

# **Cuckfield Cricket Club**

# **Season Awards 2020**

Stuchbury Cup (for services to the Club) - David Tree

Presidents Cup - George Galbraith-Gibbons

Bert Brigden Trophy (Best Batting) - Joe Cambridge

Mytten Cup (Best Bowling) - Matt Slinger

White Hart Cuppe (Fielding) - Sam Shepherd

Kelly Plate (U16 Player of the Year) - Theo Barker

Barry Jones Trophy (U13 Player of the Year) - Bertie Sheldon

1st XI Player of the Year - Joe Cambridge

2nd XI Player of the Year - Greg Seed

3rd XI Player of the Year - Josh Downey

4th XI Player of the Year - George Ponsford

Sunday Player of the Year - Dom Seed

U19 Player of the Year - Alec May

U15 Player of the Year - Adam Bennett

U15 Girls Player of the Year - Ella Lazenby

U14 Player of the Year - Adhi Jawahar

U11 Player of the Year - Joe Thorpe

U10 Player of the Year - Barney Hayday



#### Stuchbury Cup for services to the Club - David Tree

After a cricketing career with Burgess Hill David Tree joined Cuckfield in 1994 and thereafter kept wicket regularly for the Over 40s and also in the 3rd and 4th XIs. He arranged the tour to the Sydney Golden Oldies Festival in 1996 and to many other exotic venues on a biannual basis. Regular tourists are indebted to him for his efforts and attention to detail in managing numerous cricket and other tours over the last 25 years. He has been a member of the Club's Committee for many years and was on the Pavilion Development Committee which successfully coordinated and financed the Pavilion Extension. His advice has been a constant help to successive Chairmen.

## **Presidents Cup - George Galbraith-Gibbons**

In a season where little cricket has been played, I have taken into account non-playing activities in making this award to the most promising young cricketer. In addition to scoring good runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (166 @ 41.5) George Galbraith-Gibbons took over the running of the Under 19s. He also regularly gave so much of his time in assisting Nigel on the ground. At times Nigel must have wondered if he was the only member as he kept the ground in order throughout the season! Please carry on playing George wherever your career takes you.

#### Bert Brigden Trophy for Best Batting Performance - Joe Cambridge

Joe has set the standard in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, amassing 242 runs in 5 innings with two fifties at an average of 80.67. He has bludgeoned Premier League bowling to all parts and shown how to make good bowling look very average.

#### Mytten Cup for Best Bowling Performance - Matt Slinger

Having taken over 30 wickets for each of the last 4 seasons, Slinger continued in the same vein in this shortened season ending the with 17 wickets at an average of 13.94 to once again receive the Bowling award.

# White Hart Cuppe for Fielding - Sam Shepherd

For someone to take 8 catches and enact 1 runout in a 6-game season is impressive. For this to be someone who is not a wicketkeeper is even more impressive. Sam's contributions in the field enabled the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI to be as successful as they have been this season and his energy and enthusiasm for all aspects of the game is a great example for younger cricketers rising through the ranks.

#### Kelly Plate (U16 Player of the Year) - Theo Barker

Theo is bowling a consistent and threatening pace, line and length. Also, this season he has contributed invaluable runs in the lower order with aggressive clean hitting, especially noticed during the SJCF, during which he was CCC's player of the festival. He is a new member at the club this summer and his attitude has been an example on the field, as a team player and as a role model for other juniors. Theo was also awarded the U16 Sussex Junior Cricket Festival award for Best Bowling.



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## Barry Jones Trophy (U13 Player of the Year) - Bertie Sheldon

Barry Jones Trophy, and U13's Player of the Season - Bertie Sheldon - Bertie was the mainstay of the batting in the U13 SJCF with scores of 103\*, 101, 29 & 83\*, managing five 50 partnerships and one 100 partnership along the way. He also chipped in with valuable runs and wickets for the U14s as well as taking the step into senior Saturday cricket. A short season, but an excellent season for Bertie. Bertie was also awarded the U13 Sussex Junior Cricket Festival award for Best Batting.

