



Countess Wear Newsletter

2008 Edition 1



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Pinhoe Dental Centre have kindly sponsored the Club shirts for the past few seasons and will continue their support. Thanks to Ben Jones for his generosity.

1. Chairman's Foreword

"Welcome everyone to 2008 and to what it is hoped can be as successful a year as 2007. We must strive to make sure that what was obtained last season was merely a stepping stone to a bright future for the club. However, on a cautious note we must not rest on our laurels but must endeavour, both on and off the field, to continue this momentum. We have elected, what I feel is a strong committee, including new members Andy Thomas and James Hope, who are already making their presence felt.

We have recently spent money on new ground equipment, are looking to improve the sightscreens and are having the artificial relayed. This means that to generate income, it is important that everyone does their best to support all the fund raising events, which are detailed later. For those that are not already members, the 100 club is a major fundraiser, so if you aren't a member speak to Skins or Beany, who will be more than willing to sign you up.

For those that attended the AGM you will know that we are not entering the Evening League this year, instead we are going to make Tuesdays our practice evenings and occasional evening friendlies will be arranged. This means that a rota has to be introduced for ground work on a Friday, to prepare wickets for the weekend, at most this should involve no more than 2 or 3 times over the season, which I am sure you will all agree is the fairest way. Whilst discussing the playing side, we have players away at University for the early part of the season, early absence through injury and some have moved away from the area. Whilst they hope to return and play some matches they are unlikely to be available every week. It is therefore important that, if we are to progress, we look to bring new players in this season and I would ask everyone to take this on board.

On the colts side, thanks to major input from James Bogue & James Hope we will be running taster sessions in 4 local schools and the children will then be invited to train at the ground when the lighter evenings come. If anyone would like to help they will be more than welcome and should contact either of the James' or myself.

Working together I know that we can make these aims a reality. I thank you for your continued hard-work, support and determination and look forward to you helping take the club forward.

Up the Wear
Bob

Don't forget to check out our website for constant updates and information. Soon to be added are the 2008 fixtures.

www.countesswearcc.co.uk

To add anything CWCC related simply email Mike Fernbank on mike-fern@supanet.com

2. Awards Night

A very successful evening took place at The Devon Hotel on Saturday 10th November with over 60 club members and guests enjoying some great hospitality. The Club President, Anthony Martin, humoured the crowd and Chairman Bob Adams gave his first speech since assuming the new role. Tony Hill, Club Scorer, added to the proceedings with a humorous look inside scorers box – which was considerably less X-rated than everyone had anticipated!

Having had a remarkable double promotion winning campaign the club remembered their successes over the season and looked forward to a bright future.

The deserved awards went to:

CWCC Awards 2007		
1 st XI	Batting	James Bogue
	Bowling	Bob Adams
2 nd XI	Batting	Duncan Smith
	Bowling	Gary Spragg
Sunday XI	Batting	Mark Davey
	Bowling	Roger Holloway*
Midweek XI		Roger Holloway
Young Player of the Year		Adrian Nash
Clubman of the Year (Chairman's Award)		Steve Holland

* Roger dedicated his award to the memory of David Lyttelton who died tragically in December 2006

The Chariman also invited two former playing members to become Vice Presidents of our club. Colin Willett and Terry Thorne, both still actively involved with the club, wholeheartedly accepted the offer and join the distinguished list of CWCC VP's.

3. AGM

The 54th annual AGM was held at Coaver Club on Tuesday 27th November. Around 20 club members voted on issues concerning the following season. All officers were re-elected with new playing member James Hope and Sunday player Andy Thomas newly elected onto the existing committee. Andy (Shandy) Thomas joins Mark (Nugget) Davey on the social committee.



James brings his knowledge and expertise on coaching, equipment and sponsorship to the 12 strong membership. See below for the full list of officers (committee members in blue):

President – Anthony Martin
Chairman – Bob Adams
Hon Secretary – Mike Fernbank
Hon treasurer – Pete Skinner
Welfare Officer – Alan Harley
1st XI Captain – James Bogue
1st XI V.Captain – Steve Holland
2nd XI Captain – Martin Bovey
2nd XI V.Captain – Gary Spragg
Sunday Captain – Phil Irish
Sunday V.Captains – M Davey/P Darke
Committee Member – Ron Patridge
Committee Member – Andy Thomas
Committee Member – James Hope

The main change to the club brought about at the AGM is the decision to withdraw from the evening league. This is in favour of a club practice night with a series of Tuesday evening friendlies on a monthly basis. The decision was taken in the interests of getting more playing members to attend training in order to improve playing performance for weekend matches.

4. Social Events

Saturday 26th January - BEERS:

Unofficial Social. Meet for a night on the beers, starting Mount Radford at 7pm.

Saturday 23rd February - SKITTLES:

Skittles night. 7pm at Exeter Civil Service Club. £5 (Buffet included)

Saturday 29th March – RACE NIGHT:

RACE NIGHT. 7pm Exeter Civil Service Club. More details to follow.
KEEP DATE FREE IN YOUR DIARY

5. Winter Nets

Indoor Nets start at St Peters school on Sunday 3rd Feb 3-5pm. See below for full list. James Hope will be on hand to offer some specialist coaching. Please spread the word, would be good to see all members and some new faces.

COUNTESS WEAR CC – Winter Nets

Date	Time	Venue
Sunday 3 rd February	3-5pm	St Peters
Sunday 10 th February	3-5pm	St Peters
Sunday 17 th February	3-5pm	St Peters
Sunday 24 th February	3-5pm	St Peters
Sunday 2 nd March	3-5pm	St Peters
Sunday 9 th March	3-5pm	St Peters
Sunday 16 th March	3-5pm	St Peters
EASTER		
Sunday 30 th March	4-6pm	St James
Sunday 6 th April	4-6pm	St James

Contact James Bogue on 07989 955116 for more info.

