

# Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club

(incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)  
founded in the year 1866



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President *John Gray Esq*

## Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M will be held in the Overton Drive Clubhouse or on Zoom if clubhouse is closed on  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 8.00 pm

*Nigel Hutchings*  
Hon. Club Secretary

### 1.0 To Adopt the Committee's Report for 2020

### 2.0 To Adopt the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2020

### 3.0 Election of Officers, Vice-Presidents and Committee

### 4.0 Subscriptions

To adopt the Committee recommendation that the 2021 rates of subscription remain as follows:

<b>CRICKET</b>	<b>£</b>
Playing Member	195.00
Playing (over 18 <sup>1</sup> and full-time student)	97.50
Sunday/Occasional Playing Member	97.50
Ladies Playing	97.50
Ladies Occasional Playing Member	48.75
Parent (Playing) with 1 or more Junior Members	215.00
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 2 or more Junior Members	175.00
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 1 Junior Member	129.00
Junior Member (under 18 <sup>1</sup> )	87.00
Junior Members, Siblings (under 18 <sup>1</sup> )	129.00
Junior Members (under 7 <sup>1</sup> )	43.50
<b>SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Social Member (Gentleman or Lady)	38.00
Wife or husband of above	26.00
Retired Pensioner	33.00
Country Members (outside 50 miles)	29.00

<sup>1</sup>Age as at 1st September 2020

## 5.0 Match Fees

To adopt the Committee recommendation that the match fees for 2021 will be as follows:

Adult matches (home or away) – includes Junior players	£10 (£5 if no teas provided)
Junior matches (home or away)	£5.00

## COMMITTEE REPORT 2020

What an extraordinary year! This year, more than ever, the role of our club in the community has become paramount in our minds. We have several members, who are on the front line in the NHS treating Covid-19 patients, and we acknowledge and thank them for their amazing work over the past year. Our facilities have been used by local charities to support food bank collections, and via our events we have raised money for NHS charities and more recently for the Corner House Project. We combine this sense of community with extensive continued development of our facilities, and also with success on the pitch. Our club is in excellent shape as we commence the planning for 2021.

**Facilities.** At the start of the year we were all excited about the new nets, which were installed in February. They are fantastic and we would all like to thank the Project Heron team for their tremendous work in successfully managing this project. Most importantly, once the plans for a return of cricket were initiated, we responded quickly. Via the online booking system, our nets were opened in a Covid-19 safe way and by the end of the season over 1,500 separate net sessions had been booked on the system. Once actual games were allowed, we played a lot of cricket in a short period of time. The time invested in safe welfare and hygiene practices was huge, but essential.

The Committee would particularly like to thank Lynn and her team for the massive amount of work they did to make the club both safe and welcoming during the summer.

Looking forward, we continue to invest in the club. When we hopefully return to action in 2021, members will be able to enjoy the new refitted and modernised bar. Again, the Project Heron team are to be thanked for all their hard work on this over the winter.

**The impact of Covid-19 on the finances of the club.** At the start of March it looked like the club might have to remain shut for some time and that we would not get any cricket. This would obviously have had serious potential financial repercussions. During the initial lock down period the Committee's aim was to not only ensure the sustainability of the club by reducing costs and applying for all available grants, but also to offer financial assistance to members, who might otherwise be forced to withdraw from cricket. It was also important to us that we remained in regular contact with members via online coaching videos and online events.

We have managed to end the year in a stronger financial position than we expected. We have generated a significant surplus due to the substantial grants we were able to obtain, particularly through the various Government Coronavirus Business Grants, but also from the ECB and the Jack Petchey Foundation. As a result of all of this. The club is now in a strong enough financial position not only to weather the scenario of the club operating under severe restrictions, but also to continue to invest in our facilities to secure and develop our long term future. This last part is important to emphasise. Our goal is to provide the best possible facilities to our members, and therefore the club will continue to strive to raise funds through social activities, membership, grants and donations.

