



# FULMER CRICKET CLUB

The home of village cricket in Buckinghamshire

## NEWSLETTER End of Season 2011

### 2011 Season

The 2011 season was a good one although not quite as successful as last year. From 48 fixtures we won 21, drew 1, abandoned 7, 6 games were cancelled and lost 13. As a result, we had a 63% success rate with those finished. Whilst not as good as 2010 we should still be pleased.



We generally had strength in our batting which gave our skippers the confidence to bat first whenever we won the toss. The tactics generally worked very well with very few opposing sides being able to chase down what was usually a healthy score. Certainly earlier in the season we had a very good win/loss percentage. Over the middle of the summer and towards the back end of the season the opposition proved more challenging.

We would like to thank all the people for their on field performances. The spirit on the ground was very good – an improvement on last year. We welcomed the following new players during the season: Will Voaden, Manan Kapila, Sukhi, Manu Sharma, Paul Smith, Tam, Danny Lavin, Pete Milne and Tom Burness.

### PRESIDENT'S DAY 2011

One point of satisfaction for the club this year was a win against the President's XI. Following last year's exciting tie, it was good to go one better and win. This is the first time the Club has won since Edward Guinness created the fixture some 16 years ago. The day was again a tremendous success, despite experiencing damp conditions for the first time in the match's history, and the Club's thanks once again go to Edward, Peter, Kiki, Will and the rest of the clan. They provided a tremendous spread for both the lunch and after game BBQ. Huge thanks also to Tansy and Sue for doing the lion's share of the Club's contribution to the food end of proceedings.



### CAPTAINS & PLAYERS

Off the field we would like to express a special thank you to Tony, Del, Paul and Julian for their efforts in getting the sides together for the matches. This proves to be a very difficult task and this year there were a number of Saturday matches that we had to call off for lack of players. Perversely, for some Sunday fixtures we had as many as 15 to 18 players available.

In future we would like to encourage players to give as much advanced notice as possible of their availability and the availability booking sheets will be on hand for this purpose. Alternatively, players can email any of the captains and vice-captains if this is more efficient for them. Members of the committee, their roles and their email addresses are at the foot of this newsletter and are also on the website.

We have started a recruitment drive for next year, including approaching the local grammar schools. We are always looking for new members so anyone reading this should feel to make contact via the website [www.fulmercricquetclub.com](http://www.fulmercricquetclub.com)



We had two T20 (Twenty 20) games against Holloway Construction this year, which were most enjoyable. We would like to thank Ian Holloway and his team for the great spirit with which they played the games and the generosity of the team and Eric Price to the Club. We are looking at the prospects of having a bigger programme of 20/20 games next year and Manu Kapila is taking the lead in this regard.

## **NEW LOGO AND KIT**

Regular readers of the newsletter will spot the new logo. Julian Gibbs came up with the idea of using the red kite, often seen soaring above us at King George's Field, as the centre point of our logo. Jim helped us convert the idea into artwork that could be used on our shirts and caps. With our logistics kings, Ian and Paul, in full swing, we managed to have our new kit ready for President's Day. We now look a much more professional outfit in the new clobber.



## **PITCHING IN**

We are very grateful of all the work done on the square and outfield during the season, which allowed us to have an excellent cricket facility. The mainstay on this activity is Paul Colloff. Paul has also established a very productive collaboration with Phil Mooney who does a lot of the work for the GX&FFC and between them they have maintained a first class ground.

Another off field activity is the bar duty for events held at the pavilion. The money raised contributes to the funds available to maintain the ground and the facilities. Our thanks go to Paul, Ian and Jules who have done the majority of the work.

Our regular crowd was swelled this year with the frequent appearance of Emma and the twins. Their proud grandad, Del, was often involved with their entertainment and feeding duties. This distraction may explain his performances with the bat (see the awards).

Many thanks again to everyone who has made a contribution to Fulmer Cricket Club in the 2011 season, both on and off the field. We're already looking forward to the start of the 2012 season and hope to see you there.

# 2011 Awards evening

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We held our annual awards evening at King George's Field on 21 October. The participants enjoyed a range of curries to suit every palate, which was topped off with some very tasty cakes.

