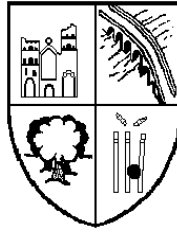


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**48th Annual General Meeting (2021 season)  
Sunday 28 February 2021**

**Report of the General Committee**

**Chairman's report (Greg Inge)**

2021 was a year that promised a new start for the club post the 2020 COVID season in a revised league, as a result of the merger between Cherwell and the OCA. We had a strong pre-season with a well set up training regime and enthusiastic attendance.

Unfortunately, our on-field performances didn't match up to our expectations. After an initial win early in the Village Cup match against Ascot Under Wychwood, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI were unable to break through for a league win and finished at the bottom of the table. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI fared slightly better with two wins and four draws, finishing ninth with some strong standout performances by our younger players. Our junior and youth programs and teams continue to flourish under the guidance of Patrick Arnold with the support of parents and volunteers. We need to continue to support our youth programs which is important for their development, and a pathway to our first and second teams and importantly, the future of our club.

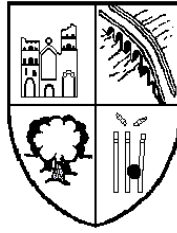
A shining light for the season was the 2nd XI making the Osberton Radiators Cup semi-final against Cropredy. Although we did not win the lads pushed Cropredy for a hard fought three wicket win. Well done to the team over the season to make the semi-final and to James Talbot for his performance as captain with 36 runs and 3 for 21 and Robin King with 4 for 32.

Our Women's team continued their success in soft-ball cricket winning tournament games at Eynsham, Horspath, Bampton and making the tournament final at Banbury. Although this was a loss it was to a team who fielded a few county development players and they were at a distinct advantage. Eynsham fielded a hardball Women's team for the first time in the Home Counties League and performed well for one win while gaining valuable experience with the red ball. Well done to the ladies in fielding two teams and having good success throughout the year.

On a social game note, the club held its annual Over 40 v Under 40 match. This was well attended and an enjoyable day both on field and off field for the Club. As always, the result was never in doubt with old heads prevailing easily by chasing down the Under 40 total 115 with the loss of two wickets. The club held a midweek combined men's and women's match where teams were paired in batting and bowling pairs over four overs each. This was a great format which was a hit with some good spirited cricket and drinks post-match; an initiative that must be continued each year.

Our off-field performance improved immensely and was a positive change from our COVID impacting year. Firstly, it is important to recognize and support our sponsors who help the club financially; thank you to SAS, CyberCX, Eynsham Dental Care, Ready Steady Spice

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and DISAB. Our club membership, functions, bar takings and grants enabled the club to maintain its financial independence to support the club's facilities, nets, equipment, wicket square and playing grounds to be one of the best in the League. The Club's HMRC VAT appeal continues in the background. We are well supported by our lawyers Hogan Lovells who have helped with the appeal and now waiting on a hearing at the Supreme Court. With the outcome of the appeal unknown, as with its impact to the Club, we need to continue to secure our financial future through increased sponsorship, grants and functions that will generate the revenue to protect the Club now and for future years.

Thank you to the committee and volunteers who have helped manage all the aspects of running the club, your input has been appreciated and reflects the current state of the Club. It is said every year but it needs to be stated again, the work of Frank Partlett and Gary Cook all year round cannot be thanked enough for the tireless effort and hours they commit to maintain our facilities and grounds. We as Eynsham members and players enjoy the benefit of their hard work and cannot take this for granted. From ECC – thank you.

Well done to Steve Cooper, Tom Gerken and Patrick Arnold in their roles as captains and vice captains in a difficult year where we struggled to perform at the level we know that Eynsham can. Importantly, as a group of players we did have a good spirit and hung tough as a group when the results didn't go our way. Congratulations to all our club award winners; each person was rewarded based on their club contributions, match performances, commitment and effort throughout the season.

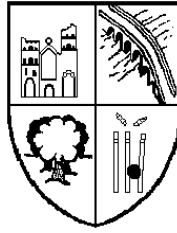
The important message for next season is that if we all work together, respect and support each other, train and play hard but fair will ensure the results will look after themselves. Our club needs to be "Fearless instead of Reckless" in 2022; this will ensure we can only improve.

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket (Tom Gerken)**

Overall 2021 was a disappointing campaign; we lost every game which was completed. Even though the results were poor team spirits were always high and hopefully this and a few more wins next season will be enough for us to move forward. One highlight for the first team was the introduction of youth, with Jake Smitten making his 1st team debut.

