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President's message



Welcome to our centenary year

It's an honour to be President in this our centenary year. The club has grown considerably since I first played in the late 1970's when there was just one team, but expansion was on the horizon with a second team and Cherwell League status. In that time alone there has been a lot to celebrate and be thankful for as illustrated in this publication.

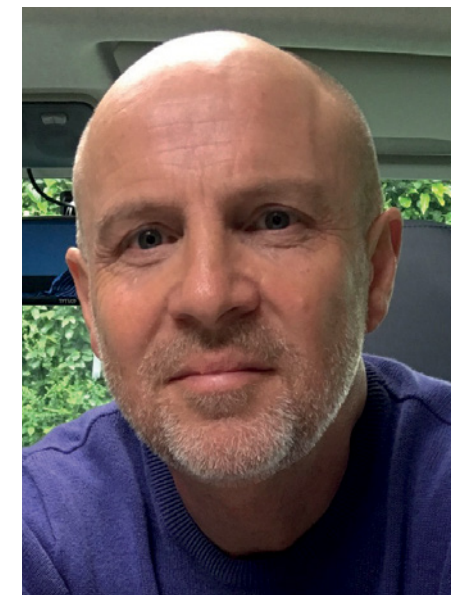
One of the things I'm most proud of is that we are at the heart of our community, fielding four teams every week. We have a thriving youth section playing games on midweek evenings, Friday night socials and Kwik cricket, fireworks displays, schools festivals and much more, all made possible by a wonderful group of volunteers.

In addition to the trips to Lord's one special memory for me was our first game on the new ground against Long Marston in 2011. It was the fulfilment

of a lot of hard work and fundraising to bring the 3rd team home and provide a dedicated ground for youth cricket. To have two games playing simultaneously brought the club together and made the transition between teams easier. I'm sure you all have your own stand out moments as we celebrate our centenary.

Ever since I joined, the standard of our ground has been fantastic, simply the best place to play cricket in the county, our thanks to all those who have worked so hard over the years to achieve this especially APW - Anthony Prior-Wandesforde - who has given so much of his time on the all important square.

Looking forward, the present committee proposes pavilion refurbishment and clubroom development and will preside over the changing face of cricket, hopefully growing participation and schools involvement.



I look forward to seeing you at events throughout the season and would like to invite all players, past and present and Vice Presidents to attend President's Day on 25 July when we hope to capture a centenary photo of all who have played through the years.

The club is its membership and whether you played one game or one hundred, made teas, rolled the wicket or donated as a VP, you are part of the story of 100 years of Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club and we'd like to thank you for your contribution. Enjoy this season's celebrations.

Here's to the next century...

Yours

Charlie Barrett

The editors say...

Back to the future!

When looking through 100 years' worth of committee minutes, photos and ephemera, we have been acutely aware of the devotion generation after generation has had for this very special village cricket club. The fact that each has built on the deeds of its predecessor, determined not to be the one to let things slide, shows the pride and commitment the club has inspired. With any improvement comes the responsibility to maintain and cherish the best of what's already there and to do justice to those who have thought the same since 1920. It is important that we remember the names and the faces on the fading team photos, and the work that has gone into creating our wonderful ground by the many who have never scored a century or bowled out a visiting team. What we do in our time will hopefully inspire others over the next century.

Our apologies to the many hundreds of people who could have, and probably should have, appeared in these pages. Limited space and time for research means this is, at best, a brief look back at the club's history. But, as with the club itself, it is something to work on.

*Graham Nelson
& Jonathan Woods*



*'On the stump of a tree
vert a falcon rising proper
belled and jessed'*

Our club
emblem: bird
of prey, pigeon
rampant or
dove?

The origins of the club's emblem are lost in the mists of time, well the 1950s. Some call it a pigeon, a pigeon rampant or the funky pigeon, others a dove. And then there are those who maintain it has something to do with the armorial crest of the family who used to own Shipton Court, the Reades, and that it's a bird of prey. But is our gentle-looking avian a raptor? It certainly resembles a ringed dove (note the bands around its legs) and there is a compelling theory, which links the club to Shipton Court: that it commemorates the Court's lovely dovecot which dates from c1670 and which can still be seen across the road from the ground. During our research for the Centenary, we came across a scrap of paper tucked into an old committee minute book, which states: 'The Badge is taken from the crest of the READE family, late of Shipton Court, which is on the stump of a tree vert, a falcon rising proper belled and jessed'. Assuming this is a contemporary reference, and we know that the badge was designed for the first club caps which appeared in 1959, that would seem to be conclusive evidence that it is a falcon. Interestingly, the Reade family motto is 'May war give way to peace', and what is the symbol of peace? A dove. And, by the 1980s the minute books refer to the desirability of having a carved 'dove' on the honours boards. Whatever the truth, it has been worn with pride (and some bafflement) for over 60 years.
Graham Nelson



President's Day

Firstly, there will be a special President's Day match on 25 July at 11am hosted by our President Charlie Barrett who writes:

"Yes, we have our usual game with guest players, hopefully the best cricket tea in the world and the most perfect summer's day.

But we're attempting something a little bigger – we want to get all current players and ex players to the club, indeed anyone with a connection to the club over the years, to join us.

I've hired a photographer for the day to capture a pictorial record of the club in our centenary year, culminating in a big picture of everyone in attendance.

So please do join us to start the celebrations, meet old friends, enjoy a beer and be a part of our history."

Cricket from 11am, reception and photographs from 4.00pm and the bar and barbeque will be open.

Celebrating our centenary together

To recognise 100 years of cricket being played in Shipton-under-Wychwood we have arranged three marquee events to mark this historic milestone

Lord's Centennial Match

The second event is a Lord's Centennial Match v Tiddington: Sunday, 14 August 2021 at 1.00pm which has been organised by Jerry Senior who writes:

"The Tiddington 1995 and Shipton 1997 matches marked a milestone in Oxfordshire cricket and our respective clubs' histories. The fantastic Tidd' team of '95 achieved the distinction of being the very first team from the county to reach Lord's. Euphoria was high at the time and supporters, from a host of Oxfordshire clubs (with many from Shipton), flocked to the home of cricket to support our friends and rivals. Two years later Shipton became the second Oxfordshire team to reach the pinnacle of village cricket and it is a measure of the respect shared by our two clubs, that we were cheered on by coachloads of Tiddington players and supporters.

In August we will be re-uniting the sides in a one-off shoot out. Remarkably, all original players have been located and will be turning out! The club is proud to extend a warm welcome to supporters from both sides, to enjoy the festivities and cheer the teams on in this 'never to be repeated' event."

Centennial Dinner and Dance

The final event is our Centennial Dinner and Dance (date to be announced) which, building on past successes, is being organised by Ian Lewis who writes:

"Have you got that black tie and ball gown feeling lonely and underused in your wardrobe? Well, it is almost time to dust it off and get dressed up!

With Boris's permission, we hope to be able to go ahead with our Centennial Dinner and Dance at the end of the season. The plans are still being developed and we've got everything crossed that social distancing restrictions will be sufficiently lifted to allow us to mount a full-on event that will be one to remember! A three-course meal, live music, raffle and much, much more. So look out for more information on the website and get those glad rags dry-cleaned and ready for action!"

We really hope that as many of you as possible will join in with one or all of these events and together we will celebrate our Centennial year in style!

Our club history

The 19th Century

We know that cricket has been played at Shipton since at least the mid-C19th: Jackson's Oxford Journal records a match with the neighbouring village of Ascott, played on 24 August 1861 (Shipton scored 89, Ascott 35).

