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CHIPPING SODBURY CC

Junior Sods In Focus



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Words From The Chair



I hope this finds you in good form and you are all “wintering well”. Welcome to the second edition of “**Junior Sods In Focus**”. We’ve been delighted with the positive feedback following the publication of the first edition last October. It’s great to see so many of you engaging with the newsletter

and celebrating everything that makes our junior section such an important part of the Club.

Though it may be the depths of winter, rest assured there has been plenty of activity behind the scenes as we gear up for what promises to be an exciting 2025 season. Whether it’s planning events, securing new sponsorship partnerships, improving facilities, or arranging kit suppliers, we have been hard at work ensuring the Club is ready to welcome you all back when the season begins.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have started the new year full of energy and enthusiasm. We can’t wait to see you at the Club soon—there’s plenty to look forward to in the months ahead!

Jim Kendall
Chairman

Club Kit

Junior Sods – Looking Sharp in 2025!

We are pleased to confirm the renewal of our partnership with Masuri as our official Club kit supplier!

This decision follows a thorough review of our relationship with the supplier, reaffirming that Masuri remains the best choice for our Club and its members.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU



New Items In The Club Shop

Fresh additions will be available in the club shop, giving members access to updated gear



Improved Production & Delivery

Our discussions with Masuri have secured quicker production and delivery times, ensuring members receive their kit faster than ever before



Cost Minimisation

The Club is committed to keeping costs reasonable for all members. Unsponsored items of kit will remain up to date, maintaining our standards while being mindful of costs.

SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS

We encourage all members to obtain and proudly wear the new playing kit featuring our latest sponsors. Representing the Club in the updated playing and training kit not only supports our sponsors but also strengthens our sense of togetherness and identity on and off the field.

We look forward to seeing our Junior Sods performing their best in the new Masuri kit. Keep an eye on the Club shop for the latest updates!

To view and order the club kit items, visit:

teamwear.next-sports.com/shop/chipping-sodburycc



“Renewing our partnership with Masuri means juniors, seniors, coaches and supporters can proudly represent the club in top-class kit. This partnership strengthens our Club's identity and supports our mission to make cricket accessible and enjoyable for all.”

Matt Leonard

Open Age Group Cricket

Senior Caps



Did you know?

At least one Junior Sod appeared in every senior Saturday league game in 2024!



We are excited to announce the introduction of a new tradition to honour our Junior Sods who step up to represent our Club at senior level.

Starting this season, we will be awarding and presenting official Club caps to any junior player who makes their debut in open age group cricket as a mark of their achievement and a celebration of this important milestone in their cricketing journey.

In addition, we will also be presenting caps to players who made their senior debuts during the 2024 season. These presentations will allow us to recognise and celebrate the hard work, dedication and skill it takes for our junior players to transition into senior cricket.

We look forward to making these cap presentations a special tradition within our Club, highlighting the progress of our junior players and their commitment.

Please join us in congratulating the following players for their senior debuts during the 2024 season.

Making the step up from junior to open age group cricket is a significant milestone in any player's cricketing journey.

We are committed to providing opportunities to boys & girls who have the right level of ability and potential.

The Club fully adheres to the ECB regulations:

- ✓ Players must be in Year 8 and 12 years old on the 1st September of the preceding year.
- ✓ Exceptionally, players who are selected in a County U12 Performance squad are also eligible to play open age cricket.

The Club also recognises its duty of care obligations to not:

- ✗ Place a young player in a position that involves unreasonable risk.
- ✗ Create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they normally would against adult players.

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| Daniel Lambert | 17 |
| Evan Mead-Glass | 15 |
| Felix Fielding | 14 |
| Gautham Manchikalapati | 12 |
| Ronnie Freeman | 12 |
| Steve Elmore | 13 |



JAMIE
WAKEFIELD

Name: Jamie Wakefield

Age: 36 (note from Editor- I know that the 3 is next to the 4 on the keyboard but that is NOT a misprint. However, no proof has been provided to verify this extraordinary claim).

Nicknames: Wackers, Wiggy, Dad.

Favourite film: Top Gun (the original, although the new one is decent).

