



Seniors

## 2025 AGM Minutes

**Sunday 9 November at the Victoria Inn, Roche 7.00pm**

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### 1. Attendees & Apologies for absence

Those present were: Mark Everett, Kevin Kicks, Paul Clements, Jon Nance, Hugh Rogers, Stuart Nye, Mike Rodwell, Johnny Smeadon, Trevor Lee, James Stubbings, Chris Marsh, Chris Dennis, Steve Bailey, Spencer Ham, David Lockett, Jim Maunder, Giles Francis, Simon Dixon, Mike Jelbert, Mike Smith, Keith Marks, David Moses, David Scott, Mick Sumra, Steve Clasper, Bruce Robinson, John Scott, Anton Luiten, Simon Hill, Bob Fleming. Mrs Ange Smith was in attendance, but did not participate.

Apologies for absence were received from: Andrew Smeeth, Adam Widdison, Brian Martin, Tim Hyslop, Martin Orpe, John Dobson, Nigel Harrington, Saf Wallace, Bob Claydon, Jamie Mead, Chris Nicholls, Nigel Martyn, Kevin Gibbard, Mark Southcott, Damian Cummins, Paul Dawkins, Sue Leathley, Adam Paynter, Sean Hooper, Jared Connop, Philip Hill, Paul Brookes, Stuart Adams, Adrian Warne, Mike Hocking, Martin Davies & Simon Beare.

2. **Minutes** of the 2024 AGM held on November 10th 2024. The name of Steve Bailey was added to the record of attendees After that the minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

### 3. Eligibility to vote

There was no further discussion of eligibility to vote.

### 4. Review of 2025:

- O50s 1st XI:
  - David Lockett reported that the team played 8 games, won 5 to reach the final stages of the competition but lost to eventual winners Lancashire in the Quarter final. Outstanding players were Giles Francis & Nigel Martyn.
- O50s 2nd XI
  - Spencer Ham said that the team had mixed results and lost to Cheshire in the last 16 stage of the competition. New player Andre Otto was outstanding scoring 100 v Glos & Mike Blake was as dependable as ever
- O50s 3rd XI –
  - Simon Dixon commented that the team played 10 matches including the final held over from the previous year, and won 7 to top the group and reach the Cup final which once again had to be postponed to next April. 37 players were used during the season. Top scorer was Adrian Warne with Jim Maunder & Simon Danby

scoring heavily. Spencer Ham recorded the best bowling figures. It is a huge achievement to reach the Cup final for the second successive year.

- O60s 1st XI
  - Anton Luiten reported that the team was third in the SW group losing only to Wales and Glos. In the knock out stages the team beat Warwickshire, Essex & Glos all of whom had multiple England players, and reached the Cup final for the first time ever. After accurate bowling held Wales to 226, sadly the batting was not quite up to the task. New players Damian Cummins, Paul Clements and Mark Southcott, plus a returning Jon Nance all contributed to the team's success.
- O60s 2nd XI
  - Mike Jelbert commented that the results this year were better than ever before with 4 wins in the group stages putting us in the Bowl competition semi-final. Unfortunately, a much changed Wiltshire side was too good for us on the day.
- O70s 1st XI
  - Steve Bailey observed that it was the inaugural season for the team which came second in every game it played. Nevertheless the team gelled well and played with a smile and with a bit more experience hoped to do better next year.
- O50s Friendly side
  - The friendly side won four games in the second half of the season with better performances and was fulfilling the role of bringing new players into the club.

## 5. Finance Report

In Darren's absence, Bob tabled the draft accounts and read a report that he had submitted, the key points of which were as follows:

- a. We have recorded a loss of just over £2,000 for the season due mainly to significant travel expenses paid to teams in later stages of their competitions. An unexpected £1000 contribution from the ECB mitigated some of this cost although we would be unlikely to receive this in 2026.
- b. The substantial surplus in 2024 meant that we have retained a healthy balance of around £5,000 at the end of the season.
- c. We benefited by £1,300 from some clubs not claiming their £100 allowance for staging games.
- d. Income totalled £16,700 primarily made up of £900 from match fees & £2,700 from 107 membership subs.
- e. The main outgoings were £10,400 for match day fees (umpires, scorers, balls & ground hire) and £4,700 in travel expenses.
- f. We took on a lease of 3 new defibrillators at the start of the season
- g. Entering another team in the O60s 3rs XI competition will add some upfront costs for next year.
- h. Match day fees do not cover the full cost of staging that match, so the more matches we play, the more it will cost us.