It is believed that village matches were first staged in a field on the edge of Shipton near Fiveways, at the junction of Leaffield and Swinbrook Roads, Mawles and Plum Lanes.

Country house cricket is played on the present ground from 1910 when the Pepper family, who then owned the Jacobean mansion Shipton Court, levelled and drained the field. The club's lovely wooden pavilion dates from this period.

1920: Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club as we know it today is established when village cricket moves to the present ground.

1920 & 30s: An era of charity matches for the local hospital and other causes, graced by the likes of Sir Jack Hobbs, Tom Hayward and Herbert Strudwick.

The club's committee will have held meetings since the club was formed, but the oldest extant minute book dates from 1937. At that time player subscriptions cost 5 shillings (25 pence), 2/6 for under 18s.

The club did not own the ground, it belonged to Capt. D'Arcy Hall, then owner of Shipton Court. During WWII D'Arcy Hall allows the club to continue to use the ground provided it 'isn't needed for military or agricultural purposes'. No committee meetings are recorded



From its beginnings in the mid-19th Century through to the 21st Century, cricket has been played in Shipton-under-Wychwood

between March 1940 and December 1945.

1947: Following D'Arcy Hall's death the Shipton Court estate is split up for sale. The cricket ground is advertised as being 'one of the prettiest in the Cotswolds, fringed by a belt of trees on three sides, protected by high walls and entered through beautiful wrought iron gates hung on stone pillars.' Thankfully little has changed, although the entrance to the ground has moved from where it was – now the gateway to Tall Trees – to its present position behind the pavilion. The ground, and much of the estate, is bought by James Hayward, who then sells the ground to the club for £600, although he promptly returns £100 in cash. Four trustees, E.T. Hartley, Frederick Matthews, Percy Holloway and James Slatter, are appointed to hold the land in trust for the members and to 'deal with it as the club's committee shall direct'.

1951: An agreement between the Trustees and Oxfordshire County Council allowing the sale of a small parcel of land (170 sq. yards) to widen the A361. The sale price is £1. The Council builds a retaining wall which the club is to maintain.

1957: for the first time, evening matches are arranged for boys.

1958: a club cap is introduced and the famous club badge is seen for the first time.

1962: The pavilion and veranda, which were half their present size, are extended to include a bar. An alcohol license is obtained for the first time and a one-armed-bandit installed to raise funds.

1967: After the expenditure of recent years and the need to repay loans, subscriptions are raised to £3/3/0, with match fees of 5/-.

1969: Quotes for a proposed shower block extension to the pavilion are agreed at £580.

1970s: Local farming families continue to provide the backbone of the sides, notably the Hartleys, Badgers and Barretts. Matches are still 'friendlies' but we play to win.

1971: The club gets mains water for the first time. Financially, after some years of high expenditure and many new fundraising activities such as barbeques and the 50 Club, the bank balance is looking healthy again. The 50 club (then the 55, 65, 75 and eventually 100

Club) continues until 2015.

1972: The committee decide not to enter the National Village Knockout Competition (NVKO). A club flag is purchased.

1973: A ladies hockey match is played on the outfield and subsequently a ladies hockey team formed. They play through the off-season, September to March.

1974: The committee decide not to join a new league of eight teams proposed by Headington CC. It becomes the Cherwell League.

1975: A much needed tearoom is opened.

1976: A new entrance is constructed behind the pavilion with gates donated by the Hartley family. A beech hedge is subsequently planted to one side. Subscriptions are raised to £5.

1977: The Arthur Badger Trophy is introduced for 'a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the club'. Brian Gorton is the first recipient. Junior matches and net sessions are arranged again after a period in abeyance.

1979: John Bowman is the first youth cricket coordinator. Club membership stands at 48 with 56 Vice-Presidents. The club submits an article for the newly established 'Wychwood' magazine.

1981: The club enters the Cherwell League.

1983: Dudley Hendy and David Dalton make new sightscreens, Chris Badger provides the wheels.

Clive Rainbird now heads up the youth cricket coaching. About fifty boys attend sessions during the season.

1984: Subscriptions rise to £15.00 (£20 for late payers).

A short cricket tour is organised, the first is to Lancashire. A second, to Devon, is made in the following year.

1985: New, non-turf, nets are constructed on a concrete base.

The pavilion roof is renovated.

Dudley Hendy takes over as Youth Coordinator.

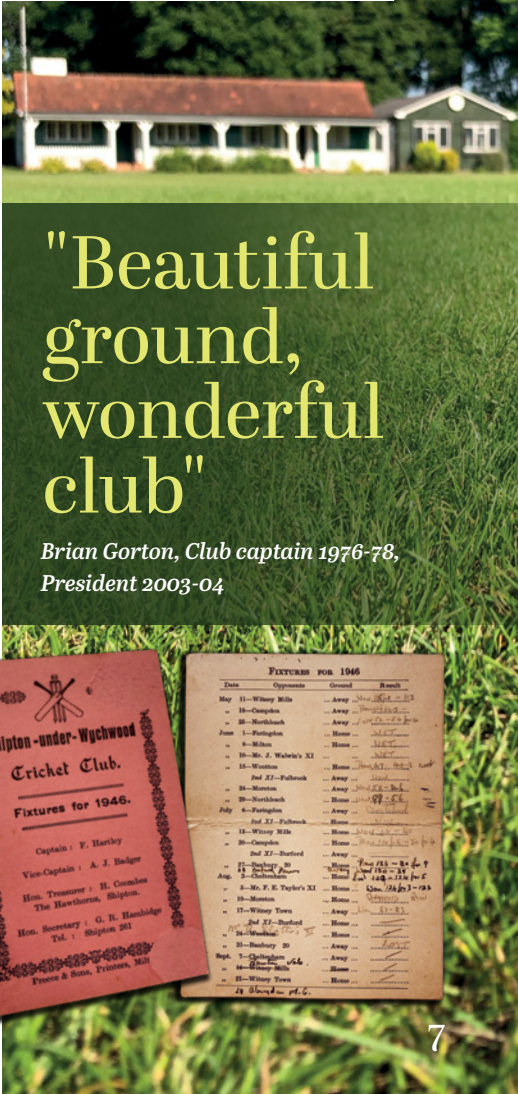
Colin Milburn, former England player, speaks at the Annual Dinner.

1988: It is agreed the club should join the NVKO competition.

The veranda roof is repaired at a cost of £400.

1986: Two honours boards are put up in the bar, each costing £100.

1990s: This is a period of growing success on the field with an influx of new players, including 'Big' Jon Hartley, no relation to the local farming family, who comes down from Burnley



"Beautiful ground, wonderful club"

Brian Gorton, Club captain 1976-78, President 2003-04





Far left; Shipton 1st XI 1973, second left; 1993 President's Day game, third left; victorious at Lord's in 2003, this page; Oxfordshire Women's Champions in 2015 and 2017

and the Lancashire 2nd team.

1992: Roger Gorton does further repairs to the pavilion at a cost of about £1,200.

Anthony Prior-Wandesforde first appears in the committee minutes for his help with the ground.

Ladies hockey is no longer played on the ground during the close season.

1993: Arthur Badger dies.

1994: Subs are raised to £30.00. Match fees are held at £4.00.

1995: A groundsman's hut is erected.

Further work is done on the pavilion at a cost of about £5,000.

1996: The landlord of the Red Horse (now the Wychwood Inn) proposes taking over the bar in return for guaranteed profits to the club of £2,000. The arrangement is not a happy one.

1996: The youth section begins its expansion under Jerry Senior. Kwik-Cricket is trialled for under 11s. The club has not provided regular youth cricket for some years.

