

Cleeve CC 2009 AGM Chairman's Report

In our 60th Anniversary year we had great expectations for the 1st Team with the return of Mike Haswell to the club. From the outset we were determined to press for promotion back to the B&D Senior Division and get off to a winning start. This we did, and the winning run just went on and on. We won 11 out of 12 games to win the 1st Division title. This was achieved by contributions from all players, built around a foundation of runs scored by Mike Haswell, supported by Robbie Hoffeldt and Andy Burrell.

Unfortunately this was at the expense of the 2nd Team who were relegated to the 2nd XI 1st Division, due in the main to many of their players contributing to the 1st Team drive for promotion. We are confident that our 2nd XI will fight back and regain Senior Division status.

Next season will be an enormous challenge for the 1st Team to ensure that at a minimum we maintain our Senior Division status, and even better build on last season's success by pressing for back to back promotion. To this end it is essential that we strengthen our resources by recruitment of quality players. We are currently working hard to achieve this.

Our Club Captain, Robbie Hoffeldt has decided to stand down. I thank him for his hard work and commitment throughout the season. My thanks also go to our 2nd XI Captain Chris Lewin for his efforts under very difficult circumstances.

Again senior indoor nets were very poorly attended which resulted in a cost deficit. We therefore have decided not to make a booking this year. Outside nets need to be better attended and more structured this season if we are to achieve our playing objectives.

The Sunday Team again had a successful and enjoyable season under the leadership of Rob Cave, assisted by Ian Mitchell. Rob is standing down this season, so my thanks go to him for his hard work.

Our youth teams continue to develop and improve. The Under 17s won the plate competition, the Under 13s won their league, and our under 13 teams won both trophies in the Yeo Valley Lions Under 13 Sixes Tournament.

Our Child Welfare Officer, John Hance, has now handed over the reins to Sarah Taylor. Thanks go to John for his hard work in this role, and also to Sarah for volunteering for this very important responsibility.

Congratulations go to John Hance for achieving the Level 2 coaching qualification, and also Ian Morrell, Stuart Morrell, Dave Atkins and Chris Coles for becoming Level 1 Coaches.

Again we hosted some Somerset County Youth games during the 2008 season. Ours is now the preferred ground for the North Somerset games, and we will again be hosting games this coming season.

We have been selected to host the B&D Knock out Cup and Plate finals in August 2009, a testament to the ground and facilities that we have. Much credit must go to John Parsons, Ed Clode and Tony Carpenter for the high standard of the square and outfield.

We will again play in the Downs School Senior and Under 13 indoor leagues which will start in February.

The Chairman's game was again very competitive, and was this year won by the President's all star side.

The Youth Presentation evening was as usual a great success and very well attended.

This year it was decided by the membership to hold the Senior Annual Award Presentation evening at the club, with a buffet instead of a formal dinner. The event was not supported as well as was hoped and therefore we need to decide if we should revert to the traditional formal dinner format.

A number of events were held during 2008 to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. These included an Under 13 six- a-side tournament, B&D representative side game, ex-players luncheon, culminating in the Twenty/20 game against Gloucestershire CCC, which was a resounding success, so much so that we have been asked to host a similar event in 2009 as part of Chris Taylor's benefit season.

Special thanks are given to Andy Burrell for arranging the ex-players luncheon, and in particular John Hance and Rob Cave for their hard work in organising the Gloucestershire CCC Twenty/20 game.

Significant progress is being achieved against the objectives set in our 5 Year Development Plan. This is currently undergoing its annual review, and new actions and objectives being added. When this is complete, the updated Plan will be displayed on the notice board.

The Cricket Committee met on a couple of occasions during the year. We need to increase these this year. We are looking for a new Chairman to lead the Committee this year. Anyone interested in taking on this responsibility should contact a Committee member.

The profit from running the bar this financial year has returned to a level similar to previous years, particularly due to the hard work by Tony Carpenter. This income is essential to the further improvement of the ground and facilities. Please be reminded that it is part of the terms of the membership that members aged 18 and over must do bar duty. Therefore when Tony

Carpenter contacts you to arrange your turn, please make sure you do your bit.

Please also support the Cricket Club social functions that Tony Carpenter arranges. Such events are an important contribution to our income.

2008 was an expensive year due to our 60th Anniversary celebrations, therefore we all need to work hard to boost our finances. We all need to explore fund raising and sponsorship opportunities. Please speak to a Committee member if you have any ideas or contacts that we can pursue.

The Website was redesigned and re-launched last year by Rob Cave, and continues to be developed. Thanks are due to Rob, Bill Mather and Glenn Barr for their hard work and dedication.

Again we are most grateful for the financial assistance provided to us by our sponsors. Please use their services wherever possible.

My thanks again go to our Youth Team Managers and helpers, senior team Captains, groundsmen, John Parsons and Ed Clode, Bar Manager, Tony Carpenter, tea ladies, our scorer, Jason Soper, and the Committee for all their hard work and support during what has been an outstanding year. I again look forward to working with you all this year to take our club forward into the future.

Let us have an even better season this year.

Allan W Burn