



Inside Edge

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Dem Grounds!

Ground Force weekend and beyond

It's been a very busy month in April working on the grounds to bring them up to scratch for the season. There was a strong showing at Ground Force weekend at the start of the month, with lots of people arriving to paint and to mow, to clear the ground and wicket and to generally spruce up the pavilion.

The sight screens are now back in operation, thanks to John Shilliam who I understand has been working on them in his garage.

And thanks to some fast, dedicated bricking work from Martin Booth and Karl Shaw, a corps of cricketers and supporters was able to heave the new electronic scoreboard into place on the last Friday of April.

So the Bryan Smith memorial scoreboard is now in place and was in action for the first Saturday match of the season. We look forward to a grand opening, when Bryan's Dad can come and watch.

But several jobs remain to be done. Most urgently, the cage needs to be repaired, with two new poles to be fixed. The cage



got damaged by being left out on the field. Read more about care of equipment on Page 2.

Volunteers are needed to apply weed killer and to strim the grass around the perimeter of the field.

There's still a lot of rubbish to clear up, especially behind the nets, and to take away to the waste site.

Plant containers need treatment with Hammurite and to be re-planted with new flowers for the season. The windows at the back of the pavilion need re-painting.

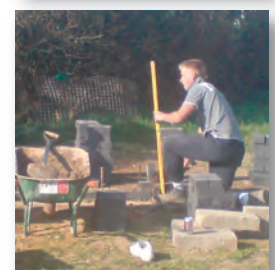
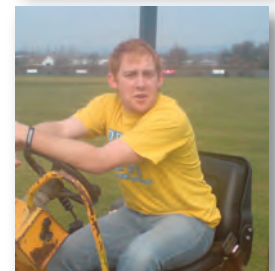
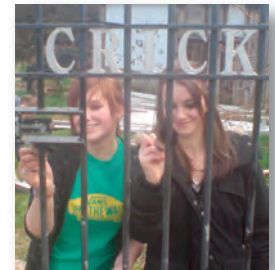
And of course, there's the weekly mowing. Our commander-in-chief has been at the helm on the mower and tells me that there is a rota of volunteers. Funny really, my kids were always saying how much fun it would be to ride on a motor mower.

The club has taken on a groundsman for six hours a week to look after the wicket. Five members have already volunteered to donate £15 to help cover the cost of his wages.

Other schemes to finance this help, such as seeking a little bit extra for match fees, have also been mooted.

Work on the approach drive to the club is scheduled to start in the first week of May and on securing the shutters on the pavilion in the second week.

If you can give a hand with all those jobs which Steve has listed above, speak to him at nets, or phone him on 01509 600572. An hour of YOUR time, can really help to make a BIG difference in keeping the grounds smart and ship-shape.



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Mind that Equipment!

The Grounds Committee sends you this plea.

LOOK AFTER THE CLUB EQUIPMENT!

This includes the cage, which has often been left out on the square rather than being returned to its place of safe-keeping next to the container. In windy weather, the cage gets blown about and this is how two poles have been lost and need to be replaced.

At the moment, the bowling machine is out of action because of poor handling, care and maintenance.

Although the sight screens have been repaired, thanks to John Shilliam, lack of care and attention will mean that they may get damaged again.

It's a simple case of economics. Every time a piece of equipment needs to be repaired or replaced, it costs the club money. That money can make the difference between being in the black or in the red.

How do you feel about continually being asked for money in fund-raising events, when you can see that it's being wasted by careless use of equipment and facilities?

Remember what Peter Parker's Uncle told him in Spiderman-1: "With power comes responsibility."

So if you have the 'power', one way or another, to move the cage, or take out equipment for practice, it's YOUR responsibility to see that it gets put back safely, and in good order.

Cans, crisps and bottles? If it's your rubbish, clear it up or take it home with you.

Don't leave it to SOMEBODY else. Because SOMEBODY is likely to be NOBODY.

Have you bought your ticket yet?

Support the STCC 100 Club

Last month, we announced a new fund-raising scheme for the club.

The Shepshed Town Cricket Club's 100 club is our very own lottery.

With the London Olympics just five years away, we all know that National Lottery money and other Sports' funds

are increasingly going to be diverted to construction of major sports' facilities in London and other centres.

Which means that less and less money will be on offer to clubs like ours.

