

# Woodham Mortimer Cricket Club Newsletter



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## Club Statement

Woodham Mortimer Cricket Club is situated south of Chelmsford in the picturesque Essex countryside. The club is committed to the development of cricket within the local area and currently run a variety of teams, both during the summer and the winter, for players all ages. The club currently runs two Saturday league sides, a Sunday side, and a midweek Twenty 20 side. We also enter five teams into indoor leagues held at the County Ground, Chelmsford and in Braintree.

The Club also plays in the Warsop Sunday Friendly League and the Warsop 20/20 Cup. The club benefits from a well maintained private ground and practice facilities, situated opposite Tyndales Farm, and a clubhouse complete with licensed bar for the use of our members and their guests. Events such as BBQs and quiz nights are held regularly during the summer as WMCC continues to promote the social aspect of the club in addition to the sport of cricket. Outdoor nets are held at the ground throughout the season. All are welcome to attend.

## Message from the Chairman

What a memorable past month we have enjoyed at WMCC. The 1s promoted, the 2s in their highest position ever, the Sunday crew champions!

An amazing cricket week, Presidents Day & Quiz Night. All those who have contributed to this success should be very proud of themselves. WMCC is on the up!

## *Iax Ball*

Chairman,

Woodham Mortimer Cricket Club

## Committee Information

<b>President</b>	<b>Francis Wolton</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ian Ball</b>
<b>Groundsman</b>	<b>Nathan Hayman</b>
<b>Fixtures Secretary</b>	<b>Mark Beames</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Nigel Richardson</b>
<b>Child Welfare Officer</b>	<b>James Mickley</b>
<b>First XI Captain</b>	<b>Kevin Wright</b>
<b>Second XI Captain</b>	<b>Andrew Brown</b>
<b>Sunday XI Captain</b>	<b>George Verlander</b>
<b>20/20 XI Captain</b>	<b>Toby Pateman</b>



# Cricket Week

During late August WMCC hosted the very first Cricket Week. Over the course of four days WMCC players young and old took to the field to partake in their love of all things cricket, basking in the great weather, whilst enjoying a fully stocked bar.

The first game saw WMCC beat Tillingham CC by 128 runs.

The second game, which consisted of an intra club fixture, was played in great spirits, with Toby Pateman securing his maiden century for the club. Congratulations Toby.

The third game proved an even closer match up, as WMCC lost by 2 runs to Rayleigh CC.

And finally the fourth and final game saw WMCC par-take in a 20/20 tournament, which they lost to Little Baddow CC and Great Baddow CC.

Thank you to Mark, Nathan, and Toby for organising.



## Results

T Rippon Mid-Essex League  
Division 3 2017  
<http://trippontable.com>

Current competitions | What's on | Stats | History | Venues  
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	P	W	L	T	NR	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Pts
1 Rayleigh Fairview 1st	18	15	3	0	0	41	86	0	367
2 Woodham Mortimer 1st	18	13	4	0	1	47	82	-10	352*
3 Galleywood 1st	18	11	5	0	2	34	78	0	298
4 Broomfield 1st	18	9	8	0	1	59	68	0	276
5 Noak Hill Taverners 1st	18	8	9	0	1	46	63	0	242
6 Great Baddow 2nd	18	8	9	0	1	39	70	15	227*
7 Springfield 3rd	18	6	10	0	2	41	63	0	210
8 High Easter 1st	18	6	10	0	2	47	50	0	203
9 Old Chelmsfordians 2nd	18	4	13	0	1	40	58	0	167
10 Purleigh 1st	18	4	13	0	1	26	60	20	135*

### 1st XI

After coming 4<sup>th</sup> in division three last year the first XI improved their position in the league in a promotion winning season. Out of the 18 games played the 1<sup>st</sup> XI's record stood at 13 wins, 4 losses and 1 abandoned match. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI also boasted an impressive undefeated away record. However, in a season filled with ups and downs the 1's were just beaten to the post by an impressive Rayleigh Fairview side that were much the better side when they arrived at pheasant park earlier this season. However when the 1's met Rayleigh away the wolves dominated the game, sealing an emphatic victory over their rivals on the last ball of the match, running out the non-striking batsman and securing the full 26 points.

