

CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2013 SEASON

After the championship winning 2012 season it was somewhat inevitable that 2013 might well have had an 'After the Lord Mayor's Show' feel to it. That being said few will have predicted how the season was to pan out. There were many changes in player personnel due to unavailability, injuries and retirements, with only three or four of the previous year's line up featuring in most of the championship games. Our long serving captain, Tom Sharp, retired after the first championship game at Exeter. He made his debut in 1996 and was appointed captain in 2002. He played 87 championship games with 67 as captain plus 55 one-day games of which 41 were in charge. He made 4,075 championship runs and took 224 wickets and 77 catches. Matt Robins took over the reins, after Gary Thomas made a dramatic one off comeback, to skipper the side against Oxfordshire when Robins was unavailable. Both opening games were lost and the championship campaign was looking ominous when a two-day defeat looked odds on against Wiltshire at Corsham. However a remarkable comeback saw victory by 51 runs. Defeat followed at title chasing Shropshire but victory at home to Dorset, and a tense draw against Berkshire, saw the season end on a positive note. The two wins, draw and three defeats saw us finish seventh on 57 points. Cheshire (123pts) were champions having won their first five games. Wales caused some last day anxiety by moving to the top of the table, with a two-day win. Cheshire could not afford to lose to Shropshire, and made sure by batting out much of the final day at Nantwich to draw.

Thankfully the season was much drier than recent years with the weather having little effect on the championship. The exception was the game with Dorset at Truro in early August. The first two days were washed out by heavy rain with a one innings game played on the third day. The MCCA Trophy was mostly unscathed by the weather. A dramatic two wicket win over Hertfordshire was followed by a 66 run defeat to Devon. In a first, the two away games were played on a 'mini tour' over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Oxfordshire were beaten by 16 runs at Challow & Childrey before we beat Bedfordshire at Cople by 56 runs, to qualify as runners up in the group. We lost the quarter-final at Newbury however with Berkshire getting home by 61 runs.

There was a five wicket defeat at Exeter against Devon in the opening Championship game of the season. It ebbed and flowed for the three days with the winning runs coming off the first ball of the last over. The game saw debuts for two nineteen year olds, Scott Harvey, and Christian Purchase who followed in his father's footsteps. Harvey, replacing injured Jake Libby at the top of the order, made a patient fifty on the first day but when he was dismissed at 161 for seven we were in trouble. Kelvin Snell made 29 but the innings was boosted when Neil Curnow returned from a hospital x-ray on his wrist to support Sam Hockin in a last wicket stand. Curnow added five to his previous score of 27 while Hockin hit 11 fours in a county best 55, as we got up to a respectable 264. Devon's first innings followed a similar path as they slid to 185 -8 before getting up to 263 all out in the last over – a deficit of just one run. Bess anchored the innings before debutant Rhys Davies smashed six sixes in his 53. Spinners Shakil Ahmed (4-102) and Sharp (4-91) shared eight wickets. Second time around paceman Trevor Anning wrecked the Cornish top order. Harvey, Davis and Williams had gone at 15 for three. That became 96 for six with Sharp getting 49. Anning at that stage had taken six for 23. The game was in danger of an early finish but Tom Hughes and walking wounded Curnow saw out the last hour. On the third morning they took their stand to 87 before Curnow went for 31. Hughes, in only his third game, went on to make 70 and with Ahmed hitting 27, the last four wickets realised a valuable 150 runs. It set up an enthralling finale but Devon timed their chase perfectly. Needing 248 at 174 - 5 any result was possible but Matt Golding (36) joined Bess (68no) to make the match-winning stand. Twenty-seven were needed off five overs. However the pressure was released as twenty came off the next two to virtually seal the game. Unusually the other four opening games in the division all produced wins.

The clash with Oxfordshire at Truro will be remembered for a number of reasons. It started with Gary Thomas recalled to the team to make his 110th appearance, and taking on the captaincy again for the first

time since 2001. Sharp was unavailable for only the third championship game in the last seventy, since becoming captain. The late withdrawal of Hockin meant Callum Wilson was drafted into the team to make his debut. The 21 year old St Austell seamer was a former member of the Leicestershire Academy. Remarkably the starting eleven showed nine changes from the side that played against Oxfordshire the previous August with only Williams and Hughes surviving. For various reasons Messrs Robins, Jake Libby, Parsons, Matt Rowe, Hunkin, Alex Smeeth, Harrison, Andrew Libby and Hockin were absent. Sharp was on paternity leave for that game. Cornwall's spinners dominated at Boscawen Park to such an extent that Shakil Ahmed and the recalled Neil Ivamy sent down 149 overs in the match, with only 18 bowled by the seamers. Not only did play end on time on the first two days but, amazingly, an additional thirty-six overs were sent down on top of the mandatory allocation. When we slumped to 119 -7, shortly after lunch on the opening day, a two day finish threatened but an excellent, skilful innings of 61 from skipper Thomas got the total to 202. Dan Davis had made 52 before being run out looking for a third run. Slow left armer Francois Vainker took seven for 65. Oxfordshire then hit 48 off the first six overs of seam before Ahmed and Ivamy took over proceedings to restrict the rate to two an over for the rest of the innings. Both took five wickets but wicket-keeper Jonny Cater got his side to an eight run lead with an excellent 109 not out. Cornwall's openers then put on a superb 150 second time around. Williams made 65 and Harvey 79. It looked a platform to set a very large target but, crucially, a Cornish collapse saw all ten wickets fall for just 85 runs. Vainker took another six wickets for match figures of 13 for 155. The target was 228 with a day and forty minutes available. At 11-1 overnight we looked in with a great chance on a third day pitch but Oxfordshire had other ideas. All their batsmen contributed but at 180 - 5 the game was still in the balance. Cater though was superb again and with skipper Luke Ryan in support, the pair put on an unbeaten 52 to win the game. Cater hit the winning shot, smashing Ahmed for six, to bring up his hundred. He is only the fifth player to hit centuries in both innings of a match against Cornwall. Ivamy had match figures of 8-155 from all but 70 overs. It was first time since 2004 that we have lost back to back championship games in the same season, at Bridgnorth and Trowbridge.