1997: We are losing finalists in the NVKO at Lord's.

1998: The club is struggling financially and fund-raising is more urgent than ever.

1999: Subs rise to £60 and match fees to £6.

The bar, under the club's management again, makes a profit of £2,490.

2000: The new Millennium starts with the boundary wall near Tall Trees collapsing and repairs to the mowers – no change there then! In March the club is used by Waitrose for a

photographic session and the South Bank Show for video footage of Sam Mendes. Youth teams are entered into all OCB competitions from U11 up to U17. Fundraising begins for new practise nets. A grant of £2,720 is received from WODC.

2001: Club finances are improving and spending is allocated to various projects. Slatters constructs the new nets (£8,500), an electronic scoreboard is installed (£5,000), and a bowling machine purchased (£2,600). We get a grant from the Foundation for Sports and Arts (£10,000) and we receive a very generous donation from Sam Mendes. The new nets are built near the previous ones but at 90 degrees to them, facing the pavilion.

2002: We are back at Lord's and this time we win! These are great days for the club, and we enjoy wonderful support from locals, taking coach loads not just to Lord's but as far as Kent, Wales and Cornwall. The Parish Council generously treat the team to a reception.

Cherwell League Division 1 winners under captain Paul Hemming and we are promoted to the Home Counties Premier Cricket League for the first time (we opt to stay in the Cherwell). The 1st XI is unbeaten in a run of 25 matches during 2002/3.

A 3rd XI is formed and enters the Cherwell League. Home matches are played at Ascott.

An umpires' box is erected. As we become stronger in the League we struggle to get Sunday teams out.

2003: In the NVKO we reach the Lord's final for the third time and we win again under Captain Phil Garner.

3rd XI fixtures are moved to Burford School.

2004: Financially the club is in (relatively) robust health following our cup runs and successes in the league. However, there are always repairs to the mowers and rollers to be paid for, and part of the boundary wall has collapsed again!

Charlie Barrett now heads up Youth Cricket. He increases the number of coaches, enabling the dramatic rise in the number of juniors the club can train. The hugely successful Friday Youth Nights begin, generating excitement, new players and income for the club.

For tax purposes, the club becomes a Community Amateur Sports Club.

2006: A grant of £4,600 is received to cover youth cricket coaching and equipment. 60 children under 11 turn up for the first session of the season. Eight parents attend a youth coaching course. Andy Hemming gives coaching sessions at 14 schools. He also organises coaching weeks during the summer holidays which attract more than 70 children.

2007: Subscriptions remain at £75, match fees increase to £10 and we acquire Clubmark status.

2008: We hire our first overseas player/coach. A key task of his is to coach our juniors.

In a transformative move the club's committee, under President Geoff Miles and Chair Steve Brain, seize the opportunity to acquire the field adjoining the main ground from the Tall Trees Care Home. The process of turning it into a cricket pitch will cost £30,000, plus. The committee feels this a 'once in a lifetime opportunity'. Grants are received totalling

£11,000. It becomes the Nursery Ground, home to our 3rd and 4th XIs and our youth teams.

2009: A second overseas coach or 'club-pro' is hired.

Over 160 juniors are now playing at the club, including 6 county and 12 district cricketers.

2010: The Nursery Ground is constructed.

In the NVKO we get to Lord's for the fourth time. We lose.

2011: Cherwell League Division 1 winners under Simon Hole. We are promoted to the Home Counties Premier Cricket League and this time we go up gladly.

Oxfordshire T20 Champions.

Oxfordshire Sports Team of the Year. We enjoy an Oxfordshire County Council reception at County Hall, hosted by the Lord Lieutenant, Hugo Brunner. The 2nd and 3rd XIs also win promotion. The U11s and U13s also win trophies. The club buys its first trophy cabinet!

The 3rds play the inaugural game on the Nursery Ground against Long Marston.

2012: A 4th XI is formed and joins the Cherwell League. We become one of a tiny band of village clubs to support four senior teams and we can now offer cricket at all levels of the amateur game.

2013: Cherwell League Division 1 runners up and we are again promoted to Home Counties Premier Cricket League. We remain in the league for five seasons, helped by the services of our third overseas professional Anapam

Sanklecha, who also has a hugely positive effect on the youth section.

2015: Oxfordshire Women's Champions captained by Charlotte Lewis.

2016: After a major fundraising campaign and with the assistance of National Lottery Funding our practise nets are completely redeveloped by S & C Slatter Ltd, and a third lane is added. The club now has some of the finest facilities for village cricket in Oxfordshire, or neighbouring counties.

All Stars cricket begins for 5–7-year olds.

Emily Day and Ella Gorton become the first female cricketers to play regular senior cricket in our 2nd XI.

2017: The Youth Section, now under Graham Nelson and Jonathan Woods, numbers over 220 children aged 5–18 with 15 main coaches and many other helpers.

2017: Oxfordshire Women's Champions for the second time, captained by Florence Woods.

2020: We hope to celebrate 100 years of Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club but the global Covid-19 pandemic intervenes. Cricket is interrupted for the first time since WWII, only half a season of matches is possible, and those are staged under social distancing guidelines.

2021: The county comes out of lockdown and League matches resume. Under Chairman Russell Hayes we not only have one of the most beautiful and tranquil grounds in the county it is also one of the best, with two of the finest playing strips in the league.
Graham Nelson



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Two years ago, the decision was made to transition to employee ownership – a natural next step to move the business into the hands of all those employees who had helped nurture and grow it.

As a local business we are keen to support our local community and feel the cricket club, with a strong Junior programme and four senior teams in the Cherwell league, represents the best of the Wychwoods. We look forward to building the relationship and wish all the teams well in this season's league and cup games – let's knock them for six Shipton!



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Tales from the Tearoom

Anecdotal moments in the life of the club

When Oxfordshire play Berkshire at Shipton in 1922, all three Hartley brothers are in the county side. Future England captain, Percy Chapman, playing for Berkshire, scores 167 and takes 6–38 in Oxfordshire's second innings to win the match by an innings and 56 runs.

Brian Gorton remembers opening the innings with 'Weddle' Pittaway, "a gentle soul of size who could block all afternoon. I sometimes called for two, but Weddle's limit was usually one."

In 1938 Capt. D'Arcy Hall, owner of Shipton Court, which then included the cricket ground, offers the club £3 should Don Bradman fail to score 500 in the forthcoming test series, and a further £2 if England won the Ashes. If neither happened the club would have to pay him 2/-. In the event Bradman 'only' scored 434 (ave. 108.50) and the series was drawn 1–1. There is no record of money changing hands.

A year later D'Arcy Hall pays for the 1st XI plus umpire and scorer to see the West Indies play England at Lord's.

In 1950 Mr Kethero, the local baker, offers free lardy cakes to players scoring 50 or more in an innings. Clearly the incentive works because in 1951 the offer is revised to scores of 60 or more.

At the 1955 AGM Michael Robinson, opening bowler, proposes that owing to the 'amount of slip catches dropped' a 'slip catching machine' be bought. And he coughs up the first £5.

In 1961 R (Dick) Hartley is elected the first honorary life member of the club for his service over many years. As umpire he would always take the Burford Road end, leaving his post promptly at 4pm for his tea.

In 1975 the club's committee vote to have more committee meetings!

1980s sexism: in 1987 Russell Hayes is proposed for membership. The committee meeting records acceptance 'only if it includes

his wife!'. The club is forever grateful that neither Russell nor Sue held this against the club (possibly because they have never read the old minute books!), because no pair has contributed more to the club in the years since.

