

# COUNTESS WEAR CRICKET CLUB

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## Chairman's Column

Welcome to the 2013 season and what is our Diamond Jubilee Year. I hope that you have wintered well. As I have already mentioned 2013 sees the arrival of our 60th Anniversary and the start which hopefully will be successful, both on and off the field. Unfortunately, as those who attended the AGM will know, it was agreed that we should withdraw from the South Devon Sunday League, due to a number of reasons, which when added together was felt to be in the long term interest of the Club. To compensated for this we are looking to arrange around 6/7 local Sunday friendlies. On a positive side the Club have re-joined the Exeter Evening League and has continued with a side in both the Corinthian Cup and T20.

The colts set up is progressing. Teams have been entered in the East Devon Youth League at under 12 and under 14 level and it is intended to play friendlies for the under 10's. Currently around 16-20 different colts attend Friday training at St Lukes. Neil Pateman and Mark Davey have already helped out James and myself but if anyone else is able to help between 4.15pm and 5.45pm, they are more than welcome. The more people helping the easier it is to give individual attention. The Club have been asked to provide coaching to St Lukes and 6 primary schools, starting after Easter and James will be coordinating this and it is hoped that the colts section numbers swell as a result. We are fortunate to have a number of parents keen to support and help James and Martin and as a result a subcommittee has been formed to help the colt's manager. As a result Vikki Downs, who has volunteered to act as secretary to this section, has been coopted onto the Club committee.

A number of joint events have already been run and it is hoped that the increased development of the junior section, coupled with the players being integrated into the senior sides, will ensure that this continues and grows.

The Committee will be arranging a number of fundraising, social and working party events over the year and everyone is asked to attend. Even the working parties can be fun! You will find some dates elsewhere in this newsletter but other events will take place over the year. Look out for emails and notices in the pavilion.

Senior nets were held for 2 weeks in February and will recommence in April, as detailed elsewhere. Friendly fixtures are also arranged in April. Practice is important to help us hit the ground running when the season starts, so please try and attend, to help the Club get off to a good start. The Club is always looking to improve and promotion for all teams has to be the aim. In the past we have struggled for numbers at times so if anyone knows of possible new players bring them along to nets.

Good luck to all, for the season, and I hope to see you all whether it be playing, supporting or attending social and fundraising events.

Remember – Wear are family!

## 2012 Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Coaver Club in Exeter and the minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all members shortly. They will also be made available on the website at [www.countesswearcc.co.uk](http://www.countesswearcc.co.uk).



Full details of the committee members can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

## First matches of 2013 season

1<sup>st</sup> XI

4<sup>th</sup> May 2013 - Shaldon Optimists away

2<sup>nd</sup> XI

4<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – Upottery home

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain's report

**Headline:** The Wear's season mirrors that of a British summer...Optimism followed by disappointment. Following a superb start to the season with 3 wins from 3 games all at the club could be forgiven for expecting big things from the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Unfortunately things did not go as planned and the season ended with the Wear needing 14 points in a nervous last game away to Honiton.

The season started what seems like an eternity ago now, with a dramatic home win against a very good Seaton side. After being put in to bat on a damp track (like most of the season) we scored a respectable 143 all out, what happened in the second half of the match was unfortunately the highlight of a tough season. In a tight game it came down to the last over with Seaton only needing 4 to tie 5 to win and the Wear needing 1 wicket. I threw the ball to Mark Davey with one thing in mind 'Don't screw this up' he didn't and proceeded to bowl a wicket maiden to win us the game with the very last ball. Incroyable...

The next 2 games were straight forward with wins over Whimple & Cockington, however we then lost our next 3 games scoring 14 points total. On another wet day with the skipper absent the guys caused a big upset and beat the champions elect Yelverton on a low scoring deck (big toss to win). The wear did not register another win until the last game of the season with 4 cancellations and 4 losses in a dismal run of form and weather. The main aim of the season was secured with the wear staying in the D Division but unless we can add signings to the club it will always be a struggle to get 11 D Division standard players on the pitch at the same time. The target for next year must be survival again and we have to make sure we turn some of those terrible losses into draws and add a couple more wins to our tally.

