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News & Words of Wisdom from Hutton CC

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Well, what a (insert adjective of your choosing) year it's been. 2020 threw its weight around in ways we could never have imagined this time last year. Despite everything, the winter solstice has come and gone, the days will be getting longer and lighter...and, hopefully, warm enough and safe enough to enjoy some cricket and long-awaited get-togethers.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2020!

Keep well x



Next time

Hutton on tour....Coaching Corner....Focus on Youth...
This is your Captain speaking....Chris' Quiz....Through the decades....

Selfies with the Stars

Do you have a photo of yourself with a famous cricketer? Send it to us! Let us know where and when it was taken....and what the chat was about!

This is your newsletter....

What would you like to see included? Do you have any news? How have you been keeping fit during lockdown, tier 3/4, etc?

We'd love to hear from you!

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Junior Indoor Leagues

Match reports ...

U12 Girls Intra-Club Match

6/12 by Karim Wilkins

Never mind that there was no ODI between England and South Africa today! The standard of cricket in Shenfield Sports Centre was enough to satisfy any cricket lover.

The Girls' Under 12s intra-Hutton match proved to be a cracker and it would be unfair to single out any one performance above all others.

The brave batting by some of the younger players was matched by the fearsome and accurate bowling of some of the older girls.

There were fewer no balls



and wides than your correspondent can remember and the fielding was top notch. There were run outs, brilliant backing up and even better catches (even off a no ball).

Team 1 scored a

challenging 89 off their ten overs and, with only three balls left in Team 2's innings and six required to win, it was an opportunity for a run out (to win the match for Team 1) that resulted in an unfortunate four overthrows (despite a valiant attempt at backing up) and left Team 2 with one to win off the final two balls—which they managed with ease.

Everyone should have been proud of their performance today. Keep it up ladies!



U12 Girls v Upminster 6/12

by Andrew Haddigan

After a precarious start (0 for 2), the girls rallied together and finished on 46 all out.

They thought they were defeated but it didn't get them down. After some excellent bowling and fielding, they pulled out all the stops and defeated the opposition—bowling them out for 16.

An excellent performance by all involved.





Throwback.... Hutton CC Annual Dinner

When we took over Social & Fundraising, Ali & I were given some sage advice (or mildly threatening advice...) - whatever you do, don't mess up the end-of-season karaoke and be very careful with the traditions of the Annual Dinner....especially the pie.

There was a minor altercation at a committee meeting (previous Chairman: "You can't change that, you'll be lynched!")

Me: (bangs table) "You can trust us, or you can do it yourself!" - ok, I admit there



may have been Peroni involved)

However, we love a bit of history and tradition, so there was nothing to fear.

For many years, the dinner has taken place on the first Friday in December, although this hasn't always been the case. A programme for the 1949 Annual Dinner states that it was held at the Artichoke on Shenfield Common on 28th October. Several speakers are listed as well as, rather surprisingly, "Mr Shearing—pianoforte and Rev Beale—soloist"!!

At some point in its history it was dubbed the "Stag Dinner" and women Did. Not. Attend. Which must have made it super-boring in my opinion!

We've been lucky in recent years to have welcomed many entertaining speakers— Geoff Miller, Mike Gating in our 150th year,



Matthew Hoggard, Paul Nixon ("Hi Cathy, I'm on my way but I've forgotten my shirt"), Robert Croft ("Hi Ali, I'm afraid I'm stuck in traffic""Hello, me again, I seem to be going the wrong way up the A12) and, of course, Club friend Nasser, when we strayed from the usual speakers' stand-up routine for a fascinating, sit-down, chat show style conversation.



Every dinner I've attended has proved to be a great evening—catching up with friends, lots of laughs, lots of fizz and the much-maligned, but actually rather lovely, pie (other choices are available....).

So, hopefully...fast forward to December 2021. We've sorted and wrapped the raffle prizes, had menus printed, tried our best to keep everyone happy with the seating plan, given umpteen menu updates to Liz at the banquetting suite, chased bookings, altered bookings, cancelled bookings, rebooked bookings....but then there's a bottle of something pink and fizzy waiting for us, guests are arriving, the speaker makes it on time, Darren has checked the mics and Framo is saying Grace.

Fingers crossed everyone.



Robert Croft and a hat-trick of awards for the Scammells

Whozat? – meet 2nd XI Captain James Southgate

Do you have a nickname?

In my first Hutton career it was Rhino but now, apparently, it's The People's Captain

What's your earliest memory of playing for Hutton?

Running consecutively a four and a three with Charlie Yorke, only then to watch him get bowled the next ball without picking his bat up

What's your favourite thing about cricket?

The teas

Who's your favourite sports-person/sporting hero?

Phil Taylor

It's (cricket) tea time.....what are you hoping to see on the table?

Olivers sausages

What's your go-to end-of-season karaoke song?

Johnny B. Goode

Who has the best banter in the bar/on the pitch?

Rickard

If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be?

Rickard!