Looking ahead to 2026, the current level of support for travel expenses is unsustainable without either a substantial increase in subscriptions and match fees or a significant amount of sponsorship income. Some lively discussion followed about how to balance the books going forward and the following conclusions were agreed:

- a. Subscriptions should be increased to £30 per member.
- b. Match fees should be increased to £15 for both home and away fixtures.
- c. A scheme for each player to find an individual sponsor for themselves prepared to pay £100 into club funds should be set up. Players who successfully found a sponsor would be excused paying their annual subscriptions so the net benefit to the club would be £70 per player.

- d. The only travel expense we committed to in 2026 was £100 per player for the O50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI for their trip to either the Isle of Wight or the Channel Islands as required each year. All other travel expenses would be discretionary, according to what the club could afford.
- e. Giles Francis agreed to participate in a group setting up a sponsorship scheme.
- f. To ensure we had sufficient cashflow at the start of the season and to avoid the need to chase players up Darren had proposed the following motion:  
*"If membership is not paid by 31st May then players will not be considered for selection until such time the membership fee is paid. The only exception being, that if a player is selected for their first/debut game for the Seniors after the 31st May then membership must be paid prior to further selection for any of the Championship teams"*. This was seconded and agreed.

**6. Selection Policy:** Martin Orpe proposed an amendment to our current agreed policy as follows: *"No playing member should play in more than one age group – players who would be eligible to play in more than one age group should choose which age group they want to play in and stick with that for the season."*

This was discussed with several players taking the view that, as we were playing for a team representing our county in a National Championship, we should always pick the strongest possible team, regardless of age groups. A couple of people agreed with the sentiment behind the proposal but believed the problem had been solved by the creation of an O60s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI. No-one was willing to second the motion, so there was no vote and the agreed Selection Policy remains unchanged.

**7. County Championship Competitions 2026:** Mark Everett introduced and proposed the plan to enter a team in the Over 60s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Championship. Jon Nance seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

**8. Competition Changes:** The following proposed changes to the structures, playing regs and general rules of the competitions we take part in were discussed.

*Over 50s 1<sup>st</sup> XI* – The ECB have confirmed they will take no part in the management of this competition so a new committee is being set up. Spencer Ham has been confirmed as the Group 3 (South-west) Regional Group rep so will be part of the new committee.

*Over 50s 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> XI:* The merger of the two management committees is going ahead for 2026 and ultimately it is to be hoped that all Over 50s competitions will be run by one organisation with consistent rules and systems.

*Over 60s & 70s Competitions.* Chris Dennis introduced discussion of the planned changes to the management structure of the 6070CC club and Trevor Lee added some insight as he had been part of the working group that had proposed these changes. The main points were as follows:

- The management committee would be increased to a maximum of 12 people with specific responsibilities.
- Counties would be allowed up to 2 representatives on the Management Committee.
- Regional group committees would be abolished and communication with the Counties would be via the County Rep (currently Chris Dennis in our case).
- The club constitution would be amended to reflect these changes.

The motion to authorise Chris Dennis to vote in favour of these changes was proposed by Chris Dennis, seconded by Kevin Hicks & passed unanimously.

- A motion proposed by one of the Counties to compel Wales to divide their National Team into two or more counties was discussed then voted on and rejected.

- Until now the seedings for the knock-out stages were tampered with occasionally to avoid counties coming up against members of their own group in the first knock-out round. A motion to end this practice and use true seedings for future draws was agreed.
- A motion we understood had been proposed by Gloucestershire Seniors to apply a proper definition of leg side wides had not come up for discussion at the National AGM so there was no vote on this matter.

#### *Over 70s*

- Wales O70s had proposed an amendment to the effect that the maximum number of overs per innings is reduced to 40, unless both teams agree to play 45 overs each. There was no further vote on this as we agreed this at our 2024 AGM.
- A proposal to limit the number of 69 year olds eligible to play in the over 70s to one per game has been raised again. Although we supported this in 2024, we agreed not to support this in 2025.

