

Chapter 39

1984 Season- 150th Anniversary

President-E.G.Nash,
Chairman-Tony Paton
Hon Sec- C.Cotterill
Treasurer-R.Thomas
Captain 1st X1-David Griffin
Captain 2nd X1-Phil Bowker

Pictured below Abergavenny First X1- 1984



Back Row L-R
K.Williams,M.Bloor,A.Charrington,P.Watkins,P.Jones,M.James, C.Coggins
Front Row L-R
M.Abberley,S.Lennox,P.Sussex,D.Griffin (Capt) M.Powell,R.Rossiter

The Launch of the Book 'Looking Back'

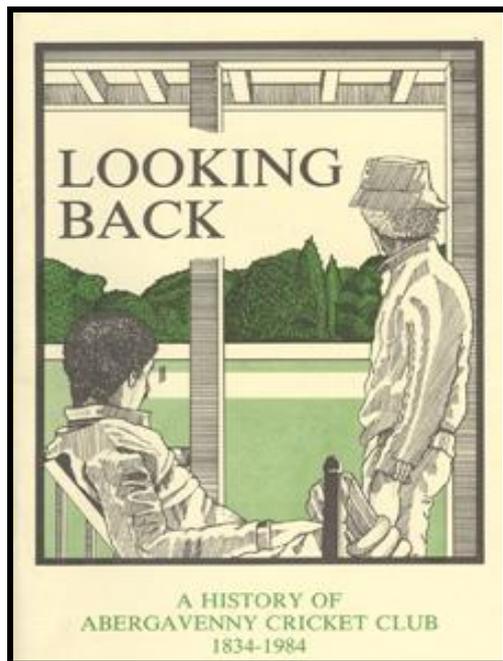


'LOOKING BACK', the book of and about Abergavenny Cricket Club, was launched at the club on Friday night.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Cricket Club, the book was written by John Morris, with the aid of cricket club members, and with Mr. Paul Sussex as statistician.

The book looks back over 150 years of the club, with reports, photographs and many memories.

Pictured at the book launch are Mr. Bob Jennings, Mr. Lewis White, Mr. E. L. Nash (president), the Mayor, Coun. Richard Dadd, Mr. Charlie Price (ex-chairman), Mr. John Morris (author), Mr. Tony Paton (chairman), and Mr. Paul Sussex (statistician).



A Book was published in 1984
(Pictured left)

This was written by John W. Morris with collaboration from Dr Ryland Wallace and Paul Sussex.

Never intended to be a definitive history of the club. The book represents in a small way a collection of events over the 150 years of the Club's history.

A foreword was written by Malcolm Nash one of the most celebrated cricketers produced by the club up to 1984

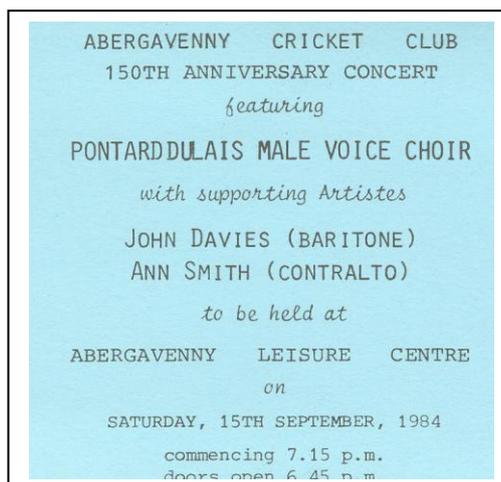
Abergavenny C.C. organised a tour to Sri Lanka as part of their 150th Anniversary celebration. Pictured below are the Tour Party





Derek Thomas, Editor of the Abergavenny Gazette presented Paul Sussex with the Les Price cartoon of the Abergavenny cricketers touring Sri Lanka as part of the 150th Anniversary. A further event was a tour of Devon which took place in August with matches against Ivybridge (lost), Torquay(Drew) and on the way home at Winscombe CC a match was played against Mendip Acorns (won). A tremendous downpour with thunder and lightening reduced the ground to a lake in Torquay and the whole touring party were marooned in the pavilion with only candles providing light following a power cut, later the players had to wade through water to rescue their cars.

150th Anniversary year. Events held throughout the summer included a Concert.
Picture/Ticket below.



