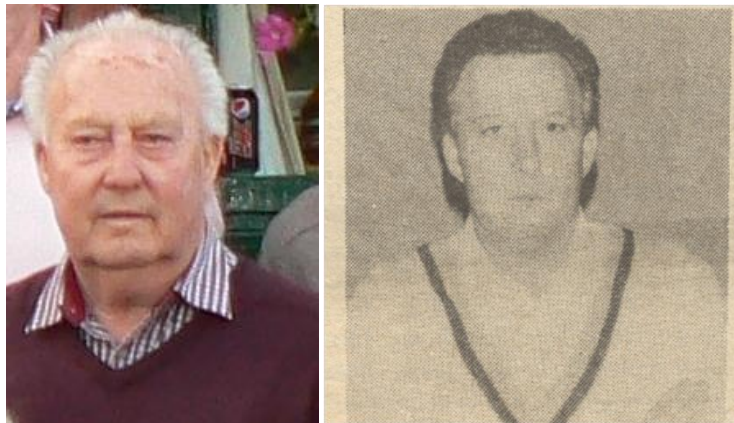


Season 2023

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Chairman-Andy Timpson
Hon Sec-Sarah Pipe
Hon Treasurer-Nick Kinman
Fixture Secretary-Steve Lesbirel
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Before the start of the 2023 season and just after the 2022 season finished we heard of the sad passing of one of the Clubs stalwarts GH 'Doc' Lewis



Pictured in 2015 and in the 1970's

A long standing member of the Club both as player and administrator. He became Treasurer in 1972 and continued in that role until 1980, and for the following 4 years served as a committee member, he became an Honorary Vice President in 1984 and the following year was inducted as a Life Member. '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 in the financial sector later took him to Lydney but he was a frequent visitor, most recent was at a re-union celebrating the 40th anniversary of winning the Three Counties League

Abergavenny Cricket Club

188th AGM

Thursday December 8th 2022

The Chairman Andy Timpson opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and invited the attendees to stand for a minutes silence out of respect for deceased member. G.H 'Doc' Lewis

The minutes of the December 9th 2021 AGM were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings

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Chairman Report-Andy Timpson

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Welfare Officers- D.Kinman, Craig Whistance

Cricket Committee- A.Timpson, N.Kinman, G.Shackleton, R.Wallace, G.Thomas and the four team captains



As the meeting drew to a close Anna Chilvers the Chair of the Willow Club presented a donation to the club a bumper cheque. (Pictured above)

The club Bar has also had a makeover



Cricket Club holds AGM

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Abergavenny players selected for Cricket Wales Teams for 2023 Season- Toby Smith- Under 13, Olly Jones, Leo Ling and Lloyd Sharp –Under 14 and Tom Norton and Tom Krige – Under 16.



CRICKET WALES XI V MCC
9th June 2023 SUDBROOK CC

TEAM SHEET

MUJI ILYAS*	Newport
NATHAN LEE	Ynystawe
TRAVIS MORGAN	Newbridge
LUKE O'CONNOR	Dafen Welfare
TOM NORTON	Abergavenny
WILL RYAN	St Asaph
HARRISON JONES	Denbigh
SAM MILLS	Cardiff
WILL MOORE	Carmarthen Wanderers
JASON FOULKES	Nantwich
ASIM HAMEED	Swansea

Scorer Jo HOLLEY Llanarth



Abergavenny's Tom Norton selected for Glamorgan CCC Academy and selected for the Cricket Wales X1 to play MCC in June at Sudbrook CC



Tom Norton and Ben Morris on Tour in South Africa with Glamorgan Academy Squad

Flying the flag at the Bay Oval



Pre Season Fixtures 2023

Saturday 8th April
St Fagans
Avenue Road

Saturday 15th April
Carmarthen Wanderers
Avenue Road

Sunday 16th April
Pontarddulais
Avenue Road

Sunday 23rd April
Verwood
Avenue Road

Club stalwart Brian Mayers in New Zealand 2023 and the 2023 Pre Season friendlies

On Sunday Abergavenny CC player Lotte Matthews will fly to Mumbai with Cricket Wales for a 10 day tour of India... See more



Lotté Matthews @LotteMatthews · 2h
All set and ready to go to India with [@cricketwales_wg](#). A huge thank you to [@graynics](#) for sorting me out with kit. Can't wait to get to India and play lots of cricket. [@AbergavennyCC](#)



Lotte Matthews on Cricket Wales trip to India



Working Party at the Club April 7th

CARDIFF UCCE VS SOMERSET

22ND MARCH 2023 | 3 DAY | TAUNTON



Morgan Bevan and Dan Morris in Cardiff UCCE X1



Abergavenny Cricket Club are pleased to announce the appointment of Geraint Adlam as Senior Team Coach for 2023. We wish Geraint all the best in his new role and are looking forward to working with him

Good to see some of the lads come down this lunchtime for some extra training 🏏



New covers sponsored by Taylor Estate Agents

Abergavenny 1st X1 hit the ground running



After losing out to the weather for all the pre-season friendlies Abergavenny welcomed newly promoted Ebbw Vale to Avenue Road to open the League Season for 2023. The officials appointed were Bob Charlton and Mark Thomas. The Abergavenny team selected was Will Glenn (capt) Greg Fury (wk) James Francis, Tom Pipe, Joe Harris, Ellis Jones, Owen Harris, Sam Clarke, David Clarke, Jack Ryan and Lewys Wilkes McCarthy. Abergavenny were asked to bat after losing the toss and despite losing skipper Will Glenn (8) and in not easy batting conditions they reached 57-1 off the first 11 overs with Tom Pipe looking in very good form making (49) The game ebbed and flowed and from 74-1 Abergavenny fell to 95-4 a 60 partnership ensued for the 5th with Owen Harris (20) and James Francis taking the score to 155-4 before Abergavenny lost another crop of wickets to be 183-9 but Jack Ryan (1) and Sam Clarke who was outstanding making (52) added 54 for the last wicket leaving the home side 237 all out. James Harris Player of the Year for the past two seasons made (53) and at the halfway stage as it was becoming cold and rather overcast a finish to the game was in doubt. Ebbw vale however did get to bat but didn't ever get going in reply and lost early wickets and found themselves 14-3 with opening bowlers David Clarke (1-7) and James Francis (2-15) in the wickets. There was a small stand of 29 runs for the 4th wicket but further wickets fell regularly as the weather closed in and Ebbw Vale when rain brought the game to a close were 83-8. Two wickets for Sam Clarke and one each for Harris, Ryan and McCarthy. Abergavenny winning on Duckworth Lewis. Taking 20 points.