Christmas Raffle –all the winners



We raised just over £500 in our Christmas Raffle –thank you so much for your support! We hope you enjoyed the Zoom draw, but for those of you who were unable to join us, here are the winners:

- * 2021 Club Membership (worth up to £150)
- * Christmas Hamper
- * 1-1 Coaching Session
- * Home portrait on canvas
- * Scentsy Hamper
- * Olivers Voucher
- * Chocolate & Wine Tower
- * Christmas Cupcakes (two prizes)
- * Goodies & Voucher from Lisa's Beauty Box

- Chris Brew
- Simon Young
- Anna Walker
- Claire Rawlins
- Luke Harris
- Carole & Steve Payne
- Carole Manek
- Anna Walker, Sarah Patterson
- Ian Stronach



A Message From the President

Dear Club members and friends of Hutton CC,

We are coming to the end of what must have been the most challenging year we have ever had. I am sure we are all delighted and hopeful that with the vaccine that's been developed and started to be given out, 2021 will be the start to a return to some sort of normality. Let's all hope and pray that is the case. At least we now have something to look forward to even though the latest and most stringent lockdown has come at the worst possible time.

I want to pass on some of my thoughts about HCC and 2020. Firstly I would like to express my thanks and admiration to your Chairman, Jim Lynch and all the Club's committee for an amazing job done during this pandemic. With their exceptional work we were able to provide virtually a half season of cricket. Something that looked impossible early on. I am delighted to say the Club's teams performed exceptionally well. Steps were taken to allow the resumption to be done safely for the players and spectators and there was even a way to allow the bar to open which assisted in bringing a little light relief and camaraderie back to the Club. I am sure this helped some individuals and families to get away from the stresses of the time.

I also want to thank a number of people for the financial support that, along with prudent action and planning by the Committee has allowed the Club to maintain a good position to move forward into 2021. These include grants from Brentwood Council and we are again grateful to Chris Hossack for bringing the opportunity to our notice, the ECB, continued sponsorship from Blueprint property Company and the first year of sponsorship by Neo. We continue to be grateful to those lovely people at Olivers butchers who have now provided our teas for over 10 years and are we extremely grateful to Jamie Forster, our groundsman for working with us and agreeing to reduce his costs for a long period. I also really want to thank all those members who, without knowing how much or if there would be any cricket, paid their subscription either in part or in full. It showed a great spirit is maintained throughout our Club.

On top of the successes on the field I am delighted to say how proud we should all be of the reputation that HCC has gained outside its own membership. As most of you know I am at most home Saturday games and in my strolls around the boundaries I often chat to our opposition and their supporters. I regularly hear Hutton is regarded as one of the friendliest and most family orientated clubs on the circuit. A great reputation to have!

It just leaves me to hope you have as happy and merry festive period as you can, and let's look forward, with the very encouraging news we have had recently, to being able to get together in a more normal way during 2021.

Finally, the Club has lost a number of its members and friends over the past 12 months, Neil Hammond, Eileen Pont, Brian Anfield, Richard Pryke, Lorraine Taylor and David Gilder. My sincerest condolences go out to all their friends and family We will all remember them with great affection.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Best wishes and please stay safe,

Nick Watson

Congratulations! our 2020 senior award winners were announced at the AGM this year

First XI

Player of the Year

shared by Adam Spooner & Adam Holgate (note: you don't usually have to be called Adam to qualify for this award...)



2nd XI

Young Player of the Year

Charlie Thompson



5th XI

Not-so-young Player of the Year

Ivan Minter



3rd XI

Player of the Year

Henry Hodgson



John Spooner Award

James Sanderson - for his commitment to playing and training week-in, week-out.



Young Player of the Year

Bill Prideaux



4th XI

Player of the Year

Joe Hills



Robin Hobbs Award

Henry Hunwick, for his contribution on the pitch and off it, helping with coaching



Ladies' Player of the Year

Amy Hills



Volunteer of the Year

Sue Dale, for her superb work organising the youth & girls' teams

Honorary Life Membership

John O'Sullivan, for his work on the pavilion refurbishment and his commitment to coaching & management



2nd XI

Player of the Year

Danny Cocklin



Young Player of the Year

Chris Willoughby

5th XI

Player of the Year

Dan Latham



Not-so-young Player of the Year

Ivan Minter

A Very Hutton Christmas...amended from I know not who!

'Twas the night before Christmas, the square it lay cold
 Not a cricketer played, not a ball could be bowled
 There was ice on the wicket, and frost in the deep
 And all junior members should be fast asleep

Wrapped up and cosy in warm little beds
 With dreams of the morning going round in their heads
 And Santa Claus just cannot come soon enough
 For he's going to bring lots of cricketing stuff

A full day of practice with new gear is planned
 Though fast balls in the kitchen have sadly been banned
 For last year a speedy, full pitched in-swinging
 Hit mum quite hard as she cooked Christmas dinner

So this year all cricket must stay in the hall
 By edict of Mum there can be no hard ball
 Though just to be certain, both mum and dad
 Are fully prepared, wearing helmets and pads

But lets leave the youngsters all dreaming their dreams
 For it's down at the Club where everything gleams
 The legendary bar manager has given his all
 The stock take is done and the fridges are full

For Santa will come to kids of all ages
 As long as they haven't done something outrageous
 And the legendary bar manager has been good all year
 So he waits for that visit as morning draws near

While darkness descends and the stars light the sky
 He leaves out for Santa a pint and a pie
 And just before turning in for the night
 He makes sure his stocking is hanging in sight

Then the legendary bar manager lays down for a nap
 Dreams of shiny new glasses and St Mig on tap
 There'll be a warm Hutton welcome, but warmer by far
 If Santa Claus brings his glass back to the bar!



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