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George Hankins made his 1st XI debut aged just 16 in 2013

From the editor



"Welcome to my fourth edition of Parade in Print".

It's been another successful year, on and off the field, with three teams picking up league titles and the new clubhouse already proving to be one of the premier locations in the city.

Congratulations to Robin, Thiaan and Jan for leading those teams to victory and to Dave for all his efforts in his first season as Hospitality Manager.

You may have also noticed that we have had a few sponsors' boards around the ground and announced our new main sponsor, Moneywise, whose name you will see on playing shirts for next season. It's a new and important revenue stream which will help to fund our two remaining projects. Hopefully the indoor school will be approaching completion when the magazine is published.

In this edition, along with the usual mix of articles, you will see our first entries into a Bath CC Hall of Fame. A select panel and I met to decide on the first three entries. This was always going to be difficult; starting from scratch and deciding on the criteria and the period when we have accurate records to enable us to make the right decisions. I am sure that members will have their own views on who they think should be included in the future, but will hopefully agree with our initial choices.

Also included is an obituary for John Smith who sadly passed away in October. John was our former groundsman and will always be remembered for the advice and support he gave many players over the years. He will be sadly missed.

I hope you enjoy reading the magazine and if anyone wants to contribute to future editions please feel free to send in your articles around October 2014.



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Pat Colbourne

President's Piece

The King is Dead, Long Live the King. Mike Roe our Chairman for the past many years has decided to doff his crown for calmer waters.

He believes, as do I, that to keep organisations and institutions buzzing and fresh with new ideas and energy you need fresh minds. An organisation can become stale if one remains in a voluntary role for too long, therefore new blood, new ideas, new thinking and fresh energy are all so essential for keeping things alive, active, competitive and vigorous.

We should all, individually, go and thank Mike for his total commitment and dedication to Bath Cricket Club over these long years. Winston Churchill spoke about the fine young pilots of the Battle of Britain in the 2nd World War by saying 'So much is owed by so many to so few'. Our younger members and even those who are in senior teams probably do not realise how much time and effort has been given in keeping the club running smoothly.

Much has happened during Mike's reign. The club has risen in esteem and become a seriously outstanding recreational cricket club, working for the good of the game, for both sexes and for all ages of cricketer. Of course, he will be the first to acknowledge the great contribution and expertise that Mike Jones gave during his tenure as Secretary and Executive Officer, but the buck has always had to stop with the Chairman and much has come from the chair over this time.

Mike first took on a responsible position as 1st XI captain in 1995. He later stood as captain of the 2nd XI and finally of 3rd team. Whether in charge of a team, or as Club chairman over the past two decades, his sensible decision making and pragmatic actions have greatly influenced the steady improvement in performance of players, as well as the gradual development of

the club over that time. We have lived through a superb and maybe unprecedented era of cricketing improvement and team performance.

Reaching Lord's in the final of the National Club Championships on three occasions was certainly a pinnacle for the club, but we have done rather well in other competitions and leagues too. Regularly winning the Western League and Premier League titles didn't come by chance. Much planning and thought went into all our success. Successes in the North Somerset Leagues were also most satisfying. The amalgamation of both the Bath Cricket Club and the Somerset Wanderers was a master stroke for both organisations in 2002 and the 'complete' club has gone from strength to strength ever since. The youth section and our talented coaches have developed greatly and the young teams have all, in their time, reached and been successful at National level.

The decision to go for Charitable status was also of great benefit during this era. Much of the intricate detail and hard work was completed by Mike Jones but directed by the chairman and guided by the new team of Trustees. Now we have an improved ground and training facilities plus a second ground. Our newly refurbished pavilion is excellent and work on the Old John Ruddick Memorial pavilion and indoor school will soon begin. There has always been something to do and Mike has stood tall throughout. He hasn't shirked making difficult decisions and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you Mike.

May I wish Mike's successor (when appointed) the very best of luck and I'm sure all members will put their strong support and assistance behind the new chairman.

President's Appeal - Please help me to help others to help themselves. It is odd what drives us all to do strange things in life.

I was a vigorous sportsman in my younger days. I played cricket for my school, for Eastbourne, for Sussex Martlets and 2nd XI, then for Somerset 2nd XI when I arrived to teach in Bath. I was also honoured to be elected captain of Bath CC when we became West of England League Champions in 1974. Heady days. I did mad things too, like climb mountains. I took 6th formers up Snowdon on January the 1st each winter for 18 consecutive years and experienced a major scare while scaling the Matterhorn in 1969 – great memories.

We can all remember our mad days when we were young, fit and vigorous. Now I'm not so young and do less arduous things, yet I'm very proud to be President of Bath Cricket Club. This Club is one of the very best recreational cricket clubs in the country and we serve the sport and community and help young people as they strive to fulfil their own dreams and potential.

Now, in my dotage (I'm 73) I am walking around the UK Coastal path, a distance of some 8,000kms (5,000miles). I aim to help less fortunate people fulfil their own dreams and potential (see Parade in Print, Issue 30, Nov 2010, The President's Piece). I have already completed about 2,500kms along Hadrian's Wall, the South Coast and East Coast and have just completed the tough S.W Atlantic coast path to Land's End. Next summer I will venture around Wales and Cumbria. I can tell you for sure that it feels so rewarding doing something that benefits others so much. And I really need your help – will you help me?

If every member of Bath CC would be willing to donate in a small way then those destitute people in the Third World would benefit so much. I am walking for them. I am trying to raise awareness of their plight. My charities help people those who have nothing and teach them to become self sufficient. This surely is the best and most responsible way we can help people.

Please help me!

You can send a cheque to Bath Cricket Club made payable to: Pat's UK coast walk. You can also visit the website (www.patsukcoastwalk.co.uk) or click onto my Google Blog (patsukcoastwalk.blogspot.co.uk) – but please donate something. Why not do it now?

There are so many destitute and worthy people and orphans who deserve our help and I would like to encourage you to "Help me to Help others to Help themselves". Why not come and join me on my walk for a day or two? I'd love to chat to someone while I walk (my walk mobile number is: 07702 606713).

My five Charities are – Send a Cow, Tools for Self Reliance, Wasrag, Diabetes UK and The British Heart Foundation. Thank you so much, Pat Colbourne.

Mike Roe

Chairman's Report

It's Monday 16th September 2013 and as I start to write what is my last Chairmans piece for Parade in Print, this date has great resonance for the club. Today work starts officially on the cricket school, a project that has been well over ten years in the happening.

By the time you read this I hope we will have a newly refurbished and fit for purpose cricket school in keeping with our aspirations as a leading recreational club and a school that we can proudly say is a community facility.

2013 marked a significant change in the infrastructure of the club, a newly refurbished club house and now a superb new cricket facility. My huge thank you to all those who helped make this possible. Special mention to David and Julia Stoye and Pete and Fiona Smith, for their generosity and passion for the cause.

With a club like Bath, I suspect there will always be plenty going on and much to do. That is the nature of a club, blessed with superb facilities and an ambition to match. As nostalgia sets in and I reflect on the last 10 years, I am reminded of the continued need to balance the pursuit of success on the field with the values needed to maintain and enhance our reputation across the wider cricketing world. Like it or not, as Bath we are always under the spotlight, teams raise their game against us, we are expected to win and the way we govern and run our club is always subject to scrutiny locally and from national bodies. As we move forward into the next era, we can and must do more to create an environment and approach that continues to balance these needs. For example, I am extremely proud that we have chosen to invest a sizeable portion of our income in youth development, whilst resisting any temptation to pay players to

play here. I am aware that those temptations can grow as other clubs tempt high quality players with a "package". That for me has never been what recreational cricket is about and as a captain still learning, that approach can never help us build great teams with a shared passion for the good of the club. I hope we continue to resist any temptations to deviate from an approach that has served us so well.

As I write it is as yet unclear who the new Chairman will be. Whoever takes on the role I can assure them they will find the role a huge privilege and I hope for most of the time a great pleasure. I have greatly enjoyed being involved in club affairs for so many years and whilst trying to balance playing and work have been very grateful for all the support I have received.

I would particularly like to put on record the enormous support I received from Mike Jones, before he sadly passed away in 2011. I have said many times, I suspect his contribution and legacy will never truly be recognised...it was immense.

Someone else whose contribution has been vital to any success we have achieved is Ian Shrubsole. Ian, along with others, has been critical in maintaining my sanity! Always available for counsel, always available to get involved and perhaps even more important, always prepared to "do" something.



In my opinion the Director of Cricket is an even more demanding role than chairman, so much going on behind the scenes and on a daily basis. It is likely that perhaps only Sam really appreciates the effort and contribution of Ian and even she is still asleep when the first club emails start pinging out at 5am before school starts.

If you will forgive the continued nostalgia, I would like to mention three other people who have greatly influenced my views and approach as chairman. When I first started sitting on club committees, I was fortunate to be in the presence of John Ruddick, an icon at this club. His personal values and passion for the club resonate to this day. As time moves on it is likely that very few players will appreciate the path laid down by JR, perhaps the sad burning down of the JR pavilion will serve as a reminder of his contribution, particularly as over time we restore that site to its former glory.

Talking of a "path laid down", whilst his current paths are mostly the coastal paths of the UK, our president Pat Colbourne is a man from the same cloth as JR; wise, committed, passionate and a great player. He too has been key in helping me in my role as chairman.

Finally there is one person, who those close to me will know about, who whether as captain or chairman has been

with me throughout....challenging, provoking and inspiring, Stuart Priscott. For me he more than anyone in the club was instrumental in moving this club from perennial underachievers to a club where competing, doing the right things and translating our opportunities to success on the field, has become the norm. His vision and insights into the game have been massively influential on me for over ten years, thank you Percy.

In line with many organisations, we are still facing the implications of difficult recessionary times. Despite this we have been able to secure the funds to develop and renovate in line with our charitable objectives, but, we must continue to be prudent in the way we now manage our financial affairs and increase our revenue. I would like to thank everyone for the help and sacrifice around this. The core team and Management Committee have had a challenging 18 months and I think we have all come out of those debates and discussions stronger for it.

Finally...I am delighted that we have been able to increase the membership of the Management Committee with some very active and interested members. A team that I believe will help the new chairman quickly settle to the role.

Thank you again for all your support over the years, you know who you are. I am off to prepare for 3rd XI winter nets!

Tom Stayt leading wicket taker 2013



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Captain's report 1st XI



Team	P	W	L	C	A	BatP	BowlP	%Wins	Pts
Bath CC	18	15	2	0	1	69	86	88.24	308
Frocester CC	18	11	5	1	1	77	66	68.75	261
Bristol CC	18	10	5	1	2	60	72	66.67	245
Taunton St Andrews CC	18	10	7	0	1	60	75	58.82	238
Bridgwater CC	18	10	7	0	1	54	77	58.82	236
Downend CC	18	7	9	0	1	61	66	43.75	207
Ashcott & Shapwick CC	18	7	8	1	1	57	64	43.75	206
Corsham CC	18	5	9	0	3	53	68	33.33	187
Keynsham CC	18	5	12	0	1	43	67	29.41	165
Illminster CC	18	0	16	0	2	32	40	0	82

Robin Lett - 1st XI - League Position: Champions

At the end of it all, with the kit packed away for a winter and the last stumps drawn after a long season, we can enjoy the next six months in the knowledge that we were able to put the demons of 2012 to bed.

Our objective at the start of the season was to win the league, as it always is at such a fantastic club and we had made reinforcements to try and ensure that we did just that. Jordan Price had been recruited from Lansdown and James Campbell had returned from a stint at West Bromwich the year before. We were left with one notable absentee in Adam Kelly and as the season developed, his return to action gave us the extra spark we needed. The opening game, a comfortable win over Ashcott and Shapwick, told us little, other than the fact that we had unearthed a gem of a player in 16 year old Tim Rouse. He walked out to bat that day at 24-3 on a tricky wicket against a fired up attack. From that point on, he never looked back this year and built on his crucial 95 to go on and score 629 runs for the 1st team.

After the first six weeks, we had a 100% record, but that could have been so different. Batting second in games was proving to be problematic and we collapsed week in week out. We were indebted to Tim against Illminster, as we snuck over the line by two wickets and twice to Simon Marchant and Jon Green who saw us to victory by just one wicket against both Downend and Bridgwater.

We had been playing ok but were due to get turned over and Frocester were the side to take advantage, hammering us at home the following week.

That in truth proved to be a turning point in our season and looking back now I can't underestimate the impact that AK had on our team when he came back. The game that changed our fortunes and really gave us some momentum was Keynsham away. On a slow wicket, we batted responsibly in reaching 198-6 from our 50 overs. They needed 24 from 7 overs, with 4 wickets left, when Will Jenkins left his mark on our season. He changed the game, taking three wickets in eight balls as we won by just seven runs.

After that we never looked back and all the time our National Knockout run was gathering momentum. We got through to the last 16 with a good win at home against Bristol. Then, with five players missing, we went down to Cornwall and turned Werrington over to set up a quarter-final clash with Ealing.

Even now, nearly two months after the game, the defeat still hurts. We as a club have a very special relationship with the National and every year it's painful going out and this year was no different. We gave everything in the game and came up short. But, one memory that will stick with anyone who was there was Lloyd Davies' catch on the boundary at long-on. Never before or since have I seen such a moment of skill in the field and I'll never forget it.

The fact that what was effectively

the league decider came the next week against Frocester was perfect timing. Alex Barrow played beautifully, along with James Cambell, to lay the foundation for a good score and then we fought hard under pressure to get the victory.

Wrapping it all up mathematically two weeks later against Taunton St. Andrew was a very special day for me personally and everyone in the team. We played some great cricket this year and showed some terrific heart at times and deserved the success that came with it.

There were so many excellent performances, but to name a few; Luke Padgett went from batting nine in our pre-season friendly to being a regular number three and the most reliable batter in our line-up. Will Jenkins, 80 at Illminster, showed us all how much potential he has when he trusts his ability. Sam Mount's 87 against Bristol, rescuing us from a perilous position of 127-7, was a sensational and match-winning knock. JB picked up a hat-trick in the National against Bristol, a competition he excelled in in every round.

Of course, there are many thank yous to give; Rob Maggs, Gordon Gill and Gregg Brown have been great all year and Stayty has been a great vice-captain for the past two years.

Next year it will be somebody else's turn to carry the baton of Bath captain and, whoever it is, I'm sure they'll do a great job. It's a tough job but when you can sit back having won the West of England Premier League, it's all worth it.