MORE than 300 people attended a concert by Pontarddulais Male Voice Choir at Abergavenny Leisure Centre in aid of Abergavenny Cricket Club. Soloists at the concert - the last in the cricket club's special events to mark their 150th anniversary - were Ann Smith (contralto) and John Davies (baritone). The concert was organised for the club by Mr Tony Coles.



Officers and members of the Cricket Club committee are pictured before a meeting at the club. Back row, left to right: Chris Cotterill (secretary), Bashir Mohamed, Mark Davies, David Hunt, Chris Coggins, Mike Bloor, David Griffin (captain), Philip Watkins, Peter Thomas, Dick Brown. Seated, left to right: Roger Thomas (treasurer), Tony Mead, Brian Shackleton, Tony Paton (chairman), John Roberts, Tony Charrington.



Pictured above is the Committee for the 150th Anniversary Season and to the left The President Mr E.G. Nash

An article in the Robert Price newsletter announced the forthcoming retirement of E.G.Nash who has been a member of the cricket club for over half a century.

“ Ted Nash retires from Robert Price & Sons Ltd on January 6th next year - his 75th birthday- and his retirement will in some ways be the major change the Co. has experienced since Ted began working for them more than 58 years ago. It’s difficult to imagine the Co. without Ted Nash. Both colleagues and customers will miss him, and the Co wish him a thoroughly enjoyable well-deserved retirement.

Ted joined the Co. on August Tuesday in 1925 and apart from service in the S.W. Borderers during the war has worked for the Co. ever since. He points out that although he officially joined as a clerk, for many years there was only Mr Godfrey (the present MD’s grandfather), the yardman and himself in



2nd X1- 1984

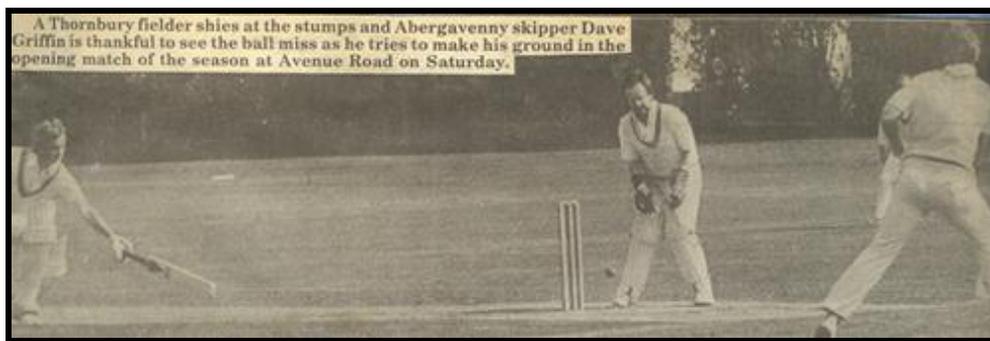
Back Row L-R

P.Thomas,C.Cotterill,D.Dyer,J.Roberts,M.Davies,B.Mohamed

Front Row L-R

P.Jones,D.Hunt,P.Bowker(Capt) A.N.Other,M.Winstanley

The first game in this the 150th Anniversary season was against Thornbury, Abergavenny making 205-6 with runs from P.Watkins (32) M.Abberley (46) and M.Bloor (51) Thornbury at 156-6 were 100 short at the close with P.Sussex 2-12 and P.Jones 2-71.



Llandaff totalled 154-8 with 3 wickets each for Lennox and Holmes. Abergavenny in reply 159-4 M.Winstanley (31) B.Mohammed (37*) D.Griffin (39*) Neath 198-4 were beaten by Abergavenny's 200-5 thanks to R.Wallace (69*) D.Griffin (30) and P.Watkins (33*)

Mendip Acorns 185-6 were beaten thanks to the bowling of J.Roberts 3-30 and P.Sussex 1-49 Abergavenny 186-7 won by 3 wickets with runs from M.Bloor (70) D.Griffin (36) and G.Thomas (28)

Winget away was the first game played in the TCL, Winget scored 197 all out P.Watkins 3-52, S.Moorcroft 2-49, A.Charrington 2-46 in reply Abergavenny were all out for 194 M.Powell (25) D.Griffin (34) M.Aabberley (26) R.Brown (22*)

Ebbw Vale 186-7 P.Watkins 2-36, K.Holmes 2-60 P. Havard 2-28. Abergavenny 187-7 P.Watkins (58) M.Bloor (67)

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Usk could only manage 151-9 chasing Abergavenny's 186-7.

