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COVE CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Bowling into 2025 – The First Over of Our CCC Newsletter!



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the First CCC Newsletter of 2025

As we kick off another exciting year at the club, I am pleased to share this Chairman's Update with you. In February, I provided a summary of 2024 and highlighted some of the key initiatives and projects on the horizon for 2025 at our AGM. Once again, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the committee for their ongoing commitment and tireless work, which plays a critical role in ensuring the club's success and financial stability. Their dedication is what keeps the wheels turning behind the scenes.

As many of you will be aware, Roy Finney has decided to step down as President after a long and highly valued tenure. His leadership, support, and contributions have been greatly appreciated by all of us, and we are deeply thankful for the time and energy he has invested in the club over the years. While we will certainly miss him in this role, we are pleased to announce that Peter Noyce has taken on the position of President. Peter is already working closely with the committee to review our ongoing activities and help drive the club forward. We are excited for the future under Peter's leadership.

Turning to our financial position, I am happy to report that we remain in a strong and stable position. However, it's important to note that we have recently invested a significant amount of funds in essential projects and the replacement of equipment that had reached the end of its useful life. As a result, we are now focusing on raising additional funds for upcoming projects. We will be doing this through JustGiving and the ECB fund-matching scheme. More details about how you can contribute will follow later in the newsletter, and I encourage you to get involved where possible.

With the cricket season fast approaching, it's exciting to see that our teams have been keeping sharp with winter nets at all levels. We're all looking forward to getting outdoors once the Easter period is over. We had an incredible day on Sunday for our Get Set Weekend, with a record number of people joining us to get the grounds ready for the upcoming season. The energy and enthusiasm were truly inspiring as we tackled everything from tidying up the grounds to giving our facilities a fresh shine. It's days like these that remind us how powerful community spirit can be.

As we move into the season, we're always on the lookout for volunteers who are willing to help out with the smaller tasks that keep everything running smoothly. Whether it's maintaining the grounds, assisting with events, or supporting behind the scenes, every bit of help goes a long way. If you're one of those people who enjoys getting involved and supporting the club, please keep us informed – we'd love to have you on board! Your ongoing support truly makes all the difference.

Finally, please remember that all memberships are now due. This year, we are introducing a membership card scheme, which will give you access to various benefits, including discounted bar prices, reduced hiring costs, and more. Membership is essential to access these perks, so please ensure you've renewed your membership.

As always, I look forward to seeing you around the club and enjoying the summer season with you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.



ROY FINNEY

Honorary Life Member



NICK RANDALL

Vice President



ANDY SHORT

Vice President

AWARDS

We are delighted to announce some well-deserved recognitions at Cove Cricket Club:

Roy Finney – Honorary Life Membership

Congratulations to Roy Finney on being awarded Honorary Life Membership. Roy's dedication and passion for the club have made a lasting impact, and this honour is a reflection of his outstanding contributions over the years.

Nick Randall & Andy Short – Vice Presidents

A big congratulations to Nick Randall and Andy Short, who have both been appointed ****Vice Presidents**** of the club. Both Nick and Andy have been involved with Cove Cricket Club their entire lives – from playing as juniors to adult cricket, coaching, ground work, and supporting the club in many roles. They continue to play an active part in the club, and this recognition is a token of appreciation for their lifelong commitment and ongoing support.

Please join us in celebrating Roy, Nick, and Andy for their well-deserved achievements!

AN UPDATE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN NICK RANDALL

Season Recap and Looking Forward to 2025

As we reflect on the season, it's clear that while we faced some challenges, there were also many bright spots and plenty to be proud of. We finished 7th in the league with 5 wins, 2 draws, 9 losses, and 2 games abandoned. The season started slower than we'd hoped, but the team showed resilience and determination as we found our rhythm. While inconsistency with the bat held us back at times, our bowlers, particularly Tom Redhead, who took 32 wickets (second-best in the league), gave us plenty of reasons for optimism.