The 1997 NVKO campaign, in which the club gets to Lord's, is barely mentioned in the committee minutes. The main concerns of the committee involve keeping the groundstaff happy, paying off creditors for works on the ground and collecting debts from several players (they know who they are!)

After winning the NVKO for the second time in 2003, captain Phil Garner is asked to organise a club tour to the Caribbean. Strangely this doesn't happen, although rain-sodden tours to South Yorkshire do follow.

In 2002 the newly formed 3rd XI played their home matches at Ascott-under-Wychwood. All was fine until the final match when Ascott told the club that the field was needed for football. Our hire charges were reimbursed, and the 3rds moved to Burford School for the 2003 season.

Before we had a tearoom, teas were often taken at the Shaven Crown or the Lamb Inn or the mysterious 'Red Triangle Club'. It led to some late finishes. To save time the Hartley household on the corner of Plum lane was also used.

The Ha-Ha next to the main pitch is a real feature of the ground. In the 1980s the then owner of Tall Trees was building a car park and suggested using the spoil to fill it up. Fortunately, good sense prevailed and it remains in situ, although not entirely unaltered. In the days when our ground was just pasture there was a small tunnel for sheep to get from one side of the avenue of trees to the other. It was blocked up in 1989 because it was a danger to the village children who liked to crawl through it.

Graham Nelson

Shipton once beat the mighty Bath CC in the Cockscur Cup. The match, twice rained off, was decided by the toss of a coin at Lord's with our captain listening in from a phone box in Malmesbury.



As befits a village team, we have always been a family club. Whether it's the farming Hartleys, Badgers, Barretts and Edgintons of earlier days, or the local families of today such as the Woods, Sheppards and Wickens who together can, almost, make up a whole team between them. Here we remember just a few of those great dynasties and two club legends

The Hartleys

The 1920–40s were the era of the Hartley Brothers, Richard (Dick), Ernest and Frank. Julian Lawton Smith, himself a fine former Shipton player from the 1970s and 80s, writes. Dick, the eldest, was a dominant opening batsman and played for a variety of clubs before Shipton was formed, including the Shipton Court side. He also played for the county, including a match at Lord's versus the MCC where he scored 67 against an attack that included two test players, Ernie Vogler of South Africa and England's Walter Mead.

After WWI, when Oxfordshire county cricket resumed, Dick and brothers Ernest and Frank were the first three in the batting order, and they would be regulars in the Shipton side over the following two decades, making the team one of the strongest in the area. Dick played his final match for the club in 1948 against Carterton when in his 65th year. He scored 74 but recalled that he had hoped to make a hundred saying "I couldn't hit the ball like I used to and called it a day." Even in his nineties he was a regular attender at home matches, parking his small car under the

Passing it on: club dynasties, families and legends



The Hartley brothers; Richard (Dick), Ernest and Frank after their playing days

wonderful fir tree by Tall Trees and watching from there.

Ernest was a fine opening and middle order batsman for both Shipton and Oxfordshire, for whom he played 26 matches, and was a particularly good cover point fielder. But he achieved international honours at hockey, playing 17 matches for his country, sometimes as captain.

The youngest of this great sporting triumvirate, Frank, was an extremely talented sportsman playing cricket, football and hockey for the county. A left-handed batsman and right-arm fast medium bowler he would grace any side. He played 39 matches for Oxfordshire in the period 1922–31 scoring 1356 runs and taking 131 wickets.

Although living and working in London prior to World War II, Frank moved back to Shipton in 1944, buying Coldstone Farm, and continued playing for the club into his fifties. At football he played for England Amateurs, Oxford City, the Corinthians and even Tottenham Hotspur on seven occasions.

The sons of the brothers, John and Terry, would take the family connection with the club through to the next generation and the present day.

The Badgers

During the 1950–60s, The Badger family were prominent at the club. Following on from Father Arthur, brothers Peter and Chris were both talented all-round cricketers. Peter was primarily a leg-break bowler and was selected 13 times for Oxfordshire in this capacity. He made many good scores as a middle to lower order batsman and would never give his wicket away. An extremely competitive cricketer, Peter had few equals as a cover fielder. As a hockey player, Peter represented the England U23 team. It was of great regret that he passed away aged only 57.

Chris Badger's appearances for the club were often limited by his farming responsibilities. As a batsman he had a classical style and was a strong driver of the ball. As a bowler he was the quickest in the club, generating a fair bit of pace from a relatively short run-up. A single match for Oxfordshire seemed a poor recognition for this gifted player.



Left to right; Joe, Ross and Finn Barrett

The Barretts

When James Charles Hayward sold the ground to the club in 1947 little did he know that 4 of his grandchildren and 9 of his great grandchildren would go on to play there, and that his son in law, Bob Barrett and grandson, Charlie Barrett, would both become club presidents. The players would include Joe Barrett, one of the best cricketers ever to come out of Shipton, Ross, Greg and Finn Barrett, plus current first team captain Tim Senior and, of course Charlie himself.

The Brains

We have written elsewhere on Stephen and Charlie, but Stephen's other son Christian was also a fine wicket keeping batsman for the club for many years and leant his professional expertise in maintaining the ground and in the laying of the Nursery Ground wicket.

The Hemmings

Anthony, the father, was a fine cricketer from an early age and went into the club first team in his teens. A Shipton regular for many years he also served on the committee and helped established the modern youth coaching. His sons, Justin, Matt and Andy all played for the club with Andy being a stalwart of the Firsts and Justin captaining the 3rd XI and served as club secretary. Matt's tight seam bowling helped the 3rds win several promotions.

Two club legends

Simon Hole was one of our most prolific batsmen and successful captains. In his first spell at the club (2002–5) he scored over 400 league runs each season, earning his county call up. Returning as captain in 2010 and, with his exciting recruitment policy, he scored nearly 800 runs and turned the 1sts into title contenders. In 2011 he took us to an historic League and T20 Cups treble, was the League's leading batsman and led the club into the Home Counties Premier League. He was again the top scorer in the HCPL and was the team's leading scorer in four of his six years as captain. His work as groundsman was just as important and he helped make the club what it is today.

Big Jon (Squeaky) Hartley joined Shipton in 1994 having previously represented Lancashire 2nd XI and Lower House in the Lancashire League. He immediately showcased his all-round talent with 70 and 5 for, on debut, versus a strong Dunstable Town side. Jon proved to be an integral member for both club and Oxfordshire, representing the county often. Jon also played for Oxfordshire at rugby, a true testament to his versatility and skill. Jon bowled 'a heavy ball' and was/is a prodigious hitter of a cricket ball, once depositing a six into the Shipton Court garden. Jon was a successful captain over several seasons for the club and made his sole appearance at Lord's in 1997. Jon's prowess was in demand and he played for a number of years in the highly competitive Birmingham League, holding the batting record in one season. He also shared the SUW record opening partnership in the Cherwell League, of 243, with Jerry Senior. Jon will be donning his whites again in the centenary match against Tiddington.

Keeping it in the families...

