



DATES FOR 2015

SWCC AGM

**Tuesday 25
November 2014
Golf Club
7-7.30**

Review of the year, appoint new committee, look ahead

Club Dinner

**Saturday 28 March
2015**

Golf Club

For all members, partners and friends

Club Open Day

**Saturday
18 April 2015**

10am-2pm

For seniors, juniors, VPs, friends. Sign on, buy new kit, taster sessions for new members, coaching for existing member sell on old kit, meet friends, old and new.

Senior nets commence

**Sunday 1 February
2015**

Friends School

9.30-11am

One2one

11-12.30pm

Net practice

The Dexter

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Walden in transition

With apologies to Walden in Transition who serve the needs of the whole town, *The Dexter* would like to borrow the phrase.

The growth of the club since 2005 when the Academy was established has been significant. Six teams have become 30, 100 junior members have become 300, girls and women, players with special needs now all enjoy the opportunity to play cricket. The committee includes a number of parents who themselves have come through

the Academy with their children. In 2012 we appointed a professional groundsman and strengthen the club. Our the AAPF is now back where successful application to set it belongs as one of the finest grounds in the region. We continue to compete at the highest levels of cricket out-side for the future. And as a side of the First Class set up and increasingly our own young players are making an impact at that level.

All this justifies the ambition the club has but also brings a new energy and purpose to a club with a distinguished history. 2014



Squad	Time	Date
Crocus	4-5pm	Fridays 6 February to 6 March inclusive
u5-8	5-6pm	
u9	6-7pm	
u10	7-8pm	
u11	8-9pm	
u12	5-6pm	Fridays 13 March—17 April inclusive NOT including Good Friday
Girls	6-7pm	
U13	7-8pm	
U14	8-9pm	
U15/16	9-10pm	
Junior EP (u11-13)	7-8pm	Tuesdays 10 March—14 April
Senior EP (u14-16)	8-9pm	
Senior	11- 12.30pm	Sundays 1 Feb—5 April

Winter programme 2015

In response to feedback we have made some changes for 2015. Each age group will have 5 consecutive Fridays and every member of the age group will be able to train together. There will be no development squads. The players who we believe to be suitable for the Essex Matchplay teams (u13-16) and the Peter Coe competition (u11-13) will form our senior and junior Emerging Player squads who will train on a Tuesday. EP players will also be able to train with their age groups on a Friday. One2one will be available from Level 2+ coaches on Sunday mornings from 1 February, Friends School.

Where are they now?

Our first former player lunch was held on 30 August. 17 Crocus alumni enjoyed good food, good wine and good cricket as the 1st XI were convincingly defeated! Michael and Sue Barton, John Brownbridge, John Hammond, Peter Swan, Malcolm and Katy White, Elliott Wilson, Brian Clarke, Chris Fisher, Hugh Wiseman, Ray Potterill, Don Hirst, Lawrence Gooderham, Geoff Plumb, Clive Pearce and Doug Penton. Please ensure any former players make themselves known to our Liaison Officer, Malcolm White malcolmdwhite@icloud.com. (see photo right)

Club Buzz

This was an important step for the club but we realise there were teething problems for which we would like to apologise.

Awards 2014

Simon Parmenter, Jonny Brace, Peter Hill, Ali Hancock, Andrew Winton, Ryan Brown, Niraj Odedra, Emma Borgeson, David Hancock, Finn Karsten, Ben Harris, Andrew Leeman and Glyn, Daniel and Alexander Thomas were recognised for their achievements at our Awards evening. The AAFP also secured best kept cricket ground in Essex by the Essex Playing Fields Association and secured top spot from EAPL umpires. Well done Sniper!

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Club Kit

We have been delighted by the service provided by Gray Palmers. They have taken over full responsibility for our kit, monitoring sales, re-ordering and fitting in a traditional manner. We went back to basics this year after an unfortunate experience previously. We currently stock shirts, shorts, skorts, caps, track trousers, ties, woollen jumpers. We will look again at the style and material of the shorts after feedback from members. What would you like to add to the range next? Watch out for a Survey Monkey via Extra Cover.



SWCC the charity

We are delighted to announce that SWCC is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Another vital step for the club as we seek to secure its future as well as give it a legal status that a club of this size needs. Limiting the liability of officers, being able to claim Gift Aid on donations from UK taxpayers as well as enshrining the benefit we bring to the community are all important elements as we begin to think ahead about the future of the club.

Under 16 Matchplay

After reaching the semi-finals for the first time last year we reached the final on the County Ground this year. We beat Loughton—the first time we have won this competition. (see photo on front page). The team were 5, 6 or 7 years old when the Academy was launched in 2005. Although never complacent, we must be doing something right! Thank you to Pellys, Veolia and parents for their sponsorship of the match kit and to Peter Hill, Nigel Tegg, Elliott Wilson and Niraj Odedra.

Sponsors

Pelly's Solicitors, LPA and HCL continue to support the club on an ongoing basis. We are indebted for the support they give us.

We also acknowledge the support of;

Adnams Brewery, Ashdon Catering, Bentens, Complete Imaging, Cheffins, Creativity Works, Goddards Electrical, Goddards Stoves, Gray Palmer, Jack and Jills, Kevin Henry, LPA, Molecular Products, Mr Cricket, The Old English Gentleman, Prestige Sports, Rajdhani Restaurant, Saffron Insurance, Saffron Snooker Club, Saffron Sport, Saffron Walden PAT Testing, Tony Dorren, United Sports and Wilburs. We also thank Trident plc for their sponsorship of the Academy presentation.



Small steps

Members may have noticed that the new committee has taken some small steps to build the social side of the club this year. A revived Sunday XI and cricket week, a player presentation in September and a club dinner in March. In addition to our regular VP lunches we have also introduced lunches for former players and sponsors including our landlords, the Town Council. There was even an Academy curry night. Each senior team hosted a post-match social in the clubhouse and a Friends and Family day rounded off the season. They met with varying degrees of success. Members have been kept in touch with various aspects of the club via the weekly email update—Extra Cover.

Look out for similar events next year, support them if you can but also give us feedback now so we can continue to improve.

SWCC Committee

President:	Hugh Wiseman
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