Chepstow scored 168-7 P.Sussex 3-35 A.Charrington 2-29 and at the close Abergavenny were 158-9 M.Powell (33) D.Griffin (38) K.Holmes (40)

Another defeat followed against Colwall who scored 190-9 P.Watkins 6-60 with 30 runs coming from his early overs. Sussex and Lennox chipped in with 1 wkt each. Abergavenny 150 all out P.Watkins (44) D.Griffin (20) P.Sussex (18)

Cirencester were 'hammered' being bowled out for a meagre 56 S.Lennox 4-23, K.Holmes 4-31 P.Sussex 1-1 Abergavenny winning by 8 wickets.

Abergavenny 192-6 P.Jones (32) M.Bradley (48) R.Wallace (54) Enville 136 all out P.Sussex 5-36, A.Paton 2-7, P.Jones 2-44.

The run continued with a win against the classy Hereford. Abergavenny making 207-7 M.Powell (30) M.Rossiter (46) D.Griffin (45), Hereford in reply were 170-7 S.Lennox 6-76.

Tewkesbury were comprehensively beaten by 7 wickets. Tewkesbury 140-9 S.Lennox 5-55, P.Watkins 4-31, Abergavenny 141-3.

This run of wins continued with victory over Panteg in a close game. Panteg 205-7 P.Sussex 2-40, A.Charrington 3-44 Abergavenny 208-7 M.Rossiter (77) R.Wallace (51).

They came down to earth with a bang as Corsham ran out winners. Corsham 180-8 B.Mohammed 5-24, P.Jones 2-71, P.Sussex 1-34 Abergavenny 125 all out, runs from P.Watkins (24) K.Holmes (27) and P.Jones (21).

Then a 9 wicket 'thrashing' by Hatherley who caused a stir by appealing for 'timed out' against R.Wallace who took more than the allotted 2 minutes to get to the wicket., Abergavenny 113 all out M.Rossiter (32) A.Coles (24) J.Roberts (24) Hatherley 114-1.

Stinchcombe were bowled out for 92 P.Sussex 3-36, S.Lennox 5-23 and Abergavenny passed the total for the loss of 3 wickets M.Powell (65*).

Ross 188-9 S.Lennox 2-70, P.Watkins 2-39 there were also 4 run outs. Abergavenny 191-6 M.Bradley (42) R.Wallace (32).

Winget 185 for 6 wickets A.Charrington 3-47 Abergavenny 188-6 M.Powell (52) M.Rossiter (32) D.Griffin (30*) P.Sussex (23*) bringing revenge for the earlier game.

Usk 151-5 S.Lennox 3-52, P.Sussex 2-23 Abergavenny 133 all out M.Powell (54) P.Sussex (19) Abergavenny were 70-2 and seemingly coasting to victory only to collapse.

Abergavenny 191-8 D.Griffin (77) P.Watkins (47) Chepstow 130-9 K.Holmes 5-25 P.Sussex 1-20 P.Watkins 2-42.

Abergavenny 200-7 M.Powell (54) M.Bloor (38) D.Griffin (33) Colwall 93 all out. S.Lennox 2-36, K.Holmes 4-16, A.Charrington 4-33.

The 'double' was completed over Cirencester. Cirencester 197-9 P.Watkins 3-31 S.Lennox 3-48 Abergavenny 199-8 D.Griffin (52) K.Holmes (30) R.Wallace (27).

Abergavenny 194 -8 R.Wallace (59) Worcester City 182-8 P.Jones 3-55

Lydney 92 all out K.Holmes 4-40, P.Watkins 4-30 Abergavenny 95-2 M.Winstanley (29) R.Wallace (30*).



Pictured left at The Manor for the Celebration Dinner. M.Davies, P.Sussex, A.Lewis, P.Bowker and Diane Davies

Pictured below the Combined Abergavenny and Tewkesbury 1st X1 s in their TCL Match during the 150th Anniversary Season

**The Abergavenny Team Standing at the back
M.Winstanley,M.Powell,P.Jones,R.Wallace,M.Rossiter K.Holmes,D.Griffin (Capt)
P.Sussex,A.Charrington,P.Watkins,M.Bloor.**



Tewkesbury 167-8 P.Jones 4-31,K.Holmes 2-25 Abergavenny 168-8 M.Powell (40 P.Jones (25*) P.Sussex (25*) to complete the 'double' over Tewkesbury, this did not look possible as they slumped to 115-8 still needing 53 to win, in an exciting finish Phil Jones and Paul Sussex saw their side home with 7 balls to spare.