The bar had to be closed during the winter due to Covid-19 restrictions so a major refurbishment of the bar has been completed now rather than wait and do this at a time when the bar could otherwise be open. We are also pushing ahead with applying for planning for Stage 2 of Project Heron which is the redevelopment of the changing rooms and an extension to the pavilion.

With regard to subscriptions for 2021, the Committee is recommending that they remain the same as last year. The club fully appreciates that many members are under severe financial pressure. Paying the club subscription may be a strain on limited resources. If that is your situation, the club obviously don't expect you to pay your subscription.

**Conclusion.** The community spirit at the club was tremendous last year. The Committee would like to thank all members for the support they gave the club and to each other. Sadly most families have been or know someone who has been affected by Covid-19. Our thoughts are with them.

We would also like to thank all our sponsors, but particularly our major sponsor, Keatons, the local estate agents, for their continued very generous support.

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Afn. Akram 4 M. Pluck 3 S. Andrews 2 T. Hebden 3 N. Rathakrishnan 1  
L. Enoch 4 M. Piracha 3 S. Emmons 3 N. Hutchings 4 J. Ellis-Grewal 2

#### CRICKET SECTION

	Position	P	W	L	C	A	Points
1st XI	1 <sup>st</sup>	9	7	0	0	2	152
2nd XI	1 <sup>st</sup>	9	7	0	0	2	152
3rd XI	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9	7	1	0	1	152
4th XI	5 <sup>th</sup>	9	4	3	0	2	103
5th XI	1 <sup>st</sup>	7	4	1	0	2	100
6th XI	6 <sup>th</sup>	9	4	3	0	2	104
Ladies XI	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	2	2	1	0	44

The 2020 season will never be forgotten. The summer started with the country in lockdown due to the Covid-19 virus and it looked as though there would be no cricket all summer. However, when the restrictions eased, we played a lot of adult and junior cricket in a short period of time and had a highly successful season. Thanks must go to the Shepherd Neame Essex League, the County and the local Metropolitan District organisation, whose huge contribution made this possible. The ECB allowed the playing of Covid-regulated overs cricket with teams arriving changed, no teas and sanitisation of the ball every 6 overs. The League did a fantastic job in reorganising the Leagues outside the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Premier Division into more regional leagues so as to minimise travel. All sides played each other once.

The club had a very successful shortened season with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and 5<sup>th</sup> XI winning their Leagues and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI finishing runners-up by one point! The U19s also won the Essex U19 T20 Competition. Both the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI went through the League season undefeated. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI needed to beat Brentwood CC in the final match of the season to win their league and did so by 4 wickets in a very tense game due to a fine 54 NO by Naïve Dwivedi. The leading run scorer was 18-year-old Robin Das with 466 league runs at an average of 66.57. Robin also made his Essex CCC debut towards the end of the season. The leading wicket-takers were Jahansher Akbar with 13 wickets and Joe Ellis-Grewal and Eshun Kalley with 12 apiece. It was a great team effort helped by the addition of new players Tom Simmons and Eshun Kalley. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI under new captain Jay Williams won all 7 games, which they played. In the revised league format, many of these were against other clubs' 1<sup>st</sup> XIs. Nabeel Aziz had a fine all round season, scoring 321 runs and taking 10 wickets. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had a frustrating season, finishing runners-up by one point. They only lost one match and that was by just

14 runs despite only being 4 wickets down. The 5<sup>th</sup> XI with new captain Sam McGrath also won their league.

A big thank you must go to all the captains as well as to those members who scored or umpired during the season. Particular thanks must go to Dave Ramdial, who is stepping down as 6<sup>th</sup> XI captain after of number of seasons.

The Ladies XI managed to play 4 of their 5 league games in a shortened season, winning 2 and losing 2 to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table. Although the ladies did not have many of their regular players this gave a lot of our younger players the opportunity to play. There were notable performances from many, including a brilliant 109\* from captain Saba Nasim against East Anglian Veterans Ladies XI.