Cornwall have pulled off some spectacular victories in the past but the events at a sweltering Corsham in early July will live long in the memory. A new look team saw Robins taking charge for the first time officially. We were, seemingly, in hopeless positions more than once during the three days at Station Road. Matt Rowe replaced Hockin. We were bowled out for a modest 211 on the opening day and the home side had levelled the scores at stumps, with only two wickets down and 44 overs remaining. Then at tea on the second day we faced the prospect of an innings defeat, or at least a loss inside two days, as we were still trailing by 28 runs with only four wickets remaining. Remarkably though that became a 201 run lead by noon on the third day and was followed by a dramatic home collapse that saw Redruth's Neil Ivamy sensationally take seven for 34. The hosts were dismissed for 150 by 3pm to slide to a 51 run defeat. Cornwall's first innings saw Purchase dominate making 81 off 101 balls with Davis the next best with 26. With Ed Kilbee on an ominous 123 not out overnight the potential was there for Wiltshire to take a huge lead. Ahmed got rid of him for only a couple of runs on the second morning, and went on to take seven for 84. It restricted the lead to a sizeable 151 - but it might have been more! Despite Robins making a quickfire fifty that all seemed irrelevant as we collapsed from 92-1 to 123-6 at tea. It looked odds on that, for the first time in thirteen years, three successive defeats was on the cards. However Purchase made 90 that included five sixes. With Alex Smeeth he put on 144 for the seventh wicket. It not only ensured the game went into the third day but saw a useful Cornish lead of 163 with two wickets remaining. On day three Ahmed had to retire hurt, after a blow on the foot, but when Ivamy was dismissed he returned to try to get Smeeth to his hundred. However the Werrington all rounder was bowled on a county best of 99. Needing 202 the Wiltshire openers put on 56 in nine overs, as again Cornwall's hopes looked to have gone. What followed was dramatic to say the least as eight wickets fell for 25 runs, either side of lunch. Tahir Afridi then went on the offensive as the ninth wicket added a worrying 51, but it was to be Cornwall's day. Ivamy, who at one stage had figures of 6-8, ended with a county best 7-34. Ahmed took three for 75 and had match figures of 10-159. Ivamy received his county cap after the match.

Defeat followed against Shropshire at Shrewsbury by 145 runs. It was always going to be a tough ask for a youthful Cornish team. The win saw Shropshire extend their tremendous season-winning run to all ten championship and cup games. With Hockin and Neil Curnow unavailable Grampound Road's Chris Roberts was recalled, having made his debut as a late replacement in 2006 at Oxfordshire. There was also a debut for Werrington's Paul Smith. Having decided to bat Shropshire were dismissed for only 218 in 51 overs, representing a fine effort by the Cornish attack. Having lost their first four wickets for 71 they recovered to 187 for five before collapsing. Ahmed took four for 50 after Kelvin Snell picked up three for 54, early on with the new ball. Cornwall's batsmen were unable to capitalise however and were all out for 160 half an hour before the close. Hughes made 36 and Smeeth 32. Shropshire were 21 - 1 at stumps with 21 wickets falling in the day. On a hot second day Cornwall were made to toil in the field as the home side made 376-9 before declaring ninety minutes before the close. The Cornwall target was therefore 435, way in excess of their previous best ever run chase of 322. Steve Leach, Chris Murtagh and James Ralph all made half centuries but the star of the show was Omar Ali who ended on 123 not out that included seven sixes. Cornwall lost Harvey and night-watchman Roberts to be 67 for two at stumps and needed a further 368 on the final day. Hopes of making a fist of it were dealt an early blow on the third morning when Robins went for 50 and Williams soon after for 14. There was some defiance however as Purchase smashed 77 off 44 balls that included five sixes and 11 fours. He put on 91 for the seventh wicket with Davis (22) in just 51 balls. Snell hit 24 off 14 balls and Smeeth continued his good form with the bat to be last out for 47. The end came shortly after 2.30pm.