A true highlight of the season was Jerome Bossr, who finished as our top scorer with 648 runs, including a stunning 221* against Harpsden – a new club record! Jerome's impact, both with the bat and as a mentor, was invaluable, and he certainly set an example for the team. His contributions, along with the leadership of our players, helped guide the team to key victories. One such moment was James Hammond, who stepped up in a must-win relegation battle against Binfield, leading the team to an important win.

The collective effort of the squad was something to celebrate. While availability was a challenge at times, the commitment shown by those who consistently attended training made a real difference. Our younger players have made huge strides this season, and with the support of Jerome and others, we continued to push ourselves to improve. Our training sessions were more productive than ever, thanks to Kerry and the team's excellent use of the new app, which greatly aided organisation and planning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the captains for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. Each of you played an essential role in managing the teams and ensuring we put out competitive sides week in, week out. Your commitment is truly appreciated, and it's important that we recognise your contributions.

Looking ahead to 2025, there's a real sense of excitement at the club. We are thrilled to welcome Dubs Wood as our new 1st XI captain, and with Alex Sylow arriving soon as our overseas player, we have fantastic leadership and expertise within the squad. The team is ready to build on the solid foundation laid this season, and with such great practice facilities, including bowling machines and nets, we're well-equipped to focus on improving key areas like batting quality.

One of our key priorities next season will be ensuring consistent attendance at training. With a little more commitment to training and availability, we're confident that we can unlock the full potential of the squad. We're also excited about upcoming opportunities, including additional workshops and training sessions to further develop our skills and strengthen the team's bond. With Dubs and Alex guiding us, we have no doubt that we'll make incredible progress in the year ahead!



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I'd also like to extend a special thank you to Martin Cure for his tireless work in getting numbers up for the lower sides, ensuring we had enough players for the season. Martin's efforts have been crucial in maintaining the strength of our club and have continued into this winter's training sessions, which have been well-attended so far.

As always, a massive thank you to everyone who contributed this season. From Chris Moore, whose dedication to the high-tech scoring system has been invaluable, to Kerry for keeping the club engaged and entertained with her fantastic social media content. We also want to thank the Grounds Committee for their unwavering commitment to maintaining the pitch in top condition despite the unpredictable weather – your hard work doesn't go unnoticed!

As you will all have seen, I have appointed Lara Gear as First team captain. She has played for the club for many years as well as Hants U18. I believe she is absolutely the right person to work with myself to move the club into a new era and create a new culture where we all help each other progress, as one club.

I believe this is a fantastic opportunity for the club to change for the better, that being said I sincerely hope everyone gets behind her in what can be a very daunting and thankless task, and help Lara in her journey into captaincy. Lara has already made great strides in planning and executing a structured, fun and educational training environment. This has been really great to see.

I believe with everyone pulling in the same direction this can be a successful season for cove in all areas as well as a huge stepping stone into future seasons.

With the 2025 season just around the corner, we're full of optimism and energy for the season ahead. Together, we'll continue to grow, develop, and build a club culture based on commitment, support, and teamwork. Let's make this season one to remember, with more success, more fun, and even more positive energy! Here's to a fantastic year ahead – bring on 2025!

Nick

MEET THE CAPTAINS



SATURDAY 1ST
Dubs Wood



SATURDAY 2ND
Matt Farr



SATURDAY 3RD
Richard Swannell



SATURDAY 4TH
Martin Cure



WOMENS
Lara Gear

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT 2024



- 20** Training sessions from W/C 5th Feb - 29th July
- 77** Matches played across Junior cricket
- 120** Junior members



**46 All stars
signed up in
2024**

Volunteers

We are a club with great facilities & a successful youth set up. This only happens because we have a dedicated army of volunteers who put in many hours of effort to make cove what it is today. Coaches, Junior Coaches, Team admin, First aiders, Umpires Scorers, Welfare, Junior kitchen and much more.



U9 to U17 Girls





JUNIOR SECTION UPDATES

Cove Cricket Club Junior Section - 2024 Year in Review

2024 has truly been a landmark year for Cove Cricket Club's junior section, and we are thrilled to reflect on all the incredible achievements that made this season one to remember. With over 120 juniors registering, ranging from ages 5 to 17, the turnout was outstanding, showcasing the growing strength and popularity of our junior program.