Right up to the present day, families continue to be involved in the life of the club both on and off the field and we thank them all

Allen, Harvey and Lawrence Askew, Max, Stanley and Will Barrett, Charlie, Finn, Joe and Ross Bolam, Lee and Max Brain, Charlie, Christian and Stephen Bryant, Brad and Elliott Chapel, James, Ben and Laura Connolley, Toby, Lara, Rob and Nina Davies, Jack and Harry Dingle, Amanda, Callum, Craig, Kieran and Jack Doe, Matt and Patrick Duckworth, Jason, Kim and Rachel Hanson, Arthur and David Hayes, Gemma, Russell and Sue Hayward, Freddie and Simon Hemming, Andy, Anthony, Justin and Matt Jarvis, Dee and Zak Laverack, Charlie and Rick Lee, Andrei, Misha and Sasha Miles, Geoff and Nick Miller, Charlie and Shaun Nelson, Graham and Jamie Norgrove, Abi, Ben and Phil Norridge, Freddie, Neil and Tasha Parker, Jonathon and Rowen Peniket, Andy, Jake, Max and Lara Senior, Gill, Jerry and Tim Sheppard, Arthur, Guy and Max Sumner, Al, Kirsty, Imogen and Sue Walker, Brin and Sam Watson, Jack, Monty, Caroline and Phil Wickens, Brad, Jamie and Zach Wilkinson, Aiden, Lisa and Phil Woods, Florence, Isaac, Greg, Louise and Jon Wrenn, Tom and Will

1st XI 2021

SHIPTON-U-WYCHWOOD
CRICKET CLUB



*Pre-season friendly game in April at home versus Witney Mills.
Left to right, back row: Darren Gordon, Zack Jarvis, Ben Norgrove Luke Champion, Tom Bartlett, Steve Bates.
Front row: Rob Panting, Matt Brown, Tim Senior, Jamie Nelson, Dee Jarvis.*

Celebrating 100 years of cricket

2nd XI 2021

SHIPTON-U-WYCHWOOD
CRICKET CLUB



*Cherwell League Division 4B game on 26 June at home versus Cumnor 2nd XI.
Left to right, back row: Ian Lewis, Lewis Marstin, Tom Bartlett, Finn Barrett, Iwan Roberts, David Brooks.
Front row: Callum Dingle, Emily Day (w), Chris Holmes (c), Freddie Norridge, Brad Bryant.*

Celebrating 100 years of cricket

You have to be in it to win it!

It may surprise the current generation of Shipton players, given the club's impressive record in the National Village Knockout, that our club was, for many years, reluctant to enter the competition. The prevailing attitude was that we played cricket of a 'higher standard' and the 'vastly superior' competition, 'The National Club Knockout', better reflected our capabilities (there was some merit to this argument as a few notable scalps were taken, without threatening the latter rounds)!

SUWCC was indeed very strong for a village side in the 70's, (when the VKO started) with a host of impressive players such as, Geoff Miles, Brian Gorton, Dudley Hendy, Ray Timms, Dave Dolton, the Badger brothers, Ralph Bradley, Peter Tapper, John and Terry Hartley, Roy Swindale, John Jennings, Julian Lawton Smith and a number of others with impressive cricketing CV's. There is little doubt that our VKO heritage would be even greater had the club deemed the competition worthy back then.

The club has enjoyed a great deal of success over the years. League titles (at all levels and ages), Oxfordshire knockout cups, junior knockout competitions and a host of cup final appearances and promotions. All were enjoyed and lauded, yet there is nothing that really compares with the thrill and kudos of reaching a national final at the home of cricket, or in SUW's case four finals!

There are three players who appeared in all four finals. Shaun Miller, Jason Hunt and Chris Panter, who top the Roll of Honour.

The Lord's experience

A tribute to and reminder of those Shipton players who have been instrumental in the club's extraordinary success in the National Village Knockout competition



Shaun (Windy) Miller is a product of the original SUWCC coaching scheme and has been one of the most versatile cricketers over the last 30 years. His non-spinning, left arm round, bowling continues to bamboozle opponents and he remains a highly competitive first team player. Inventor (possibly) of the 'sliding stop', Shaun has been a major contributor to our VKO success and was recently capped for England's Over 50's, a testament to his continued excellence. Shaun has been and remains a credit to the club and an ambassador for cricket.

Jason (Shrek) Hunt was a mere pup when he appeared in the first Lord's final, but he has made many significant contributions in the VKO with his all-round skills. A very hard hitting batsman, accurate seam bowler and latterly effective slow bowler, Jason has been one of those X factor players so valued in knockout cricket and he has got up the nose of many an opponent to great effect. He continues to ply his trade at Minster Lovell CC.

Chris (Pants, Sport Billy) Panter, another product of SUW coaching, has been a crucial match-winner with his all-round skills. Our

leading Lord's final wicket taker (probably), Chris has been a brilliant fielder and chatterer. Anyone who has played with him will have memories of stunning and vital catches he has taken. Chris has represented Oxfordshire over 50's in the last few years although he has yet to don the whites for SUW in 2021 (we are hopeful).

Four players have done the treble: Stuart Gillett, Paul Snell, Steve Bates and Paul Hemming.

Stuart (Gillie) Gillett. Joined the club from Moreton in Marsh CC, as a teenager, looking to improve his cricket in the Cherwell League. Stewie's batting oozed class and his calm and unflappable demeanour guided us through many a tricky situation. He captained the side to quarter and semi-final appearances in the VKO and topped the batting averages for several seasons. His current playing status is unknown, but he is returning to SUW for the centenary match in August 2021.

Paul (Snelly) Snell was a fast bowler and hard-hitting lower order batsman, who serially terrorised Shipton batsmen in our regular Sunday fixtures with Chipping Norton CC. We were relieved when he defected to us in the mid 90's and he immediately added a significant 'cutting edge' to our attack. Fast bowling and village cricket do not commonly go hand in hand and Snelly both intimidated and 'blew away' many a top order in the knock-out stages of the competition. Many of us have vivid memories of the stumps cartwheeling backwards, spectacularly, in successive finals. The curse of the fast bowler, back problems, brought a premature end to Paul's career, but we look forward to seeing him in August for the centennial match.

Paul (Hemmo) Hemmings had enjoyed a successful time with Kingston Bagpuize and earlier with Cowley Jacks, before he joined SUW in 97 (he was ineligible for the Knockout



that year). His no nonsense approach, ultra-reliable batting and incredibly slow bowling provided a stability that was to prove crucial in SUW subsequent VKO success. Hemmo became the most successful skipper in our history and captained three Lord's finals with calm and intelligence, critical skills, honed in the highly stressful domain of the driving instructor. Geography saw Hemmo's departure to Thatcham CC, where he continues to play. He has successfully represented Oxfordshire over 50's in recent times.

Steve (Bambi, Sarge, Mr Whipee) Bates, has been a one-club man and an ever present in VKO cricket. Religiously drilled by an unrelenting Father :), Steve could catch pigeons, bat with controlled aggression and bowl niggling seam, when he first arrived on the scene. Christened 'Bambi' due to his youthful, gambolling gait Steve has made numerous game-winning contributions in the clubs knockout and Lord's successes. He continues to perform at a high level, despite being rather more 'ambly' than 'bambi' these days. Steve also played hockey to a good standard, transferring his skills from that game to develop his trademark whip to leg,

generally from outside off stump. Three players have doubled up in Lord's finals, Andy Hemming, Craig Lambert and Charlie Brain.

Andy (Chipmunk) Hemming, the product of a charming mum and sports mad dad, came to SUW as a teenager via Freeland CC, despite living locally. A prolific opening bat and sometime keeper, his powers of concentration in the middle, made him immovable at times. Achieved that rarest of things, a double hundred, in the regional final of the VKO versus Tiddington. Took a sabbatical last year, but has resumed playing for our rivals Witney Swifts this season.

Craig (Lambo) Lambert is another product of the Shipton coaching system. A high energy all-rounder, Lambo's athleticism and enthusiasm compensated for the declining mobility of some of his older teammates and his ability to chip in with vital runs and wickets made him invaluable in successive campaigns. He emigrated to Oz in the mid 2000's, but continues to keep in contact with many of his old teammates. Craig became a highly effective Captain of the 2nd XI prior to his departure.