Following the washout on the first two days a one innings game was played against Dorset at Truro. It proved an eventful day as all 20 wickets fell, and 27 of the possible 116 overs weren't even used. We won by 42 runs and had an unlikely hero with the bat to thank. Paul Smith hadn't even been selected for the game but was drafted in late on Saturday night however when club mate Alex Smeeth withdrew after suffering a recurrence of his back injury. Smith walked to the crease with the county in big trouble at 51 for six. He went on to make an unbeaten 61 in the 152 all out. It was then left to spin twins Ahmed and Ivamy to carry on from where they left off at Corsham. Bowling in tandem they shared all ten wickets as the Dorset innings subsided to 110 all out. Having been put in Robins was lbw first ball. It was the start of a procession as the county slipped to 51 for six in the first 24 overs. Curnow and Smith put on 44 for the seventh wicket in a much needed recovery before Curnow fell for 35. Smith went on to complete a maiden county fifty and his 61 not out included a six and nine fours in the 152 all out in the 49th over. Dorset, put on 34 for the first wicket after Snell's opening over went for 13. Robins immediately switched to the spin duo of Ivamy and Ahmed. Ivamy picked up the first three wickets to fall. Ahmed then got into the act as the visitors slumped to 53 for six in the 22nd over. Chris Park and Tom Hicks both got twenties but the end came at 110 with 26 overs still available. Ahmed took five for 46 and Ivamy five for 49. The win ensured Cornwall have won at least two of the six championship games in each of the last twelve seasons.

The championship season ended dramatically at St Austell against Berkshire. In a match, which gripped a healthy last day crowd to the final ball, our last pair valiantly held out for fifty minutes for a draw, surviving three late big appeals. Despite Saturday's rain play had got underway on time at Wheal Eliza with Alex Smeeth drafted into the team for the injured Antony Angove. Curnow (injured) and Purchase (unavailable) were replaced by debutants Mike Bone and Adam Cocking. Berkshire won the toss and looked in good health at 102 -2 but we fought back well to bowl them out for 230. Snell picked up four for 31 to end the innings swiftly. Ahmed took three for 88 from 24 overs. We got off to a dramatic start losing Robins and Hughes to the first two balls of the innings. In a recovery Davis made 62 and Smith 44 to see it to 161-7 at the close. Smeeth went on to make 44 on the second morning and with Williams hitting 28 the total got to 217 – a deficit of just 13 runs. Berkshire went on to bat out the rest of the day reaching 268-7 at stumps. Their skipper James Morris held the innings together ending the day on 107 not out. Any thoughts of an early declaration on day three didn't materialise as Morris went on to make 144 not out with a further 69 runs added. Ahmed sent down a 43 over spell to take three for 126. Snell took three for 81 to end with seven wickets in the match. Robins took two for 37. A record breaking 351 had been set to win, in a minimum of 85 overs (that became 93 in reality). We ended on 316 for nine with the

last pair of Davis and Ahmed adding 45. Davis was the day's hero hitting the only century of the campaign. He ended on 131 not out off 209 balls with two sixes and 18 fours. He batted for three and a half hours. The innings had begun well with Robins (45) and Harvey (49) putting on 86 for the first wicket. Wickets tumbled after lunch however as we looked to be heading to defeat at 156 for six in mid afternoon. Davis got good support from Bone (19) and Snell (18) to get to the last hour with two wickets remaining.

Over the season we used 20 players in the six championship games with six (Davis, Ahmed, Harvey, Williams, Hughes and Snell) playing in all the games. There were debuts for Purchase, Smith, Harvey, Bone, Cocking and Wilson plus recalls for Thomas, Chris Roberts and Ivamy. Purchase made 359 runs at an average of 39.8. Smeeth 228 runs, average 38 and Davis 360 runs, average 36. The only century was by Davis (131no) against Berkshire. The 150 for the first wicket against Oxfordshire, by Harvey and Williams, was the highest. Purchase and Smeeth put on 144 for the seventh against Wiltshire. Ahmed took 38 wickets at 24.05 each, the fourth best haul nationwide. Ivamy topped our averages with 20 wickets at just 14.95 and Snell took 16 at 17.33. Ivamy had the third lowest average nationwide for bowlers who took more than ten wickets.

The MCCA Trophy campaign got off to a dramatic start at Werrington with victory over Hertfordshire, by two wickets with two balls remaining, in a game that had looked lost 45 minutes earlier. When Rob Harrison departed at 193 for eight a further 84 were required from nine overs. New professional Ahmed joined forces with skipper Sharp to change the course of the game. Ahmed cracked exactly 50 not out off just 29 balls while Sharp played a controlled innings as the target came down to 24 off the last three overs. That became eight off the last. Ahmed relieved the pressure with a boundary and then got a single to bring up his fifty. Sharp calmly tapped the third ball back before launching a leg side winning boundary. It was a record ninth wicket stand for Cornwall in the competition and our second highest successful run chase in thirty years of the competition. The innings promised much early on as Jake Libby and Robins put on 76 in 13 overs. Earlier the Hertfordshire innings got off to a superb start as Daniel Blacktopp and Eddie Ballard at the half way mark of the innings had 136 on the board and a mammoth score looked on the cards. Blacktopp eventually went at 160 in the 32nd over. He was brilliantly caught one handed on the pavilion boundary by Hockin. Cornwall's bowlers stuck at their task to take regular wickets as the visitors struggled to increase the tempo. Ballard was fourth out at 220 having made 116. Skipper Jeyarathnam made 27 in the 276 for eight. Robins took four for 43 and Hockin two for 54. Ahmed received his county cap from the President Col Ronnie Potts, at the end of the game.

