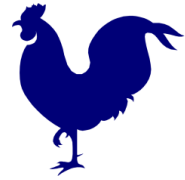


# Review of the 2017 Season

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## 1st XI

The 1st XI had a very successful season, with a 4th place finish in the Premier League. Some notable performances came from our younger squad members including a 177 from Haris Mahmood against eventual National Champions Wanstead, Jack Potticary's 100 against Ilford, and Jack Plom's bowling performances earning him a England Under 19 call up! He is due to travel to South Africa this winter with the England U19 squad, so look out for him. Matt Salisbury's performances also earned him a call up to Hampshire's 1st XI. Matt has followed up a strong season with a visit to Melbourne, hoping to maintain his form into the new season, and pursue a contract with Hampshire once more. Tom Austin was the leading wicket taker, working on the policy of if he hasn't got a clue where the ball is going then nor has the batsman. And probably our biggest contributor this season was Tom Ballington, who got us over the line in a number of close games, most notably hitting 30 off the last two overs against Colchester to win us the game whilst 9 wickets down. A very enjoyable season made all the more enjoyable by our youngsters contributing so much.

## 2nd XI

The 2nd XI maintained their Premier League status under the highly organised captaincy of Matt Simmons. Martin Allen again led the run scorers with 571 and the wickets were shared around amongst a youthful bowling attack with three seamers Ollie Castell, Charlie Haddon and Jack Newton all making first team debuts at various times and not looking at all out of place.

## 3rd XI

With a number of 2016's third team stars up in the 2nds, off to pastures new, or taking a year out to write their memoirs, the 3rd team faced a tough challenge. Wins against Hutton and Wanstead were welcome oases in an otherwise arid year. On the positive side the thirds blooded a number of youngsters who can take pride in their spirit and performances. The 3rd team look forward to pushing themselves hard in winter training and being a competitive outfit in the 1st division in 2018.

## 4th XI

Another very enjoyable but tough season for the 4ths which saw many of the young players grow in stature and confidence. Some outstanding contributions with the bat from Max Bear, Alfie Griffin and Ali Naqvi coming though at the end of the season with several 50s. Adam Munday also produced many solid performances.

The bowling also developed hugely through the season. Great opening spells from George Boast, Sam Newton and Jasper Stuckey, tight line and length from Imogen Southcott and Sam Purbrick, great flight and spin from Joe Turnpenny and Josh Haydon. Bowler of the season was Neil Gilbert who also caused damage in the 3rds.