## **JUNIOR SECTION**

In common with the rest of the world, 2020 was a season like no other, with our preseason preparations beginning as usual in January and February at Caterham High School. Then the lockdown came. There was clearly going to be no cricket at the start of the season.

Our junior families proved to be incredibly loyal, many paying their subs early when there was little prospect of cricket. We produced a number of online activities, including some excellent coaching videos, notably from Naïve Dwivedi.

In May we were allowed to begin using our brand-new nets. As a ceremonial opening, the first ball was bowled by Len Enoch. It was on a length, on off stump, though perhaps not with the pace of old. Trevor Hebden watched it studiously and played it calmly off the back foot out into the covers. The season was underway!

There were many guidelines to be complied with. Mark Bentley, club treasurer and U16 manager set up an online net booking system, which he managed throughout the season. Junior managers, coaches and senior players volunteered to be supervisors and club representatives on the ground whilst the nets were open. Then we were allowed to run small group coaching sessions – again managers, coaches and first team players came to ensure a full programme could take place for our youngsters.

In July matches were finally allowed. The Met Essex youth competitions committee, chaired by our very own Trevor Hebden, did an absolutely fantastic job in rearranging the fixtures for the local competitions. Essex were able to revamp the Matchplay and Brian Taylor trophies. In the end we managed to play a phenomenal amount of junior cricket in those last ten weeks of the season. We had teams at every age group from U9 to U16, including a girls' team, which played with great enthusiasm and increasing skill in the Len Stentiford Trophy.

Our U12s won the Brian Taylor trophy, which gains them entry into the 2021 National U13 cup as the Essex representatives. Elsewhere, what had at one point seemed likely to be an almost unbelievably successful playing season in terms of results and trophies, ended in disappointments in the Matchplay, Cox and Kings and Len Stentiford semi-finals.

2020 will be remembered as a successful season when in many ways the results of the matches were immaterial. Our community ethos was strong throughout and we worked closely together to provide a focus for nearly 300 young people and their families during a difficult time.

At the end of the season Stuart Phillips stepped down as Head of Junior Cricket, to be replaced by Jon Gritten. The club would like to thank Stuart for everything he had done for Wanstead junior cricket over the past 5 years.

## **FOOTBALL SECTION**

An improvement in form in the latter part of the 2019-20 season found the team mid-table when the March lockdown began. Disappointingly, the season was subsequently cancelled, with no promotion or relegation taking place. The 2020-21 season started on time in September with the team performing well when the league was once again suspended due to Covid restrictions. At this time, it looks highly unlikely that football will resume again this season.

A big thank you must go to the manager, Robert Caine, and the coach, Kiwarme, for all their hard work during what has been a very difficult and frustrating period for the club.

## **SOCIAL & BAR SUB-COMMITTEE**

As noted earlier, 2020 will surely go down as one of the most difficult in the club's history due to the Covid pandemic. The bar at Overton Drive closed for five and a half months of the year, which obviously had a significant impact on takings. Not only did we lose all of our private functions but were then only able to play half of the cricket season. As a result, our popular Friday evenings could no longer take place due to the social distancing requirements and consequent restrictions on the number of people allowed at the club.

However, once the club was able to open at the beginning of July, members returned and were highly supportive of the bar and the club in general. In the months of July, August and September the bar takings increased dramatically. This was in no small measure thanks to one of the best cricket weeks that we have seen in recent years. Once the season finished, members continued to use the bar on a regular basis on Sunday afternoons but due to the second lockdown, the bar was closed from the 5th November and is now unlikely to re-open until the start of the new season.

The Social Sub-Committee has done an excellent job again this year. Pride of place must go to the 2 highly successful virtual race nights that took place in May and November. These raised over £8,000, which was shared between the club, the NHS and the Corner House Project. A big thank you to Scott Emmons and Joe Ellis-Grewal for the outstanding job they did in hosting this and to Jahansher Akbar, whose Excel wizardry was vital to the smooth running of these events.

