

## Culworth Junior Cricket Club Spring 2021 Newsletter

2020 was a weird year for all of us. The cricket club obviously could not do anything during the full lock down. Then as the restrictions were relaxed gradually, we were allowed to do 1-2-1 coaching sessions in the nets, then we were allowed up to 5 children together in a session, so we split the Tuesday evening into two groups- 6-7pm is 5-9 year olds and then 7-8pm was over 9s.

During the first lockdown of 2020, which coincided with the start of the cricket season I sent out a weekly email. This had training videos, showing the parents drills that they can do in the back garden with their children. The idea was not to let the children and the parents forget cricket.

We normally stop after the schools close in July, as getting teams together in August is always difficult because of family holidays. 2020 was no different, but what we did do, which was new for our club, was we arranged some matches in September. Over one weekend we had a under 11 match against Towcester, which was well supported. Then we had a Dads, lads and lasses game against the Eydon Occasionals, who are their Sunday afternoon mens team. This was a great success. We had five dads (mums were invited to play) and six children aged between 11-15. We narrowly lost, but everyone enjoyed it, and we have another game against them scheduled for this July, and we may try to get another two matches planned against other sides.

We hope 2021 will be better. We had a spring clean on Saturday 3rd April and training sessions have started. Even though we are competing against football, rugby and hockey who are extending their seasons, it has been nice to see that we have had at least 12 new members join, of which half are girls. We have also had a resident of Culworth join us as a coach.

Even if you do not have a child of the right age (6-16 yrs), the club is always looking for people to help as either coaches, or to help with ground maintenance, or to act as admin support, or become a scorer. It is a hugely satisfying job when you see the smiles on the childrens faces, and the good thing is that it is all done generally in the sun. If you want some green exercise, why not offer to mow the ground? Or you could mow the wicket, which gives you a nice walk in the sun.

If you are an adult living in or around culworth and interested in playing cricket please get in touch with the club, as if we have enough interest, we could start a Culworth Occassional team, and play a couple of games a season and have some training sessions.

We are fairly confident this year that we can run an under 9s kwik cricket team, an under 11s, under 13s and an under 15s team. Their matches are on a Friday night, Sunday morning, Monday and Wednesday evenings. So if you would like to come and watch, you are more than welcome.

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