First XI v Sudbrook @ home 29/04

Will Glenn (Capt) Tom Pipe James Francis Joe Harris Tom Norton Owen Harris Greg Fury (wk) Sam Clarke Dave Clarke Alfie Cutmore Lewys McCarthy- The officials for the game Lawrence Green and Zabair Iqbal.

On winning the toss Will Glenn put Sudbrook in to bat with immediate rewards as new signing paceman Alfie Cutmore removing both openers before they had reached 20 runs after just 7 overs of the new ball. Before the 10th over Abergavenny made further inroads leaving Sudbrook 25-3 they never really recovered from 35-6 despite a 74 run stand for the 7th wicket –S.O'Leary (47) and J.Watkins (23*) as Abergavenny bowlers remained on top and they were finally all out for 119 in 36 overs. Alfie Cutmore 4-26, James Francis 2-13, Sam Clarke 2-35 and one wicket for Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy

Abergavenny started their quest for victory in good style and quickly went to 30-0 off the first 5 overs, they lost their first wicket on that score when Tom Pipe (12) was out. Veteran slow bowler D.Wallace did make some inroads into the Abergavenny reply taking 4 wickets but Tom Norton (31*) and Greg Fury (3*) saw Abergavenny home after good contributions from James Francis (32) and Will Glenn (28) Abergavenny hitting their target in just the 23rd Over for a second comprehensive victory and 17 points- Taking them joint top of the league with Radyr. Next week Miskin Manor (Away)

Next week the 2nd X1 Mountain Ash (home), 3rd X1 Penarth 4th X1 (away) and 4th X1 Llanarth 2nd X1 (Home) join the Summer party

May 2nd Under 13 v Sudbrook at Avenue Road

Friday May 5th – Start of All Stars and Dynamos which will run for the next 8 Fridays

All Stars 5pm -5.45pm Dynamos 6pm – 7 pm (first night cancelled due to weather a further night added on at the end)

Saturday May 6th -Miskin Manor v Abergavenny 1st X1

Will Glenn (Capt) Tom Pipe James Francis Joe Harris Tom Norton Jack Ryan Greg Fury (wk) Sam Clarke Dave Clarke Alfie Cutmore Lewys McCarthy- Officials Martin Bowen & Geoff Layer

2nd X1 Mountain Ash (home), 3rd X1 Penarth 4thX1 (away) and 4th X1 Llanarth 2nd X1 (Home)

All four fixtures lost to the weather

Saturday May 13th

1st X1 v Blackwood at Avenue Road

Will Glenn (Capt) Tom Pipe James Francis Joe Harris Tom Norton Jack Ryan Greg Fury (wk) Sam Clarke Dave Clarke Alfie Cutmore Lewys McCarthy- Officials- John Charles & Colin Spain.



Pictured left -Tom Norton (63) and Sam Clarke 5 for 8 in 6 overs

Abergavenny batted first in decent summer weather for the first time this season, against a Blackwood side that have had a poor start to the season. Despite the sunny weather, the Blackwood bowlers flourished and reduced Abergavenny to 75-5. Will Glen (24) with the bulk of the runsBut there was some hope as young Tom Norton

(63) demonstrated his class and while he was still at the crease it was possible that he could orchestrate a recovery and with support from Sam (24) and David Clarke (32) he did just that, as the last 5 wickets put on 112 runs to finish on 187 all out. Abergavenny bowlers were scrooge like and on top of the batters from ball one and Blackwood only managed 15 runs from the first 10 over's for the loss of one wicket they were never in the game and were eventually bowled out for just 62 runs, Sam Clarke with 5 wickets for just 8 runs in 6 overs, 2 wickets each for James Francis and Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy and one wicket for Alfie Cutmore, leaving Abergavenny winners by 125 runs and at this early stage 9 points clear at the top of Division 1.



2nd X1 away at Llantwit Fadre who were inserted by Gareth Powell but they never really got going losing an early wicket when Greg Spencer bowled their opener with the score on 5. The only significant partnership of 45 runs then took place for the 2nd wicket 50-2, thereafter they lost wicket regularly with none able to get on top of the Abergavenny attack and they were eventually all out for 93 in the 40th over. Dylan Beaumont-Welsh (3-17) James Hrastelj playing for the club for the first time in a number of years (2 for 20) Lloyd Sharp (2 for 13) and one wicket each for Spencer and Hefferan. Whilst seemingly making light work of the target Abergavenny took great care and used 40 overs to reach their target for the loss of 4 wickets with Ellis Jones pictured left (78*) with the bulk of the runs assisted Nathan Holley (14) and skipper Gareth Powell (9*) a 6 wicket win to commence their campaign.



3rd X1 SW Sri Lankans at Crickhowell, Sadly the 3rd X1 took a heavy defeat at the picturesque Crickhowell ground which recently hosted the so called dog friendly firework display for the King's Coronation. South Wales Sri Lankans batted first and put the Abergavenny bowlers to the sword. They amassed 351 for 7 in their 40 overs. With Imshad Farook (141*) The bowlers toiled away and successful regarding wickets were skipper Lee Fury with (3-74) 42 runs from his last 2 overs including six 6's and one wicket each for Tim Price, Richard James and Nathan Byrne. In reply Abergavenny never looked like getting anywhere near the massive total and reached 138-7 at the close of their innings. Lee Fury batted well for (55*) Nathan Byrne (19) Rohra and Sheehan with (12) and (13) respectively.

4th X1 away at Lisvane 5th X1 Stuart Eccles on winning the toss inserted Lisvane who were unfortunate to lose their opener Ashleigh Crowter former BBC Wales sports presenter who retired hurt when (44*) however they soldiered on and managed to reach a respectable 147 -8 in their 40 overs. They key wicket takers for Abergavenny were Manuraj Raju (4 for 27) and Wales Over 70 veteran Andy Timpson with (3 for 26) Roy Packiyaraj with the other wicket. Abergavenny reached their target reasonably comfortably in the 30th over with skipper Stuart Eccles (44) and fellow opener yet another Wales Over 70 player Ryland Wallace (26*) well backed up by Mukesh Kumar with (38*) and Keeper Ioan Parry who chipped in with (10) runs. A 7 wicket victory .