Against Devon at Redruth there was a switch of pitch, due to damp conditions. When Sharp dismissed Peter Bradley and David Lye in successive balls, at 56-3 in the 17th over, it had been Cornwall's first hour. However, in what proved to be a match winning partnership, James Burke (84) and Josh Bess (51no) put together a stand of 126 over 32 overs. They had 75 on the board at the halfway mark but increased the tempo to such an extent that 78 came off the last ten overs to end on 193-4. Harrison and Ahmed, though wicketless, sent down, miserly ten over spells for 22 and 19 runs respectively. Sharp was equally as accurate taking two for 26. Cornwall were soon in trouble losing Libby in the fourth over. Double centurion of the previous day, Curnow, was lbw six balls later. The game was then effectively lost when four wickets fell for two runs in the space of three and a half overs. Robins, Davis (run out for the second successive game), Williams and Sharp had all disappeared at 24 for six after 12 overs. Hunkin and Snell got their heads down to give a brief glimmer of hope. They added 78 for the seventh wicket but with 91 required off eleven overs Snell was bowled by Lye for 26, taking almost an hour to reach double figures. Harrison and Ahmed followed within a couple of runs and despite Hockin making nine in a last wicket stand of 23 the game petered out. Hunkin did reach a deserved fifty just before the end at 127 all out.

Having previously reached the quarter finals only once in 29 years (2005) we made it for the second successive year, with back to back wins on the road over the spring bank holiday weekend. We won at Challow & Childrey against Oxfordshire on the Sunday by 16 runs and followed up with a 56 run success at Cople against Bedfordshire on the Monday, after making 328-7. We made 226-8 against Oxfordshire.

After being put in we got off to an uncertain start losing Robins, Davis and Williams with only 58 on the board. Curnow hit a six and eight fours in his 41 but when he and Libby (45) both went at 122-5 Hunkin came to the rescue again. He was out just before the close having hit 53. Harrison (28no) added some late impetus as the pair added a record eighth wicket stand of 56. The home side looked on track when opener Damien Shirazi made 85. Crucially he was dismissed by Robins at 148-4 with ten overs remaining. The target got reduced to 40 off five overs with six wickets still intact. Something special was needed by the Cornish bowlers and Sam Hockin and Sharp provided it. They ran through the lower order as the hosts lost their last six wickets for just 21 runs. Sharp took five for 29, only the fifth Cornish bowler to take five wickets in the competition. Hockin, who had earlier got rid of opener Richard Kaufman for 11, took three for 30 from ten overs.

The Bedfordshire victory was marred by an injury to opening batsman Jake Libby. He collided with a concrete post when fielding and had to receive hospital treatment for a suspected dislocated shoulder. Earlier Libby was bowled for 16 but Robins (66) and Davis (46) added 87 for the second wicket. Both were dismissed, along with Williams, for the addition of just 13 runs. Curnow (44) and Sharp (41) added 84 for the fifth wicket before both fell to Luke Cherry in the space of three balls. Any hopes Beds had of wrapping up the innings disappeared as Hunkin (48) and Snell (39no) put on 93, the third lower order record wicket stand this season by Cornwall in the competition. We just missed out on staging a home quarter final. Had Beds been restricted to fewer than 224 runs Cornwall would have finished above Hertfordshire in the group. When the last pair came together, with ten still required, that was a real possibility. Last man David Foster had other ideas however and ended on a breezy 40 not out as the innings closed on 272 for nine. Andy Reynoldson was unbeaten on 64 which included the only two sixes of the innings. Earlier Rob Harrison got two early breakthroughs to dismiss openers Dan Simpson and James Hewitt. Alex Martin made 47 and George Thurstance 67 before being one of two run outs by Sharp. Ahmed took three for 47 with two each for Harrison and Robins.

Our Trophy hopes ended after a 61 run quarter final defeat at Newbury against Berkshire. Injuries prevented David Roberts, Libby and Hunkin from making the trip while Smeeth was unavailable. Berkshire set a big target of 248 in a match reduced to 35 overs. Rain intervened just after midday for the best part of four hours. The hosts were going well at 90 for one off 19 overs when play was aborted. On the resumption Snell made two early strikes. The home side smashed no fewer than 113 off the last ten overs, with 69 coming off the last five. Opener David Barnes went on to complete a century. Richard Logan and Shelvin Gumbs then put on 33 in just thirteen balls to set a target of 7.08 an over – strangely precisely the same rate as England were setting New Zealand at Cardiff at the same time! Cornwall lost Robins for 15 but Williams made 29 before Davis and Purchase got it to 102-2. At the mid way point of the innings a further 146 were needed off seventeen overs with eight wickets remaining, including the in-form Purchase, Curnow and Snell. Within a couple of overs however the anticipation disappeared as five wickets crashed. Davis made 31. Harrison hit a defiant five sixes, before he was last man out for 42. Brock ended with five for 49 with six overs remaining.

