

Chairman's Report
2005 Season

Before I start to review the season's activities, I would like to pay a tribute to one of those "backroom" people, without which any good sports club, would not function successfully.

Towards the end of 2005 Mrs Woodley passed away, she was one of those people who helped to make the club the success that it is to-day, with her hard work and support going back over 40 years. It is all too easy to forget the effort that goes into organising teas, and other club activities, while bringing up a family of future club cricketers.

Many thanks Mrs W.

During December 04 and Jan 05 a new concrete floor was laid in the shed, as the ground under the shed had more tunnels, thanks to the rabbits, than a 2nd World War POW film. This would allow us to store the roller in the shed over the winter months, without the worry of the ground collapsing under its weight.

The gang mowers which are used to mow the outfield are coming to the end of their life span and they will have to be replaced within the next 2 to 3 years. The problem is that the blades can not be sharpened any more as there is no more surface left to sharpen, The cost of replacing these mowers could run into many thousands of pounds.

Glade pop festival was held on Wasing Estates, which clashed with a home fixture. The initial response from Glade was that we should cancel the fixture or play away as it was going to cause them a security problem ?. Fortunately sense prevailed and the fixture went ahead without any problems although we had some safety concerns about cricket balls going over their security fence.

A race night was held at the end of the season, which turned out to be a financial success, and thanks to all those who turned up and helped on the evening. It would have been nicer to see a few more members turning up.

An end of season match was organised, through one of our former member Graham Whitehouse, with Livingston Cricket Club from Scotland. The match was played over a Saturday and Sunday and was a successful weekend of cricket. As a result of this match there has been talk of a return match in Scotland either this or next season

The club pre season meal was held at The Hinds Head, which was attended by 24 members and partners. This looks like becoming a permanent fixture in the cricket calendar

We have arranged 2 sponsors' deals, one from Stuart Surrige, which is for a cricket bat, which will be raffled during the season, and the other from one of our Vice Presidents Mr G.Brownlee, whose sponsorship logo now appears on our club shirts. They do look very smart and we are hopeful that we can arrange for a similar deal for the forthcoming season

At the end of the season the wicket has been top dressed with loam and reseeded with grass seed

The way teas were being served has been changed, and this has made it easier for the ladies on tea duty

The club averages have once again been produced by Jeremy and Keith. This year Gary topped the batting and Sayeed the bowling averages.

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