Captain's report 2nd XI



Team	P	W	L	C	A	BatP	BowlP	%Wins	Pts
Corsham CC	18	12	3	1	2	84	77	80	291
Bridgwater CC	18	13	4	0	1	75	78	76.47	288
Keynsham CC	18	11	6	1	0	80	67	64.71	262
Frocester CC	18	9	6	2	1	70	64	60	239
Bath CC	18	9	7	1	1	62	66	56.25	228
Bristol CC	18	8	6	2	2	57	62	57.14	219
Taunton St Andrews	18	6	10	1	1	60	54	35.29	184
Weston Super Mare CC	18	5	9	2	1	54	45	33.33	169
Ashcott & Shapwick CC	18	3	14	1	0	40	50	17.65	125
Downend CC	18	2	13	3	0	51	41	13.33	125

Stuart Kingwell - 2nd XI - League Position: 5th

This has been a very bizarre year for me as a player and captain. It has been the first year ever that as a player I was to miss more than one or two games.

I finished the season missing six games thanks to countless weddings and stags, so writing this report is a difficult task.

Having been unofficial captain the previous year, with John Green as acting captain, playing the entire season in the First XI it did not feel like my first year as captain of the second team, however it was and the second team squad had a very different look to it.

Having played many years in the second team, winning the league for fun and not

losing more than one game a year for as long as I can remember, the end of season stats look very disappointing. However, if you pull your eyes away from the league table and the loss column and look more closely at the players involved in the team and the experience gained from many of those players, and the number of young players making debuts in Robins First XI, I would argue strongly that the season has been very successful. Countless players under the age of 18 were taking up key roles within the team, knocking on the door of the First XI and on some occasions getting their chance and impressing.

I have finished the year feeling satisfied that the future of the club is looking bright, provided that these youngsters

continue to get the chances they require, surrounded by players to guide them on their way. The array of youngsters we have is very exciting and competition for places is high which all adds to the pressure to perform and drives everyone to get better. A good example of the competition for places this year was, when three people on separate occasions were dropped, they went on to score substantial runs in the thirds. To conclude, looking away from the results and looking at the talent at the club's disposal the season has been a real positive in many ways.

I must thank Chris Davies who stepped into my shoes when I was away and did a great job in continuing to develop those youngsters. Thanks Chris, good luck back in Cardiff and don't be a stranger, you will be missed.

Also, thanks to Ken Bailey who as ever was on hand to umpire throughout the year. It's not an easy task to umpire a group of players who are always looking to succeed and are never out, (I include myself in that and I am never out) so thanks again for all your hard work.

Good luck in the new season everyone. Congrats to Robin on a great personnel year and more importantly a great league win, along with the 4ths. Well done.

David Ford 2nd XI Player of the Year



Captain's report 3rd XI



Team	P	W	T	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Stratton on the Fosse CC 1st XI	18	13	0	1	1	3	8	52
Backwell Flax Bourton CC 1st XI	18	10	0	3	3	2	8	42
Bath CC 3rd XI	18	9	1	3	3	2	8	41
Bath Hospitals CC 1st XI	18	9	0	5	2	2	8	36
Bristol CC 3rd XI	18	7	1	7	1	2	4	33
Wrington CC 1st XI	18	8	0	7	2	1	8	30
Exiles(Bath) CC 1st XI	18	6	0	9	3	0	2	28
Brislington 3 CC	18	3	0	11	3	1	2	18
Mells CC 1st XI	18	1	0	12	2	3	12	2
Keynsham CC Saturday 3rd XI	18	4	0	12	2	0	20	0

Mike Roe - 3rd XI - League Position: 3rd

After two and half years I think I am finally getting to understand 3rd XI cricket! Having seen off the mighty Bear Flat to the Wiltshire league, I thought we might have a chance of league glory..... close but not enough! We hadn't banked on Stratton on the Fosse recruiting five new players, and with them a strong desire to win the league. We pushed them close and with a young side finished second.

Our young side was augmented by the 102 years of me and Vice Captain Kenny, but the more senior support was mostly evident by two players who epitomise the passion and commitment

for the North Somerset league, Dave Robertson and Stuart Brennan. Both have an extraordinary enthusiasm for the task, and occasionally Stu's sledging is funny! Dave discovered the art of spin bowling half way through the season, which proved extremely valuable as we lost Stuart Priscott to injury...and he was out for the season. Things might well have been different with his batting and bowling to call upon. Dave did an amazing job with bat and ball and was rightly named player of the season. Stu batted in his own inimitable fashion, nearly scoring the fastest century as Bath Hospitals was pummeled. We will certainly be without Dave next year as work takes

him to America and Stu is moving to Gloucestershire and his plans are, as yet, uncertain. Both will be sorely missed and very difficult to replace.

Thanks to all who played for me this year, a really enjoyable season with some good cricket played and some excellent contests. I think a number of young players flourished and showed their credentials. Some found themselves lapping with the captain during the last game of the season and have agreed a course of action and preparation to be even better players next year.

Two special thank yous, to Ken Patterson who seems to have been at the same ground as me for years and years, couldn't do it without you Ken. And to Thian. Congratulations on winning the league and for being so easy to work with as we searched for the right balance of 3rds and 4ths. Looking forward to next season already.



John Ruddick Award-Matt Cadywould

Captain's report 4th XI



Team	P	W	L	A	C	Pen	Pts
Bath CC 4th XI	18	13	2	2	1	0	58
Avonside CC 1st XI	18	11	4	2	1	0	50
Old Park CC, Gloucs 1st XI	18	9	5	2	2	0	44
Midsomer Norton Methodists 1st XI	18	9	6	2	1	0	42
Easton Cowboys CC, Glos 1st XI	18	8	7	2	1	0	38
Midsomer Norton CC 3rd XI	18	8	7	1	2	0	38
Oldfield Park CC 1st XI	18	7	8	2	1	0	34
Stratton on the Fosse CC 2nd XI	18	5	8	1	4	0	30
Nailsea CC 3rd XI	18	2	12	2	2	4	12
Wrington CC 2nd XI	18	1	14	2	1	8	2

Thiaan Aspelling - 4th XI - League Position: Champions

Firstly I'd like to start by saying, boy, what a difference a year can make!! From finishing in the relegation zone last year and on our way to playing in division 4 (and only kept in division 3 by Birdy's passion for the 4ths and persuasive skills with the NSCL!!) to be being crowned champions! Perhaps Birdy knew something we didn't.....?

You may ask how we managed to turn things around with largely the same squad as last year.... I believe through consistency and hard work. Not only in our performances on the field, but even before that, in the large turnouts at winter training, which in turn led to good availability...which made my life at selection easier and which meant we could be consistent in our selection each week. All the players worked incredibly hard throughout and their commitment was fantastic. I truly believe that was the difference this year.

Some of the team highlights:

- Having four Wanderers players play for us this year, not only Beth, but Kate Randall, Daisy Vowles and Emma Godman.
- Three young players making their debuts in senior cricket; Mat Smith, Liam Delaney and Louis Brown
- The 4ths helped produce six players through the course of the season who went on to play for the 3rds and even the 2nds.

- Our bowling unit- for once we could bowl teams out consistently! Our four main bowlers took 94 wickets between them. Well done Mathan, Beth and Ed.

Some individual highlights:

- Joe Quinn's two undefeated hundreds and, despite only playing five games, still finished leading run scorer.
- Birdy's career high innings of 121.
- Beth's first five wicket haul.
- And even Marc Wilson and Dave Bean's part time bowling- best described as wicket taking pies!

Huge thanks have to go to the coaches; Maggy for all your efforts, Mike Smythe and Chris Davies at winter training and especially to Blackie, who brought a more focused approach to our training and it made a huge difference on Saturdays.

Not forgetting Chris Mould and all his efforts. The 4ths are truly spoilt to have his services

and it makes a big difference! Thanks also to the entire squad for all their support, passion and hard work this season. And not forgetting Beth - who has to listen to hours of cricket talk and rightly points out to me every week that she is the brains of the team and whom without I would be useless!!

Lastly, I'd like to say it has been a real privilege and honour to captain this team of players, who deserve all the credit and deserve to be champions. Not only for their performances but for the way they went about it - in the true spirit of the game!

Thiaan Aspelling 4th XI Player of the Year



Wanderer's 1st report



Team	P	W	L	BatP	BowlP	Pen	Avg	Pts
Hayes(Kent) CC	14	7	4	43.62	38.5	0	13.93	181.12
Finchley CC	14	10	2	8.8	10.5	0	12.81	179.3
Wokingham CC	14	6	4	13.1	8.5	0	11.82	153.6
Bath Wanderers CC	14	8	4	13.35	15.5	0	11.78	164.85
Loughton CC	14	6	4	44.04	45	15	10.79	151.04
Hursley Park CC	14	4	9	19.15	21	0	6.78	88.15
Bexley CC	14	1	10	10.07	7	0	2.79	39.07
Brighton & Hove CC	14	1	6	16.71	13	0	1.97	21.71

Jackie Hawker - 1st XI - League Position: 4th

It seemed that Bath Wanderers were not aware of what was trending this season. #neverplay11

We rarely played against 11 players, and when you travel to places such as Bexley and Loughton to play against 8/9 players the game becomes quite pointless and not much fun. Don't get me wrong we love winning, but we also love a challenge.

Every season, without fail Bath Wanderers have the worst possible luck in worse possible luck land. Our away game against Wokingham, after bowling them out for 130 we were very pleased with ourselves. That was until we found ourselves in dire straits at something ridiculous like 30 for 6 (it was that ridiculous I can't remember) we managed to get ourselves within 12 runs with 1 wicket in hand and plenty of overs. Moira and Jlo we're looking composed and that they had everything under control until, Moi called for a quick single - yes you heard right, a quick single batting with Jlo! However Jlo was quicker (believe or not) than the fielder and was passed the stumps when the keeper took the bails off and Wokingham, half heartedly appealed. We were all sat at square leg clapping and shouting "well run" Only to see the umpire raise his finger and give Jlo run out! We couldn't believe it! Even the Wokingham coach came in and apologised to us for the disgraceful

decision and telling us he umpire was being assessed after previous reports of how rubbish he was! Well if you are reading Mr Umpire - you ruined our chances of winning the league and (I know I speak for every Bath player that day) we hope you failed!

There were many highlights for me this season. I can't list them all so here are just a few.

- Our home game against Brighton. First of all 'what the fog' were Brighton's openers asking for drinks after 11 overs when the score was on about 8 and extras were the highest scorer! Then secondly 'what the fog' were the Brighton bowlers doing sending down half trackers to Fran Wilson who dispatched 15 of her 17 balls to the boundary for 4!
- Beating Hayes Away - I just love it, it makes my two day journey home so much more enjoyable :)
- Blackie driving the mini bus to Hursley away. Following Lauren (yes you heard that right following Lauren) Stopping every time a car drove passed the other way when there was room for 3 cars and then (in my best NZ accent) saying every time when trying to pull away in 3rd "the bloody bus keeps cutting out" Beth Howe and I chuckling every time!
- Bexley's number 11 coming into bat at the non strikers end and standing in front of the stumps waiting for someone to bowl at her.

- Sophie Luff hitting 100 against Brighton.
- Sophie Le Marchand hitting a lot of runs and with no practice at all - pure talent!
- Jennifer Withers aka The Blagdon Assassin/The Destroyer getting everyone out!

Whilst I am disappointed we were not crowned Champions this season I am very pleased to say how happy I am with the talent coming through. Every season we have youngsters breaking into the 1st X1. Charlie Phillips in particular, held her own and bowled brilliantly. Izzy Imlach and Emma Godman also ones to watch for the future.

Congratulations to Anya for her performance in the winning England Ashes team this season. Sophie Luff, captaining England U19's. Elwyn Campbell for passing her test to become English.

Thank you to Bath Cricket Club for being such an awesome club to play for, the support we get is brilliant and we all thank you very much.

Ian Shrubsole is a huge part of the running of Bath Wanderers. We all appreciate everything he does. Thank you Shrub from each and everyone of us.

I'd love us to win the league in 2014. So let's just do it!

Wanderer's 2nd report



Team	P	W	L	C	LCN	WCN	Pts
Bath Wanderers 2nd XI	8	5	1	1	0	1	132
Weston Super Mare CC	8	4	2	1	0	1	122
Minehead CC	8	3	3	1	0	1	100
Taunton St Andrews CC	8	4	2	1	1	0	84
Bridgwater CC	8	4	3	1	0	0	78
Wembdon CC	8	1	4	2	1	0	35
Wells CC	8	1	5	1	1	0	33

Jan Godman - 2nd XI - League Position: Champions

Due to the problem of availability (lack of) of a big cross section of the female players in 2012, it was felt more appropriate that, for 2013, the 2nds played in the women's county league and not the South West league. 2013 was therefore a bit of a re-group for the team in a lower league.

The start of the season proved to be rather cold, particularly when we went down to Taunton Griffins, to play them in a friendly. Taunton, being a SW league team, proved a little strong in depth for our very young side, but at least everyone had the opportunity to have a go.



The 'opportunity to have a go' is really what the 2nds are about, with ages ranging mainly from 12 to 20 with, of course, the occasional appearance of a more mature player. The intention is that everyone either has the opportunity to bat or bowl, making sure of maximum participation. This has helped greatly in improving the girls' application to the game, getting overs under their belt and time in the middle. Girls spend a lot of time learning skills and drills over the winter and because they don't have access to hard ball games in the school environment, it means that club cricket is key for giving them as many games as possible in the season.

For the 2nds, 2013 has, I believe, given many of our teenagers a cricket boost. On a couple of occasions, there were many keen to play and we managed to field two 2nd XIs on the same day. This was a great achievement, as it occurred when a big percentage of the firsts were away on senior county duty. Another achievement is for some of those same youngsters to be called up to the firsts.

All the girls involved have put in good team performances throughout the season, coming out at the top of the league. This is largely due, not to the more senior players, but to the girls' efforts on the pitch, the fun and the sense of team that they have built. The 'maturer' players are more likely to drive (players to the match) and guide (on the pitch), leaving the youngsters the task of getting the team across the line.

I'm not going to pick out any particular performances as I am chuffed with the amount all the girls have moved on in their cricket development. There were many contributors and I would only forget to name someone.

Well done to all the girls who turned out for the 2nds. I look forward to seeing you all at winter training, which need I stress, is important as it just makes us better prepared for the season to follow!