In the five MCCA Trophy games 14 players appeared with four (Jake Libby, Rob Harrison, Chris Hunkin and David Roberts) not playing championship cricket in 2013. Hunkin made 161 runs at 53.66 and Matt Robins 168 runs at 33.60. Robins hit the highest score of 66 and was the leading wicket taker with nine. Sharp took eight. The highest century partnership was the 93 by Hunkin and Snell for the seventh wicket at Bedfordshire.

For the fifth successive year a pre-season training weekend was held in Jersey. A pre season friendly followed at Troon against a Troon Invitation XI. Chris Hunkin made 60no in Cornwall's 197-5. Guests Kelvin Snell and David Roberts hit half centuries as the Troon XI won by three wickets in the last over.

Our Secretary Mrs Anita George MBE, JP again served on both the Minor Counties Management Committee and the ECB's Cricket Discipline Commission.

On a sad note, Phyllis, the wife of former County Club Secretary and Life Member Tom Meneer, passed away in the autumn.

Our scorer, Jim O'Brien, was again ever present in 2013 and the committee again appreciates his efforts. Most games were live scored on the internet. The usual vote of thanks is extended to our host clubs, their grounds staff, and their caterers for their hard work, organization and excellent hospitality. The committee also thanks the local media for their coverage during 2013. Finally the club are most grateful to our main sponsors of Sharp and Rimmer Solicitors, of St Mawes, for their valued support and again to Richard Sharp for the match scorecards during the season.

2013 SEASON FACTS & FIGURES

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| Highest Score (Championship) | For | 352 | Wiltshire | Corsham |
| | Against | 376-9d | Shropshire | Shrewsbury |
| Lowest Score (Championship) | For | 152 | Dorset | Truro |
| | Against | 110 | Dorset | Truro |
| Highest Partnerships | | | | |
| 150 | 1st | T Williams (65) / SA Harvey (79) | | Oxfordshire |
| 144 | 7th | CBF Purchase (90) / AG Smeeth (99) | | Wiltshire |
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| | | | | Truro |
| | | | | Corsham |
| Highest Individual Scores | | | | |
| 131 no | | DF Davis | Berkshire (2 nd Inns) | Championship |
| 99 | | AG Smeeth | Wiltshire (2 nd Inns) | Championship |
| 90 | | CBF Purchase | Wiltshire (2 nd Inns) | Championship |
| | | | | St Austell |
| | | | | Corsham |
| | | | | Corsham |
| Best Bowling | | | | |
| 7 - 34 | | N Ivamy | Wiltshire (2 nd Inns) | Championship |
| 7 - 84 | | Shakil Ahmed | Wiltshire (1st Inns) | Championship |
| | | | | Corsham |
| | | | | Corsham |
| 10 wickets in a match | | | | |
| 10 - 159 | | Shakil Ahmed | Wiltshire | Championship |
| | | | | Corsham |
| County Caps (2) Shakil Ahmed, N Ivamy | | | | |
| County Debuts (6) SA Harvey, CBF Purchase, CJ Wilson, PS Smith, MJ Bone, AJ Cocking | | | | |

Cornwall Over 50's Championship Report 2013

Despite only winning one of our six championship games in 2013 the Cornwall 50+ side played some really excellent cricket and were unfortunate in not converting strong positions into winning results. The season began at Trowbridge in May where Cornwall made 189 for 9 with Jim Mckenna making a first 50 on debut and Anton Luiten batting well for 38. Dave Dunnett (2 for 21) and Trevor Lee (2 for 23) kept us in the game all the way with Wiltshire scoring the winning run in their final over.

At North Perrott in June an inspired Dave Dunnett (5 for 28) removed the experienced Somerset top order to leave the home side struggling on 49 for 5. A fine Somerset recovery followed as we were unable to press home such a strong position and at Tea Somerset had made 252 for 7. In reply Cornwall's batsmen all made a decent start with Anton Luiten making another good 52 but the telling partnership could not be found and Cornwall failed by just 25 runs.

The match in Hampshire was played at the impressive Totton and Eling ground a week later. Hampshire won the toss and batted well on a fine wicket, putting on 147 for the first wicket. Stuart Renshaw bowled well taking 3 for 52 but we were unable to keep the home side below 300. Chasing 316 to win Trevor Lee (26) and Jim Mckenna (48) put on 66 inside 12 overs before both fell in close succession. Batting at 78 for 2 Nigel Sanders and Anton Luiten put on a memorable 157 in the next 29 overs with high class batting. Anton made another fine 50 while Nigel (102) completed a magnificent hundred, before eventually falling to a wonderful boundary catch. Requiring exactly 100 from the final 7 overs Cornwall finally ended on 294 , just 22 runs short of what would have been a marvellous win.

In July Cornwall hosted local rivals Devon at Truro. Phil Hallworth (3 for 26) bowled really well taking 3 early wickets with Mark Pluckrose (3 for 23) and Trevor lee (1 for 22) helping to restrict the visitors to 190 for 9. Unfortunately we made a poor fist of chasing a very modest total and crashed to 31 for 5, finishing on a below par 83 all out in 32 overs. After batting so well in Hampshire and bowling so well in this game it really was a case of letting a game slip between our fingers.

