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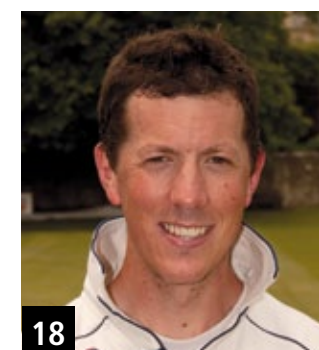
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Welcome to my first edition of Parade in Print, I hope you enjoy reading it!

I volunteered to take on the editor's role last December and would like to thank all the contributor's for their fantastic articles. It's a new look edition, slimmer than previous issues but printed in full colour. We're always looking at cost, especially in light of the new development and need to produce the best value product we can. We've several adverts in this edition and I'd like to thank all the companies for their contributions.

In this age of fast-paced communications, the club is trying to embrace all the new channels. With this in mind we have set up both a Facebook page and a Twitter account which both link to our website. We intend to use these three channels to communicate with club members, especially the players. We want to improve communication and make it easier, at the same time reducing admin costs. We might even take away some of the hassle the captains and cricket managers face! Information, such as team news, social events, last minute changes to training and other important announcements will be made this way. I would like to encourage all members to become familiar with these channels to help us along the way.

I hope you enjoy reading the magazine and if you have any ideas or feedback they will be gratefully received, and if you fancy writing a piece for next year then please drop me a line at my email address: andy.lil@blueyonder.co.uk



Bath Cricket Club



England call ups for Fran and Anya

Both Fran Wilson and Anya Shrubsole will be representing England Women on their tour of Sri Lanka from 14th - 22nd November this year. Anya's recovery from her hip injury is now nearing completion and she retains her place in the squad. This is a first call up for Fran who has had an excellent couple of seasons for Bath and Somerset. Her recent performances for the England Academy side will not have done her chances any harm. The two 18 year olds have both grown up through the Bath CC youth ranks, performing in both boys and girls youth teams, senior sides as well as being part of the TOP programme.

Fran is a fluent and free-scoring batter who has proven able to dominate attacks from ball-one when she comes to the crease. She has added greater consistency to her game over the past two seasons and has shown particular ability



when spin bowling - a skill that will be more than useful in Sri Lanka. Fran is also a fine and athletic fielder who tends to patrol the backward point area.

Anya, a fast-bowling all-rounder, has been in the squad for several series, although her involvement has been affected by a few niggling injuries. Now thankfully fit, she will hope to make the most of her trip to Sri Lanka where she may need to fulfil the role usually played by the absent Katherine Brunt.

All at Bath CC wish Anya and Fran many congratulations and should feel proud of the part the club has played in the development of these two talented players.



End of Season Social

It's very difficult to arrange a social to suit all needs when a club has members from age 8 to 80 plus. Also the location of the matches, all of the teams close to home at the same time? Would be easy if we could control the WEPL and NSL to make sure our last league matches are all nearby, but that said the 'End of Season Social' went ahead in the form of a disco, karaoke and a curry - all for free with a bit of dressing up. The age range on the night was actually age 2, Emily Priscott, to 80, Ken Bailey, so maybe we can cater for all ages.

An enjoyable evening was had by all. Some made a real effort to dress up, especially as they only had two weeks notice. The "Crayola Girls" were the star attraction, very clever idea but their singing wasn't up to it - only joking girls!

Mike Smyth sang his rendition of 'Bachelor Boy' but he didn't mean it - congratulations Mike and Kate. He also sang 'Bat Out of Hell', which I think he may have performed better than the last live performance by Meatloaf at The Rec.

Stuart Priscott serenaded his daughter with 'Gilly Gilly Ossenfeffer Katzenellen Bogen by the Sea', I think he was trying to catch the DJ out to see if he had it on the Karaoke machine! Joey Bishop belted out a Neil Diamond number and so it continued, until the final song, a big group number to end the night 'Don't let the sun go down on me'.

A great end to the season and thanks to everyone who made the effort. Hopefully more socials next year with the newly formed Social Committee. If you have any ideas please contact the club office (office@bathcricket.com). It's not easy for a couple of 50 year olds in the office to come up with ideas, so don't be shy, please get involved!



Pat Colbourne

The President's View

I'm not technologically illiterate but I have to admit to having gained ownership, only recently, of my first mobile phone – they tell me it's the Rolls Royce of mobiles – an Apple iPhone.

It has taken me a while to learn how to use it. My sons suggested I invest in one, purely for safety reasons, to take with me on my mammoth walk around the coast of the UK. In the past I've always resented the habit of people rudely breaking off an interesting conversation with me simply because this little gadget beckons them with a ring. I am now wise to these devices and, although they still infuriate me at times, I do enjoy the advantages they offer.

Throughout the summer, while on my walk (departed from Dover Castle in April and I'm now approaching Mevegissey in Cornwall), I have been keeping right up to date with the results and performances of the cricket season on my iPod. While climbing to the top of Golden Cap or striding along the Jurassic Coast path or weaving my way along the narrow overgrown tracks trod, two centuries ago, by the Cornish smugglers, I have been following the progress of all our teams. It has been quite exhilarating to hear about their progress.

Since the days in the early 1970s, when we started the coaching programme and developed one youth team, then two,

then three, the development of the game at Bath Cricket Club has been immense. Not only that of the youth teams, first the boys then the girls, but also the highly successful amalgamation of the Bath Club with the Somerset Wanderers.

The improvement of coaching, the new techniques now used, the imaginative training methods, the growth of our TOP young cricketers course, the introduction of the Community Coaching and Cricketbath Programme, the improvement of our facilities, wickets and grounds and so much more.

It is all quite immense and I am astonished by how it has all grown and matured. I have had arguments with a few of my old cronies, cricketers I used to play with back in the 1960s and 70s. They would say "Ah but the 1st XI is still not good enough to beat our era!" I then stand up to my full 181cms and state, "These teams are better all round than those of four decades ago. The standard of each player is better now than during our

time, most especially in fitness, athleticism and fielding as well as many of the cricketing skills". They just grunt back in response.

We are in the business of developing the game 'From Grass Roots to Test Arena' and, as I write this piece, news comes through that two of our highly talented girls who started their cricket as juniors here, Fran Wilson and Anya Shrubsole, have been selected to join the England Womens' squad to tour Sri Lanka. What fantastic news. The whole club is with you, body and soul, willing you on. We know you will have an astonishing experience. Remember that all the junior players back home here in Bath will be following every move you make, you are a great example to them. Work hard, stay away from injury and enjoy each moment. Our hearty congratulations go to you both.

'From Grass Roots to Test Arena'



Then we hear of Izzy Westbury and Steph Davies being selected for the England Women's Academy squad and five other young'uns being looked at by the ECB this autumn – Sophie Luff, Kate Randall, Lauren Shrubsole, Harry Rouse and Rupert Morgan. And then we have Alex Barrow playing for England Under 19s. This is exactly what our club is all about and on behalf of all our members and supporters may I publically congratulate

these players for their achievement and the coaches for their hard work and superb contribution.

This development has not taken place overnight. There has been immense devotion from many individuals who have helped make all this happen – those backroom people who have given decades of service to the club. The death, recently, of Vince Parker, our treasurer was sudden and a very sad occasion. Vince had spent many years keeping our sails correctly trimmed and we are so grateful for the voluntary contribution he gave to the club. Most recently, and after enjoying the joviality of the Players Supper, Dennis Meakin, our men's 2nd XI scorer, died suddenly and unexpectedly. Dennis enjoyed his time at the club since the death of his wife, and we loved having him with us – he was great fun and was one of those rare people individuals who could happily laugh at himself. We will greatly miss the contribution and comradeship of both Vince and Dennis.

I must also mention one other special person, Arthur Chapman. Arthur has been on our Management committee since 1973, and more recently as a trustee and Financial Director. He is

'Thank you, Arthur'

now retiring, having reached well beyond three score years and twenty. He has been fully recognised by the club as an Honorary Life Member and now deserves a restful and stress free period in his life. Thank you, Arthur for all your labour of love and wise advice. You have been a great companion to the club and a good friend.





Mike Roe

Chairman's Address

Yet again as a club we are fortunate to be able to reflect on another successful season on the field, and many congratulations to Tom Stayt and the 1st XI for their achievements this year.

This year has been marked by the sad loss of two cherished members; Vince Parker, long time management committee member and Dennis Meakin, second XI scorer. Vince made a huge contribution to the governance and development of the club and will be missed by all.

In my capacity as 2nd XI captain I have been closely associated with Dennis for many years. He had just completed nine years as my scorer and attended the player's supper on the 24th September before passing away on the 26th. Typical Dennis, he would never let you down and always completed the job, even if the score book bore no resemblance to the game he had witnessed. It is true that Dennis would never claim to be in the same league as Ken Patterson, in fact at times the book required a re-write, but, without ever remembering the names of any of the players, he became a 2nd XI legend, an honourable man and someone we will miss hugely.

We all know that a club is a microcosm of life and as we say good bye to those who leave a legacy, others begin to leave their mark and make a significant contribution.

The Work Foundation have recently published a research paper where they conclude that people want and need to be included in the "journey of the organisation", I believe this equally applies to an organisation like ours, a recreational cricket club with ambition and aspirations. Engaging our members and including them in the business of our club will be a focus for me in the next twelve months. I am really pleased that we are about to launch a new cricket steering group under the leadership of Ian Shrubsole. This group will provide support, influence and engagement in all matters cricket. At the same time a social steering group has emerged to support Mark Kingwell and his team, with a real determination to maximise the opportunities and facilities we are fortunate to have. You will be kept informed and updated on the contribution of these groups.

Mike Jones continues to do a superb job in navigating the choppy waters of the development. However, as many of you know, our destiny is now in our hands. We are now confident that we have access to substantial funds and are agreeing the look and feel of the new cricket school. Yet another members forum at the AGM will be dominated by an update, but this time with a real sense of progress.

A special thank you to Andy Linnett and his team for taking on the mantle of the Parade in Print and delivering such an excellent product. Andy has had his own personal challenges this year and our best wishes go to him, Emma and James.

I would like to conclude by paying a personal tribute to Tom in his first year as captain. As someone who had the privilege of being in his position, and at a significantly older age! I am hugely impressed by the way he has lead the team, developed a sense of purpose and unity and inspired people to the cause. I was still wrestling with some of this stuff after five years! He is a young captain, with a good heart, and a talented squad with an opportunity to keep us in a really competitive position for some time.

The success of the 1st XI is dependent on the overall strength of the club and the contribution and commitment of the other sides. My thanks to all those who have led and supported our other teams, both men and women. It was great to see so many girls at the player's supper and the heckling of the 1st XI captain just goes to show the integration that has taken place!

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and supported the club this year and I hope you winter well and see you at the AGM on 11th November.



Stuart Priscott Player of the Year 2010

Captains report 1st XI



| Team | P | W | L | C | A | BatP | BowlP | %Wins | Pts |
|----------------------|----|---|----|---|---|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Bath CC | 18 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 74 | 71 | 64.29 | 450 |
| Bridgwater CC | 18 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 66 | 73 | 53.33 | 379 |
| Taunton St A CC | 18 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 71 | 79 | 47.06 | 370 |
| Frocester CC | 18 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 68 | 75 | 42.86 | 347 |
| Corsham CC | 18 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 57 | 52 | 46.15 | 308 |
| Taunton Deane CC | 18 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 51 | 61 | 42.86 | 272 |
| Weston Super Mare CC | 18 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 64 | 57 | 25 | 258 |
| Bristol CC | 18 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 42 | 61 | 35.71 | 246 |
| Taunton CC | 18 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 45 | 50 | 6.67 | 180 |
| Glastonbury CC | 18 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 31 | 37 | 7.14 | 132 |

Tom Stayt - 1st XI - League Position: Champions

Memorable match:

There are plenty to choose from, having gone the season unbeaten in the league and reaching the quarter-finals of the national KO, we played some good cricket along the way. There is one match that stands out, although there were so many more!

Sully Centurions in the National KO. For the first 10 overs of the game we were nowhere, we weren't bowling well, it was a good wicket, incredibly fast outfield and tiny boundaries. It looked like we would be chasing well over 300.

The character we showed in fighting back and restricting them to 226 was really pleasing. JC and Alex Barrow got us off to a great start chasing it down, seeing off the new ball and a fired-up Alex Wharf coming round the wicket and sledging after every ball. We managed to keep up with the rate but wickets fell fairly regularly.

The one thing that remained, however, was Mike Smyth, who hit the ball as cleanly and powerfully as we saw all year. He took their spinners apart, playing from the crease and plopping the ball over the screen onto the beach at will.

Sully kept thinking it was a matter of time before he chipped one in the air, but Smyth kept striking the ball beautifully and keeping us up with the rate. A fine partnership between Griff

and Smyth finished Sully off, and sealed a win that looked unlikely after 10 overs of the 1st innings.

Player of the year:

Two deserving winners will have to share this one; Simon Marchant and James Campbell.

Si bowled consistently well all year, he grew and grew in confidence and I could barely recognise him as the same bowler from a few years ago. His mindset is so much more positive and you can really tell he is starting to believe in his skills. It was great to see and be a part of.

JC scored a huge number of runs during the season, over 1200 in all. He was fiercely determined to get big scores, and four league hundreds is testament to his success in doing so. His rich vein of form from the start of the season continued through the summer. He undoubtedly has the ability to play at a higher level, and everybody in the team is desperate for him to have that opportunity.

Players for the future:

Alex Barrow and Ross Jenkins. Both showed us glimpses of what they can do. They are both extremely talented and should be looking to score big runs in the next couple of years. They have developed into important members of the team and everybody gets excited

about the thought of having them in our top order for the next few years.

Funniest moment:

Staunts getting hit for several HUGE sixes at Bristol West Indies in the cup was amusing. Luckily we were well on the way to winning the game, so we could see the funny side. All those that were present would confirm the size of these sixes!

Seeing Alex Wharf (formerly Glamorgan and England fast bowler) get really wound up by five or six of our players walking round the boundary whilst he was bowling was quite funny. Griff hooked his bouncer for six and some choice words from our very own Welshman Lloyd Davies was enough for him to lose his rag!

All nine fielders mimicking Vik's hop, skip and a jump as he ran in v. Taunton Deane away. Beautifully synchronised and performed by all! It took Vik a couple of balls to compose himself after he realised!

Personal highlight:

Winning the league at Corsham was the culmination of nine months of hard work since we started training just before Christmas, so that would probably have to be the sweetest moment for me.

Captains report 2nd XI



| Team | P | W | L | C | A | BatP | BowlP | %Wins | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|----|---|---|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Bath CC | 18 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 91 | 83 | 88.24 | 329 |
| Bridgwater CC | 18 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 71 | 71 | 68.75 | 262 |
| Corsham CC | 18 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 68 | 63 | 66.67 | 246 |
| Keynsham | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 65 | 75 | 52.94 | 233 |
| Frocester | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 83 | 50 | 52.94 | 226 |
| Taunton St A CC | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 59 | 49 | 53.33 | 203 |
| Taunton Deane CC | 18 | 6 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 66 | 35.29 | 197 |
| Knowle CC | 18 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 44 | 33.33 | 156 |
| Weston Super Mare CC | 18 | 4 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 62 | 39 | 26.67 | 156 |
| Chippenham CC | 18 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 44 | 18.75 | 137 |

Mike Roe - 2nd XI - League Position: Champions

Memorable match:

Bath vs Taunton St Andrews at home. A game we had contrived to look like losing in some style. Managed to claw our way back (Kenny James scoring 50) and then we lost key wickets having done the hard work. They were certainly in the box seat and we needed just short of 20 runs with one wicket left. Mark Thorburn and Charlie Wills saw us home, with Charlie being composure personified and Thorby looking every inch the batter he will surely become.

Player of the year:

It has to be Percy, with 550+ runs and just short of 30 league wickets. He was consistent all year and has certainly made fine leg by the Keith Leask scoreboard his fielding position. Not sure if this is as a result of his eyes going in the ring, it being a nice shady spot, or the fact that Zoe and Emily can pause there to chat to him on their way around the ground. The team suspect that the real reason is he favours it mostly as a convenient place to relieve himself (happens as you get older!) sorry Keith. He didn't allow his entire unavailability for training to affect his performance.

Player for the future:

Charlie Wills. Bomber was an ever present until his holiday at the end of the season and bowled superbly, always

with a calmness and confidence. His most memorable display was against Taunton St Andrews where he came on during an attempted onslaught and picked up three wickets for very few runs. He is a determined and talented young player who turns the ball and is keen to learn. A great 2nd XI member this year.

Funniest moment:

There was an excellent balance between the senior and youth players that made for a great spirit and sense of fun. Two moments serve as contenders for the funniest moment:

The look on Alex Muse's face when



having taken for five for nothing against Knowle I took him off. We needed something to chase!!!!