Many thanks to Blackie, to Reggie for her annual appearance (let's hope for more appearances next year and that all her friends are married now!), to Nick, Pernille, Kerry and all the parents who help us get a team out on a Sunday. Finally, a big thanks to Shrub for organising everything, from the winter training to all the summer logistics, making sure each girl has the opportunity to play at the appropriate level.

#1

Bath CC Hall of Fame Name: Willie Murrie

He played in four 1st XI winning teams and became English Qualified in 2002



When Ian Shrubsole put forward his idea for a Bath CC Hall of Fame, one player immediately came to my mind, Willie Murrie. I was lucky enough to open the innings with Willie on many occasions and witness from the non-strikers end his brutal power mixed and audacious talent. You didn't really want to be fielding at point or gully when he was in full flow. I also witnessed many of his great innings, the highlight being his 167 vs Knowle, when he took a liking to their overseas leg spinner striking him for three sixes in one over higher and higher over the trees into North Parade.

When Willie arrived at Bath CC in 1995 aged 17, with his good friend Danny Moffit, I remember him in his first net session in Peter Wight's where he confidently told us he was here to play 1st XI cricket. The fact that he had to wait a further two years before this became reality was more a reflection on the club at the time than that of Willie's ability. Many players, especially overseas players, wouldn't have returned for a second season, but he returned for a further nine! He had a stubborn streak which drove him to prove that he was a 1st XI cricketer.

He spent a year playing 3rd XI cricket, scoring heavily, before making the 2nd XI just for a few games at the end of 1995. The following season he became a permanent fixture in the 2nd XI under Steve Palmer (and was the subject of many a selection committee discussion) and by the end of the season he traveled to Stroud requiring just 12 runs to break the league record but fell for just four and finished with over 800 league runs.

In 1996 he settled into opening for the 1st XI and over the next nine seasons became Bath CC's highest post-war run scorer, hitting 22 centuries, including two double centuries and playing regularly on Sundays and in midweek. By my best estimates he

scored around 8000+ runs and took many wickets with his more than useful medium pace. He played in four 1st XI winning teams and became English Qualified in 2002 which enabled him to play in the 2003 Lords final.

Not only was Willie an outstanding player, he worked for the club as assistant groundsman and as U15 coach. He played in total for 10 years and travelled around 250,000 miles to play for the club and remains friends with many of the players. He returned for the club's 150th anniversary.

He played with flair and passion, as well as humour. Who can forget his antics as a supporter during National Cup runs where he often had everyone in stitches.

It was a very close call for him in 2004 when he finally decided to settle back in New Zealand and I believe part of him will always be in here in Bath.

He fully deserves his place in the Hall of Fame and has set a benchmark for loyalty, passion, and talent for any Bath CC player.



#2

Bath CC Hall of Fame Name: Stuart Priscott

“ The life and soul off the field, no social occasion is quite the same without him ”



Some may say that this endorsement is somewhat one eyed as a result of a friendship that now goes back some twenty four years. That is as may be, but in a few words I hope to make the case for a well deserved admittance to the Bath cricket club Hall of Fame. I still can't quite recall what prompted us to meet for a drink in the Globe pub in 1989. Stuart was, reluctantly, about to start a three year course at Swansea university and I had just returned to the club playing for John Downey and then John Dixon. Stuart had recently completed a period with Somerset county cricket club and was one of a number of young talented cricketers making their way in the first team.

Little did we know that the drink in the Globe would chart not only the beginning of a special friendship, but, a partnership where we would share a huge love and passion for the club. The context at that time is significant for Stuart's entry into the hall of fame. This was a time when western league cricket was on the verge of a major transformation and Bath was probably struggling to work out its place in the world. We had considerable physical

assets and a host of talented players. This did not seem to translate into success on the field.

Some will remember the turbulent years of the early nineties, where strong personalities and the lack of a compelling vision made for some tricky and dysfunctional behaviour.

But it was in the early nineties that Stuart began to show what a key player he was and was destined to become. An aggressive, stylish opening batsman was emerging, and we already knew that his slow left arm was going to be key in the 1st XL armoury. 1994 saw the first XI win the league for the first time in 20 years, and crucially it provided the stimulus for a change in direction. That stimulus was provided by Stuart. Always a student of the game, he was very clear about the direction he thought the club should go in, the way we should play and the type of players that would help the club transform its fortunes.

Working through captains and committee alike, he influenced, cajoled, led by example on the field and trained tirelessly. Not only did he become one of the most valuable players in the side, but in my opinion became the architect of the clubs success for the next 20 years. This was in addition to his own captaincy of the club, runs in vital games (few will forget the 100 against Ealing in the semi-final at a packed North Parade) and spin bowling alongside other greats such as Gordon Swinney and Mike Howarth.

Some of us, but not all, will also know that he achieved so much playing success whilst continually battling ill- health, and undergoing a short period that faces many bowlers, the "yips". Those of us at Weston Super Mare will well remember that day.....and from then on he has never looked back. He has helped Bath to numerous league titles, and when he became cricket development officer in Devon he won titles for Bovey Tracy and Sandford. When he returned to this part of the country, he again played 1st XI cricket and was prepared to help the younger players by playing in the 2nd XI and 3rd XI.

Always the life and soul off the field, no social occasion is quite the same without his presence. Stuart is a worthy recipient of a place in the Hall of Fame.



#3

Bath CC Hall of Fame Name: Jackie Hawker

“ **Hawker made her full England debut against the Netherlands in July 1999** ”



It is possible to measure your contribution and dedication to a team in a number of different ways. Appearances, runs, wickets, wins, etc. are obvious examples. Whilst it is possible to measure Jackie Hawker's contribution to Bath CC over the years in any of these ways, perhaps the clearest example of her dedication is in miles travelled. Every time she travels to North Parade and then returns to her Plympton home she has covered a distance of 287 miles. Approximately half the times she arrives at Bath, she is only around half-way to the destination of a game, making an average away trip a total of 574 miles to play. If we assume there have been an average of 14 trips to Bath in a season, of which five are simply stopping posts to a further destination, Jackie Hawker travels approximately 5,500 miles per season to play for Bath CC.

Jackie started playing cricket for Somerset Wanderers Ladies CC (as was) and Somerset Women aged 12, having led her local boys team for the age of 10. When SWLCC joined forces with Bath CC in 2000, Jackie had already been playing senior cricket for seven years and her 13 years as a fully-fledged Bath CC player means that her total mileage for the club currently stands at about 70,889. When she started playing back in 1993, she simply played where she did because Somerset Wanderers was the only real option as a women's side in the South West, but she now has a passion and desire for success at Bath CC every bit as strong as Mike Roe, Pat Colbourne or Stanley Amor. You simply don't put in the years, the effort and – yes- the miles unless you love the game and you love the club.

In a newspaper cutting from the Daily Mail who “discovered” her as a 10 year old tom-boy captaining her local boys side, her coach spoke of her “boundless enthusiasm”. Those who play under her leadership in 2013 would notice nothing different. Although the young captain who spoke of “looking forward to telling the boys what to do” has now developed into an outstanding leader who can combine on-field intelligence and decision-making with an uncanny knack of knowing when her team most need a lift off the field – usually by way of her variety of funny stories and Lloyd-family impersonations.

Do not be taken in by the demeanour of the fun-loving entertainer, however. Jackie Hawker has been, and indeed still is, a seriously good cricketer with a desire to win as strong as anyone. Having made her England U21 debut on tour in South Africa, aged just 14 in 1998, Hawker is one of

a generation of female cricketers who must now wish they had been born 15 years later to enjoy all the support that is available to current international women players. She had a good tour of SA (alongside Bath colleagues Hannah Lloyd, Gill Richards and Kathryn Wilkins) before being named vice-captain of the England U17 team which won the European Cup a year later. Hawker made her full England debut against the Netherlands in July 1999 and went on to play seven ODIs and one Test Match. The last two ODIs and the Test Match came as a replacement player in India in 2002 and saw her return home with serious jaw and teeth injuries. She probably didn't play as many times for England as her talent deserved but she has never been bitter or regretful - preferring to concentrate on enjoying her cricket for club and county.

Jackie Hawker rarely, if ever, misses a game of cricket for any reason. A medium pace bowler who, at her peak, could bowl with real pace when in the mood, she now tends to bowl herself at the most difficult moments in an innings using an increasingly canny knack of mixing her pace. She has always been an aggressive and impetuous batter who is capable of scoring quickly with ease and has the ability to effortlessly strike the ball as, for several years, the damage to the sightscreen at the “Road End” of North Parade proved. Add to that a natural athleticism which has enabled her to continue to be a truly outstanding fielder and Jackie Hawker has for many years been the perfect all-rounder at the heart of every successful Bath Wanderers team.

When Jackie took on the captaincy of the Bath Wanderers in 2004 it was, in truth, with some reluctance. Typically she was unsure that she was capable of the job and was worried that she might let the girls down. She need not have worried and has blossomed into an outstanding leader, willing to listen and learn, eager to try things and thoroughly admired and respected by all her team. Over the past nine years she has increasingly allowed others to take on the key responsibilities in the team to the detriment of her own game and her own involvement. She has championed the younger girls in her care and the likes of Fran Wilson, Sophie Luff and the Shrubsole sisters cannot have had a stronger advocate. There are plenty of times when she should bat or bowl herself but is more concerned that others in the Wanderers team get the opportunity to perform and develop. Whilst she has many more years of cricket in her, there are sometimes perfect opportunities to recognise someone's contribution over the years. This moment is one of them!

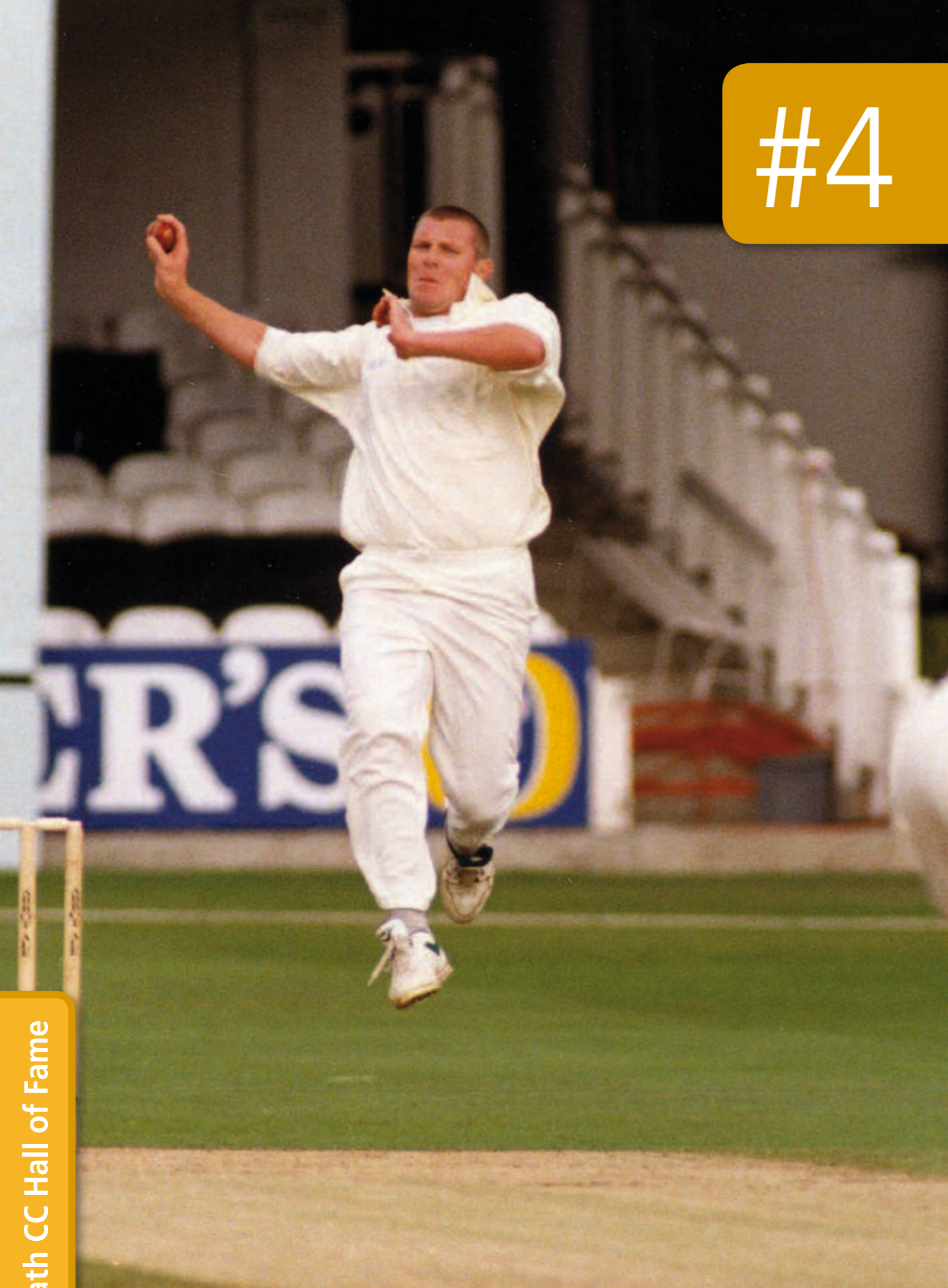
There is no more deserving entrant into the Bath CC Hall of Fame than Jacqueline Louise Hawker, born Plymouth, Devon 21st February 1981 but Bath CC through and through. Whilst The Proclaimers would willingly “walk 500 miles”, Jackie Hawker has travelled more than 5,000 every single season for at least 13 years to play her heart out for our club.



#4

Bath CC Hall of Fame Name: Ian Shrubsole

“ If Ian is not in the Hall of Fame.....anyone else who’s in it is undervalued! ”



The Hall of Fame was all his idea, and what a great idea. Over the last 15 years it’s been one of many great ideas, as Ian has invested countless hours in his role as Director of Cricket and just as many in developing, nurturing and accelerating women’s cricket in the club and beyond. This is a contribution that is “legend” like. How many clubs crave that sort of selfless commitment and dedication?

Over 20 years ago you may have been forgiven for not necessarily seeing Ian as a committee man! What you saw then was the spearhead of the Bath attack for many years; the quickest man around, revered and feared, the “go to” bowler, who regularly bowled 22 overs from one end, who hated it when he was taken off, and who had very few ideas then, other than bowl as quick and straight as you can and take as many wickets as you can. This he did season after season, playing a huge role in the success Bath achieved from 1994 onwards.

Whilst single-minded in his bowling and role in the team on the field, off the field he was instrumental in creating some golden seasons.....song sheets! Ian would bring song sheets to every game and win or lose the team would bond and bind in raucous renditions of Abba and other popular ditties.