### **9. Appointment of Management Team for 2025:**

None of the Management team positions had more than one nomination so the following names were proposed as a block by Simon Hill and seconded by Kevin Hicks & carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked those who had served as captains but stepped down this year namely Anton Luiten & Paul Dawkins.

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| • Chair                       | Bob Fleming        |
| • Head of Finance             | Darren Williams    |
| • Head of O50s                | Spencer Ham        |
| • Head of O60s & 70s          | Bob Fleming        |
| • Administration & Membership | Brian Martin       |
| • Compliance & Safeguarding   | Adam Widdison      |
| • Marketing & Fundraising     | no offers received |
| • Umpires & Scorers Rep       | Paul Dawkins       |
| • 6070CC County Rep           | Chris Dennis       |

#### *Team Captains & Managers*

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| • O50s 1st XI Captain            | Sean Hooper    |
| • O50s 1st XI Team Manager       | David Lockett  |
| • O50s 2nd XI Captain            | Jared Connop   |
| • O50s 3rd XI Captain            | Simon Dixon    |
| • O50s 2nd & 3rd XI Team Manager | Martin Davies  |
| • O60s 1st XI Captain            | Hugh Rogers    |
| • O60s 1st XI Team Manager       | Damian Cummins |
| • O60s 2nd XI Captain            | Martin Orpe    |
| • O60s 2nd XI Team Manager       | Brian Martin   |
| • O60s 3rd XI Captain            | Tim Hyslop     |
| • O60s 3rd XI Team Manager       | Mark Everett   |
| • O70s 1st XI Captain            | Bob Fleming    |
| • O70s 1st XI Team Manager       | Steve Bailey   |
| • O50s Friendlies Organiser      | Paul Higgins   |

**President:** Mike Conbeer was proposed as the new Hon President in recognition of his remarkable record of playing Seniors cricket for more than 30 years, and still being one of the more athletic members of the Over 70s team. This was agreed unanimously.

**10. Confirmation of Awards and Trophy Winners** – we recorded the various awards as announced at the Presentation Evening:

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| • Over 50s 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Players Player   | Nigel Martyn  |
| • Over 50s 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice | Giles Francis |
| • Over 50s 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Players Player   | Andre Otto    |
| • Over 50s 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain's Choice | Mike Blake    |
| • Over 50s 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Players Player   | Adrian Warne  |
| • Over 50s 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Captain's Choice | Brian Dunstan |
| • Over 60s 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Players Player   | Anton Luiten  |
| • Over 60s 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice | Paul Clements |
| • Over 60s 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Players Player   | Mike Smith    |
| • Over 60s 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain's Choice | Bob Fleming   |
| • Over 70s 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Players Player   | Andrew Smeeth |
| • Over 70s 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Choice | Kevin Hicks   |
| • Over 50s Friendly side manager's Choice      | Steve Clasper |
| • Geoff Husband Trophy                         | Martin Orpe   |
| • Chairman's Award                             | Alan Hocking  |

#### *50 / 100 Match Caps*

Commemorative caps to those who had played 50 O50s/60s championship matches were awarded as follows:

- Mike Blake
- Stuart Nye
- Johnny Smeadon
- Hugh Rogers
- Adam Widdison
- Martin Orpe
- Mike Jelbert
- David Lockett

Mike Smith & Kevin Hicks were presented with their awards in the meeting as they had been unable to be present at the Presentation Evening. Jim Maunder was also presented with his award from 2024 as he and the Chairman had failed to meet up at any point in the last year.

#### **11. O45s Hundred Tournament Thanks**

Martin Orpe and Grampound Road CC were thanked for organising the Hundred event this year on Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>. It was a great day and also raised over £600 for our funds.

#### **12. Winter Practice 2026 & Social events**

Dates for the indoor nets at Truro School should be confirmed very shortly but are expected to start on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am at the Ben Ainsley Centre at Truro School for 10 weeks.

Other social events are planned including a lunch at Redruth Rugby Club on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **13. Any Other Business**

Anton Luiten informed the meeting that a Gofundme page had been set up to support Stuart Nye who had been selected for the England O70s tour to Australia & New Zealand. Details are on the club website.

Trevor Lee asked for help compiling the various statistics and spreadsheets that he keeps for the club and a couple of members offered to help.

**14. Date of next AGM**

This was set for Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

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