

MOUNTFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Matters - On the Pitch:

- 2021 was still a covid affected season for the MCC which meant copious amounts of hand gel, ball cleaning, restricted access to the Pavilion, and no formal cricket teas, but the main thing was that we played a full season of cricket.
- More wins than losses for the first time in a long time, 8 wins, 6 losses, 2 draws, 5 games cancelled due to rain. It was a strange summer.
- Hosted a touring team from Berkshire (Astons) at the end of July, which culminated in a game which came down to the last ball with all 3 results still possible – MCC win.
- Personal point, both my sons played for the MCC so the next generation is live and kicking, moving onto my next point where we will have around 5 or 6 colts on our books soon.
- We also helped Robertsbridge with their Development 3rd team fixtures on Saturdays, which in return helped us with end of season renovations to the square of Loam, weed killer, re-seed & fertiliser.
- Explain about my role as coach with RCC too, and how this partnership has benefitted with continued ground improvements, tapping into Pete their groundsman's knowledge which has been invaluable. You are fairly confident that you know what you are doing, but any help and tips gratefully received

Off the Pitch

- Dad – is obviously big miss around the MCG, all those nuggets of information like put oil in the roller as it uses it like mad – end product new roller needed
- Many thanks to the Mountfield Parish council for your kind donation of £1000, this was matched by the club and we have built a fantastic new decking out the front of the Pavilion which is positively commented upon by all. The Pavilion has also been renamed in honour of Dad to reflect all the time he used to spend there – not only drinking tea and eating biscuits.
- Club has all pulled together, Matt and I do the ground and find it very therapeutic.
- All mowers are in for a servicing which is great – again, many thanks for your help with the triple.

Looking ahead for 2022

- Again a full fixture list – there has been a resurgence in Sunday cricket popularity, which is reflected by the large pool of MCC players available, ranging from wanting to play every game to maybe 2 or 3 a season. WE seem to accommodate all.
- Have been in contact with Nick Holden and Adrian Bidwell for the game against the church which is pencilled in for Sunday 7th August, also hope that the Gypsum Mines will be able to re-schedule their event which was cancelled last year.
- Continued improvement of the square and wickets on going,
- Club day for pre-season maintenance planned once weather dictates.
- Bins out the front and emptying..?