

Grounds Report For AGM.

2025 started really well as we were able to start pre season rolling on the 7th March (unheard of).

Thanks to the support of Mike, Dan and Wobbler wed done the 40 hours required by mid April.

I'd also like to thank the Prentices for their help with the leaves pre season. A real problem each year.

The season i felt the pitches played well but not as good as 2024.  
Hard to judge when are batting was poor.

I was advised by Tom Cowley the Ass Head at the Ageas to keep grass on the wickets at 8mm to avoid cracking.

A few opposition questioned it but only cause it seemed to help our first team bowlers.

40+ games played on our middle 7 pitches is a challenge.

Biggest challenges is.

A) the hose pipe ban each year. Need water to avoid cracks getting bigger.

B) Repairs are hard because you put seed and covering on pitch he's but 2 days later have to take them off for colts matches.

Thanks to the generous support of Pete Bennet we have had one of our mowers upgraded and bought a new Rotary.

The mower we bought last year has also been serviced.

Things should be a lot easier.

I will have to take the rest of the season off after my op but if im wanted I will take up the reigns again in 2027 health permitting.

We just need someone committed to look after the square and machinery in the meantime.