Jerry (Jezza) Senior came late to cricket, but has been an almost constant figure at the club since the mid-80's. With the notable exceptions of Paul Jennings and APW, Jerry's club career has spanned the pre-VKO years and was shaped by club icons such as John Jennings, Geoff Miles, Brian Gorton and Ray Timms. Jerry turned himself into a reliable and effective opening batsman, who excelled against fast bowling and who could be relied upon in a crisis. He was responsible for initiating the current SUW coaching scheme



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3rd XI 2021



3rd XI in a Covid-affected 2020 season.

*Left to right, back row: Simon Dickens, Phil Norgrove, Jerry Senior (c), Sasha Lee, Lawrence Allen, Nathaniel Carter.
Front row: Will Frost, Abi Norgrove, Jason Duckworth, Alfie Hartwell, Arthur Hanson.*

Celebrating 100 years of cricket

4th XI 2021



Cherwell League Division 8B game on 29 May away versus Kidlington 3rd XI.

Left to right, back row: Graham Nelson (c), Jonathan Woods, Jonathon Parker, Rick Laverack, Adam Claydon, Craig Dingle (w). Front row: Kian Niyarepola, Max Bolam, Rowen Parker, Kieran Dingle.

We are very proud of the fact that we have run four league senior teams since 2012. We play quintessential village cricket: serious but fun, winning where we can, more often losing with grace, but always being competitive. We provide the first step on the senior ladder for young cricketers, and often the last step for the more mature ones. The ages

of team-mates often span fifty years or more and we delight in bringing parents and their children together to play. Our job is to provide the Shipton stars of tomorrow and it's gratifying to see that so many of the cricketers in our current sides have started their careers in the 4ths. Long may this continue.

27 Presidents and 34 1st XI captains going back to 1936 are recorded on our honours boards

The first recorded and, so far, longest serving club President was the **Rt. Hon Lord Latymer, the 6th Baron Latymer** (1876 –1949). He lived at Shipton Lodge next to the ground from 1926. He had served in the First World War, including at Gallipoli, being invalided out in 1917 suffering from near fatal dysentery. Although born into a family of great wealth, and still very well-off by most standards, the post-war budgets were harsh to many monied families and Shipton represented a quiet retreat from his banking and military careers. He described Shipton as "a charming Cotswold village – a peaceful backwater".

Major Theodore Ambrose Scaramanga, 1912–88, was 1st XI captain 1958–59 and President 1960–65. He had a distinguished war record in North and East Africa and Italy and was a very fine cricketer, having played for the Sussex Marlets. He was also the brother of the Rev. George Ambrose Scaramanga who was at Eton with James Bond creator Ian Fleming and provided the inspiration – the name at least – for the villain Fransico Scaramanga in the Man With the Golden Gun.

AJ Badger, Arthur, was a stalwart of the club, being 1st team vice-captain in the 1930s, then 1st team captain, President and a committee member over many decades. The Badgers, including Chris and Peter ('you didn't want to drop a catch off Peter'), were one of the farming families that formed the backbone of the team into the 1980s. Since his retirement as President in 1976 the Arthur Badger Trophy has been awarded to 'a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the club.' Arthur died in 1993.

The first recipient of the Arthur Badger


It would be an honour...

SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD CRICKET CLUB					
YEAR	PRESIDENT	1 st XI CAPTAIN	YEAR	PRESIDENT	1 st XI CAPTAIN
1936	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	G. HAMBIDGE	1978	E. T. HARTLEY	B. GORTON
1937	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	Capt. D'ARCY HALL	1979	E. T. HARTLEY	C. J. BADGER
1938	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	R. HARTLEY	1980	E. T. HARTLEY	C. J. BADGER
1939	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	R. HARTLEY	1981	E. T. HARTLEY	C. J. BADGER
1940	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	R. HARTLEY	1982	E. T. HARTLEY	C. J. BADGER
1946	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	F. HARTLEY	1983	P. W. R. HAYNES	C. J. BADGER
1947	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	F. HARTLEY	1984	P. W. R. HAYNES	G. M. MILES
1948	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	F. HARTLEY	1985	A. D. HOPKINS	G. M. MILES
1949	The Rt. Hon. Lord LATYMER	F. HARTLEY	1986	A. D. HOPKINS	R. WATKINS
1950	F. MATTHEWS	A. J. BADGER	1987	F. G. MATTHEWS	R. WATKINS
1951	F. MATTHEWS	A. J. BADGER	1988	F. G. MATTHEWS	J. W. ROSE
1952	F. MATTHEWS	A. J. BADGER	1989	R. A. STRAKER-NESBIT	S. A. BRAIN
1953	P. HOLLOWAY	A. J. BADGER	1990	J. R. HARTLEY	J. S. HARTLEY
1954	P. HOLLOWAY	E. T. HARTLEY	1991	J. R. HARTLEY	J. S. HARTLEY
1955	P. HOLLOWAY	E. T. HARTLEY	1992	R. TIMMS	J. S. HARTLEY
1956	Lt. Col. O. P. STEDALL	D. STRONG	1993	R. TIMMS	J. S. HARTLEY
1957	Lt. Col. O. P. STEDALL	D. PITTAWAY	1994	G. M. MILES	J. S. HARTLEY
1958	R. HARTLEY	T. A. SCARAMANGA	1995	G. M. MILES	P. N. JENNINGS
1959	R. HARTLEY	T. A. SCARAMANGA	1996	J. W. F. JENNINGS	P. D. HUMPHREYS
1960	T. A. SCARAMANGA	A. J. BADGER	1997	J. W. F. JENNINGS	J. S. HARTLEY
1961	T. A. SCARAMANGA	A. J. BADGER	1998	S. WILLIAMSON	S. P. GILLETT
1962	T. A. SCARAMANGA	A. J. BADGER	1999	S. WILLIAMSON	S. P. GILLETT
1963	T. A. SCARAMANGA	A. J. BADGER	2000	S. WILLIAMSON	S. P. GILLETT
1964	T. A. SCARAMANGA	A. J. BADGER	2001	P. A. PITTAWAY	P. HEMMING
1965	T. A. SCARAMANGA	A. J. BADGER	2002	P. A. PITTAWAY	P. HEMMING
1966	E. G. HARTLEY	R. TIMMS	2003	B. GORTON	P. HEMMING
1967	E. G. HARTLEY	R. TIMMS	2004	B. GORTON	S. MILLER
1968	H. B. EDGINTON	R. TIMMS	2005	R. W. BARRETT	S. A. BATES
1969	H. B. EDGINTON	R. TIMMS	2006	R. W. BARRETT	S. A. BATES
1970	H. B. EDGINTON	J. HARTLEY	2007	J. HUNTINGFORD	S. MILLER
1971	H. B. EDGINTON	J. HARTLEY	2008	J. HUNTINGFORD	S. MILLER
1972	A. J. BADGER	J. HARTLEY	2009	Mrs M. PANTER	P. HEMMING
1973	A. J. BADGER	D. HENDY	2010	Mrs M. PANTER	S. L. HOLE
1974	A. J. BADGER	D. HENDY	2011	G. M. MILES	S. L. HOLE
1975	A. J. BADGER	D. HENDY	2012	G. M. MILES	S. L. HOLE
1976	A. J. BADGER	B. GORTON	2013	G. M. MILES	S. L. HOLE
1977	E. T. HARTLEY	B. GORTON	2014	G. M. MILES	S. L. HOLE


trophy was **Brian Gorton**. He first played for the club 2nds in 1950 and has possibly played more matches than anyone. As heavy scoring middle-order wicket-keeper batsman, he played until the mid-1990s, but could still be seen with bat in hand on President's Days when in his 80s. Brian remembers travelling to away matches in the open back of George Bradley's lorry, "often sitting on the tail board for the thrills!" And there was "no pubbing afterwards as Mr Bradley would always leave promptly." The Gorton family was prominent for decades with Roger Gorton running one of

the Sunday sides and arranging highly popular tours to Devon, Lancashire, Guernsey and even Corfu. Brian's wit would always keep the dressing room entertained and he contributed hugely to the club on and off the field.

