

Hemel Hempstead Town Cricket Club

September 2022 Newsletter

Welcome to the End of Season Newsletter

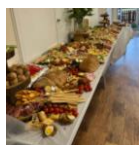
Wow! Where do I start? In my last newsletter I wrote "Here's to a great summer..." and what a summer we had! There were Zero games lost to rain, never have we had this many games to enjoy before.



The positive vibe around the club and at training has been brilliant, and that has reflected in the major successes on the pitch too, read on for those details.

Off the pitch, we completed our balcony repairs, renovated our toilets and upgraded our catering equipment.

We had some great social events, such as the silent disco, the karaoke nights 🎤, beer pong & the Hemel Hundred after party.



And have you ever seen at better buffet than the one for Tina Hodgins 50th party.

Club captain Nick Hodgins steps down as 1st XI captain, & there will be more about him in the next newsletter.

I hope to see you all at the AGM on the 28th Sept and at the Annual Awards Dinner and Dance on the 22nd Oct.



Great things happen when we all work together....

Mike S.



View from the Chair – Professor Richard Grayson

It's been a truly memorable season. Not only did we get everything back to normal post-pandemic, but there was great success on the field at many different levels of the club. Our girls' teams – run in collaboration with Boxmoor CC as Grand Union - go from strength to strength. The U12 boys won the county title in their age group for the second year running – a rare and momentous achievement. The 2nd and 4th XIs both won promotion, the latter as division winners, while the 1st XI came close to a promotion playoff and the 3rd XI had a very creditable season. Perhaps just as important – as a sign of the strength in depth we now have – getting a 5th XI out on a Saturday more often than not featuring many younger players was a very encouraging sign of things to come.

The new balcony looks great and it was good to see so many supporters at the unveiling of the large plaque which thanks those who donated. Special thanks are due to the Wright family and to Andy Turbutt for that. Maintaining the ground was a big challenge in the heat of this year. It is only going to get worse with the effects of climate change. Thomo and Derek deserve our thanks, and a bore hole is being looked at as a way of making more water available. Looking forward, plans are being made to refurbish the nets on the main ground – making the poles higher (which I know spin bowlers will especially appreciate) and getting new netting.

All this progress at the club is a tribute to the commitment and support of everyone – players, social members, parents and sponsors. Thank you all.



Bar Opening Times



We are now operating our **Winter opening hours**.

Opening Times for Members

Friday 6:30pm – 11:30pm
(Except when hired for Private Functions – See FaceBook page for schedule)

Saturday Closed

Sunday 12pm – 6:30pm

HHTCC - Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting will be held in the Pavilion on Wednesday 28th September 2022, commencing at 8.00pm.**

The agenda is below and the nomination sheet is located outside the Pavilion main bar. The bar will be open until the meeting starts and will close for the duration of the AGM.

AGENDA

1. The Chairperson's Opening Statement.
2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held 29th September 2021
3. The Honorary General Secretary's and Honorary Treasurer's Reports
4. To elect an auditor to serve from 1st October 2022 until the next Annual General Meeting
5. To elect the Officers of the Committee
6. To approve amendments to the Constitution:
7. To approve General Committee recommendations on:
 - a. Vice President Membership
 - b. Honorary [Life] Membership
8. Any other business received in writing not less than 7 days prior to the Meeting.

The Annual Dinner and Dance

Venue: Aubrey Park Hotel (Oak Suite), Hemel Hempstead Road, Redbourn, Herts, AL3 7AF



Tickets: £55.00 per adult, £45.00 under 16's (Adult Menu), £25.00 under 16's (Junior Menu)

Welcome drinks, 3 course meal, tea, coffee and petit fours

When: Saturday October 22nd, 2022

Welcome drinks reception from 6.15-6.45, Sit down prompt 7pm

Dress Code: Smart –Dress to Impress



How to book your tickets: Contact Sarah Samuels - sarahbear@btinternet.com

Hotel Discounted Room Rates available:

£75 Classic Room with Breakfast (Single Occupancy)

£85 Classic Room with Breakfast (Double Occupancy)

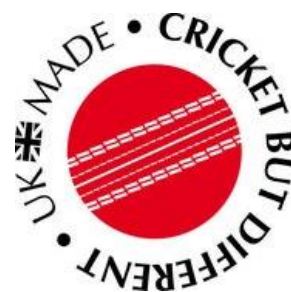
£120 Executive Family Room with Breakfast (2 adults, 1 Child)

You can book a hotel room directly by emailing: reservations@aubreypark.co.uk

or calling 01582 792105 and quoting name of the party, the date and event code **3DS221022**

Club Merchandise

We are pleased to announce a new additional partnership with “Cricket But Different” to provide unique HHTCC branded merchandise. Visit: <https://cricketbutdifferent.co.uk/>



Are you Dinner & Dance ready?