Favourite food: Gammon steak with dauphinoise potatoes & veg.

Favourite band: Nickleback

Favourite holiday destination: The Caribbean

Most recent holiday destination: Valencia

What's your current job? I am an Area Salesman, selling laser machines all over the South West.

Any other sports? Nope, cricket is life! Although I did play some Rugby in my youth.

Worst Injury? Rupturing my LCL during a rugby match on boxing day.

Cricket Experience: Grew up a Sod from the day I was born. My Dad and Grandad both played for the mighty Sods. I played for Gloucestershire County Cricket Club as a Youth player from Under 12's to Under 16's. Spent 8 years at Rockhampton before coming to my senses.

Best player you ever played against? Would have to be Herschelle Gibbs in a game against "The Lashings". Although he wasn't good enough to keep out an absolute jaffa. Let me talk you through it- I set him up with some away swingers before nipping one back through the gate to take the top of off stump. That's how I remember it anyway.



"I feel the need, the need for a classic cover drive"

Picking someone from local cricket is a tough one. Not one individual stands out.

Best player you have ever played with? Anyone who has worn a Sods shirt! Too many great fellas to pick out one. I have had the pleasure to play with some seriously talented cricketers over the years.

Favourite ground: The two homes of cricket. Lords and The Ridings (it's my home).

Least favourite ground: Those who know me will know this one- Gloucester City. There's a bit of history there.

Favourite shot? A classic cover drive. A thing of pure beauty.

Most memorable game played in? The final day of the season showdown to win the league against Frenchay. It was first against second and winner takes all. An unbelievable experience.

Sporting heroes: Darren Gough and Marcus Trescothick

Dislikes: Sat around with nothing to do. And Tuna.

Any superstitions? No, don't believe in any of that. Plus my memory wouldn't be good enough to remember what to do everytime!

Describe your dream day: Having breakfast with the fellas, playing (and winning) cricket on a sunny day at the Ridings followed by some beers with my mates (including my Wife, obviously!).

What would be your dream Test Match team from 2000 onwards?

Here we go then....

1. Graeme Smith
2. Alastair Cook
3. Brian Lara
4. Joe Root
5. Kumar Sangakkara
6. Andrew Flintoff
7. Adam Gilchrist (wk)
8. Shane Warne
9. Brett Lee
10. James Anderson
11. Muttiah Muralitharan / Glenn McGrath (depending on pitch!)



Glad I don't have to face this Wiggy bloke every week



Another satisfied customer for Wackers

County Age Group Winter Squads Announced



We are thrilled to announce that following the end of season trials process four more of our talented Junior Sods have been selected to participate in the Gloucestershire County Winter Programme.

This is a wonderful achievement and brings the total number of players from the Club involved in the County's age group setup to eleven!

These players have demonstrated incredible dedication, hard work and passion, which have earned them this well-deserved recognition.

Please join us in congratulating our players and coaches on this fantastic achievement!

Best wishes to these lads as they embark on this exciting new chapter!



Riley Wakefield
Under 15's



Rapha Gilmore
Under 10's



Tom Webb
Under 10's



Eli Spray-Fenne
Under 10's

Also, very well done to all of the Junior Sods who have retained their places in the winter squads for the 2025 programme!



Henry Rendell
GCCC- U16



Tobias Vamplew
GCCC- U13



Harry Baker
GCCC- U13



Ben Leonard
GCCC- U12



Harrison Davis
GCCC- U13



Ronnie Freeman
GCCC- U13



Gautham Manchikalapati
GCCC- U13

COUNTY AGE GROUP AWARDS



The Club is thrilled to announce that two of our Junior Sods were named Player of the Year for their respective county age groups – a testament to their hard work and exceptional talent.

Henry Rendell has been awarded the prestigious title of U15 Player of the Year, while Ronnie Freeman has earned the same accolade for the U12s.

Both players have delivered outstanding performances throughout the season, representing their County and our Club with distinction.

These two Junior Sods exemplify the bright future of cricket at our Club, and we look forward to seeing their continued success both on and off the pitch.

Congratulations to Henry and Ronnie—keep making us proud!



