hampshire League match is 4th May - the match v Mudeford has been rescheduled from the festival weekend.

The concrete bases of the practice nets have been repaired. The committee are looking at options for replacing the nets and also to replace the artificial wicket on the square.

We entered u12 and u14 teams into the indoor cricket leagues. A great experience for the younger players.

Club registration and match fees

Those of you who attended the AGM will know that the club has reduced its operating deficit from 2022 but there is still a need to increase our income. The following measures were agreed at the meeting:

The Registration fee for adults is £30 and £20 for Juniors

Match fees:

Afternoon match (usually 40 - 45 overs)	£7 Adults
	£3 Juniors
20/20 matches	£5 Adult
	£3 Juniors

If tea is provided then there is an extra £3 fee.

ALL players are urged to increased there individual efforts at increasing income by getting a sponsor. If every player got a sponsor then this would make a massive difference. Please approach friends, family, business connections or anyone to sponsor you for £25.