



Blundell's



Old Blundellian Cricket Club



Winter ground works at SCCC

Christmas 2022



We hope this final newsletter finds you all in good health and we wish you a very Happy Christmas.

The 2022 season has drawn to a close with SCCC hanging on to their position in Division 1 of the county championship. Their future of county cricket, as we have been accustomed to, is under threat but the clubs have dug in and demanded a decent deal for all involved. We had a dearth of cricket in the south west this year particularly in August and sadly this looks likely to continue. The 2023 fixtures have been published and can be seen on the [SCCC website](#). The committee met in October to discuss the 2022 season and the future. The main points discussed were:

- Nigel Preston informed the committee that he would be standing down as Chairman and from the committee within the next two years. We are very grateful to Nigel for all he has done over the last fifteen years and for helping to secure our future for many years to come.
- Nigel explained that Charles Palmer and Michael Powell were leaving and thanked them for their hard work over the years, particularly for Charles' hard work drawing up the original Lease Agreement.
- It was agreed that a maximum of:  
6 guests for a Championship Day in the box;  
3 guests for a T20 or one-day match.
- A Visitors Book to be set up.
- The accounts were discussed and we are in good heart with 108 members. The accounts were accepted by the committee and Graham was thanked for all his hard work.
- It was suggested that some form of air conditioning, a water cooler and shading on the windows are required and these are being investigated.
- Richard Pugsley has been in discussion with SCCC over the new revised and extended version of the lease. He is waiting to hear back from them. Nigel informed the committee that Sir Christopher had made a substantial donation to SCCC for the refurbishment of the indoor school. As a result of this donation, the lease now extends to 150 years, of which 27 have already been used.
- Grant Dee Shapland, Richard Pugsley and Tom Cowle will be the new trustees on the revised version currently being renegotiated with SCCC.

The 2023 AGM will be held on Friday 10th February

### **John Holland.**

We were very sorry to hear that founding member John Holland is in ill health and we wish him well and hope he enjoys a comfortable Christmas.

### **Obituary.**

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of former master Derek Denner recently. Derek taught English and was Housemaster of Petergate for many years. Derek was a man of enormous intellectual ability and his positive attitude motivated and influenced many generations of Blundellians. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. As ever, we send our condolences to his wife and family at these difficult times.



## **Jeremy Lloyds**

We were also saddened to hear that OB Jeremy Lloyds has died at the age of 68. Jeremy was at Blundell's in FH and a great friend of Vick Marks, both playing cricket and rugby together as they rose up the school. Jeremy went on to play for Somerset and Gloucester before becoming a first class umpire. It was poignant that his last official duty was at the Somerset v Gloucester match in 2020. Gloucester posted a fitting tribute which can be seen here. [Jeremy Lloyds](#) . Our condolences are extended to his wife and family at this difficult time.

## **Christmas lunch**

Unfortunately the annual Christmas lunch has been cancelled due to poor numbers again. We need to look at this event and decide whether a members lunch should take place and if so at what time of year.

## **Cricket Development at Blundell's**



Dean Headley has been appointed master in charge of cricket at School starting from 2023. Dean is a former international player who played 15 tests and 13 ODI's for England. He played his domestic cricket for Middlesex and Kent. He comes from Stamford school in Lincolnshire and we hope he enjoys his time at Blundell's.