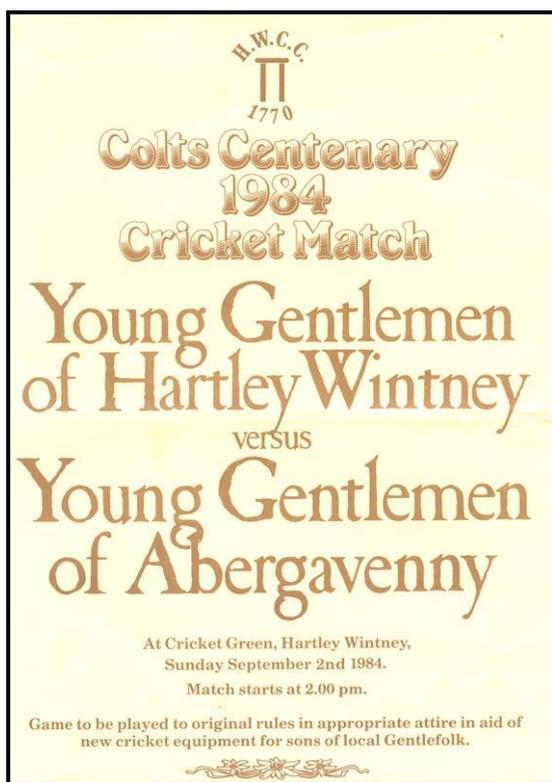
Abergavenny 208-9 M.Powell (60) G.Thomas (32) M.Bloor (20) Panteg 212-6 P.Jones 4-61, P.Watkins 1-30.

Against Stinchcombe, Mike Bloor top scored with 47* in a total of 198-8 in a reduced overs match because of bad light. Stinchcombe eventually made 127-9 with P.Jones 3-43 and Paul Sussex 1-20 in 13 overs.

In the final TCL game Ross were beaten for the second time in a high scoring game, Ross 201-9 Abergavenny 203-5



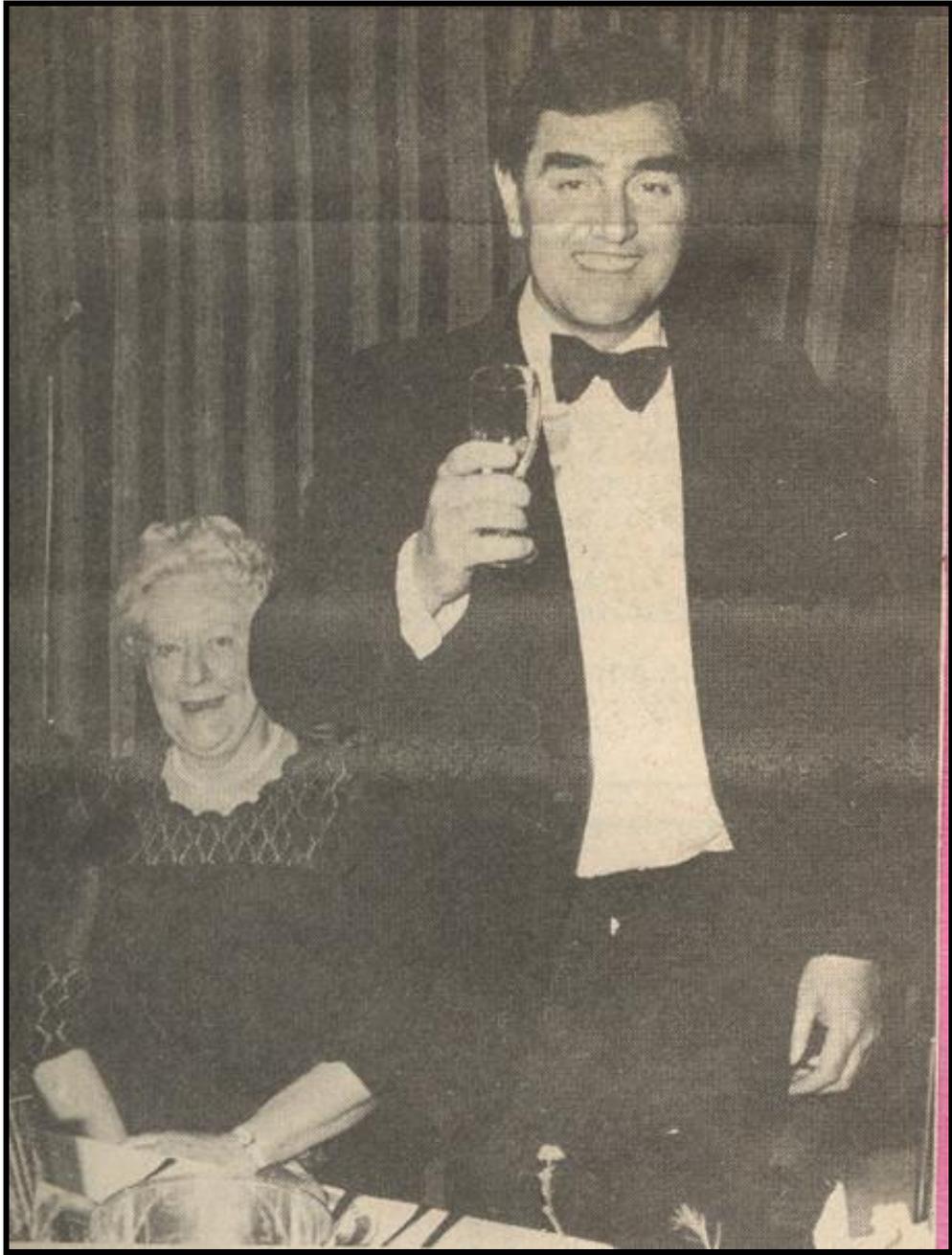
‘Cheers’ A.R.Lewis former England and Glamorgan Captain toasts the Club



