

MAGNA MAGIC!

The crickety update for the players, friends and family of Sherston Magna CC

Happy New Year Magna

As we think about adding another log to the fire on these long winter nights, we've been hard at work planning for sunnier days and the season ahead...



New year, new focus on staying in touch

Happy New Year one and all and welcome to our new very own magazine 'Magna Magic'. Looking back at last year one item of feedback in a weather effected season was club communication.

This year, we're keen to bring the club closer together and as part of that we'll be communicating with you on a more regular basis. The launch of this regular newsletter is

one of the ways in which we will stay in touch throughout the year both pre and during the cricketing season.

We're pleased to announce the appointment of James Kutchera who has kindly offered to help with communications.

We'd also like to pass our congratulations to his family on the safe arrival of a baby Henry born just before Christmas.



A date for the diary

The committee invites all players, future players, parents, friends and all who are interested in supporting and developing Sherston Magna Cricket Club to its annual general meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013.

Club officials will be appointed and the future aspirations of the club debated and discussed.

All are welcome, so please put the date in your diary and come and hear of our plans for a successful and fun 2013 season.

SMCC AGM

Venue: The Rattlebone

Date: 19th February

Time: 7.30pm

John Matthews

PLANS AFOOT FOR THE NEW SEASON...



At an open meeting held recently, members of the club discussed the future of Sherston Magna CC.

Chairman John, joined by Will and Matilda Matthews hosted a lively discussion covering a wide range of subjects including both Saturday and Sunday teams, ladies, practise facilities at the ground, the junior set-up, club organisation and communication.

The club has now been playing at Pinkney Park for twenty years and plans are in place to renew and extend arrangements due to expire in April.

The club wishes to sincerely thank the Matthews for supporting the club with, in our opinion, one of England's finest grounds at which to play cricket.

DARK OUTSIDE? THEN GET INDOORS! READ ABOUT SHERSTON'S INDOOR ADVENTURE...

The fast and the furious!

It may be getting dark outside around 4pm, but a hardy group of Sherston magnalons have been continuing the battle between willow and leather (well plastic) in the Chippenham Indoor League. The format consists of a game of 10 overs per side and is completed in approximately an hour. The league consists of 8 teams each playing each other once before the league splits (top 4 and bottom 4) for another 3 games.

We joined the league last winter and proceeded to win division 2 and promotion to the top division. This year we have been competing against large established clubs like Chippenham, Bradford-on-Avon and Biddestone. After 5 games we have won 3 and lost 2 and sit in 4th place (joint second on points but having an inferior run rate).

DIVISION 1

	Played	Won	Run Rate	Points
Chippenham	5	4	1.94	8
Bradford	5	3	1.92	6
Winsley A	5	3	1.92	6
Sherston	5	3	1.66	6
Biddestone A	5	2	1.68	4
Winsley B	5	2	1.66	4
Box	5	2	1.62	4
Spye Park A	5	1	1.77	2

Game 4 - SMCC won by 1 wicket

Winsley B 101-2 (60)
SMCC 102-5 (57)

SMCC Team – J Harmer (c/wkt), H Stevens, C Lovell, I Gould, A Pegg, M House

Winsley batted first and scored a slightly under par score without losing wickets. A solid bowling performance which kept the runs down towards the end of the innings.

SMCC started the chase with purpose with Stevens (22), Lovell (23) and Harmer (24) all losing their wicket before being given the chance to retire. Gould (18) continued the fight supported by Pegg and House but wickets kept falling and when Gould fell with 4 balls remaining, House

was left as last man standing with 5 still required. House, although being an aussie, didn't crumble under pressure from the English and saw us home with 3 balls remaining, although he was denied the winning runs by a wide.

Man of the Match – House, tight bowling spell and some calm under pressure saw us home

Game 5 SMCC won by 5 runs

Sherston Magna 113-5 (60)
Spye Park A 108 ao (57)

SMCC Team – J Harmer (c), M Goodwin (wkt), R Cartwright, I Gould, A Pegg, M House

Spye Park won the toss and chose to bowl, a steady start from Cartwright and Goodwin (retired 25 not out) before losing a few wickets in the middle. Harmer was run out in strange circumstances when an instinctive hook saw him caught off a no ball, and in the confusion was run out when Gould attempted a single. Gould (retired 25 not out) stayed in and continued to run well between the wickets supported by the tail (Yes – even Pegg scored 9!). Goodwin returned to the fray to boost his score to 41 before he and the returning Gould (26) fell in the last over.

House, Gould and Pegg bowled well (Cartwright also attempted to break E Kenny's 15 ball over SMCC record) with pace and guile starting off but some lusty hitting left Spye Park needing only 36 off 4 overs with 5 wickets remaining. An incredible over from Gould then occurred with a wicket and just 3 runs came off over 7. This was followed by two more tight overs and a couple of wickets and Spye Park needed 11 off last Pegg over with one wicket left. A run out ended the game with 6 runs needed.

Man of the Match – Gould, bowled us back into the game and kept the innings together with the bat.

Upcoming Indoor fixtures

20th Jan – Chippenham to be rearranged
3rd Feb – Box 5.30pm
17th Feb TBC



DAVID FITCH-PEYTON'S 'PUNT OF THE MONTH'

Some say he sleeps with them, others that he picks his winners with his drum sticks but all we know is he's the mysterious man from the world of equine and what he doesn't know about horses isn't worth knowing...

DFP's January selection is TONVADOSA, a fine up and coming nag likely to be in good form this month

PS Magna Magic takes no responsibility for foolish bets



GOT THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS BREAK? ITCHING TO GET GOING AGAIN?



3rd February

Seniors and U17s 4.30pm – 5.30pm
 Juniors (U15s and U13s) 5.30pm – 6.30pm

10th February

Seniors and U17s 4.30pm - 6.30pm

17th February

Seniors and U17s 4.30pm – 5.30pm
 Juniors (U15s and U13s) 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Have you wintered well?

It's that time of year again where you need to locate where your significant other asked you to store your cricket stuff, dust off your box and squeeze on your whites.

SMCC indoor nets will be beginning on the 3rd February 2013 at 4.30pm – 6.30pm until Easter. We will then hope to move outside after Easter (weather permitting). The nets are open to Junior and Senior players but due to only having 2 nets, we have proposed for February the following sessions: -

24th February

Seniors and U17s 4.30pm -6.30pm

March sessions may be revisited depending on attendance. Cost will be confirmed nearer the time but is likely to be £3 for a 1 hour session and £5 for a 2 hour session. Volunteers to help coach the juniors would be most welcome - please contact us by email if you're interested.

INDOOR NETS START 3RD FEBRUARY TETBURY LEISURE CENTRE

TEXTS? TWEETS? ARE THEY A MYSTERY TO YOU? ME TOO!

SMCC in the 21st century

SMCC are changing how they communicate, gone are the days of waiting for the carrier pigeon (even though we still have a few flat caps left in our ranks) to arrive with news of the latest victory for the mighty Magna. In the world of instant messaging we have set up a number of avenues to stay in touch.

So in 2013 visit, email, like, follow, text, tweet or call us. We also don't mind speaking either (but that's so 20th century....)!!!

- Visit the club website for all fixtures and results www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com
- A single dedicated club email address sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk
- Our Facebook page: - Facebook.com/Sherstonmagna
- Follow us on twitter @sherstonmagna
- Text us on 07970 740389 (Kevin Smith)

LOOK WHAT THE SHOVEL HAS DUG UP! A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!



Our very own pint sized fund raiser (3rd from left of scoreboard) reckons he's weathered the last 7.5 years better than most of the others in the frame - do you agree? Picture taken in 2005