6. Pre-season Friendlies

Bob is working hard on a full Pre-season fixture list. Here is the current situation. Please make yourself available to the relevant captains nearer the time for match practice leading up to the league season.

Sat 12th April: TBC
Sun 13th April: Kenn (a) 2pm

Sat 19th April: TBC
Sun 20th April: Newton Poppleford (h) 2pm

Sat 26th April: Plymouth Corp Officers (h) 2pm
Sun 27th April: Topsham St James (h) 2pm

The league begins on Saturday 3rd May!

7. Indoor League

Owen 'Smudger/Tourets' Smith runs the CWCC indoor team on Sunday mornings in the Exmouth Sports Hall league. Regular players are Owen, Dave Harkness, Phil Irish, Quinn Langtry with guest appearances from Bobby Adams, Adam Frost and Ian Forbes-Brown.

If anyone would like to get involved please contact Owen on [07974 035823](tel:07974035823) or email Owen.Smith@friendsprovident.co.uk

Remaining fixtures on:

20th, 27th January,
3rd, 10th, 24th February,
16th March.
All begin on Sunday morning at 9.30 or 10.30am.

It's a frantic game and great practice for your fielding and running between the wickets. Get out of bed on the weekend and support the club!

Thanks to Owen for doing a great job skippering the side.

8. Ground Work & Car Boot

The Ground Sweep Rota is a list of players who have volunteered to visit the ground one morning on a weekend to sweep the square. The brush is always located outside the pavilion. Please add your name to the list. All you need is half an hour of spare time, dry weather and a confident stride! Please contact Mike 'Bunsen' Fernbank on mike-fern@supanet.com or 07909 885954 to help out.

19/20 Jan: Ron Partridge
26/27 Jan: J Bogue/S Holland
2/3 Feb: Martin Bovey
9/10 Feb: M Davey/ J Liddon
16/17 Feb: **VACANT**
23/24 Feb: **VACANT**
1/2 Mar: J Heaver
8/9 Mar: **VACANT**
15/16 Mar: **VACANT**
22/25 Mar: O Smith/P Skinner
29/30 Mar: **VACANT**
5/6 Apr: **VACANT**

Get your name down!

CAR BOOT SALE – This is a great annual fundraiser for the club, earning over £700 last year. The date for this summer is Sunday 6th July. 12 people required for a 6am start with an extra 6-8 from 10am onwards. Contact Bob Adams to help!

9. Cricket Week & Mini Tour

After last seasons hugely successful cricket tour to Kingston, Surrey the Club have decided to run a mini tour to Cornwall on the weekend 5-7th September. This will involve two matches and two nights out in Cornwall. Travel and Accommodation TBC please put the date in your diary.

To find out more about tour shenanigans in Surrey '07 visit www.countesswearcc.co.uk.

Replacing the tour week will be the resurrection of the COUNTESS WEAR CRICKET WEEK. A full week's programme of matches will be arranged for Mon 18th-Fri 22nd August. A licensed bar and marquee will be fitted around the pavilion. This will be a great fundraiser for the club, please make every effort to get involved.

For further info on TOUR and CRICKET WEEK contact Bobby Adams on 01392 667983 or robertadams23@hotmail.com

10. 100 Club Winners

Every month a draw is made for the hundred club, a list of 100 numbers owned by club members, family and friends.

CWCC members are invited to pay £2.50 a month to enter into the draw which carries three prizes. 1st prize £60, 2nd £30, 3rd £20. Here are the recent winners:

October 07

£60: Mr F Lester £30 Mr P Irish
£20 Mrs A Simpson

November 07

£60 Miss J Andrews £30 Mrs G Martin
£20 Mr M Jones

December 07

£60 Mr P Darke £30 Mr P Skinner
£20 Miss J Andrews

CHRISTMAS DRAW

£100 Mr T Hill £50 Mr R Taylor
£30 Mr P Skinner

January 07

£60 Mr A Partridge £30 Mr R Adams
£20 Mrs J Taylor

To own a number in the 100 club giving yourself a chance to win £60 every month please contact Martin Bovey on 07763 106101 or martinbovey@blueyonder.co.uk

11. Players Corner

Great News – James Hope has signed for 2008 season. CWCC would like to welcome back James and look forward to a successful campaign both on and off the field.

Hopey is offering coaching sessions in one-one and group sessions throughout 2008. Its £20 pre session and available any Saturday in Exeter from Feb 2008 onwards. Contact James on (0)1884 860289 or 07795 550727 for more info.

Each newsletter we will be running a player profile. This month it's current 1st Team opening bat and Sunday vice captain Mark Davey...



Name	Mark Davey
Nickname	Nugget, Little Chef
D.O.B	22 October 1982

CWCC	
Who is your cricketing role model?	Graham Thorpe
Favourite CWCC moment?	Winning the league last year. Personally, 1st ton
Hopes and aspirations for 2008?	Keep the team spirit going, and to play at the highest level I can with CWCC
Other Sport	
Football Team	ECFC (the REAL pride of Devon!!)
Favourite other sports?	Golf and Darts
Who will win the Six Nations?	England
Lifestyle	
Favourite Food	Chicken Curry
Holiday Destination	Barbados
What CD is in your car at the moment?	Def Leppard
Ideal woman (other than wife or partner!)	Catherine Zeta Jones
Relaxing away from the cricket pitch	Out on the town with the Wear boys and WAGS!
If I won the lottery I would.....	Make sure the people I love and care about are secure, then have a massive party!!