I would like to thank every player that played for the 1<sup>st</sup> IX this season and gave it their all. I would also like to thank Steve Cooper for guiding us through most of the season and trying to make the club better. Many thanks go out to Frank Partlett and to Gary Cook for their tireless work on and off the cricket field. Without them the club wouldn't be where it is today. This also goes to the committee and for others that help the club tick. Hopefully 2022 will be a much better season for cricket, with the spirit staying the same. New additions I feel would be helpful and more help with work off the field will always be welcome. Thank you.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket (Patrick Arnold)**

2021 was a tougher year than we might have expected having been champions of the old Division 9 just two years previously. Some of the league winners progressed to the 1<sup>st</sup> team and we set out with good intentions, benefitting from Steve Cooper's well-organised early season training academy.

The weather prevented much play in May and so our first victory at home vs Wolvercote was gratefully received. Wolvercote were so sure of victory they started the drinking before the game started, so when our own Jake Smitten ripped through their top order with his first three league wickets, and Richy Poyser with 4 for 30 the win was there for the taking. Step up Jonny Sivey, and our keeper Ben Smitten and the job was all done leaving Darius Mistry to win the match with a six.

Our game against Mister Lovell proved fun yet frustrating. Scoring 269/8 declared, saw Richy top with 71, George Thorne take 44 and, best of all, young Jake score a classy 43. Then he backed that up with four wickets and two important catches and the man of the match was certainly his. The fact the win wasn't ours is a mystery of the rules we are obliged to play with which, hopefully, will be gone in future.

As draws go the game v Westbury summed up the strange decisions as they refused to chase 143 to win; Westbury held on for a draw eight down. The highlight was Jake getting his football coach caught behind by his dad, behind the stumps!

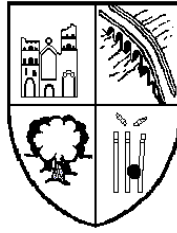
Cropredy went to town against us scoring 273 for 8. Here Freddie Arnold stepped up with three wickets against some daunting hitting, and George King, when one of his better balls disappeared over his head and mine and through my car windscreen! George made a great comeback when, assisted by Ella Bishop, we held out for the draw ourselves.

Our second victory came during my holiday, away at Hook Norton. After Kev Read skittled Hooky for about hundred, our other master tactician Wags, decided to bat everyone in reverse order, and by all accounts left-handed, to make it more exciting. He got his way, aided by Ben Partlett's 39 and a single wicket victory was ours.

So come the end of the season, our escape was there to be grabbed, but we didn't take our opportunities at vital moments. To finish two points behind Westbury will prove not just costly but shows how close we were, when one more win could have seen us rise as many as two spots in the league and into safety.

Many thanks are to be given. To all the players mentioned and the many others that I haven't time to mention all. As a club we numbered players well into the 40s and played 22 in the 2nds at least. I want to mention the Bishops especially . . . John Bishop has the prize for being dropped more times on a Friday than any other, only knowing full well it will be half an hour before I'm phoning back begging him to play! His daughter Ella did really well, taking a brilliant catch in front

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of huge home crowd being a highlight for us all, and as mentioned her batting out the draw vs Westbury. Martine Summers turned out for us; more please Martine next year! George King was brilliant with a tremendous attitude; he will do whatever is asked of him, and to be honest, by the end of the season was doing most things with confidence and skill. To the umpires – thanks; with ten points contributed to our league total you kept us in it . . . and no LBWs to mention.

See you next year.

**Junior Cricket (Patrick Arnold)**

This was a really enjoyable year for Eynsham Young Cricketers, with a general feeling of excitement of being able to play again.

At the youngest level, Sam Monk and Jon Emberson ran a really successful program of All Stars and Dynamos, which provides a great start to so many young players. Many thanks to them for their ongoing efforts.

The U11s entered the 8-a-side softball league, and managed by the McGibbons went from strength to strength all season. By the end they remained unbeaten and there were many strong performances from all the regulars: Freddie Dilger, Jamie Rundle, Freddie McGibbon, Theo Wright, Aysha Monk and Eve Arnold to name a few.

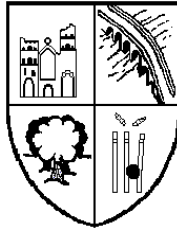
The U13s had a real breakthrough season. Looking a little under-trained going into the first hard ball game at Shipton, they surprised their hosts with a dramatic last over victory. This set the tone for the season, beating all comers until Charlbury in the final game, who proved too strong on the day. Well played Gabe Godsall (captain), Seth, Seth, James, Jacob, Unax, Freddie and Hana to name a few of the regulars, and Joe Godsall for his hardball coaching.

For some reason, whenever the U15s gathered, so did the clouds! The luck was never on their side and as a result, they were unable to gather any momentum on the field. That said it was excellent to see youngsters Jake, Freddie and George playing their first full league matches in the adults' section, with Jake even performing well in the 1st XI. We hope for more time together over the winter to see the U15s develop in 2022.

