

The Stumper

The intention

Welcome to the 1st edition of the Swanage Cricket Club Stumper - a new quarterly newsletter to keep you informed about Swanage CC both on and off the field. With winter training for juniors well under way and adult training about to start, we are already looking forward to the start of the season in April. Whilst off the field, exciting plans for a pavilion extension have already been passed and we are in the process of fundraising and grant applications to enable us to get started in the near future.

The 2020 season

The 2020 season brings with it a number of new challenges. Having performed so well last year. The Saturday 1st XI hope to improve on their Div. 1 runners up spot, with promotion back to the Premier League whilst the 2nds look to consolidate their position in Div. 4 having escaped relegation on the final day of the season with a dramatic win at Broadstone on the final ball of the match. We are also looking to increase the fixtures on Sundays.



New Saturday 3rd XI

We have introduced a new Saturday 3rd XI as a development team to bridge the gap between our eldest youth team (U15) and adult. We are hopeful this will retain budding youngsters' interest in the game and improve the flow of players to the 1st and 2nd teams.

Many thanks to Woodlands Landscaping and Building Services and Holme for Gardens for supporting Swanage CC by providing the soil to create a new square on the field behind the pavilion where the 3rd XI will be playing their matches.



Women and Girls' section

Our Women's and girls' section go from strength to strength. Having taken part in Festivals over the last few years last season saw us join the inaugural Dorset Softball League. This included hosting one of the rounds at Swanage.

Recently they travelled to Dorchester for their first ever indoor match against Stalbridge. Bowling first Swanage kept it tight bowling and fielding well throughout the innings and taking 9 wickets including 5 run outs. Chasing 233 first batting pair Pam and Jasmine equalled that score in 3 overs but there was no stopping Swanage as Lou and Holly carried on the high scoring before Angie and Eden took us over 300. Swanage ended up on 321 having lost just 3 wickets and ended up winning by 88 runs. Since that first match, they have played 3 other matches winning one and losing 2 and now wait to see what happens in the second half of the competition.



Please contact Tim Ives at timswanagecricket@gmail.com for more details.

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Ambitious new plans

Due to the increase in youth players together with our women and girls' teams we are planning to extend the pavilion to accommodate more changing facilities. Grant applications have been submitted and results are awaited. Plans can be seen on the Dorset Council website under ref

<https://planningsearch.purbeck-dc.gov.uk/Planning/Display/6/2019/0309>

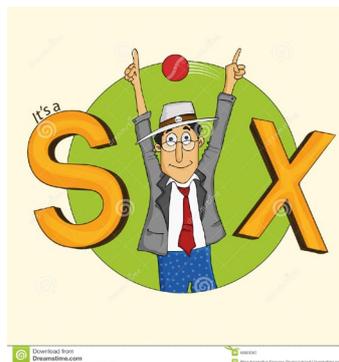
Youth Section

We have a flourishing youth section with around 100 members. Winter training, supported by a grant from Swanage Carnival, started in November at The Swanage School and carries on up until Easter when we return to the club for outdoor training. This year we will be offering league cricket for age groups from U10 to U15 as well as friendlies and training for younger children. Some of the older youth team members have also now started to play in the adult sides a trend that will hopefully increase over the next few years and the 3rd XI establishes itself.



Umpiring course

If you are interested in umpiring or just want to understand some of the basic laws of cricket, we have arranged an introduction course which is to be held at the club on Tuesday 24th March Start 6:30. The course is designed for adult players, junior players, parents - in fact anyone who wants to umpire in a match or just to understand the game a little bit more. If you wish to attend please let Tim Ives know by emailing him at timswanagecricket@gmail.com



Club membership

The membership year started on 1st January. There are various memberships available. If you wish to re new your membership or become a member for the first time then membership applications are available from the club website at <https://swanagecricketclub.co.uk/membership.html>

Thanks to all those of you who already renewed your membership

Working Party



The league fixtures have now been issued and the season will soon be upon us. We will be having a working party at the club on the morning of Sunday 5th April (9.30am) The purpose is to get the nets, sight screens and covers all ready for the season and give the Pavilion a spring clean.

Everyone is welcome to attend.