Ian was part of, and key to, creating a “special” era at the club. Always playing down his batting prowess, yet providing frequent evidence of a hugely talented sportsman. Games looking lost would then be won because of his batting. But it is his bowling that will go down in the annals of the club’s history.

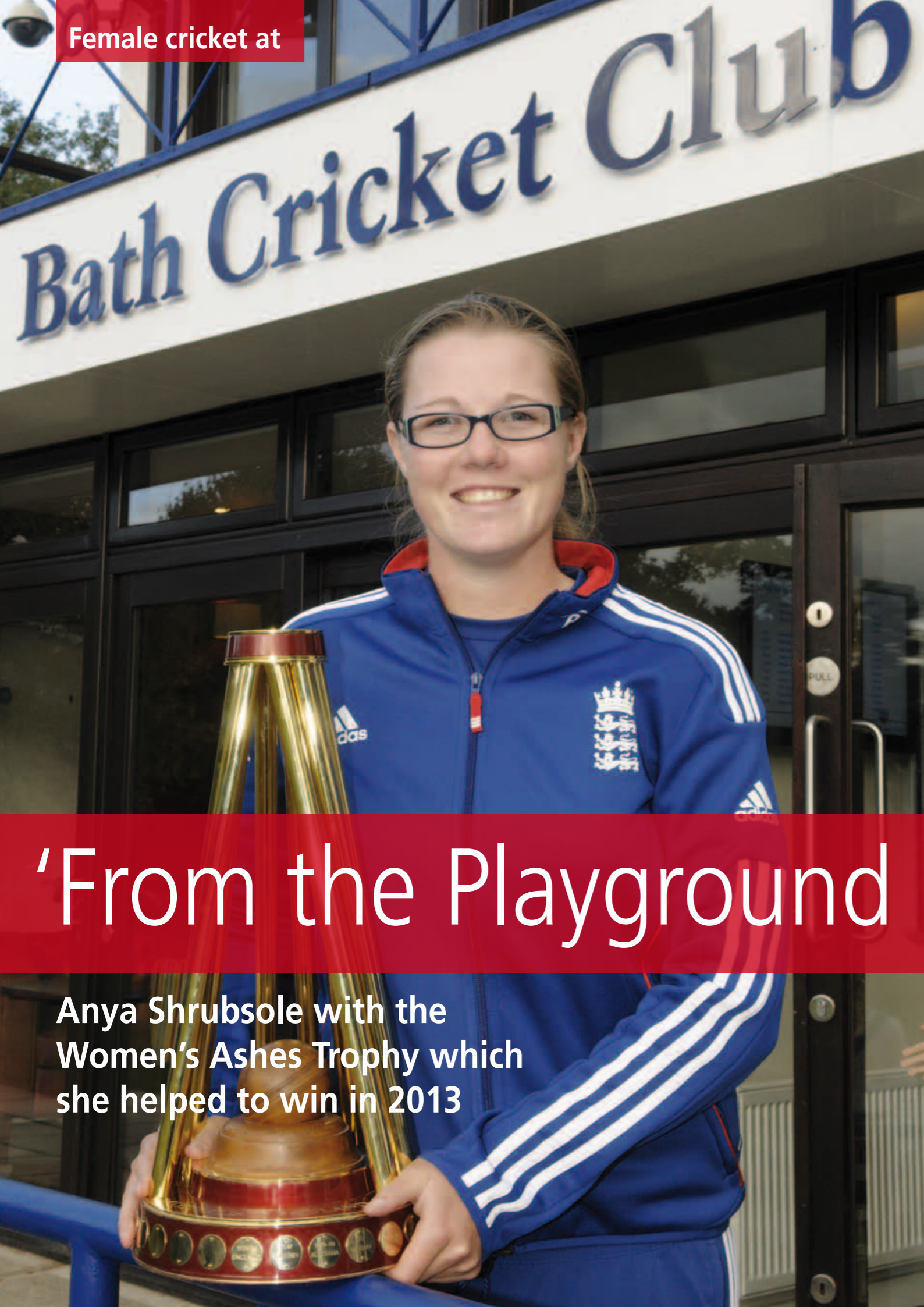
Many a fine club batsman has struggled against his unerring accuracy and pace. He was a captains’ delight and key to so many league titles and cup runs.

The Shrubsole family has been a significant presence at the club for many years and Ian would be the first to acknowledge the support he has received from Sam and the kids in helping him achieve so much and rightly be recognised in the Hall of Fame. I will never forget one of the Lords finals, perhaps one of the most emotional moments for me, when the bus of spectators was delayed. The game was just about to start and Sam had just arrived. Ian ran virtually across the Lords ground, for a relieved hug and kiss and could then get on with the job in hand.

A consummate professional, he always played the game in the right spirit, hugely competitive, compassionate and resilient..... he would never give up. This same never-give-up attitude is now evident as a key leader and trustee of the club. 5 am emails and an ever presence demonstrates the same commitment to excellence and progress that he showed as a player. It would be interesting to speculate where the women’s game would be at Bath without Ian and the family. Always prepared to muck in, whether clearing, painting, umpiring the fourths, or occasionally still playing, Bath owes this guy a huge amount.

If Ian is not in the Hall of Fame.....anyone else who’s in it is undervalued!





In April 2005 the ECB published their Strategic Plan for cricket. 'From playground to test arena' centred around the four key pillars of effective leadership and governance, successful England teams, a vibrant domestic game and enthusing participation.

When Anya Shrubsole took to the field for England in the one-off Ashes Test match at Wormsley this summer it marked the final piece of the jigsaw. It saw Bath CC prove that it had the ability to take a player, quite literally from the playground of her Primary School in Bath and help her to reach her goal of becoming an England Test cricketer. Whilst we are wary of blowing our own trumpet as a club for fear of the label of arrogant, we should be very proud of creating the conditions under which this can happen.

Read Matthew Syed's brilliant book "Bounce" and you will realise that there are a number of factors which make this possible – not least of which is the requisite 10,000 hours of purposeful practise. However, there are many other things as well which can make the difference; a general introduction to the sport at a very early age, an inspirational coach in the early years who has the

of the Rift Valley or the Jamaican sprint squad, there is no doubt that the culture around female cricket at Bath CC has inspired, and continues to inspire young female cricketers to achieve everything they can and/or simply enjoy being involved in the sport. It is lazy to suggest that girls come to Bath simply because there is not much female cricket elsewhere in the locality – there is so much more to it than that...and we still haven't reached anywhere near our potential. Female cricket at Bath has a better organisation behind it now than it did when Tom Baker first worked with Anya at St. Stephens School back in 1999, but there remain plenty of ways in which it can get even better from 2014 onwards.

The Playground

Everyone knows about Chance2Shine I'm sure, but K2CC is its far lesser-known local cousin. For several years now, coaches from CricketBath (Bath CC's community arm) have been going into local primary schools as part of the K2CC

week throughout the summer and the chance for girls to join in with the club's regular coaching programme afterwards.

The challenges in this area are:

- To keep encouraging more girls to get involved at school and then to transfer that involvement to the club setting.
- Starting and keeping involvement of 13-16 year olds is always a challenge.
- Finding more partners to work with to support our community work, K2CC has been provided to the schools for nothing until now.
- Increasing school involvement in the weekly kwik cricket sessions, particularly within the state sector.

Next steps - Junior Club Cricket

In the summer months, Friday night is female night and in 2013 this took on a greater level of organisation and co-ordinated operation than ever before. A regular and dedicated team of coaches worked with a growing number of girls between the ages of 8 and 18, with a

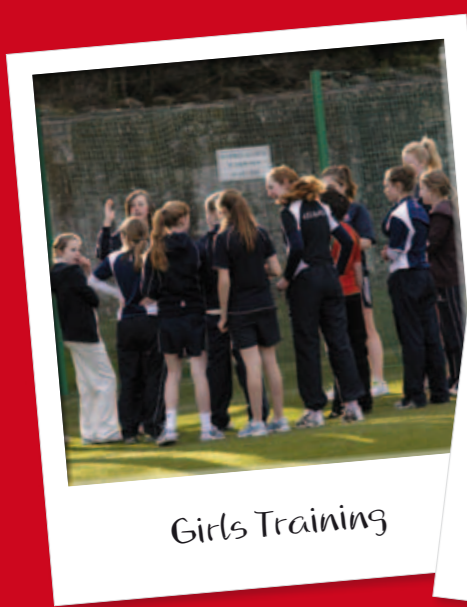
'From the Playground to the Test Arena'

Anya Shrubsole with the Women's Ashes Trophy which she helped to win in 2013

understanding to know the right time to hand the individual on to someone who has more advanced knowledge and skills, whilst an environment to develop the right culture of practise, best surrounded by others who also shared that sense of purpose, is another vital ingredient. Whilst not suggesting that a Wednesday night at Kingswood in the depths of winter, or Friday night training at a sunlit North Parade throughout the summer is the same as Nick Bollitieri's Tennis Academy in Florida, the Kenyan distance runners

scheme, working with boys and girls in their school setting and introducing them to the game and encouraging a few to join their local club. As part of this, we have run regular kwik cricket tournaments and festivals, of which the girls kwik cricket festivals have unearthed talented players for whom this is their initial introduction to the game. Add to this a new scheme in 2012 which, thanks to the sponsorship of Kingswood School, provided supervised playing opportunities for local schools at North Parade every

clear emphasis on improving skills and understanding, whilst at the same time sharing the sense of fun which must also go alongside any recreational sport. Current England international Fran Wilson, alongside club and county colleagues Lauren Shrubsole and Kate Randall, proved excellent coaches and role models alongside the experience of Dave Black, whilst the consistency of coaches in training and matches created the culture necessary to make the most of every opportunity.



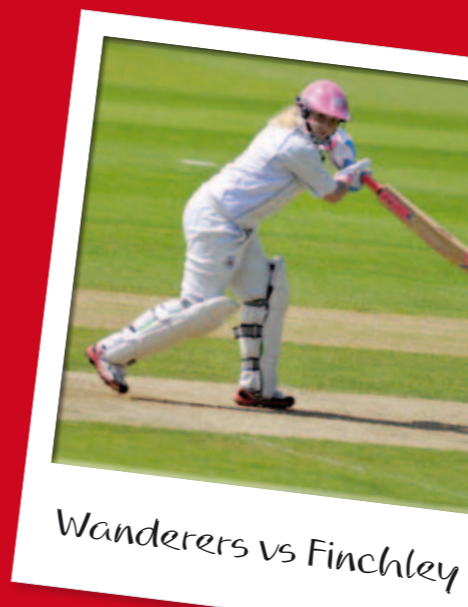
Girls Training



Wanderers vs Finchley



Spears vs Biddestone



Wanderers vs Finchley



Wanderers vs Finchley



Kwik Cricket

Quality coaching is essential, but so is the chance to test those skills regularly and learn more in match situations at a variety of different levels appropriate to the players involved. Kwik cricket and hard-ball cricket, pairs cricket and 11-a-side cricket, games in the BDYL and friendlies, games versus boys and against other girls teams, games that we have a chance of winning and games which take the players out of their comfort zone, local games and national competitions.....it is quite a challenge to get enough (but not too many) games for each girl at the appropriate level(s) but we managed it pretty well in 2013- largely

but also because the skill level for all has jumped so much.

- The coaching and management team needs to keep growing to keep pace with the girls themselves.
- A balanced fixture schedule is always going to be a challenge in girls' cricket where playing ability and age are not a relatively easy match as they tend to be in boys' cricket.

Wanderers Development

At the end of the 2012 season the club was at a bit of a crossroads. The women's 1st team was going well but the 2nd team was in such a state of decline that we had cancelled far more games than we had

regular indoor training with a specific focus on getting the very best girls playing at the club as ready as possible, as soon as possible, to play in senior cricket. The Wanderers Development group worked with real purpose, trying to ensure that not a minute of training time was wasted and that every practise they did was clearly relevant to the matches in which they were to play in the future. The culture of the sessions set them apart from what had been done before; intense, challenging, but fun – and the girls absolutely lapped it up!

The challenges ahead:

- There are almost too many girls now who should be training as part of the Wanderers Development Group.
- Getting the right number and standard of match for the group is tricky. When you need to balance that with senior cricket and/or county cricket it becomes even more difficult.
- Finding time for all the groups to work in the new indoor cricket centre will be a further challenge.

Wanderers 2nd XI (and 3rd XI)

As noted, the 2nds took a step back in 2012 in order to take a step forward over the next few years, but the step forward was far quicker and more dramatic than anyone expected. We won the Somerset Women's League in which we played, we learned so much in the 8-a-side tournaments we entered, we played a few friendlies against stronger opponents and, on a few occasions, had enough players available to put a 3rd XI on the field as well.....what a difference a year makes!

actually played as we struggled to get anywhere near 11 players on the pitch, let alone a team that could challenge some strong opponents. A change was needed in two directions – take a step back in terms of the standard of cricket that the 2nd team played, whilst at the same time fast-track a group of talented, but inexperienced, girls who were coming through the system and/or had recently joined the club.

So began the Wednesday night sessions at Kingswood school, starting much sooner in the winter than the

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thanks to a dedicated team of parents who helped to manage that involvement.

The challenges ahead:

- To provide even more opportunities for the girls to play and develop. We will need at least one more (older) league team in 2014 to cope with growing numbers.
- Conversely, we also need to create more opportunities at "beginners" level to ensure the jump from school cricket to club cricket is not too daunting.
- Winter training becomes more difficult to manage the bigger the groups get,

The young players have progressed so fast that an immediate return to the tougher South West League was not completely out of the question in 2013. If truth be told, some of the Somerset League games had not been tough enough this year. Then add to that the emergence of the "mums" group, not technically just for mums, but to call them beginners/ returners/ older/ experienced, just didn't seem right. A few made appearances in senior teams and all of them are extremely keen to train more (indoors and out) and certainly to play more next year. Jan has led the side with distinction whenever possible, Reggie has

we need fixtures which fill the gap between the two standards, whilst other games for a 3rd XI are also needed.

- Get even more players demanding to be given a chance to play in the 1st XI by taking wickets and, in particular, scoring significant runs.

Wanderers 1st XI

Yet another season when the first team threatened to win the league title but fell short at the last hurdle. There remains a strong bond between these players and a belief that we can (and probably should) win the league. They are a fabulous unit and, at their best, they are a match for any

up. We have far greater depth as a club than just about anyone else and it's time we made it tell.