However, this elation was short lived, and the next week brought with it a major blow in a defeat to Galleywood that should have been won. The loss proved a fatal one to the wolves, who from the defeat had given Rayleigh an opening, something which their rivals indeed pounced upon to secure a tense win over High Easter CC on the last day of the season. The season, although bittersweet, can be taken positively, with much strength to be built upon in the 2018 campaign. Congratulations to Rayleigh Fairview and to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for their successful promotion winning season.

T Rippon Mid-Essex League  
Division 7 2017  
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	P	W	L	T	NR	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Pts
1 Hatfield Peverel 1st	18	14	3	1	0	36	88	-5	361*
2 St Andrews 1st	18	13	3	0	2	33	83	0	334
3 Galleywood 2nd	18	11	5	0	2	44	73	0	303
4 Woodham Mortimer 2nd	18	10	7	0	1	34	75	5	269*
5 Rayleigh 4th	18	8	9	0	1	27	81	0	241
6 Goresbrook 3rd	18	8	9	0	1	23	59	0	215
7 Old Southendian and Southchurch 1st	18	7	11	0	0	39	65	5	211*
8 Boreham 1st	18	6	11	0	1	31	68	0	200
9 Wickham 1st	18	6	11	1	0	28	66	15	183*
10 Burnham Sports 2nd	18	2	16	0	0	12	43	20	67*

### 2nd XI

Upon gaining promotion to division 7 in 2016 the 2's endured a successful league campaign, finishing in a respectful 4<sup>th</sup> position. The team, captained by Andrew Brown, showed great promise, with a record of 18 games, 10 wins, 7 losses and 1 abandoned match. However, the might of both Hatfield Peverel CC and St. Andrews proved too much for the 2's. Poor availability on some occasions proved, as ever, to be the primary issue that often arises within the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, with the 1's selection taking charge over depleted resources. However, despite this frustration the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI can remain satisfied with a great season all round.

## Division 2 League Table 2017

2017 Division 2

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
Woodham Mortimer	8	8			36
Chelmsford Sper Kings	8	4	3		18
St Aidan's	8	5	2		16
Terling	8	4	4		10
Tillingham	8	4	4		10
Benfleet 2nd	8	3	5		6
Hatfield Peverel	8	2	6		2
Stock Turbines	8	1	7		-32

### Sunday XI

With a record of 24 games, 17 wins, 4 losses and 3 NR's the Sunday XI have had a fine season under Captain Verlander. The Sunday XI have also seen great success with the bat this year, successfully setting a new all-time record against Hatfield Peverel CC. However, this record was broken just weeks later when the Woodies travelled to Little Baddow CC, hitting 364 past their rivals in game where J. Preston secured his maiden half-century for the club. Well done JP! On a final note the Sunday XI also successfully secured another Warsop Sunday League title in consecutive seasons, finishing on an unbeaten run of 8-0. Turn to page 4 for a further look at this great achievement.

## President's Day 2017

On Sunday 27th August Woodham Mortimer CC hosted their annual Presidents Day, bringing together players both new and old to play a fixture that is always a firm favourite in everyone's fixtures list. At the wicket the two captains, Francis Wooten of the President's XI and Ian Ball of the chairman's eleven inspected the pitch, admiring the hard work that has been done around the ground by Nathan throughout the year, to a standard that the late Donald Carver would be very proud of. The coin was tossed up, and shortly landing on heads, Francis, who had called right this time elected to bowl first on a freshly cut track, leaving Ball's men to face the might of his bowling attack. With conditions perfect and the late summer air warming up the pair trudged off to rally their respected teams. Feeling in fine form I. Ball and M. Tripathi strutted to the crease to face the opening spell of C. Hayman and G. Verlander. C. Hayman started poorly, with a few suspect no balls aimed at Ball's head. Yet, despite this a breakthrough was found promptly as Verlander removed Ball for T. D. Glasson joined M. Tripathi at the crease and the pair soon found themselves in good nick until Glasson found himself trapped LBW by Nick Goode. Despite the loss of early wickets however M. Tripathi showed resilience, hitting a fine 32 until he was caught by Beames off a lofty leg-spin deliver by Harness. Offering middle-order resurgence J. Shipton smashed an unbeaten half-century to all corners of the ground, which included five 4's and two 6's. However, wickets continued to fall and with A. Beames, M. Beames and N. Cook picking up a wicket a piece the batting team were soon picked apart. Verlander returned for a short spell toward the end, needing just one wicket to break the Sunday XI record and, in such poetic justice, was able to achieve this when K. Mitchell, the club's all-time wicket taker, chipped one to N. Richardson who was lying in wait at Gulley. A few balls later the same fate followed veteran R. Kneller and Nigel had his second catch of the match. The Chairman's XI all out for 200.

