

Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club

(Belated) End of Season Newsletter

The end of season is upon us, although it felt like that for much of August...soaking wet, freezing, and feeling rather autumnal. Nevertheless, the dust settles on a very strange 2020 season.

We had the best part of two months of cricket and there were some standout performances in this short and curtailed season. More on that later, but for now I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped support the club over the past few months or so, since the bar reopened.

A lot of work has gone into making it a viable project and it has been a pleasure to be a part of. To see everyone using the club and the new system successfully has been something positive in what has otherwise been a dire situation. Special thanks goes to Joni and Macca for their work behind the bar and to all the staff who have helped man it.

This is said frequently, but it is vital the support continues in the same vein it has, over the next few weeks. There is scope to open the bar more frequently to members over the winter months but for this to be possible people MUST get behind the project and be prepared to spend a few quid at the bar, instead of at your local boozier.

Together, we can make the club a vibrant and lively place over the winter months, instead of the dormant and deserted place it usually is. If the silent disco is anything to go by you can expect more events over the coming months (where possible) when the second lockdown ends and government guidance allows for it.

For the foreseeable future events will be announced in due course, given the current situation, so please keep an eye on the club Facebook page during the upcoming months into 2021.

When the club does reopen, the opportunity to watch live sport will continue in our COVID secure bar with the club having recently added an extensive Sky and BT Sport package. Please do let our Bar & Functions sub-committee know what would appeal to you as a member to make you feel more at home and more likely to use the bar. Contact details are available on page 12.

For now, stay safe, take care and have a wonderful Christmas! See you all very soon!

View from the Chair – Professor Richard Grayson

At the end of the Steve Cheesewright Memorial Match I took a photo of the sun setting as we said goodbye to the season. I reflected then that although the day meant an end to the season, we would in time, like the sun, be back again.

Quite what next season will look like is hard to tell, but we can be optimistic on the basis of what happened this year. We managed to play effectively a full junior season for all but one of our squads, and in the seniors, we played half a season. It was much better than we might have hoped for in April, May or perhaps even June.

That was down to the hard work and commitment of so many of you – too numerous to name – who gave their time and expertise to get the club and our teams running again. Thank you all.

Just from the comments I have received from so many parents of junior players, I know what a huge difference cricket made to the well-being of a lot of people in our community as we navigated these unusual times.

Looking forward, the future is very bright for our senior and junior teams who all performed extremely well in the season of 2020. Roll on 2021!



Upcoming Events

Events will be announced at shorter notice than usual, in line with government guidance.

Please keep a close eye on our Facebook page and your emails for more details.

For now, the bar will be closed until further notice, in line with government restrictions, but will open regularly throughout the winter and, for the first time, will open midweek, once we are permitted again to do so.

Thank you in advance for all your support.



Silent Disco

It's not often you can attend a disco these days. And it's even rarer to say you attended a disco on the outfield at Heath Park. But that's exactly what our membership were treated to in August!

With headphones firmly on head, and the choice of three different music channels, HHTCC members young and old danced the night away. Not even the pouring rain could stop the entertainment! After all, a little mud never hurt anyone (other than a pair of bright white trainers!)



Roger Doodson Memorial T20

Bank holiday in August served up a light hearted and friendly T20 contest between Hemel and Tring, in memory of the late, great Roger Doodson.

Both sides fielded a mix of players from across the men's teams (and junior section) as EM came out on top, beating Tring by 26 runs.

Jack Doodson and Will Kriehn did most of the damage with the bat, with good bowling performances from Anjam Khan and Steve Reader.

A great day for a great man.

Steve Cheesewright Memorial Game

The annual Steve Cheesewright Memorial game has become the traditional curtain closer at Heath Park for nearly a decade now. A game which now sees a host of players from across the club take to the field, often showcasing the very best of our young talent. This year an unorthodox 13 aside fixture was the format.

