

Fixture Secretary Report – Nov 2019

The key points to note are as follows:

- The new league season, now that we have been through the first couple of years of the restructure to 10 teams per division - will continue to commence the first week of May and finish no later than the first week of September for all divisions.
- For the last two years we have not arranged a pre-season friendly but instead had a club match, which has worked pretty well. However I have agreed in principle that we will have a pre-season friendly with South Nutfield who I think won the Surrey Downs league last year and are keen to link up with us in this way. We have agreed a match at Blackheath on Sat 25th. Unless there any objections i will look to confirm this for a 1pm start.
- The Sunday fixtures are now all sorted and there have been two teams removed from the fixture list. We have dumped Old Dorkinians and unfortunately Londonshire CC can no longer get a team together so this match has been shelved
- There have been some changes of dates for some of the matches, namely Sunbury Squires who have been brought forward by a week and the Blues which have been moved from May to the end of August.
- Sunbury Squires were moved to enable a match with the England Deaf Team to be arranged for Sunday 16th August.
- There are currently 3 Sundays where there are no fixtures either home or away, namely 3rd and 24th May and 12th July. The 3rd May is the first round of the VKO so this will be left blank at least until I know if we have been drawn home or away. If away we could try and get a home friendly fixture. The 24th May is not a VKO fixture so i will look to arrange a fixture for this date and likewise for the 12th July. These dates could be used for women's matches or perhaps a mixed club match or a club match which is used to get the older colts involved with the adults – as discussed at our meeting at the Grantley.
- There are also a number of Sunday's where we have away matches thus leaving the Heath available. These are 21st June, 5th July, 26th July, 6th and 13th September. Three of these matches (5th July - Bramley, 26th July - Brook Strollers and 6th Sep - Grayswood) alternate each year home and away, whereas Abinger 21st June and Ripley 13th Sep are always away. No doubt some thought will be given as to what we do, if anything, with the ground on these dates as well as the days where we have no match as detailed earlier
- Sunday home fixtures will start on 26th April and finish (if nothing else is arranged) on 30th August.
- Cricket Week will be held week commencing Monday 3rd August and all of the usual fixtures have been agreed with Old Cranleighans being the Friday opponents on a non MCC year.

- As soon as i have the l'Anson league and Cup fixtures (probably January) and the VKO fixtures (normally February) I will inform the committee.

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