Get your HHTCC cuff-links from our existing merchandise partner – only £10.99

**CLUB SHOP
DIRECT**



Are you Dinner & Dance ready?

HHTCC – Silk Club ties available from the club bar - £19

Limited Stock!



Junior Cricket – Season in pictures



U9's



U10's



U11's



U12A's are County Champions again!



U12B's



U13's



U14s



U15 Trio



Freddie Lowe wins the Boxmoor Trust Award

Senior Cricket – Season Summary

CHAMPIONSHIP	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Old Owens	18	14	1	0	3	0	419
Shenley Village	18	10	1	0	7	0	320
Flitwick	18	9	1	0	8	0	313
Hemel Hempstead Town	18	9	4	0	5	0	309
Broxbourne	18	8	1	0	9	0	284
Reed	18	8	0	0	10	0	271
Preston	18	7	1	0	9	1	264
Stonstable	18	6	3	0	9	0	249
Hitchin	18	6	2	0	10	0	246
Luton Town & Indians	18	4	2	0	11	1	187

DIVISION 3B	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Old Finchleians	18	15	0	1	1	1	492
Hemel Hempstead Town II	18	13	0	1	4	0	443
Wheatthampstead	18	11	0	1	6	0	401
London Colney	18	11	0	0	6	1	394
Cockfosters	18	9	0	0	9	0	360
Welwyn Garden City II	18	8	0	1	9	0	345
Reed II	18	8	0	0	9	1	334
Sandridge	18	7	0	0	11	0	300
Parkfield & Headstone	18	3	0	0	14	1	171
Bayford & Hertford	18	1	0	0	17	0	161

DIVISION 6A	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Old Owens II	16	13	0	1	2	0	437
Northwood II	16	12	0	0	4	0	403
Berkhamsted II	16	12	0	0	4	0	397
Watton-at-Stone	16	6	0	0	10	0	303
Hemel Hempstead Town III	16	5	0	0	11	0	287
Knebworth Park II	16	6	0	0	10	0	276
Letchworth Garden City III	16	5	0	1	10	0	271
Welwyn Garden City III	16	5	0	0	11	0	251
Radlett IV	16	7	0	0	9	0	246

DIVISION 9A	P	W	D	T	L	NR	Total
Hemel Hempstead Town IV	18	15	0	0	3	0	489
Bamville	18	14	0	0	4	0	474
Southgate Compton	18	13	0	0	5	0	443
Hatfield Hyde II	18	13	0	0	5	0	442
Great Gaddesden	18	12	0	0	6	0	411
Hoddesdon III	18	7	0	0	11	0	317
Sandridge II	18	5	0	0	13	0	287
Luton Town & Indians IV	18	6	0	0	12	0	273
Baldock II	18	2	0	0	16	0	212
Hertford IV	18	3	0	0	15	0	206



2nd XI – Runners-up



4th XI - Champions



Centurions



Five Wicket Hauls



The Hemel Hundred Tournament

Simply stunning day at the best club in the world for 2nd year of the Hemel Hundred.

We had 4s, 6s, wickets, runs and run outs, super catches and dropped catches, we had one hat-trick and even nearly two hat-tricks by the same bowler... but cricket was the winner of the day for sure!! A huge thanks to Star Platforms for sponsoring the event.



Radcliffe's Renegades



Wright's Warriors



Doodson's Dynamos



Miller's Musketeers

Radcliffe's Renegades won the final by 8 wickets with 6 balls to spare against Wright's Warriors. Doodson's Dynamos ended 3rd and Miller's Musketeers (last year's winners) were 4th.



The Hemel Hundred Champions 2022
Radcliffe's Renegades



Match Officials – Mel Boughton, Jim
Langley, Deryck Wilson & Adam Locke

100 Club



More details about the 100 Club can be found here:

<https://www.htcc.co.uk/membership#100Club>

Costing just £1 a month it's a real bargain! Each number has over a one in three chance of winning a prize throughout the year and there's also a bumper jackpot Christmas draw.