WORDSEARCH

Find the hidden cricket shots



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| REVERSESWEEP | ONDRIVE |
| SQUAREDRIVE | SWEEP |
| COVERDRIVE | RAMP |
| LEGLANCE | PULL |
| SQUARECUT | HOOK |

KNOW YOUR COUNTY BADGES?

Test your knowledge on the images below and see if you recognise these English County badges.



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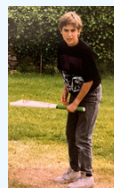
What do you remember from Edition 1 of "Junior Sods In Focus"?

- Which two Junior Sods produced a partnership of 179 against Winterbourne?
- Which Country did Eddie Holden travel to last year as an overseas player and coach?
- What % of eligible Junior Sods played in open aged group cricket in the 2024 season?
- Which local attraction did our Junior Sods enjoy a fantastic end of season social event?
- To whom was the "Elliot Brook Trophy" awarded?
- How many run outs did our Junior Sods claim in the 2024 season?
- For which Midlands based Football club did Matt Leonard play?
- How many trophies did our Junior Sods win in the 2024 season?
- Which Junior Sod scored their maiden 50 AND maiden century during the 2024 season?
- Can you name the 8 Junior Sods who represented Gloucestershire Young Cricketers last season?

GUESS WHO?

Can you identify any of our Junior coaching team from these family snaps?

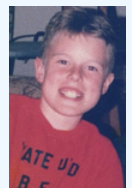
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Indoor Cricket



*"It's cricket Jim,
but not as we
know it"*

Junior Sods have taken to the indoors, participating in an exciting new indoor cricket league organised by South Glos Cricket Coaching.

Held at Yate International Academy, the fast-paced format has brought plenty of thrills, spills, and close finishes, with many games coming down to the very last ball!

The league has been a fantastic opportunity for our Junior Sods to stay active, maintain friendships and hone their skills during the winter months. Teams have featured players from a range of age groups, showcasing the Club's inclusive spirit and camaraderie. It's been especially rewarding to see young players stepping up to take on the challenge, gaining valuable experience in a fun and competitive environment.

A huge thank you to South Glos Cricket Coaching for organising the league and creating a brilliant way to keep the cricket buzz alive for our Junior Sods through the winter.



Action from the South Glos Cricket Coaching Indoor League

South Glos Cricket Coaching



Winter Academy Courses

Eddie Holden reports...

As the 2024 Winter Academy season drew to a close, Eddie Holden wanted to extend a massive thank you to all of the Junior Sods who have taken part in the Winter Academy sessions!

"This season has been nothing short of amazing. We've been blown away by the skills on display and the personal growth shown by every single participant. Your hard work and commitment have truly shone through.

We can't wait to see everyone back in 2025 for another year of cricketing development, growth, and success.

Here's to even bigger achievements next season!

Keep practicing and see you all soon!

Did you know?

Junior Sods are able to access a range of courses as well as one-to-one sessions at discounted rates



In conversation with

MATT LEONARD

Our Youth Chair sits down with us to discuss his views on junior cricket and what's coming up for our Junior Sods in 2025!

Q *So, you are the new Youth Chair. Can you tell us how that came about?*

I was asked! Having only been at the club for what feels like 5 minutes it wasn't really something I had thought about. I've really enjoyed being involved with the under 11's for the last few years and there are some great things going on at the club at the moment.

It's a bit of a cliché but I've got so much out of the game for the last 40 years or so that it feels right to try and put something back in. Where better to focus that than in the next generation coming through?

Q *The Junior section is thriving now right?*

Yes, that would be fair. We've definitely got some good uns for sure and the overall numbers are relatively strong in most of the age groups. But we've got to be careful. We can't just wait and assume the next gang of potential superstars will wander up the drive.

Our pathway from All Stars into hardball cricket needs looking at. For the size of our club now, we need to do a lot of work with the Girls section.

Q *Who are those "good uns" that we should all be keeping an eye on?*

Well, it's a long list. All of the lads who are in the County age groups have something for sure. But it's not just those, we also have plenty that are on the cusp of that level too.

