



Hornchurch Cricket Club



CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

In the last two years' Autumn Newsletters, I have been proud to record memorable seasons for Hornchurch Cricket Club. As we started this season with all six teams in the highest leagues, we knew it was going to be more of a challenge and that it proved to be. Except for our 1st XI all the teams did reasonably well, managing to establish themselves with credibility in their respective leagues. After a promising start to the season our 1st XI were left needing to win their last game to have a chance of staying up. Unfortunately, this was not to be and we were relegated. This was obviously a disappointment to us and although there were factors like not winning the toss, injuries to key players and loss of form, we have no complaint, because, as a team, we did not perform to anywhere near our true potential.

One player who certainly did however was Ian Flanagan, who joined us at the beginning of last season. Ian played in England's Under 19's winning team several years ago and his undoubted talent was evident throughout the season, finishing the league's highest scorer with 940 runs.

This year saw the start of 20.20 cricket at club level; a form of cricket which suits our Club in every respect. Although a knockout competition, we were delighted to be drawn at home in each round, winning every game and advancing to the finals. The amount of people watching this exciting type of cricket at our Club was quite amazing and with music and barbeques as well, our club benefited greatly. Unfortunately, after comprehensively beating favourites, Saffron Walden, in the semi-final, we lost to Loughton in the final.

During the last few years we have entered the leagues Over 40 and Under 15 competitions. A cup competition that we have always played in the right spirit; allowing younger as well as the elder to play an equal part. This year we reached the final, which we unfortunately lost to South Woodford who took the competition extremely seriously. Congratulations though to all who played.

Our Youth Cricket continues to flourish with all teams having a successful season. It is most encouraging seeing many of our younger players now in our Saturday teams; not just making up the numbers, but regularly contributing to the teams success.

In June we again hosted and organised the Inter-School 6-A-Side Competition for under 13's. The same eight schools as the previous year took part, with the winners this time being St. Edwards School.

Youth cricket is the future of our Club and I realise that over the last few years many people have contributed, whether through coaching, managing teams or administering our Cricket For All programme. May I thank you all and hopefully, like myself, you have gained much satisfaction in witnessing the success of many of our youngsters.

Although we were disappointed with our 1st XI being relegated, may I assure all connected with Hornchurch Cricket Club that we are more determined than ever to make sure we return to the premiership and progress from there. The strength of our Club is gauged not only by the success on the field, but also by the outstanding commitment by so many loyal people at our Club. It is unfair to name some and not others, so therefore may I thank everyone who has again contributed to the ongoing success of our Club. On a personal note, although I have been faced with more challenges than anticipated, I have again enjoyed the season immensely. The good friendly atmosphere that prevails is of great credit to all members and long may it continue.

Please make every effort to attend the A.G.M., and if I do not see you there, may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jeremy West - Chairman HCC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is on Sunday 4th December 2005 at the Pavilion, starting at 6.15pm prompt. Major decisions regarding the future of the Club are made at this meeting so it is imperative that you attend. You are reminded that under the Club's rules if you haven't paid your annual subscriptions you are not eligible to vote.

CLUB WEBSITE

The Club website -

www.hornchurchcc.org

Unfortunately the website has been down due to technical difficulties over the past few months but will be back up and running soon.

Although not always as upto date as time permits, please keep checking as there will be new features appearing shortly.

Thanks must go to Mike Renny and Robin Sen for their time and patience.

If anyone is interested in helping update & maintain the website please contact either Mike or Don Miller. Any ideas on the site please forward them to the Management Committee.

2005 SEASON

For those interested in statistics the following are a few provisional highlights of the 2005 season. A full breakdown of the Club Averages will hopefully be available at the AGM.:-

