

## Earl Stonham Cricket Club

It is well-nigh impossible to write anything about cricket without the weather being an important factor and 2018 is no different.

What was different was that the monsoon season caused the entire Two Counties Championship fixtures for the first day of the season to be moved en bloc to the end of the season - an unprecedented turn of events. Within two weeks we played in hot sunshine and then the next game was rained off!

Altogether it has been a very strange start to the season.

Our Saturday side has struggled to get going but we have recruited a couple of new players and now that the football season has ended we hope that things improve quickly.

The Hunts County Bats Suffolk League Sunday side, newly promoted to Division 3, has, to date, only played one fixture, against a strong Lakenheath side. So they are hoping for their first win soon.

As ever we are grateful for the support of our Vice-Presidents and Ball Sponsors. Vice-Presidents make a donation to club funds and their support has gone a long way to helping us improve facilities at Stonham. No specific amount is asked of the V-Ps - the donation amount is entirely at the individual's discretion, but Ball Sponsors normally cover the £15 cost of a match ball.

Anyone who might be interested in supporting the club in either way can talk to any club member about doing so.

One incentive for all V-Ps, Ball Sponsors or members to make sure they are paid up for this season is that the Pavilion is now licensed. This means that we are able to serve alcohol to members and their guests, so there is the opportunity to come across to the ground during home fixtures and watch some cricket with a refreshing drink in hand.

New members are always welcome and anyone who might like to play for the club, or support it in any way, can find contact details on the club's excellent website at [www.earlstonhamcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.earlstonhamcricketclub.co.uk).

Practice night, weather permitting, is Friday night from 6 pm. Anyone from the age of thirteen onwards is welcome.

The annual President's Match, in memory of Gary Small, will played on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Bank Holiday Sunday. If you are interested in playing in this (very) friendly game please contact any club member. Supporters will be welcome and the bar will be open!

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Chairman, ESCC