Will Jenkins (another outstanding young cricketer), not known for his intensity in the field finds it even harder to concentrate with the pigeons, who he honestly thinks might kill him!!! Watching Will trying to walk in whilst keeping an eye on those dastardly birds is one the funniest things I have witnessed on the field.

Personal highlight:

The return of Joe Dorgan for the Bridgwater away fixture. This arguably established our credentials as title contenders. Bridgwater are our main rivals along with Corsham and TSA, and Joe blew them away taking five for hardly any in a ferocious spell from the road end that set up an eight wicket win. He was quick and devastating and not surprisingly played for the 1st XI the week after.

My other personal highlight has been the performance and leadership of Tom Stayt. Those who have led the Bath 1st XI will know the challenge and trauma that can accompany the role. Tom has approached the task with a calm, steely determination. He has not shirked the difficult decisions, is building a side that could dominate for a while and always led from the front. A great effort.

Captains report 3rd XI



| Team | P | W | T | L | A | C | Pen | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|----|---|----|---|---|-----|-----|
| Wrighton CC | 18 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 71 |
| Bear Flat CC | 18 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 70 |
| Knowle West CC | 18 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 52 |
| Bath 3 CC | 18 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 50 |
| Stratton on Fosse CC | 18 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 45 |
| Grendel CC | 18 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 36 |
| Brislington 3 CC | 18 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Saltford Fairway CC | 18 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| Mells CC | 18 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 31 |
| Backwell Flax Bourton CC | 18 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 |

Tom Baker - Thirds - League Position: 4th

Memorable match:

The Tie against Wrighton (Have been involved in league ties at first, second & third team level, two of them as captain! A record?)

A truly great game of cricket. We recovered from 120 for 6 to make 228, They needed 153 from the last 20 but only seven from the last over. David Ford's last over will live long in the memory. He bowled Mick Edmunds for 87 (we dropped him twice early on), before bowling three dots to finish. It will last longer than his penultimate over which went for 20, instantly forgettable!!!

Player of the year:

Alex Field. Not a third team cricketer. Almost guaranteed to get you fifty, and just as likely to chuck a big hundred away. So talented. Can take a game away from the opposition in 5/10 overs. Please work on your bowling although Keynsham may disagree!

Players for the future:

Harry Roberts (pictured right). Only 14/15 but genuinely slippery. He swings the ball back in to the right hander and when he got it right, embarrassed a lot of batsmen. A fantastic attitude and keen as mustard, Harry was the one young player who kept his place when all the school kids and uni lads became available half way through the season.

A fantastic achievement. Bath shirt next year please.

Funniest moment:

Errr not really anything that springs to mind. Harry Roberts talking about splitting up with his girlfriend as it was approaching her birthday and he was skint!!!



The Knowle West away game. We arrived early, went to the pub for a coke and a team talk, warmed up for 45 minutes on a bone dry outfield, rang their secretary at 1.50 to be told that the ground was under water! When I told him I was talking to him from the ground he hung up!

Personal highlight:

The season turned out completely different to how I imagined. I genuinely thought we would walk the league, both with the players at my disposal and also the standard of the opposition.

I was very happy batting at seven/eight letting the youngsters have a go, however that all changed when Roey came calling (after I had scored some runs) to ask if I'd bat seven/eight for him.

After my shoulder had kept me out for two seasons it was really pleasing to be selected and perform (top score at Corsham, match winning 95 run partnership at Keynsham) for the seconds again. It was a tough decision for me as I'd agreed to captain the thirds but Dave Nelson & Blake Raymond did a fantastic job in my absence and I thank them both for stepping in.

Captains report 4th XI



| Team | P | W | L | A | C | Pen | Pts |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|
| Harpree Villages CC | 18 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 52 |
| Nailsea 3 CC | 18 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 46 |
| Exiles(Bath)CC | 18 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 42 |
| Bath 4 CC | 18 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 40 |
| Midsomer Norton 3 CC | 18 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 38 |
| Shepton Mallett CC | 18 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 34 |
| Stanton Drew CC | 18 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 34 |
| Stratton on Fosse 2 CC | 18 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| Ston Easton CC | 18 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 28 |
| Midsomer N Methodists CC | 18 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 14 |

Tom Shrubsole - 4th XI - League Position: 4th

Memorable match:

Game 7, away to Midsomer Norton Methodists. We bowled first and kept them to 145 which we were confident about chasing down.

At about halfway through our innings we were 90-1 and cruising. We then decided to give their mid-off catching practice and suddenly found ourselves 128-9. That left the two youngest members of the team, Tom Benney and Harry Lewis at the crease. Both youngsters however handled the pressure superbly and batted us to equal score.

With Benney on strike at 33.3 overs, the winning run came from a wide ball, not the most glorious and emphatic way to get the winner but it was a win nevertheless.

The team was ecstatic especially Thiaan who's arm I had been punching out of nerves!

Player of the year:

Well it's a close call between three players: Harry Lewis (323 runs & 11 wickets) and George Harper (277 runs & 16 wickets)

But for me it's Thiaan Aspelung. He took the most wickets (17) and was consistent every week. He's the most reliable bowler in the team and at the end of the season he was given the chance to open the batting.

He got 72 vs. Nailsea and 57 vs. Ston

Easton. He's a hard working player and has been a very valuable member of the team this year.

Player for the future:

We definitely have to keep an eye on Harry Lewis. He is a strong player who bats in the middle order and strikes the ball so well; he can be very destructive.



He finished the season with top runs for the 4ths with 323 and an average of 30. He's a good line and length bowler who does not take bags of wickets but ties down batsmen and is very reliable at the death.

We also have to look out for Duncan Roe, a sharp medium pace bowler who can swing the ball miles. This was his first season back to cricket and he performed very well.

Funniest monent:

There are a few. Stuart Brennan tripping over Beth in the middle of Broad Street on our night out and lying in front of a queue of beeping cars was good.

Watching Thiaan get dropped time after time after time on his way to 57 in our final game was both hilarious and infuriating.

The best has to be the 'match report' written by a team in our league after our win against them. It was let's say, 'far-fetched' it gave us all a good laugh.



With every Scouser fancying himself as a comedian, ‘banter’ is never in short supply with tasty clashes against Northern and Bootle making some of our old North Somerset battles with Headley Park and Beckington look like kids’ tea parties.

I’ve met plenty of great characters and in my first year I played under the captaincy of Brian Viner. When the 50 something amateur rock star - always looking like he had been on a 10-day bender - ambled in off four paces with his long grey locks flying in the wind, batsmen’s eyes would light up. But boatloads perished at the hands of his lethal in-duckers. BV was a diamond his hippie wife even provided some words of wisdom when I was going through a lean spell as she explained that it was all down to the fact that Pluto was currently closing in on Earth and there was a lot of bad karma around. Nothing to do with those nine pints and a bhuna which had been seen off the previous night!

At the end of my first year BV stood down to follow his musical dream in the States. The search was on for a new 3rd XI skipper and on the basis I could get five in my car for away

man known to tread the fine line between genius and madness. He’s a destructive batsman who scores hundreds for fun but after being given out lbw for nought he marched down the track to question the ump’s parentage before uprooting all three stumps with his bat.

‘Trigger’ did the same to another three of us that day – how I longed for the beaming nashers and expert eye of Ken Bailey. Vinnie served his ban and regained his form before sadly the Home Office caught up with him midway through this summer and deported him back to India for overstaying his visa. 2009 was supposed to be Sefton 3rds’ year but again we came up



Playing to the Mersey beat after the long goodbye

James Pearce

It was a scene of utter devastation. The changing room eerily quiet and grown men reduced to tears with the growing realisation that a summer of perspiration had come to nothing.

It wasn’t supposed to be like this. This was my swansong, my farewell after 18 years of representing Bath Cricket Club with pride. A decade had been spent helping the thirds climb the North Somerset League pyramid and this was the final chapter in my four-season stint as skipper with the First Division title at stake. Having been snapped up by the Liverpool Echo on a Bosman from the Bath Chronicle in June, Merseyside was now home but during the second half of the season I’d embarked on the 400-mile round trip every weekend to play.

The stakes were high. It was August 27, the last day of the 2005 campaign and it came down to a winner-takes-all shootout between us and old foes Stratton on the Fosse. Crazy Aussie Travis Appleton had given us half a chance on a sticky dog at Downside School with an unbeaten 93 in our 174-7 off 40 overs. Then legends Jamie Walker, Richard Oakley and Kenny James bowled their hearts out to put us right in contention. However, from the jaws of victory came defeat as in fading light Glen Stansfield hammered the boundary Stratton needed off the final ball to clinch a four-wicket victory and wreck our title dream. What a gut-wrenching way to bow out. After the heartache had dimmed slightly, there was the temptation to keep up the long distance commuting to play but that may well have led to divorce proceedings. No, I needed to find somewhere else I could call home. As word spread around

Merseyside that a short, fat all-rounder from the West Country, who had represented Avon Schools 16 years earlier and once had a sponsorship deal with the highly prestigious Classic Bat Company, was looking for a club the offers came flooding in. In the end on the basis that it was only five minutes from our house and lager was only £2.10 a pint, I signed on the dotted line for Sefton Park Cricket Club.

Four years on I’ve got no regrets. It might only be three miles from Liverpool city centre but the tree-lined ground is a glorious spot to play. The club’s two pitches sit alongside each other, while a third ground is rented nearby to accommodate our Saturday 5th XI. Sefton celebrated their 150th anniversary this year and there is great history about the place. Financially it’s a constant struggle and Sefton are one of the few teams in the Liverpool Competition (the equivalent of the West of England Premier League) who don’t shell out thousands each year on an overseas pro. But numbers wise it’s flourishing with the successful junior section providing a conveyor belt of talent to allow the club to compete with some big spending neighbours. The chairman is a cracking guy called Bob Paisley, the son of the legendary Liverpool manager by the same name. Countless hours have been spent propping up the bar chatting about what it was like going to school in the city back in the late 70s when his dad was bringing home European Cups. Another favourite son is Lancashire batsman Paul Horton, who played for Sefton as a teenager before getting his chance to shine at Old Trafford.

Back in 2006 I was the new boy keen to impress and was welcomed with open arms. I went straight into the thirds and it proved to be something of a culture shock. For starters rather than playing 40-over cricket, it was back to time games with 20 overs from 6.30pm and the possibility of draws. The result is some dismally negative tactics with New Brighton once batting 72 overs against us before finally declaring on 120-7.

games I got the gig. I’d missed not being able to call the shots on a Saturday and at selection it was just like my old Monday night showdowns with Mike Roe at North Parade. Despite the fact the seconds were 300 points clear with a game in hand, Roey would always insist on taking nine batters, eight seamers, five spinners and three keepers for that ‘tricky’ trip to Dunkerton. Thankfully, at Sefton I no longer faced such a formidable foe. I was able to mount a passionate defence of why our opener who hit 175 not out didn’t deserve to get promoted to the seconds because he had ridden his luck, while championing the cause of our ‘plucky’ 11-year-old leg spinner who had just been spanked for 70 off his four overs.

With selection sorted and warm-ups outlawed, Sefton thirds climbed from sixth in the 3rd XI Premier Division in 2006 to third in 2007 and we also reached the cup final. Having the captaincy was particularly useful when spotting hapless tailenders wandering out and engineering a quick bowling change, hence my spot at second in the list of top wicket takers. But the crazy Liverpool Competition etiquette rule which states you buy the visitors their beer for as long as they want to stay at your club meant it all came at a cost. There’s only one thing worse than losing and that’s having to pay to watch your opponents celebrate their triumph!

In 2008 we came even closer, finishing second in the league to Northern and being involved in a remarkable cup tie with Colwyn Bay. The Welsh club only turned up with nine players of whom eight wouldn’t be allowed out after dark without their parents’ permission. We were bowled out for 350 in just 35 overs before they were blown away for 80. I’m pretty sure I was older than the combined age of the four lads I dismissed. We would have won the league but for a stunning display from Bootle’s best player – the bald pensioner in the white coat who went everywhere with them. I had Vinnie Abel in my ranks a



short, finishing third. Now in my defence I had to contend with my fair share of nut cases. I had batsman Matt Child taking a leg bye in the final over which meant he was left stranded on 99 and then paceman Mark Boynes suddenly suffering from the yips as he opened up the innings against Orrell Red Triangle with an 18-ball over. To add insult to injury our game at Bootle was held up due to a 22-man brawl on the adjacent football pitch in the summer ‘friendly’ league.

With my lovely Holly having been born at the end of the previous season I always intended to step aside for the 2010 season and I returned to the rank and file. Matt Child took over but resigned in August because he was abused by temperamental teenage paceman Rob Kelly who refused to bowl in protest at being held back until the 30-over mark. Amid the anarchy, we limped home in fourth. While Sefton celebrated their 150th anniversary, I barely celebrated a run but I’ll be back for more next summer.

Every return to North Parade stokes great memories of friendships and fun. And five years on from that miserable day at Stratton, that same hunger for silverware lives on.

Vikram Banerjee

Club vs County

As a cricket aficionado I have always enjoyed any excuse to play the game; from a bit of garden cricket right through to first class games.

As a professional cricket player I am in the envious position where my job is not just my hobby but my passion. I'm the only person in the world who comes home from long day at 'work' and looks forward to watching more 'work' on TV! I'm a cricket nut – simple as that! I am incredibly fortunate to play cricket for a living and I can't imagine a better job, but that doesn't mean that I view it as a 'job' and want my weekends off.

If you love the great game as much as I do, then you will always be happy to turn your arm over whenever you get the chance. Before coming to Gloucestershire I was playing club cricket in the Surrey League which was great fun and part of what gave me a chance to play professionally.

When I moved to Gloucestershire the club put me in contact with Mark Thorburn, and Bath, as a club that I could play for when not required for county duties.

It has been great to get to know a fantastic group of guys who all love the game and don't mind welcoming an irregular team mate. The county season can be remarkably busy with fixtures coming thick and fast. However whenever I have a Saturday free it is always great to join the lads for the day, even if they do get stuck into me about just about everything!

Games for Bath CC can complement my first class season nicely. It allows me to get overs under my belt before a fixture in the week coming up. It allows me to gain some rhythm and (hopefully) confidence in my bowling.

The weekend match allows me to bowl in a competitive environment and bowl without the protection of a net around me to develop some experience in getting different batsmen out, on different pitches, in different conditions. You can train as hard as you like, do as many drills as you like, spend as much time in the nets as you like, but nothing beats bowling in a match scenario, wherever that match may be.

Bath is a great club to play for. As mentioned before there is a brilliant set of lads here and I really enjoy the banter in the

changing room. Right at the top, Tom Stayt and Rob Maggs are superb duo for the club, offering great organisational skills as well as leadership and coaching.

There is also a lot of talent within the club, both in the first XI and also moving down into the youth sections. From what I have seen the future of the club is in some very safe hands! Although my experience is comparatively brief it is safe to say that I have not seen that kind of depth in talent at any other club in the WEPL.

At the moment I am living the dream; playing professional cricket for Gloucestershire CCC in the first class arena. I am loving every second of it. I really do have to pinch myself sometimes to make sure I remember how lucky I am. I have played against and bowled to some of the great players of my generation. I have been fortunate enough to play against the likes of Mark Ramprakash, Marcus Trescothick, Justin Langer, VVS Laxman, Michael Vaughan, Shaun Tait and even the great Sachin Tendulkar.

