

CHORLEYWOOD CRICKET CLUB

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Well, the 2010 season is now history and we should all be proud of how well all of our club's sides have performed, with our Saturday 2nds leading the way as they gained promotion from Division 6 of the Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket League - after a number of excellent all-round performances throughout the season - with both Sunday XIs also gaining promotion from their respective divisions of the Chess Valley League. Our Saturday first XI also had an excellent season as they finished a very creditable fifth in Division 1 whilst there were a number of fine performances from our Saturday 3rd & 4th XIs to help showcase the strength in depth that the club now has.

As a bonus, the Saracens Hertfordshire Cricket League Awards (including one for our Second XI for finishing runners-up in Division 6) will be presented this Saturday, 16th October, at Wembley Stadium as part of Saracens match vs. Leinster in the Heineken Cup. So, if you are able to make the short trip down to Wembley you will get to see Freddie Dare picking up the award for Chorleywood on the hallowed turf.

As well as team successes, in amongst the more than 90 players that appeared for our senior sides there were a number of individuals who passed landmarks in 2010 in all aspects of the game (nb. These all refer to totals since our website began in 1999):

Batting

10,000 Runs – Simon Dare
5,000 Runs – Mike Reeve
4,000 Runs – Matt Watson
3,000 Runs – Chris Tweedie, Freddie Dare
2,000 Runs – Ben Brooks, Neil Ret, Johnny Rice, Johnny Lyons, Rob Dunstone
1,000 Runs – Michael Shippey, Richard Soulsby, Peter Dunning

Bowling

400 Wickets – Mick Rose
300 Wickets – Russell Hodgkinson, Neil Ret
250 Wickets – Duncan Watson
100 Wickets – Jamie Smithson

Fielding

200 Catches – Andy Orange

So, congratulations to everybody who helped make 2010 such a success for our club – both on and off the field.

As part of our longer-term plans for the development of the club, work is now starting on digging up approx. 1/3 of our square and relaying it. This work will be carried out over the next few winters until we have a much-improved playing surface that will benefit us all.

Obviously there is also lots of work to be done on our Pavilion as well – more details will be announced of working parties to help with all the vital jobs that need to be done to keep the Pavilion standing and in the best condition possible, so when you read about them, do put the dates in your diary and help as much as you can.

Senior Players Awards Dinner – Friday 12th November

Further celebration of the 2010 season will take place on Friday 12th November at Chorleywood Golf Club at the annual Senior Players Awards Dinner where all the prizes for individual excellence will be handed out. Tickets are available now from Brian Mulholland priced £30.00 each. More details are on the leaflet being sent out with this Newsletter, so please have a look and book your place now to avoid missing out on this always enjoyable evening.

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 3rd November

Our club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd November at the Pavilion. Kick-off will be at 8-00pm – please do try and come along and have your say on the matters that affect your club. This is really the opportunity for everybody to come along and share what they think and try to help make our club even better for everybody. Of course, it will also be the opportunity to put yourself forward to assist in the running of our club – as has often been the case, most of the jobs vital to running our club are carried out by a very small number of people, so new blood is always welcome!

The full agenda is also being sent out with this newsletter, so please have a look and make the effort to join us on 3rd November.

Pavilion opening dates

As we trialed last winter, our Pavilion will be open for business on the first Sunday lunchtime of every month between now and the start of the 2011 season. So, please do help us keep the club going as an all-year round concern and come along to join your fellow club members for a lunchtime drink. Bar snacks will also be available for all, so please come along if you can. The next date for your diaries is scheduled for Sunday 7th November.

On a similar theme, don't forget the always popular "Hair of the Dog" held at our club on New Year's Day – start the New Year in style with your fellow club members – put it in your diaries now!

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OK – short and sweet: I hope to see as many people as possible at the AGM and Awards Dinner.

Rob Dunstone
CWCC Publicity Secretary.