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The newsletter of Saffron Walden Cricket Club

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## DATES

### Club Dinner

Friday 20 March,  
2020  
Saffron Walden  
Golf Club

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### Club Open Day

Saturday 25 April  
2020  
10:00am to 2:00pm

Sign on for the new season, buy kit, meet up with old friends, have some coaching and raise the flag on the 2020 season

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### Senior nets

Sunday 26 January  
until 5 April  
£5 per session

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### Academy winter programme

Friday 10 January—  
Friday 27 March  
Big Bash Indoor  
League

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### Easter Coaching Days

Mon 6 April: all children up to U12  
Tues 7 April: u13/14  
£25 per day

See booking form enclosed

## Saffron Walden: Setting the Pace

*An edited version of an article by Brian Scovell, first published in the 2019 Yearbook of the Forty Club.*

There was another interminable wrangle apart from Brexit in the driest year since 1961 and it was whether young people are losing interest in the national sport of cricket. We put the question to David Barrs, headteacher and chairman of SWCC.

*"I think they are but we are doing something about it," he said. "In 2005 we set up an academy at our club and we now have around 300 colts and almost 100 volunteers who are all involved in some way in this undertaking – captains, committee members, coaches and players – none of whom are paid. With clubs across the country, noticeably in Essex, struggling to survive and even folding, we are clearly in a privileged position."*



An elderly side from the Forty Club's Eastern Counties took on a Development side filled with talented colts. It was a heartening sight to see so many youngsters enjoying themselves, excelling and playing in the right spirit—and winning.

SWCC is a family club, involving more than 700 people. The chairman said, *"Our volunteers are involved in a variety of tasks in the winter, securing wi-fi, improving water pressure and lighting in the car park and nets, promoting the club in primary schools, finding new sponsors, developing our social media, coming up with a new approach to junior winter training with a Big Bash indoor league, re-laying the square at the County High School for the benefit of succeeding generations of young cricketers at the school, making arrangements for our overseas players, and more. About 80% of our senior teams are made up of children. The Essex strapline is 'Engage, Excite, Enhance'. It seems to be working here."*

David went on to say, *"There is something special about this club, a lot of which is to do with our Academy. It produces players who are making their mark in the senior teams but it also helps us to recruit this impressive band of volunteers."*

## Winter Programme

**Academy** Enclosed is a booking form. The programme, from 10 January to 27 March at the County High School, is devoted entirely to our Big Bash Indoor League.

There will also be two days in the Easter Holidays which are bookable: all children up to U12 on Monday 6 April, and U13/14 on Tuesday 7 April. 10-am-3pm. £25 per day. U15/16 will be training with seniors .....

**Seniors** Sundays at HECC begin in January. For details and to secure a place email Club Coach, Ray Mordini, on [raymordini2@gmail.com](mailto:raymordini2@gmail.com)



## Where are they now?

Jeff Goodwin joined the club in 1948 having played his cricket under H.W.F. (Spud) Taylor at Newport Free Grammar School. He made it into the 2nd XI a year later as an off-spin bowler.

After some success with the bat he gained his place in the 1st XI—as a batsman! He joined the RAF in 1950 and on his return played in the first game on the Common in 1954.

Jeff recently returned to the club with his family. He presented the awards at our presentation evening in September and will also be donating a bench to the club.



## Subscriptions

The club has recently reviewed its policy on subscriptions, taking fully into account the predominance of young players in the club, the costs of playing 1st XI cricket in the East Anglian Premier League and our charitable status which places a duty upon us to be inclusive.

The recent AGM agreed to *lower* the full senior subscription from £125 to £75 and the family membership (one adult and two or more children) to £150.

The meeting also authorised the chairman to consider raising the Vice Presidents' subscription to £50, subject to further consultation.

## Jack Edwards

We are delighted to announce that Jack Edwards, an exciting young player from Australia, has accepted our offer to join us for the 2020 season.

Last year, at the age of 18, Jack became the youngest man to score a century in Australia's JLT One-Day Cup, scoring 116 for New South Wales against Queensland.

If you are reading an electronic version of this newsletter, you can see Jack in action online [HERE](#)



Jeff Goodwin presents the Fiona Harris Award for Most Outstanding Female Cricketer to Sophie Geldard

## New Trustees

We welcome **John Bagley** from the Friends of Bridge End Gardens, **Daniela Karsten** who manages our girls' section, and Vice President and local councillor **Richard Porch**. They join David Barrs, Peter Hill, Chris Larlham, Tony Wiseman and John Whittaker.

The Trustees control the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which is the status held by the club.

## Essex Girls' Hub

Exciting times ahead, after Essex recognised us as a centre of excellence for girls' cricket. We have a thriving girls' and ladies' section and can offer a clear pathway to league and county cricket. We currently have 6 girls playing representative cricket for Essex and Cambridgeshire. For the first time our girls, who play in a league made up of largely boys' teams in the absence of anything else, won their league! Watch this space for more news.

## Sponsors

Pelly's Solicitors, Rajapack, LPA, KMD Wealth Management, Saffron Insurance (T20 kit Sponsors), Cheffins, Hot Pink Web Design, Help My Cricket, 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, Burtons, Creativity Works, Daniela Karsten Registered Homeopath, Foot Health Clinic, Friends of Bridge End Gardens, Goddards Electrical, Goddards Stoves, Gray Palmer, Jacks and Jills, Jiffy, Mr Cricket, Paxtons, The Old English Gentleman, Ridgeons, Saffron Business Solutions, Wilby and Burnett and YacYak. Trident Building Consultancy Ltd sponsor polo shirts for club volunteers and the Academy.

## Social Media and Extra Cover

Thanks to the work of our social media manager David Razzell, we've been told that we set a gold standard for cricket club social media.

Follow the Crocus to keep up with news, especially during the season.



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[instagram.com/saffron\\_walden\\_cricket\\_club](https://instagram.com/saffron_walden_cricket_club)



[twitter.com/SWCCcrocus](https://twitter.com/SWCCcrocus)

If you don't receive Extra Cover, our email bulletin (weekly in the cricket season and less frequently at other times), email us on [saffronwaldencricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:saffronwaldencricketclub@gmail.com)

## SWCC Committee

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