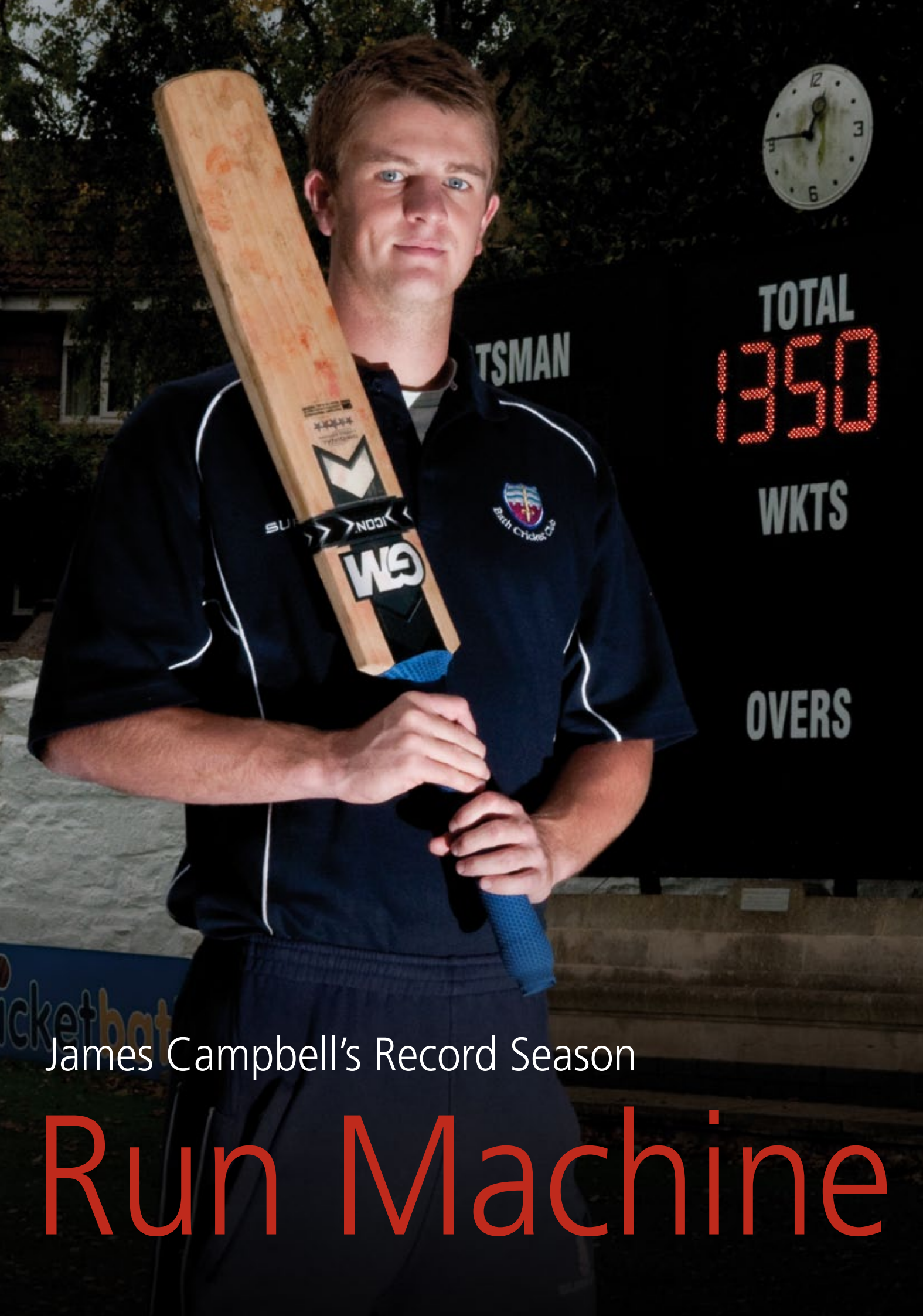
People talk about pressure here in the first class arena. However I try not to think of it as pressure. Doctors saving lives, the Armed Forces - now that's pressure. All I do is entertain by playing my hobby each day, where's the pressure in that? There is the challenge each day to perform to the best of my ability and to test myself against some really strong competitors. I try and enjoy this challenge on a daily basis and my one aim is to ensure I learn from the day and emerge a better player at the end of the day because of what I have learnt.

Obviously my aim is to play cricket at the highest level that I am able to and to play it for as long as I am able to. Every young English cricketer has the same dreams I'm sure. I will always enjoy the great game and playing it, regardless of what the competition is. I am really enjoying my time at Gloucestershire and Bath CC. Nobody knows how long they will be able to play but for now I am just concentrating on taking one day at a time and enjoying the challenges that each new day brings.



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James Campbell's Record Season

Run Machine

After his record season, Parade in Print caught up with James to chat about what was behind his great season.

Why did you have such a good season?

I think I came back from NZ after having a good season over there and was a lot more relaxed than I have been in the last few seasons. Not playing for Gloucestershire at the start of the season led to me feeling under less pressure to perform, along with a change of captain with Tom Stayt coming in as a new skipper, someone I have played a lot of cricket with and who is a close friend generally enabled me to be far more relaxed.

When did you realise that you were going to have such a good season?

Pretty much as soon as I got back I was really hungry for it and in the first few warm up games I was leaving the ball well. I didn't score too many runs but was being much more patient and waiting for the ball. This was a big difference from previous seasons. I felt really positive from the start and around half way through I realised I could do something special.

Plans and ambitions for next season?

Obviously to play at Bath again and to do just as well if not better, but also to step up to the next level. I have played for Gloucestershire for a few years in the 2nd XI and not done so well but feel I have matured as a player and I am ready to perform at that level, and hopefully become a professional cricketer.

Does playing 2nd XI for Gloucs cause any conflict with playing for Bath?

Not really I have the winter to work and get some money together then next season I can give it perhaps one more year.

Why were the 1st XI so successful?

I think we have been building something over the last few years and with Tom coming in as a new skipper. All the players were very supportive and players like myself and Staunts stepped up which is perhaps something we should have done in the past. I just think we really gelled as a team and more

importantly the team has been the same week in week out. This has allowed as to become a strong unit.

Biggest disappointment?

Well obviously the cup was a big disappointment. We know we should have gone further and I think Ealing know that as well. In the league we have been building a side in the last three years and this season we haven't been touched. We need to work out how we are going to kick on when we reach the final stages of the cup.

Next year we will be in a very good position to go further in the cup and maybe we could learn from this year.

How do you balance the cup and league? Is there a conflict?

I don't think so. We really enjoy playing in the cup and just got on with the league like we usually do. When the cup came along we were really up for it. We are learning all the time and hopefully next season we will be ready to mount another challenge.

What are the differences between NZ club cricket and playing at Bath CC?

Training wise they actually train more. Training is twice a week and the weather allows for that. I am not sure whether we could do that over here?

The standard is good at the start of the season when all the state players are around but after a month the Uni players and the state players are away and it all changes. The standard drops as the clubs do not have the same number of players as Bath do.

Who would win when both clubs were at full strength?

I think they would do well in our league but not against us.

How would you improve the WEPL?

I think everyone agrees that we should play 50 overs a side. Is there any reason why we play 55 overs? It's just five overs too many and the win/lose/draw doesn't work. It just leads to negative cricket.

And finally what could be improved at Bath CC?

I think there have been a few disappointing things at the club this season. Mainly the social side. When I was younger-coming up through the youth system-there seemed to be a lot more going on and the club seemed to be a much more family oriented. Whereas now there doesn't seem to be too much of that. For instance, there has been no food at the club. I think there has been a big change this year from previous years. Whether it's us as players or maybe we need to say something to people further up the club hierarchy? Whichever way something needs to happen and we all need to do our bit. It is our club and we want it to do as well as it can both on and off the field.



Bath CC - Extended Family?

Cricket, for me, has always been more than rocking up on a Saturday to play cricket. And to be fair that's why it took me so long to actually make the switch and join Bath CC despite having lived in the city for the previous 5 years. Truth be told, the perception that I had of the club was not great - not particularly friendly, very clique-y and somewhere where I wouldn't want to play. I therefore trundled my way over to Trowbridge each summer, played my cricket and trundled home again. It wasn't great socially and it wasn't great on the pitch but my spectacular ability to remain loyal, despite every instinct suggesting otherwise, held firm.

There was a bit of an aura about Bath. I suspect and hope that there still is, but now, on the inside that aura is about being a club that others respect and hate in equal measure. A club that everyone else wants to beat. A club that is ambitious and has the players and the ability to justify that ambition. On the outside, and for unfounded reasons, that built a perception of arrogance and unfriendliness in my thoughts that I didn't buy into.

If I'm honest there was also no small mixture of fear. This is a good club. The best in the area. Would I fit in and would I be considered good enough to mix it at a level that I wanted to play at? There were players that I'd read about in the papers

invitation. This time I turned up. Funny thing is I still remember looking at Mike Roe with some kind of awe and a determination to impress. This was the second team skipper and I needed to catch his eye - forget Thorby (nice guy actually, why the hell had I been so damn scared!), it was clear to me that 2nd team cricket was going to be my niche. Indoor nets turned to outdoor nets (I still hadn't shown anyone if I could 'bat a bit'!) and suddenly there were 30 or 40 guys out on a Thursday night training. Training hard. Training hadn't been this good since I spent three months playing in Melbourne. English clubs that I'd played for had an apathetic approach to training, warming up and virtually anything to do with improving performance. Despite some guy called Mike Smyth giving his best impression of Ian Botham, and trying to smack everything out of the park, there was a real feeling that people were training for a reason. I love this. I have never seen the point of spending two hours at the club in midweek running around half-heartedly, working on nothing and finding nothing working for you on the Saturday.

Two seasons on and I can't believe I ever had doubts. It's a great place to be, has superb facilities out in the middle and guys involved both on and off the field, that will do anything for the club. I've had the pleasure of Roey's captaincy for two years (!), the mixed feelings of watching Stu Priscott plough through the oppo's lower order, the sheer entertainment of various toys being thrown on and off the pitch by variously nameless players, JC's constant skulduggery (which saw me fall over a strategically placed chair in a darkened room at Glastonbury this year!), hard work at training orchestrated by Maggsy's determination to get the best out of us and the novelty of being involved in a club wanting to go somewhere. The experience of playing at Taunton last year in the national knockout regional final was about as amazing as I've ever had playing cricket

- filled with nerves but determined not to let down the likes of AK. Thorby and Lloyd Davies' who were injured and watching on from the sidelines. To cling on to a chance offered by Keith Parsons off Chris Davies and chuck it skywards was pretty special - I'd made a contribution!

I've met some great people, had some great laughs, been involved in some great games of cricket and won two titles. I've seen individual's work so hard for each other and the club to achieve the ultimate prize in club cricket - something that has just eluded us two years running. I've watched those games and wanted nothing more than for us to scrape through and keep the journey alive. I've also been welcomed in and learned that there are so many people with Bath colours running through their blood. Despite differences of opinion from time to time on the way to do things, there is one thing that is clear - people want the best for Bath CC and for Bath CC to be the best. I love that ethos and feel very much at home.

but never met before. Mark Thorburn. Fast bowler. I'd seen him bowling from the white wall end a couple of times and he looked a pretty possessed character with ball in hand. James Campbell. Batter. Great striker of the ball - got loads of runs - surely he'd smash me everywhere. (Yes - he does!). Boys on Somerset's books. A ground that looked better in the summer than most grounds I'd played at. In the winter of 2008 I phoned up Rob Maggs, coach of Bath CC. The club had its own coach - Jesus, I was way out of my depth! After mumbling something about being a medium paced, opening swing bowler and that I could hold a bat a bit, Maggsy invited me down to indoor nets. I never showed. It all added up and I bottled it!

I spent the year flitting in and out of cricket, a mystery foot injury kept me out for a couple of months and I played the last two games of the season for Trowbridge. I had missed it, but more than ever, realised I needed cricket closer to home. In the winter I made the same call again to Maggsy and got the same



The performance of this year's 1st XI sent me searching through the archives to check some of the past records. Some have in fact been broken.



Ken Patterson

A View From The Scorebox

In 1999 and 2000 the 1st XI were unbeaten in the league as are this year's team but in each year they won 11 matches compared to this years nine. However this year's total of 450 points and the winning margin of 71 points was a record for Bath.

The batsmen have had an exceptional season, scoring over 6000 runs. This is the highest number of runs I have recorded since I started scoring in 1991. There were 11 centuries and 22 scores of more than 50 in 1st XI matches this year, which again in more than I have ever recorded. James Campbell has had a spectacular season with the bat and has broken two Bath records, the first in scoring 789 runs in the league, beating the previous best by Tom Hankins of 709 in 2006. The second by scoring 1350 in all 1st XI matches, once again beating Tom Hankins 2006 record of 991 runs.

It was clear that the introduction of the 11 over limit had a significant effect in the balance between bat and ball. This was to Bath's advantage with a strong batting line-up and a good depth of bowling talent. In all of our matches there were always six quality bowlers in the side. Many of the opposing teams have existed with four bowlers in the past and relied on the opening bowlers to win matches. This limitation clearly made it more difficult to get sides out as batsmen could afford to wait for the weaker bowlers to appear without having lost too many overs.

During David Black's recent visit from New Zealand he suggested I might have a go at selecting an all time best team

from those I have observed from the score box since I started scoring in 1991. I found this almost impossible for two reasons.

Firstly the current team is so good I would not know whom to leave out. Secondly, there have been so many great players who have played for Bath over the years. However I did think it might be worth having a go at selecting a team from past 1st XI players.

Opening bats would be Lawrence Smith and Willie Murrie, middle order Tom Hankins, Peter Burkhart, Gordon Swinney, keeper Pete McGlashan, captain Mike Roe, all-rounder Mark Sage, spin bowler Mike Howarth and to complete the team two fast bowlers Ian Shrubsole and Stuart Barnes. However, looking back John Dixon, Owen Parkin, Andy Hood, Tom Hastwell, Mark Hardinges, Stuart Priscott, Gregg Brown, Grant Sheppard, Rupert Swetman and Luke Sutton have all played for Bath and could have easily completed my selection.

Finally I would like to give a massive vote of thanks to Arthur Chapman who comes to the home 1st and 2nd XI matches to operate the scoreboard and keep the scorers fed and watered. Scoring requires a lot of concentration and you do not get much time off for good behaviour during the hours of play to look after the opposition scorer so this helps make a lot of difference to life in the score box. My thanks also to John and Grace Davies for getting me home from the Devon tour when I was not so well and John Davies and David Black for doing the scoring when I was not available.



Robin Lett

The Golden Oldies

George Best was a fantastic footballer who suddenly retired from the game at the tender age of 27. However, for every George Best there is a Steve Claridge, a player for who time has no barriers. Someone that will do their job time and time again, rarely stepping into the limelight to steal the glory. A team player, someone to rely on and most importantly, ageless. This article is dedicated to those Steve Claridges of Bath Cricket Club, the guys that are there season after season doing their bit for the club. I have been fortunate enough to share a cricket field with a lot of these guys and have some great memories. I am going to share some of my favourites with you as we pay tribute to the golden oldies!

I feel it fitting, at the end of his 21st season with the club, in a year he captained the seconds to yet another league title, that we start with the Chairman himself, Michael Roe. Known as Dogger to his close friends, Roey has always given his all for the club. He captained them to Lords in 2001 and has won thousands of league titles in his time.

My first ever game for Bath was under his stewardship for the two's at Optimists in 2003. I didn't bat or bowl and from third man and mid-on where I was stationed, fielding the ball was fairly scarce. That performance obviously didn't impress him and I promptly got a call at my house from Roey the following Thursday evening telling me I was dropped to the thirds! It has long since been a dream of mine, that in 20 years when I am too old for Premier League cricket, I can once again play under Roey's iconic leadership bowling 20 mile an hour loopy off breaks in Premier Two!

Next on my list is Steve Griffiths. It has been a pleasure playing with this guy for the last two years. A Bath veteran himself and another of the 2001 Lords team, Griff has been a Bath man for a long time. Standing next to Griff in the slips for a season could drive many people crazy. In true wicketkeeper style, he seems to be a few marbles short of a full set; however he is of the most genuinely nice guys I have shared a cricket field with. He was a professional with Derbyshire and anyone who was at Ealing

Lords!" Don't worry mate, I'm probably just about over that now! Gwill's wasn't known for his fielding but in that season he also pulled off one of the best catches I have ever seen. Chris Gange of Taunton and Bath CC smashed one off Joe Dorgan to Gwill's right at mid-on where he stuck out a right hand and clung on, to stunned silence at North Parade. One of the all time great North Parade moments.

I had the pleasure of playing a lot with Tom Baker, during my first two

years of the Bath MVP have shown) he only gets better with age. I first heard about Stuart Priscott early on in my career as a hard hitting opening batter and left-arm spin bowler. I will have to be selective here as there are so many stories to tell. A master of picking up the tail enders with his left arm spin, he still is a very useful spinner, constantly deceiving people with his triple bouncer. His aggressive batting style makes it almost impossible for opposing captains to set fields. However, it was his contribution



in 2009 could clearly see why. I have never seen a wicket keeper influence a game as he did on that Sunday afternoon, rightly scooping the man of the match award for his five dismissals. Surprising really that they didn't start taking guard behind the stumps! In pure disbelief, I saw him drop a catch at Frocester this season. "Letty, Letty, my eyes have gone", to nobody's surprise, two balls later he pulled off a stunning diving one handed catch. Class.