## **GROUND SUB-COMMITTEE**

Once again, our contracted groundsmen, Ian Jordan, and particularly Matt Grice, did an excellent job in keeping the squares and outfielders at Overton Drive and Nutter Lane in fine condition. While we only had a shortened cricket season, we played an enormous amount of cricket in that time and a big thanks must go to Matt for preparing so many excellent pitches often at very short notice.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The club must, as always, acknowledge the enormous debt of gratitude that it owes to those members who continue to put in hours of unpaid work in running the club. An effective volunteer team is essential if we are to continue to be a successful and progressive recreational community cricket club

**Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

		2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Income</b>	Subscriptions	24,455	30,370
	Match fees	12,091	16,920
	Grants/ sponsorship	41,748	13,050
	Donations etc.	12,270	5,632
	Ground & Pavilion Hire	7,764	12,022
	Net Social Income	351	475
	Net Bar Income <sup>1</sup>	13,569	13,990
	Sundry income	2,734	2,002
	Interest and dividends	2,665	762
		<u>117,647</u>	<u>95,223</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Rent and rates	5,481	6,590
	Ground expenses	34,418	33,733
	Pavilion expenses	12,995	17,770
	Heat and light	6,904	5,481
	Match expenses	4,848	10,895
	Juniors expenses	3,291	12,185
	Insurance	2,807	1,270
	Printing & Telephone	892	1,120
	Depreciation	-347	347
	Sundries	3,399	3,831
		<u>74,687</u>	<u>93,221</u>
<b>Excess/Loss income over expenditure</b>		<u>42,960</u>	<u>2,002</u>

**Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club**  
**Balance Sheet at**  
**30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

		2020		2019
		£		£
Pavilion				
Cost	36,364		36,365	
Less Depreciation	<u>36,364</u>	1	<u>36,364</u>	1
 Irrigation Equipment				
Cost	0		4,509	
Less Depreciation	<u>0</u>	0	<u>347</u>	4,162
 <b>Shares in Wanstead Sports Grounds Ltd</b>		<b>4,225</b>		<b>4,225</b>
 Current Assets				
Stock	3,436		4,355	
Cash at bank and in hand	84,796		51,004	
Fundraising Account <sup>2</sup>	38,486		26,944	
Debtors	<u>9,580</u>		<u>9,473</u>	
	<b>136,298</b>		<b>91,776</b>	
 <b>Project Heron<sup>2</sup></b>	(38,486)		(25,712)	
<b>John Sankey Legacy</b>	(1,301)		(4,801)	
<b>Creditors</b>	(4,326)	<b>92,185</b>	(16,201)	<b>45,063</b>
		<u><b>96,410</b></u>		<u><b>53,450</b></u>
 <b>Represented by general fund at start of year</b>		53,450		51,448
<b>Excess/(Loss) income for year</b>		42,960		2,002
		<u><b>96,410</b></u>		<u><b>53,450</b></u>

## Wanstead & Snarebrook Cricket Club Accounts Pages Notes

### <sup>1</sup> Net Bar Income (Breakdown)

		2020		2019
		£		£
Sales		49,004		80,319
Cost of Sales		<u>(21,708)</u>		<u>(38,318)</u>
		27,297		42,002
Staff Cost	(12,274)		(25,427)	
Other Expenses	<u>(1,454)</u>		<u>(2,585)</u>	
		<u>(13,728)</u>		<u>(28,012)</u>
<b>Net Bar Income</b>		<u><b>13,569</b></u>		<u><b>13,990</b></u>

### <sup>2</sup> Project Heron/Fundraising Account

		2020		2019
		£		£
<b>Opening Balance</b>		26,944		0
Grants Received		75,312		10,000
Internal Funds Raised*		18,866		17,267
Heron Expenses		(80,026)		(623)
Charity Donations		<u>(2,611)</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<u><b>38,486</b></u>		<u><b>26,944</b></u>

\*Internal funds raised includes net income from events and donations