

### Little Munden Cricket Club 2016-2017

After three successive promotions, from the Herts and Essex Cricket League (HECL) Division 6 to Division 3, the club were expecting a difficult season. We were not disappointed, and in a very tight division in which any team could beat any other, we just avoided relegation in the final match of the season, away at Essendon. The 2017 season will, almost certainly, be the same and equally closely fought.

We have home friendly matches on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. The league season starts on the following Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May with alternate home and away fixtures until the end of August. We welcome spectators and potential players.

The club remains financially viable, with match fees, social events and fund raisers, we made a small surplus last year. In late 2016 Earlier this year, with the generous support of Mick and Sandra at The Boot, the club ran a Quiz evening that raised substantial funding. Everyone associated with the club would like to thank The Boot for their generosity and support. Whilst with limited financial reserves, the club remains vulnerable to major mishaps and the failure of already old equipment, we have been able to upgrade this piecemeal and to look ahead to improving the ground and the facilities.

Two pitches at the ground in Green End that were re-laid in 2015 should be playable this season and, with an enlargement of the square, we will have additional wickets for practice and coaching. This year we hope to start to address a perennial problem for the club: a lack of local youngsters wishing to play cricket and to play for their local club. Plans are in hand to start publicising the club and opportunities to play in local schools and sports clubs, and to enlist the support of the Herts County Cricket Association for training and coaching.

Further information about the club is available on the website:

<https://mundenccricket.wordpress.com/> This has details of matches, social events, news, match reports and photographs.

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