Simon Gwilliam has to be one of the original grumpy old men. Rarely did I see him smile when we were playing. He was at Lords in 2003 and by the time 2005 had rolled around he was a little older and sniffing another Lords visit, perhaps a swansong to a terrific career, as we advanced to the last 16 and an away trip to Bridgwater. Probably (with the exception of 2010 perhaps) the best Bath side I have played in and we were favourites to win. Having starred with the bat two years earlier Gwill's had been typically reliable with the ball. Four were need off the last ball with Stuart Barnes being the bowler. The ball was crashed back past Barnsey, a good seven or eight yards to my left. I put in a token dive but the ball rocketed to the fence. As an 18 year old with dreams of playing at Lords, naturally I was distraught, hardly able to hold back the tears in the changing room but luckily Gwill's saw this and came over to console me. "Thanks a lot Letty; you've just ruined my last chance to ever go to

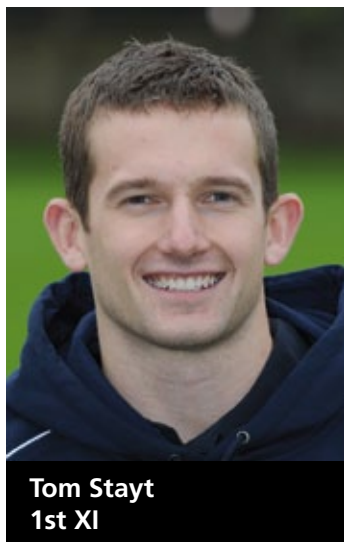
seasons with the club. He was a member of Roey's Seconds in 2003 and then with Ben Staunton's Firsts in 2004. As a member of the 1998 Lords team, he had already had a very successful 1st team career by the time I came across him and I had heard a little about his reputation between the wickets. In one of my early games for Bath I was batting with Bakes in a tense run chase at North parade. We had about a run a ball to get and before the start of one particular over he came up to me and said, "Letty, there are gaps everywhere, trust my call and we will get through". Why wouldn't I believe him? As a 16 year old, batting with one of my heroes and former county youth coaches, I would have done anything he said. Next ball he pushed a forward defensive quite firmly to what seemed like a forward silly mid-off and called "yes!" naturally I went straight away but almost as soon as he had called it the fielder was picking up the ball. Fortunately, we had just crossed when I was run out by half the pitch! Bakes went on to get 60 odd not out, won the game and stole the glory! Although Bakes probably won't have a career in stand up, he can still hit a ball a long way, as Somerset leg spinner Michael Munday found out in this year's Baker cup final when he deposited him into the stands, giving those spectators that were there a look at what he can still do.

I may well have saved the best till last. The true Steve Claridge of Bath Cricket Club. Like a fine wine, (as the last two

in the field at Frocester in 2007 which jumps to the front of my mind when I think about Percy. The previous year he had been cruelly robbed of his opening spot against the new ball of Gannon and Bressington by a timely bout of cramp. In 2007, during yet another hundred from Nick Trainor, we were suffering a bit in the field when Thorby decided to bring Brownly on to bowl. He dragged one down and the batsman, on the pull, smashed it towards Percy who was fielding at midwicket. Many people would have thought to have stopped it with their hands but not Percy. We had been trying that all day but to no avail. He stumbled and fell towards the ball, using his face as a shield and stopped the run, thus having to take himself off to hospital for stitches. That's Percy through and through; he was and always will be willing to do anything possible to avoid facing Ben Gannon on a bouncy one!

Every club needs their stalwarts. I may have been kind with a couple of the boys by not naming them in this list, but who knows, maybe an updated 2011 version of this article will feature the likes of Staunton and James Brown, not quite golden oldies but well on the way! These guys are part of the furniture and without them the club simply wouldn't be the same. They deserve their recognition. Today the club is very successful and challenging for many titles. Without these guys laying the foundations we wouldn't be the club we are today.

New Captains for 2011



Tom Stayt
1st XI



Jon Green
2nd XI



Jamie Walker
3rd XI



Paul Bird
4th XI



Jackie Hawker
Wanderers 1st XI



Hannah Williams
Wanderers 2nd XI



Stuart Kingwell
Sunday XI



Gregg Brown
Midweek XI

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Griff

Welcome Address

Congratulations to all youth players, coaches and managers. Another fantastic season full of success, endeavour and good spirit enjoyed by 217 junior Bath CC members. A great deal of preparation and hard work has gone into the organisation and running of 12 junior teams.

As young players at North Parade you should be very grateful for the wonderful facilities available to you –as I’m sure you all are. In return the club is very grateful and most fortunate to have you and your families involved in the club’s future.

If you haven’t already done so, make the time to thank your parents for all the lifts, drinks money, phone calls and for generally reorganising their lives to get you to countless fixtures. They love doing it, but a pat on the back wouldn’t go amiss now and again.

I feel confident when I say I speak for everyone in congratulating Gordon Gill and Gregg Brown for producing

two magnificent grounds. Not only do they look beautiful (the grounds that is, not Gordon and Gregg) but the playing surfaces would grace any county ground in the country. However, if they could delay the sun going down for a little longer at the Brownsword it would stop July and August suddenly becoming November in the blink of an eye.

No doubt within this first issue of the ‘Junior Parade in Print’ you will be regaled with season reports of heroism and bravery alongside humour and camaraderie. And if you are lucky enough to see your name in print or to even win an award, be proud and enjoy the moment. If you don’t feature or missed

out on the praise, try to remember that you will have been an integral part of your team. Fun and success would not have been possible without your input. That is the joy of being part of a sports team. I can promise you that!

Have a great winter - maybe even put cricket equipment on your Christmas wish list to help spread the cost! And take heart in the fact that there are only three months until winter nets begin. On hearing this your parents will almost certainly let out a large sigh of inevitability. Good time to offer to make them a cup of tea and do the washing up!



David Ford

Bath Centurions Year Report



The season 2010 was a very successful season for my Bath Centurions. First of all I would like to say how enjoyable it was, and most all of how impressed I was with the standard the side produced.

I feel the team should be very proud, and take what they have learnt from this season into their next season. Even though it has been very successful, we did have our ups and downs.

Firstly losing to one of our closest rivals ‘The Bath Spears’, not a good start, although you do have to take into consideration I had never met the players before, they hadn’t trained together plus it was hectic with our manager being away. All in all not very organised. But we kick started our season with a convincing home victory against Trowbridge B. This was an excellent result, just what we needed to give the team a boost in confidence. This then meant we had a tough trip over to Warminster where we won by 32 runs. I think, if I remember correctly, Tom Van Gelderen (player of the season) smashing it around the park, and too be fair it was a rather big boundary. Not only did Tom help us out with the bat, but Harvey Squire (captain) & Owen Dudman hit a lovely 29 partnership off 4 overs, and Matthew Thompson & Jack France hitting a 28 partnership off 4 overs. Also they contributed nicely, kindly giving us 38 extras in total. The team had managed to achieve their highest score this season hitting 282, bare in mind you always start off with a total of 200 runs before each innings because each time you lose a wicket you lose 5 runs. That made it 2 wins out of 3 games. A tremendous start to the season.

However we were brought back down to earth losing to Winsley 1’s, unfortunately I couldn’t make that game but David Black said the team basically didn’t turn up for the game and didn’t seem prepared. Winsley were probably one of the strongest oppositions as well, but after a weeks absence, we then had a short trip over to Winsley to play their 2nd team. Again they proved too strong for us and were very resilient; never the less it was very frustrating giving away 30 extras. A lot of these extras were wides and no balls, something that we concentrated on in the nets. But as the season progressed I was very impressed with the standard, especially from Ewan Taylor-Smith who seemed to be very consistent, also Oliver Hunter

proving to look a young talent, and not forgetting the rest of the team. The two wicketkeepers Eva Lynch & Harry Grendon were fantastic week in week out. It is not easy standing up behind the stumps with a cricket ball coming down at some pace, especially when the majority of the squad had never played hard ball cricket, so for me that was one thing that really impressed me, it takes a lot of courage, just ask Steve Griffiths!

We then had another local derby facing Bath Swords, and I was constantly onto the team the week before how important it was to make sure we just got a good result against the Swords. We were the better batting team; I’m not being biased, and definitely the better fielding team. We batted first hitting 273, and restricted the Swords to 240. This meant we had reached the half way stage where we were still evens winning three and losing three.

The 2nd half of the season wasn’t the best. We managed to gain two victories, and lose four more matches. Those four losses coming against, Trowbridge A, Biddestone 1’s & 3’s, and also the league champions Rode. The other two results came against Beanacre at home which was our 7th match and Biddestone away on our last game, so we finished the season on a high finishing 9th in the league. Played 12 lost 7 and won 5. Something in general though really impressed me and that was down to all of the players, these were;

Finlay Cook, Owen Dudman, Jack France, Harry Grendon, Oliver Hunter, Oliver Lewis(Improved player of the season) , Eva Lynch, Louie Milton, William South, Harvey Squire, Ewan Taylor-Smith and Thomas Van Gelderen (player of the season). Also not forgetting our manager Poppy Squire who equally made my job ten times easier, and last but not least our no.1 fans the parents. Once again I thoroughly enjoyed the team, and it was a pleasure, a great bunch and I would never hesitate to coach them rest in years to come.

Community Coaching

Cricketbath was the brainchild of Grant Sheppard and Mike Jones and was established in 2006. This initiative was launched to deliver more and better cricket participation and learning opportunities for children and young people in the local community.

This includes partnerships with local schools (particularly state schools) and other cricket clubs. Further to this, ensuring that any interest established is linked with exit routes into local clubs (not just Bath Cricket Club) to sustain participation.

Four years on and the initiative has gone some way to meeting these objectives. Through holiday courses and introductory groups, like the Stumpers and Yorkers, the membership of Cricketbath currently stands at approximately 580 children. These courses are essential not only in meeting the objectives as outlined above, but for the funding of many of the other activities Cricketbath undertakes within the community.

By raising finance in this way Cricketbath has been able to provide over 500 hours of curriculum coaching to local primary schools in the last year. The scheme by which we have been able to achieve this is Key Stage 2 Coaching in Curriculum. K2CC is a joint initiative between the BANES Sport and Active Leisure Team and the School Sport Partnership. The scheme aims to provide all children in Key Stage 2 with the opportunity to participate in high quality PE and school sport delivered by qualified coaches. It encourages life long participation in sport and activity through the creation of clear pathways into local community sports/activity clubs. It also develops the skills, knowledge and confidence of primary school teachers, as they have to be present at all sessions.

Being involved in this scheme led Cricketbath to being responsible for the organisation and running of the ASDA Kwik Cricket Festival in the BANES area. Last summer over 24 teams entered the Year six competition, 20 entered the Year 5 competition and 12 teams entered the girls competition all of which were state school teams. We also ran two Inter Cricket Festivals for Year 7 & 8 boys and girls. Both were a great success with 10 schools attending in total.

Inter Cricket was designed for boys and girls who, for reasons of facility or ability, can't play hard ball cricket. It bridges the gap between Kwik Cricket and the traditional hardball game, increasing levels of participation in the game, particularly amongst grassroots initiative is ideal for use in secondary schools and clubs.

In 2007 Cricketbath became involved in the Chance to Shine scheme. It is estimated that over the course of ten years Chance to Shine will reach a third of all schools in England and Wales and engage two million young people. This charity provides funding for 280 hours of coaching during the summer term to a cluster of six schools in close vicinity of the cricket club. In our case last year those schools were; Ralph Allen, Oldfield Girls, Oldfield Park Jnr School, Widcombe Jnr School, Moorlands, Southdown and St Michaels.

Our involvement with these primary schools has led to what I believe is our greatest success to date. At the beginning of 2010 it looked as though Stothert & Pitt CC would be unable to field an under 11 team. With the Chance to Shine funding we set up curriculum and after school sessions in those primary schools geographically closest to the club. By Easter, Stothert & Pitt were able to enter an U11 team in the BDYCL. This is a great example of where the Cricketbath initiative can help other clubs in establishing strong school-club links.

This level of activity in the community has meant we now need the services of professional coaches to deliver coaching on these schemes. These coaches are Jon Green, Stuart Kingwell, Mike Smyth and Simon Marchant.

Cricketbath has been a great success in providing an introduction to cricket to a great many children in the BANES area. Our next challenge is to monitor and track the development of these children and ensure that they have an opportunity to put their new found love of the game into action through local clubs.

Daggers - Beth Howe

I would like to start by thanking every single member of the Daggers squad who made the 2010 season so enjoyable. This year was truly a squad effort with everybody eager to play each week and looking to improve with every game. The League provided some strong opposition, with many of the Daggers playing hard ball cricket for the first time. It was fantastic to watch their confidence grow from the first game to the last. There have been some exceptional individual performances this year, but the unity within the team made sure everybody played their part in a successful season.

There were many strong characters in the team who could have taken the captain's role, however the responsibility was giving to Sam Young with Arthur Parashar as his vice. Both of whom led the team fantastically well, showing a lot of maturity in their decision making.

It's never great to start the season with a loss, but losing on the last ball to Hampset Harriers was probably the best way to lose in some respects. It was an exciting introduction to hard ball cricket for many of the team. Losing by such a small margin showed the importance of every run scored and every ball bowled in the game. This experience-so early on in the season- helped bring the team together with a great sense of determination. The enthusiasm and hard work during training was fantastic, and what was learnt on a Tuesday evening was often replicated on the pitch the next week.

As a bowling outfit, the Daggers were an impressive force. A balance of pace and spin bowlers meant we were never short of bowling options. Conor Chandler, Arthur Parashar and Sam Young were the stand out pace bowlers, whilst Nathan Gregg, Lorenzo Montani and Harry Roberts, used a change of pace to deceive many batters. It was however the sharp fielding which backed up the bowling that often restricted teams. I can't remember many catches being dropped throughout the season, and with our special run out machine in the form of Arthur Parashar the team picked up many fielding wickets.

As with the bowling attack the Daggers had a blend of power hitters, nudgers and nurlers in the batting

department. Several key batting partnerships were formed throughout the season. Felix Gate and Arthur Parashar batted especially well together, running between the wicket extremely well! Barney Brooker got better and better with the bat and his performance against Keynsham in the last game showed how much he had come on.

A big congratulations must go to Sam Young, who performed consistently throughout the season. He had great partnerships with whoever he batted with and bowled with pace and aggression from game one. I'm sure the rest of the squad would agree Sam was a deserved winner of the Novice award this year.

It's been a pleasure to be the coach of the Daggers this year. The enthusiasm shown by each player has made my job as a coach extremely easy. A very big **thank you** must go to Darren Gregg for being so organised and committed, all his hard work helped things run smoothly and it was greatly appreciated.

Spears - Hannah Williams

The 2010 season for the Spears was definitely one to remember. After a fantastic turnout at winter nets it was clear that there was a huge amount of talent. We couldn't have kicked the season off any better after a win against our local rivals Bath Centurions. The girls went from strength to strength. Wickets were being taken, runs were being scored and more importantly games were being won. We were starting to look like accomplished cricketers. This season there was something different about the girls. Not only had their cricket improved but their confidence and cricketing knowledge impressed greatly.

Throughout the season there have been some superb bowling displays from all of the girls with special mentions going to Abi Tonks, Freya White and Zoe and Ursula Olsen-Groome. They always produced results when the ball was given to them. Sarah Rawle a very promising young talent was unplayable at times.

On to our batting. This really proved that our confidence had grown with scores such as 273. A fantastic effort. Kirsten Meehan our star opening batter looked pure quality this year playing proper cricket shots, scoring boundaries and never failing to put us in a great

position. Also our very own energetic Georgia Wilson a very keen young cricketer, would always come to the crease and up the tempo.

Our fielding was outstanding this year. We really made our opposition work hard for their runs. They worked well as a team and helped each other out, which is so important at this level. There are a lot of potential captains amongst the girls.

There wasn't one game this season where the girls didn't give 110%. The enthusiasm and energy levels were incredible which gave Nick and myself a tricky job to select a side. A huge congratulations to Zoe, Ursula and Sarah who have not only been selected to play in the Wanderers 3rd X1 but have taken wickets or scored runs on each occasion.

It has been a pleasure to be their coach! **Here's to next season.**

Arrows - Tom Baker

After two years without any silverware and having to watch the Blades pick up consecutive league titles, I was summoned to the club by Thorby to ask if I knew the whereabouts of my P45.

After a hat trick of league & cup triumphs prior to the Blades double, I was desperate to redress the balance. Happily this year everything clicked. Right from the first game after a century opening stand, the omens were good.

After seven games came a top of the table clash against Chippenham, this promised to be a real test for the boys. However, after posting a formidable total of 138 for 3 off 20 overs, we never gave them a sniff, restricting them to 73 for 8.

That was pretty much the story for the remainder of the season. If we batted first we blew the opposition away, topping 150 three times culminating in a high of 167 for 3 against Brislington. Chasing, we weren't as impressive, stumbling to defeat against Lansdown chasing a modest 100 to win and losing 5 wickets in chasing only 47 to beat the Blades.

However overall the boys were fantastic. I don't want to single anyone out as it really was a squad effort, especially on the bowling front with so many players taking five wickets or more. The cup turned into a stroll after a tough opening game against Hinton Charterhouse. We beat Winsley by 160 runs & Chippenham by 80 runs.

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The final against Keynsham was more of the same with a 109 run victory. We used 20 players during the cup run and it was extremely difficult to pick only nine for the final. Good news for next season is that almost half the squad are still with me for another year.

Many congratulations to all who represented the under 11s as the Blades ran us close and picked up the runners up spot. Thanks to Gordon for the pitches at North Parade, it is always a thrill for all concerned to play our games there. Thanks also to Jeanette who makes it all possible and who deserves at least a year off!