John Hartley, son of Frank, and one of the great cricketing Hartley family, was a stylish batsman and a key part of the team from the 1950s to the 80s. With Dudley Hendy he formed a legendary and prolific opening pair. Schooled at Bloxham, a local farmer, John played for Oxfordshire at minor counties level. His cover drive was much admired and he was adept



SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD CRICKET CLUB



YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHAIRMAN	CAPTAIN	YEAR	PRESIDENT	CHAIRMAN	CAPTAIN
2015	G M MILES	S A BRAIN	S L HOLE				
2016	G M MILES	S A BRAIN	C A BRAIN				
2017	G M MILES	R P HAYES	C A BRAIN				
2018	G M MILES	R P HAYES	A A SANKLECHA				
2019	S A BRAIN	R P HAYES	C W N TAYLOR				
2020	S A BRAIN	R P HAYES	R PANTING				
2021	C BARRETT	R P HAYES	T SENIOR				

at the late cut to third man to keep the runs flowing, also hitting over the top of mid-on and mid-off, rare for the time. Another contender for most matches played for Shipton.

Dudley Hendy was a prolific batsman throughout the 1960s and 70s. A compact player with a wide range of shots, he was usually the club's highest run scorer every season. With opening partner John Hartley, the two would generally get the side off to a good start – in one match versus Burnham on Sea they put on over 200 and both recorded centuries. It is surprising that Dudley was only selected for a single appearance for Oxfordshire. A great competitor, his canny slow bowling secured many wickets for the club.

Ray Timms farmed at Salford near Chipping Norton, although born in the Wychwoods. An all-rounder, often opening the bowling and a very stylish batsman. His farmers hands allowed him to manipulate the ball and he had a lovely flowing action that remained with him into middle age. More recently when he ceased playing, Ray would visit the ground and undertake mowing duties or small jobs unannounced. A true team player and great club man, his supportive coaching influenced generations of players.

Geoff Miles (Milo) has been 1st team captain, Chairman and President. A hard-hitting left-hand bat who could take the game away from the opposition. At Headington in 1983 he struck the ball to all parts to top

score with 60 plus, and then captained an inexperienced bowling attack to a very unlikely victory. You could also be assured that if you were given a lift in his Audi Quattro you'd be first back to the club after the game! Since the 1970s most of the developments at the club, from the extensions to the pavilion to the development of the Nursery Ground, have been guided by Geoff's construction experience, vision and generosity.

Having joined as a player in 1980, mastering the leg-bye and sweep shot, **Stephen Brain** led the club as chairman for a decade from 2007, overseeing a period of dramatic change and growth, including Home Counties cricket, club professionals, the Nursery Ground development, net refurbishment, Fireworks Night and the expansion of junior cricket, including Friday Youth Nights. His dryly comic President's Day and Club Dinner speeches are part of club legend.

Russell Hayes joined in 1987 and has been a valued fixture as player, Treasurer, and Chairman ever since. A prolific run-scorer and our leading (single-club) Cherwell League batter with more than 6,000 runs to date. No-one has worked harder for the club behind the scenes, in committee, on the ground, in the bar and in just fixing stuff. If one adds the contributions of wife Sue and daughter Gemma as scorers and helpers in so many ways, it's hard to imagine the club functioning without the Hayes family.

Graham Nelson



Shipton 1st XI in 1936 when G Hambidge was captain; all three Hartley brothers are in this team



Dudley Hendy finds the boundary



Capt. D'Arcy Hall



Theo Scaramanga



Brian Gorton



Geoff Miles

Our youth players are, quite simply, the lifeblood of the club

Shipton first team bowler and England over-50's cricketer, Shaun Miller is a product of our original youth programme, first team captain, Tim Senior honed his young skills in the Shipton nets and each summer a fresh new wave of girls and boys makes its way up the ranks to play among the adults in the club's senior teams which are peppered with home-grown cricketing talent.

In fact, in 2012 the club formed a 4th XI which plays its games in a lower division of the Cherwell League and it has proved to be the perfect environment for emerging youth players to sample a longer game of cricket surrounded by experienced players who are keen to help and offer advice.

The number of youngsters working their way up the ranks is testament to all those coaches and coordinators over the years who have provided a welcoming, inclusive and competitive environment for youth players to learn how to play cricket and to develop a love of the game – and their club.

Shipton was an early adopter of youth cricket, holding boys' matches back in 1957, and running some junior cricket through the 1970s and 1980s. In 1996, Jerry Senior expanded the youth coaching programme to incorporate age group cricket and Charlie Barrett took over the reins, running a very successful youth programme for many years. In 2014, Graham Nelson increased the programme to an all-time high of 220 youth players before passing it on to the current youth cricket coordinator, Jonathan Woods in 2018.

Today Shipton hosts the England Cricket Board's All Stars (5–8 years) and Dynamos (8–11 years) programmes and runs weekly hard ball coaching sessions and match-play for girls and boys in U11, U13, U15 and



Our youngest cricketers; All Stars sessions on Friday evenings...

Growing cricketers of the future



Dynamos cricketers learning how to bowl

U17/19 year groups.

Some of our more experienced youth cricketers also take part in the Oxfordshire Player Pathway programme which offers age group county cricket and each year we nominate new players for assessment and participation. We are also committed to providing an environment where youngsters can simply enjoy their cricket and pick up on our passion and enthusiasm for the game.

We are dedicated to nurturing, coaching and training the keen youngsters who will



Our oldest youth cricketers; the U17/19 team

become Shipton's cricketers of the future.

However, running a youth programme of this size is a huge undertaking, and one that simply wouldn't be possible without the coaches and coordinators who all give their time on a purely voluntary basis to make sure children from Shipton and the surrounding area get the training and support they need.

If you are interested in joining our coaching team or have a child who is interested in playing cricket, please contact Jonathan Woods at: youthshiptoncc@gmail.com



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The new building is appropriately designed to sit adjacent to the existing structure within its wooded context and make a positive contribution to the Shipton-under-Wychwood Conservation Area.



Looking forward: Project Century

The long life and success of Shipton-under-Wychwood Cricket Club is, in part built on our rich history but also on our constant willingness to modernise. Here, we share some ideas for the development of our club house facilities

We are extremely fortunate to own our ground with its iconic pavilion in a beautiful location. However, this comes with the responsibility of maintaining and developing the facilities. Over the past ten years or so, our main investments have been in the Nursery Ground and the impressive all-weather net facility. These have transformed the club, enabling us to host our 3rd XI fixtures at the ground, the formation of a 4th XI as well as providing facilities for our growing junior cricket programme. Unfortunately, during this time the condition of the main pavilion has greatly deteriorated, It is now old fashioned, uncomfortable and is unusable during the winter months.

Project Century is an ambitious plan to renovate and upgrade the pavilion plus add a state-of-the-art clubhouse and outbuildings.

The current pavilion is one of the main features that contributes to the unique character of our club. We are keen to conserve the main structure whilst modernising the interior as well as providing additional functional space.