Our U11 mixed team achieved an impressive victory by winning their league, while our U13s capped off an outstanding season by taking home the coveted cup. Perhaps one of the most exciting highlights was the return of our U16 girls team, which reinvigorated the club with fresh enthusiasm and talent.

The success of 2024 extends beyond the trophies, with several of our teams earning promotion back to Division One in their respective age groups. Additionally, the introduction of B sides for younger teams reflects our commitment to nurturing talent at all levels, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to develop and succeed.

One of the highlights of our season was the annual Cove Tournament, where over 100 children from the local community came together to compete and showcase their skills. It's always a fantastic event that brings families and the wider community together, and we are already looking forward to our 2025 tournament!

Looking ahead to the 2025 season, things are certainly shaping up for another exciting year. With great weather on the horizon, we're thrilled to welcome back junior nights at Grassmere Road, a highlight for all our players. We are also pleased to announce that Dubs Wood will be stepping in as the new club coach, leading our junior section with fresh ideas and dynamic training methods. We're excited to see how his leadership will elevate our juniors and continue the momentum we've built over the past year.

As we reflect on 2024, we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of our junior section: the players, parents, coaches, team managers, ground staff, and everyone else who made this year so enjoyable. Your dedication, passion, and support are what make Cove Cricket Club such a special place.

With all the exciting plans in place for 2025, we are looking forward to another fantastic season ahead. Here's to even more success, and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

Best of luck for the upcoming season!

Andy

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THE CLUB HOUSE



Welcome Back to the Clubhouse Bar!

As the new cricket season begins, we're thrilled to welcome players, members, and family's back to the heart of our club – the bar. Whether you're celebrating a win, dissecting the day's play, or just enjoying the sunshine with a cold drink, this is the place to be. We've stocked up on your favourites, brought some new to try, and the terrace is ready for those long summer evenings. Here's to another great season of cricket and community – see you at the bar!

Next Club social event

COVE CRICKET CLUB
Big Bash BINGO!
SATURDAY 26TH APRIL
BAR OPEN FROM 7PM
BINGO FROM 8PM
WITH OUR SPECIAL CALLER
ANDY SHORT & RESIDENT DJ
STUART

Natasha Marisa & Geoff Owen
Cricket Match & Charity Fundraiser
Monday 25th August
Cove Cricket Club
Play starts at 10.00am

- Cricket Tea in the tent
- Auction
- Raffle
- BBQ
- Cake Sale

Cricket tea Tickets available from Karen Raine or Helen Finney.
karenraine69@hotmail.co.uk
hfinney1969@gmail.com

Donations can be made to TYAC by following the link below or scanning the QR code. All monies raised will be used to provide fun days out to create memories for families affected by a cancer diagnosis.
shorturl.at/rFT36

FUNDRAISING 2025

This year, Cove Cricket Club is excited to be fundraising in a variety of ways to help improve our facilities and purchase new equipment for the benefit of our players and the community. We'll be hosting events, running raffles, organising sponsored activities, and seeking donations to ensure we have the resources we need to continue growing and enhancing the sport at our club. We would love for our members to get involved in any way they can, whether that's volunteering, participating in fundraising events, or simply spreading the word. Every contribution, big or small, will make a significant difference as we work towards providing better facilities and equipment that will help improve the cricketing experience for everyone involved.



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TEAM FUNDRAISING

Each junior team will choose their own sponsored event. Watch out for more information from each team



PERFORMANCE SQUAD WINTER UPDATE:

Building Strength and Momentum for the Summer

As we move into outdoor training and the days grow longer, our Performance Squad has been hard at work throughout the winter, setting the stage for a successful season ahead. Over the past few months, the squad has focused on strength and conditioning, ensuring they are physically prepared for the challenges of the season. These early months of hard work have been essential in building the fitness and resilience needed for peak performance.

In late January, the squad shifted into more specific cricket training, hitting the nets and refining their skills in preparation for the upcoming season. With a renewed sense of focus, our players have been improving their techniques, pushing their limits, and getting match-ready.