Swords - Tom Shrubsole

2010 has been a very successful season for the Swords and the whole squad should feel very proud of what they have achieved over the summer.

The season itself did not get off to the best start. We had a tough schedule against some strong teams in the first part of the season and we had to endure a five game losing streak.

However despite the losses we saw some strong performances: Patrick Crawford's 13 not out vs Rode, Ollie Shrubbs's 12 and 1-0 vs Trowbridge and Tom Baer's 15 not out and 2-2 vs Bath Centurians were among the highlights.

I know from playing experience, staying positive and getting through a losing period is tough but we saw such a dramatic change from the squad which set us up for the rest of the season. Most notably, we worked harder at training and started to apply what we had learnt in practice to our games.

This hard work and determination paid off in our seventh game against Biddestone 1. We batted first and made a massive 300; Patrick made 16* and Ollie made 17 not out. We backed our batting up with a solid fielding and bowling performance. We bowled Biddestone out for 270, Patrick taking two wickets for one run. So, first win under our belts and the monkey off our back and our confidence sky high going into our next game away at Beanacre.

After our big score last week, my expectations were high in Beanacre but my heart sank when we were dismissed for just 247. However, the team had it all under control. The bowling and fielding

performance was unbelievable; Miles Roberts did most of the damage, taking one wicket and reducing the Beanacre score by five. We ended up winning by 14 runs.

The hat-trick was up for grabs a week later and we got it thanks to a 25 run victory against the Spears. Patrick was on form again taking two wickets with his sharp pace. A week later the team travelled to Trowbridge, I unfortunately was unable to be there but the team bagged another convincing win.

We had suddenly turned a losing streak into a four game winning streak, our confidence was high and we were eager to snatch two more wins from our final two games.

Unfortunately, Biddestone II ruined our plans in the penultimate game. We put in a strong bowling performance, Shonak Joshi, Flynn Jones and Angus Fender all took a wicket each. Biddestone ended on 273. Sadly we could not match them with the bat and had to settle for 238

Thank yous: The parents. For getting the players to training and fixtures. Mark Thorburn. For his amazing support of the squad. Gregg Brown. For his usual immaculate pitches. David Black. For taking the practice sessions in my absence. The team has learnt a heck of a lot from him and appreciates the time he put into the team. The players. For their amazing effort and enthusiasm which made this season thoroughly enjoyable.

Julian Lowrie, team manager. I owe an enormous thank you to Julien for what he has done for the team this year. For contacting parents and getting eight players on the pitch which may sound simple but takes a lot of time and effort. I hope Julien has enjoyed working with the team and I hope he will continue to manage. Whoever he manages for will have it very easy indeed.

Thank you. Have a good off-season and I hope to see everyone back in 2011.

Blades - Mike Smyth

The Blades started the year as defending champions and knew they would have a tough task retaining their title against a hungry and talented Arrows team.

The season started slowly with a few close wins followed by our first loss to

Chippenham on the last ball. The Blades picked themselves up and carried on playing well and then a close game against Brislington ended in a draw on the last ball.

The first game against the Arrows was an interesting affair. After being skittled for a low score of 44 it looked like an embarrassing defeat could be on the cards after the Arrows bowled exceptionally well. However the Blades rallied and had the Arrows 12-5 with skipper Charlie Patterson in particular bowling well, however Benedit Gundry came in to steady the Arrows ship and scored a quick fire 23 not out to take the game. After this it became apparent the league would be dependent on the result of the next Blades v's Arrows game with the Arrows having slipped up against Lansdown and the Blades beating Chippenham in the return fixture, again off the last ball.

In the showdown against the Arrows it came down to one partnership. The Arrows batted first and got off to a good start with an opening partnership of 40+, however four wickets fell for four runs and the Blades were back in the game. In came Lewis Taylor-Smith to join Tom Dudman and they set about rebuilding the innings which they did superbly, with the Arrows ending on 130-8.

The Blades got off to a fantastic start with Sam Cope getting to 43 before getting out, taking his total for the season above 250 runs, a truly magnificent effort. The Arrows then tightened the screws and the Blades fell just 21 runs short, in what was a fantastic game of cricket.

The Blades grew as a group of cricketers and people throughout the summer, and progression was obvious to all who had spent the season watching. **Thanks** must go to Mark Cope for doing the administrative duties and his help with scoring, along with all the other parents who helped during the season. The effort to regain the title begins soon.

Under Thirteen Reports



U13-1 - Stuart Kingwell

This year the under 13 1's were as strong as I have ever seen! And I had high hopes for a successful season. And I was not disappointed! With a mix of talent, determination and swagger this team were a force to be reckoned with. A number of the team were returning for their second year and a few talented players coming up from the under 11's made this squad very strong.

In the first few league games we scored heavily and didn't lose a single wicket and we were winning comfortably every game! In fact this was a trend that continued throughout the year and in the league there was not a single game we were pushed close! And come the end of the year we were undefeated in the league and were crowned as champions. So the league season was a successful one and we achieved our goal at the start of the year to win the league!

Our other main goal was in the national competition and with this team I had very high hopes! And hoped we could go all the way. The previous year we reached the regional finals and finished fourth down in Taunton.

This year we again reached the regional finals and all through the comp we had won comfortably. I was away for the weekend so wasn't there, so thanks to Steve for stepping in! Unfortunately we lost the first game defending a low score but pushing the other team very close getting them nine down before they won the game. So no national champions again this year! The second game of the day we went back to routine convincingly beating the next team. From the reports I heard it was just one of those bad days that everyone has from time to time and it cost us. But we finished one better than last year coming 3rd in the region!

So only one loss all year! Coming in the national cup unfortunately once again a Somerset under 12 match meant three of my regular players all batters and bowlers, were playing for Somerset and not in my national team. I can only assume that had those players been playing for us it may have been a different story, but that is something for the club and county to try and sort out! I would like to think that they could work together to ensure fixtures are not on the same day as the major national days!

The team have been brilliant this year so well done and, cup aside, it has been a fantastic season in which we have dominated! **Well done boys you did me proud!** See you all next season!

U13 Central - Simon Marchant

The Bath Central squad consisted of 18 boys. The captaincy for the season was shared between Thomas Grendon and Joe Hansard, both of whom throughout the season developed and matured as captains and certainly had the respect of the squad.

The training nights throughout the season were always very well attended by all of the squad. On regular occasions all the Under 13 squads would train together which added a good competitive edge to the training sessions.

The team's season seemed to be a bit of a mixed bag, having games where we looked capable of beating anyone, to games where we weren't quite so good. I'm not going to mention every player and game but I will just mention a couple of highlights that stood out for me.

Firstly, the Lansdown away fixture. Lansdown's opening batsmen got off

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to a very good start, getting them to 36 off the first five overs. Once Thomas Grendon and Owen Daykin-Pont had dismissed those two, the boys then fielded and bowled as well as I have seen a team of that age, and restricted Lansdown to 92.

Bath then chased down the total in 14 overs with Alex Cameron playing a very mature innings. This performance just showed what the team was capable of when they all performed to their best.

The **second highlight** was the Brislington away fixture. On a very quick outfield and pitch Brislington batted first and scored what seemed like an unbeatable target of 154. After having a chat with the boys and telling them to just go out with no fear and play their shots what came next was one of the best batting performances from an Under 13 team I have seen. Led by Will Dindar who ended on 96 not out and very well supported by the rest of the team, we eventually tied on the last ball of the game.

I would just like to thank all of the boys for making the season a very enjoyable one. They always kept me entertained and there always seemed to be a really good atmosphere at both

training and match nights. I wish them all the best in the future and if they continue to play and train as they have done this year they won't go far wrong.

U13 South - James Campbell

It's been a very successful season for the under 13's age groups as a whole with a pleasing amount of talent and depth throughout. My south boys were strong all season finishing runners up in the league behind a Timsbury side which depended on individuals. We beat teams such as Keynsham, Hampset and Frome, and also had a tie with Temple Cloud.

Every single player has worked very hard through the season and I feel each individual has made an improvement. It has been a pleasure to coach them and see the hard work that they put in during training and winter nets pay off with some really good performances.

I have a lot of **thanks** to give to everyone that has helped. Firstly the whole Moore family especially, Sarah who has helped make everything so easy, and to Guy for captaining with Will throughout the season. Also to Simon and Stu for help during training nights and Thorbs for dealing with any problems!

Player of the Season - Chris Davis
Most Improved Player - Finley White

U13 Girls - Lucy Allison

Results are often the way in which we judge how successful a team has been. It's often the way people decide how well a team has played. Is this fair?

The Bath girls did not win a single game but they were extremely successful in so many ways. Our batting showed areas of positive stroke play and we batted out our 20 overs in most games. Our bowling got more and more accurate with less and less wides being bowled. The fielding was on occasions gutsy and inventive but improved game by game. Their enthusiasm was never dampened despite losing every game. Their team spirit was second to none - encouraging, supportive and fun. A core

group showed an excellent commitment hardly missing a game. Every girl who captained the side organised, encouraged and led the girls by example. Most importantly everyone was prepared to have a go. Every game we improved in some small way.

Throughout the season all the girls did outstanding things. Some small and some more significant – a spectacular catch, a dive to stop a four, not losing your wicket or filling in last minute. It is often not possible to record or measure the importance of these performances but without them the following players may not have been able to post such outstanding performances.

The highlights of the season have to be: Emma Godman 51 vs Temple Cloud and 32 vs Midsomer Norton. Abi Fielden 29 vs Bath South. Ella Van Gelderen 23 vs Timsbury. Charlotte Robinson 2-0- 4-2 vs Peasedown St John 3-0-10-3 vs Hampset. Alex Simonds 2-0-3-2 vs Hampset 'B'.

The future for the women's side of the club looks good with so many good young players coming through. Over the winter we need to focus on being more confident in our batting, taking quick singles and attacking the ball in the field. If we can develop these areas of our game I am confident we will win the odd game or two.

Many thanks have to go to Caroline Ford for sorting out the teams every week and more importantly organising me.

The team spirit, enthusiasm and desire to play has been fantastic. Well done for participating in what has been a tough season.

All the very best for the next season.



Under Fifteen Reports

U15-1 - Jon Green

The 2010 season promised a lot and as so often was the case faltered at the last minute.

On paper we were hoping to build on the previous seasons efforts even though this may have seemed like a stretch with the loss of the majority of a dream team who claimed to have many county and district players.

Much in cricket is gained through hard work and preparation and we didn't have this behind us in pre-season and this became a recurring theme of our summer. Poor availability at winter and summer nets set the tone for what would follow during the business end of the youth season. Selection was the biggest challenge faced by Karen Simonds and me not due to many wanting to play but through lack of interest and commitment.

The flag ship youth side started strongly with an unbeaten streak up until June. The boys managed to forge a winning performance from every situation scraping home with our first fixture by one wicket on the last ball to hammering opponents by chasing a low target with 16 overs to spare!

As already mentioned we torpedoed both attempts at the league and national cup by failing to put out in some cases eleven players and leaving our fate to younger age group members.

I must add that those that managed to commit to the season did themselves proud and valiantly battled to near losses. Thanks must go to the under 15-2nd XI members for helping us out and special thanks must go to our under 13 players who have given glimpses of what may lay ahead in the near future with a squad who may bear more fruit for their efforts.

Highlights on the pitch were as follows; Sam Morris showed glimpses of explosive and truly destructive batting. As he matures and learns to build an innings and develops shot selection he will become even more dangerous to opposition attacks

Harry Roberts. A man amongst boys in physique. He bowled with pace and control giving us early breakthroughs and control. If only he were allowed to bowl more overs. With this he has been awarded a place on Bath CC's TOP Programme

Tim Rouse. Naturally gifted, mature,

tactically astute and finally consistent. He scored stacks of runs and was a shining light and role model for all within the squad. **Lastly thanks** to Karen who tirelessly worked to get 11 players on the pitch without which there wouldn't have been many fixtures to play.

U15-2 - Chris Davies

The U15s – 2 season has unfortunately been quite fragmented. With an initially small squad and players leaving pre-season, and injuries, the already small squad started the season with only six regular players. Fortunately the U15-1s squad, and U13s were in abundance, so a full set of players was generally always available, forming the remainder of the team each game.

Over the season, we used 33 players, but the “core of the team” remained throughout. Samuel Eyles, Christian Kennedy, Alistair Davies, Lewi Roberts, William Davies, with captain Lauren Shrubsole. In addition to this Joe Stratton became a “regular” after joining the club after the first two games.

Despite this obvious handicap, the team always gave 110%, and performed excellently representing Bath Cricket Club proudly all season. Eventually finishing 5th in the league, out of 11 teams. Playing ten games (one in the cup), and winning six, including beating eventual champions Canal Taverners.

The list of star performers through the year cannot go to any individuals, as each member of the team had excellent games, either with bat or ball.

The “core” of the team deserves particular mention, as they always turned up for training, eager to learn and to improve on aspects of their games, and always with a sense of fun. From these players the future of the club is very bright with promising seam bowlers like Christian Kennedy and Sam Eyles and slower bowlers, like Alistair Davies and Lewi Roberts always willing to back up them up. With this group of players we had an excellent, “all-rounder” in William Davies, including Joe Stratton & Lauren Shrubsole, who as well as forming the main batting threats each also having turns at keeping, with Lauren proving to be her usual excellent spinning option.

For this coach, the season aim was to get all of the squad contributing through

the season, this aim was advered in most games, but may have not been the case 100% of the time. This is the fault of the coach, and I hope these errors do not affect the almost certain futures of Bath's up-and-coming youth.

To end on a positive note, the majority of this squad will still be in the U15s next year, and I feel after another year of hard work, this squad can make the step-up to the senior Saturday teams and start to make valuable contributions.

I would finally like to say a very **big thank you to:** Ceri Davies. My manager, without whom I would NEVER have raised a team for each game, she also learnt how to score in the season and hopefully will continue to in the future.

Steve Grieshaber & Karen Simmonds, U13 & U15-1 managers respectively for their continued support in providing me players for each game.

Stuart Kingwell and Jon Green, U13 & U15-1 coaches for allowing me to select their players when available.

Ken Bailey, for helping with umpiring. Alex Muse and Mike Smyth who both helped me with coaching, scoring or umpiring when I was “a man” short.

Gordon Gill & all the Shrubsoles, for the help either with scoring, lifts, or even helping me get some more players.

Mark Thorburn who was hounded almost weekly to help with my teams.

To all the parents who always got the kids to games on time or helped on the game nights.

Bath Youth Awards

| Player | Team |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Most Improved Player Award | |
| Kirsten Meehan | Spears |
| Oliver Lewis | Centurions |
| Angus Fender | Swords |
| Nathan Gregg | Daggers |
| Charlie Patterson | Blades |
| Tom Dudman | Arrows |
| Player of the Year Award | |
| Zoe Olsen Groome | Spears |
| Tom Van Gelderen | Centurions |
| Oliver Shrub | Swords |
| Sam Young | Daggers |
| Sam Cope | Blades |
| Benedict Gundry | Arrows |
| Other Awards | |
| Harry Hankins - Fizzpot Award | |
| Sam Young - Novice Award | |

Steve Griffiths

20 Over Cricket (Patience and Power)

Twenty over cricket is all about 'crash bang wallop'. But is that really true? Is that really the case for all teams and at all levels?

This is not quite as straight forward a question as you might imagine. The advent of this form of the game at a professional level has attracted great interest and a whole army of new cricket fans.

Watching Keiswetter and Trescothick step across their stumps with increasing confidence as they seem to dispatch every type of delivery to the boundary is equally as impressive as it is inspiring. But it is however, very difficult and you need to be very good. 'Doing a Dilshan' is fantastic, if you are Tillakaratne Dilshan!

I'm not suggesting that players ignore these new innovative batting strokes, and the game must certainly keep evolving, however, it is simply worth noting that these shots –like many others- take time to master.

If this is the case, what constitutes a good competitive score in 120 balls? The key to this for any junior player is to make the most of every ball they receive. Is it appropriate to fiercely attack every ball in the quest for boundaries even if it results in a lot of 'playing and missing'? I would suggest not.

Assuming that your bowlers keep a tidy line, 120 runs at under15 level or below should be eminently defendable. In twenty over cricket there are gaps everywhere in the field.

You need to have your weight forward and your mind set on 'getting bat on ball' from each and every delivery. No one will manage to get a single –at junior level- off every ball, however batting with such intention and focus will only help to aid your concentration.

No doubt at some stage you will find - or have done so already- that a score of 80 has produced a tight game or indeed 150 was just enough to see you home. But this is often down to aspects such as inaccurate bowling or difficult playing conditions. Having a positive mindset and a plan can allow you to be more consistent as a team and give you greater control over your destiny in each match.