There were some good performances during the season, Par Singh took 3 fivers and with it £75 from Bongo. Mark Davey scored over 450 runs and James Bogue again scoring over 350 runs. I would also like to congratulate Par Singh on his Devon Selection and figures of 6-57 against Worcestershire, this was the 10<sup>th</sup> best bowling figures at under 16's Devon cricket.

As I am going to be a proud father in November I will be stepping down as First Team captain effective immediately. I cant commit to being available every game and do not want to be chasing players from Tuesday to Friday, I would like to thank everyone who did a tea this season and the leagues best umpire Ian Baskerville for always being around. I would also like to thank 'Super' Dave Sapiecha for always accepting when the first team need players they can have who they want.

Cheers Guys, Sugs

## Sunday Team Captain's report

Dear Chairman and members of the Committee, I am writing this to confirm my resignation as CWCC Sunday captain.

To say that this year has been a disaster is a massive understatement. In 10 SDL games, we have only got 11 players out 3 times, including playing 1 match with 8 and also we had to call off a game vs. Plympton due to the fact we only had 7 available, although we did lose 2 games to the weather.

Every year we have the same arguments regarding players making themselves available for Sundays, but the fact remains that if a few more 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teamers would play 2/3 games each a year then this would make the job a lot easier. I find it hard to believe that we struggle this badly to get sides out, as the standard of teams that we have played this season is good on the whole and it is an excellent chance for people to find a bit of form or to keep themselves in good nick.

I have to admit the support I have received in general from the club has been shocking, with very few people willing to help out. I would like to thank Phil Wakely for covering umpiring duties and also to Owen Smith who has scored/umpired on a few occasions and also to the ground staff for producing quality pitches, which have been commented on by various players/club members of other teams.

I fear for the immediate future of the Sunday team as in 2/3 years this team should be full of promising colts who can use it to gain vital experience of men's cricket, just like I did and many others before me. Without the support of the players and the club we will lose this avenue for the colts and they may look to play elsewhere in order to get a game in.

Sundays also represent income for the club and we will also lose this if there isn't a team of any kind. This season has been a real disappointment to me personally and on the back of that I have decided not to play Sunday cricket next year at all, regardless if we're in the SDL, or playing friendlies etc. I understand everyone had responsibilities outside of cricket, but if we are to move forward as a club, everyone has to do their bit, no matter how big or small.

Thank you, Nugs

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## Colt's report

### Under 11's pairs

Despite a somewhat difficult season the Under 11 pairs managed to complete 4 games. Beating Clyst St George by 23 runs and losing in the return match to Clyst and losing twice to a reasonably strong Alphington team.

I am of a firm belief that we have a potentially strong side in the making with encouraging performances seen from Freddie and Zac Burnard, Will Wood, Bradley Moore, Fintan Meadows.

Particularly some good bowling performances were seen from Lewis Edwards, Rahul and James Tyler, having his first experience of hard ball. The side was well skippered by the capable all rounder Garreth Blackmore. A word of thanks goes out to our opposition who allowed older players to appear to help boost numbers, to ensure games were played.

### Under 13's

Oddly enough, this was still a difficult season as well!! 7 matches were completed

Lost to Sampford Peverell by 38 runs

Topsham by 76 runs

Thorverton by 98 runs and 53 runs

Very strong Exeter by 110 runs,

A narrow defeat was encountered against Bradninch by 3 runs and in my absence a victory was recorded against Culmstock by 44 runs!! After losing James Bovey in the January transfer window the side was very enthusiastically skippered by Brad Down. Brad lead with the bat with 65 runs in his matches ( top score of 42 retired ) , followed by PJ Doran with 47 from 3 games, including a very impressive 21 against Exeter.