Challenges:

- We are long overdue a league win
- Keep increasing the number of players who can, or hopefully are, likely to score 50+
- Get the right balance in our bowling. Use our wicket-takers carefully and ensure that the others are disciplined enough in their approach
- Can we keep playing with real desire yet keep the same sense of enjoyment? I certainly hope so, it's a great environment in which to play.

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played a couple, Hannah Williams (now Baker) almost made a comeback and Daisy Vowles is the next oldest playerit's a young team!

The challenges are:

- Keep progressing in terms of numbers, skills and understanding
- We could probably do with a few more experienced players to turn out regularly alongside the younger girls
- Creating a balanced fixture list is vital. We will stay in the Somerset League but we have targeted a return to a higher level in 2014. In the meantime,

club side around. Unfortunately, they are also prone to losing games in a way they really shouldn't from time to time and I know that this really frustrates them!

2013 was a bit different, however. There was a clear desire to advance some younger players in the 1st XI and their inspirational leader, Jackie Hawker, made sure that this happened. Whilst Sophie le Marchand scored runs at will and Jenny Withers was a wicket-machine, the season was equally about Izzy Imlach, Charlie Phillips and Emma Godman making a statement about their readiness to step

Higher Levels

The majority of our senior players played in the most purposeful and well-supported Somerset side for years. For the first time in ages, the players who played for their county looked like the same players who give their all for Bath every week. Sophie Luff has continued to captain the England U19s at home and abroad whilst Fran Wilson's form with the bat made her the top batter in the England Academy side and pushing for that return to the full side. These two players know that they can ultimately pick themselves for England if they score enough runs in the seasons to come.

Anya made that final step to becoming a Test Match player and an Ashes winner. I don't see why there can't be more like her in the future, the structures and conditions are there for anyone who wants it enough. All they need add is 10,000 hours of purposeful practise!

Players Of The Season 2013

Robin Lett



Batting

Games	Inns	N.O	Runs	HS	Avg	50's	100's
28	27	5	1150	115	52.27	7	2

Thiaan Aspelling



Batting

Games	Inns	N.O	Runs	Avg	HS
17	10	0	291	29.1	80

Bowling

Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Avg	B/B
90.1	26	237	37	6.41	6-22

Captains for 2014



Lloyd Davies
1st XI



Alex Muse
2nd XI



Mike Roe
3rd XI



Thiaan Aspelling
4th XI



Jackie Hawker
Wanderers 1st XI



Jan Godman
Wanderers 2nd XI



Reece Croker
Sunday XI

Bath CC again lined up against Bath Rugby for the now annual charity 20/20. At the third time of asking Bath Cricket were finally victorious in a match played in glorious weather in front of a good crowd. This years charity was CLIC Sargent.



Bath Cricket Finally Sneak Home!!

Parade Print Junior



Under Eleven Reports

Arrows

Coach Tom Baker
Manager Emma Reynolds

A first glance of the Arrows results and position in the league might represent a poor season, but I prefer to take a different view. Sure, getting thumped by 10 wickets by the Blades was a low point, and not retaining the league title is always disappointing, but the positives far outweigh the negatives.

We only lost two games (the other was to the league & cup champions Keynsham who were worthy winners of the double); we finished second in the league and two thirds of the squad were a year young and a lot of those hadn't played competitive hard ball cricket before; Alfie Prescott scored an undefeated fifty, hitting three sixes on the way; Luke Singleton & Olly Newton shared an unbroken 6th wicket partnership of 77 runs and no team scored over 90 runs against us all season.

For me, apart from the obvious silverware, a good season is whether the squad have improved individually. When we met up in February for winter nets you instinctively make mental notes of what skills are particularly important to get this group of boys competitive. Whilst improvement has been made across the board, dealing with a straight good length delivery is top of the list, judging by the number of times the 'crash of ash' was heard. Tom Campbell and Will Metcalfe have proved to be excellent captains who earned the respect of all the squad and the coach very quickly. I'm very excited about next year, and you can be sure we'll be determined to get that league title back, where it belongs, at North Parade.

A big thank you to my wonderful manager Emma who despite initially turning the post down has put her name forward for next year. Thanks Emma, I'll be in touch after I've interviewed all the other candidates.....Congratulations Emma, you're in for another year!

Thanks also to Gordon and Gregg for producing great wickets for us at HQ and up at Brownsword, the boys are very lucky! See you all in February, Tom.

Blades

Coach Mike Smyth
Manager Karen Crawford

The Weather was kinder to the Blades this season and we managed to complete all of our games. The first game of the season was a tough start to the season, up against a very big and talented Keynsham team with several county players and we ended up losing by 42 runs, most of our runs coming in byes due to the pace of their opening bowler. As a team the Blades grew stronger throughout the season resulting in our first win over the Arrows in some years with a comprehensive 10 wicket victory.

Our last game of the season gave us a chance to measure how far we had all progressed as we played Keynsham again. This time with just 10 men we gave them much more of a game, and although we lost by 15 runs it's was a much closer game and as a manager and as a team, we should all be very proud of how we all developed over the season.

Centurians

Coach and Manager
Crispin Shingler

Played 9 Won 3 Lost 6

The 2013 Bath Centurion season ended on a glorious note at the club house for the end of season dinner. The two awards of Player of the Season and Most Improved Player were very closely contested. For Player of the Season there were several contenders. Adam Mapstone for his clear understanding of the game, leadership and the ability to take the game to the opposition. Herbie Shone for his determination and, once in with the bat, a force to be reckoned with. Tom West, the silent secret weapon of the squad who could cause damage with both the bat and the ball. In the end the award was given to Josh Davies, an all rounder with the bat, scoring his first 50, a pacey opening bowler with the ability to take wickets when needed and a sharp focused fielder, whose reactions at silly mid off caused upset with several oppositions.



The award of Most Improved Player was the hardest as each member of the squad had shown considerable improvement throughout the season. From the first training session, it was great to see a squad of young lads who were all keen to play and showed various levels of skill, technique and understanding towards the game of cricket. As a coach, what I was most impressed by was the level of sportsmanship and camaraderie each player showed. The spirit of the game was strong with the Centurions.

The main aspect that needed to be worked on was concentration and discipline. By the end of the season it would be clear, and it was, those who focused in the games and more importantly in training would demonstrate a high level of improvement.

Matthew Streets showed great flexibility in the squad being able to adapt in all disciplines, either opening the batting or pitching the ball up and testing the batsmen when bowling, but it was his fielding that showed the greatest improvement and grew to be the most reliable in the squad. Rory Cramsie is a very capable cricketer with both bat and ball and over the season his bowling became the tightest in the squad, bowling three overs for three wickets for three runs against Bath Arrows. Archie Cramsie also showed strong competence and demonstrated promising ability with the bat, improving on his good technique and grew to become confident calling between the wickets. James Taylor, James Butters and Alistair Darnton all showed a great improvement throughout the season

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with bat, ball and in the field. James Taylor worked hard on his bowling to bowl and better line and length. James Butters' footwork at the crease became noticeably more confident and his stroke play became more varied. Alister Darnton proved not to be tested by batsmen when the ball was retrieved by him in the field, proving on several occasions he had the quickest and strongest arm in the squad.

After a shaky start to the season, Finlay Gall found his confidence and by the end of it showed his bowling was his strongest asset, putting batsmen in two minds when facing his deliveries. William Maggs ended the season on a fantastic note opening the batting for the team in the final game and remaining at the crease for the whole of the innings. Morgan Jones and Duncan McAllister are both competent players. As a bowler, Morgan knew what to do with the ball and gradually improved with it as the season progressed. Duncan was strong in all aspects of the game and his development through the season was his tactical understanding of cricket; making sure players were in the right part of the field and suggesting field placings which were tactically beneficial. I hope he is able to put that knowledge into practise next season. At the beginning of the season Jacques Rebello found himself getting frustrated with various aspects of his technique, particularly with his bowling. Throughout the season his determination grew and he put in the work. By the end of it he was bowling far straighter with a better length causing his frustration to ebb.

The two strongest contenders for Most Improved Player fell to Sameer Mahmood and Louis March Smith. It was clear both players enjoyed playing the game. At the beginning of the season Sameer found it hard to focus and was easily distracted. However, as the season progressed, he found ways to maintain his focus and attention, which in turn saw an improvement in his skills. It is one thing to improve your technique, but another to address yourself and it is a player with this ability any captain will turn to when the chips are stacked up against them. The winner was Louis March Smith. It was clear at the beginning of the season, Louis had not played as much cricket as the

other members of the squad. He always demonstrated a fierce attention, focus and determination to learn and improve. Always listening, he did everything asked of him in training which proved fruitful in the games. During games, he was clearly putting into practice what had been covered in previous weeks. Whereas some players would revert back to their comfort zone, Louis would strive to put into practice what he had learnt and it was this determination that reaped vast and notable benefits in his improvement.

The main focus of the season was fielding and discipline. At the beginning of the season there was only a handful of players who were able to keep their concentration throughout the game. Come the end of the season this had changed and we were beginning to win games. As a coach I couldn't ask for any more. Here's looking forward to the upcoming 2014 season.

Swords

**Coach and Manager
Pete Squires**

The U11 Swords fielded a squad of 15 players, all of whom were, in fact, U10 with one U9 (Sebastian Foster). For several it was the first time they'd played with a hard ball so we all knew playing in an U11 league would be a tough one, but we were up for the challenge.

The weekly coaching with Pete (the new boy) and Blackie (the Kiwi past master) put the boys through their paces:

- The warm-up seemed to bring on much groaning from the boys especially during the press-ups, sit-ups, and the dreaded plank.
- Bowling, batting and fielding techniques were taught and practiced out in the field and in the nets.
- Real cricketers started to appear and performance improved week after week.

Match Performance

We played eight matches in total and, juggling availability and injuries, all the boys managed to get a fair crack at competitive cricket; a first for several of

them. In summary, the Swords won two and lost six.

Individual Performances

On paper our results may not look pretty, but they hide some great individual and team performances, for instance:

- Davide Montani's grit and determination in the first match against Purnell's won him 'man of the match'
- Joe Bruton's sharp fielding helped us to victory in our game against Brislington
- Oliver Henderson had a fantastic three wicket-spree in one over during the match against Lansdown.
- Sebastian Foster's spell as opening bowler against Keynsham devastated the opening pair and won him 'man of the match'
- Max Entwisle's flurry of runs with the bat saw us through to victory in the final match against Lansdown.

There isn't time to mention everyone, but the team put on excellent performances despite being pitched against teams with older kids. Determination and enjoyment were the hallmarks of the season and both Blackie and I (Pete) wish to thank you for your hard work and effort throughout the season and hope to see you again next year.

Awards

There are 2 awards to be presented; the first is for the most improved player of the year and goes to the boy whose cricketing skills have developed leaps and bounds across all disciplines. The high point was a true Captain's performance in the final game against Lansdown where he willingly went behind the wicket producing a fabulous performance and then scored 32 runs in four overs with Alby Davies. The winner of the Swords most improved player for 2013 goes to David Jolley.

The final award is for the player of the season. This goes to the boy whose medium pace swing-bowling saw wickets tumble on a regular basis, drawing much praise from opposition coaches; his batting has come on well and his fielding is fearless - particularly helped with his immense throwing arm. The winner of the Swords player of the season for 2013 goes to Dan Squires.

Under Thirteen Reports



U13-1

**Coach Jon Green
Manager Daren Gregg**

The 2013 season proved to be one of transition, with a lot of strong characters moving on to Stu Kingwell's under 15's over the winter. What we lacked in size and experience we made up for in hard work and energy as a growing unit at Kingswood school.

Taking the lead from the youth guidelines, the league was used as a tool to get our squad involved as key players in one of the two disciplines within each fixture. Whilst this may have proven complicated, I hope it allowed players to take the lead in areas previously untried with likes of Max Bartlett and Justin Avenall joining the ranks of batters scoring fifties and Jacob Berger claiming a hat-trick during the league season.

As expected, our older boys (Ben Wells, Piran Gillow and Tom de Glanville) performed steadily. They were able to change a game within an over or two of hard hitting, tight bowling or tidying things up with skills behind the stumps. It was however the younger players who were our surprise packages. No finer example delivered than the partnership of Nathan Gregg and Patrick Crawford against the many county players of Brislington in the National cup. After being put to the sword by their batters

on a great batting track, our boys were struggling following an aggressive opening spell, which left us firmly on the back foot. Putting this aside, the pair fought fire with fire and regained some respectability with aggressive running and innovative shot making in the failing light. This was a real turning point for the season and, even in defeat, showed that deep down we have a strong willed group which will come back stronger next year to win back the league and hopefully have a longer run in the cup.

U13-Dev

**Coach Josh Godman
Manager Poppy Squire**

Being asked to coach a team with the season already underway wasn't an ideal situation but we still managed to have a successful season. With only three games narrowly lost and a cancellation, the team showed all round talent in winning the other games.

Notable performances this season included Matt Smith hitting an unbeaten 51 against Midsomer Norton early in the season. Our consistent batting throughout the order saw us score plenty of runs, putting us in strong positions to win matches.

The best bowling performance was a 5 wicket haul in 5 balls from Lorenzo

Montari against the Brislington Stags, which helped us win a game in which almost all who witnessed thought was out of our reach due to a low total. Other bowling performances included Tom Baer getting 4 wickets in a match and Jack Morgan taking 3 against the girls; as a team although erratic at times we stuck together as a bowling unit and were wicket takers, with teams regularly bowled out.

I would like to thank my team manager Poppy Squire, without her sorting out availability and teams I would have been even more of a mess than I was. I'd also like to thank the players from the U-11s and other U-13 teams who played when called upon to not only help us put out a full team but also put on match-winning performances.

It's been a pleasure coaching the Under-13 Development team this year; I hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have.

U13-Central

**Coach Andrew Griffiths
Manager Jill Blane**

At the start of the season the Under 13 Central squad set out with the aim of winning at least half of the matches played, an objective that was still very much achievable with only two games remaining. Sadly, a narrow loss in an

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enthralling game with Lansdown saw us fall just short. Despite this a great number of positives were taken from the summer, with every member of the squad providing a noticeable contribution at some point within the season and the ability of all squad members improving.

Despite all players contributing to a good season, Henry Gibbens' ability to consistently get the innings off to a good start, often with high scoring partnerships with Alex Morriss, saw him take the most improved player of the season award. Player of the season went to Joe Prescott, who finished as the team's leading wicket taker and highest run scorer and consistently performed well throughout; with his best performance being an innings of 65 not out from 50 balls against Lansdown.