Senior Matches Played	- 167
Won	- 72
Drawn	- 32
Lost	- 60
Abandoned	- 3
<u>League Positions</u>	
Saturday 1 st XI	- 9th (Won 60, Lost 7, Drawn 7, Abandoned 0)
Saturday 2 nd XI	- 8th (Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 7, Abandoned 1)
Saturday 3 rd XI	- 7th (Won 7, Lost 6, Drawn 4, Abandoned 1)
Saturday 4 th XI	- 3rd (Won 9, Lost 3, Drawn 6, Abandoned 0)
Saturday 5 th XI	- 5th (Won 10, Lost 5, Drawn 3, Abandoned 0)
Saturday 6 th XI	- 4th (Won 7, Lost 5, Drawn 3, Abandoned 1)
Highest Innings for	- 375 for 1 vs South Woodford, Saturday 1st XI
Highest Inning against	- 350 for 0 vs Chelmsford, Saturday 5th XI
Lowest Innings for	- 63 all out vs Goodmayes & Blythswood, Saturday 3rd XI
Lowest Innings against	- 64 all out vs Horndon-on-the-Hill, Saturday 1st XI, League Cup
Most Runs	- 1301, Ian Flanagan (1000 - Robert Rollins, 995 – Phil Brooks)
Highest Individual score	- 182*, Ian Flanagan vs South Woodford, Saturday 1st XI
Total Hundreds	- 33
Total Fifties	- 127
Most Hundreds	- 5, P. Brooks, Ian Flanagan
Most Fifties	- 7, Ian Flanagan (6 – P. Murray Jnr, R. Coombe)
Most Overs	- 259.3, Dean Skipper (240.1 - Francis Baptist)
Most Maidens	- 44, Miles Wells (40, Dean Skipper)
Most Wickets	- 54, Barry Bones (45 – Dean Skipper, 44 – Doug Shewring)
Best Bowling	- 6 for 25, Doug Shewring vs Billericay, Saturday 6th XI
Total 5 Wkts	- 20
Most 5Wkts	- 3, Doug Shewring
Most Catches	- 15, Robert Rollins (12 – Francis Baptiste)
Most Wkt Victims	- 30, Paul Murray Jnr (15Ct 15St)

TROPHY WINNERS 2005

Trophy winners for 2005 are as detailed below.

Robertson Cup	Sat 1 st XI	Fielding	Ian Flanagan
Cander Cup	Sat 1 st XI	Batting	Ian Flanagan
Mitchell Cup	Sat 1 st XI	Bowling	Dean Skipper
Hennin Cup	Sat 2 nd XI	Batting	Kevin Shallow
Hembery Cup	Sat 2 nd XI	Bowling	Myles Wells
Thurner Cup	Sat 3 rd XI	Batting	Phil Brooks
Edwards Cup	Sat 3 rd XI	Bowling	Danny Simpson
Rainsford Trophy	Sat 4 th XI	Batting	David Wadsworth
Scolding Cup	Sat 4 th XI	Bowling	A.J. DuPlooy
Notley Cup	Sat 5 th XI	Batting	Robin Sen
Balmford Cup	Sat 5 th XI	Bowling	Adam Clements
Brooks Cup	Sat 6 th XI	Batting	Ben Spray
Shewring Cup	Sat 6 th XI	Bowling	Doug Shewring
Stuart Cup	Sun 1 st XI	Player	Robert Rollins
Rose Bowl	Sun 2 nd XI	Player	Barry Bones
	Sun BL XI	Batting	Adrian Simon
	Sun BL XI	Bowling	Michael Bones
Ede Cup	Colt 2005	Player	Billy Gordon
Cawthorne Cup	Over 40	Player	Gary Barnacle
Hickinbottom Cup	Most Improved	Player	Myles Wells
Presidents Cup	Clubman 2005	Member	Terry & Christine O'Sullivan
Sport for All			James Watson

CLUB APPAREL

Cricket attire in the club colours complete with the HCC crest would make an excellent Christmas present and are available in various sizes from Chris O'Sullivan.

Old Style Shirts

Long Sleeve	£16.00
Short Sleeve	£15.50

New Style Shirts

Shirt	£18.00
Trousers	£18.00

Training/Leisure Gear

T Shirts	£10.00
Shorts	£10.00
Track Suits	£40.00
C4A T Shirt	£5.00

Sweaters (All Wool)

Long Sleeve	£47.00
Short Sleeve	£39.00

Misc

Old Style Baseball Cap	£16.00
New Style Baseball Cap	£5.00
Sun Hat	£8.50
Helmet Badge	£4.75
Badges	£1.50
Sweatbands	£3.00



OLD HANDBOOKS

There are a number of old Club Fixture Card & Handbooks available from years past. Anyone interested should contact Doug Shewring. First come, first served, deadline is the start of next season when Doug is threatening to throw the remainder away.

