



Bramshaw Cricket Club



November 2015

Chairman's Chat

What a difference the weather can make to a cricket season! The 1st eleven played all seventeen league games, with no game shortened due to rain. The first time I believe this has happened since Bramshaw started playing league back in 1974. The 2nd eleven could not play all their league fixtures as the opposition failed to raise a side on a couple of occasions. The 1st eleven played really well throughout the season and won all but two games to win their division and gain promotion to County 2 for next year. The 2nd eleven had a better season than last year finishing in the lower half of their division.

The Border League was enjoyed by all who took part, but as the club had gained promotion to the top division we just failed to stay in it for next season.

Sunday cricket is still a problem, as too often we or the opposition fail to field a team. Moreover, although the weather was not as good on Sundays as it was on Saturdays the matches that were cancelled were always when both sides were able to field a team! As a club we need to review the number of games we play on Sundays. The same goes for midweek touring games, which are played to raise income.

Unfortunately the end of season tour to Devon had to be cancelled due to a fixture clash. Next season Andrew is hoping to arrange a tour to Gloucestershire.

During the winter the club had one side in the Romsey indoor league and finished top of the table to win Division One.

This has been a good year for the club ending with 2 Titles. Well done to all who played and helped. This must be beneficial to the club for the future and prove to the juniors it is well worth playing senior cricket at Bramshaw.

As a club we set out to provide better training facilities for the colts and seniors for the 2015 season. This was achieved with the help of generous sponsors and the very helpful Landford Parish Council, plus the enthusiasm of Lindsay, Zane, Brian, Phil and many others.

For next season we are hoping to provide an artificial wicket at Landford. To do this we have to get the Parish Council to

give us permission. Assuming we get this we will hopefully have it ready for next season subject to getting the necessary funds together (approx. 9/10k). This we hope to achieve via sponsorship, grants and part club funds. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Leading on from the above I trust the junior members enjoyed their training at Landford as we were able to field 3 junior sides at under 9, 11 and 15. The under 9s played 5 matches, winning 4, finishing runners up in their league. The under 11s played 5 matches winning 4. The under 15s played 6 matches winning 1. Well done to all who played!

I take this opportunity to thank all the captains, colts' managers and many others for all their efforts on and off the field in organizing and running all the teams.

When a club has a good season many players achieve personal bests and match winning performances. To mention a few Jamie Martin, Andy Hart, Zane D'Monte, Simon Booth of the 1st eleven and Bailey Loveless, Tom Mason and John Roberts for the 2nd eleven – all did extremely well.

With the weather more on his side this season Kevin provided excellent wickets to play on - proved by the type of results being achieved by our teams. With the colts training at Landford this has given Kevin better access to the ground. Brian again has looked after the Landford wicket so providing the backup for the colts' training. With their hard work we have been able to enjoy our cricket at Bramshaw so on behalf of all the members a big THANK YOU.

The backup team of scorers - Pat, Jane, Theresa and others were ever present providing excellent support. Again Rosemary provided the teas for Saturdays with Hazel organizing the Sunday/Midweek teas with the help of wives, mums and girlfriends. Thanks to all.

The bar has been run by Andy with help from Mike, creating a good atmosphere for the after game drinks and socializing. Again Ian and Bob have provided barbeques to back this up. This is our main way of generating money into the club to cover our running costs.

The presentation at the ground was well attended with excellent weather to make it all the better. Thanks to Brian for all his organizing and to Emma and her team of helpers

for providing food and support on the day.

To keep our finances and goals in good shape we need, as all clubs do, the help of donations and sponsors and therefore we thank all of them for their support over the past year.

Thanks to Brian, Andy, Phil, Zane, Theresa, Lindsay, Ram, Gary, Kevin and the rest of the committee for the hardwork they have put in over the last year.

A major part of running the club - in particular the junior section - is being accredited to 'Clubmark' which regulates this side of cricket. This was up for renewal in September and has been successfully completed by Brian with a lot of hard effort over the playing season and with the co-operation of the committee and general members. Well done!

To achieve our ambitions for the future we are always in need of help, particularly with the running of the junior section. If any of you can offer any help whatsoever please come forward and give us your support.

With the 2016 season to look forward to we need to recruit more playing members particularly now the 1st team has been promoted to County 2 which will be a big challenge. We are very grateful to Ram for running the Sunday side – a very difficult challenge given the many alternatives available to the modern player and our younger members. Thank you Ram. The Sunday games turned out to be very much an on/off affair due to the lack of players in our club and in those of the opposition/availability and weather. The Sunday games are a great opportunity for young players to enter senior cricket so others/dads please join your sons/daughters in helping to make Sunday cricket possible for the coming season.

We have been approached by Nomansland Cricket Club who have proposed a merger with Bramshaw for the coming 2016 season. Meetings have taken place and we have in principle agreed to proceed with this merger. Details of how the merger is to be structured is in the process of being drawn up between our two clubs and will be presented to our members at the Bramshaw AGM. Your views and votes are very important so please make an effort to attend the AGM. Nomansland members will be invited to the AGM too.

To keep up to date with the club activities please follow the web site and of course the newsletter that Brian provides. Articles for this will be gratefully received.

Arthur Stickland - Chairman.

Hampshire League Presentation Evening

We were picked up at Totton Tennis Club by a very comfortable 16 seater coach and driven to the Apollo Hotel in Basingstoke where Mark joined us. After a drink in the bar (thank you Zane) we went into the restaurant where we shared two tables with teams from Hungerford and Stockbridge. The beef roast was very tasty if a bit sparse for healthy appetites! This was followed by apple crumble.