This year was no exception and the crowd was treated to Team Hodgins v Team Clark. With Team Clark batting first, runs were shared around, Rob Shepherd (better known as Shep!) leading the way on his return to cricket with 40 odd. Max Clark and Arnav Patel also did well to occupy the crease but it was Max's younger brother Finn who had the last laugh as he dismissed Will Hodgins for a duck and took the catch to send his brother packing. 182 was the total Hodgins' clan would need for victory.

They got off to a great start and 50 from Ryan Wilson set the tone. He retired and Hodgins' XI looked in the driving seat. But some good bowling in the middle overs from Captain Clark's bowling attack, pegged the batting side back and made for a real nail biting conclusion. Wickets came and went and it was left to skipper Hodgins and partner Krish Bhatt to score 10 off the last over to win the game. To the last ball it went, Hodgins needing 2 to win. The pair completed a single to tie the game as Bhatt was run out by the barest of margins.

A draw was a fitting way to end the season and a huge thanks to all who were involved in helping to raise money and put on a game for our dear friend Cheesy!

Club and Bar Opening Times

The club is currently closed in accordance with local and national government restrictions and the announcement of a second lockdown across England. We hope to return soon but please keep an eye on our Facebook page for the latest updates.

We're interested to hear your views on the bar. What would make you use the bar more? What would make you visit the bar over the winter season? What sort of events would you like to see? Please email: hhtcc.events@gmail.com with your opinions.

Please support the bar where you can, it's never been more important than now!

Please remember to scan the QR code or visit: <https://myguestlist.com/mgl/showForm.php?id=5f58f0f446326> to register your attendance when the time comes to return to the club! It's important we all do our bit to help with Track & Trace.



Italian Night

The club was pleased to hold its very first dining night, hosted by our very own Joni and co.! Diners were treated to flavours of Italy as the club was turned into a thriving 'ristorante' for the evening, complete with ambient lighting to boot.

Saluti!



New net work begins...

Work has finally begun on the new nets, which will have two lanes and be enclosed, and will soon be ready to welcome back both adult and junior playing members. The better quality nets should benefit all of the club...and with any luck the standard of cricket on the field as well!



Club Cricket News – Season Reviews

Saturday 1st XI - Championship

The 1st XI secured a 2nd place finish in the shortened COVID season, finishing just one bonus point behind eventual winners Old Owens.

With the absence of last season's leading run scorer, Lewis Hodgins, Hemel were sniffing around for someone to step up to the plate. Hemish Ilangaratne and Brett Penny answered the call throughout the season averaging 41.33 and 55.33 respectively.

It was a joint effort in the bowling department with Club Captain Nick Hodgins leading the way with 16 wickets, closely followed by Brett Penny on 14, with Mukesh Bhatt and Parth Metha on 13. The former three also all claimed 5 wicket hauls throughout the season.

Hemel's only defeat came away to Langleybury in an otherwise unblemished season including wins over Flitwick, Old Owens and Shenley which sets up the side nicely for a tilt at promotion and the title next term should COVID (and the league) allow for it!

Team	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Bat	Bwl	Pen	Total
Old Owens	9	6	0	0	1	2	0	10	--	174
Hemel Hempstead Town	9	6	0	0	1	2	1	9	--	173
Bishop's Stortford	9	5	0	0	2	2	11	8	--	160
Letchworth Garden City	9	5	0	0	2	2	4	6	--	155
Flitwick	9	3	0	1	3	2	8	13	--	122
Preston	9	3	0	0	3	3	4	10	--	119
Shenley Village	9	2	0	0	5	2	9	14	--	90
Langleybury	9	1	0	1	5	2	10	17	--	85
Luton Town & Indians	9	2	0	0	4	3	5	4	-5	84
Dunstable	9	0	0	0	7	2	20	22	-5	57

Saturday 2nd XI – Division 3B

It was a season of so close yet so far for the 2nd XI this year. Hemel were perfect until the final three games where they lost consecutive games against Cockfosters, Reed and Lutonian which was enough to all but end their hopes of finishing in the top two. Yet, they still beat Bayford & Hertford and were on the way to beating West Herts before rain had other plans which gives great hope for the 2021 season.