**J. Shipton 50 | M. Tripathi 32 | S. Collis 26**

**G. Verlander 3-19 | P. Harness 1-11 | M. Beames 1-18**



After a superb tea provided by Debbie Verlander the President's XI geared up to chase down the Chairman's total. Ca. Hayman and N. Goode set off well until Goode was bowled by the searing pace of R. Tripathi, bringing to the crease stand-in captain M. Fawcett. Fawcett had been absent more the majority of the season doing whatever a man who likes horses does in his time. Yet, despite this absence his form had not disappeared, joining Hayman in the run chase with boundaries flowing in all directions of the ground. However, despite the pair's strong strike rate, they were both soon removed by M. Tripathi as the bowler got his first wickets of the day. M. Beames followed suit moments after as he was caught by J. Mickley off the spin of S. Collis, his efforts not troubling the scores much. Yet, the sinking ship was once again steadied as a middle order partnership between Co. Hayman and N. Cook shot the rate up once more, breaking the back of the target. With a few more wickets lost it was the late cameo of P. Harness that saw the President's men over the line, with the target being chased down with just under three overs to go.

**M. Fawcett 44 | Co. Hayman 38 | Ca. Hayman 34**

**M. Tripathi 3-15 | S. Collis 3-18 | R. Tripathi 1-28**

As the sun settled at WMCC the teams joined in celebration of another successful president's day. Thanks must go out to Nathan for his usual ground duties, to Debbie for providing an amazing tea, to Mark for chasing availability and the two captains for managing the spirit of the game. However, our main gratitude goes out to our President Francis, who without him nothing would be possible. WMCC is a special place, a place where individuals become teams, where friends become family, and because of this we are most indebted to the incredible generosity that continuously allows us to flourish.

## Woodham Mortimer Mastermind 2017

WMCC is pleased to announce that the winner of the Woodham Mortimer Mastermind 2017 is our very own 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain, Kevin Wright. After the news broke over the social media platforms we were able to catch up with Kev who, overcome with a combination of shock and elation, had this to say on the matter:

*"Ever since I was a little boy it's been my dream to win a mastermind challenge. Through my early years at Ipswich comprehensive most of the children in my class couldn't read or write. I thought I was special, but later I learnt that a number of Suffolk folk suffer with these drawbacks. I've escaped that life now and left in behind me, living in a place where I can truly prove myself amongst the elite. The challenge was tough. I was up against Olly Glasson at one point and from the way he talks I thought he knew everything, but, apparently off. I'm taking the prize money and going to take my lovely wife off to a holiday in Cyprus. Thank you all."* – **Kevin Wright, WMCC Mastermind Winner 2017**



## Warsop Sunday League Champions

For the first time in WMCC history the Sunday XI have been crowned Warsop Sunday League champions in consecutive seasons. The title, which was hard-earned in 2016, was once again claimed by the club in the last few weeks that did so in amazing fashion, finishing the league campaign on an unbeaten run of 8-0, a new club record for the competition. After the final game against Terling CC Sunday XI Captain George Verlander had this to say:

*"It's a fantastic achievement for the club and for all the lads (and occasional ladies) involved. I know a few of us were gutted not to win our Saturday leagues this year, but to come away with some form of silverware softens the blow. It's been an absolute privilege to manage this team, and to see everyone progress. I would like to extend my thanks to Mark for arranging fixtures, to Nathan for preparing wickets and to Bally for providing full support. We look forward to the challenge that division 1 brings next season."*

– **George Verlander, WMCC Sunday XI Captain**



## The Indoor Season

As the outdoor season ends we look forward to the indoor campaign. Below are the current squads:

1st XI	M. Beames, T. Pateman, R. Marshall, J. Marshall K. Wright, k. Mitchell, D. Smith
2nd XI	O. Glasson, P. Harness, J. Preston N. Costin S. Collis, G. Cook, J. Shipton
3rd XI	D. Glasson, N. Goode, S. Older, J. Older, J. Mickley, M. Tripathi, Jones, J. Woodrow

If you wish to be considered for selections please amend your availability on the club website page. Fixtures will be released in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all for a great season. WMCC wishes everyone a great winter, and hopes to see you again soon.

We go again next year.

