

## **Thornborough Cricket Club**

At the time of this Parish Assembly, Thornborough Cricket Club is a hive of activity, with the new season – hopefully a drier one! – little more than a month away.

This is an especially busy period for Andy Checkett, our hard-working groundsman, who can be found at the Sir Harry Moore playing field, bustling in and out of his equipment shed, most days. With the club's popular new junior section continuing to grow by leaps and bounds, Andy needs to produce a square robust enough to withstand an enormous amount of cricket. These early days of spring, after the grass has started to grow, are vital to achieving that.

Believe it or not, Thornborough will be running SEVEN teams this summer, two adult and five junior, including the newly rebranded girls' team, the Thornborough Ravens.

The success of the junior section is testament to an incredible amount of hard work by Michael Ballinger, Dan Harrison and their growing band of regular helpers. It has played a big part in revitalising our club, with some of our top junior players already making their mark in adult cricket.

The club will also once again be running weekly Allstars and Dynamos sessions at the ground over the summer. Details for this year's programme – which aims to cater for all ability levels, boys and girls and a range of ages - were recently circulated.

We are lucky to play in a beautiful spot, so do pop down and give the Thornborough teams your support when the sun is shining. Broadly speaking, you can expect to see one of the adult teams in action on Saturday afternoons, with Sundays reserved for junior cricket.

Lastly, this is a good opportunity to say a big thank you to all our sponsors in the local community. As we all know, the price of just about everything has been going up in the last two or three years, and the goods and services we need to run a thriving village amenity are certainly no exception. Without sponsorship, we simply would not be able to keep going on anything like our present scale. So, thank you – and here's hoping for a vintage 2025 season that will spread a little happiness and make the village proud.

**Derek Davis**  
**Chair, Thornborough Cricket Club**