But it's very difficult to predict who will end up doing what. So many factors come into it. As well as talent it's about how hard they are prepared to work, how resilient they are, will they keep their passion for the game?

As junior coaches I think a massive part of our role is to ensure players enjoy their cricket and want to spend time with their mates at the club. There are so many other things competing for young peoples attention these days.

Q *The Junior teams won plenty of silverware last season....*

Yes, which is amazing and the club should be very proud of those achievements. Having said that, we

shouldn't fall into the trap of chasing trophies. I want us to develop good all round players who do the basics well and play the game in the right way.

We've got to make sure they all have opportunities to try things, be exposed to different scenarios, make mistakes and be challenged. That's the only way players will develop and reach their full potential.

We all know the clubs who historically won lots of junior trophies by using their strongest two or three players to do everything. And then wondered why ninety percent of their junior players disappear out of the door before getting anywhere playing senior cricket.

Q *The introduction of batting retirements have prevented that now though?*

Yes, to a degree. But as with everything there is a balance. If you still have the same top five every game how are the other players going to develop?

At the same time, setting young players up to fail is also a mistake. We had some younger lads in the under 11's last year who we identified as being potentially very good. But exposing them to the strongest bowlers with a new ball who are 3 years older than them would have damaged their confidence and probably their overall enjoyment.

It's about trying to create and provide the right opportunities. It's a tricky path to navigate.

Q *So you support the batting retirements approach?*

Overall yes, without doubt. I'm not convinced the levels are quite right though. A good player can rack up 25 pretty quickly in an under 11's game and then have to wander off.

I think thirty at under elevens and forty for under thirteens would be a better balance. That's why the GYCL longer format games are so valuable. Building an innings and learning to bat for longer periods is a skill in itself and if the stronger players never have the opportunity to bat for more than a few overs at a time it makes the transition to open aged group cricket so much more difficult.

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Q *On that topic, what about junior players playing in the Senior teams?*

Yes, that was brilliant last season. Gone are the days where a couple of junior players were called up if the senior teams were short. And then they didn't bat or bowl much.

We had lots of youngsters stepping up throughout the senior teams. And I think the senior captains did a brilliant job in managing them. Look at the senior awards this year, the majority of awards went to junior players. That tells a story in itself and I doubt it's a story many other clubs can tell.

Looking forward to this coming season, the club entering a fifth team into the B&D League will provide even more great opportunities for Junior Sods to take their first steps into Open Age Group cricket.

Q *What do you mean when you say playing in the right way?*

By that I mean players who respect their teammates, the officials and the opposition. Call it the Spirit of cricket if you like.

I am genuinely passionate about making sure our young players have the desire to win but can go about it in the right way.

I must say that I was incredibly proud of our under elevens last year. They only lost two games all year but I was more proud of the way they went about their cricket and how they behaved both on and off the field than the results they got.

Q *So what does 2025 look like for the Junior Section?*

We are finalising the coaching set ups by age group. My desire is for each age group to have a lead who has played 1st XI standard cricket. That could be a current 1st XI player, for example James Rendell, Jamie Wakefield and Eddie Holden who will all be leading an age group once again this year, or somebody who has previously played at that level.

We are lucky that we have got senior players who recognise the importance of developing the next generation of cricketers and are prepared to invest their time passing on their knowledge and experience to our youngsters.

On top of that I'm delighted that the club will be able to call on two overseas players as coaches during the 2025 season.

Jawanjot Singh is returning once again and we are planning to use him to run masterclass sessions on Friday nights.

In addition to this we have also been able to secure the services of Shaun Rooney who will be coming from his native New Zealand and will be heavily involved in coaching across the age groups.

“*There can't be many clubs in the Region who can offer their junior age groups the quality of coaching that is available at the Ridings.*”

Shaun plays at a high level in New Zealand and is an experienced coach. I think it's very exciting to be exposing our young players to coaching of this level. There can't be many clubs in this region who can offer their junior age groups the quality of coaching that we are able to offer at the Ridings.