# 1st XI Player of the Year - Joe Cambridge

Chris Mole made 158 runs, averaging 79, alongside Ben Candfield making 127 and averaging 127. With the ball, Josh Hayward led the line with 11 wickets, followed by Greg Wisdom with 7, plus Nick Patterson (5) and Abi Sakande (4). However, the Player of the Year for Cuckfield 1st XI is Joe Cambridge. He was our consistent performer opening the batting, making 242 runs. Not only was he our top run scorer, but he also delivered match winning performances in style. As a very good friend of mine, it's fantastic to see him stepping up to the level we all know he should be reaching, and I'm looking forward to seeing much more from him next season!

# 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Player of the Year - Greg Seed

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI player of the year goes to a player who made his debut in the team this year and has continually developed in each game they have played in. I have been so impressed at the skill levels shown when this player comes on to bowl, especially for a person his age, but what struck me immediately is his ability to read game situations and in turn what he himself needs to do to achieve success. He ended up the top wicket taker in the team with 14 for the season and has been integral to the bowling attack. I'm sure I'm not the only one looking forward to what this spinner can achieve in the future. The 2s player of the year goes to Greg Seed.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Player of the Year - Josh Downey

Josh Downey bowled some really impressive spells throughout the season including a spell of 6 overs for only 6 runs. He also contributed with bat, scoring 113 at an average of 29. He has shown great improvement from the previous year and for this he is the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI player of year.

# 4th XI Player of the Year - George Ponsford

I'm going to break with tradition slightly this year and the 4s player of the year is going to a senior player. No Buck... making a 50 and cleaning up a few tail enders doesn't qualify you!! George Ponsford made contact through the website at the beginning of the season and was a welcome addition to Cuckfield. George has been consistently good with the bat making 3 x 50s and quickly showed us he was just as good with the ball. Welcome to Cuckfield George and we look forward to seeing you play a whole season next year.

#### Sunday Player of the Year - Dom Seed

When it comes to the Sunday XI Player of the Season it is hard to look past one player. Not only did he score his first senior ton against Lingfield, but he followed that the next week with what those who were present would say was one of the best catches ever taken. Running around the boundary at wide long on a full stretched one-handed effort mere inches from the boundary line right in front of the home team supporters. The Sunday XI player of the season is Dominic Seed!



# U19 Player of the Year – Alec May

With no Natwest U19 T20 competition this year, it was just the U18 festival week for the lads in a strange cricket season. It was a week of mixed results; the first match was abandoned, a winning draw, a win and a loss finished off the week. There was one stand out player throughout the week who scored one 100 and a 50, a total of 220 runs in the week, and also took 3 wickets. He showed great maturity in his batting and took some vital wickets in close games during the week. That is why Alec May is the U19 player of the year! Congratulations Alec!

#### U15 Player of the Year - Adam Bennett

Whilst a short season this year, Adam keeps building his experience and maturity as a leader in the squad and during training, and is able to competitively manage the team on the field whilst also ensuring everyone is involved - a difficult task! He has also continued his role in adult cricket together with age group cricket, and in the 2020 season has 15 catches in the field and behind the stumps and 8 stumpings. He can also bowl!

## U15 Girls Player of the Year - Ella Lazenby

Amazingly, the Under 15 Girls Team managed to play 7 games in a truncated season. This was mainly due to competing in the new Girls Under 15 Festival Week in August where we came 4th. Player of The Year was our opening bat and wicket keeper Ella Lazenby who managed to score 159 runs in 7 innings whilst only being dismissed once. Congratulations to Ella and all the Girls on a memorable season!

#### U14 Player of the Year - Adhi Jawahar

Huge improvement in his performance from last season (particularly bowling and fielding) and clearly worked hard in the winter at school. He has showed impressive resilience and in some big moments in the under 14 festival week, he stepped up and showed great maturity. Congratulations Adhi!

#### **U11 Player of the Year - Joe Thorpe**

Joe has taken an important step forward this year by developing a maturity to his batting (& all-round game) that is tremendous to watch in someone so young. Allied to this, he has understood the importance of the team over the individual and has become a senior leader in the squad. He always encourages his team mates to be their best and, within a really strong team group, he has been a key driver in pulling the team together as a unit. It has been a real pleasure to coach Joe in this shortened season...well done Joe!

#### **U10 Player of the Year - Barney Hayday**

Barney is an all-rounder, with great game awareness who is learning the leadership role as well. Batting is good and bowling is getting nippy with great accuracy. Barney was the agreed nomination by all the coaches.