Highlights included a magnificent 153 from Will Kriehn and a ton from Neil Morgan in the abandoned game against West Herts, and Will Langely almost added his maiden century, and a third ton of the year for the 2nd XI against Harpenden but fell just short on 93. The addition of Phil Costard was also very welcome and he became a consistent performer throughout the year (even played against Lutonian with a fractured arm!)

Bowling wise, Suren Perera, Anjam Khan and Charlie Hoskins jointly led the way for the 2nd XI with 9 wickets a

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Team	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Bat	Bwl	Pen	Total
Cockfosters	9	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	--	230
West Herts II	9	5	0	0	2	2	10	21	--	194
Reed II	9	5	0	0	2	2	2	13	--	185
Bayford & Hertford	9	4	0	0	3	2	14	25	--	179
Hemel Hempstead Town II	9	4	0	0	3	2	20	24	--	178
Lutonian	9	4	0	0	2	3	4	12	--	166
Wheathampstead	9	3	0	0	4	2	18	31	-5	154
Harpenden III	9	1	0	0	5	3	23	28	-5	106
Sandridge	9	1	0	0	6	2	16	36	--	102
Southgate Adelaide	9	0	0	0	7	2	27	44	--	91

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Saturday 3rd XI - Division 6A

It was a tough year for a reformed 3rd XI but important lessons can be learned from this COVID campaign. With availability affected by COVID throughout the season it was a far from settled side in terms of selection, but never character or spirit.

There were some close shaves against Old Finchleians which could've gone the other way on a better day, and against Old Chomelians which was abandoned due to weather when a result looked to be on the cards.

A couple of stand out performances throughout the season, including skipper Mike Samuels 90 against Northwood Town and VC Nic Benson's 4-38 in the same match were silver linings on the season. Saleem Farooqi also reached a half century against Old Finchleians and Dan Turbutt scored 42 against Old Chomelians. Ajay Savania topped the bowling charts claiming 8 scalps across the season.

Although only winning one game, with another win denied by the weather, it was an enjoyable season, and on the whole, the 3rd XI were competitive and have the potential to be competing in the top half of the table next season.

Team	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Bat	Bwl	Pen	Total
Clifton	9	6	0	0	1	2	5	8	--	213
Preston II	9	5	0	0	2	2	8	16	--	194
Old Finchleians II	9	5	0	0	2	2	3	12	--	185
Radlett IV	9	4	0	0	3	2	18	13	--	171
Berkhamsted II	9	4	0	0	3	2	5	25	--	170
Northwood II	9	4	0	0	4	1	6	21	--	157
Bushey II	9	3	0	0	5	1	8	39	--	147
Letchworth Garden City III	9	2	0	0	5	2	20	29	--	129
Old Cholmeleians	9	2	0	0	5	2	3	46	--	122
Hemel Hempstead Town III	9	1	0	0	6	2	13	32	--	89

Saturday 4th XI - Division 9A

A year of learning and development for the new style 4th XI. This was a throwback to years gone by at this level when the side would be a mix of senior players and juniors. Although winless in this strange season, the youngsters in this team will have learnt plenty ahead of what will be a long and competitive season next year. The important thing to remember here is that this is a team designed to build and secure the long term future of the club and to provide a pathway to adult cricket for our thriving junior section.

Season highlights included significant scores for skipper Graham Clark (82 not out vs Bentley Heath, 54 vs Southgate Compton and 53 vs Knebworth Park) and VC Andy Turbutt (80 vs Hatfield Hyde) and in the bowling department from Jacob Hodgins (4-33 vs Hoddesdon and 3-44 vs Hitchin). Jacob took 11 wickets during the season, with at least one in every game he played with fellow youngster Freddie Lowe ending up on 8 for the campaign.