Pictured left the Match programme form Hartley Wintney

World Events-Martina Navratilova wins the women's singles at the US Open only the third woman to win six consecutive Grand Slam singles titles. The 23rd Olympic Games open in Los Angeles, California. Ray Kroc, US restaurateur who founded the McDonald's fast-food hamburger restaurants, dies in San Diego, California (81). The Band Aid single 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' raises £8 million for famine relief in Africa. Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India 1966-77 and 1980-84 is assassinated in New Delhi, India

Due to the celebrations Abergavenny did not stage a First Class fixture in 1984. The Glamorgan 2nd X1 did play a 3 day fixture at the club against Somerset 2nd X1 on August 1,2,3rd. The match was drawn with Glamorgan 2nds 315-10 and Somerset 122-10 and 218-8



'Cheers' Tony Lewis raises his glass "To Abergavenny"



Pictured at The Manor Hotel- Crickhowell, the top table dignitaries celebrating 150 years of Abergavenny Cricket Club



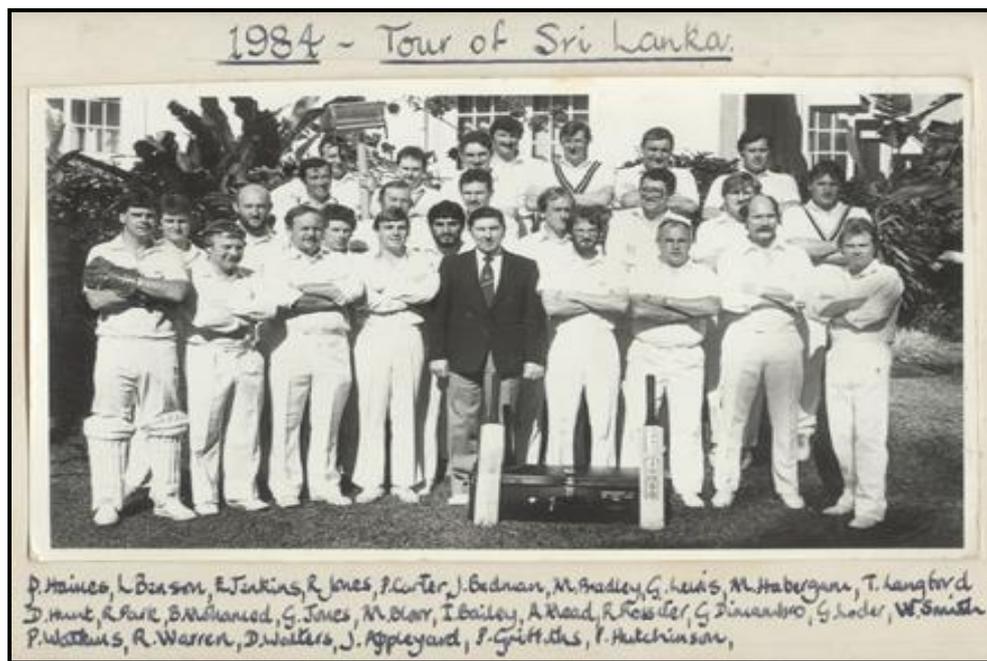
Pictured Left Peter Thomas. Secretary of the Club from 1978 to 1983. He joined the Club in 1973, having moved to Abergavenny in 1968. Born in Maesteg, brought up in the Bridgend area attended Bridgend Grammar School and University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. He commenced his teaching career by spending a year in Australia where he met his wife 'Liz'. He went on to become a Senior Schools Inspector based at the Welsh Office in Cardiff. Peter played both 1st X1 and 2nd X1 cricket in his prime and his finest hour came when he scored his maiden century in the 2nd X1 against Colwall. After finishing as secretary in 1983, Peter has continued to serve the Club, most notably as '200 Club' Secretary