Next week sees 1st X1 home to 6th place Malpas, the 2nd X1 away at Pontypridd 2nd X1, the 3rd X1 away to Lisvane 4th X1 and the 4th X1 at home to Blackwood 3rd X1

Sunday May 14th- HistoryMakers

The Abergavenny Women's X1 created history as they take the field at Avenue Road for the first ever Women's cricket match v Monmouth Women's X1

Team / Batting Order

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| 1. Connie Hefferan | |
| 2. Bella Collett (Wicket Keeper -Part) | 10 Eira Cundy |
| 3. Lotte Matthews (Captain) | |
| 4. Rosie Thomas (Wicket Keeper - Part) | 11 Ruth Collett |
| 5. Ophelia Lund | |
| 6. Maria Sheehan | 12 Alice Graham |
| 7. Nancy Hefferan | |
| 8. Cerys Van Els | |
| 9. Tilly Corbett | |



Back row left to right - Ophelia Lund, Rosie Thomas, Tilly Corbett, Connie Hefferan, Cerys Van Els, Nancy Hefferan, Bella Collett Front Row Left To Right Alice Graham, Eira Cundy Lotte Matthews (Captain), Maria Sheehan and Ruth Collett.

Abergavenny winning by 10 runs in a close encounter



Abergavenny CC in light blue and Monmouth CC's women before their first ever hardball match. Photo: Abergavenny CC.

Aber edge historic first hardball clash

CONNIE Hefferan and former Wales player Rosie Thomas jointly top-scored with 25 as hosts Abergavenny Cricket Club women's hardball team secured a narrow nine-run win over Monmouth.

Sunday's match was the first hardball women's fixture

between the two clubs and it proved a wonderful advert for the sport.

The hosts set a target of 148-3 from their 30 overs. Monmouth School for Girls sixth former Thomas for Girls sixth former Thomas secured an unbeaten before retiring, while Bella Collett chipped in with 14.

Monmouth teen Bea Jones then cracked a superb 49 in reply and missed out on a deserved half-century when she was run-out off the last ball of an historic match.

Mai Harris (11) also chipped in with runs for Monmouth as the visitors closed on 139-6.

Maria Sheehan (2-19)

and Nancy Hefferan (2-16) took the bowling plaudits for Abergavenny, with Connie Hefferan also taking 1-24.

Nadia Mackey was Monmouth's top bowler, snapping up 3-18 from six overs, and was backed up by captain Lauren Maguire (0-11 off six)

and Dannie Stone (0-19 off five).

Marta Fernandez, Harris, and Penny Boyle also delivered tidy bowling spells for Monmouth.

Ellie Potter-Irwin and Jill Jones were the excellent in the field, while Stone and Helen McGloin had good stints behind the stumps.

At the start of the 2023 season at the end of April we heard of the sad passing of one of the Clubs stalwarts and most talented cricketer David Griffin aged 71 years. He played for the club for 20 seasons and Captained the Club in 1984 and 1985.

David Griffin 1951-2023



1966- Most promising player

1967- the fifteen year old won a bat as the best performing Colt he also bowled a little in the senior side. 1968- Takes 1-7 against Thornbury, scored 19* for the 2nd X1 against Newbridge, 219 against Hornsey and 3-17 against Midsomer Norton. He played 12 times for the 1st X1 taking 11 wickets, 5 catches and scored 85 runs

1969- scored 19 against Thornbury, then made his career best 40 * against Britton Ferry. Took 5-26 against Ledbury, took 4-25 against Hereford. Scored 40 for the 2nd X1 against Caerleon and took 4-41 when bowling. He then took his PB to 47 against Ross in the 1st X1. He took 2-21 against Innswinders, he became the first ever Abergavenny boy to win a Welsh Cap, he celebrated his selection with 11 wickets over the weekend 5-23 against St Fagan's with 30 runs when batting and 6-17 against Newbridge. Against North Middlesex he took 3-20. He scored 44 and took a wicket against Hereford. Still in school he took 8-35 against Chepstow. He then defeated Crickhowell single handedly scoring his maiden fifty [52] and taking 5-23. Against Cheadle he scored [24] He was among the wickets and runs against Midsomer Norton. He took 4-56 against Usk and Usk needed 3 runs off the last over being bowled by the schoolboy David Griffin. They also had two wickets in hand. However they both fell victims to the young left arm spinner to hand victory to Abergavenny. In the final game of the season against Thornbury he scored [46] He totalled 625 runs and took 64 wickets and took 12 catches. Top score [70]

1970- established in First X1- scored [42] against Thornbury, 3-72 and 54 runs against Pontnewynydd, against Hereford 3-48 and 35 Not out, against Caerleon [67*] and 1 for 10, 1-17 against Ross, Dave Griffin played for Welsh Schools against Millfield scoring (44) and (36*) as well as taking 3 wickets. Schoolboy Dave Griffin who bowls left arm spin, took 7-44 against Crickhowell and the following day 5-22 against Ebbw Vale. Despite this Abergavenny still lost to Crickhowell and only drew with Ebbw Vale. Crickhowell from 95-5 made 156 and Abergavenny were all out for 93. Dave Griffin (21) and John Powell (21) against Abertillery took 3-30. Usk 110-8 Dave Griffin taking 5-50 Dave Griffin was picked to play for Welsh Schools against the West Indies and later against England.

Chepstow in reply 98 all out Dave Griffin taking 6-39 Terry Hulbert 2-21 and R.Tear 2-15.

Dave Griffin (14) Hereford 81-2 with Dave Griffin taking the two wickets to fall Season tally 590 runs at almost 25.00 top score [75] and 61 wickets at 12.75

1971- 665 Runs at 21.00 didn't bowl much this season

1972- 899 runs at 33.00 [87] top score 15 wickets at 20.00 best 3-36 and 8 catches

1973- Crickhowell were beaten by an all round performance by Dave Griffin taking 4-21 and scoring (72*) Passed a 1000 runs in the season for the first time with 1056 runs at just under 38.00 best bowling 6-14 against Ross

1974- 923 Runs at just under 30.00 best of [97] 13 catches didn't bowl.

1975- 727 at just under 24.00 best of [62] 11 catches and did bowl but with no real effect.

1976- 581 at just under 23.00 best of [72] 9 catches and did bowl but to no effect

1977- only played 8 games scored 89 runs with a best of [29] didn't bowl

1978- 526 at just under 38.00 with a best of 77 did bowl to no effect and took 6 catches.