A promising future for the club!

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Southgate Compton	9	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	--	230
Hitchin III	9	6	0	0	1	2	9	4	--	208
Bentley Heath II	9	5	0	0	2	2	3	8	--	161
Sandridge II	9	3	0	0	3	3	14	25	--	156
Hoddesdon III	9	3	0	0	3	3	7	14	-10	151
Hatfield Hyde II	9	3	0	0	4	2	14	31	--	149
Langleybury III	9	2	0	0	5	2	24	32	-5	131
Welwyn Garden City IV	9	2	0	0	4	3	16	18	-5	119
Knebworth Park III	9	2	0	0	5	2	14	27	-5	116
Hemel Hempstead Town IV	9	0	0	0	6	3	19	36	--	85

Sunday 1st XI

The Sunday 1st XI also managed to fit 9 games in this season, winning 4 games and drawing another. Despite the Sunday Chess Valley League being cancelled, Hemel still played fixtures against 4 of their Division 1 opponents. It was again a good chance to test the side's credentials ahead of the competitive fixtures next season.

Highlights included regular contributions from Will Hodgins, promoted to the lofty heights of the top of the order, including knocks of 79 vs Boxmoor, 64 vs Harrow St. Mary's and 64 against the Ben Dumbleton XI. Other significant scores came from Will Langley (81 vs Harrow Town & 55 vs Amersham), Aaron Wilson (73 not out vs Brondesbury Eagles, 65 not out vs Edgware & 62 vs Old Fullerians), and the pick of the bunch was a wonderful 108 not out from Jack Doodson against Amersham.

Back to league cricket next season with any luck as Hemel look to add the Division 1 title back to their Sunday trophy cabinet.

Sunday 2nd XI

Another highlight in a topsy turvy season was to field a second side on a Sunday on a number of occasions. Games against Cockfosters, Monken Hadley and Potten End took place, with Hemel winning the former two fixtures before being comprehensively rolled by 143 runs in the latter.

Sunday was no exception to seeing some special performances including a maiden half-century from Jack Boughton scoring 66 against Monken Hadley with Tony Linfoot adding 65 not out in the same game. Mike Samuels (73) and Dawood Iqbal (54 not out) both notched 50s against Cockfosters in July.

Nic Benson was the lone wrangler of a 5 wicket haul, claiming a masterful 5-32 to help secure the win over

We're looking for scorers and umpires!

The club is looking for Umpires and Scorers for the 2021 season.

Over the past few years we have not replaced the umpires and scorers that have served the club for many years, but have since retired from officiating.

It is a requirement from the Herts League that our 2nd and 3rd XI's provide a non-playing Umpire for each Saturday league game. The 1st team are allocated a panel umpire each match, and in the 4th XI it is not a requirement, but still desirable to have. There are points deductions for each game that no umpire is provided.

We would like to hear from anyone willing to help, you do not have to have any experience as the club will organise any courses that are needed.

At HHTCC, Umpires are paid £40 per match to cover their time and expenses.



Junior Cricket Season Reviews

It's been an unusual season for our junior section, but the important thing is that we did get some cricket in. It's never easy at the best of times with the Great British weather often putting a halt to things but this year it was COVID that looked like it would have the last laugh.

Green lighted by the government, juniors returned to a very different world of training than they had been used to before the pandemic began. Our youngsters have all been credits to themselves and their parents throughout this season and to the most part have followed COVID guidance to the letter.

As a member of HHTCC it should put you at ease that we still have such a thriving and talented junior section. COVID will NEVER stop that.