Then came the presentations for the league winners, winning batsmen and bowlers. A young U19 England player presented the trophies and Mike Vimpany hosted the presentations. Bramshaw proudly received the league winners trophy for County Division 3 South. After a team photo we had to return it but got to keep a smaller trophy for the club house and individual trophies for each player, the umpire and even the scorer. Anne Craft was duly thanked for her organization.

It was a very pleasant evening with a lot of laughter especially on the journey home! It was particularly nice to be driven in such a comfortable coach. Thank you! But this did probably mean more thick heads on Saturday morning!!

Pat Hart – 1stXI Scorer

Dates for your Diary

BRAMSHAW CRICKET CLUB

AGM

The Bell Inn, Brook

Tuesday 24th. November 7 for 7.30p.m.

The Annual AGM is going to take place at The Bell Inn, Brook 7p.m. for 7.30p.m on Tuesday 25th. November.

Please make every effort to attend as Nomansland Cricket Club has asked if they can join with Bramshaw next year as they feel they haven't enough players to carry on. Your views on this matter are really important – so please come along and let us know. Nominations have now closed. The final list is included below:

POSITION	NAME	NOMINATED BY:	SECONDED BY:
President	Kevin Longman	Phil Curl	Zane D, Monte
Vice President	Brian Leavey	Lindsay Lawler	Phil Curl
Chairman	Arthur Stickland	Brian Hart	Ian Whitcher
Vice Chairman	Lindsay Lawler	Andrew Hart	Brian Hart
Secretary	Brian Hart	Andrew Hart	Zane D, Monte
Treasurer	Phil Curl	Andrew Hart	Zane D' Monte
Fixture Secretary	Andrew Hart	Theresa Whitcher	Arthur Stickland
Membership Secretary	Ian Whitcher	Brian Hart	Zane D, Monte
Welfare Officer	Theresa Whitcher	Andrew Hart	Phil Curl
1 st . XI Captain	Andrew Hart	Zane D' Monte	Theresa Whitcher
2 nd . XI Captain	Gary Loveless	Andrew Hart	Lindsay Lawler
3 rd . XI Captain	Ian Loveless	Gary Loveless	Phil Curl
Club XI Captain	Ram	Andrew	Ian Whitcher
Border League Captain - Bramshaw	Jo Coombs	Andrew Hart	Phil Curl
Border League Captain - Nomansland	Terry Harrison	Gary Loveless	Phil Curl
Under 11's Manager	Zane D' Monte	Brian Hart	Andrew Hart
Under 13's Manager	Zane D' Monte	Brian Hart	Andrew Hart
Colts Co-ordinator	Ian Whitcher	Andrew Hart	Zane D' Monte
Development Officer	Brian Hart	Phil Curl	Zane D' Monte
Auditors	Kevin Longman	Andrew Hart	Brian Hart
Trustees	As Appointed – Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer		

Committee Round Up

Joining with Nomansland Cricket Club

This was the main item for discussion at the last Committee meeting. At a later date the 3 officers of the Bramshaw Committee met with the Chairman and Secretary of Nomansland Cricket Club to discuss the following issues:

1. Name of the new club – This is a key issue. If the name of the club is changed to Bramshaw & Nomansland Cricket Club then Bramshaw will lose its Clubmark Accreditation as in effect the joint cricket club will be a new one and the Clubmark process will have to start all over again. This would involve weeks of work. If the joint club keeps the name of Bramshaw Cricket club there would be no problem and Bramshaw would retain its Clubmark Accreditation – which has only just been re-approved.
2. Philosophy for the future – i.e. a) Bramshaw has encouraged young players to be involved and not just bat number eleven and field on the boundary. b) Players should play in the team they are picked for.
3. Constitution – dissolution.
4. Clubmark – Name of the club, Club Welfare Officer, CRB's etc....
5. Role of Membership Secretary. Members - communication and consultation throughout the process.
6. Relinquishing and re-establishing committee roles.
7. Location of Honours Boards.
8. Finances – membership fees, match fees.
9. Nomansland Ground Costs – Pavilion, Preparation of the wicket etc. Relationship with the Forestry Commission/National Park.
10. Insurance, Bar Licence.
11. Logo, new club colours and name for the new kit and sponsorship arrangements.
12. Website - Andrew was proposing to refresh the Bramshaw site this winter.
13. Club histories and identities and how these can be retained through amalgamation.
14. All historical statistics on the web site.
15. Presentation Day – Trophies.
16. Border League sides.
17. Colts Academy.
18. Vice Presidents, Life Members. 19. Any other issues.

HAMPSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 3 SOUTH

Bramshaw 1st. XI Winners of the Hampshire Cricket League 3 South 2015.



PLAYER PROFILE – BAILEY LOVELESS

Age: 15

Born: Salisbury

Cricket Profile: Left arm very slow medium bowler, left handed tail ender

Personal: Content with life

Occupation: Student

Likes: Most sports

Music: Eminem, Ed Sheeran

Food: KFC, Nando's

Sports Played: Cricket, football

Sports Watched: Any

Favourite Films: Forest Gump

Favourite Actors: Tom Hanks

Favourite Places Visited: Haven't really been anywhere exotic so probably Lords and Wembley

Colour: Blue

Dislikes: Phil Curl's humour

Who was your boyhood hero? Didier Drogba

Tell us one thing we wouldn't know about you? I got to the south of England chess finals when I was 10 so I am quite good at chess I suppose

What is the one possession you couldn't do without? The fridge

What is your most memorable cricket match? Under 11's; the opposition needed 2 to win from the last over and somehow I bowled a maiden

Favourite Shot? The traditional edge through slips because it is my highest run scoring shot

Do you have any superstitions? Nope

When did you start playing cricket?

When I was 9 for Bramshaw colts

If you didn't play cricket what would you do? Probably watch more cricket