Two days later we faced the touring Channel Islanders at Wadebridge. Despite injury to key players the visitors were restricted to 244 for 4 with evergreen Mike Conbeer (3 for 31) our best bowler , rolling back the years with a controlled spell

of medium pace. Determined to put the previous disappointment behind us Cornwall attacked from the off, Trevor Lee and Jim Mckenna passing 100 in the 16th over with their opening stand of 116 ending as Jim Mckenna fell for a positive 48. Trevor Lee (123) continued in fine form completing a terrific hundred. John Nance (34) ensured Cornwall were not going to slip up again and our first win of the season came with 3 overs in hand, reminding everyone of our batting strength.

At Grampound Road we approached our final championship match in good spirit and by tea a total of 260 was reward for a fine Cornish batting display. Trevor Lee (61) and Jim Mckenna again built a wonderful start, putting on 148 inside 28 overs. Jim (123) batted fluently and scored a fine, maiden championship hundred as John Nance (34) and Stuart Renshaw (21) collected 60 from the final 5 overs. Unfortunately as a bowling unit we simply could not contain the Dorset batsmen whose positive response saw them over the line with 5 overs to spare.

Our combined goal for 2014 must simply be to try to convert the strong positions we regularly forge into winning outcomes. We all look forward to 2014 and hope that this coming year we can deliver! My sincere thanks for all of their support to Trevor Lee (vice-captain), Geoff Husband (secretary), Roy Strout (umpire), Mike Whitewood (scorer), our band of travelling supporters, the groundstaff and caterers at Truro, Wadebridge and Grampound and to all the players who represented Cornwall 50+ cricket in 2013.

Finally I remind all Cornish cricketers approaching, or recently passing, their 50th birthday that this cricket is such a pleasure to play! It is competitive, skilful and entirely worthwhile; it offers experienced and enthusiastic cricketers the challenge of inter-county competition and invariably games contain notable performances. I urge anyone interested in participating in this competition to get in touch!

*Stuart Ellis
Cornwall Over 50's Captain*

Development XI Report 2013

2013 was a challenging season involving 6 fixtures against various West Country counties and mixed age ranges. We completed 4 fixtures (losing them all) and were abandoned twice - once on the wrong end of the game and the other in a cracking game where we had the edge over Devon.

When the SW counties championship ended counties chose different playing options and our under 21 side became the Development XI. Originally these fixtures remained at under 21 level with the Devon games being under 19 but gradually sides stated putting out older teams / minor county second teams against our squad and our results have tailed off as a result e.g. Wiltshire played an Australian 22 year old that had scored 3 hundreds in a week against us and he saw them home with a score of 96no!

For next season Devon have joined up their Lions and under 19 squad and would like to fixture us a 2 day game in Plymouth in July (our first team have a game on at that time as do they) and Dorset would like a second team fixture too. There is talk of starting a new competition.

Back to the cricket! We managed to start all 6 games and massive thanks to Wadebridge CC and Callington CC (twice) for hosting us. The general rule of thumb was that we were younger and less experienced than the opposition - real development stuff - and that we fielded players from the Premier League down to division 3. On several occasions I spent hours the day and night before games dealing with cry-offs, although we got many minor counties players on the park.

Notts and Gloucestershire were incredibly supportive in allowing us to play Tom Rowe, Ben Kitt and Tom Shrewsbury and we also used regular minor counties players Taylor Williams and Christian Purchase as well as Adam Cocking, Paul Smith and Callum Wilson, who made their debuts this year. Sadly Jake Libby, James Rowe and Scott Harvey were unable to play through injury and work commitments.

The batting highlights were a century for Adam Cocking v Wilts with Paul Smith contributing a fifty here and another against Devon. Two 16 year olds scored fifties - James Turpin from Wadebridge and Liam Lombard from St Erme, who has now joined Truro.

The best seam bowler overall was Josh Sharpe from Grampound Road and Tom Eggins bowled well to take 2-22 from 10 overs v Devon.

The 3 players involved with first class counties would make very worthy minor counties players and are keen to play when not tied up.

Thanks to Dave Eggins who took over from Steve Raven with the scoring and helped out as well as the umpires Simon Menneer, Dave Higman and Roy Strout

Cornwall Women 2013 Season Report

2013 saw the members of the squad blossom as they have all grown in their abilities over the years. There were some strong team performances during the year and this led to some good wins leaving Cornwall unbeaten at the top of the Division 4 South & West. The narrowest win was the two wicket success at Shropshire. There were convincing wins in the other three games against Wiltshire, Dorset and Buckinghamshire, by seven, eight and ten wickets respectively. Unfortunately the play off result went against Cornwall but again the team performed well in a testing match. We lost to Suffolk by just two runs at Milton Keynes.

The T20 tournament was at Newport CC, Wales. Cornwall were now grouped with Berkshire, Somerset and Wales.