Under 9 – Coach: Professor Richard Grayson

I hadn't expected to run the U9s this summer. However, the situation meant that Lewis Hodgins stayed in Australia and I stepped in. I'm glad I did as it turned to be great fun and it was a pleasure to get to know the team. We had wins against Tring Park, Abbots Langley, Northchurch and West Herts (Yes! My first ever win as a coach against West Herts after multiple heavy defeats!), as well as losses to Tring and Abbots. Perhaps the highlight of the season was when we played a friendly within the squad after Potten End had lost too many players to football training (many of you know what I think about that in the summer), and couldn't play us. It was one of those great games which the pairs format can deliver where a team can look like they have won the game only for something dramatic to happen on the last ball with the win changing hands.



Well done to the 23 players who were part of the squad: Aryan, Barney, Dayyan, Dexter, Finn, Fraser, Hashim, Ibrahim, Ismaeel, Jacob, Kyan, Mackenzie, Matthew, Nathaniel, Nikhil, Oliver, Ryan, Sorren, Teddy, Thomas, Tyler, Yaaseen and Yuvraj. Thanks to all who helped in many different ways with matches and training: Duncan Brown, Ed Grayson, George Morgan, Jack Boughton, Mukesh Bhatt and Surbjit Gill. We were keen to get junior cricket on in the summer partly because so many children had had so little to do during the lockdown. I'm delighted that we did so and I hope that in future years, when the boys look back on 2020, they will all think, 'At least we had cricket'. – Richard

Under 10A – Coaches: Martin Botha & Neil Morgan

As a famous South African once said you either win or you learn, you never lose. This was very evident for the under 10A's this season. Win we did and we won all 7 games we played in our 'league season' and we learnt along the way too. Every single one of the young men that we had in our squad did an excellent job at contributing to every game that we played. For the record we did learn from game this season, this was a game against an opponent from outside of our leagues where there was -6 for a wicket which we did find odd on the day, so as I said, we did learn a lot that cold Friday evening.

Rewind the clock the little bit and it was the first week of June where we allowed to practice in small groups due to a little-known element back then of COVID19. Pleased to say that the U10as were the pioneers from HHTCC in terms of getting cricket back to the club. It was a little strange having to have separate groups and seeing your mates doing fielding drills on the other side of the field, but you could not go over to say hi. It was even more odd to have to have your 'own' balls to play with and you could simply play 'catch' with a mate. All these elements were necessary to be safe in some of the strangest times of these young men's lives, not to mention their parents' lives too, with having to literally drop and run.

The club's communications was great together with the ECB and Government guidelines we were able to progress to practicing in the nets and before long we had the best news of the summer we were allowed to actually play this great against other clubs. So we played our first & second games against Berkhamsted and we won both of them convincingly with Ted starting strong on the batting front and scoring in excess of 50 runs across both games and Lucas scoring above 20 in each and Jonah, Carter and Seb topping the bowling stats for these early games.

(continued from page 5) I remember these games for these performances together with Adam's excellent fielding on the boundary and a great outfield catch by Carter too.

Moved on after 2 from 2 and made it 3 from 3 after another win versus Kings Langley, this time Ceri had a great game with bat and Jonah once again with ball and a shout out to Aviv who only went for 2 runs in his 2 overs during this game. Our closet game came next against Old Albanians where we won by 7. It was a super game for a great memory of Seb hitting a huge six on to the tennis courts nearby, Harry hitting two boundaries in a row during this game and not forgetting the excellent bowling from Adam and Henry in this game in the crucial overs which won us the game. In our next game against Tring, Aviv top scored with 20 and Jonah with the ball took 2 for 3. This game will be remembered by our Harry who got a nasty hit on the shin but a certain boundary was saved....thanks Harry!

So coming into the home stretch for the U10A's and we sitting on 6 from 6. Moving onto the game against Chenies, which proved to be our learning point of the year, playing against some strong boys but it was a great test for our young men too. Seb was the great batsmen on this occasion scoring 21 and hitting 4 fours in a row if I recall which was super to see and not forgetting Zac's perfect cover drive during this match. Our side quickly bounced back to winning ways against Berkhamsted this time again and it was Ceri here who led the way with 3 wickets from his 2 overs. And in what turned out to be our last game of the season against Redbourn was possibly the game of the season where the team just went up a gear at the right time. After 9 over Redbourn were ahead of the game but then our u10s took 10 wickets in 7 overs which gave us a convincing 45 run victory. Our stars this time around were our skipper for the day Ben who took 3 wickets, Ted took 3 and from the batting it was Ted, Carter and Lucas who led the way.