Our thanks go to Ian Fisher for compiling the very necessary statistics for the season. He had to be pretty inventive to track down all the data, as the scorebook is not always completed in the most helpful way. For example, A N Other took 15 catches and made 3 stumpings!

## THE 2011 AWARD WINNERS

### Most Runs: P. Kumar (965)

Prash was our most involved player, playing 36 matches. In addition to a prolific batting performance he often took the gloves on a Sunday and also had a go at leg spin taking 20 wickets.

### Highest Innings: P. Kumar (140 not out)

This is an innings that Prash will remember for a long time. Not one chance was on offer which reflects immense concentration and stamina.

### Best Batting Average: Nigel Field (63.67)

For the second year in a row Nigel has taken the batting average. This reflects his ability to stay concentrated no matter what is going on around him.

### Bowling, Most Wickets: Ali (38)

Ali is our regular opening bowler and, with 32 matches, also one of our most involved players. He bowled some very good deliveries and is on the upward momentum.

### Best Bowling in a Match: Derrick Randall (6 for 25)

Del is our Sunday skipper and most senior player. He used to open the batting (see the Duck Cup) but has found a new lease of life with the ball.

### Best Bowling Average: Derrick Randall (12.33)

With 33 wickets, Del was not far off completing the bowling treble.

### Best Young Player: Will Voaden

Will joined us this year and made an impact with both the bat and the ball.

### Most Improved Player: Armando Borges

Armando puts in a tremendous effort on the field, epitomised in his last game of the season. Fielding at fine leg he dived full stretch for a catch, missing the catch but saving two runs. An X-ray the following day revealed a broken finger!

### Best Fielder: Zeeshan

Zeeshan is consistently our most effective fielder, often hitting the stumps from the out-field.

### Players' Player: P. Kumar

The award is done on a vote from the players and therefore reflects the popularity Prash has with his teammates.

### Duck Cup: Derrick Randall

There were three players tied on three ducks so on a count back, with two golden ducks, Del won.

### Outstanding Contribution to the Club: Tansy Peters

Tansy did the biggest number of teas, often filling in at short notice. She was delighted to win her first ever "sporting" trophy.

### Chairman's Award: Jim Harmsworth Cowles

Jim "the web" has made a wonderful contribution to the Club by creating a professional website for us. He has been a great supporter off the field and we look forward to him pulling on the whites.

## RAFFLE PRIZES

The awards evening had an array of valuable raffle prizes including £50 dinner vouchers from The Black Horse Pub, Fulmer and The Crown, Chalfont St Giles, £30 voucher from Sports Direct, a golf hamper, Bollinger champagne, wine and vodka. Our thanks go to The Black Horse and The Crown for their generous support and also to the Committee members and Prash for their generosity.

## Putting the square to bed for winter

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We would like to thank all those who helped with this year's end of season groundworks. A special thank you to Julian Gibbs who not only coordinated the activities but also contributed many hours of his time. The square looks in very good shape as it goes into hibernation for the winter.

## Date for the diary

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Indoor nets run for seven weeks for an hour from 7pm on Wednesday 7 March 2012 at the Herschel Sports Centre, Whitby Road, Slough (part of Herschel Grammar School complex).

## Committee members

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### Peter Box, Chairman

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### Ian Fisher, Treasurer

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### Armando Borges, Secretary

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### Peter Box, Fixtures Secretary

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### Tony King, Saturday Captain

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## Future direction of the club

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We have an aim of constant improvement for the Club and in view of this aim we have tested the idea of league cricket. While it has many appeals, on the face of it, there are a number of significant hurdles, for example, considerable playing membership numbers. For the moment we have put league cricket on ice, until we can get more depth in player numbers.

## Website

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We will continue to update the website with useful information so if you would to keep up to date with what is happening at the Club it is a good place to start. Visit [fulmercricketclub.com](http://fulmercricketclub.com)

### Derrick Randall, Sunday Captain

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### Julian Gibbs, Vice-Captain

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### Jon Baker, Players' Representative

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### Manu Kapila, Co-opted Member

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## Fulmer Cricket Club

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Fulmer Cricket Club (FCC) is a friendly, village club based in Fulmer, South Buckinghamshire, close to Pinewood Studios.

We play fixtures on a Saturday and Sunday throughout the season from April to September. We do not play league or cup cricket – all fixtures are competitive but friendly.

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