The longer you are at the crease the easier batting seems to become. It is for this reason that boundaries will begin to flow. Not only will you time the ball better, but you will draw the fielders in and the ball will start to find its way through the infield. The longer this goes on the greater control the batting side will have.

So yes, by all means be creative and hit the ball hard, but do it as part of a plan. In isolation it very rarely works. Aim to score a run off every ball and you will find that time after time your overall run-rate will reflect something well in excess of six!



Joel Griffiths

What a sound!

It's always a feeling that gives you a buzz when the captain tells you to open the bowling. It's something that can really boost your confidence knowing that you over nine other players - well knowing our attendance, seven or eight most of the time - was going to set the standard.

I find myself marking out my run up, scraping a line with my studs in the bone dry field of our home pitch the Brownsword ground. Cheers of encouragement from every part of the pitch remove any nerves and restore your sense of self-belief. Then there's silence and you clear your head and soak up the atmosphere. Then you start running.

A surge of energy flings you forward with an unstoppable thrust. With the wind racing past your face you only have one target and that is the stumps. As you edge closer and closer to the non-striker's end, your natural bowling action starts without even thinking. Because I've bowled so many times before, my body knows the whole routine: high bound, arm and head, slice through the wicket and finally follow through.

You gaze at the ball moving like an arrow through the air. It pitches on middle stump before swinging away. Then you hear it! The sound that makes every bowler's day: **The clatter of stumps**. Excitement and relief flows through your body and you celebrate with the team. That's when you know, you've just bowled the perfect ball.

Tim Rouse

The Keynsham Match

The U15 team had a great season winning the majority of our games except a few close ones towards the end of the season. There were many excellent moments throughout the season, but our match against Keynsham was really the most memorable and humorous of them all.

It was a sunny but cold evening at the Keynsham CC ground. Everyone was wondering what the first game of the season would bring us and what the rest of the season would hold. Keynsham won the toss and immediately chose to bat. They only had a couple of established batsmen but wickets are wickets and Harry Roberts and Harley Waterman helped us to pile through their top, middle and lower order batsmen – and we suddenly found we had them all out for 64. Hopes were high that we would be getting an early victory as we went in to bat. At this point I was beginning to think what a great season we had ahead of us with such a fantastic bowling attack!

Then it was our turn to bat. Sam Morris and I opened the batting and were both dismissed for very low scores. It seemed as though their bowling attack was considerably better than their batting line up, and the pitch was trickier than it looked!

With some slow scoring, and with wickets falling regularly, we found ourselves reduced to about 40 for 7, realising that winning this game was not going to be as easy as it had seemed.

In strode Harry Roberts. His power and finesse made batting out in the middle look a lot easier, and he knocked up a quick 15 odd to take us close to victory. It seemed as though the match was ours.

But with two more wickets lost, we needed six to win off the last over. Suddenly nerves were frayed, fingernails bitten. One over, six runs, one wicket. But the calm headed Chester Ellis was at the crease with Harry still fighting. Then it was one to win off the last ball. We held our breath while Chester carved it to point, who luckily let the ball slip through his legs for the precious single we needed to win the match. What a bizarre game!

Our top manager John told us to figure out what we thought about the game for ourselves, and had no further comment whatsoever – too much stress! This came as no surprise to me as the rest of the season looked like it could be tough on the nerves if all the matches turned out like this one.

But the first match of the season did not deter us. It was the same fighting spirit which took us through a successful season, with so many special and memorable moments for everyone.

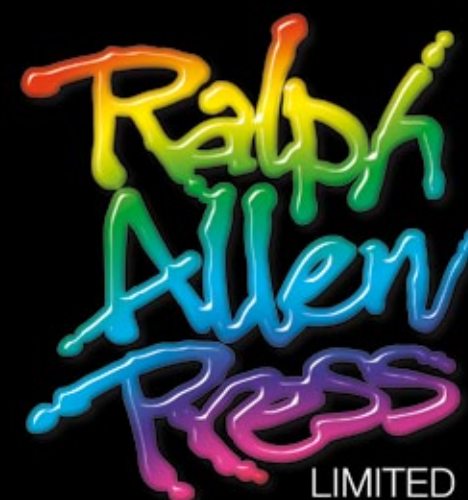


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rugby ?? Come on the 2011 World Cup ! I will haunt them - and others at the club

The day out at Midsomer Norton with the 4th team. A good win by a good bunch of blokes who enjoyed each others company. Practice attendance was great and socially they loved a quiet ale. To me they are part of the club's 'backbone'.

Getting lost driving the team bus to Brompton Ralph with the women's 3rd team with Ken Bailey on board!! He told us a hundred times we were going the wrong way which didn't help when one Kiwi driver is already lost in the 'back blocks' of Somerset with no mobile reception, at 3pm when it's a 2pm start!! If I had had a spare sock I know where it would have gone!!

Terry Harper getting a 'roasting' from his lovely wife - Denise, in front of me. He dropped the ball big time reckoned Denise. She went shopping (She's a shareholder of Marks & Spencer according to Terry), planning to buy plenty. He was meant to carry the heavy shopping back to the carpark for her. Left his mobile in

the Umpires room - didn't get her call and left Denise to carry the 40kg of his cheap lager and biscuits!! Wow I thought World War 3 was about to begin!!

Dave Catlow hitting a 6 at Lords. Batting for the RAF in a 20/20 match v the Navy. I envied him. Imagine the pride he will have in years to come when he 'quietly' tells his children of such. Every boys dream to do that! It was over the long boundary too Roey.

The Kingwells - What can we say? They were so good to us both. Lent us bedding for our flat, took us to Sidmouth for two days, had us for numerous meals and wines, and became 'our' family away from family. Always a big welcome at their home. Mark gave us days off to drive around your beautiful countryside. To Ally and Mark - a big thanks.

Finally to you all at the club - thanks a million for putting up with us. Lovely to see you all. Enjoyed your company Shrubby, Maggsy and TJ. Oh and by the way Maggsy - have you got a 'hendsaw'?



Sightscreens, Ice Creams and Jelly Beans David Black



Seen plenty of the former and sold hundreds of the latter in the club bar. That along with a full life of cricket around the club this past summer, saw Morag and I enjoying another English summer.

Last here five years ago after first being here in 2001-02, although last summer I was in Scotland playing beach cricket, we appreciated the opportunity the club gave to us to return to work in 2010 and see our old friends again. Coaching the young and old, bar & kitchen work, cleaning and being the 'odd job' couple made the four months fly by. We loved the staff coffee breaks at 11am each day. Thank goodness the All Blacks and our Kiwi soccer team did well this year!! "Do you know that New Zealand was the only soccer team unbeaten at the 2010 World Cup". So due to all this Kiwi success the coffee breaks were a great place to attend, knowing that my forerunners Willie Murrie and Pete McGlashan would have been 'humble' in victory too - like me!!!

Some Summer Highlights. Seeing Tom Shrubsole push a container of sandwiches (for 4th team teas) off the roof of his car into the path of ex First team

player - Andy Owen's car. We had instant tuna & cheese tarmac!!

Seeing James Campbell's great batting and fielding. He must have learnt something while playing in NZ last winter for my club - Cornwall in Hastings?

Witnessing Gilly's love of the turf at North Parade. "Passionate" is the word. However I did walk across his working space one wet day, saw puddles everywhere and seemingly gave him the impression that maybe he hadn't placed the covers correctly!! With my ears ringing and without me being able to get a word in 'edgeways', I left. But he did say before I left in August that he thought that maybe we were both closer in our thinking than first thought! I enjoyed selling him a pint of Coors lite and a packet of crisps at the end of the day, and then listening to his worldly thoughts for an hour.

Competing verbally with Ben Staunton and Adam Kelly on any subject and coming away feeling I had won!! Their vocab always contained the word 'chokers' ??? We were arguing about cricket, but they wanted to switch it to

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Bath Wanderers 1st XI Report



Jackie Hawker



| Team | P | W | L | C | BatP | BowlP | Pen | Pts | Avg |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Reading CC | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 34 | 0 | 138 | 15.33 |
| Bath CC | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 26 | 0 | 111 | 12.33 |
| Brighton & Hove CC | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 24 | 0 | 83 | 10.38 |
| Hayes Hurricanes CC | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 20 | 0 | 69 | 8.63 |
| Gunnersbury CC | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 15 | 25 | 0 | 70 | 7.78 |
| Loughton CC | 10 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 19 | 30 | 0 | 69 | 7.67 |

Game one, home to Gunnersbury and we won by 98 runs. An impressive start to the season. Batting first, we posted 239 for 8 off 50 overs, Steph 44, Fran 52 and Jackie 37. An uninterested Gunnersbury finished on 141 for 7. Great bowling by everyone, particularly, Moira 1 for 27 off 10, J-lo 2 for 20 off 10 and Kate 2 for 26 off 10.

Game two, away to Hayes. Hayes batted first scoring 122 all out in 37.2 overs. Our best bowler, Izzy Westbury, scored 3 for 19 off 10. Kate ended with figures of 6 for 27 off 8.2. We knocked the runs off in 24.3 overs; Izzy 36 and Fran 52*. Hayes were 2009 league winners meaning a seven wkt win was fantastic. Two wins out of two, confidence was high. Maybe too high?

Next we took on newly promoted Loughton. Losing the toss we batted first. Scoring was slow and we were 144 all out in 47.3 overs. Elwyn top scored with 58. An early attack and Loughton were 6 for 2, Anya and Moi taking a wicket each. Loughton settled and the next pair batted well. Loughton tried to take a quick single but a great pick up and direct hit by Anya saw Loughton's big hitter back in the pavilion. More wickets tumbled and Loughton were 113 for 8 with 12 overs remaining.

Some scary (and silly!) moments fired Anya up and she bowled Loughton's top scorer! Loughton needed ten runs of five overs with one wkt in hand. We won by nine runs. Our last wicket stand of 12 proved match winning. Well done Jlo and Beth.

Reading at home and we batted first, scoring 231 for 7 off 50. Our winning streak looked safe as Steph hit 76. Reading came back hard chasing our score down with two overs to spare and four wkts in hand, their overseas player Asha Smith hit 112* and won them the game.

Next, away to Brighton, and we were missing six of our regular 1st team players, but Brighton were missing some too. We batted first scoring 274 for 7 off 50. Hannah 89 and Jackie 53*. Our lower order put on 85 runs in the last 12 overs – fantastic! Brighton fell short by 161 runs. Great opening spell by Jlo, 2 for 30 off 10, Lisa Pagett claimed 3 for 5 off 4 overs. Back to winning ways for Bath.

The following week we smashed Gunnersbury, 292 for 3 off 50. Elwyn destroyed their attack with 138*, Steph 64 and Sophie Luff 58*. Gunnersbury attacked back and ended on 185 all out. Pick of the bowlers was Jay with 4 for 14 off 8.

A league win was looking closer. Hayes at home and we batted first. At 52 for 1 all was well. Fran and Steph both looked comfortable. Disaster struck! Fran was given LBW when the ball hit her boob (okay, maybe not, but it was a little high). Losing Fran brought our two “Welshies” together. Both batted really well, with runs flowing. Then Hannah had a Usain Bolt moment, getting run out trying a quick single. We lost our way. Moira (17) and Beth (16) batted well helping us reach 168 all out – we had two overs to spare.

Hayes were 55 for 4, but a fantastic partnership between their number five and six took them to victory with two overs to spare. Not the best of days for Bath. We were gutted. We’d messed up our chances of winning the league.

We moved on, trouncing Loughton by 96 runs. We scored 208 all out off 50, Loughton were 112 all out of 35.4 overs. Well batted Elwyn 51, Jan 40 and Luffy 22. Well bowled Moira, 3 for 23 off 10, myself 2 for 7 off 6. Beth Howe opened the bowling with Moira and her figures of 0 for 34 off seven don’t testify to

how well she bowled. Last game, away to Reading and a must win game. Plus, to win the league, we had to get two more bonus points than Reading. But we were outplayed. Batting first we were 111 all out, losing our top six for just 54. Myself (17) and Lauren (15*) put on 36 for the 7th wkt, but Reading knocked off the runs in 30.4 overs losing only two wickets

Not the best way to end a season, but we came second, one better than last season. As always there are positives to come from the season with many people playing representative cricket.

- Anya selected for England to take on NZ
- Fran, Izzy and Steph selected for England A
- Sophie Luff, England U17s
- Sophie Ludd and Kate Randall competed in Junior Super 4s.
- Sophie Luff and Lauren Shrubsole made the 1st team and held their own.

One thing I want to clear up is the selection process. Selection is really tough, especially when we have so much talent, but we can only pick 11 players. It's no fun to call people and tell them they're not in the 1st X1, but it's something I have to do and there's always a valid reason. If you want to be selected you must prove you deserve your place, by your performances on the pitch; with the bat, ball and in the field. I stand by every selection decision made this season. But, if you ever disagree with something please come and have a chat with me.

A few thank yous: Ken, for umpiring all our games - a massive help which we appreciate. Shrub, for everything he does. Every season, without fail, he organises the bus, the scorer, the umpire and training sessions. All at Bath Cricket Club, for the teas, the fantastic pitch and just making us part of such a brilliant club.

Lastly, I want to thank every Bath player. It's been a pleasure to captain such a great bunch, with the best team spirit I've ever encountered. There is no other team I would rather captain. I hope you have enjoyed the season as much as I have. Next seasons will be our season guys. Much Love, Hawks



Sophie Luff
one of Bath's
most promising
young players



In any other season.....

A stack full of runs, match winning slip catches and the steady guiding hand behind other's successes. Determined, proud and selfless throughout.

Ben Staunton 889 runs @ 42.33

Bath 1st XI 2010



Back Row Left to Right: Joe Dorgan(Inset), Ken Patterson(Scorer), Ross Jenkins, Chris Davies, Adam Kelly, Ben Staunton, Mike Smyth, Steve Griffiths, James Brown (Inset).
Front row Left to Right: Robin Lett(Inset), Lloyd Davies, James Campbell, Tom Stayt(Captain),Simon Marchant, Mitchell Wilson, Vikram Banerjee (Inset).

Bath 1st XI 2010 Batting averages all matches

| | Games | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Avg. | 50's | 100's | Ducks |
|-----------------|-------|------|----|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| James Campbell | 32 | 32 | 4 | 1350 | 146* | 48.21 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| Ben Staunton | 29 | 27 | 7 | 796 | 136* | 39.8 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Robin Lett | 19 | 18 | 1 | 597 | 107* | 35.12 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Mike Smyth | 20 | 19 | 6 | 446 | 94* | 34.31 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Alex Barrow | 10 | 7 | 0 | 231 | 74 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lloyd Davies | 28 | 22 | 3 | 605 | 123* | 31.84 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tom Stayt | 27 | 23 | 3 | 627 | 182 | 31.35 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Ross Jenkins | 25 | 20 | 0 | 615 | 86 | 30.75 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Steve Griffiths | 18 | 11 | 4 | 210 | 36 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Simon Marchant | 26 | 12 | 8 | 84 | 24* | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Joe Dorgan | 11 | 6 | 3 | 59 | 48* | 19.67 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jon Green | 9 | 7 | 1 | 91 | 20 | 15.17 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jayden Waters | 4 | 4 | 1 | 45 | 34* | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Adam Kelly | 30 | 17 | 4 | 187 | 50* | 14.38 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| James Brown | 14 | 11 | 3 | 87 | 32* | 10.88 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ted Roe | 9 | 7 | 2 | 45 | 16* | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Qualification 4 inns

Bath 1st XI 2010 Bowling averages

| | Overs | M | Runs | Wkts | Best | 5WH | Econ | S-R | Ave |
|-----------------|-------|----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Vikram Banerjee | 48.5 | 12 | 121 | 14 | 5-26 | 1 | 2.48 | 20.91 | 8.64 |
| Adam Kelly | 225 | 44 | 610 | 42 | 4-15 | 0 | 2.71 | 32.14 | 14.52 |
| Simon Marchant | 215 | 40 | 700 | 47 | 5-61 | 1 | 3.26 | 27.45 | 14.89 |
| Tom Stayt | 188.2 | 38 | 640 | 38 | 4-7 | 0 | 3.4 | 29.75 | 16.84 |
| Chris Davies | 79 | 15 | 295 | 17 | 4-30 | 0 | 3.73 | 27.88 | 17.35 |
| Joe Dorgan | 90.3 | 17 | 280 | 14 | 2-12 | 0 | 3.09 | 38.79 | 20 |
| James Brown | 91.3 | 13 | 302 | 14 | 2-12 | 0 | 3.3 | 39.21 | 21.57 |
| Lloyd Davies | 105 | 8 | 459 | 16 | 2-12 | 0 | 4.37 | 39.38 | 28.69 |