We ended the season with a great inter squad game and it was great one last Sunday afternoon of their season where they all showed their skills for one last time while the parents had a drink or 3. What a fabulous season these young men had, they learnt, they excelled at times and most of all they had fun whilst doing it. Neil and I had a super time seeing them doing what they enjoy. Big shout out to all the boys who represented Area cricket too during the season, I know there were some great performances there too from Ben, Seb, Lucas, Carter, Finn and Zac and not forgetting James, Josh who represented Area too. – *Martin*

Under 10B – Coaches: Aaron Wilson & Freddie Lippiatt

It was our first season coaching junior cricket and I know I speak for both of us when I say we've loved every minute of it. From the moment we agreed to take on the Under 10B side it's been nothing but fun...even the CPR training we did at Boxmoor before taking winter nets.

We were both nervous taking on such a large group (20 boys) but considering very few of them had ever used full kit, and even fewer of the boys had experience with a hard ball, they were absolutely superb. We've genuinely got to know each and every one of the group, and of course they all have their own traits and personalities, but they really gel together well as at team. Thank you to all the parents who have made our job immeasurably easier as well.

Thank you also specially to Richard Grayson, Ajay Savania, Tayaab Sadiq, Sam Buckley and Eranda Jayasinghe for all your help this year, particularly when I was unable to attend training sessions at the beginning of the COVID outbreak.

We began our campaign against Berko and won comfortably. A perfect start. Next up was the return game at their place where we learned Berko's team was developing just as much as ours, this time with them coming out on top. Josh Smee realised he could turn the ball square and Rehan was our Man of the Match.

Next up was a trip to Redbourn, who we beat comfortably and was arguably our best performance of the season.

(continued from page 6) Theo Goodger bowled brilliantly and was far too good for the Redbourn batsmen.

An away fixture against West Herts followed and with an unfamiliar larger pitch we struggled to settle. However, we pulled it back with Henry Riddick whacking it everywhere, and were narrowly beaten, mainly due to a mistake by this coach who was left to pick a West Herts player to bat again after one of their players was injured in the warm up. Needless to say, I inadvertently picked one of their better players. The boys did really well with James Cousens and George Redmond-Taylor the pick of the bowlers.

Into the final two fixtures we went, a rare home game against Berko again. We came out on top comfortably again, posting our highest score of the season – 298. Farhan Sadiq batted and bowled superbly on the day and was our deserved Man of the Match.

Our final match was away to Tring, again under unusual circumstances, this time playing 10 aside with an Incrediball, which was a little unfair on our boys as they'd worked so hard to get used to the hard ball. We were again narrowly beaten by a good Tring side. Vimanth Jayasinghe kept wicket superbly and Henry Kirkbride was our main man with the ball. There had also been a lot of talk from the boys about hitting sixes and James Cousens laid claim to the first and only maximum of the season.

We have been incredibly lucky to have coached such a great bunch of lads and we both look forward to next season to push on and build on this strange but successful season. Well done boys! – Aaron

Under 12 – Coaches: Andy Turbutt & Duncan Howard

A season of real progress for the U12s as we won 5 of our 8 matches. There were comfortable wins against Leverstock Green and Northchurch but in matches against the top sides, we took Berko to the last ball, trounced Tring after bowling them out for 52 and won with a ball to spare against West Herts.

Notable performances with the bat included 129 runs from Miles Barnard in 7 innings, 124 runs in 5 innings (at an average of 62) from Krish Bhatt and 117 runs in 7 innings from Arnav Patel.

