



## THAMES DITTON CRICKET CLUB

### 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 1200pm at the Clubhouse

#### Present

Club Officers

President: Patrick Kennedy **(PK)**

Chairman: Jonathan Sealy **(JS)**

Honorary Secretary: Jilesh Patel **(JP)**

Honorary Treasurer: Geoff Opie **(GO)**

Club Captain: Andy Lessiter **(AL)**

1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain: Jonny Annable **(JA)**

Colts Manager: Rob Cloete **(RC)**

#### Trustees

Edwin Glasgow, Geraint Morgan

#### Apologies for absence

Mike Dixon, Chaz Dixon, Mak Gill, Laurie Miller, Amrik Natt, Richard Maughan, Richard Spiler, Andy Cassie, Oliver Park

#### Opening the Meeting

JP opened the meeting and expressed his appreciation to the 19 members and club officers for their attendance. A moment of silence was observed to pay respects to the late Alex Harris, John Pamment, and Max Garvey Windrich.

#### Minutes of the previous meeting

The 2022 AGM minutes were circulated and agreed upon as accurate. Geraint Morgan proposed it, which was seconded by Edwin Glasgow and unanimously approved by all attendees.

#### Address from the Chairman

JS expressed gratitude to the trustees, President (PK), committee members, parent coaches, and volunteers, Gavin Stern (Website) and Jenny Dunscombe (Social Media), for their valuable help and unwavering commitment throughout the year. JS also thanked Mike Dixon, the bar manager, for his splendid work operating the bar, Sue Dixon for providing excellent teas, and Chaz Dixon for his exceptional work maintaining the pavilion.

JS also expressed appreciation towards Andy Lessiter, who stepped down from his role as Club captain, for his exceptional contribution as Club captain.

Furthermore, JS thanked the TDCC Ball Committee for successfully organizing another event.

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In 2023, the club invested approximately **£20k** in various projects to enhance the club facilities, with a significant amount spent on improving the clubhouse front and patio.

Due to an increase in the costs of pitch hire, utilities, colts coaching staff, and insurance, the club needs to explore ways to generate more income. Various other local clubs have obtained grants, and JS plans to focus on this area in the coming year and apply for any available grants to support the project.

The development of Women's cricket is underway, and the club has formed a women's committee and team. PK has hired an architect to provide draft drawings for the growth of Women's cricket, and these plans will be shared with all concerned next year.

### **Address from the Club Captain.**

AL has been serving as the Club Captain for the past 2.5 years and has decided to step down. He wishes his successor all the best and requests that all players and members support them. AL expressed his gratitude to the committee, trustees, and all the captains for their hard work.

The 1st XI had a reasonably successful season, finishing in 7th place. AL thanked JA for his efforts in keeping the team in the Surrey Championship. In the future, AL advised the committee to continue investing in an overseas player and training for the first eleven, as that is the pinnacle of the club.

Regarding the league team performances, the 1st XI finished seventh with four wins and five losses. AL thanked JA for his hard work keeping the 1st XI in the Surrey championship. The second XI finished fifth with five wins, five losses, two wins, and one losing draw. The 3rd XI had a successful season and got promoted, with 10 wins and three losses, missing out on the title by two points. Sampad did an excellent job with the 3 XI. The 4th XI, led by Mak Gill and supported by Geoff Dryden and others, ran the team efficiently. The Sunday teams and the 4th XI are the first step for a colt to transition to senior team cricket, which should be the club's focus in the future. AL also thanked Mike Dixon for captaining the Sunday teams.

The outfield and playing wicket were much better this season. The players appreciated the club's investment in improving the facilities. AL recommended that the committee continue investing in them, as we are a cricket club.

### **Address from the Colts Manager**

RC expressed his gratitude to AL, the outgoing Club captain, for facilitating the entry of some older colts into senior cricket. He also thanked Amit Kulkarni for arranging Colt fixtures and pitches and Pete and Cherry Barton Smith for managing the Colts' memberships.

To maintain quality coaching, RC highlighted that the club has 550 colts, with all age groups capped at 40 colts per group. All age groups are full, with 140 children on the waiting list. Additionally, the club has 25 U5s and 104 girls signed up for 2024.

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RC shared the statistics of the Colt League teams. The club won five Shields, three of which were won by U9s, U10s, and U12s (mixed) and two between Girls U12s and U15s. The club had winning records against East Molesey, 12 out of 16 matches, and against Esher, winning 8 out of 13 games across all teams.

The Cup teams were also successful, with the U15 and U10 teams making it to the finals and beating East Molesey and Esher along the way. Although all teams faced strong opponents, every cup team returned with at least one win.