We will be doing more to recognise the achievements of our young players. Juniors honours boards throughout the season, a new tradition of awarding "caps" for junior players making their debut in Senior cricket as well as regular editions of "Junior Sods in Focus" will help us highlight and celebrate everything that is going on within the clubs junior section.

I truly believe that we are rapidly developing one of the best junior set ups in the region. Whether it's the standard of coaching, our facilities, the commitment to providing opportunities in open age group cricket or our partnership with South Glos Cricket Coaching, we have lots of things in place which other clubs aren't doing. We just need to shout about it a bit more.

Q *Have you got any plans to do things away from cricket?*

Yep. Whilst the game of cricket is our reason for existing, I'd like to expand our social activities beyond just cricket and bring the junior section's community together through more social events such as the recent Halloween and Christmas parties.

One thing that has struck me in the few years I have been involved at Chipping Sodbury is the camaraderie that exists between the age groups. I think that's a real strength of our club and doing activities to build those friendships is something that I'd like to do more of.

Additionally, we're exploring the idea of organising a club day at a Hundred match. It's a great opportunity to enjoy high-quality cricket while bonding as a group. If there's enough interest, we'll work to make this a memorable outing for everyone involved.

Q *That sounds like a lot of work?*

Well, yes it is. As a club I think we are lucky with the amount of people who are prepared to volunteer their time. But we are always on the look out for more.

There are opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in all sorts of areas.

No doubt Debbie Freeman will be organising the legendary Friday night BBQ but I would appeal to anybody who is prepared to help out with admin, social media, scoring, the list goes on, to come and have a chat with me.





DAVE
WOOTTON

Name: David Wootton

Age: 44

Nicknames: Big Dave, Woots

Favourite film: Something by Tarantino. I can't pick a favourite.

Favourite food: Any cake made by my very talented wife, Dawn.

Favourite band: Arctic Monkeys.

Favourite holiday destination: The best place I've visited so far is New Zealand. I spent a month in a tiny campervan seeing as much as I could. It's an amazing country and I'd love to go back.

Most recent holiday destination: Gran Canaria.

What's your current job? I am a building surveyor for Bromford Housing, working on projects big and small all over the South Glos area.

Any other sports? Golf, when I can (which isn't very often).

Worst Injury? Slipped disc.

Cricket Experience: Kids, before AllStars and Dynamos there was a thing called KwikCricket, ask your parents if they remember it. That was my gateway drug to the wonderful sport of cricket. I quickly got the bug and played junior cricket for Loose CC. I then played 15 years for Town Malling CC, settling into my role as a specialist second slip who batted a bit. During my time we joined the Kent Village League and were promoted 7 years in a row.

Moving to Chipping Sodbury combined with a back injury and starting a family meant I hardly played for ten years but when my son Howie got the bug I started helping out with the junior coaching at the Ridings and I'm loving it again. I even started playing for the seniors last summer.

(Note from Editor- "Big Dave" is far too modest to mention it but his comeback season saw some fabulous performances- bagging 6-33 with the ball, compiling 61 from 75 balls at the top of the order and smashing 57 from just 49 balls from the middle order. Well played sir!)



I had that dream again last night Dawn

I bet Woots looks good on the dancefloor



Favourite Ground: St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury (sorry Eddie- it's got a tree on the field). Many happy days there as a kid watching the Spitfires.

Least favourite ground: I won't name it but there is a ground in north Kent right next to a prison. Bleak.

Favourite shot? Ian Bell's cover drive. Dreamy.

Most memorable game played in? I grew up playing for Town Malling CC. In 2007 we organised and ran a festival celebrating 300 years since the first recorded game of cricket in Kent was played at our home ground. The main event was a match against Lashings. What a treat to spend a day with some legends of the game I grew up watching like Richie Richardson, Gordon Greenidge, Saqlain Mushtaq and Aravinda de Silva.

Best player played against? That Lashings team was decent! I loved watching Aravinda bat up close.

Sporting heroes: Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe.

Dislikes: Sledging.

Any superstitions? Haven't found anything that works yet, so no.

What would be your dream Test Match team from 2000 onwards?

