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Saturday 8th May 2021

**The A J Fordham Surrey Championship 1st Division
Sutton Cricket Club 1st XI v. Camberley Cricket Club 1st XI**

Start: 12.00pm

**At Sutton Cricket Club, Corner of Gander Green Lane & Cheam Road,
Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2EH.**

A warm Sutton Cricket Club welcome to everyone at Cheam Road for the first of this season's Surrey Championship fixtures. We trust that you all, 'wintered well!' Special greetings also to our visiting club today, Camberley CC.

Although the Club's season began on Saturday 10th April with an intra-club fixture, followed by two pre-season friendlies played on the ensuing Saturdays, it's today that sees the start of genuine competition as the Surrey Championship and the Surrey Downs League swing into action, with the initial round of their respective league seasons.

Along with club players up and down the country, the heart and soul of the summer game, we were left kicking our heels during what should have been the opening weeks and months of the 2020 season. Happily, the action did get under way later in the year, in the form of a series of Surrey Championship 'Challenge Cups'.

At least that was something; and much more than anticipated, once Boris had called a cricket ball, "a vector of disease!" Thankfully, his government and the cricket authorities worked hard to ensure the recreational game became Covid-secure; and thus, we got our game back! This year looks better already, in that a full league season is anticipated, given specific Covid protocols are maintained.

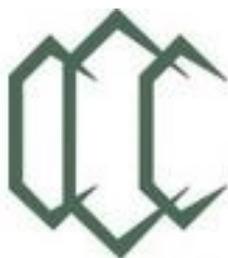
"There can be no summer in England without cricket," wrote the great romantic cricket author Neville Cardus.

The 1st XI squad has trained hard since early April and certainly look stronger this year, under the guidance of Club Captain, Luke Smith. With a number of experienced new players around, we should be pretty competitive.

The 2s, 3s and 4s are determined to gain success. New players have joined and, on paper, the three XIs look to have the level of ability required. All three XIs will, no doubt, receive the benefit to their performance that the influx of good new players to the top end of a club always brings. In addition, some talented young cricketers are making a decidedly strong breakthrough at these levels; and in combination with our regular and not to be underestimated club cricketers, all three XIs look more than capable of challenging for honours this year.

GOOD LUCK FOR THE COMING SEASON TO ALL OUR PLAYING MEMBERS; AND TO ALL THOSE NON-PLAYING, WE TRUST YOU ENJOY YOUR CRICKET VIEWING, HOME AND AWAY!

Welcome Camberley Cricket Club, our visitors for today's game.



Camberley Cricket Club was founded in 1944 to provide cricket for servicemen returning from the 2nd World War

Home games were played at the Staff College Owl's ground at the RMA Sandhurst.

◇ In 1947 Camberley Cricket Club rented land in the Watchetts Estate for 14 years at the nominal rent of one shilling per year from W B Verran and accepted the responsibility of turning the land into a cricket square.

- ◇ In 1950 the cricket square was by Messrs Glaze of Kingston.
- ◇ In 1951 Camberley Cricket Club played their first game of cricket at the new ground.
- ◇ In 1952 the ground and pavilion was officially opened by Mr F W Doidge, the High Commissioner for New Zealand with a fixture with the London New Zealand Cricket Club.
- ◇ In 1969 Camberley were losing finalists in the Kemp's Cup, covering the whole of the South East of England at the Oval.

Camberley Cricket Club sold the land surrounding the current grounds in 1970 which became Upper Verran Road. The ground was sold to finance a new pavilion. In the same year CCC won the Flora Doris Cup.

A year on and to celebrate the opening of the new Pavilion in 1971, Camberley hosted a charity match against a celebrity SPARKS XI.

- ◇ In 1972 Camberley joined the Surrey County League and won it in its inaugural year. They also won the Flora Doris Cup.
- ◇ In 1979 CCC moved up to the Surrey Cricketers League.
- ◇ In 1987 CCC joined the Surrey Championship.
- ◇ In 1992 the club engaged in bringing in it's first overseas player – Abbi Tatkar.
- ◇ In 1993 the club engages in its first contracted player – Kevin James (Hampshire & CCC).
- ◇ In 1994 Camberley CC celebrates it's 50th anniversary with a benefit match for Paul Terry (Hampshire & CCC) and a charity dinner with Ian Botham as guest. In the same year CCC achieved a full year of fixtures for 4 senior 1st XI teams on a Saturday.
- ◇ In 1995 CCC sold off part of the woodland on the ground to help fund a new 2 storey pavilion.

After 3 years of construction, 1998 saw CCC unveil their new pavilion to the public with a celebratory charity match against Bunbury 1st XI.

- ◇ In 1999 once again CCC won the Flora Doris cup.
- ◇ In 2003 the 1st XI Team were promoted to Division 1 of the Surrey Championship.
- ◇ In 2005 CCC changed constitution with club registration under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965, which provides the club with limited liability status and removed the need for trustees.
- ◇ In 2011 Camberley are promoted the Premier League for the first time in it's history as champions following an almost unbeaten season. losing just 1 game.
- ◇ 2013 Twelve girls make Club history by attending the first ever dedicated girls training session and take the field later in the year to play the first girls games at Camberley CC v Aldershot.

Camberley Cricket Club is proud to be growing in strength year after year. We run 7 Junior teams, 3 Senior teams on Saturdays and two Sunday XI's as well as providing a great facility and backdrop to host functions and events.