We would also like to replace the existing tearoom with a modern clubhouse with function room and a bar that can be used all year round for both cricket club activities and commercially, for other 3rd party functions. This would also allow us to free up space in the existing pavilion to create changing rooms for the increasing number of women playing in our teams, provide storage space for the significant amounts of equipment that is required for our junior training and provide disability access.

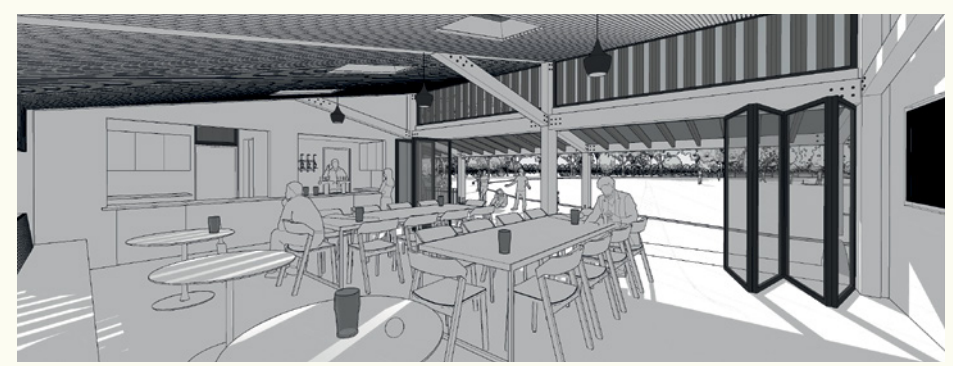
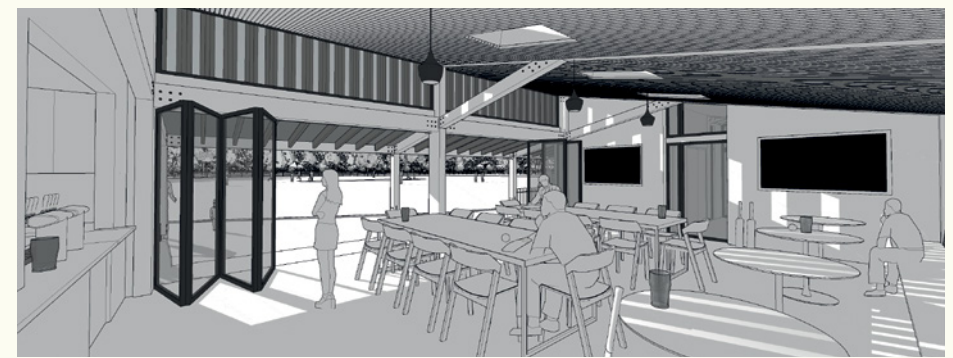
These artist's impressions show what the end result might look like:

Overall, the new buildings will be sympathetically designed to sit alongside the existing structure whilst providing a flexible open-plan space that allows internal views of the main pitch combined with an external covered seating area.

As an important facility in the village the overall design will of course also make a positive contribution to the Shipton-under-Wychwood Conservation Area.

The new structure is mono pitched in design with the roof sloping west to east with a canopy sloping towards the pitch over the seating area, to match the existing pavilion. Access to the new building is from the north elevation and existing parking area to the east. This means that community users of the building do not have to venture on to the pitch, thus allowing club activities to run at the same time. The new ramped approach to the entrance lobby will provide access for all. The main club room will provide generous seating for match days, meetings and community functions. Sliding folding doors to the covered walkway will allow the room to be fully opened to the pitch, whilst the windows on the east elevation provide morning daylighting.

High-level glazing to the west elevation and windows to the main roof will provide additional daylighting and passive natural ventilation. Importantly, the layout allows the main space and WCs to be separated from the kitchen and bar/store, allowing greater flexibility for use and security.



Project Century continued

The new building will be made of an exposed and expressed laminated timber frame with high insulated infill panels faced in timber weatherboarding. Together with a highly insulated metal roof and thermally efficient doors and windows, the overall building will provide an extremely high thermal performance. This means that a low-energy heating system can be used to maintain efficient year-round use of the building.

Finally, to the south of the new club house is a new tractor/machinery store. This is designed to echo the form of the existing pavilion so that the new club house is balanced on either side, when viewed from the pitch.

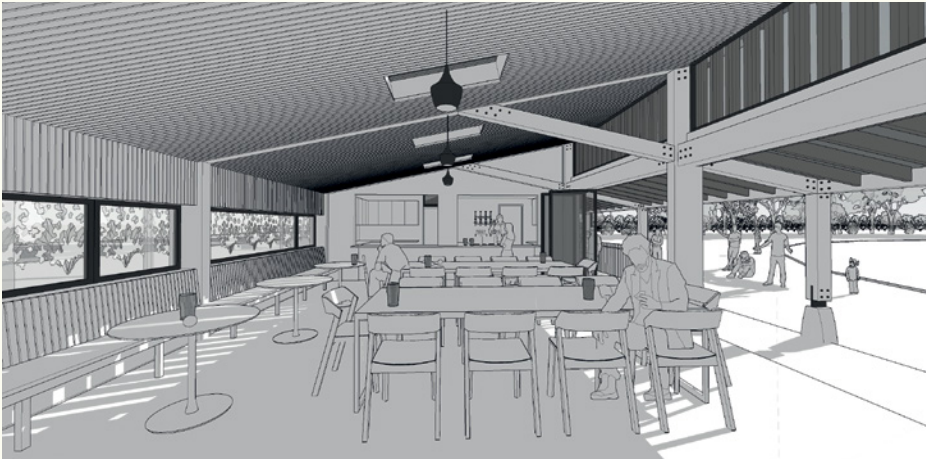
This is undoubtedly an ambitious plan but one we believe is achievable and befits a club of our popularity and stature. We will be splitting the funding and management of the project into 3 phases: –

Phase 1: Renovating the existing pavilion

Estimated to cost between £45,000 and £50,000. This will be part funded by our allocated 106 funds from the Parish Council at £20,000 which will allow us to start work on the roof and the woodwork this season.

Phase 2: New clubhouse

We are currently obtaining initial estimates, but early indications are that the cost could be around £300,000- £350,000.



The Club Room will provide generous seating for match days, meetings and community functions. Sliding folding doors to the covered walkway to the front allow the room to be fully opened up to the pitch.

Phase 3: New groundsman 'hut' and machinery store

Again, we are in the process of obtaining early estimates but likely to be in the region of £50,000 to £75,000.

The Committee is exploring all potential sources of funding, some of which require any grants or loans to be matched by our own fund-raising initiatives. We are using the major milestone of our centennial season to initiate the appeal giving the opportunity to all those who have benefited from the services of the club,

now or in the past, to contribute to its future.

Please look out for the funding prospectus which will be issued in the coming months. Contributions large or small will be very welcome and you will also have the chance to own your own piece of the club by purchasing a space on the Wall of Honour which will have pride of place in the new clubhouse.

We hope you will agree that this is a really exciting project that will propel our club forward into the next 100 years with a state-of-the-art sporting and social facility.

Russell Hayes and Tim Yates



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Club Captains

1st XI Captain: Tim Senior
1st XI Vice-Captain: Rob Panting
2nd XI Captain: Chris Holmes
2nd XI Vice-Captain: Freddie Norridge
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3rd XI Vice-Captain: Jason Duckworth
4th XI Captain: Graham Nelson
4th XI Vice-Captain: Jonathan Woods
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Scorer: Sue Hayes
Umpires: Howard Voisey, Russell Hayes, Andrew Smith, Neil Patterson

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