1. Virender Sehwag
2. Alastair Cook
3. Jacques Kallis
4. Sachin Tendulkar
5. Joe Root
6. Kumar Sangakarra (wk)
7. AB de Villiers
8. Shane Warne
9. Dale Steyn
10. Jasprit Bumrah
11. Jimmy Anderson



Fetch the chainsaw Eddie...

2025 Junior Membership

Building A Sustainable Club

As recently communicated to members via Spord and emails, the club has implemented a membership subscription adjustment for 2025, marking the first increase in four years.

This change aligns with compound inflation since the last increase and reflects the rising costs of maintaining the high standards we strive for at the club.

Running our cricket operations costs approximately £60,000 annually. Ground preparation and maintenance alone equates to around £25,000 while match balls, equipment, insurance, utility bills, affiliations, facilities repair (the list is endless) all add up.

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As a club, our expenses have grown significantly in recent years. While we are actively reducing costs where possible—such as seeking more opportunities for members to assist with tasks like outfield cutting and bar work—increasing income in line with our costs is essential to sustaining our current level of play and the opportunities we provide.

Jim Kendall
Chairman



JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

Winter training programme delivered by South Glos Cricket Coaching



15 week summer programme



Match fees



Family Social Membership



Access to the club's practice net facilities



Access to South Glos Cricket Coaching at special discounted rates



membership@chippingsodburycc.co.uk

Junior (U11 - U17)

£150

Junior (U9)

£75

Additional Junior

50% reduction for each child
(i.e £150, then £75, then £37.50)

Please feel free to drop the club an email if you have any problems or queries relating to membership

Jiwanjot Singh Returning in 2025!



Jiwanjot has already racked up 2,768 runs for the Sods with a highest score of 179 in addition to 95 wkts including best figures of 6-11

We are thrilled to confirm that Jiwanjot Singh, affectionately known as “Paaji,” will be returning to the club for his fourth season as our overseas professional and club coach.

Jiwanjot brings a wealth of experience having played for India A and has demonstrated exceptional skill and leadership both on and off the field. We are excited for another season of growth under his guidance.

This year, Jiwanjot will once again be working closely with our most promising Junior Sods, nurturing the next generation of talent. In addition to his coaching duties, he will be available for one-to-one coaching sessions, providing personalised support to help players refine their skills and reach their full potential.

We can't wait to welcome Paaji back to the Ridings and look forward to an exciting season ahead with him as a key cog within our Club's coaching setup.

Welcome back, Paaji!

“ I'm excited to return for another season at Sodbury and can't wait to work with the club's talented youngsters again

Jiwanjot Singh



Chipping Sodbury Cricket Club is delighted to announce that Shaun Rooney, a talented cricketer from New Zealand, will be joining us for the 2025 season!

Shaun brings with him an impressive cricketing pedigree, having played first-class cricket in the prestigious Hawke Cup Challenge competition. He currently represents Temuka Cricket Club in New Zealand and made a sensational start to this season, taking 7 wickets in the opening game.

Shaun is also a passionate coach, with experience as the head coach for the South Canterbury Under-17s representative team. He has also delivered introduction-to-cricket sessions at schools, demonstrating his commitment to developing young talent. We are delighted that Shaun will be sharing his expertise with our Junior Sods next year.

Shaun will also be joined on his UK adventure by his partner, Tashana, who is also a cricket enthusiast and a qualified personal trainer.

We look forward to welcoming them both into the Sodbury family!

“ I can't wait to launch this new chapter of my cricketing journey and I'm really excited to be a part of Chipping Sodbury in 2025!

Shaun Rooney

Shaun Rooney New Recruit!



Shaun Rooney in action for Temuka CC

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

Spooky Spectacles and Sizzling Sausages



The Real Star of the Night: Microwave Sausages

No Halloween get together is complete without some culinary magic, and our own club kitchen didn't disappoint. Enter: the magnificent microwave sausages.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, from decorating the clubhouse to rounding up the karaoke survivors. It was a night of laughter, frights, and friendships (and perhaps a slight overindulgence in Beer).

Until next year, keep your costumes handy and your sausages spooky!