Overall the season was thoroughly enjoyable and the group were a pleasure to coach.

U13-South

Coach David Ford
Manager Clare Jones

2013 has been a successful season for us. We may not have got the results we deserved or wanted, but on and off the pitch, there have been plenty of individual improvements which is a massive plus to take from this summer.

The guys attitude was second to none. They were a fantastic bunch to coach,

even if they were hard work at times. They always got on with tasks in training and gave it their best shot in games and that's all I could ask for. Even when we were in a position where it looked unlikely that would win, they always dug in deep and gave 100% effort, that you cannot beat as a sportsman!

There was plenty who stood out and everyone deserves a mention, but these few topped it off; Fintan for his superb bowling performance each week and eventually taking a 4fer. Matthew Thompson improving strength upon strength each week in every department. Thomas King's 50 away at Brislington. For those who were there, it was an exceptional knock and I'm sure everyone would agree that this was the highlight of the season.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable year once again and a pleasure to coach such a great group of lads. I wish them all a good healthy winter & hope to see a few familiar faces next year. Roll on next summer! My thanks also goes to Mark Thorburn, Clare Jones, Gordon Gill and everyone else.

Girls U13

Coach Fran Wilson
Manager Nick Groome

It was my first season involved in the coaching of the female youth section at the cricket club. Having been a product of the youth programme at Bath myself it

was a very exciting prospect for me and I couldn't wait to get started.

It is almost impossible to single out highlights of a highly successful year. The one thing for me was the popularity and enthusiasm seen at training. Every Friday we would consistently get large turn outs and it made coaching very easy! The hard work put in was evident in the improvement of knowledge and skills from the start to the end of the season with all the girls managing to progress their cricket. The commitment and hard work seen at training definitely transferred into our matches where we competed against several very strong sides. We finished third overall in our league which is a fantastic achievement. A nery victory against a strong Corsham side away and convincing wins over fellow Bath team the Centurions are representative of the high standards of cricket we were able to produce over the summer.

Due to her consistent performances and contributions to the side, Alice Rutter Eley picked up the award for player of the year. Most improved player went to Kirsten Meehan.

I would like to thank all those that have been so important in helping in the running of the U13 girls. As always Ian Shrubsole has been fantastic, as well as the Olsen Groomes and Petra Lynch who have been pivotal in organising the teams each week. It's not an easy job and shouldn't go unnoticed! Finally thank you to all the girls I have had the pleasure of coaching over the past season. Keep working hard to fulfil your potential and I have no doubt we will be seeing you in the Wanderer's teams in the not so distant future.

U15-1

Coach Stuart Kingwell
Manager Charan Morgan

Following last years success, the team this year had a lot to live up to!

Now the dust has begun to settle I can look back on the year and be honest.

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I'm sure the team wont mind me saying that being knocked out of the national when we were was very disappointing, especially given the talent we had in the team this year. We lost to a strong Bristol side who deserved their victory over us, however key injuries and non-availabilities didn't help. Nevertheless, taking that one loss away, the year has been a rip roaring success. We went undefeated for the rest of the season and thoroughly deserved the league title which we breezed our way to with only one small scare on the last game of the year where we had to chase down 150. Like all the other games in the year, we waltzed comfortably to that and to the title. This team are very talented and I have very high hopes for a number of the players who could go a long way within the sport of cricket; as long as they carry on their hard work and dedication to improve.

There are many performances and players worth mentioning, but time and space mean I will limit myself to two players. Tommy Phillips came to us this year and is a leg spin bowler of great control, and for his first year fitted into the team and bowled beautifully.

Secondly, a batsman who has improved leaps and bounds this year; William Stoyle was fantastic all year scoring plenty of runs and showing great strides towards becoming a very good opening batsman. His season culminated in his maiden century for the men's fourth XI, a great achievement for someone so young. Well done William, keep up the good work. Well done to everyone this year and good luck next year.

I want to thank Charan Morgan who did a fantastic job as my manager who kept me in line and made sure I got the teams to her and made sure we got teams to the games. She was fantastic and I thank her so much.

U15-2

Coach Robin Lett
Manager Adrian Willson

The U15 2nds battled hard this season with limited resources. With only 11 players registered in the squad, it was always a challenge to raise a side. We

were lucky that, whenever we were short, we had a wealth of talent to dip into from the U13s. That combined with our more senior players taking on the responsibility, led to a successful season.

There were particularly impressive performances from Greg Harden, who took a hat-trick in the first game of the season at Hampset, a game that also featured a fine undefeated 20* from 12 year old Will South. Dan Garrett was our rock in the batting line-up, completing two excellent half-centuries and providing stability with the gloves when required.

A final word must go to our captain Owen Dayken-Pont, who led a young side with maturity and chipped in with valuable runs at the top of the order. Leading a young side like that is always a difficult job and he continued to learn and adapt as he went along.

Thanks must go to my manager Adrian Willson, who stepped in and did a fantastic job both organizing and scoring.

Player of the year: Dan Garrett
Most Improved: Owen Dayken-Pont



Tom Stayt Fitness Feature



1. Hamstring stretch



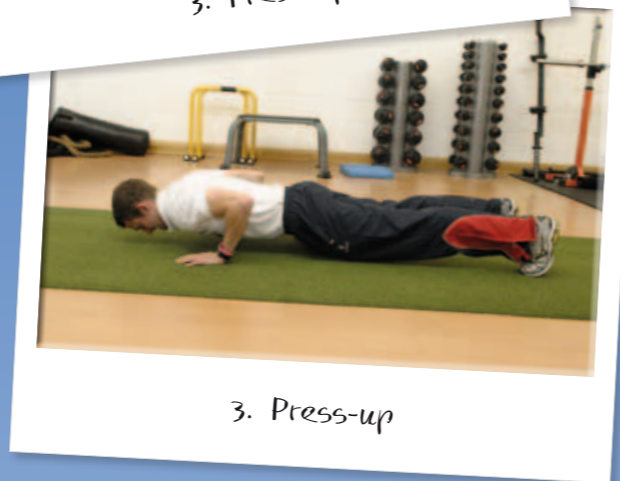
3. Press-up



4. Split-squat



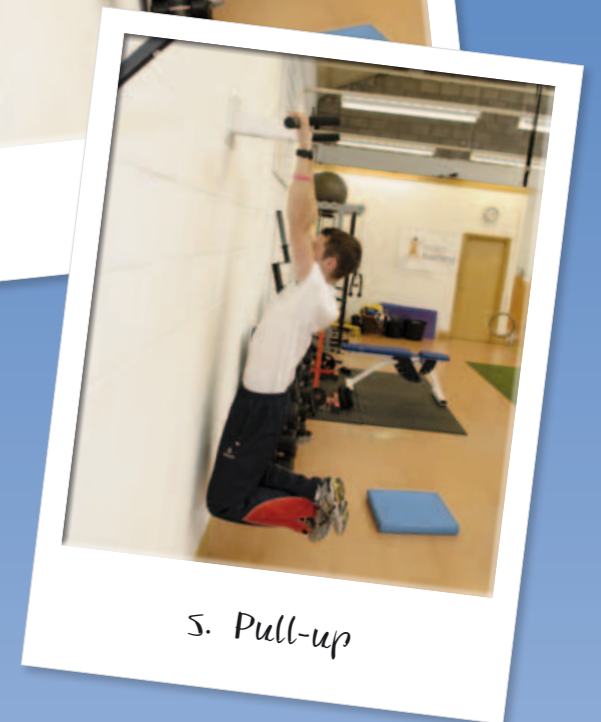
2. Side-plank



3. Press-up



4. Split-squat



5. Pull-up

It has been a frustration of mine for many years that it is commonly believed (generally amongst non-cricketers!) that cricketers do not need to be fit since all they do is stand around!

Now, admittedly not every great cricketer in the history of the game has been super-fit (and there are examples of such people across all sports), but the modern game is getting faster, more explosive, more athletic and more dynamic every year. Even the highest-level international players, who have physiotherapists, fitness trainers and masseurs travelling with them will pick up injuries every so often.

Here are a selection of basic strength and flexibility exercises that can easily be done at home, which will help to increase strength in key areas and reduce the risk of injury next summer and beyond. This really should be the bare minimum when it comes to training for cricket!

1. Hamstring stretch

- Using a towel or band, wrap it around your foot, lie on your back and gently pull toward you until you feel a stretch in the back of the leg that is in the air.
- Hold for a minimum of 30 seconds.

2. Side-plank

- Lying on one side of your body, lift your hips up so that the two points of contact on the floor are your elbow and foot.
- Try and create two straight lines, one vertically through your elbow, shoulder, chest and top arm, the other horizontally through your head, hips, and ankles.
- Build up the time spent on each side, ultimately aiming to be able to hold each side for 2 minutes.

3. Press-up

- Lying on your chest, elbows tucked in level with your chest, brace your glutes, shoulders and trunk and lift yourself off the floor, straightening your arms.
- Keep your elbows approximately 45 degrees to the body as you lower down to the floor, keeping a straight line through your ankles, hips and shoulders.

4. Split-squat

- Take a comfortable stride forward and drop your back knee toward the floor.
- Once you feel your knee gently touch the floor, (without putting any weight down) contract through your front hip, glutes and hamstrings and return to the top position.
- Repeat for 10-15 reps per leg.
- To increase difficulty, perform reps with your arms extended overhead or hold weights at your side.

5. Pull-up

- Requires some sort of pull-up / chin-up frame
- With arms extended and from a 'hang' position, brace your shoulders and trunk to prepare for the rep.
- Pull yourself up so that the bar / frame is level with your chest / shoulders.
- Lower down under control and prepare for the next rep by bracing shoulders and trunk again.

Results Training is owned by Bath Cricketer Tom Stayt, who trains private clients and runs small-group training sessions alongside fellow 1st XI player James Campbell. Results Training run a fully-equipped private training facility in Oldfield Park, approximately 10 minutes away from the Bath CC North Parade ground. Tom and James have trained, and continue to train, cricketers from Bath and other local clubs, getting them fit and strong, ready for each season.

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Andrew Feather - Road Racing 2013

I was delighted when the editor asked me to write a short article about my cycling for the Parade in Print. I cannot believe it's been over 10 years since I played for Bath Cricket Club - they are definitely fond memories and it's always nice to bump into people from the club when I come back to Bath.

I've just finished my first full season road racing. I was fortunate to accumulate enough points to achieve my Category 1 Licence in June which was my aim at the start of the season. The system has 5 rankings of riders, Category 4 (lowest ranking), Category 3, Category 2, Category 1 and Elite (highest ranking). The likes of Wiggins, Cavendish and other professionals hold an Elite ranking.

The races typically range from 60 to 90 miles and operate through a rolling road closure enforced by the police. There are lead cars and motorcycle escorts to ensure the riders' safety during

the races but you are still inevitably reliant on the other riders riding sensibly and pointing out hazards. It's surprising how little visibility you have when riding in the peloton comprising up to 80 other riders - I learnt the hard way in a two day stage race when I hit a bollard on a narrow section of road. I was lucky to come away with only minor injuries although the bike didn't look too good afterward.

I have been invited to ride for a team next year which will be a different experience from riding predominantly solo this year. It's an exciting opportunity as I'll be given a brand new bike to ride, the support of a team manager, sports nutritionist, 1 to 1 coaching, free gym membership and paid entry to races in the UK and France.

The new season next year starts in February so I'm looking forward to having a couple of months taking it relatively easy until the hard training begins in the New Year!

Flying Feather

From the Porridge Gobbler.....



After my fifth summer of employment at Bath CC over the past twelve years, it is time to reflect on the 2013 season.

Arriving mid April and having to buy thermal underwear to combat the cold of the Brownsword Ground was a tough start. On the day that my workmate, Brownie, came into the pavilion with snow/hail on his balding head, it was time to stop work and have another coffee! The hot dry summer in NZ of 2012/13 was a distant memory.

Viewing for the first time the newly renovated pavilion, the burnt out shell of the John Ruddick Pavilion and the sad-looking indoor centre, all took time to fathom. The new look pavilion is great, but why, why, why did the others look so sad for so long? Thankfully in my last week of work, we all heard that permission had been granted to renovate the indoor centre. Seemed to me and many others around the club that bureaucracy is alive and well in the city of Bath!

With a new job one faces new challenges. On day one, Gilly and Brownie told me groundsmanship is all about "presentation,

presentation, presentation"! Have the grounds looking beautiful and no one will moan about how the wicket plays! Gilly reckons that presentation and high standards of preparation will keep us all in jobs. We achieved that in 2013.

I will never talk poorly again about a cricket groundsman. Having worked in all weathers with Gilly on match days, I now have an appreciation of what an exacting and challenging role it is. Also, mowing the outfield in straight lines and rolling the wicket in the same manner is a work of art. Doesn't come easy-believe me!

I got my backside kicked a few times by Gordy; for scuffing the outfield by lowering the blades too much on a ride-on mower and trimming the long grass too high up the bank. Gordy also has eyes in the back of his head. He nearly always saw my lapses in concentration when rolling/brushing the wickets. Then when it came to marking the creases, he demanded perfection. He watched me like a hawk.

Team Bonding

One afternoon after completing a heavy workload on the grounds, the head groundsman led me to the Huntsman Pub for some team bonding. Hours later we walked in zigzag fashion back to North Parade. Gilly talking in riddles with me laughing at the situation we had got ourselves into. He wanted to repeat this activity but I side-stepped the issue and instead we had many "sherberts" together in the club bar after work.

Scoring and Umpiring

I did my fair share. Gave few LBWs much to the disgust of Kenny James and Stu Priscott. They tried me on only to find an umpire with his hands in his pockets. Scoring for midweek games using the electronic scoreboard by oneself was a challenge, especially when our cricket manager, Rob Maggs was playing. He demanded, from the field of play, a professional scoring performance from a Kiwi who was only an amateur. I was out of my comfort zone, but I got there in the end and the bottle of champagne was appreciated.

Training

Running the practices for the third, fourth and women's team was a real pleasure. Players' efforts were of the highest standard. It was pleasing to hear that the fourths were league winners and the thirds were runners up.

Rob Maggs

Spent all summer working alongside him and really enjoyed being his "little helper". I even got used to his changing his mind often in what has been a happy time for me. He is so club orientated that he has the Bath logo tattooed on his chest!

The Kingwells

Huge thanks to Alison and Mark for allowing me to be their boarder for four months. I was very well fed and watered, their hospitality was superb.