This year, we've invited some exciting new younger talent to join the Performance Squad, while saying goodbye to a few of our older players who have now outgrown the programme. It's always a bittersweet moment as we watch these players move on, but we're thrilled to bring fresh energy into the squad. The Performance Squad continues to bring together talented individuals from across the club, and we're excited to see how these new additions develop and contribute as they push towards the next level of their cricketing journey.

The hard work, dedication, and energy of the entire squad are evident, and we look forward to watching these players grow as they transition into adult cricket this summer. The camaraderie between the juniors and more experienced players remains strong, and we're excited to see how they come together as a team.

With all the preparation behind us, we're excited for what the summer holds and can't wait to see the squad in action. The hard work and commitment of every player are laying the groundwork for an exciting season of cricket!

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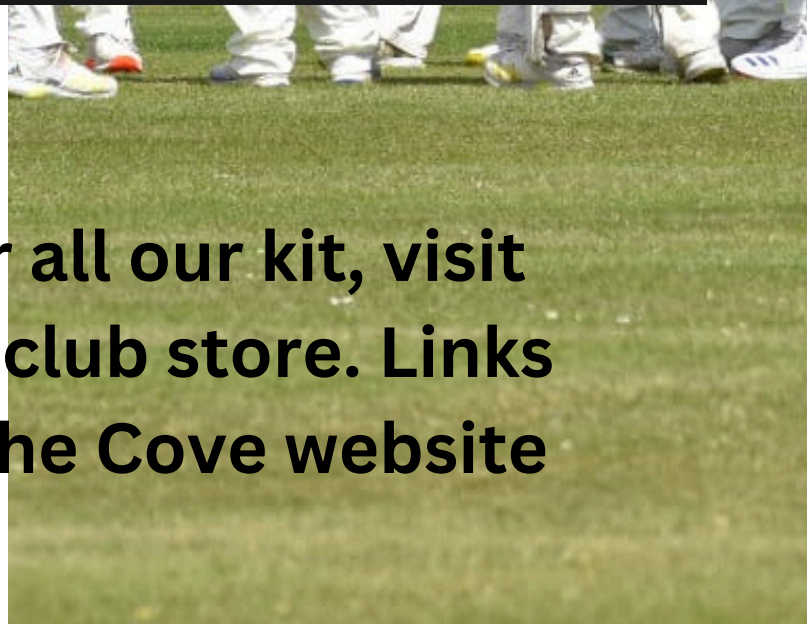


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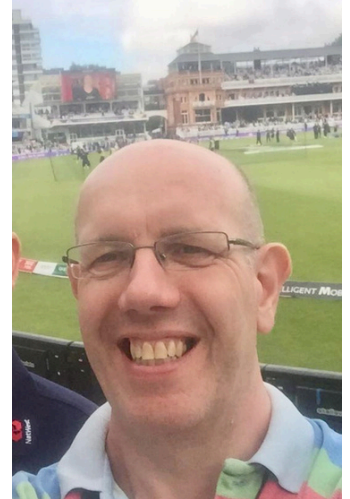
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A FEW WORDS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT PETER NOYCE

It is obviously a great privilege to be elected as President of Cove Cricket Club and I'm delighted to pen a few words for this newsletter.

I've been greatly encouraged by interactions so far with the committee and officers, very much enjoyed the AGM in February and pleased to see that the same passion for CCC still exists from when I was last on the Executive Committee a number of years ago now.



I would also like to echo Troy's comments as regards Roy's tenure as President and whilst applauding his commitment, efforts, and achievements in the role, we also wish him all the best with his slight reduced workload, although I would be surprised if Roy ever adopts that!

As with any Club, there is much to do, and we must continue to listen to our members together with ensuring the sustainability of CCC both cricket-wise across all teams, and as a social hub for the next generations. I am passionate that the club is very much a community within itself but also plays an important, positive role in our wider community.

I look forward to seeing many of you at CCC over the coming months as the season commences and hopefully the social events that have always been enjoyable and are a very important income generator for CCC, so the support and organising of those events is much appreciated, across the hirings and bar teams.

A final thank you goes to the volunteers that offer so much time to CCC across all teams, events, and roles; this is one thing that has set the Club up so well over the decades and is as key now as ever.

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