



DATES

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14 November

7:30pm Golf Club

Club Dinner 2018

Friday 23 March
Golf Club

PUT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!

Club Open Day

Saturday 21 April 2018 10-2pm

Sign on for the new season, buy kit, meet up with old friends, have some coaching and raise the flag on the 2017 season.

Cricket Week

Friday 20 - Sunday 29 July 2018

Including fixtures against the Lords Taverners, Gents of Essex, Forty Club, and Seward's End—plus our Rainbow Cricket Tournament

Senior Pre-season Training Day

As in previous years, there will be a senior training event at Fenner's Cricket Ground, Cambridge: 25th March 2018

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Engage, Excite, Enhance

At the same time as winning the County Championship, Essex have also embarked on a review of their youth cricket provision across the county. SWCC are a key partner in this, particularly as we are a large club in the north-west of the county and also work closely with Cambridgeshire cricket.

In keeping with the county strapline we intend to **Engage** young players from a very young age, **Excite** them about this great game and the values it espouses and **Enhance** the cricketing experience.

In 2018 we will be taking a fresh approach to our training programme and

work closely with primary schools to **Engage** more young people.

Influenced by our own experience and lessons being learned in Australia about their approach to junior cricket, we will adopt age-appropriate modifications to the game and focus more on fun and game experience. This will include a focus on indoor cricket as part of our winter pro-gramme, the aim being to **Excite** young players.

We will also look to **Enhance** the cricket experience for players young and old and their families. This will include everyone having the opportunity to be part of the

club experience, working with Essex to create opportunities to develop more young cricketers (including hosting Essex Eagles' Nests for under 10s) and continuing to recruit the best coaches and overseas players to add real value to what we do. We will also use social media to promote this strategy (see over). The success of our Ladies in 2017 is a case in point - we engaged more women, created an exciting cricketing experience, while both enhancing the success of the squad and adding something very important to the club as a whole.

Engage, Excite, Enhance ...



Winter Training

Your feedback on our training programmes has always been positive. This year we feel we have the opportunity to take a different approach to create more fun and provide more real-game experience. This is partly in response to advice from the ECB, cricket's governing body, and our own coaches. The focus will be on indoor cricket interspersed with formal coaching sessions.

Book your place on the winter programme now—technical coaching, indoor cricket. Fridays January-March. See booking form attached....

Where are they now?

Life membership is awarded to members who have given outstanding service to the club over a sustained period. Michael Barton and Ryan Sparrow, now both Vice Presidents, became Life Members recently.

They join Lawrence Gooderham, Michael Price, Jamie Sparrow and Michael Sparrow.

Around the grounds

Our beautiful Anglo American Playing Fields have again been awarded Best Kept Cricket Ground in Essex by the Essex Playing Fields Association. The club has funded the renovation of the County High wicket which will benefit both club and school.

We are grateful to Ashdon Cricket Club for allowing us use of their ground for the coming season.

Courses

In the spring we will be organising two courses for our coaches and managers. They will be open to members of other clubs for a small, subsidised charge, subject to spaces being available. For coaches both courses have to be updated every 3 years.

Safeguarding 27 March

First Aid 17 April

Both 18:30-21:30hrs.

Contact David Barrs to reserve a place
david.barrs@live.com

Ladies Cricket

Some hard work last winter paid off with our Ladies team winning their league unbeaten having come bottom of their league in 2016. Key to the success was team spirit borne of a fresh approach to training and the recruitment of new, experienced players which gave the girls who had come through our Academy the confidence to play to their ability.



Social media

David Razzell has stepped forward to manage the club's social media presence and some of you will have noticed a few more Facebook (Saffron Walden Cricket Club) and Twitter (@SWCCcrocus) posts. David will also introduce Instagram in the new year. We will include exclusive content so please follow us and do what you can to 'like', 'share' and 'retweet'. We will use these social media platforms to convey information about the club. We will not use it to express opinions. It is only appropriate for those 13 years or above.

Awards

The Academy Awards and the Senior Awards evenings were held in September and both were very successful despite almost 150 parents and players being forced in to the clubhouse because of the wet weather! These are important events for the club, recognising the talent and achievement of our players and volunteers including coaches, captains and managers. We have circulated both Season Reviews via Extra Cover where you can find more details. The club has over 90 people volunteering their time in one way or another—THANK YOU

Sponsors

Pelly's Solicitors, Rajapack, LPA, KMD Wealth Management, Saffron Insurance, Cheffins, Hot Pink Web Design, Western Electric Contractors Ltd and HCL continue to support the club. We are indebted for the support they give us along with Arkwrights, Croucher Needham, Adnams Brewery, Bentens, Burtons, Creativity Works, Friends of Bridge End Gardens, Goddards Electrical, Goddards Stoves, Gray Palmer, Jacks and Jills, Kevin Henry, Mr Cricket, Paxtons, The Old English Gentleman, Rajdhani Restaurant, Ridgeons, Saffron Sport, Wilby and Burnett and YacYak. Trident plc continue to sponsor the Academy awards and polo shirts for club staff and volunteers.

Friendship Pride Humility Resilience

Peter Coe

Our junior Emerging Player squad comprising our most talented u11 and u12 players made history for the club this summer when they reached the final of the Essex Peter Coe cup. Although they narrowly lost to a strong Wanstead side, many positive comments were made about their approach to the game.

The very next day, the u12 squad played in the final of the Hugh Craig cup and won - with no player playing in both games. Well done to Matt Clare (the SWCC Volunteer of the Year), Vince Taylor and the other volunteers who made this possible.

SWCC Committee

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