1979- 760 runs at just over 33.00 with a best of [89] didn't bowl and took 13 catches

1980- 757 at just over 44.00 with a best of 104* His maiden club Century and the first ever century by an Abergavenny first X1 player in a League match

1981- 296 at just under 18.00 best of [58] didn't bowl and took 3 catches

1982-626 at 26.00 Best [49] didn't bowl 7 catches

1983- 510 at 30.00 best [75] Bowled but with no effect took 6 catches

1984- Captain in the 150th anniversary year

1985- Skipper David Griffin continued his fine form with great knocks against Tewkesbury and Panteg in June taking his aggregate to over 400 and his average above 100.

David Griffin 1951-2023

Obituary



David was born New Years Eve 1951 in the Salisbury area of Wiltshire, he moved with his parents Doron Stanley T Griffin (Don) and mother Margaret E Griffin (Nee Fry) in 1957 to Abergavenny which became their home. He grew up there along with his younger brother Richard and Deidree his older sister, who sadly pre-deceased him aged just 55 years. He attended King Henry School and played cricket as a youngster for the School team and the local Abergavenny Cricket Club. He began to get noticed as a potential talent in 1966 when he won the Cricket Bat Award for the junior player of the year. He continued to improve and was capped as a schoolboy international in 1969 and kept his place in the Welsh Team in 1970, an elegant left hand bat and a very skilful left arm bowler, he was a genuine all-rounder and always the most modest of men. He was integral to the side that won the Three Counties League in 1975. After his education he spent his working life in the world of finance with HSBC, opting for that instead of a possible career in cricket with Worcestershire. In the winter he loved his football and played locally with Park Rangers whilst supporting his beloved Tottenham Hotspur. After numerous seasons when he finished in the top 3 of both batsmen and bowlers including the milestone of completing a 1000 runs in the 1973 season. He was elected as Club Captain in its 150th Anniversary year 1984 a post he held for two seasons. He married Sally Ross in 1986 and they were blessed with two daughters Anna and Emma. He idolised Emma's children Freddie and Jamie his grandsons and they were a great source of pride for David. Right up to his passing he kept in regular contact with many of his playing colleagues from Bailey Park Rangers especially his good friend Neville Meadows.

Saturday May 20th

1st X1 home to 6th place Malpas, Will Glenn (Capt) Tom Pipe James Francis Joe Harris (wk)Tom Norton Jack Ryan Ellis Jones, Sam Clarke Dave Clarke Alfie Cutmore Lewys McCarthy- Officials Mike Read and Keith Redford.

Abergavenny won the toss and after some debate decided to bat first on a lovely warm afternoon. Those on the side of fielding first in the debate were wishing they had won the debate as Abergavenny fell for the second week running to a disappointing 68-5. Tom Pipe who injured himself in the warm up batted at number 5 and when Tom Norton (26) was caught on the boundary he was joined by Sam Clarke and between them they put things right with a stand of 114 for the 6th wicket. Sam who made (44) and his brother David Clarke were then both out leaving Tom Pipe and Jack Ryan to see out the remainder of the 50 overs, Tom Pipe did this to great effect and in so doing passed his century albeit having been applauded for the achievement the umpire signalled 'One short' however next ball he duly completed a well constructed century he finished on 121 Not out with Jack Ryan (8*) the stand worth 38 runs. Tom's century came off 128 balls and included 10 fours, having only managed one run from his first 21 balls faced. Abergavenny were assisted by some poor fielding from the Malpas team who dropped at least 6 catches. Abergavenny 245-7. It was probably a 50/50 game at the interval but once James Francis had bowled Michael Martin for (30) with the first ball of his spell the game then edged in Abergavenny's favour. A stand that took Malpas to 106-2 gave them some hope but from that point they lost wickets regularly and were soon 139-8 with Alfie Cutmore in his second spell ending with 4-40 well supported by Sam Clarke with 3-27 and Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy, Jack Ryan and James Francis one wicket each. Malpas were all out in 40 overs for 170. Abergavenny improving their lead in Division one to 11 points after 5 matches.. Next week they are away to 5th place Radyr



Tom Pipe and Alfie Cutmore

2nd X1 away at Pontypridd 2nd X1 235-9 Abergavenny 2nd X1 – 147-9 Pontypridd batted first and Abergavenny bowlers made it difficult at first with Pontypridd 19-2 and 87-4 but a 95 run stand for the 5th wicket saw Pontypridd regain control and they reached 235-9 at the close of their innings. Skipper Gareth Powell taking 3-31, Dylan Beaumont-Welsh 2-56 and Greg Spencer, Ryan Pugh, Richard James and Lloyd Sharp with a wicket apiece. Abergavenny lost Ioan Lilly with the score on 2 runs, Nathan Holley (20), Steve Brown (41) and William Eccles (19) repaired the damage slightly and with Lloyd Sharp chipping in with (22*) they managed to get a reasonable score without ever looking like reaching the target set, losing 3 wickets in the nineties and then four wickets in the low hundreds meant it was a disappointing day in Ynysangharad Park

Next week the 2nd X1 are at home to Malpas 2nd X1

3rd X1 away to Lisvane 4th X1- Lisvane won the toss and batted first scoring 159-7 in their 40 overs, They never really recovered from 74-4 with Lee Fury the skipper taking 4-36 and there was one wicket each for Manuraj Raju, Roy Packiyaraj and Dinto Pappachan. Abergavenny making up for last week by winning comfortably in just 28 overs totalling 160-4 There were contributions from a number of players with the bat who set it up nicely for Mihla Sibanda (58*) and Will Jones (20*) to finish the job for a needed boost for the team after last week's efforts against the strong SW Sri Lankans. Next week the 3rd X1 are at home to Croesyceiliog 3rd X1.

4th X1 at home to Blackwood 3rd X1 Blackwood batted first in ideal conditions with the ground at Crickhowell looking beautiful, both runs and wickets were quite elusive and at the close of their allocation of 40 overs Blackwood had mustered 140-6 two of which were run outs, with Colin Griffiths taking 2-27 and a wicket each for Shaheen Choudhry and Adil Gat rad. I reply Skipper Stuart Eccles continued with his good form getting his team off to a good start, he scored (41) Satish Rohra made a really good (59) in a good partnership with Ross Hayden (20) and Ioan Parry saw them over the line in just the 27th Over for a 7 wicket victory. Next week the 4th X1 are away at Chepstow 3rd X1

Before the game with Malpas at Avenue Road the Club supported by People who had known and or played with David Griffin and the two sides and officials held a minutes silence in memory of an ex Captain and talented player between 1966 and 1985. The Club President paid tribute in a short address about his memories of David.



