

TURVILLE PARK CRICKET CLUB

Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall, Northend, Sunday 4 November 2012

Present:

A Ingram (chairman), B Bazell, S Beardall, H Beardall, P Briffett, D Cairns, R Dickie, Jon Hancock, N Henry, J Hunt, J Moberly, N Runkel, C Simon, M Wicks, J Leefe, S Stracey, J Thornton, O Thornton, T Wade and D Weston.

Apologies:

D Crossman, T Greenwood, John Hancock, B Johnson, C Malcolmson, A Nichols, S O'Reilly, C Seigal and J Scott.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 6 November 2011 were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

Andrew Ingram expressed the club's gratitude to the vice-presidents for their very generous donations to the running of the club and their support in many other ways. He urged the players to make a much larger contribution, both financially and in assisting with the running of the club. He suggested that social events should raise at least £3,000 a year and that all members should support those events.

The playing members expressed a vote of considerable thanks to the vice-presidents for their support. They agreed to consider ways in which they could increase their contributions to the club and their support for an extended programme of social events.

3. Treasurer's Report

Colin Simon distributed the accounts which showed:

- a deficit for the year of £2,014 and a closing bank balance of £4,254;
- players' subscriptions of £1,380 and a surplus on match fees of £1,131;
- contributions of £2,530 from the vice-presidents;
- ground expenses and maintenance (£3,803);
- pavilion cleaning and maintenance of £1,045;
- insurance, including insurance of the new tractor (£829);
- a loss of £1,125 on the vice-presidents' match at Wormsley;
- a profit of £949 on the quiz and barbecue;
- a loss of £140 on the pre-season nets at Wargrave school; and
- income from hires of the ground of £555.

4. Subscriptions and Match Fees for 2013

It was agreed that:

- subscriptions should remain at £50 a year (£10 for students) and that all those listed as players on the fixture list should pay a subscription;
- match fees for all matches should be £10 (£5 for students);
- match fees should cover tea but *not* jug(s) of beer after the match;
- at home matches, local teams should be charged £40 and touring teams £55 for tea; and
- match managers should transfer to the club bank account immediately after the match the match fees less cost of tea - the amount transferred for home matches should be approximately £100 and for away matches £50-60.

5. Captain's Report

Sam Beardall presented the attached report. The club had played 23 completed matches of which 12 had been won, 7 drawn and 4 lost. 7 matches had been rained off and 3 cancelled for a lack of a team for either TPCC or the opposition. 15 players took part in the tour to Porto which resulted in two wins.

The playing contingent has remained at a healthy level with 48 players facing at least one ball this summer and 34 bowlers being used. Several new faces joined the club. This summer has also seen the "youth policy" begin to reap rewards with Charles Henry, Rafe Dickie and Jack Rogers bowling economically and contributing vital runs.

Twenty half centuries were scored (up from 15 in 2011) and 30 bowlers took at least one wicket. James Hunt (566 runs) was the leading run scorer, while Jon Hancock led the batting averages with an average of 63.5. Neil Runkel and James Hunt tied for leading wicket-taker (22 each).

6. Fixtures

Barney Bazell presented a report. The meeting agreed:

- to maintain the fixtures at the current level (approximately 33);
- subject to the above limit, to consider new fixtures with Ewelme and Swyncombe and re-instating some fixtures with some clubs for which dates could not be found in 2012;
- not to participate in the Bucks cup; and
- to make a tour to Jersey in June 2013.

7. Wormsley

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to hold the vice-presidents match at Wormsley in 2013 on the basis that it would be a free-standing and financially self-sustaining event which would not be funded by vice-presidents' contributions, players' subscriptions or club social events. It was noted that a commercial fee would have to be paid to the Wormsley estate. It was agreed that this fee and all other costs of the match would be covered by sponsorship and other directly related financial contributions from players and others. It was agreed that Peter Briffett and Jon Hancock would arrange for sponsorship and other funding. It was also agreed to consider ways of giving earlier and greater publicity about the match to vice-presidents and others.

8. Election of Officers

The meeting elected the following:

Chairman	Andrew Ingram
Captain	Sam Beardall
Vice Captains	Jon Hancock; James Hunt; Tom White
Secretary	David Cairns
Treasurer	Colin Simon
Fixture Secretary	Barney Bazell
Ground	To be determined
Pavilion	Rob Dickie
Social	Peter Briffett

9. Lease

The meeting noted that the lease of the ground from the Turville Park estate had expired. The meeting agreed David Cairns and David Weston should seek a renewal of the lease on the same or similar terms to the existing lease. It also agreed that David Cairns, Simon Stracey and Michael Wicks should remain as the trustees and that the club should indemnify them against any costs arising from the lease.

10. Ground

John Leefe presented the attached report on the work carried out before, during and after the 2012 season and the need for repairs to the gang mowers and sight screens. The meeting thanked John

Leefe and Andy Wallis for their work on the ground during 2012 and Oscar Phillips for his assistance in mowing the outfield in the latter part of season.

The meeting agreed that the chairman, secretary, treasurer, captain and vice-captains should decide how the ground should be maintained and managed for the 2013 season. It was noted that Simon Stracey had made arrangements for the repairs to the gang mowers. It was agreed that the sight screens should not be repaired or replaced.

11. Pavilion

Rob Dickie that following work required to be done:

- replace two window pane
- repair wall tiles in ladies and gents toilets
- painting of window frames
- repair to brickwork around the base of the pavilion
- replacement tea urn.

He also reported that the plumbing had been drained down by Henley Heating & Plumbing prior to the winter.