Qualification 10 wkts

Top innings 2010

| | | |
|----------------|------|----------------------|
| Tom Stayt | 182 | vs Sidmouth |
| James Campbell | 146* | vs Frocester |
| Ben Staunton | 136* | vs Bristol |
| Lloyd Davies | 123* | vs Cardiff |
| James Campbell | 119 | vs Corsham |
| James Campbell | 116 | vs Taunton Deane |
| Robin Lett | 107* | vs Bristol |
| Robin Lett | 106 | vs Taunton Deane |
| James Campbell | 105 | vs Taunton St Andrew |
| Ben Staunton | 102* | vs Bridgwater |
| Ben Staunton | 100* | vs Frocester |

Top bowling performances 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|------|------------------|
| Vikram Banerjee | 5-26 | vs Taunton Deane |
| Simon Marchant | 5-61 | vs Sidmouth |
| Tom Stayt | 4-7 | vs Taunton |
| Mike Roe | 4-12 | vs Midsomer N |
| Simon Marchant | 4-13 | vs Corsham |
| Adam Kelly | 4-15 | vs Taunton St A |
| Adam Kelly | 4-24 | vs Glastonbury |
| Chris Davies | 4-30 | vs Cardiff |
| Chris Davies | 4-33 | vs Taunton St A |
| Vikram Banerjee | 4-40 | vs Bristol |

Fielding

| | Ct | St | Total |
|-----------------|----|----|-------|
| Steve Griffiths | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| Ross Jenkins | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Robin Lett | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| Tom Stayt | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| James Campbell | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Lloyd Davies | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Ben Staunton | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Mike Smyth | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| James Brown | 4 | 0 | 4 |

Best partnerships

| | | | |
|------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 252* | 2nd wkt | vs Frocester | J Campbell (146*), B Staunton (100*) |
| 174* | 1st wkt | vs Bristol | J Campbell (57*), R Lett(107*) |
| 146 | 1st wkt | vs Taunton St A | J Campbell (105), T Stayt (53) |
| 113 | 1st wkt | vs Glastonbury | J Campbell (75*), T Stayt (50) |
| 112 | 2nd wkt | vs Taunton D | J Campbell (116), A Barrow (45) |
| 102 | 4th wkt | vs Taunton D | R Lett (106), R Jenkins (62) |
| 102 | 3rd wkt | vs Frocester | J Campbell (54), A Barrow (74) |

Bath 2nd XI 2010



Back Row Left to Right: Stuart Kingwell(Inset), Steve Barton(Umpire), Charlie Wills, Harry Rouse, Danny Wills, Will Jenkins, Sam Mount, Dennis Meakin(Scorer), Stuart Priscott(Inset).
Front row Left to Right: Jon Green(Inset), Alex Muse, Dave Catlow, Mike Roe(Captain), Ted Roe, Jayden Waters, Kenny James(Inset).

Bath 2nd XI 2010 Batting averages all matches

| | Games | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Avg. | 50's | 100's | Ducks |
|-----------------|-------|------|----|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Harry Rouse | 8 | 8 | 4 | 263 | 75* | 65.75 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Stuart Priscott | 16 | 16 | 5 | 587 | 87 | 53.36 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Jayden Waters | 8 | 5 | 1 | 191 | 97 | 47.75 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jonathan Green | 15 | 15 | 5 | 416 | 109* | 41.6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Kenny James | 9 | 7 | 2 | 181 | 52 | 36.2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Stuart Kingwell | 16 | 13 | 4 | 265 | 44* | 29.44 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ted Roe | 15 | 14 | 1 | 377 | 73 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Will Jenkins | 13 | 10 | 2 | 213 | 54 | 26.63 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Roe | 21 | 6 | 1 | 130 | 46 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dave Catlow | 17 | 12 | 2 | 180 | 54* | 18 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Mike Smyth | 4 | 4 | 0 | 70 | 35 | 17.5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Danny Wills | 7 | 5 | 1 | 65 | 33* | 16.25 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alex Muse | 13 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 15 | 10.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Qualification 4 inns

Bath 2nd XI 2010 Bowling averages

| | Overs | M | Runs | Wkts | Best | 5WH | Econ | S-R | Ave |
|-----------------|-------|----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| James Brown | 31 | 10 | 50 | 9 | 5-12 | 1 | 1.61 | 20.6 | 5.56 |
| Chris Davies | 62.3 | 12 | 180 | 16 | 4-23 | 0 | 2.88 | 23.44 | 11.25 |
| Mike Roe | 23.3 | 2 | 111 | 9 | 3-19 | 0 | 4.72 | 15.67 | 12.33 |
| Joe Dorgan | 29 | 7 | 99 | 8 | 5-28 | 1 | 3.41 | 21.75 | 12.38 |
| Stuart Priscott | 104.2 | 17 | 358 | 26 | 5-25 | 1 | 3.43 | 24.09 | 13.77 |
| Alex Muse | 102.1 | 27 | 292 | 16 | 5-3 | 1 | 2.86 | 38.33 | 18.25 |
| Jonathan Green | 89.4 | 10 | 335 | 17 | 4-41 | 0 | 3.73 | 31.66 | 19.71 |
| Charlie Wills | 105.4 | 8 | 456 | 22 | 3-23 | 0 | 4.31 | 28.83 | 20.73 |
| David Ford | 64.2 | 6 | 285 | 12 | 4-13 | 0 | 4.43 | 32.15 | 23.75 |

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|------|------------------------|
| Ross Jenkins | 117* | vs Waringstown |
| Jonathan Green | 109* | vs WSM |
| Jayden Waters | 97 | vs WSM |
| Stuart Priscott | 87 | vs Keynsham |
| Harry Rouse | 75* | vs Westbury & District |
| Stuart Priscott | 74 | vs WSM |
| Ted Roe | 73 | vs Knowle |
| Harry Rouse | 70* | vs WSM |
| Jonathan Green | 70 | vs Waringstown |
| Stuart Priscott | 69* | vs Taunton St A |

Top bowling performances 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|------|------------------|
| Alex Muse | 5-3 | vs Knowle |
| James Brown | 5-12 | vs Corsham |
| Stuart Priscott | 5-25 | vs Forcester |
| Joe Dorgan | 5-28 | vs Bridgwater |
| David Ford | 4-13 | vs Taunton Deane |
| Simon Marchant | 4-22 | vs Taunton Deane |
| Chris Davies | 4-23 | vs WSM |
| Sam Mount | 4-31 | vs Waringstown |
| Jonathan Green | 4-41 | vs Knowle |

Fielding

| | Ct | St | Total |
|-----------------|----|----|-------|
| Mike Roe | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| Danny Wills | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Dave Catlow | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Kenny James | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Mike Smyth | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Jayden Waters | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Ted Roe | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Stuart Kingwell | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Tom Baker | 2 | 1 | 3 |



Bath 3rd XI 2010



Back Row Left to Right: Jamie Walker, Henry Hayes, Dan Gill, David Ford, Duncan Roe, Eddie Robinson, Harry Roberts.
Front row Left to Right: Alex Field, Ollie Lawson, Tom Baker(Captain), Tom Winnan, Jayden Waters.

Bath 3rd XI 2010 Batting averages all matches

| | Games | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Avg. | 50's | 100's | Ducks |
|----------------|-------|------|----|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Alex Field | 8 | 8 | 2 | 342 | 104* | 57 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Blake Raymond | 10 | 10 | 3 | 289 | 79* | 41.29 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Kenny James | 6 | 4 | 0 | 159 | 89 | 39.75 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Tom Winnan | 12 | 12 | 4 | 258 | 54* | 32.25 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Gavin Royce | 11 | 8 | 3 | 140 | 37* | 28 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Danny Wills | 7 | 7 | 0 | 187 | 116 | 26.71 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Matt Green | 6 | 6 | 0 | 156 | 46 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tom Baker | 9 | 8 | 1 | 174 | 55 | 24.86 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wills Robinson | 7 | 5 | 1 | 90 | 36* | 22.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| David Nelson | 9 | 5 | 2 | 65 | 23 | 21.67 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ollie Lawson | 10 | 9 | 1 | 172 | 63 | 21.5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dan Gill | 9 | 7 | 1 | 102 | 39 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| David Ford | 9 | 5 | 3 | 31 | 24* | 15.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Henry Hayes | 4 | 4 | 0 | 54 | 19 | 13.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harry Roberts | 11 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Qualification 4 inns

Bath 3rd XI 2010 Bowling averages

| | Overs | M | Runs | Wkts | Best | 5WH | Econ | S-R | Ave |
|-----------------|-------|---|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Edward Robinson | 33.1 | 5 | 132 | 11 | 6-18 | 1 | 3.98 | 18.11 | 12 |
| Jamie Walker | 40 | 2 | 182 | 9 | 2-16 | 0 | 4.55 | 26.67 | 20.22 |
| David Ford | 53 | 9 | 206 | 9 | 2-20 | 0 | 3.89 | 35.33 | 22.89 |
| Ollie Lawson | 41.4 | 3 | 241 | 9 | 4-10 | 0 | 5.79 | 24.96 | 24.1 |
| Wills Robinson | 43 | 1 | 260 | 8 | 3-19 | 0 | 6.05 | 32.25 | 32.5 |
| Harry Roberts | 60.3 | 2 | 336 | 10 | 3-24 | 0 | 5.55 | 36.3 | 33.6 |

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| Danny Wills | 116 | vs Saltford Fairway |
| Alex Field | 104* | vs Spye Park |
| Jayden Waters | 102 | vs Saltford Fairway |
| David Robertson | 90 | vs Brislington |
| Kenny James | 89 | vs Stratton on Fosse |
| Blake Raymond | 79* | vs Knowle West |
| Blake Raymond | 74* | vs Grendel |
| Alex Field | 73 | vs Grendel |
| Ollie Lawson | 63 | vs Knowle West |
| Alex Field | 55 | vs Wrington |

Top bowling performances 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|------|---------------------|
| Edward Robinson | 6-18 | vs Backwell Flax B |
| Charlie Wills | 5-14 | vs Grendel |
| Jayden Waters | 5-52 | vs Saltford Fairway |
| Ollie Lawson | 4-10 | vs Churchways |
| Tim Rouse | 4-26 | vs Grendel |
| Dan Gill | 3-8 | vs Grendel |
| Wills Robinson | 3-19 | vs Churchways |
| Edward Robinson | 3-23 | vs Spye Park |
| Harry Roberts | 3-24 | vs Mells |
| Ollie Lawson | 3-58 | vs Brislington |

Fielding

| | Ct | St | Total |
|-------------|----|----|-------|
| Tom Winnan | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Danny Wills | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Tom Baker | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Gavin Royce | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| David Ford | 3 | 0 | 3 |



Bath 4th XI 2010



Back Row Left to Right: Stuart Brennan, Josh Godman, Dave Robertson, Dan Gill, George Harper, Chris Mould(Scorer).
Front row Left to Right: Tom Benney, Duncan Roe, Thian Aspelling, Tom Shrubsole(Captain), Marc Wilson, Paul Bird, Beth Howe.

Bath 4th XI 2010 Batting averages all matches

| | Games | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Avg. | 50's | 100's | Ducks |
|-----------------|-------|------|----|------|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|
| David Robertson | 10 | 10 | 2 | 317 | 87 | 39.63 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Harry Lewis | 14 | 14 | 3 | 323 | 66* | 29.36 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Alex Wright | 4 | 4 | 1 | 85 | 46 | 28.33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| George Harper | 11 | 11 | 0 | 277 | 57 | 25.18 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 11 | 10 | 2 | 193 | 72 | 24.13 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Marc Wilson | 14 | 13 | 1 | 287 | 81 | 23.92 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Paul Bird | 8 | 8 | 1 | 157 | 68 | 22.43 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Nick Jones | 10 | 10 | 0 | 208 | 54 | 20.8 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Stuart Brennan | 11 | 11 | 1 | 197 | 52 | 19.7 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Tom Benney | 7 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 8* | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris Crighton | 7 | 6 | 0 | 80 | 27 | 13.33 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gavin Royce | 5 | 4 | 0 | 50 | 20 | 12.5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Beth Howe | 10 | 8 | 2 | 60 | 21* | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dan Gill | 5 | 4 | 0 | 31 | 15 | 7.75 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Duncan Roe | 9 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 13 | 6.25 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Andrew Jones | 9 | 8 | 1 | 35 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Qualification 4 inns

Bath 4th XI 2010 Bowling averages

| | Overs | M | Runs | Wkts | Best | 5WH | Econ | S-R | Ave |
|-----------------|-------|----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Andy Roberts | 15.1 | 4 | 55 | 8 | 4-22 | 0 | 3.62 | 11.4 | 6.88 |
| Alex Wright | 27 | 4 | 92 | 8 | 4-17 | 0 | 3.41 | 20.25 | 11.5 |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 76 | 20 | 227 | 17 | 3-9 | 0 | 2.99 | 26.82 | 13.35 |
| Stuart Brennan | 49 | 7 | 176 | 12 | 4-23 | 0 | 3.59 | 24.5 | 14.67 |
| George Harper | 68 | 12 | 251 | 16 | 5-21 | 1 | 3.69 | 25.5 | 15.69 |
| Duncan Roe | 45 | 7 | 217 | 8 | 3-19 | 0 | 4.82 | 33.75 | 27.13 |
| Harry Lewis | 69.3 | 5 | 353 | 11 | 2-19 | 0 | 5.08 | 37.91 | 32.09 |

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------|
| David Robertson | 87 | vs Ston Easton |
| Marc Wilson | 81 | vs Stratton on Fosse |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 72 | vs Nailsea |
| Paul Bird | 68 | vs Shepton Mallett |
| Harry Lewis | 66* | vs Harptree Villages |
| Wills Robinson | 62 | vs Stanton Drew |
| Harry Lewis | 62 | vs Ston Easton |
| David Robertson | 57 | vs Shepton Mallet |
| George Harper | 57 | vs Stanton Drew |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 57 | vs Ston Easton |

Top bowling performances 2010

| | | |
|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| George Harper | 5-21 | vs Shepton Mallett |
| Alex Wright | 4-17 | vs Midsomer Norton |
| Andy Roberts | 4-22 | vs Harptree Villages |
| Stuart Brennan | 4-23 | vs Midsomer Norton M |
| Andy Roberts | 4-33 | vs Exiles Bath |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 3-9 | vs Ston Easton |
| Duncan Roe | 3-19 | vs Ston Easton |
| George Harper | 3-20 | vs Stanton Drew |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 3-24 | vs Stratton on Fosse |
| Tom Benney | 3-2 | vs Stratton on Fosse |

Fielding

| | Ct | St | Total |
|-----------------|----|----|-------|
| Chris Crighton | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Marc Wilson | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| David Robertson | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Stuart Brennan | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Nick Jones | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Thiaan Aspeling | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Harry Lewis | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Gavin Royce | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Beth Howe | 3 | 0 | 3 |



Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2010



Back Row Left to Right: Lauren Shrubsole, Izzy Westbury, Elywn Campbell, Hannah Lloyd, Moira Comfort, Fran Wilson.
Front row Left to Right: Sophie Le Marchand, Steph Davies, Jackie Hawker(Captain), Kate Randall, Sophie Luff.