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

I approached the 2005 season with a mixture of excitement and apprehension: this was the first year in the past 15 years that I wasn't playing for Colchester & East Essex. From the first moment I spoke to Jeremy and Rob Rollins about the possibility of changing club, there was only one place I was interested in joining. I was immediately struck by the ambition of the club, the place it has in offering sport to the community (especially the colts) and its general commitment to making the club number 1 in the county.

Ultimately I look back at our season with a mixture of disappointment on our relegation but also with fond memories of exciting games, new relationships, flat wickets and awesome lunches/teas! I found the experience a breath of fresh air. On paper we looked as if we would be challenging for the title and after the first two league games in which we achieved comfortable victories - over South Woodford and Wickford - nobody's thoughts were on the relegation scrap that we finally found ourselves in.

There were a number of highlights for the 1st XI including reaching the final of the inaugural 20/20 cup - hopefully we can go one step further next year. It was great to see the development of Paul Murray Jnr through the season with the high spot being his century at South Woodford. Disappointingly, he broke a finger in the 2nd half of the year and couldn't keep wicket, as he had been excellent up to that point. However, 'one person's agony is another man's gain' and I was pleased to see the "veterans", Rob Rollins and Ben Lee, back behind the stumps.

I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed my first season at Hornchurch. I think 2005 will be a small blip as we are moving in the right direction. Hopefully, with a little more luck (winning the toss and no injuries) I have no doubts that we will bounce straight back up as we have the talent to do so. We are very fortunate that there are so many committed individuals who put in so much time into making Hornchurch a great club.

I would like to thank everyone (especially those behind the scenes) who've helped me settle in. I look forward to seeing everyone in April!

Ian Flanagan Esq.

SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE UMPIRES GRADINGS

Independent Umpires who officiate at all 1st XI and some 2nd XI matches grade the facilities, playing area, hospitality and discipline of players throughout the season. We attained scores of 9.10 (max 10.00) for Discipline, 17th out of the 40 Clubs in the League, 13.65 (max 20.00) for the Pitch Condition, 17th out of 40, and 15.00 (max 15.00) for Hospitality, 1st out of 40 (it must be those teas!!)

We need to improve our Club discipline next year as this has sadly dropped. Discussions are taking place with the groundsmen to improve the pitch conditions for next year. However, it must be noted that the League overall marks for pitches were generally lower than last year.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have moved, are about to move, or change telephone numbers during the closed season, would you please inform Lance Malkin as soon as possible. This will enable us to send important information to you in the future as well as keep our records up to date.

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

The Shepherd Neame Essex League have embarked on a campaign to recruit Umpires and Scorers to stand in the lower team matches. Players have a responsibility to know the laws of the game so why not come along and get a better understanding of the lbw law instead of using the philosophy - if it hits your pads you're out (mentioning no names!).

Courses are held at the Pavilion every Wednesday during the winter. Anyone interested should contact Doug Shewring or Norman Balmford for further details.

HORNCHURCH'S PAST

A few glimpses back into the past at the Club:-

1894

Successful entertainment was given at the Artillery Drill Hall on Thursday evening in aid of the funds of Hornchurch Cricket Club. Most people would prophesy certain failure for any attempts to gather country folk together indoors during the dog days, but irresistible as may be, the charm of hay scented meadows and cool running brooks, Mr & Mrs W.T. Goad of Harwood Hall ably assisted by Mr J.. Robertson, (1st XI Captain) promoted such an affair. Not only were the Reserved chairs all filled, but the seats at the rear were fully occupied. A degree of success was quite unexpected by everybody.

The entertainment itself was of the first order:-

Mr C Bertram of conjuring fame, who had been performing the same afternoon before the Prince of Wales (no, not the Pub!!), came straight from His Royal Highness to amuse and mystify the Hornchurch audience. Mr J. Robins gave two clever musical sketches.

Mrs Manners contributed a banjo song whilst Miss Johnson (Gold Medallist R.A.M.) sang a couple of charming ballads to the delight of her hearers.