**Ladies' Cricket (Martine Summers)**

We made our super 8's league debut on Sunday 9th May. There was a lot of rain the night before and were due to play at Jordan Hill but the groundsman called it unplayable. Gary Cook stepped up and offered our ground. Our first game was against Oxenford and we won by a narrow margin, four runs (280 vs 276). We had secured our first win! The second game was against a very experienced Deddington team, unfortunately we were well beaten, scoring 232 vs 271. The following week we were beaten by the weather again. How disappointed we were. The week after we headed over the A40 to Freeland but were beaten again; 296 vs 258.

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The week after was the bank holiday so we were a few players down but we were still able to field a strong team. Playing Freeland in the morning session we lost 300/228 and Oxenford in the afternoon 290/264. We did however finish 3rd in the league, so there is all to play for next year.

It was a different story however for the softball season. There were a number of tournaments organised over the summer at various venues around the county. These are all day round robin events games. We were the winners of three tournaments and runners up in one, so a fantastic achievement overall.

Thank you to Ian Miller for the continuous support you give us ladies and also to Gary Cook and Frank Partlett for your endless hard work and commitment you give to the club.

**2021 ECC Awards**

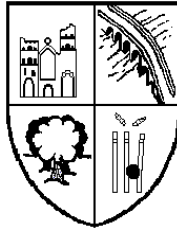
		<b>2021</b>
1	Pete Jones Trophy ( <i>most wickets</i> )	Jonny Sivey, 19 wickets
2	Andy Macauley Trophy ( <i>most runs</i> )	Patrick Arnold, 245 runs
3	1st XI Player of Year	Tom Gerken
4	2nd XI Player of Year	Jonny Sivey
5	Senior Player of the year	Rich Poyser
6	Junior Player of Year	Jake Smitten
7	Bob Weller Trophy ( <i>best single performance</i> )	George King
8	Mary Jones Trophy ( <i>cricket played in the right spirit</i> )	John Bishop
9	Clubman of the Year ( <i>services to Eynsham CC</i> )	Allen Stevens, Margaret Stevens
10	Chairman's Award	Steve Cooper

**General Committee (Allen Stevens)**

The General Committee comprised the following and has met eight times during the past year.

Richard Lake ( <i>President</i> )	Gary Cook
Greg Inge ( <i>Chair</i> )	Angela Patterson
Allen Stevens ( <i>Secretary and Fixtures</i> )	Tom Prentice
James Gulliford ( <i>Treasurer</i> )	Martine Summers
Patrick Arnold ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Junior Secretary</i> )	Julie Walker-Smith
Frank Partlett ( <i>Pavilion Officer</i> )	Luke Bowles
Margaret Stevens ( <i>Safeguarding Officer</i> )	Karen Miller
Steve Cooper ( <i>1st XI</i> )	

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**Safeguarding (Margaret Stevens)**

Margaret Stevens completed the ECB Safeguarding Course in March 2020 and also became the club verifier for DBS checking. We now have 17 members of the club DBS-verified in volunteer roles, junior and adult coaches and umpires. All individuals in these roles (and others) do need to be DBS verified. From this year the holder should be able to automatically renew their newly obtained DBS certificate online.

It was difficult to get places on ECB-approved first aid courses because of Covid restrictions at face to face venues. Online courses are not permitted. Steve Cooper and Sam Monk completed courses this year, Patrick Arnold has a valid certificate and Julie Walker-Smith is a paramedic so the club is reasonably well covered. However, there is always room for more individuals to come forward and we will need to address this in 2022.

Everyone in the club has worked hard to abide by, and maintain, Government Covid standards and guidelines during the pandemic.

There have been no safeguarding issues reported.

**Pavilion (Frank Partlett)**

With Covid restrictions relaxing a little we had a busier year at the Pavilion including the re-introduction of changing room use towards the end of the season.

From the start of May to the end of November around 40 events have taken place at the club. These included men's, ladies' and youth matches, training sessions, Isis ground hires, mid-week and Sunday friendly fixtures, private hires, a visiting theatre company (Mikron), wedding celebrations and club events.

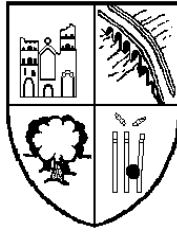
Our bar continues to provide the main source of income and made an operating profit of around £6,000. This has been well supported by the club and all its visitors. Many thanks to all those who helped behind the bar, and to some of the players' dear wives and mums who helped keep us shipshape during boozy evenings .