The teams and Officials with ex players lined up in memory of David Griffin



The past players and Club officials

L-R- G.Tomas,N.Kinman(Treasurer),J.Roberts,R.Wallace, Dick Brown (President) A.Morris, P.Sussex, N.Meadows, P.Havard, M.Powell, M.Winstanley, Andy Timpson (Chairman)



May 27th- Radyr v Abergavenny 1st X1 Andrew Jones Tom Pipe James Francis Joe Harris Tom Norton Greg Fury (wkt) Owen Harris, Sam Clarke (Capt) Dave Clarke Alfie Cutmore Lewys McCarthy- Officials Mark McLoughlin and Trevor Netherway- Abergavenny travelled to Station Road Radyr on Saturday. Radyr won the toss and batted getting away to a bright start scoring 38 off the first 5 overs and this became 69-1 off 10 overs with David Clarke taking the wicket of the opener Williamson, caught by Tom Norton. As they say in cricket 'one brings two' and Lewys Wilkes McCarthy bowled the other opener 75-2 which became 99-3 from 17 overs, Sam Clarke striking. Two more quick wickets followed for James Francis and McCarthy leaving Radyr with half the side out 101-5 in the 20th over. This saw Abergavenny bowlers holding something of a strangle hold on matters conceding only 24 runs in the following 10 overs. Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy bowling 10 overs 1 maiden 2wkts for 15 runs. Then the wickets started to tumble Radyr going from 125-5 to 149 all out with two more wickets for Sam Clarke two for Owen Harris and a run out. Abergavenny made a good start with the inform Tom Pipe out for (32) with the

score on 61-1, he opened with the Clubs record holding batter Andrew Jones (pictured left). James Francis who has not been at his best so far with the bat went early for a duck 65-2 then Joe Harris fell again for just (2) leaving Abergavenny 77-3. This brought young Tom Norton in to join evergreen Andrew Jones taking the score to 100-3 after 20 overs. Tom Norton (28) was bowled with the score on 128 leaving Andrew Jones (63 not out) and Greg Fury (14 Not out) ensuring a 6 wicket victory and 20 points. Looking to keep the run going and improve on their 16 point lead at the top of the table, next week they are home to local rivals Panteg.

Abergavenny 2nd X1 v Malpas 2nd X1 – Abergavenny batted first and lost a couple of early wickets as both openers failed to score but at the half way stage they were 121-4 with young Jack Ryan 70 not out batting with Will Eccles who was eventually out for (15) Ellis Jones (18) Steve Brown (15). Jack Ryan was eventually out for (78) another youngster Lloyd Sharp batted really well for (32 not out) skipper Gareth Powell chipped in with (23) and Logan Williams was (18 Not out) at the close, as Abergavenny finished on 225-7. In reply Malpas were bowled out in 36 overs for 150. With youngster Lloyd Sharp completing a very good all round performance with 4 wickets and 3 wickets for Logan Williams. Abergavenny picking up twenty points taking them to 50 points in total and with other results to follow momentarily on top of Division 6, later when all the results were in they took 2nd place. Next week Llandaff 3rd X1 Away.



Lloyd Sharp 32 Not Out and 4 wickets

Croesyceiliog 3rd X1 v Abergavenny 3rd X1. The 3rd X1 bowled out Croesyceiliog for a miserly 54 runs in the 28th over. Abergavenny bowlers were relentless. There were wickets for Flynn Williams 2-14, Lee Flynn 2-21, Shunryu Sheehan 3-10 and Tim Price 2-2. Abergavenny 3rd X1 They reached their target in just 8 overs for the loss of one wicket that of Chai Sanapala for (10) leaving Ioan Lilly (30*) and Archie Eccles (10*) The 3rd X1 are now 3rd in their division. Next week Pontymister & Crosskeys Away

Abergavenny 4th X1 v Chepstow 3rd X1- The 4th X1 won the toss and batted first, unfortunately they were not able to set a really formidable target and were bowled out for 131 in 38 overs. Young Olly Jones with a magnificent (37) opening the innings, Satish Rohra (16) and Ianon Parry (16) the main contributors. The Chepstow 3rd X1 found some difficulty in reaching the required target losing 8 wickets in the process but the attacking nature of their approach saw them get the runs in the 27th over for a 2 wicket victory. Manuraj Raju 3-24, Zamir 2-22, Evan Jones 1-1 and Satish Rohra 1-12. Olly Jones didn't take a wicket but bowled really well six overs for just 11 runs. The 4th X1 are sitting in 4th place in their division. Next week at home to Sudbrook 3rds

A great effort from our women's team today. Nine players were making their senior competitive debuts in women's cricket. A good win by Cardiff Cricket Club, good luck for the rest of the season. Great learning experience for us. Well done girls 🏏

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*Back Row Left to right - Cerys Van Els, Connie Hefferan, Nancy Hefferan, Lotte Matthews, Ella Nelmes, Catrin Morley
Front Row Left to Right - Maria Sheehan, Rosie Thomas, Megan Rowlands and Bronwen Howard Rees (missing Bella Collett)*
Batting Order

1. Connie Hefferan
2. Bella Collett (Wicket Keeper -Part)
3. Lotte Matthews (Captain)
4. Rosie Thomas (Wicket Keeper - Part)
5. Meg Rowlands
6. Cerys Van Els
7. Bronwen Howard Rees
8. Ella Nelmes
9. Nancy Hefferan
10. Maria Sheehan
11. Catrin Morley

Saturday June 3rd

Abergavenny 1st X1 v Panteg 1st X1 Team- Will Glenn (Capt) Andrew Jones James Francis Joe Harris Tom Norton Greg Fury (wkt) Owen Harris, Sam Clarke Dave Clarke Alfie Cutmore Jack Ryan- Officials Rhys Jones, Paul Morgan, Scorer Byron Jones. In what has become a recurring theme Abergavenny lost their first 4 wickets for 67 runs, which proved to be the support act to the main event which saw the precocious talent of 15 year old Tom Norton possibly y the best 15 year old produced by the club since the likes of Malcolm Nash in the fifties and Mark Wallace in the eighties. Tom entertained a sun kissed crowd with a superb batting performance recording his first Abergavenny Senior century, scoring his first 50 from 48 balls and adding the second fifty in just 45 balls he played shots all around the wicket and was eventually out for a magnificent (141) he shared the 5th wicket stand of 194 with another youngster Joe Harris who had been short of runs in the previous games but came good

in this partnership with a best of (61) before being unfortunately run out as well as playing great shots the feature of the partnership was the running between the wickets. Late lusty blows from Sam Clarke (35*) and Owen Harris (33) Saw the huge total of 363 -7 at the close.