Mr Ralph Hunt (of the Moore & Burgess Minstrels) gave a rendition of "come into the garden Maud" in his best style.

Mr R. Lewis the accomplished siffleur gave a demonstration of his whistling powers that fairly astonished the audience.

Miss Leggatt ably presided at the piano.

Needless to say, the encores were numerous and the applause deafening.

Taken from the Essex Times July 7th 1894

1902

The Club Annual General Meeting was held at the Girls School Room.

The Secretary – Mr Edgar G. Bratchell presented the statement of accounts.

The balance was to the good of £4.19.6. (old money – ask Doug to explain!!)

1931

A feature of the cricket match between Hornchurch and local rivals Upminster 2nd XI on Whit Monday was the remarkable bowling of Mr Cyril Farnham, who recorded the following figures:-

1st Innings – 9 Overs 2 Maidens 8 Runs 5 Wkts

2nd Innings – 9 Overs 6 Maidens 4 Runs 9 Wkts

In the second innings C. Farnham captured four Upminster scalps in four successive balls and five wickets in six balls.

After the match, Mr A. Revell, the Upminster Captain presented Cyril with the ball as a souvenir.

1937

11th June Billet Lane Gnd - Don't be surprised if you see the shops in North Street barricaded up on Saturday. It will only be a precaution against some lightning strikes by Hornchurch batsmen. What with the Mitchells' (no, not Grant & Phil!!) two sixes and one from Brand things are becoming hot around these corners. To pour oil on troubled waters so to speak Tanner-Smith hit a ball clean out of the ground – right on top of a passing bus!

1938

Workmen began demolishing the old Cricketers Public House which had stood for three hundred years. The time is still vivid in the minds of several old Hornchurch residents when cricket was played opposite the old public house.

When a licence was first granted to the building the house was given its name in recognition of the fact that tired men went there to quench their thirst after a strenuous game

Our thanks go to the Club Historian Peter Edwards for the above. If anyone has anything they think may be of interest or importance to the history of the Club they should contact Peter.

WINTER COACHING & TRAINING

The winter coaching and training sessions are currently being finalised and will start in January for the youngsters and February for the rest at Chelmsford (so don't eat too many mince pies at Christmas!), dates, times and venues will be advised separately. However, contact Dave Kiff or Doug Shewring for further information.

PAVILION USE

Members are reminded that the pavilion and its facilities are available for private functions. Any bookings should be made with the Club Secretary, Jackie Cubitt.

"100 CLUB"

The 100 Club exists to provide much needed funds for the Club and also gives members and friends a chance to win prizes. Draws take place on a monthly basis at the Pavilion throughout the year, with the summer draws taking place on a Saturday evening whilst the winter one takes place at the monthly Management meetings.

As the title suggests there is a maximum of 100 numbers in each draw and each number costs £12 per annum - only £1 a month. There are three prizes each month £20, £10, £5 with two bumper draws in June and December of £100, £50, £20. Recent winners are:-

May

30 – G. Noller
95 – J. Syms
48 – B. Langstone

September

99 – C. Wolstenholme
77 – Mrs J. Cubitt
40 – B. Davies

June

69 – G. Pope
96 – J.N. Balmford
25 – B. Davies

October

17 – M. Church
29 – K. Selby
12 – A. Mitchell

July

07 – R. Sen
27 – J. Syms
46 – Mrs R. Murray

November

28 – Mrs J. Taylor
94 – Mrs D. Worham
14 – B. Rose

Aug

68 – M. Renny
03 – Miss K. Nolan
96 – J.N. Balmford

There are now only two numbers available so why not have one of them. They are:- 32 & 79.

Those who have been winners but owe monies have not been notified of their 'success'
To obtain a number contact Brian Storey.

EDITORS COMMENT

I hope this has been an informative Newsletter. Look out for the spring edition where we will have details on players, coaches, Cricket –for – All programme & the all important early fixtures.

The Management Committee, would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our members, parents and supporters a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and let's hope that next year we can bounce back, continue improving and make Hornchurch the best in Essex.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the next proposed issue of the H.C.C. Newsletter, then please contact Don Miller.