(History by courtesy of Camberley Cricket Club: <https://www.camberleycc.co.uk/a/club-history-46236.html>).

The Conference Cup for the Bertie Joel Trophy 2021

On Sunday 23rd May, the 1st XI venture east to deepest Kent for a CCC Cup first round tie against Tunbridge Wells CC, start 1.00pm. SCC members support is most welcome.

For ground directions please visit: www.sutton.play-cricket.com/grounds/12385 Allow between 60 and 90 minutes by car for the 40-mile plus journey to the 'Nevill, Tunbridge Wells' ground, via M25 and A21.

The Conference Cup was launched in 2009 when the firmly established Evening Standard Challenge Trophy lost its sponsors. Despite minimal funding, the time and effort put in by organisers and club secretaries alike generated some excellent cricket, well supported by a solid number of clubs in the M25 region.

Worrying statistics prompted the suspension of The Conference Cup competition for a year in 2015 to allow further consultation after an unprecedented number of first-round conceded matches, and a planned re-introduction in 2016 was shelved after entry notices to clubs were too late for a sufficient number of clubs to enter.

In 1967 **Bertie Joel**, who was one of the great characters of London cricket, founded the cup that bears his name. Since his death in 1996, the competition has been run successfully by a small committee. In 2016, the Bertie Joel Cup celebrated its 50th anniversary with a showpiece final between Wanstead CC and West Indies United CC, held at **Sutton CC**.

The CCC partnership enables the history of the **Bertie Joel Cup**, and indeed the beautiful trophy itself, to live on within our region's cricket circles.

The Conference Cup 2021 Round 1 & 2 Draws

The draw for Rounds 1 & 2 were made by CCC Fixture Bureau employee, Val Baker (known to many club Fixture Secretaries as 'the voice of the CCC', or more precisely 'the voice at the end of the CCC Fixture Bureau phone number'). Similar to what Peter Crouch did in the recent FA Cup draw, Val drew both Home & Away teams for both Rounds. We thank the 48 clubs who entered this year's competition.

That number required 32 x clubs to be randomly drawn to play in Round 1, then the 16 x 'winners' from Round 1 and the 16 others went into the draw for Round 2. The full draw is here on The Conference Cup page of the CCC website: www.club-cricket.co.uk/conference_cup

As usual there is a mixture of 'local derby's', and 'distance draws' to play a club never played before (a 'magical' aspect of an FA Cup type draw). The 'heavy-weight' draws that are always a feature of open draws, see in Round 1, **Tunbridge Wells v Sutton**, and Harefield v Wanstead. Whilst in Round 2 we have Sandwich Town v Brentwood, and Crouch End v East Molesey, as the 'heavyweight' draws.

Round 1, to be played on Sunday 23 May (Home team first):

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| 1. Braywood v Aldershot | 9. Enfield v Blackheath |
| 2. Hoddesdon v Bishops Stortford | 10. Broxbourne v Finchley |
| 3. Eastcote v Old Hamptonians | 11. Totteridge Millhillians v Waltham |
| 4. Hutton v Minster (Sheppey) | 12. Shenfield v Bromley |
| 5. South Hampstead v Sawston & Babraham | 13. Camberley v Watford Town |
| 6. Tunbridge Wells v Sutton | 14. Three Bridges v Old Wimbledonians |
| 7. Harefield v Wanstead (now to be played on 9 May) | 15. Indian Gymkhana v Upminster |
| 8. Oxted & Limpsfield v Christchurch | 16. Ickenham v Banstead |

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Today's Teams

Sutton CC	Changes:	Camberley CC	Changes:
Luke Smith (capt)		Muaaz Ali Ahmed	
Sam Seadon		Muhaymen Majeed	
Josh Blake (wk)		James Crosthwaite	
Fabian Cowdrey		Todd Hutcheson (wk)	
Chris Morris		Dominic Peter	
Sam Woods		Max Carter	
Dan Edwards		Tom Holden	
Rehan Ratna		Trevor McGeer	
Dane Currency		Tim Hughes	
Sam Blake		Elliot Green (Capt.)	
Aneesh Jhalla		Aizaz Ahmed	
Umpires: Steve Maguire, Ian Turner Scorers: Michael Woods (Sutton CC) &.Linda Halsey (Camberley CC)			
Team changes available from scorers pre-match and during breaks.			

NEXT SUTTON CC 1ST XI FIXTURE

Away to Chipstead, Coulsdon & Walcountians CC, 15th May, 2021; 12.00pm start.

Other Surrey Championship 1st Division Fixtures Today

Beddington CC	v	Guildford CC	Stoke D'Abernon CC	v	Leatherhead CC
Malden Wanderers CC	v	Chipstead C&W CC	Valley End CC	v	Spencer CC

Coming up at Cheam Road

Tomorrow, May 9th, there's a friendly between Sutton CC Sunday XI and Chadwick CC Friendly XI, 1.00pm start. Next Saturday, 15th May, the 2nd XI entertain Chipstead, Coulsdon and Walcountians CC 2nd XI in a Surrey Championship 2nd XI 1st Division fixture, start 12.00pm. The following Saturday, 22nd May, the 1st XI are back at Cheam Rd for the third round of the Surrey Championship 1st XI 1st Division fixture v Leatherhead CC, start 12.00pm.

For all Sutton CC fixtures and results, please visit: www.sutton.play-cricket.com/Matches

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