The Pavilion will need limited maintenance over the close-season with just a few jobs internally to sort for 2022. Special thanks are due to Gary Cook and Ian Miller for helping maintain the Pavilion and to Ben Smitten for keeping us united on the social side, and to all the players and committee members who gave up their time to help the club

**Ground (Gary Cook)**

Despite the fact that the ground flooded multiple times during the winter of 2021 the weather during the season was perfect for the square and outfield and as a result the ground hasn't looked as good for many years. The pitches played well with little or no low or excessive bounce and the pitches also fared well given there were more games played this season. Both the main

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and top outfielders benefited from winter spiking and such work has already begun to help maintain and improve the surfaces for next season. Equipment costs have been minimal this year with no major expenditure, and only planned maintenance and servicing will be required going forward.

Continued thanks are due to Frank Partlett, Pete Jones, Phil Brown, Ian Miller and Pete Whitfield for their help on the ground and thanks as well to our newest recruit, Allen Stevens, who has been fully trained on the tractor for outfield cutting.

**Financial Report 2021 (James Gulliford)**

The accounts for the year show a surplus of £5,574.15, which is a vast improvement on last year's loss of £78.26. The account balance is £14,627.30, which is split between the bank (£13,678.81) and petty cash and cheques in hand (£948.49).

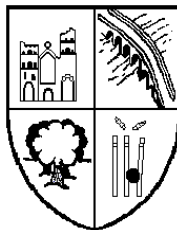
Diving into a comparative study of 2021 vs 2020, it goes without saying that 2020 was a year like no other but this isn't fully reflected in the income. In 2021 we made £23.5k which is a decrease from last year's £24.5k. The reason for this is the £10k grant ECC received from WODC last year which has distorted our income figures. Notable income changes are match fees increasing from £509 to £1,800. The lack of a £10k council grant dropped sponsorship from £12.5k to £2.8k. Bar takings increased from £4.1k to £13.3k. We took membership fees of £3.9k, when we received nothing in 2020.

In terms of expenses, we had an outlay of circa £18k this year vs £24.6k last year. We generally needed less ground equipment repairs/upgrades in 2021; a few substantial items were the ground seed, outfield spiker and some net repairs vs 2020 mower and tractor repairs, new sightscreens plus many things on which Gary Cook can provide more detail if required. The only other notable expense item were bar expenses increasing due to more use, £7.2k from £2.2k. This was more than covered by patrons consuming this stock, so thank you.

This is a much more positive picture financially than the last financial report; should we continue along this path ECC should be in a position to consider some loan repayments in 2022 with the aim of being debt free come 2026 if not before. Let's hope for another full season next year.

Eynsham Cricket Club  
23 November 2021

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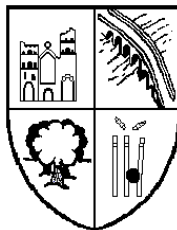
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**Eynsham Cricket Club Approved Annual Accounts 2020/21**

	<b>30/9/2021</b>	<b>30/9/2020</b>	<b>+/-</b>
<b>Analysis of Receipts and Payments</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Match fees	1,800.00	509.00	1,291.00
Grants & Sponsorship	2,827.00	12,455.00	(9,628.00)
Pavilion Hire	330.00	370.00	(40.00)
Ground Hire	120.00	570.00	(450.00)
Bar Takings	13,257.96	4,108.11	9,149.85
Membership fees	3907.33	0.00	3,907.33
Reimbursements	358.63	0.00	358.63
Other Income	360.00	0.00	360.00
Donations	555.00	6,500.00	(5,945.00)
<b>Total Receipts (Club Income)</b>	<b>23,515.92</b>	<b>24,512.11</b>	<b>(996.19)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Ground	5,308.72	8,023.44	(2,714.72)
Playing Equipment	1,996.63	1,673.67	322.96
Utilities	2,731.98	3,391.71	(659.73)
Bar	7,235.26	2,233.55	5,001.71
Pavilion	377.31	817.81	(440.50)
Thank-you and Gifts	0.00	115.93	(115.93)
Other Running Costs	291.87	8,334.26	(8,042.39)
<b>Total Expenses (Club running costs)</b>	<b>17,941.77</b>	<b>24,590.37</b>	<b>(6,648.60)</b>
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year	5,574.15	(78.26)	



**Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30 September 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Pavilion	250,000	250,000
Ground Equipment	5,000	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>255,000</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank Accounts	13,679	8,516
Petty Cash	948	537
<b>Total (Club Account)</b>	<b>14,627</b>	<b>9,053</b>
<b>Creditors</b>		
Loans from Supporters and Club Members	(24,000)	(24,000)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>(9,373)</b>	<b>(14,947)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>245,627</b>	<b>245,053</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		
Club Funds	245,627	245,053
<b>Total Assets over Liabilities</b>	<b>245,627</b>	<b>245,053</b>