

MOUNTFIELD CRICKET CLUB

2024 Chairmans Speech – MCC

On the field of play, 2024 started with huge excitement that a new season would be underway with a raft of top fixtures and inclusion in the Village tournament... however as is seeming to be the norm, weather intervened, and the first 3 games were cancelled.... We did get underway with playing the Salehurst stokers albeit with a loss, but fortunes were changing for the MCC over the season, with our final stats being:

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Played	13
Won	8
Lost	4
Draw	1
Weather Cancellation	8
Cancelled for our availability	1
Cancelled for other availability	1

MCC are lucky in the fact they have a wide player base to call on to fulfil fixtures throughout the season, and I would like to thank all for their participation throughout... There were lots of great performances which I will pick up upon at the MCC dinner on the 28th March here at the halt, but if I was to pick just one, it would be the catch Andy Fryer took at Burwash to remove their opener whilst at gully.. truly amazing and enabled us to win a closely fought contest.... Clubwise I would like to thank Mike & Wiggy for their continued support of the club, Bash as our President, Jimbo for his help on the field and Duster in his new role of Secretary for the MCC.

EOS renovations could not be undertaken at the ned of the season due to the rain, however we are planning to get some done for the start of the season, ironically when it dries out a little....

This year was our first full outing into the Village tournament where we played competitive games against Catsfield, Crowhurst, Ashburnham & Brightling..... I am proud to say that we were lucky enough to win the tournament (cup to be picked up from Bernie).. there were some top performances here and this even relied on a well fought draw at Ashburnham...

Off the Pitch

Things were a little more difficult for the MCC off the field, as we lost our friend, player, MCC Stalwart, committee member, Dave Weekes... Dave has been part of the club for years and will be sadly missed by us all... I truly cannot write the words which would do him justice, and I would like the club to remember him in a manner which would be fitting to the man..... The club did him proud at the Jubilee game, as we remembered Dave and Tubby..... it was great to see old friends back at the club to watch some cricket... We also celebrated Tubby with the presentation of a bench in his honour at the club with his family and friends.....

I do hope this year will be easier as I personally found it quite tough, especially with events towards the end of the year, so please 2025, be a kinder, warmer, drier year for us...!

I have caught up with the Parish Council for the season around maintenance, toilet block replacement (Quotes incoming), Rubbish bins, So I will be at the meeting with them in March to discuss. Many thanks again to all at MPC for thir continued support, it is greatly appreciated

by all to have a fantastic cricket ground to use. I will arrange a day at the MCG when conditions allow for us all to help with getting the ground ready for the season.

Many thanks for your support in 2024, and I am looking forward to what 2025 will bring us..!