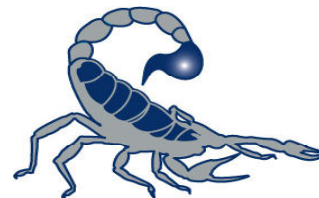




Hampset News

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Senior Cricket

1 st team	Won 5, lost 4	Position 4 th
2 nd team	Won 3, lost 5	Position 7 th
3 rd team	Won 5, lost 5	Position 4 th
Sunday A XI	Won 7, lost 3	Position 2 nd

All teams have equipped themselves well, with the 1st team and Sunday A XI having the chance to push for the top of their tables. One performer who deserves a special mention is 13 year old Nicky Fairman who has taken two 5 wicket hauls for the 3rd team, including 7 for 37 against Pak Bristolians. For a leg spinner so young this is an outstanding achievement and bodes very well for the future. The development team has been ably led by Matt Ball. We struggled with availabilities at the start of the season, but development games are now being played and proving very competitive. Thanks to all the captains for their hard work and to all of you that have come and supported the teams. Some home games have had a significant number of spectators, which is always much appreciated by the players.

Can all players please assist captains and the selection committee by **confirming availabilities each week before Tuesday night, when teams are finalised**. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Many thanks to Matt Sellars for running the extremely successful **Hampset Fantasy Cricket League** - Pete Bagnall currently tops the table.

We leave for the five day **tour to Brighton on 3 August** – please let me know as soon as possible if you still want to come. It's £31 per night.

The Youth Cricket Awards Presentations were held on 24 July to recognise the performances of our very large youth section. Thanks to Adrian Jeffrey for overseeing Youth Team Management.

Jon Solly, Cricket Manager
(07813 122160 or jsolly@hotmail.com)

Youth Cricket

There are over 120 youths aged from 6 to 15 and we have managed to run seven hardball teams as planned, thanks to the efforts of our coaches and managers. Dave Young and I have put a lot of effort in to keep the under 11s going (in the absence of parental support to manage two of the teams) and Chris Pearce, Andy Clarke, Caroline Cronin, Gary Lewis and Dave Copeland are experienced managers for all the other teams. Dave Copeland deserves special thanks as he completes five years of team management this year, as well as supporting the club in many other ways. Dave is stepping down in 2010 but the rest are willing to continue. We do need under 11s managers to run teams at that level.

On 24 June we had an invitation XI from various teams who played against a South African under 13 side at Midsomer Norton. The South Africans had three teams from the Far North Cricket Club, Johannesburg. Hampset played the Far North "B" XI and did very well in taking 9 wickets, with Nicky Fairman (4-1-15-3) bagging three with some excellent leg spin. Far North scored 121 compared to our 52. Nick Fairman (10) and Josh Sutton (12) were the pick of the batters. We also fielded very well and took some good catches.

As we run a lot of teams, our best players are spread across a range of ages and don't always play in the same team. Therefore we are often weaker than a lot of the opposing teams and lose more games than we win. However, participation is more important than winning and although the teams are losing they still enjoy playing matches.

We have a great team of people involved in youth cricket and we work together to achieve a lot. I have had a lot of pleasure seeing the youngsters enjoy cricket and also the parents enjoying the summer evenings watching and helping out.

Adrian Jeffrey, Youth Team Manager

Cricketing posts for 2010 will be elected at the cricket meeting on 12 September at 7pm – please come along to this meeting if you want to have a say on how all aspects of Hampset cricketing is run. All positions for election will be on the notice board at the club and will be emailed to you.

Stellas – the Season so Far!!

As the Stellas return from their mid-season jaunt abroad to the Isle of Wight, we have time to reflect on the season. Results are good – winning 4 out of 7 games, with a rather unlikely draw as well! Only two matches have ended in violence so far!

But, as most of you will be aware, Stellas aren't about results - we are about the appreciation of the finer things, which mainly revolve around events after the actual hitting/running/chucking bit.

This year's progress is best measured by the debuts of Andy and Terry, and the re-emergence of a couple of old favourites – Puts and Rongo. Huggy has consolidated his position as a regular and Terry "Pandyman" Sandys has re-established himself as "Head Sausage-Nicker". Following in the footsteps of Kissi, Lobster and Smiffy Junior, the Stella Youth Academy's continued success was marked recently by the debut of Shaun Lewis and yet another Baller! This is just as well, with no less than 5 of us getting 'injured' in the space of 2 matches.

The next update should see the final season statistics available, as well as a tour report and injury updates. In the meantime, if you've nothing to do on a Thursday night, come and join us!

Gary Lewis - Stellas

John Bell's 80th Birthday Party

On Sunday 24 May John Bell celebrated his 80th birthday at the Clubhouse. People turned up from far and wide, including past and present members, players and social members. Club Chairman Jon Flagg and ex-player Pete Thomas both spoke on John Bell's commitment to Hampset CC both on and off the field. John Bell's speech included his "Best XI Hampset Players", which he said he would have been more than happy to captain. Around 70 people enjoyed the day which was blessed by good weather.

Stan Szczotko - Vice Chairman

Subscriptions

If you haven't paid already, 2009 subscriptions are overdue. Payments (cheques payable to Hampset CC) can be made to any committee member.

Hampset Fashion

Hampset tops and fleeces are available at £20 and blue polo shirts at £12. Female and junior sizes are also available. Contact Nick Lear (nickandkatielear@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

Bar Rota

The Club maintains a totally voluntary rota for manning the bar and is **constantly in need of new volunteers**. It is essential that as many members as possible take a turn on the bar to ease the burden on the few that help out regularly.

If you can help by running the bar once a month it would be appreciated. Please contact John Nicholas or Stan Szczotko at the Clubhouse or email somersetstan@aol.com, for more details. It's not that demanding and can be fun.

Cricket Teas

We still need **tea volunteers** - if anyone is willing, or knows someone who is willing to help, then please contact Ruth Solly on 01225 837085 or at ruthsolly@fastmail.fm.

Clubhouse Opening Times

Opening times are 8.00 to 11.00 pm Monday to Saturday and 12.00 to 2.00 pm on a Sunday. Details of what's on each week are displayed on the notice board just inside the front door.

The Clubhouse can also be made available for use by Club Members at a cost of £15.00 per event, or £50.00 per event for non-members. All events need to be approved by the Operations Committee. For more details on using the Club contact Stan Szczotko (somersetstan@aol.com).

Social Calendar

A copy of the updated Social Calendar is enclosed. Details are also in the Fixture Card, on the Clubhouse notice board and on the website. The Calendar is managed by our Social Secretary - Jeanette Porter (jeanetteporter@hotmail.com).

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Porter family following the birth of Jayden, and to Mark Prentice and Kathryn Clements, who will be getting married in September.

Your Newsletter

Please try to think of Hampset News as **your** Newsletter. We are always keen to look for improvements, so please send any comments or suggestions for future issues to Paul Huxtable.

If you would like more information regarding any matters raised in this Newsletter, or the Club, or you have any difficulty in contacting any of the people mentioned, then please also contact Paul, who will be happy to help.