The club welcomed five Afghans across various age groups, and some members worked hard with the Council from a safeguarding standpoint to facilitate their entry. The club waived their fees and provided them with kits donated by members.

To accommodate the waiting lists of the most oversubscribed groups, the club set an extra training session on Saturday morning for 15 colts from the U8s and U9s groups.

The club has secured the pitches at Old Tiffs for all home Colts matches next season with the help of JS and Amit Kulkarni. Winter nets will be extended to U9s as they will play hardball cricket next year.

During the summer, the club hosted a successful T20 tournament, with 67 colts from U10s and U12s participating, with a thrilling final to the last ball.

RC said he would welcome volunteers to help with coaching or other duties next year.

### **Address from Head of Women Cricket Development**

RJ reported that 49 women participated in the women's cricket training on Wednesday, and they played two matches, winning one and losing the other. The plan for next year is to host a Women's Cricket Festival on the green, which will be extended to other local clubs. Some of the women have assisted in organising the TDCC Ball and volunteered for other tasks around the club.

Recruiting more women cricketers and playing league cricket will be the main focus for the next year.

### **Election of Club Captain**

During the club meeting, JP informed us that the vote for the next club captain was conducted online. There were two worthy nominees: Chris Dixon and David Morgan. Out of the 91 votes casted, Chris Dixon received 25 votes, while David Morgan received 66 votes. JP then announced David Morgan as the new club captain and expressed his gratitude to Chris Dixon for his outstanding contribution to the club.

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### Election of Club Officers

The following nominations for Club officers were received and duly elected unopposed by the AGM, proposed by Edwin Glasgow, seconded by Geoff Dryden, and agreed upon by the AGM.

Chairman: Jonathan Sealy

Hon. Treasurer: Geoff Opie

Hon. Secretary: Jilesh Patel

Club Captain: TBA\*

1st XI Captain: Jonny Annable

Head of Colts: Rob Cloete

Club Welfare Officer: Carolyn Rose

The following non-elected officers were appointed:

The following nominations for non-elected officers were received, proposed by Chris Dixon, seconded by Andy Jones

Fixture Secretary: Oliver Park

Colt Fixture Secretary: Amit Kulkarni

Bar Manager: Mike Dixon

Amenities Manager: \*TBC

Membership Secretary: Steve Chalk

Website Co-ordinator: Gavin Stern

Head of Women Cricket Development: Robin Johns

\*Before the AGM, Chaz Dixon resigned from his role as Amenities Manager; JP thanked Chaz for the fantastic work he has done over the years.

### Amendment to Club Rules

JS addressed the attendees and explained that upon reviewing the current club rules, it had become apparent that they were not clear enough and required further clarification for members to understand them easily. As a result, the club has decided not to change the rules but to make them more comprehensible for the members. The club rules will be available on request and uploaded to the club's website.

### Address from the Honorary Treasurer

GO presented the Club's accounts, indicating that the second year post-COVID remained clean and prosperous. The accounts included The Ball income and expenses. The Club's income was around £200k, out of which 25% came from Bar Sales. However, bar sales were lower than usual for a few weeks due to bad weather. The Colts membership increase, which raised income and helped pay the costs related to pitches, coaching, and equipment.

The TDCC Ball made a profit of approximately £16k, and the Bar was managed professionally by Mike Dixon, who kept the costs low. GO made an effort to keep the expenses down and

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mentioned the payments made to improve the club facilities, which included the front patio and furniture. This was part of the agreed Capital budget during the 2022 AGM. Although the groundsman's cost is significant, the condition of the pitches has improved significantly.

The Club's overall profit was £12.5k. Without the Ball, the Club would have suffered a loss of £4.5k.

2024 Membership Subscriptions Increase

### **2024 Membership Fee Increase**

JS explained that all costs to operate the club have increased between 7-10%, and without The Ball, they would have made a loss. This year, they will not have The Ball, and to pay for the Capital expenditures, buy new equipment and pitch hire, they need to increase the Membership subscription across all categories by 10%. JS also explained that compared to other local clubs, their fees provide much better value. The 10% increase was proposed by David Morgan and seconded by Ed Gelling.

### **AOB**

During the meeting, Jonny Annable commented that the recent investment in the wicket has significantly improved its quality and suggested that the club should continue to allocate funds towards maintaining and improving the pitches to provide better playing conditions for the players.

Additionally, Chris Dixon confirmed that a yearly match be held between Old Paulines and TDCC in memory of Alex Harris. This match will be known as the Alex Harris Cup.

### **Meeting Closed:**

12.50pm