Excluding prize money, all funds raised go back into the club and this year will be used to fund training equipment for the club!

Here are this year's winners of the 100 Club draws so far:

January	1 st Place - £25	Antony Beamish	2 nd Place - £15	Scott Radcliffe	3 rd Place - £8	Sarah Samuels
February	1 st Place - £25	Bessie Howard	2 nd Place - £15	Lesley Cheesewright	3 rd Place - £8	Sam Wheeler
March	1 st Place - £25	Dudley Warnford	2 nd Place - £15	Roger Samuels	3 rd Place - £8	Kim Morgan
April	1 st Place - £25	Sarah Samuels	2 nd Place - £15	Sam Wheeler	3 rd Place - £8	Caren Doodson
May	1 st Place - £25	Norman Waterton	2 nd Place - £15	Dudley Warnford	3 rd Place - £8	Holly Worthington
June	1 st Place - £25	Richard Grayson	2 nd Place - £15	Tom Waterton	3 rd Place - £8	Sue Waterton
July	1 st Place - £25	Trevor Radcliffe	2 nd Place - £15	Alice Morgan	3 rd Place - £8	Phil Smith (Snr)

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you for all those that are participating this year.

The 100 Club is forecast to raise approximately £700 towards cricket equipment and facilities.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please see our website or contact Mike Samuels @ htcc.members@gmail.com for further details.

Balcony Update



A permanent plaque has been erected on the balcony listing the names of all those who contributed to the balcony project.

Sponsorship Update

We were delighted to have GRS become our Club Sponsor this year and our thanks go to Anthony Beamish and his team there for their tremendous support.



We're also very grateful to Mark Beard from Vertex, who have continued their support as Senior and Junior Match Ball Sponsor, after many years as Club Sponsor.



You'll have read about the success of our Junior Section and that has been achieved with an outstanding contribution from Dave Corrigan and the team at Carrob, which Dave has agreed to extend next season (watch this space for more details).



Yet more support has been received from our wonderful Bar Sponsors, Skyjack. They agreed to double their sponsorship and you'll have seen that our bar staff are now kitted out in polo shirts bearing the Skyjack logo.



Another sponsorship enhancement came from our great friends at Star Platforms, whose increased support for The Hemel Hundred helped it to new heights.



We have been blessed to have ongoing sponsorship this season from Niftylift, Bedford Plant Hire, Pictons, OSD Healthcare, Hicks, Raja Tandoori, Adex, Hillier Hopkins, Net2Print, Hemel Trophies and Indigo Tree.

Please visit www.hhtcc.co.uk/sponsors to find out more about all our sponsors. They all provide preferential rates, contributions to the Club and/or discounts to HHTCC members and come highly recommended.

Sponsorship Opportunity

We are very keen to find a Sponsor for our Grand Union collaboration of Girls Cricket with Boxmoor CC.

This is a great opportunity to support the growth of Girls cricket in Dacorum, with shirt sponsorship, advertising and other promotion available.

If you or someone you know, is interested in finding out more, please contact Andy Turbutt at sueandyturbutt@hotmail.com.





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HHTCC are a registered good cause at easyfunding.co.uk, so all you have to do to is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hhtcc/> and click 'Support us for free'
2. Create an account with Facebook or Email, entering some very basic information
3. Login and set a Donation Reminder so that you will be reminded whenever you are shopping on a website that makes donations to HHTCC via easyfunding.org.uk.

Thereafter, all you have to do is 'Activate your Donation' when you are reminded that you are using a website that is affiliated to easyfunding.org.uk. It's as simple as that and costs you nothing.

Donations from retailers vary (usually between 0.5% and 7.5% of your purchase) whilst the Club can earn big donations if you book travel and hotels, buy insurance, make business purchases, take out mobile & broadband deals, purchase electrical goods or compare deals and make purchases. We also get a £5 bonus if we refer a friend.

So please take the time to follow the 3 easy steps and get free donations to the Club as you shop online and download the easyfundraising App so that purchases on your mobile devices are captured too.

Whilst you're here...

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Got a story?

If you have any news or photos you'd like to share in the next newsletter or have any feedback then please email: hhtcc.members@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Keep your eyes peeled for the next newsletter in Dec/Jan

~ Mike S ~

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