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2010 Batting averages all matches

| | Games | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Avg. | 50's | 100's | Ducks |
|------------------|-------|------|----|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Sophie Luff | 8 | 7 | 4 | 183 | 58* | 61 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Elwyn Campbell | 8 | 8 | 1 | 345 | 138* | 49.29 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Hannah Lloyd | 4 | 4 | 0 | 140 | 89 | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Steph Davies | 9 | 9 | 0 | 296 | 76 | 32.89 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Frances Wilson | 8 | 8 | 1 | 156 | 52* | 22.29 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackie Hawker | 9 | 7 | 1 | 131 | 53* | 21.83 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Izzy Westbury | 7 | 7 | 0 | 116 | 36 | 16.57 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beth Howe | 7 | 7 | 0 | 101 | 58 | 14.43 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Lauren Shrubsole | 7 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 19 | 13.33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moira Comfort | 8 | 6 | 1 | 58 | 16 | 11.6 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kate Randall | 10 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 10* | 7.33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jenny Withers | 8 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 3.25 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Qualification 4 inns

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2010 Bowling averages

| | Overs | M | Runs | Wkts | Best | 5WH | Econ | S-R | Ave |
|------------------|-------|----|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Jenny Withers | 43.4 | 11 | 122 | 10 | 4-14 | 0 | 2.79 | 26.22 | 12.2 |
| Kate Randall | 78.1 | 13 | 240 | 17 | 6-27 | 1 | 3.07 | 27.6 | 14.12 |
| Izzy Westbury | 60 | 7 | 182 | 10 | 3-19 | 0 | 3.03 | 36 | 18.2 |
| Moira Comfort | 73 | 13 | 220 | 9 | 3-23 | 0 | 3.01 | 48.67 | 24.44 |
| Lauren Shrubsole | 45.5 | 3 | 181 | 7 | 4-50 | 0 | 3.95 | 39.26 | 25.86 |
| Jackie Hawker | 43.5 | 7 | 169 | 6 | 2-7 | 0 | 3.86 | 43.8 | 28.17 |
| Steph Davies | 43 | 5 | 142 | 5 | 3-20 | 0 | 3.3 | 51.6 | 28.4 |

Qualification 6 wkts

Top innings 2010

| | | |
|----------------|------|---------------------|
| Elwyn Campbell | 138* | vs Gunnersbury |
| Hannah Lloyd | 89 | vs Brighton & Hove |
| Steph Davies | 76 | vs Reading |
| Steph Davies | 64 | vs Gunnersbury |
| Steph Davies | 59 | vs Hayes Hurricanes |
| Sophie Luff | 58* | vs Gunnersbury |
| Sophie Luff | 58* | vs MCC Ladies |
| Beth Howe | 58 | vs MCC Ladies |
| Elwyn Campbell | 58 | vs Loughton |
| Elwyn Campbell | 53 | vs Reading |

Top bowling performances 2010

| | | |
|------------------|------|---------------------|
| Kate Randall | 6-27 | vs Hayes Hurricanes |
| Jenny Withers | 4-14 | vs Gunnersbury |
| Lauren Shrubsole | 4-50 | vs MCC Ladies |
| Lisa Pagett | 3-5 | vs Brighton & Hove |
| Izzy Westbury | 3-19 | vs Hayes Hurricanes |
| Steph Davies | 3-20 | vs Hayes Hurricanes |
| Moira Comfort | 3-23 | vs Loughton |
| Moira Comfort | 3-28 | vs Loughton |
| Kate Randall | 3-47 | vs Gunnersbury |
| Jackie Hawker | 2-7 | vs Loughton |

Fielding

| | Ct | St | Total |
|----------------|----|----|-------|
| Izzy Westbury | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Jenny Withers | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Elwyn Campbell | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Steph Davies | 3 | 0 | 3 |



Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2010



Back Row Left to Right: Vicky Ball, Beccy Dudbridge, Jan Godman, Emily Robinson, Lauren Shrubsole, Hannah Sparkes.
Front row Left to Right: Harriet Darroch de Haldevang, Emilie Sauven, Hannah Williams(Captain), Daisy Vowles, Sophie Luff.

Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2010 Batting averages all matches

| | Games | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Avg. | 50's | 100's | Ducks |
|-----------------|-------|------|----|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Janet Godman | 6 | 4 | 2 | 335 | 144* | 167.5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Hannah Sparks | 7 | 7 | 3 | 232 | 82* | 58 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Emily Robinson | 6 | 6 | 1 | 204 | 59 | 40.8 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Vicky Ball | 8 | 6 | 1 | 105 | 51* | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Beccy Dudbridge | 6 | 5 | 1 | 97 | 50* | 24.25 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Daisy Vowles | 11 | 7 | 3 | 80 | 53* | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Emilie Sauven | 5 | 4 | 1 | 31 | 13 | 10.33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Annie De Grey | 5 | 4 | 1 | 41 | 18 | 13.67 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Megan Kelland | 8 | 7 | 2 | 25 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Qualification 4 inns

Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2010 Bowling averages

| | Overs | M | Runs | Wkts | Best | 5WH | Econ | S-R | Ave |
|------------------|-------|---|------|------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Emily Knight | 13.2 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 4-3 | 0 | 1.13 | 13.3 | 2.5 |
| Lauren Shrubsole | 15.3 | 8 | 25 | 8 | 3-3 | 0 | 1.61 | 11.63 | 3.13 |
| Annie De Grey | 15.5 | 3 | 46 | 7 | 3-5 | 0 | 2.89 | 13.63 | 6.57 |
| Emilie Sauven | 19.2 | 4 | 59 | 7 | 2-7 | 0 | 3.06 | 16.54 | 8.43 |
| Lisa Pagett | 29 | 6 | 93 | 9 | 5-3 | 1 | 3.21 | 19.33 | 10.33 |
| Alice James | 29 | 5 | 95 | 8 | 3-17 | 0 | 3.28 | 21.75 | 11.88 |
| Hannah Williams | 27 | 4 | 75 | 6 | 2-13 | 0 | 2.78 | 27 | 12.5 |

Qualification 6 wkts



Hannah Williams Bath Wanderers 2nd XI League Pos: 2nd

From the word go the Wanderers 2nd XI dominated the league. It got to the point at which we were waiting to face our strongest opposition just to test ourselves.

So it came to the Plympton match where we bowled them out for 80 and won by 10 wkts off 17 overs, we were still to be tested.

We then produced a great team performance against Bournemouth beating them by 214 runs with Beth, Emily, Vicky and Lisa all scoring 50s. We followed this with big wins against Bridgend and Warminster but then we had a few availability issues and players taking holidays mid-season which meant we lost our only two matches.

This unfortunately meant we didn't end the season at the top of the league table. There was a great team spirit amongst the players which made all the matches enjoyable even when some of the cricket was lacking in action.

I would like to thank all the team for a successful and enjoyable season. A special thanks to Shrub for all his help throughout the year and to Blacky for being my rock.

I am sure all the girls would like to thank him for his inspiring ' David Black' team talks, his extra long warmups and his entertaining banter. And finally, a big thanks to Maggsy for his support I couldn't have done it without him.

Player of the year:

Hannah Sparkes.

Player for the future:

Daisy Vowles.

Stuart Kingwell Sunday XI League Pos: 7th

(I think however without eight penalty points we would have finished 4th)

Memorable match:

Hampset at North Parade. great hundred from Jayden Waters. We scored 277 and Hampset were getting close ended on 243.

Player for the future:

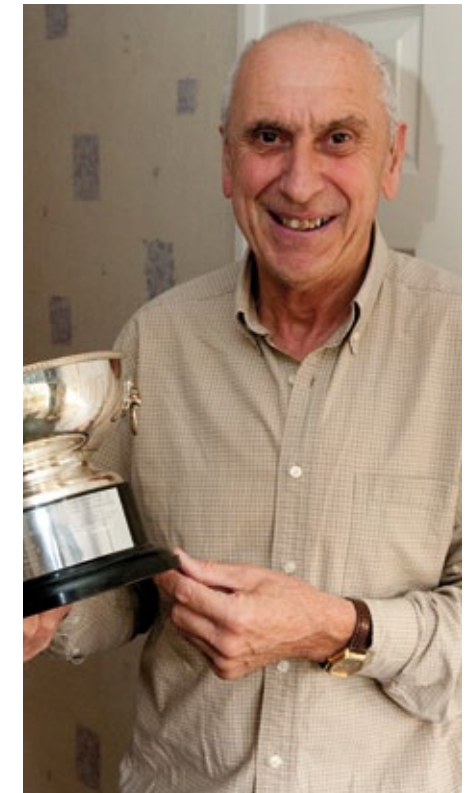
Tim Rouse.

Funniest monent:

Lambeth game was funny throughout. Music is the way forward throughout the day!

Personal highlight:

The win over Lansdown was a hard game but we came out on top.



Clubman of the year - John Watson

Over many years John Watson has freely given his time as a plumber sorting out numerous installations and repairs, and many other maintenance tasks requiring practical skills.

This year we had to provide a dedicated umpires room to comply with WEPL rules - previously they had changed in the boiler/store room!

John spent many hours creating a complete new umpires room - partitioning, panelling, door, bench and then decorating - even hanging a few pictures on the walls!

The umpires, along with the club, are extremely grateful for John's contribution - it may even have helped a few favourable lbw decisions!



Senior Players Awards 2010



Nationwide Trophy:
Simon Marchant and James Campbell



Will Jenkins Fastest 50 of 12 balls



Louis Powell Award:
Mike Smyth



Kate Randall Most wkts in female cricket (17)

J.Mabel Reason Trophy: Eddie Robinson 6-18

Pete Burkhart Award: Robin Lett and Frances Wilson

Highest Ind. Batting Score: Tom Stayt 184*

Most Imp. Young Player John Ruddick Award:
Charlie Wills and Tom Benney

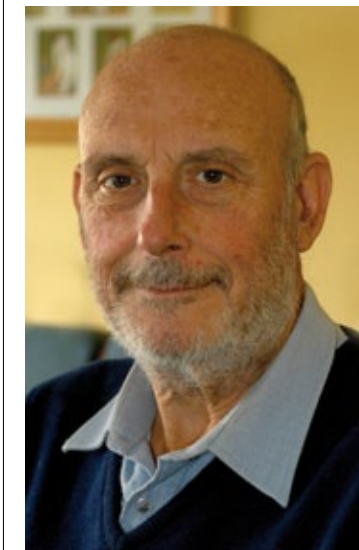
Most Runs in Female Cricket: Jan Godman (425)

Most Wickets in Senior Cricket: Simon Marchant (62)

Most Runs in Senior Cricket: James Campbell (1350)

A tribute to old friends

Vince Frank Parker (1939-2010)



Vince was one of our low profile backroom members, without whom no club can function or flourish. He had been a member for many years and had been Honorary Treasurer since 1999, having already been assistant treasurer and management committee member.

Vince was born in Bailbrook Lane, Batheaston and was proud to have been able to move back there in recent years, where he lived with partner Ann until his final illness. He had

been very close to his sister Margaret who sadly died last year.

He was educated at Oldfield Boys School in Bath, whose headmaster was the Somerset CCC amateur player Fred Castle. He played local cricket with Bath Exiles – two years as captain.

He was an accomplished musician and pianist. His particular music was modern jazz in Dave Brubeck style and he had made several CDs. He rated Oscar Peterson as one of the greats. He was also a valued vocalist and enjoyed being a member of the Marshfield Bach Choral. Another of his activities was as a member of a local Masonic Lodge, of which he was Master in recent years.

Vince was rightly made a Vice President of Bath Cricket Club in 2007, an honour of which he was humbly proud. He was featured as a Parade In Print 'Member in the Spotlight' in the 2001 edition.

After collapsing at home followed by a short spell in the Intensive Care Unit at the RUH, Vince died on 9th July, with Ann, his partner of twenty years, at his bedside. He is survived by his step-daughter Catherine and son Richard with two grandsons together with Ann's grand-daughter Kayla in New Zealand, whom he adored.

The funeral took place at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Marshfield on Thursday 22nd July, with a packed congregation, including many Bath CC members. The Marshfield Bach Choral sang an anthem, then a farewell message from Kayla and the service concluded with the playing of one of Vince's CDs, playing the piano with daughter Catherine. It was quite moving as everyone stood in silence to listen, then respectful applause at completion.

Perhaps friend Vince's feelings for this cricket club can be truly summed up by his own words when answering the 'Member in Spotlight' question: "What was the best thing you have done?". His reply was "Becoming Hon Treasurer of The Bath Cricket Club".

Goodbye Vince. Thanks for all your help and friendship

By Arthur Chapman

Dennis Meakin (1932-2010)

It doesn't seem nine years ago that I was introduced to Dennis Meakin. Recently widowed, he was keen to contribute in any way he could to the life of the club and volunteered to become my scorer.

My first year as 2nd XI captain the year before had been a great experience but it was clear that Claire Kingwell was not going to be the long term answer as the 2nd XI scorer, brilliant though she was a life beckoned! Little did I know then that the quality of the scoring by Claire in 2001 was to be a benchmark that Dennis could only dream about and was never destined to reach.

If the good Lord needs a scorer he should cast his net very wide before appointing Dennis. It is unlikely that he will be available anyway because by now he will be hanging around with the angels and other lovely ladies. Sly one our Dennis!

Dennis was without doubt one of the nicest men I have ever met. Genuine, values to the core, he had a huge amount of interests and lived life to the full.

He never got over the loss of Pauline who was the love of his life. But he threw himself into other activities and the club became a huge part of his life.

On his return from a holiday with Arthur he was always keen to share every detail and show you all his photographs. At this point we would deploy Mandy to show all the necessary interest and enthusiasm. Mandy took on the role of making sure he was always okay and stood in for him scoring when he and Arthur went on their boys tours! Mandy and Dennis have spent the last nine years as the 2nd XI's most avid supporters. Mandy will miss him as much as the players.

There was no one more humorous or engaging than Dennis. On one occasion the 2nd team stopped off at the Marlborough Tavern for a drink and Dennis held court with a pint of cider and a Ronnie Corbett type joke that had the team in stitches.

I had the privilege and pleasure of having a great relationship with Dennis. He allowed me to tease him mercilessly, "Hi, let me introduce you to Dennis, our lousy scorer, but 2nd XI legend!" We would rib him about his inability to recognise players, even those that he had known for nine years. At one famous players supper he allowed me to conduct research by standing all the team in a row and inviting Dennis to name them! We shared some great times and he knew the respect I had for him. Spend some time and you knew the man. A man hugely passionate for the hotel business he was in for many years, a work ethic second to none and a deep love and pride in his son, daughter and grandson.

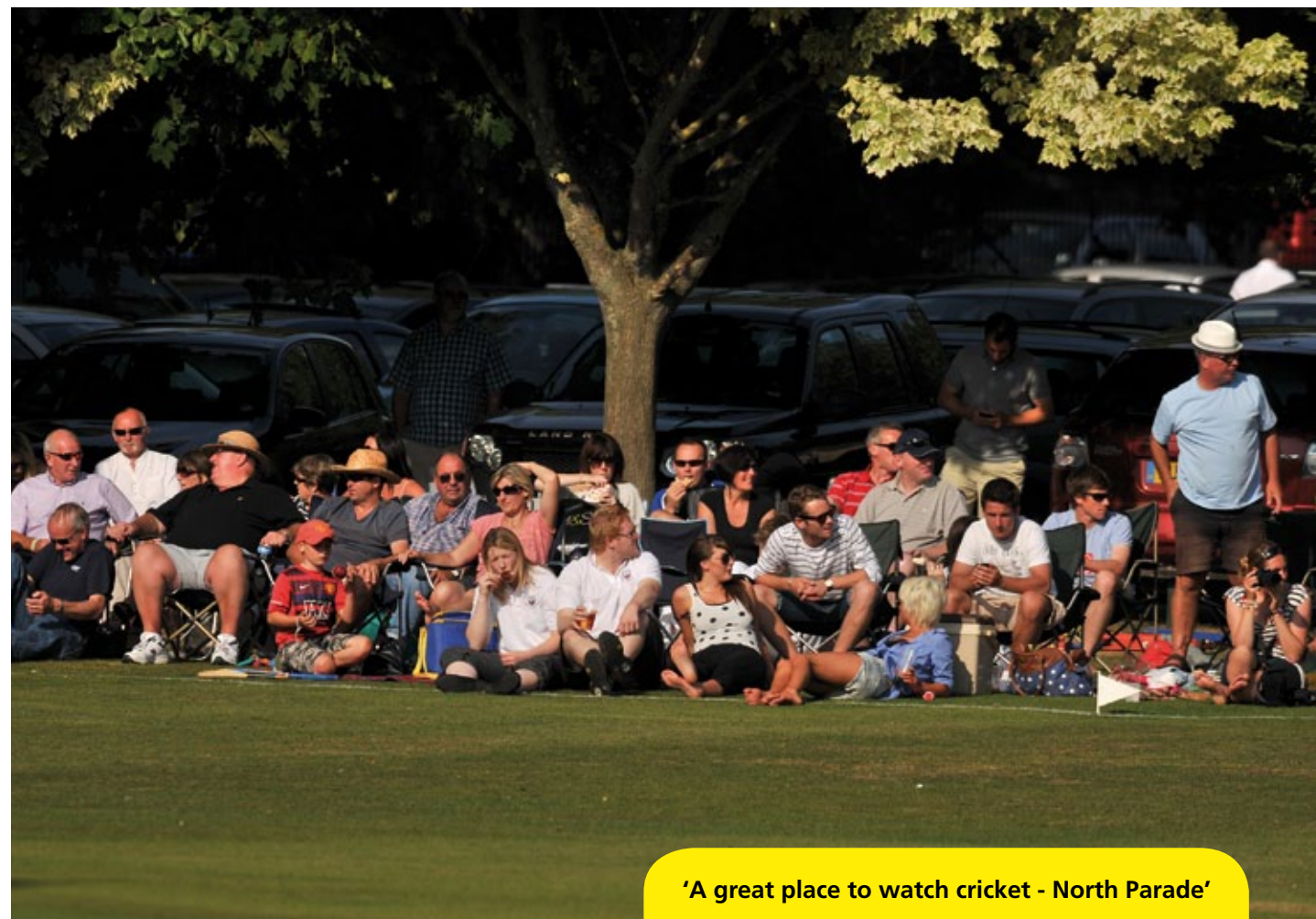
They say we are echoes in eternity determined by the life you lead, the lessons you learn and the legacy you leave.

We will be talking about and remembering Dennis forever. He is one of those club members for whom the stories need to be told and passed down.

Thanks Dennis, I might have to retire with you.

By Mike Roe





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