It was agreed that Rob Dickie should arrange a working party to deal with maintenance prior to the start of the 2013 season. It was also agreed that match managers should ensure that the pavilion is left in a clean state after all matches and to reassess the extent and timing of visits by the cleaner.

12. Social Events

Peter Briffett reported that there had been a quiz and one barbecue during 2012 season.

The chairman reiterated the need for social events to raise a profit of £3,000 in 2013 in order that the club could survive. Peter Briffett announced that he would form a social sub-committee of playing members by the end of December 2012 which would agree a programme of social events for 2013 that would meet the target. He acknowledged that the social programme would be separate from the Wormsley match (see minute 7) which would free-standing and financially self-sustaining event which would not be funded by club social events.

The meeting ended at 12.50pm.



Captain's Report Season 2012

Results

This year, Turville has enjoyed an extremely successful summer and recorded 12 wins, just 4 losses and 7 draws out of 23 completed fixtures. 7 games were cancelled due to rain, 1 by the opposition and disappointingly, two by Turville where we were unable to raise a team. Relative to previous years, these results compare extremely favourably (2011: 7 wins, 10 losses and 7 draws. 2010: 11 wins, 8 losses and 6 draws) and are a reflection of the consistently competitive teams which Turville is able to produce.

Tour

Unperturbed by flight delays, airport strikes and fears of being stuck abroad, 15 players plus wives and girlfriends spent an extremely enjoyable weekend in Portugal. In between visiting the cultural highlights of Porto we managed two extremely competitive fixtures, recording victories in both. With fifties for James Hunt and Oli Thornton, wickets shared between 11 bowlers and even a couple run outs, it's hard to isolate a particular highlight, although James Thornton's figures of 5-3 are undoubtedly what swung the second match in our favour.

Players

The Turville playing contingent has remained at a healthy level with 48 Turville players facing at least one ball this summer and 34 bowlers being used. This has included several new faces joining the club who we hope to see for many more seasons. This summer has also seen the "youth policy" begin to reap rewards with youngsters such as Charles Henry, Rafe Dickie and Jack Rogers bowling economically and contributing vital runs when called upon.

Individual Performances

As with last year, an "awards dinner" is being organised to announce the winners of the various cups, however, a pleasing aspect of this season has been the number of players producing either a match winning, or saving, performance. A total of 20 half centuries were scored this summer (up from 15 in 2011) and 30 bowlers took at least one wicket.

Similar to last year, the batting charts again had James Hunt as the leading run scorer, on a total of 566, whilst Jon Hancock led the averages with a total of 381 at more than 60 runs per wicket.

Centuries are always enjoyable to watch and a highlight of any season, but Oli Thornton's 100 against Theberton on a difficult wicket stands out for me as the innings of the summer. Oli showed both poise and patience against the new ball before dispatching it to all parts of the ground en route to a match winning score.

On the bowling front, a change from recent seasons saw Neil Runkel and James Hunt tied for most wickets on 22 a piece, whilst remarkably one in every four overs bowled by Tom White was a maiden. This statistic is undoubtedly helped by probably the most impressive performances of the summer, where Tom produced figures of 8 overs, 7 maidens and 8 wickets for just 4 runs to leave Ibstone's batsmen confused, perplexed and somewhat baffled by the intricacies of right-arm-round bowling.

Finally..

I would like to express my gratitude to Tom, Jon and James for their support, advice and assistance as Vice Captains, to Pete for his efforts in organising a successful tour and to Jon and Harriet Hancock for organising such an enjoyable pre-season quiz.

Sam Beardall



Ground Report 2012

Despite the appalling weather throughout the summer and the constraints on Andy Wallis' availability, the pitch although slow, played well without any "spite" or unpredictability. This will be mainly because of the (2011) Autumn renovation. However, the outfield was very slow throughout the season due to a combination of the inclement weather conditions, problems with the gangs (see below) and spring time treatment with a slow release 6-8 month fertilizer.

Some work was done on the gangs late in the season which helped to get the outfield lower but it remains too thick and needs scarifying. It had been neglected for a number of years and moss, weeds and thatch had built up very noticeably. Moss killer and weed killer applied with the fertilizer have done their job well but the (dead) moss needs removing and the grass thinning badly. Simon Tremlin intended to do the job (cost £400) this Autumn but the weather to date has remained obstinately too wet and it may have to be postponed until Spring 2013.

The square has been renovated successfully again at the end of September and will be maintained as necessary throughout the Winter.

Sadly Andy Wallis has had to resign his role due to pressures at Wormsley and thus help with various items on the ground will be needed to maintain standards and keep costs down, these include:-

- Pre-season rolling of the square
- Pre-season rolling of the outfield
- Strimming/mowing the perimeter, around the nets, machine shed and pavilion throughout the year
- Clearing leaves under the large Sycamore tree when they have all fallen (shortly)
- Match managers also need to be able to re-mark strips that have been used the day before and may also have to cut/roll strips when regular ground staff are not available.

Machinery, Equipment and Materials

Both the Ransomes mower and the roller were serviced last year and should not need further service work in 2013 due to their light use arising from the wet summer. However, the gangs do need some service work as their adjustment mechanisms are worn out and one or two other parts needs replacing. The cost of this work is pessimistically estimated at £525 (£325 parts and £200 labour).

The sight screen needs some new bungee ropes, cleats and other minor parts totalling approximately £120.

There is plenty of seed, loam and strip repair fertilizer in stock but a bag of spring/summer fertilizer (£38), 1 ltr of Wormcast Control (£40), some white paint and fuel will be needed for the new season.

John Leefe