



**2024 Annual General Meeting: A Pivotal Moment for Our Club**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 1200pm at the Clubhouse**

**Present**

**Club Officers**

President: Patrick Kennedy **(PK)**

Chairman: Jonathan Sealy **(JS)**

Honorary Secretary: Jilesh Patel **(JP)**

Honorary Treasurer: Geoff Opie **(GO)**

Club Captain: David Morgan **(DM)**

1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain: Jonny Annable **(JA)**

Colts Manager: Rob Cloete **(RC)**

**Trustees**

Edwin Glasgow, Geraint Morgan

**Apologies for absence**

Edwin Glasgow, Mike Dixon, Geoff Dryden, Oliver Park, Charlie Baker, Laurie Miller, Amrik Natt, Ed Gelling, Robin Johns,

**Opening the Meeting**

JP opened the meeting and thanked the 19 members and club officers for their attendance.

**Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

The 2023 AGM minutes were circulated and agreed upon as accurate. Geraint Morgan proposed it, which was seconded by Jonathan Sealy and unanimously approved by all attendees.

**Address from the Chairman**

JS's Profound Gratitude: A Testament to Our Club's Unity and Collective Spirit

JS also thanked the committee and was grateful to have people on the committee who are prepared to agree, disagree and express their opinions, which adds value to the club's growth. JS mentioned Jilesh, a key committee member, was presented with the Lazenby Award for being the Clubman of the year by Geraint Morgan during October's committee meeting. He also thanked Carolyn Rose for her tremendous work with the DBS checks and dealing with Surrey Cricket. Jenny Borwick was also thanked for organising all the communications during the season. JS also thanked David Morgan for his fantastic work during his first year as club captain. Jonny Annable was given special mention for his calm approach in dealing with an incident during a 1XI game against West Byfleet.

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JS also expressed his gratitude to Mike Dixon for his great work running the bar, acknowledging his efforts in creating a welcoming atmosphere for members and guests. JS announced that Mike will now be stepping down from the role.

JS took a moment to acknowledge the efforts of Nina and the Women's Committee. Their work obtaining various grants and handling the paperwork was instrumental in the committee's success and is greatly appreciated, making them an integral part of our club's success.

JS also highlighted the significant achievements of the women's cricket team, led by Robin Johns, and Rob Cloete's successful organisation of the TD100 competition. These successes are a testament to their dedication and hard work.

JS announced that the ECB had awarded us the Club Mark, a significant achievement we hadn't received since 2009. The Club Mark is a seal of approval, usually given to clubs for their exemplary operations, and its significance should not be understated.

During the winter months, JS stated that the committee will focus on Electrical Maintenance, Fire Safety, purchasing a New roller, and streamlining the Club's operations.

#### **Address from the Club Captain**

DM provided a season update, noting mixed results for the seniors but highlighting the integration of Colts into senior teams. Priyesh was the top wicket-taker for the 1st XI. Other notable Colts included Ishaan, Ayush, Rory, and the Sangster brothers. The 1st XI finished mid-table, demonstrating their competitiveness. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th XIs showcased new leadership, with Ben Freeman, Oli Jones, and Pratik Patel winning 'Player of the Year'. No teams were relegated, and Ben Freeman will captain the 3rd XI next year.

DM thanked the umpires, especially Wes, who is leaving for Portugal. Investments in facilities included the installation of new cricket nets, repairs to the scoreboard, and the repair of bowling machines and sight screens.

DM and JA are recruiting an overseas player for next year and will update soon. The league structure will shift to a regional basis with matches played in a limited-overs format.

DM thanked the committee and all captains for their support.

#### **Address from the Head of Colts**

RC thanked the committee, Chris Harrison and his coaching team, Chris Notton, all Volunteer coaches, and made a special mention to departing Sean Elgion. RC also thanked the Colts Membership Secretaries, Pete and Cherry Bartlett Smith, and Junior Fixtures Secretary Amit Kulkarni, who will resign at the end of this season.

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## THAMES DITTON CRICKET CLUB

RC mentioned that our Colts Size has grown to over 500 Colts, which includes 120 girls. We have a waiting list for most age groups, and we are alleviating this by offering additional coaching sessions on Saturday mornings. Under 5s are almost half full for next season.

RC stated that the reason we attract players at the Colt level is that other clubs overlooked them. We maintain caps on all age groups to keep specific standards and the correct ratio, as we try to accommodate as many players as possible.

RC summarised our ethos of inclusivity and progression; therefore, for the younger age groups, it's all about taking part. Once they reach the U10 level, they participate in a league and cup competition. Once they reach U11, and depending on their performance at U10, they are encouraged to enter Tier 1 leagues. Next year, we will have three tier 1 teams.