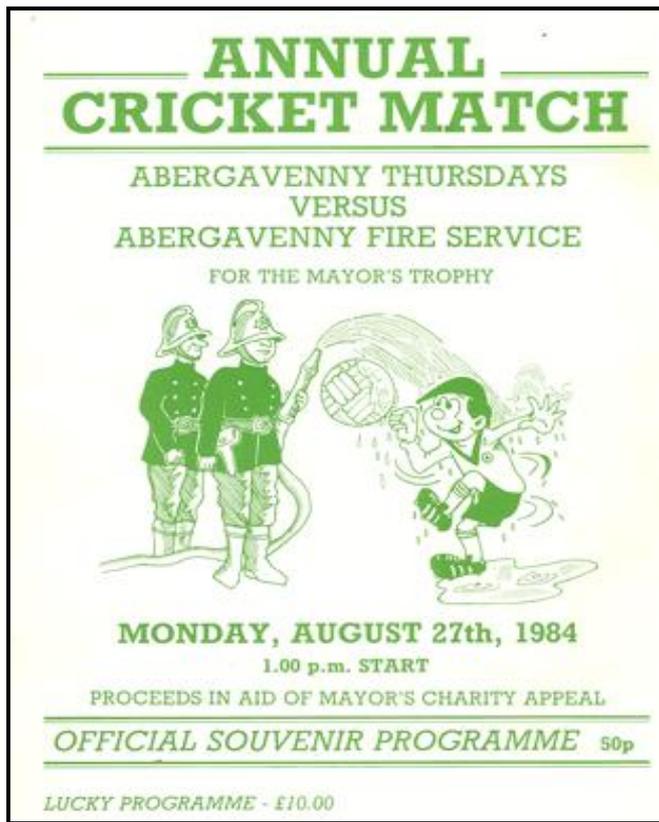
Pictured left- G.H. 'Doc' Lewis A long standing member of the Club both as player and administrator. He became Treasurer in 1972 and continued in that role until 1980. 'Doc' worked in Banking and also served the Twin Town, Round Table and many other local organisations. He played for 1st, 2nd and 3rd X1's during his playing career. A right handed batsman who accumulated his runs on the basis of sound defensive technique. He also liked to keep wicket and occasionally bowled some deceptive off spinners. His work later took him to Lydney but he is a frequent visitor



A game between the Presidents X1 pictured above and the Club X1 was another part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations.



Pictured above The tour party in Sri Lanka, the tour was yet another part of the 150th Anniversary celebration.



A cricket match with a difference was staged at Avenue Road on bank holiday Monday, with teams representing the local Fire Service and Abergavenny Thursdays F.C. playing for the Mayors Trophy. With proceeds going towards the Mayors Charity Appeal.

Pictured above are the players and officials

M.Hayward, N.Casson, S.Indge, B.Mohammed, R.Bennett, R.Merchant, P.Watkins, M.Hefferman, P.Sussex, C.Rooke, M.Powell, C.Thomas, K.Willard, K.Clissold, R.Newell, M.Butler, K.Davies, G.Thomas, M.James, K.Holmes, M.Phillips, M.Bloor, R.Warren.