

# Willingham Cricket Club

April 2019

## **Current Situation**

The current situation for the cricket club following the 2018 season is better than last season. On the field the club had a good season finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in division 5. Due to the restructuring of the leagues this has meant that the club has been promoted into Division 4.

We also seem to have established a more stable squad of around 20-25 players with better levels of commitment throughout. This meant that we were able to fulfill all of the fixtures last season. We also were able to arrange several friendly matches on Saturdays and Midweeks which were also a success. A lot of this stability is down to our current captain Gary Ford who has worked tirelessly to achieve this.

We also ran regular net sessions throughout the season on Wednesday evenings at the recreation ground. These were well supported with average of 12-15 people attending.

The club continued to raise funds over the course of the season running 4 quiz nights at the social club.

At the end of last season, we were approached by Over CC to discuss a merger. After some long thought and discussion then we decided that this would not be of benefit for the club or our players and declined their request.

## **2019 Season and the future**

This coming season we are hopeful to continue to grow on last year's success and rebuild the club. Following our AGM, we have got a stable committee. The club are pleased to advise that we have now got new sponsors for this season. The money provided for them has been invested in providing new discounts for new shirts and kit for our players within the club.

Since the AGM we have increased our social media presence to try and advertise for more players.

We are looking this season into funding for the replacement of the Cricket Nets at the recreation ground which are beginning to look a little tired. Our anticipation is this would cost around £3000-4000.

We will also be contacting the primary school in the coming weeks to discuss if we could look to partner with them around setting up Kwik Cricket. This is really the next step for the club to try and setup a youth presence to build for the future.

On a downside our quiz night income has been impacted as the social club have informed us that they are now going to charge us for the use of the facilities.

