

HHCC Committee Report: 2023

In June this year we welcomed back to the club a group of ex-players, past committee members, old friends and their families for our first ever HHCC Legends Lunch; a build on our previous Vagabonds events, the lunch (and the afternoon, evening, early morning that followed..) afforded us the opportunity to reconnect and celebrate achievements of the past, whilst showcasing the club as it is today.

The response of those in attendance was overwhelmingly warm and positive and gave real perspective as to what the club has achieved in recent years. The three things that received most attention on this day were a) the size and quality of our junior section b) the financial health of the club and c) the number and spread of senior games being undertaken and the range of ages and abilities we now cater for, from 1st XI league, to Sunday social, to Midweek T20 Plate to the Tour XI.

Some of our old friends were so impressed they have returned multiple times to check that we weren't having them on (!) and we hope to see all of them and more in 2024.

Showcasing the club in this way and listening to some (long) stories and reminders of how things were in the recent as well as the more distant past, underlined the fact that to now be able to spend money improving our outfield and investing in new practice facilities as we have this year, whilst moving on to consider covers, live streaming equipment and more, is a great place to be.

2023 was a solid if unspectacular year in the Surrey Championship for our senior teams, with each staying in their current divisions; our aim in investing in playing and practice facilities, as well as in our juniors remains to grow sustained, organic success as well as continuing to attract new members. We hope to have news on the development of the new Carlisle Park nets soon and expect our new training square to be up and running in the spring.

Our senior awards in September saw James Boulton and Paul Hennessy take the plaudits for their runs and wickets, whilst Ben Porter was our Colt of the Year and Rob Wilkison the recipient of the Johnson Merit shield for all his work with our junior section.

In wrapping up the achievements of 2023 there are many people to thank, as without the ongoing commitment of our captains, coaches, committee members, volunteers and more we simply would not be able to continue to improve the club to the benefit of all our members and the wider community. In fact, as we get more successful, so our asks of all these individuals has increased and, importantly, so has the number of people involved.

It is this element that I think is worth dwelling on; as much as on-field success depends upon teams working together the same is true of the club as an entity; we are at our best when people take on responsibilities and execute them with the backing, but not necessarily the involvement of the committee. In running a club that now numbers over 900 members it is no longer possible for just a handful of people to run everything and so as we move to the election of officers for 2024, I want to thank each and everyone involved in making 2023 so successful and implore you all to consider what your part in our future development will be.

Whether you are a captain of league side, a Sunday morning kitchen volunteer, a fundraiser, our bar manager or our U11 Girls scorer, the club only works because you take responsibility; we thank everyone single person who does so.

As a committee we will continue to strive to support, encourage and engineer opportunities for all to get involved, so when it comes to volunteering please don't be shy! If you are not sure how you can

help then be sure to reach out and ask, there will be plenty to do again in and around the club in 2024.

To those that sat on our committee in 2023 a huge thank you for a season that saw record bar profits, over 300 games of cricket, the levelling of our outfield, an active social calendar, 40 juniors playing in senior teams, a tour, an end of season dinner and multiple awards evenings, some testing moments, some funny moments and much more besides.

- Lisa, Nikki, Ria, Charlotte, Smithy, Rob, Harry, TC, JNS, Murts, Jack, AO, DC and Macca;
Great Job Guys!!!

Here's to 2024

Ian

Chairman
HHCC

2023 Items for Noting:

Overall Junior Award Winners, 2023:

Bill Haunting Colt of the Year: Ben Porter

Chairmans Cup for Batting: Aditi Sahoo

Mike Crane Bowling Award: Will Bush

Coaches All Rounder Award: Ben Porter

Doug Hill Most Improved Colt: Jocelyn Mesher & Kai Quinn

Fielder of the Year: Jack Ainsworth

Best Junior Performance: Ben Porter

Outstanding Contribution to Female Cricket: Simon Ogden

Main Senior Award Winners 2023:

Hall Edwards Batting: Jake Wood

Nigel Coates League Batting: James Boulton

Skim Carroll Bowling: Paul Hennessy

Mike Crane League Bowling: Paul Hennessy

Pete Cullinan Best Bowling: Paul Hennessy

Carr Hurst All Rounder: James Boulton

Udal Raine Young Performance: James Neville

Ian Greenaway Team Player: David Coates

Ian Exworth Player of the Year: James Boulton

Johnson Merit Shield: Rob Wilkinson

2023 Membership details:

Players: 99

VP/Hon VP: 34

Life: 13

Club: 334

Juniors: 470

Total: 950

2023 Sponsors:

Landscape Artisan

Eleven Cricket

2023 Community lettings:

Road Runners

Tots Squats and Coffee pots

Nobel Green Wines

Teddington rugby

Hearts of Tedlothian Football

Hampton hill junior school

Teddington school

Stanley School