A very high standard of matches was played and enjoyed in excellent conditions for cricket, unfortunately Cornwall lost to all three counties in the preliminary round. This then placed them in 4th place in the group although they were not bowled out by any of the other counties. Cornwall played Wales in the 3rd & 4th place play off on the 2nd day.

Against the odds and due to some excellent teamwork combined with individual performances the Cornwall team won and will now remain in this division in 2014. I know that the experience of playing against higher placed teams was of a huge benefit to all those who took part.

My thanks go to all those involved who have supported me in the managerial role, especially David Taylor, Adrian Noott, Fern Nicholls & Hannah Grice. A special thank you also goes to those parents/grandparents who helped with transporting the team to matches and to those who assisted with the scoring.

Finally, many thanks to St Austell CC and Falmouth CC for hosting the two home fixtures and to the umpires who officiated at these games.

Steve Nicholls
Manager

Cornwall CCC Championship Batting Averages 2013

| Player | Mat | Inns | NO | Runs | HS | Ave | 100 | 50 |
|--------------|-----|------|----|------|------|-------|-----|----|
| SC Hockin | 1 | 2 | 1 | 65 | 55 | 65.00 | 0 | 1 |
| GM Thomas | 1 | 2 | 0 | 81 | 61 | 40.50 | 0 | 1 |
| CBF Purchase | 5 | 9 | 0 | 359 | 90 | 39.88 | 0 | 3 |
| AG Smeeth | 3 | 6 | 0 | 228 | 99 | 38.00 | 0 | 1 |
| DF Davis | 6 | 11 | 1 | 360 | 131* | 36.00 | 1 | 2 |
| PS Smith | 3 | 5 | 1 | 136 | 61* | 34.00 | 0 | 1 |
| NS Curnow | 3 | 5 | 1 | 125 | 35 | 31.25 | 0 | 0 |
| TG Sharp | 1 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 49 | 24.50 | 0 | 0 |
| Shakil Ahmed | 6 | 11 | 6 | 118 | 27 | 23.60 | 0 | 0 |
| ML Robins | 5 | 9 | 0 | 203 | 53 | 22.55 | 0 | 2 |
| SA Harvey | 6 | 11 | 0 | 237 | 79 | 21.54 | 0 | 2 |
| MJ Bone | 1 | 2 | 0 | 34 | 19 | 17.00 | 0 | 0 |
| T Williams | 6 | 11 | 0 | 149 | 65 | 13.54 | 0 | 1 |
| TPS Hughes | 6 | 11 | 0 | 146 | 70 | 13.27 | 0 | 1 |
| KJ Snell | 6 | 11 | 0 | 117 | 29 | 10.63 | 0 | 0 |
| MH Rowe | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 4.50 | 0 | 0 |
| N Ivamy | 3 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 6 | 4.33 | 0 | 0 |
| CM Roberts | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 4.00 | 0 | 0 |
| AJ Cocking | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2.50 | 0 | 0 |
| CJ Wilson | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1.50 | 0 | 0 |

Cornwall CCC Championship Bowling Averages 2013

| Player | Overs | Mdns | Runs | Wkts | BBI | BBM | Ave | 5 | 10 | Ct | St |
|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|---|----|----|----|
| N Ivamy | 116.2 | 31 | 299 | 20 | 7/34 | 8/155 | 14.95 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shakil Ahmed | 310.3 | 80 | 914 | 38 | 7/84 | 10/159 | 24.05 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| KJ Snell | 98.3 | 15 | 405 | 16 | 4/31 | 7/112 | 25.31 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TG Sharp | 57.5 | 10 | 166 | 6 | 4/91 | 6/166 | 27.66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AG Smeeth | 85.4 | 16 | 297 | 9 | 2/48 | 4/110 | 33.00 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| CBF Purchase | 7.5 | 0 | 34 | 1 | 1/17 | 1/17 | 34.00 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| SC Hockin | 27.0 | 2 | 105 | 3 | 2/72 | 3/105 | 35.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ML Robins | 36.0 | 2 | 144 | 3 | 2/37 | 2/37 | 48.00 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| DF Davis | 29.0 | 5 | 130 | 2 | 1/23 | 2/64 | 65.00 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| CM Roberts | 14.0 | 0 | 76 | 1 | 1/39 | 1/76 | 76.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TPS Hughes | 1.0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| CJ Wilson | 3.0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PS Smith | 10.0 | 2 | 22 | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Also - Catches: SA Harvey 5, NS Curnow, MH Rowe, GM Thomas 1 each. T Williams (wk) 8 catches & 3 stumpings

CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2013

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| Devon | | | at Exeter | | | on 9, 10, 11 June | | |
| Cornwall | 264 | | (SC Hockin 55, SA Harvey 50) | | | | | |
| & | 246 | | (TPS Hughes 70 TG Sharp 49) | | | | | |
| Devon | 263 | | (TG Sharp 4-91, Shakil Ahmed 4-102) | | | | | |
| & | 248-5 | | Devon (22pts) beat Cornwall (6pts) by five wickets | | | | | |
| Oxfordshire | | | at Truro | | | on 23, 24, 25 June | | |
| Cornwall | 202 | | (GM Thomas 61, DF Davis 52, CBF Purchase 37) | | | | | |
| & | 235 | | (SA Harvey 79, T Williams 65) | | | | | |
| Oxfordshire | 210 | | (N Ivamy 5-69, Shakil Ahmed 5-77) | | | | | |
| & | 232-5 | | (N Ivamy 3-86) Oxfordshire (21pts) beat Cornwall (5pts) by five wickets | | | | | |
| Wiltshire | | | at Corsham | | | on 7, 8, 9 July | | |
| Cornwall | 211 | | (CBF Purchase 81) | | | | | |
| & | 352 | | (AG Smeeth 99, CBF Purchase 90, ML Robins 53, DF Davis 35) | | | | | |
| Wiltshire | 362 | | (Shakil Ahmed 7-84) | | | | | |

& 150 (N Ivamy 7-34, Shakil Ahmed 3-75)
Cornwall (21pts) beat Wiltshire (8pts) by 51 runs.

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| Shropshire | | at Shrewsbury | on 22, 23, 24 July |
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| Shropshire | 218 | (Shakil Ahmed 4-50, KJ Snell 3-54) |
| & | 376-9d | (Shakil Ahmed 3-93) |

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| Cornwall | 160 | (TPS Hughes 36, AG Smeeth 32) |
| & | 289 | (CBF Purchase 77, ML Robins 50, AG Smeeth 47) |

Shropshire (21 pts) beat Cornwall (4 pts) by 145 runs.

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| Dorset | | at Truro | on 4, 5, 6 August |
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| Cornwall | 152 | (PS Smith 61, NS Curnow 35) |
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| Dorset | 110 | (Shakil Ahmed 5-46, N Ivamy 5-49) |
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Cornwall (12pts) beat Dorset (4pts) in a one innings game.

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| Berkshire | | at St Austell | on 18, 19, 20 August |
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| Berkshire | 230 | (KJ Snell 4-31, Shakil Ahmed 3-88) |
| & | 337 | (KJ Snell 3-81, Shakil Ahmed 3-126) |

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| Cornwall | 217 | (DF Davis 62, PS Smith 44, AG Smeeth 44) |
| & | 316-9 | (DF Davis 131no, SA Harvey 49, ML Robins 45) |

Match Drawn Berkshire (10pts), Cornwall (9pts).

MCCA TROPHY RESULTS 2013

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|---------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Group 1 | Hertfordshire | at Werrington | on 5 May |
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|---------------|-------|--------------|---|
| Hertfordshire | 276-8 | (50 overs) | (ML Robins 4-43) |
| Cornwall | 278-8 | (49.4 overs) | (ML Robins 65, Shakil Ahmed 50no, TG Sharp 41no, JD Libby 33) |

Cornwall (2pts) beat Hertfordshire by 2 wickets

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| Group 1 | Devon | at Redruth | on 19 May |
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| Devon | 193-4 | (50 overs) | (TG Sharp 2-26) |
| Cornwall | 127 | (44.3 overs) | (CA Hunkin 51no) |

Devon (2pts) beat Cornwall by 66 runs

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| Group 1 | Oxfordshire | at Challow & Childrey | on 26 May |
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| Cornwall | 226 | (50 overs) | (CA Hunkin 53, NS Curnow 47, JD Libby 45) |
| Oxfordshire | 210 | (49.3 overs) | (TG Sharp 5-29, SC Hockin 3-30) |

Cornwall (2pts) beat Oxfordshire by 16 runs

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| Group 1 | Bedfordshire | at Cople | on 27 May |
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| Cornwall | 328-7 | (50 overs) | (ML Robins 66, CA Hunkin 48, NS Curnow 44, TG Sharp 41) |
| Bedfordshire | 272-9 | (50 overs) | (Shakil Ahmed 3-47, RJ Harrison 2-58, ML Robins 2-61) |

Cornwall (2pts) beat Bedfordshire by 56 runs

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| Quarter Final | Berkshire | at Falkland CC, Newbury | on 16 June |
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| Berkshire | 247-6 | (35 overs) | (DF Davis 2-21, KJ Snell 2-29) |
| Cornwall | 186 | (28.4 overs) | (RJ Harrison 42, DF Davis 31) |

Berkshire beat Cornwall by 61 runs

Cornwall County Cricket Club

Fixtures 2014

MCCA Trophy (Group 1) (11am)

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|--------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Sun 27 April | Wales M C | Newport |
| Sun 4 May | Devon | Truro |
| Sun 11 May | Wiltshire | Corsham |
| Sun 25 May | Dorset | Werrington |
| Sun 15 June | <i>Quarter Finals</i> | |
| Sun 13 July | <i>Semi Finals</i> | |

Minor Counties Championship (11am)

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| 8 - 10 June | Berkshire | Henley-on-Thames |
| 22 - 24 June | Cheshire | Alderley Edge |
| 6 - 8 July | Wales M C | Truro |
| 20 - 22 July | Shropshire | St Austell |
| 3 - 5 August | Herefordshire | Truro |
| 17 - 19 August | Dorset | Dean Park, Bournemouth |
| 7 - 10 September | <i>Final</i> | <i>hosted by winner of Western Division</i> |