Panteg faced the daunting prospect of trying to make the game last as long as possible , however they never realistically were in with a chance, early 'fire' from Alfie Cutmore saw the demise of veteran Akhtar Balouch with the score on 4. Wickets then fell fairly regularly with spin twins Sam Clarke 3-19 and Owen Harris 2-25 once again impressing seeing Panteg fall to 88-7, it was then the turn of the batting hero to turn to bowling as Tom Norton cleaned up the tail taking 3-4 in two overs to leave Panteg 100 all out in 23 overs. Abergavenny Taking 20 points and increasing their lead at the top to 25 points. Next week Croesyceiliog Away



Tom Norton (141) Maiden Senior Century for Abergavenny

The 2nd X1 travelled to Llandaff 3rd X1 and won a very close game by 9 runs. Deciding to bat first Abergavenny 2nd X1 made 179 -7 from their 40 over allocation. They were grateful to skipper Gareth Powell (23*) and Logan Williams (43*) for their 8th wicket unbroken partnership this after a good (32) from Ellis Jones, Steve Brown (22) and Will Eccles (14) Llandaff were in contention throughout and up with the run rate but were losing wickets at the same time and in only the 31st over they were all out for 170 runs just 9 runs short with 9 overs remaining. The real damage was inflicted by Steve Brown (3-28) and Flynn Williams (4-14) As Llandaff went from winning it comfortably to losing their last 5 batters for just 13 runs. Abergavenny 2nd X1 picking up a valuable 19 points. Consolidating their 2nd place just 3 points behind the leaders Newport 3rd X1. Next week Panteg 2nd X1 at home

3rd X1 were away at Pontymister & Crosskeys the home team inserted Abergavenny 3rd X1 and must have regretted the decision as they batted really well and amassed a formidable score of 267 for 8 in their 40 overs, Iain Lilly (117) was particularly impressive scoring his 2nd century of the season, as was Tom Krige with (52) Ben Lander (13) Will Jones (10) Shunryu Sheehan (24) and Tim Price (12*) In reply Pontymister & Crosskeys were never in the hunt and were eventually dismissed for just 113. There were wickets for Sheehan, Lander, Matthew Knight with 2 wickets each supported by Tim Price and Richard James with a wicket apiece. This took the 3rd X1 into third place just 9 points off the top position. Next week Sully Spartans 2nd X1 at Crickhowell.



4th X1 were at Crickhowell against Sudbrook 3rd X1 the 4th X1 completed a full house of victories for Abergavenny cricket club as all four sides enjoyed victories. At this early stage vindication of appointing a Cricket Lead in Gary Thomas Senior coach Geraint Adlam and realising the hopes of Chairman Andy Timpson when he set out his vision at the December 2022 AGM. Young Olly Jones (pictured Left) was the hero of the day scoring a magnificent (49) runs and later taking 3-39 from his six overs. N. Smith also bowled well with 3-25 and Dylan Bradley 2-23 T. Smith also chipped in with a wicket. As Sudbrook were at one point 7 wickets down for 63 runs, the tail did wag a little by they fell 57 runs short in 32 overs. This was in reply to Abergavenny 3rd X1 making 189 all out. As well as the knock by Jones, Ioan Parry included 3 sixes in his (32) Neil Smith (23*) and Manuraj Raju (47) ensured a respectable total. The win leaves the 4th X1 in third just 3 points behind the leaders. Next week Abercarn 2nd X1 Away.

Sunday June 4th

Friendly v Penydarran CC at Crickhowell saw a victory for Abergavenny. Meanwhile at Avenue Road Wales Under 14 v Cornwall Under 14 with Lloyd Sharp and Olly Jones from Abergavenny playing in a Welsh victory

Saturday June 10th

Tom Pipe, Will Glenn (Capt), James Francis, Charlie Gedge, Tom Norton, Jack Ryan, Sam Clarke, Greg Fury(wkt), David Clarke, Alfie Cutmore, Lewys Wilkes McCarthy- Match Officials- Martin Bowen & Stuart Silezin



On a very sultry day Will Glenn lost the toss and Abergavenny were in the field. Alfie Cutmore started really well and he had the openers playing and missing he eventually struck in the 5th over a well judged catch by James Francis 15-1. It wasn't till the 9th over that the other opening batter got off the mark. In the tenth over David Clarke trapped Lewis Edwards LBW-29-2. Once again James Francis took a wicket in his first over When Tom Norton at short extra palmed the ball into the air for Alfie Cutmore to take an easy catch. 31-3. This became 61-3 after 20 overs in the over before drinks break Sam Clarke took the 4th wicket leaving Croesyceiliog at the half way stage 72-4. It looked for all the world that Croesyceiliog would struggle to get a challenging score however the Abergavenny bowlers were in a charitable mood

giving up 62 extras Croesyceiliog eventually reached 182 all out from 78-5. Alfie Cutmore finished with 3-40 David Clarke 3-56, James Francis 2-8 and a wicket apiece for Sam Clarke and Lewys Wilkes- McCarthy. Not for the first time in reply Abergavenny lost their first 4 batters for 43 runs. It required some clear minds and not least some skill to pull this around both of these attributes came about in the partnership between Tom Norton (49) and Jack Ryan Pictured above (36) who put together an 87 run partnership showing maturity beyond their years, not surprising from Tom Norton but a pleasant surprise from Jack Ryan who has tremendous potential. When two wickets fell on 165 things became a little tense as Abergavenny went from 118-4 at drinks to 165-7, but Greg Fury (16*) took all the tension away in just five shots including two big sixes, he along with David Clarke (5*) ensured a 3 wicket victory with 17.5 overs remaining. Increasing the lead to 31 points. Next week 5th place Lisvane at home.



First X1 have a 'huddle' prior to taking the field at Croesyceiliog

The 2nd X1 had another good win batting first reaching 226-8 with runs for Ellis Jones (42) and Ben Lander (48) then bowling out Panteg 2nd X1 for 180. There were 3 wickets each for Mathew Knight, Lloyd Sharp and Dylan Beaumont-Welsh, this victory taking the 2nd X1 to 2nd place behind Newport 3rds in Division 6.