So it was with a sad heart I walked out of the pavilion on the night that the first and fourth teams won their leagues. Seeing them celebrating was a wonderful parting memory of the Bath CC. Thanks to all who helped make my stay so enjoyable. I appreciated the staff taking me to brunch in my final week, much to their disgust when I ordered porridge! I wish you all the best for the future.

Blackie of New Zealand.

Bath Indoor Cricket Centre
nears completion



Former overseas player Tom Hastwell was over from Adelaide during 2013 season and is seen here in the new clubhouse with the drawing of himself playing during the 1994 season the artist was the late Martin Fisher.



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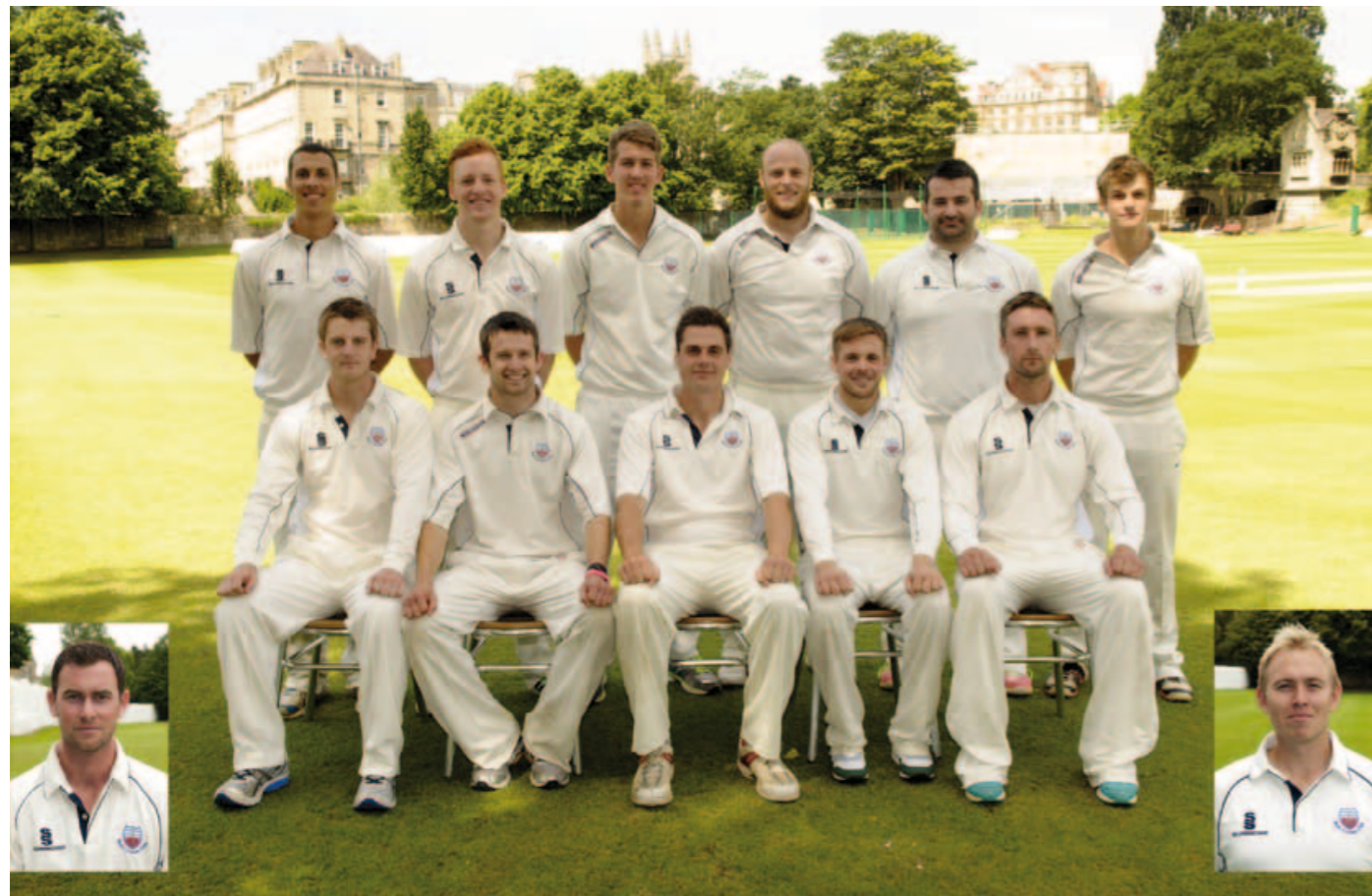
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Bath 1st XI 2013



Back Row Left to Right: Jordan Price, Sam Mount, Will Jenkins, Adam Kelly, Mike Smyth, Tim Rouse.
Front Row Left to Right: Lloyd Davies(Inset), James Campbell, Tom Stayt, Robin Lett(Captain), Luke Padgett, Simon Marchant, Jon Green(Inset).

Bath 1st XI 2013 Batting averages all matches

	Inns	NO	Runs	Avg	HS	50's	100's
Alex Barrow	7	1	274	45.67	66*	3	0
Robin Lett	24	2	955	43.41	115	6	1
Tim Rouse	20	4	629	39.31	95	4	0
Luke Padgett	21	5	545	34.06	57	2	0
Sam Mount	23	2	567	27	87	5	0
Tom Stayt	20	6	374	26.71	90	1	0
James Campbell	22	1	498	23.71	77	2	0
Will Jenkins	26	3	505	21.96	80	2	0
Lloyd Davies	14	1	221	17	68	2	0
Reece Croker	6	2	59	14.75	30*	0	0
Adam Kelly	7	3	50	12.5	22	0	0

Qualification 7 inns

Bath 1st XI 2013 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Jordan Price	44	2	207	20	6-9	1	4.7	13.2	10.35
Adam Kelly	106.5	15	316	26	5-34	1	2.96	24.65	12.15
Will Jenkins	110.2	9	455	27	3-16	0	4.13	24.51	16.85
Tom Stayt	161.4	17	648	38	5-26	1	4.01	25.53	17.05
Jonathan Green	137	12	543	28	6-10	1	3.96	29.36	19.39
Sam Mount	49	1	220	11	4-31	0	4.49	26.75	20
Lloyd Davies	110.3	18	435	21	3-17	1	3.94	31.57	20.71
Simon Marchant	157.3	26	601	28	3-17	0	3.82	33.75	21.46

Qualification 10 wkts

Top innings 2013

Robin Lett	115	vs Ashcott & Shapwick
Tim Rouse	95	vs Ashcott & Shapwick
Tom Stayt	90	vs Ynysygerwn CC
Tim Rouse	89	vs Ynysygerwn CC
Sam Mount	87	vs Bristol CC
Robin Lett	84	vs Cardiff
Robin Lett	83	vs Taunton St Andrews
Will Jenkins	80	vs Illminster
Tim Rouse	78	vs Corsham
James Campbell	77	vs Knowle

Top bowling performances 2013

Jordan Price	6-9	vs Chippenham
Jonathan Green	6-10	vs Ynysygerwn CC
Tom Stayt	5-28	vs Ashcott & Shapwick
Lloyd Davies	5-31	vs Keynsham
Adam Kelly	5-34	vs Illminster
Jonathan Green	4-26	vs Illminster
Sam Mount	4-31	vs Bridgwater
Adam Kelly	4-38	vs Bridgwater
Jordan Price	4-47	vs Taunton St Andrews
Tom Stayt	4-52	vs Frocester

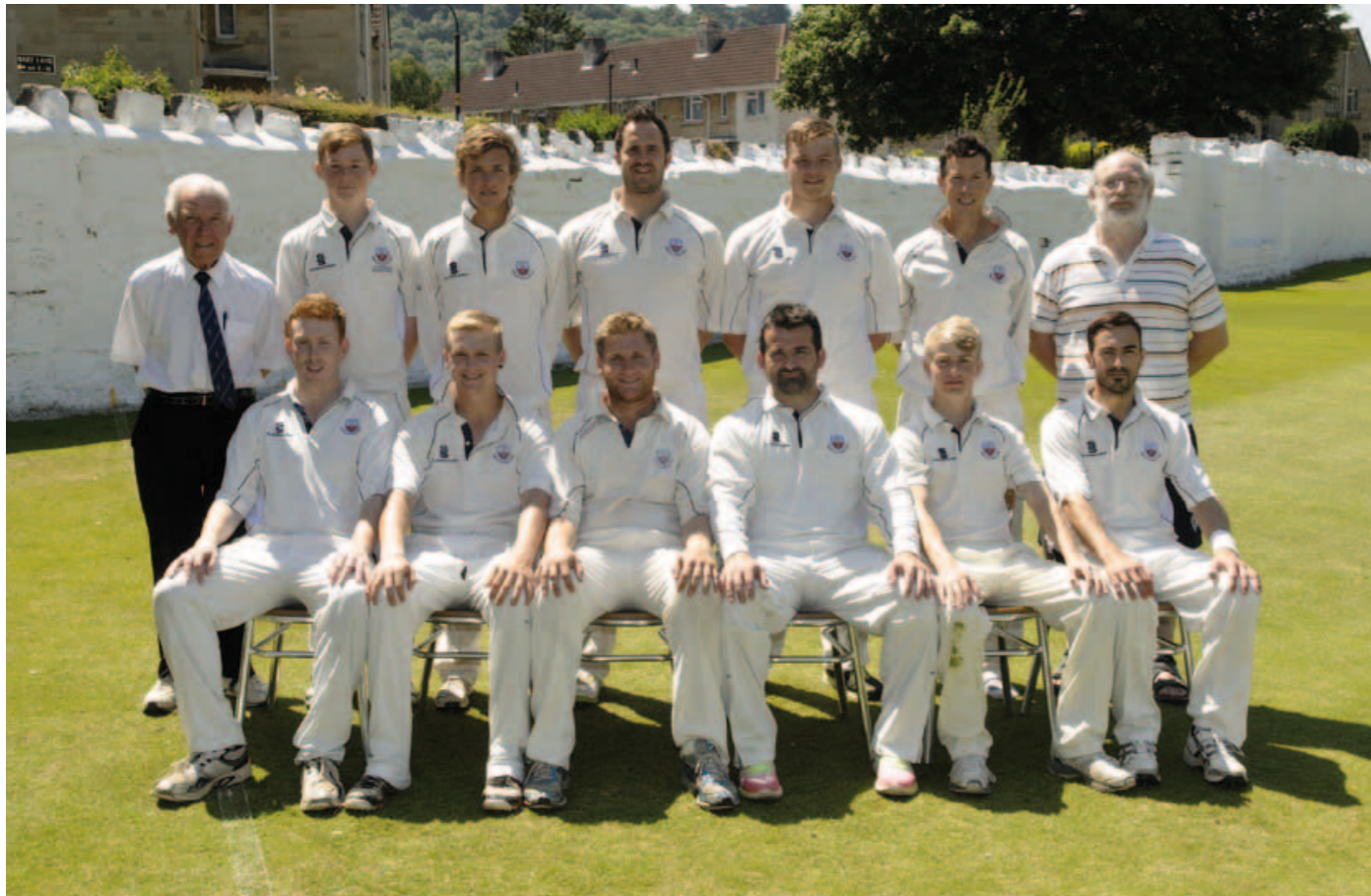
Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Luke Padgett	33	10	43
Will Jenkins	12	0	12
Tom Stayt	11	0	11
Robin Lett	10	0	10
Lloyd Davies	7	0	7
Tim Rouse	7	0	7
Sam Mount	7	0	7
Jonathan Green	6	0	6
James Campbell	5	0	5



Lloyd Davies and Robin Lett celebrate a wicket

Bath 2nd XI 2013



Back Row Left to Right: Ken Bailey (Umpire), William Stoye, Alex Wright, Ben Briggs, Harry Roberts, Alex Muse, Steve Grieshaber (Scorer).
Front Row Left to Right: Seb Street, Reece Croker, Stuart Kingwell(Captain), Mike Smyth, Patrick Grieshaber, Ben Copp.

Bath 2nd XI 2013 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Mike Smyth	9	9	1	481	93	60.13	6	0	0
Luke Tapsfield	6	6	1	250	73	50	4	0	1
Max O'Leary	6	6	0	264	93	44	3	0	0
Stuart Kingwell	12	10	2	249	54	31.13	3	0	0
Ben Copp	10	10	6	101	41	25.25	0	0	0
George Hankins	7	7	0	176	85	25.14	2	0	1
Ted Roe	7	6	1	121	44	24.2	0	0	1
Patrick Grieshaber	13	13	1	278	53	23.17	1	0	0
Alex Wright	13	10	3	133	32*	19	0	0	0
Charlie Brain	6	6	0	113	43	18.83	0	0	0
Ben Briggs	16	15	1	239	37	17.07	0	0	1
David Ford	16	10	3	91	25	13	0	0	1
Reece Croker	14	14	1	167	69	12.85	1	0	2
Chris Davies	13	6	2	26	11	6.5	0	0	1

Qualification 6 inns

Bath 2nd XI 2013 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Alex Wright	63.2	4	307	30	4-35	0	4.84	12.68	10.23
Alex Muse	94.2	13	306	23	3-16	0	3.24	24.6	13.3
Chris Davies	70.2	7	255	17	3-16	0	3.63	24.81	15
Harry Roberts	40	3	153	8	4-24	0	3.83	30	19.13
David Ford	101	11	415	21	3-25	0	4.11	28.86	19.76
Ben Copp	54	4	253	8	2-19	0	4.69	40.5	31.63

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2013

Tim Rouse	100	vs Claverham(Yatton)
Mike Smyth	93	vs Frocester
Max O'Leary	93	vs Downend
George Hankins	85	vs Frocester
Mike Smyth	83	vs Downend
Mike Smyth	79	vs Claverham(Yatton)
Max O'Leary	73	vs Bristol
Luke Tapsfield	73	vs Downend
Mike Smyth	72	vs Frocester
Mike Smyth	70	vs Weston Super Mare

Top bowling performances 2013

Harry Roberts	4-24	vs Claverham
Alex Wright	4-35	vs Taunton St Andrews
Alex Wright	4-51	vs Bridgwater
Alex Wright	4-76	vs Weston Super Mare
Alex Wright	3-3	vs Downend
Alex Muse	3-16	vs Bristol
Chris Davies	3-16	vs Bridgwater
Alex Muse	3-20	vs Taunton St Andrews
Alex Muse	3-24	vs Ashcott & Shapwick
David Ford	3-25	vs Frocester

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Alex Muse	8	0	8
Patrick Grieshaber	6	2	8
Reece Croker	7	0	7
Luke Tapsfield	5	0	5
Chris Davies	5	0	5
Ben Briggs	5	0	5
Seb Street	4	0	4
David Ford	4	0	4



Mike Smyth



Alex Wright

Bath 3rd XI 2013



Back Row Left to Right: Harry Roberts, Kenny James, Mike Roe(Captain) Dave Robertson, Stuart Brennan, Joel Quinn.
Front Row Left to Right: Joe Quinn, Charlie Brain, Matt Cadywould, Sam Croker, Harry Lewis.