Bowlers that excelled included Miles Barnard with 5 wickets at an average of 6.2 (at just 2.2 per over), Ashaz Ahmed with 6 wickets and Sol Fraz with 5 wickets. Special mentions for Rushil Dodhia's incredible spell of 3 wickets for 4 runs in 4 overs against Tring and Teddy Butler who took a hat-trick in the same game on debut. All-rounders Finley Clark (94 runs, 3 wickets and 3 catches), Harry Howard (40 runs, 4 wickets and a catch) and Adit Panicker (39 runs and 4 wickets), also deserve congratulations. – Andy



Under 13 – Coaches: Graham Clark & Nick Hodgins

Although a very short season, the U13 boys still managed to have plenty of cricket. They played nine games in total beating all opposition with the exception of Berkhamsted where they lost off the very last ball.

Every single player is developing massively and very positive signs ahead for next season. Five of the boys also represented the Saturday senior 4th XI all doing themselves proud in adult cricket.

Can't wait for winter nets to start already! – Nick and Graham

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Under 17 – Coach: Khalid Sadiq

The Grand Union U17 team only played 2 games this year (2 games against Northchurch were cancelled due to rain and 1 game against Redbourn due to senior team playing a quarter final game in National Village Cup).

Although the team lost both matches, the majority of the players were playing up at least 1 year and competed well against strong teams from Dunstable and Watford Town.

Jacob Hodgins was playing up 4 years and bowled beautifully with good control, flight and variation.

Will Hodgins was the outstanding bowler in both matches bowling a good line and length and often beat the batsman with sheer pace. He had outstanding figures of 5 overs 2 maidens conceding 4 runs picking up 4 wickets against Watford Town and also top scoring with 24 runs.

Kaveen Rajakaruna had a good season wicket keeping and made good contributions with the bat.

Daniel Hosier top scored with 20 runs against Dunstable and also picked up a wicket.

Steven Mansfield and Tayyab Sadiq were amongst the wicket takers. – *Khalid*

Under 11 Grand Union Girls' – Coach: Rebecca Kelly

The Under 11's trained really hard this season on progressing their technical skills and game experience. The girls' won their first game and lost the remaining two. They had great fun learning the main elements of the game and we took away key learns from each match, so we can continue to work on these for next season.

By the end of August our squad had grown to 16 players, so we have lots of enthusiastic girls coming to game at HHTCC and enjoying themselves!

Under 13 Grand Union Girls – Coach: Rebecca Kelly

The Under 13 Grand Union Girls' worked diligently in the nets this season with the hard ball and had two fixtures. Unfortunately, they lost both games, but the last game's outcome was decided in a super over after tying the 20 over match. It was a nail biting end and the spectators were on the edge of their seats!

Many of the girls' from this age group played for the Grand Union Under 15's and contributed fantastically, which has given them more match experience to further hone their strong bowling, batting and fielding skills.

Under 15 Grand Union Girls – Coach: Rebecca Kelly

The Under 15 Grand Union Girls' played 6 games this season. They won 3, lost 2, and had 1 game abandoned (which they were well on their way to winning!) This was a young squad, many of whom were Under 13's playing up an age group, so they showed great acumen and skill to play at this level.

Definitely a strong side to watch out for! – *Rebecca*

Need a place to watch the football?

HHTCC is pleased to announce we're now a fully licensed Sky Sports/BT Sport venue! You asked for it and we delivered. You can now enjoy a pint at the club whilst chilling out and watching games across the weekend.

Not only will we be showing the weekend's big clashes, we're also your home for midweek football, including the UEFA Champions League, Europa League and Monday Night Football.

We're one of the leading venues for COVID control measures so come down and join us when we reopen!



Grant News

Many thanks to the Box Moor Trust Who generously awarded HHTCC with a COVID-support grant of £740 to help offset some our costs of providing a COVID secure environment at the club.

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~ Aaron ~

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