Ed Mullarkey chipped in with 58 from his 6 matches, Joe Abraham 20 from 5, Oli Gorman 30 from 6 matches and Garreth Blackmore 16 from 3 games. Top wicket taker was Brad Carr with a blistering 6 , including 4 at Bradninch. Joe Abraham 4 wickets, Garreth Blackmore, PJ Doran 3 wickets each. 2 wickets each for Oli Gorman, Tom Harris, Dave Redford, Tom Gresham. Ben Yapp and Brad Down took one each. Great efforts in the field were also seen by Ed Gibbs, Euan Jones ( prior to injury!!) Dan Priest and Toby Criss.

All the lads in the squads showed great attitude during the season at all training sessions and matches alike.

The biggest plus side was the introduction of of senior cricket to four colts : Ed Mullarkey, Brad Down, PJ Doran and Joe Abraham who played second team cricket with great enthusiasm and all were complimented by the seniors that had the pleasure to play along side them. This was a brilliant step forward for the club and will be looking to do the same next season, with other colts being given their opportunity to represent CWCC at senior level. Finally we can get rid of the dinosaurs such as Messrs Adams, Bovey and Sapiecha!!

My thanks largely go to James for his coaching abilities pre and during the season, together with James Blackmore who assisted during the season. More importantly to my very own PA Vikki Down, who has done a sterling job of communicating with the parents, organising a recent event at the Jubilee Club for our end of season get together which involved over 30 lads and parents. In this respect big thanks to VP Terry Thorne who donated the food and use of the premises free of charge. Also to Tony Hill who provided his bar services free of charge and provided his joke repertoire to Jacky Abrahams and Vikki.....One wonders if they will go again next year!!

Word of thanks also to the new club photographer Mike Mullarkey who provide funds to the club by the selling of pics and has offered his services next season for 1st , 2nd and colts matches. I hope the club will support him by making a purchase during the season. Also thank you to Simon Gorman the official colts 'tea lady'.

And lastly a big word of thanks and appreciation for the patience shown by all the parents throughout the season which was just dreadful. They will never know the fear inside me when I had to send that email or text advising them that the baby sitting duties had been cancelled due to bad weather and their anticipated two hours of peace was duly shattered!!

Martin Bovey

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## Forthcoming Events

- **Nets at the University** - 4th/11th/18th April. 6pm to 8pm
- **Stewarding Car Boot** at Cattle market – 16<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Quiz Night** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at the Jubilee Club, Pinhoe.

More details will be sent out nearer the time, or if you are on Facebook or Twitter, click the buttons below to like or follow us to get all the info.

Any problems/questions contact Mark Davey 07834625485 or e-mail [onepint@fsmail.net](mailto:onepint@fsmail.net)

## Sainsbury's School Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers for the club, so if anyone shops in Sainsbury's, can they please save the vouchers and let James Bogue have them as soon as possible. James can be contacted on 07989 955116 if you have any queries.

## Committee Members

Chairman	Bob Adams
Secretary	Claire Colman
Treasurer	Peter Darke
Fixtures Secretary	Bob Adams
League Rep	Mike Fernbank
Colts Manager	Martin Bovey
Club Welfare Officer	Neil Pateman
Club Development Officer	James Bogue
Social Secretary	Mark Davey
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	James Bogue
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	David Sapiecha
General Committee	Dave Harkness
	John Liddon
Co-opted to Committee	Vikki Downs
	Bob Berry

## Team Captains

1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	James Bogue 07989 955116
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Vice Captain	Mark Davey 07834 625485
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	David Sapiecha 07545 249706
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Vice Captain	Martin Bovey 07763 106101
Sunday Captain	<i>by rota</i>
Sunday Vice Captain	<i>by rota</i>
Evening League Captain	Neil Pateman 07786 551514

## Social Media



The club now has a Twitter account @CountessWearCC – if you are a Tweeter, come and follow us at [www.twitter.com/countesswearcc](http://www.twitter.com/countesswearcc)



We also have a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Countess-Wear-Cricket-Club](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Countess-Wear-Cricket-Club) so come and 'like' us to keep up to date with club news and events.