Our Colts are already contributing to the senior teams and will continue to do so. Results are mixed, and the girls' teams won all matches. The U13 Tier 2 Girls, U15 Tier 2 Lightning, and U15 Tier 3 Storm, which reflect the improvement in standard.

### Other results

Tier 1 U14 won 50% of the Matches Position finished 9<sup>th</sup> /12

Tier 1 U11s Position 4<sup>th</sup> / 6

Trophy Competitions, U13 girls lost in the first round after facing the eventual winners.

U15 Girls progressed to the quarter-final of the Carter Cup.

U13S progressed to the Surrey Cup semi-final

U14S progressed to the Cup Semi-Final and League Runners-Up.

The TD100 Cup attracted over 80 Colts from U10S to U14S competing in four franchised teams, which helped develop bonds across all groups. RC took Cato Choi, who managed this tournament exceptionally, and RC also recognised Vishal and Meera Patel for their sponsorship.

RC thanks JS, who helped secure Hinchley Wood School for nets, which meant Winter nets can be offered down to U8S with a more extended training session.

### **Address from Head of Women's Cricket**

Natalie Mahmoud represented Robin Johns. NM summarised the women's season, which was their second season, and entered the Tier 2 Softball league, winning all nine games, which crowned them the League Champions.

The Women's Section is made up of 48 members and 22 players. Next year, we will enter both the Hard and Softball leagues. The senior women's section is working alongside the girls' colts to create a pathway for progression. NM thanked the committee for their continued support. NM said that women will participate in some additional fundraising activities next season.

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### **Election of Club Officers**

The following nominations for Club officers were received and duly elected unopposed by the AGM, proposed by Pat Kennedy, seconded by Steve Newbold, and agreed upon by the AGM.

Chairman: Jonathan Sealy  
Hon. Secretary: Jilesh Patel  
1st XI Captain: Jonny Annable  
Club Welfare Officer: Carolyn Rose

Hon. Treasurer: Geoff Opie  
Club Captain: David Morgan  
Head of Colts: Rob Cloete

The following non-elected officers were appointed:

The following nominations for non-elected officers were received, proposed by Tara Collier,  
Seconded by Paul Campbell

Fixture Secretary: Oliver Park  
Bar Manager: Matthew Parkinson  
Membership Secretary: Simon Neil  
Head of Women's Cricket Development: Robin Johns

Colt Fixture Secretary: TBC  
Amenities Manager: Paul Foster  
Website Co-ordinator: Gavin Stern

\*Before the AGM, Mike Dixon resigned as Bar Manager; JP thanked Mike Dixon for the exceptional work he had done with the Bar over the last few years.

### **Address from the Honorary Treasurer**

GO summarised the financial situation, which was very straightforward, especially with the TDCC Ball. He stated that we made a small profit, our year running from September to match the cricket year, so it's a straight comparison to previous years. We experienced an increase in income, primarily due to the rise in women's membership, and partly a result of the 10% increase we implemented last year, in line with inflation at the time. Match fees were down due to weather conditions and the fact that youngsters pay less.

Sponsorship: We lost Russell Cook as a sponsor; however, we do have an anonymous sponsor who donated £ 3,000. Bar Sales were decent however they were slight affected towards the end of season due to bad weather.

There were no changes in Bar Prices, and we remained very affordable compared to Pubs in the local area. Main expenditures were Bar purchases and hire of Colts pitches. There have also been significant increases in Utility costs, and we had to settle a Water Bill dating back to 2017, which has been settled for approximately £4,000. Some of the other significant costs were Coach hire, Ground Maintenance, Insurance and Umpires. GO mentioned that most of these costs have been tightly maintained.

During the winter, GO has approved the purchase of a new roller. GO also mentioned we had to pay our overseas player, as he couldn't find work.

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## **THAMES DITTON CRICKET CLUB**

GO had allocated \$ 10,000 as part of its capital budget last year, which was spent wisely on various projects. To summarise, GO reported a profit of £5k. During the winter, we will be spending on Electricity, Scoreboard repair, a New Roller, and Major locks.

### **2025 Membership Subscription increase**

JP announced an increase in membership across all categories by £5.00 next year. This was in line with the increased cost.

### **Any other Business**

Geraint Morgan presented the Morgan Glasgow Trophy. GM expressed that the Colts now have direction and are enjoying their cricket. GM presented the award to Shreya Sena.

**Close of Meeting – 12.40 pm**