Ghosts and goblins, skeletons and witches, Uncle Fester and Morticia Addams, Pugsley and... um, a shark- our Halloween party had it all! The clubhouse was transformed into a spooky (but hilariously fun) haven for all things Halloween.

Our Junior Sods (and plenty of parents) turned up in style, with costumes ranging from the spine-tingling to the side-splitting. Particular kudos to Danielle Wakefield, who nailed her look- complete with realistic wounds covered in (we hope fake) blood. Webby's "Minion" and Joe Hewitt's shark ensemble left everyone in stitches (and Joe nearly needing stitches after tripping over in the dizzy race).

Whoever thought getting the microphone out was a good idea owes everybody in attendance an explanation. From a barely recognizable rendition of Thriller to what we think was supposed to be Wonderwall (but sounded more like a duet of startled bats), the performances were... unforgettable.



'Tis THE SEASON!

The Sodbury Christmas Party proved to be a festive highlight, with an impressive turnout from right across the club. Members and guests, both young and old, came together to celebrate in style.

Jim Kendall stole the show with his hilarious "Play Your Cards Right" game, a true revelation that had everyone in stitches. Not to be outdone, the intense (and oddly competitive) "Carrot in a Box" game kept the room buzzing with laughter.

Our fabulous DJ kept the dancefloor packed, while the ever-popular Sodbury Karaoke featured some unforgettable performances, including Riley Wakefield's star turn that had the crowd cheering for more. Wow, take a bow Riley!

Of course, it wouldn't be a Sodbury Christmas without some truly memorable outfits. From dazzling Christmas jumpers to those unforgettable T-shirts featuring the chairman dressed as an elf- equal parts brilliant and disturbing- there was no shortage of festive flair.

Thank you to everyone who joined and made the night so special. Here's to even more fun in 2025!



Club House Hire



Looking for an affordable space for your wedding, birthday party, christening, wake, corporate event or function?

Did you know- Sodbury Members can hire the clubhouse for FREE!

Non members can take advantage of the facilities from just £25 per hour

✓ Fully licenced bar

✓ Fully equipped kitchen

✓ Space for marquee

✓ Can accommodate up to 50 people seated

✓ Catering can be arranged



Visit

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Tea Time Teasers- Answers

County Badges: 1. Kent 2. Essex 3. Lancashire 4. Yorkshire 5. Derbyshire 6. Northants 7. Somerset 8. Surrey 9. Worcestershire 10. Gloucestershire **Ten To Tackle:** 1. Riley Wakefield & Felix Fielding 2. New Zealand 3. 50% 4. Cattle Country Farm Park 5. Jack Gray 6. 51 7. West Bromwich Albion 8. Five 9. Riley Wakefield 10. Henry Rendell, Ronnie Freeman, Harrison Davis, Gautham Manchikalapati, Tobias Vamplew, Harry Baker, Oliver Hunter & Ben Leonard **Guess Who:** A. Oliver Gilmore B. Kat Spray c. Richard Hayden



2025 Ground Preparations Your Club Needs You!

Calling All Junior Sods: Join Us For our "Get Set Weekend"

As Spring and Summer approaches, it's time to roll up our sleeves and get the Ridings ready for the 2025 season! That's why we're inviting all Junior Sods, along with their families, to take part in the ECB's "Get Set Weekend"!

WHY YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

This is **your club**, and together we can make a huge difference. With two grounds to prepare and a long list of jobs to complete, the more people who lend a hand, the easier the work becomes.

It's not fair to leave all the hard work to the same few people year after year - this is a great chance to contribute and make your mark on the facilities we all enjoy.



There's a job for everyone, young and old! Let's work together to make our club a place we can all be proud of for the upcoming season. It's a great opportunity to catch up with other members, give back to the club, and enjoy a day of teamwork.

We're counting on you - See you there!



Look out for your invitation on the **Spond App**



To Do List

- ✓ Put the mobile nets up
- ✓ Put the covers back on frames
- ✓ Clear & tidy changing rooms
- ✓ Weeding around pavilion areas
- ✓ Paint the sheds
- ✓ Paint the "JC" scoreboard
- ✓ Check & sort practice equipment



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