The 3rd X1 were at Crickhowell against Sully Spartans 2nd X1 after winning the toss and batting they scored an impressive 287-8 however even that huge total wasn't enough as Sully Spartans 2nd X1 reached their target for the loss of 6 wickets in the 38th over. For Abergavenny the skipper Lee Fury (Pictured Left) was in good form and recorded his second half century of the season (83) well supported by Ryan Williams on his seasonal debut with (73*) another seasonal debutante Eion Shackleton chipped in with (27) and there were runs for Archie Eccles (23) and Mihla Sibanda (19). It wasn't a good day for the bowling attack but there were wickets for Sheehan and Raju with two apiece and one wicket for Craig Lenane who was also the most economic. The result leaving the 3rd X1 in third place with Sully 2nd and South Wales Sri Lankans leading the Division 10. Next week they are away to Llandaff 4th X1.



The 4th X1 were away at Abercarn they batted first and did really well with opening batter Ross Hayden (Pictured left) scoring an unbeaten hundred (102*) his second century for the club, a good knock carrying his bat after 40 overs. The supporting cast were Stuart Eccles (10) Barry French (12) Ioan Parry (11) Dan Gethings in his first game this season (27) and Adam Eccles (19*) setting Abercarn 209 to win as they totalled 208-4. The bowlers struggled to make inroads despite their best endeavours apart from Dylan Bradley who took 4-30 but nevertheless Abercarn only won in the 39th over which highlighted the importance of taking your catches. They remain in 2nd place in Division 12E. Next week they are at home to Crumlin 2nd X1



Tom Norton scored 48* at Sudbrook for Wales Age Group v MCC

June 17th

Abergavenny 1st X1 v Lisvane CC- Team -Sam Clarke (Capt) James Francis, Tom Pipe, Tom Norton, Ellis Jones, J.Morris, Greg Fury, David Clarke, Jack Ryan, Pawwan Lokukankanamage, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy. Umpires-Mark Hibbs & Darren Reeby. Sam Clarke on winning the toss didn't hesitate to bat first in once again very 'muggy' conditions. With Will Glenn not playing James Francis opened the batting with Tom Pipe and he showed his best batting form of the Season but with the score on 42 we lost both Tom's, Pipe (19) and Norton the 1st X1 leading run scorer for a rare (o) Joe Harris (o) went immediately after Ellis Jones who made a solid (24). In strode Greg Fury, himself short of runs this season but he proceeded to play like every one knows he can and he built a really strong partnership with James Francis of (123) for the 5th wicket Greg hitting eleven fours and a Six

in scoring a rapid (71) James who had batted superbly reached (90) when he skied a catch to be out 10 runs short of a deserved century. The lower order batters Jack Ryan (25) Sam Clarke (15) Davis Clarke (17*) and Pawan Lokukankanamage (17*) ensured Abergavenny passed 300 for the loss of 8 wickets. This despite two rain interruptions which saw the game reduced to 49 Overs.



James Francis and Greg Fury

Chasing 313 to win Lisvane struggled from the start and soon found themselves in a lot of trouble both against seam bowling and spin and they were eventually all out for 156 in the 34th Over with wickets for Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy (3-25) and James Francis (3-28) completing an all round performance and One wicket each for Tom Norton, David Clarke Pawan Lokukankanamage and Sam Clarke- Next week the 1st X1 travel to Tondur Abergavenny's nearest rivals in the table.

The 2nd X1 played Upper Rhondda away. Abergavenny 2nd X1 lost a very competitive game. They batted first and openers Nathan Holly (74) and Will Eccles (43) put on 120 runs for the first wicket skipper Gareth Powell chipped in with (43*) and they accumulated a fine 214-5. However it wasn't quite enough as they lost narrowly by one wicket as Upper Rhondda won in the 37th over having just one wicket in hand, they needed 10 runs and Abergavenny 2nd X1 just one wicket. Richard James taking his seasons best return with (5 wickets) supported by Greg Spencer Dylan Beaumont Welsh and Chai Sanapala. Next week they face Blaina at Avenue Road

A disappointing day for the 3rd X1 In Division 10 Abergavenny 3rd X1 lost to Llandaff CC 4th X1 away. Abergavenny were inserted and were bowled out for 159. There were runs for Barry French (28) Nathan Byrne skipper for the day (34) Will Jones (10) Mukesh Kumar (12) Evan Jones (24*) and Dan Gethings(23) They went from 102-4 to 109-8, the tail did wag and the last two wickets got the total to 159. For Llandaff a second wicket partnership of 119 took the game away from Abergavenny and in the 29th over they reached their target for the loss of 3 wickets For Abergavenny there was a wicket each for Shunryu Sheehan, Tom Mclean and Manuraj Ragu. Next week they are at home to Usk 3rd X1

4th X1 had a resounding victory at Crickhowell against Crumlin 2nd X1, Crumlin were dismissed for 145 with a 'five for' for Adam Eccles (5 for 35) a great return for him. Craig Whistance making his seasonal debut for the 4th X1 also bowled well taking 2 for 23. On top of his 5 wickets Adam Eccles (23*) batting with his father Stuart who also was undefeated with (60*) Craig Whistance who opened with Stuart Eccles also batted really well for a half century (58) In what was a 7 wicket victory. Next week they visit Friend Union on Pontcana Playing Fields, who are undefeated League Leaders in Division 12E