By supporting the STCC 100 club, the profits go to upkeep of STCC and not something else.



Fill in the form which was handed to you at Signing-On and hand it back to your rep with £10. Or ask your rep for a new one if you lost the other. In return, you'll be given a card with a number. That number is yours for the season.

Every week at the clubhouse after the matches on

The Bryan Smith memorial scoreboard is a fine example of what fund-raising can do for the club.

Saturday, for ten weeks, we shall draw for a prize. Half of all money used for buying tickets will be allocated to the 'pot' for the season. If we sell enough tickets, we can hand out more prizes which should give more people a chance to win something.

Any member of the cricket club can join and you can buy as many tickets as you like at the beginning of the cricket season. You can also buy tickets on behalf of family members and friends as presents.

The first draw will take place at the clubhouse on the first Saturday in June. All joining forms and payments must be handed in by 26th May. There

will be 10 draws, to be held each week at the club house during the cricket season.

Pay by cash or cheque payable to Shepshed Town Cricket Club to the fund-raising reps as follows:

1st team	Bet Thompson/Gaz Bennett
2nd team	Mandy Newbold
3rd team	TBC
4th team	Alison Bremer/Neil Palmer
U17	Pete Pratt/Ian Palmer
U15	Nigel or Sarah Hooley
U13	Anton Myers
Kwik	Jono Bailey

Your Captain Speaks!

Glastonbury Tour Report - by Nick

The Shepshed Town tour was a raving success again this year with two good games of cricket for our 18 strong party, as well as all the usual tour festivities.

The tour consisted of a journey to Glastonbury, the home of 'rock and roll', with one 'free' day on the Friday followed by two games of cricket against Ashcott and Shapwick Cricket Club, who play their cricket in the Somerset Premier League.

Upon arrival, it was clear that Glastonbury was no ordinary place. Men and women walked around blowing fairy liquid bubbles dressed as fairies with no shoes on.....with this in mind it was no wonder the likes of Rev, Perko and Smiggy fitted in perfectly with their new surroundings!

On Friday night we decided to honour the Glastonbury festival tradition and dress as rock stars for the evening. If any one asks by the way, Dave Carrington went as Phil Collins! Pictures are available....

Saturday's game went well with Shepshed winning the toss and posting a respectable score against a very good Shapwick attack, Daniel Dawson scored top with 49.

Shapwick knocked off the runs however, with 10 overs to spare and won by 6 wickets, despite some very good bowling performances from Daniel Hart and Sean King.

Saturday night was Shirt and Tie night, and I must say all the guys looked very dapper indeed. Good job as well because we ended up in the poshest hotel in the area drinking red wine at a fiver a pop! Certainly was a good year for the grape though...

Sunday's game was a far more evenly matched affair with Shepshed coming out on top chasing down a massive 220 runs in fewer than 30 overs. It really was a superb run chase and ensured we could leave with our heads held high.



A big thank you goes out to Dave Carrington for organising the whole thing and to all the drivers for making such a good effort in getting to and from the cider county.

Well done to everybody, we played hard and enjoyed ourselves and that's what it is all about!



Squads 2007

1st team

Gaz Bennett
Danny Brown
Steve Chantrill
Russ Cross
Michael Griffin
Steven Hall
Sean King
Ashley Palmer
Raj Samal
Ahsan Sayeed
Phil Shaw
Karl Shaw
Gregg Siddell
Adam Smith
Sam Smith
Nick Thompson

2nd team

Jono Bailey
Martin Booth
Steve Chantrill
Tim Evans
Michael Griffin
Trevor Hall
Stephen Hall
Nigel Hooley
Josh Newbold
Ashley Palmer
Adam Revell
Karl Shaw
John Shilliam
Sam Smith
Adam Stewart
James White

3rd and 4th team squads under discussion

YAY!!

There's a 5th team now!

Silly Mid-On

Up at the Saturday match, the umpire was being jeered and heckled unmercifully from the crowd. Finally, he walked over to the boundary and sat down next to his chief critic.

"What are you doing?" asked the spectator. "Well," said the umpire, "it seems you get the best view from here."

You're looking glum'. 'Yes. My doctor says I can't play cricket.' 'Really? I didn't know he'd ever seen you play!'



Neil Palmer is going to run a 'Spot the Ball' competition up at the club. So here's Dan Dawson posing for a place in the line-up!

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