Bath 3rd XI 2013 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Ted Roe	5	4	2	247	102*	123.5	1	1	0
Charlie Brain	5	4	2	97	71*	48.5	1	0	0
Stuart Brennan	11	9	1	379	92	47.38	3	0	1
Matthew Cadywould	10	6	1	226	57	45.2	2	0	0
Kenny James	16	5	2	109	34	36.33	0	0	0
David Robertson	9	7	0	232	90	33.14	2	0	1
Sam Croker	14	13	1	313	63	26.08	1	0	0
Joel Quinn	10	7	2	130	31	26	0	0	0
Harry Lewis	10	6	3	77	56*	25.67	1	0	2
Andrew Griffiths	8	4	2	41	19	20.5	0	0	0
Ben Copp	5	4	2	17	10	8.5	0	0	1

Qualification 4 inns

Bath 3rd XI 2013 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Stuart Priscott	20.1	5	52	9	5-21	1	2.57	13.47	5.78
Harry Roberts	35	7	99	12	5-6	1	2.83	17.5	8.25
Ben Copp	36.5	9	99	12	5-15	1	2.69	18.4	8.25
Richard Metcalfe	43	7	124	11	3-7	0	2.88	23.45	11.27
David Robertson	29	3	132	11	4-22	0	4.55	15.82	12
Charlie Brain	20	1	109	9	4-20	0	5.45	13.33	12.11
Harry Lewis	50	11	237	12	4-31	0	4.74	25	19.75
Kenny James	100	14	424	18	3-37	0	4.24	33.33	23.56
Matthew Cadywould	50.5	8	208	8	2-15	0	4.09	38.1	26

Qualification 8 wkts

Top innings 2013

Ted Roe	102*	vs Bristol
Ben Briggs	100	vs Bath Hospitals
Stuart Brennan	92	vs Bath Hospitals
David Robertson	90	vs Bath Hospitals
Alex Wright	84	vs Wroughton
Stuart Brennan	82	vs Brislington
Stuart Priscott	72*	vs Brislington
Ted Roe	72	vs Bristol
Charlie Brain	71*	vs Bath Hospitals
Lucien Calkin	65	vs Backwell Flax Bourton

Top bowling performances 2013

Harry Roberts	5-6	vs Exiles(Bath)
Ben Copp	5-15	vs Brislington
Harry Roberts	5-18	vs Exiles(Bath)
Stuart Priscott	5-21	vs Bristol
Charlie Brain	4-20	vs Wroughton
David Robertson	4-22	vs Bristol
Harry Lewis	4-31	vs Mells
Ben Copp	4-34	vs Stratton on Fosse
Richard Metcalfe	3-7	vs Mells
David Robertson	3-8	vs Backwell Flax Bourton

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Kenny James	7	0	7
Mike Roe	6	0	6
Stuart Brennan	5	0	5
Sam Croker	4	0	4
David Robertson	4	0	4



Matthew Cadywould



Stuart Brennan

Bath 4th XI 2013



Back Row Left to Right: Chris Mould(Scorer), Chris Crighton, Ed Garratt, Josh Godman, Dave Bean, Mathan, Harry Hankins.
Front Row Left to Right: Marc Wilson, Paul Bird, Thiaan Aspelling(Captain), Beth Howe, Ishmael Clarke.

Bath 4th XI 2013 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Joe Quinn	5	5	2	430	153*	143.33	1	2	0
Gavin Royce	7	5	3	185	73*	92.5	2	0	0
Paul Bird	7	7	1	248	121	41.33	1	1	0
Thiaan Aspelling	15	8	0	267	80	33.38	2	0	0
Ishmael Clarke	15	10	1	294	63*	32.67	2	0	2
Dave Bean	9	6	2	126	43	31.5	0	0	0
Chris Crighton	7	5	0	125	47	25	0	0	1
Marc Wilson	14	12	1	244	60	22.18	2	0	3
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	15	7	5	43	15*	21.5	0	0	0
Liam Delaney	6	5	0	72	54	14.4	1	0	3
Beth Howe	17	7	4	43	25*	14.33	0	0	1
Nick Groome	7	6	1	55	23	11	0	0	0
Ed Garratt	16	5	2	18	11*	6	0	0	1

Qualification 5 inns

Bath 4th XI 2013 Bowling averages

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Thiaan Aspelling	90.1	26	237	37	6-22	2	2.63	14.63	6.41
Beth Howe	90.4	16	372	22	5-11	1	4.1	24.74	16.91
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	96	20	340	19	3-4	0	3.54	30.32	17.89
Matt Smith	35	3	151	7	2-21	0	4.31	30	21.57
Kate Randall	27.5	1	165	7	2-11	0	5.94	23.83	23.57
Ed Garratt	93.1	13	399	16	3-38	0	4.28	34.95	24.94
Harry Hankins	37.4	3	176	7	4-28	0	4.67	32.31	25.14

Qualification 6 wkts

Top innings 2013

Joe Quinn	153*	vs Avonside
Joe Quinn	123*	vs Wrington
Paul Bird	121	vs Easton Cowboys
William Stoyle	111*	vs Wrington
David Robertson	90	vs Avonside
Joe Quinn	81	vs Old Park
Thiaan Aspelling	80	vs Oldfield Park
Gavin Royce	73*	vs Oldfield Park
Josh Godman	68	vs Easton Cowboys
Ishmael Clarke	63*	vs Avonside

Top bowling performances 2013

Thiaan Aspelling	6-22	vs Easton Cowboys
Beth Howe	5-11	vs Midsomer Norton
Thiaan Aspelling	5-16	vs Midsomer N Methodists
Thiaan Aspelling	4-8	vs Midsomer N Methodists
Harry Hankins	4-28	vs Old Park
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	3-4	vs Wrington
Thiaan Aspelling	3-7	vs Nailsea
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	3-11	vs Nailsea
Thiaan Aspelling	3-17	vs Wrington
Mathan Balasubramaniyan	3-19	vs Stratton on Fosse

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Chris Crighton	7	2	9
Gavin Royce	7	0	7
Thiaan Aspelling	7	0	7
Dave Bean	5	0	5
Beth Howe	5	0	5



Ed Garratt



Ishmael Clarke

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2013



Back Row Left to Right: Moira Comfort, Izzy Imlach, Elywn Campbell, Anya Shrubsole, Lauren Shrubsole, Beth Howe.
Front Row Left to Right: Jenny Withers, Fran Wilson, Jackie Hawker(Captain), Sophie Luff, Charlie Phillips.

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2013 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Sophie Le Marchand	8	7	3	275	76*	68.75	3	0	0
Sophie Luff	9	9	4	233	100*	46.6	1	1	1
Elwyn Campbell	7	7	1	180	64*	30	1	0	0
Francis Wilson	10	7	2	146	58*	29.2	1	0	1
Lauren Shrubsole	11	6	0	83	32	13.83	0	0	1
Jackie Hawker	11	5	2	40	30	13.33	0	0	2
Izzy Imlach	9	7	1	66	19*	11	0	0	1
Beth Howe	12	5	1	27	12	6.75	0	0	1

Qualification 5 inns

Bath Wanderers 1st XI 2013 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Charlie Phillips	20	4	38	7	4-19	0	1.9	17.14	5.43
Jenny Withers	81.1	15	228	25	4-0	0	2.81	19.49	9.12
Kate Randall	41.5	10	115	9	3-9	0	2.75	27.87	12.78
Moira Comfort	107	41	222	14	4-15	0	2.07	45.86	15.86
Jackie Hawker	57.2	10	216	12	4-27	0	3.76	28.7	18
Lauren Shrubsole	85.2	10	257	14	5-25	1	3.01	36.56	18.36

Qualification 7 wkts

Top innings 2013

Sophie Luff	100*	vs Brighton & Hove
Sophie Luff	85	vs Wokingham
Sophie Le Marchand	76*	vs Hursley Park
Elwyn Campbell	64*	vs Brighton & Hove
Sophie Le Marchand	60	vs Brighton & Hove
Fran Wilson	58*	vs Bexley
Jan Godman	56	vs Wokingham
Sophie Le Marchand	53*	vs Hayes
Fran Wilson	46*	vs Hayes
Anya Shrubsole	45*	vs Bexley

Top bowling performances 2013

Lauren Shrubsole	5-25	vs Hayes
Jenny Withers	4-0	vs Wokingham
Jenny Withers	4-4	vs Bexley
Moira Comfort	4-15	vs Loughton
Charlie Phillips	4-19	vs Hursley Park
Jackie Hawker	4-27	vs Bexley
Kate Randall	3-9	vs Hursley Park
Jenny Withers	3-22	vs Hursley Park
Lauren Shrubsole	3-32	vs Bexley
Jenny Withers	3-33	vs Brighton & Hove

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Beth Howe	3	1	4
Jackie Hawker	4	0	4
Sophie Luff	3	0	3
Frances Wilson	3	0	3



Sophie Le Marchand



Jenny Withers

Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2013



Back Row Left to Right: Sarah Rawle, Izzy Imlach, Ellie Holdaway, Gwyn West, Jessamy Edwards, Charlie Phillips.
Front Row Left to Right: Zoe Olsen-Groome, Daisy Vowles, Jan Godman(Captain), Emma Godman, Emily Knight.

Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2013 Batting averages all matches

	Games	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg.	50's	100's	Ducks
Emma Godman	5	5	4	216	54*	216	2	0	0
Izzy Imlach	5	5	4	143	61*	143	1	0	0
Daisy Vowles	7	5	0	120	48	24	0	0	0
Sarah Rawle	5	5	0	76	34	15.2	0	0	0
Gwyn West	6	6	0	91	46	15.17	0	0	0
Zoe Olsen-Groome	7	5	2	34	30*	11.33	0	0	2
Georgia Wilson	4	4	1	25	15	8.33	0	0	0

Qualification 4 inns

Bath Wanderers 2nd XI 2013 Bowling averages all matches

	Overs	M	Runs	Wkts	Best	5WH	Econ	S-R	Ave
Ellie Holdaway	9	1	24	5	4-11	0	2.67	10.8	4.8
Sarah Rowle	19.4	4	57	4	2-7	0	2.89	29.55	14.25
Zoe Olsen-Groome	33.3	5	102	7	4-16	0	3.04	28.71	14.57
Charlie Phillips	30	2	106	7	3-19	0	3.53	25.71	15.14
Jessamy Edwards	30	1	180	8	2-44	0	6	22.5	22.5
Daisy Vowles	29	2	102	4	3-43	0	3.52	43.5	25.5

Qualification 4 wkts

Top innings 2013

Izzy Imlach	61*	vs Bridgwater
Emma Godman	54*	vs Minehead
Emma Godman	53*	vs Wiltshire Women
Janet Godman	50*	vs Minehead
Janet Godman	50*	vs Taunton Ladies
Emma Godman	49*	vs Wiltshire Women
Daisy Vowles	48	vs Weston Super Mare
Gwyn West	46	vs Taunton St Andrew
Emma Godman	39*	vs Taunton Ladies
Beth Howe	39	vs Wiltshire Women

Top bowling performances 2013

Ellie Holdaway	4-11	vs Minehead
Zoe Olsen-Groome	4-16	vs Bridgwater
Gwyn West	3-10	vs Wells
Emma Godman	3-19	vs Wiltshire Women
Charlie Phillips	3-19	vs Bridgwater
Daisy Vowles	3-43	vs Taunton Ladies
Molly Matthews	2-5	vs Weston Super Mare
Zoe Olsen-Groome	2-6	vs Taunton Ladies
Sarah Rawle	2-7	vs Bridgwater
Charlie Phillips	2-7	vs Minehead

Fielding

	Ct	St	Total
Emma Godman	3	0	3
Izzy Imlach	3	0	3
Emily Knight	3	0	3



Emma Godman



Charlie Phillips



A tribute to an old friend

written by **Pat Colbourne**



Photographs by Ian Hebden

John Smith 1936 - 2013

Many members will remember John taking on the groundsman's duty in 1995 prior to Gordon Gill. He was the man who, together with David Perryman, his assistant, spent long hours improving our main ground at North Parade and extending the playing surface for future use. His great pride, however, was in his work together with Dave on the transformation of the 'top ground' or Brownsword Ground when the Bath club acquired it. It was magically transformed from a double school hockey pitch to a first class arena suitable for Somerset league cricket.

An innately kind, modest and generous man, John was also a bit of a perfectionist. He would often suggest that 'these cricketers get in the way'. One day at youth training the then Club Coach, Grant Sheppard, went sliding across the wet grass, after a short shower and cut up a whole slice of turf. This was like a red rag to a bull for John who then loudly shouted across the ground "Club Coach – more like Club Clown". Another incident took place soon after, at Friday evening training, when John was carefully rolling a perfect and pristine pitch for the League match the next day. Tom Baker inadvertently hit the ball along the turf and it finished up underneath the heavy roller on which John was sitting. That ball was duly buried deep into the pitch. John, cool as a cucumber, but with a bright red face, had to prepare a completely fresh pitch. He kept his cool on that occasion.

John had been involved with Umpiring duties, firstly with Avon Schools then with Somerset Cricket Board youth teams, then with Bath Cricket Club's 1st XI, 2nd XI, Sunday X1s as well as various youth teams. He was regularly seen at the ground following his son Phil's progress or in the middle having donned the white coat.

A memorable photo remains indelibly printed on our minds showing John, together with Dave Perryman in the year 2001, standing in a massive puddle on the North Parade ground. The year 2000 had been the wettest recorded season since 1766. This photo should have been titled 'The Life of a Cricket Groundsman'.

Through his life John worked long hours, but at a steady pace that suited him since his heart attack in 1978. He had been Head Estate Gardner for 34 years to Major Cayzer at Parish House, Timsbury and advised other Estate managers. Most recently he had so enjoyed the autumn of his 'retired' life improving cricket grounds with Gordon Gill's team especially at the Timsbury and Farnborough clubs.

John leaves a widow, Anne and son Phil, daughter in law Jo and three devoted grandchildren, Megan, Owen and Harry.

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