

Chairman's Report 2007 Season

It is with much regret that I must announce the death of Doctor Mike Speight, who died at the beginning of December at the North Hants Hospital (Basingstoke). Mike had a long association with the club, firstly as a player, and then in later years as a Vice President.

The Holmwood Health Centre, where Mike was one of the senior partners until he retired opened a book of condolence, which I have signed on behalf of the cricket club.

Carol has decided to resign as fixture secretary and I would like to pass on to her the many thanks for the work she put into arranging our fixtures. At present Doug is arranging the forthcoming season's fixtures.

Despite all the so-called weather experts, who were predicting a long, hot, dry summer, the season was a bit of a damp affair, with quite a few fixtures being rained off. In all we only played 10 out of 18 matches, of which 5 were won and 2 were lost.

Congratulations to Sayeed for heading the batting averages and scoring the only century (126 not out) against Bradfield. Bowling honours go to Naveed, with an average of 9.00, the best performance of 8 for 16 against Whitchurch.

At the beginning of the season we purchased a second-hand ride-on mower, which would allow us to cut the outfield without having to borrow a tractor to allow us to use the gang mowers. There were some problems with the new mower, which Les has been trying to resolve.

Unfortunately there were no fund-raising activities arranged during the season so therefore nothing to report.

As you by now know I will be standing down as Chairman at the AGM. This is purely due to health reasons and perhaps in 2009, I will be able to take a more active interest in the club.

I Would like to thank all those who have served on the committee during my time as Vice Chairman and Chairman, for their efforts in running the club, but I would like to give a special thanks to Chris, Doug and Les for the work they have done over the years.

Finally many thanks to all the ladies who make the teas, wash the dishes and help keep the pavilion clean – thanks.

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Chairman
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