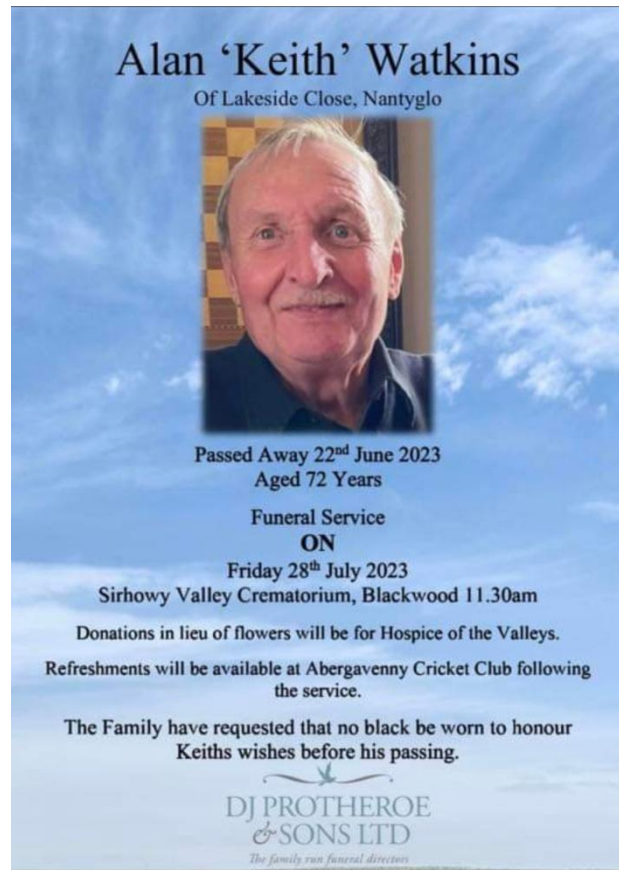
June 22nd



Alan Keith Watkins 1951-2023

Very sad news today as one of our finest fast bowlers in our 189 year history, Keith Watkins passed away. He was born in 1951 and raised in Crickhowell, he attended Brecon Boys Grammar School from Crickhowell Primary School in 1962. A talented sportsman at Soccer and cricket.

He joined the Club from his home town club Crickhowell in the 1973 Season after a successful time playing for and captaining Crickhowell CC . In all he played for 11 Seasons for Abergavenny CC, with over 670 victims. Taking in that first Season at Avenue Road 98 wickets at 10.78, the following year 1974, he took 93 wickets at 12.65. In 1975 he was a key figure in securing the Three Counties League and runners-up in the Macey Shield taking 74 wickets. In 1976 he took 103 wickets at 12.5. In 1977 he didn't bowl many overs compared the previous years and only took 37 wickets. But in 1978 he was involved with the Club winning the Gwent Premier League, The Macey Shield and the Gwent indoor Cricket League, taking 69 wickets. In 1979 his 8-22 v Abertillery was the best return across all the clubs in the Gwent Premier League. In all he took 86 wickets at 13.02. In 1980 his best return was a magnificent 9-21 v Mumbles and in all took 67 wickets at 13.55. 1981 was a quiet year for Keith. Again in 1982 he only bowled 82 overs. In 1983 he hardly bowled in what turned out to be his last Season .He is survived by his wife Caroline and his 3 younger siblings Clive, Jean and Gary.



Saturday June 24th

Saturday saw the first of three consecutive away games with Abergavenny 1st X1 away at Tondur - Will Glenn (Capt) Tom Pipe, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Greg Fury, Jack Ryan, Pawan, Sam Clarke, Alfie Cutmore Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy- Officials Stuart Silezin and Phil Williams

The clash of the top two turned out to be a thrilling contest and a nail biter. Batting First Abergavenny lost Tom Pipe in the first over but they recovered to be in a great position at 103 for 3 in the 22nd over albeit having lost Will Glenn (26) and James Francis (30), this immediately became 103-4 with the dismissal of Joe Harris (13). Abergavenny then went into free fall and from 120-4 Tom Norton (20) Joe Harris (13) they were all out for 165 with 14 of their allocation of 50 overs left, which is a cardinal sin. Only Jack Ryan of the remainder of the batters with (15*) reached double figures. James Matthews was the main destroyer with 5-29. It was important that in defending a below par score that they started well, which they did with Alfie Cutmore and Tom Norton bowling a very lively opening spell, Tondur were 22-2 in the 10th over, James Francis once again took a wicket with the first ball of his spell Will Glenn taking a good catch 58-3, the game then took yet another twist as Tondur rallied to 100-3, with Abergavenny supporters beginning to think they were heading for their first defeat. The spin twins of Sam Clarke 3-40 and Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy 4-9 had other ideas and turned the game on its head between them

taking the last 7 wickets for the addition of just 19 runs, they complimented each other well and Tondu had no answer as they were bowled out for just 122, Abergavenny winning by 40 runs. An enthralling game despite the low scoring which sometimes happens. The never say day attitude and togetherness of the group of players is a real asset. Abergavenny increasing their lead to 40 points. In their bid for promotion. Next week they travel to Blackwood.



The **2nd X1** were home to Blaina. The 2nd X1 batted first but could only manage to score a disappointing 142 all out. Alex Holmes looked class in his first game of the season scoring (39) and Will Eccles also batted well for his (38) However Blaina did not have it easy as the Abergavenny bowlers and fielders did their best to make amends for the batting performance and although they conceded runs they did take 7 wickets and kept Abergavenny in the game as Blaina still needed 40 odd when the 7th wicket fell before Blaina got home with 17 overs to spare for a three wicket victory. Matthew knight taking 3 wickets and one wicket each for Lloyd Sharp, Richard James, Ryan Pugh and Dylan Beaumont-Welsh. Next week they are home again to Llantwit Fadre

The **3rd X1** at home in Crickhowell to Usk 3rd X1- Winning the toss they bowled first but saw Usk reach 237-4 in their 40 overs two of the wickets were run outs by Satish Rohra and Will Jones and there was one wicket each for Craig Whistance and Lee Flynn. In reply Abergavenny never really put together any partnerships early on and found themselves in trouble at 51-7 complete humiliation was saved by a stand of 56 for the 9th wicket between

Will Jones (46) his best of the season and Tim Price (24) Will Jones was 9th out with the score on 125 -9 eventually they were all out for 140 in the 34th Over Jonty Heffaran (10*) and stand in skipper Nathan Byrne (14) Shunryu Sheehan (10) and James Morris with (11) were the only others in double figures. Abergavenny dropping down to 5th in their division. Next week away to South Wales Sri Lankans the leaders which will be difficult.

The **4th X1** were away to League Leaders Friends Union. The decision to bat first backfired despite skipper Stuart Eccles scoring (31) and fellow opener Barry French (10) partner ships were few and far between. Mark Withy (25*) Manuraj Raju (14) and Muhammad Usama Ali (17) did show some fight but their total of 133 all out was never going to be enough. Friends Union knocked off the required runs for the loss of 3 wickets. Dylan Bradley, Adam Eccles and Dan Gethings with the wickets to fall. Next week Lisvane 5th X1

The Cricket Club heard some further devastating news following the death of Kevin Schofield on Wednesday 28th June 2023



Kevin Schofield

1951-2023

Kevin and his family became involved in Abergavenny Cricket Club in 1998, he was elected as a committee member in 2002 & soon after that Kevin began a long association with coaching youngsters with his two boys involved in junior cricket. He took over from Chris Pritchard as Chair of the Youth Section in 2003. He Captained the 4th X1 in 2003 and 2004 he continued to play 4th X1 cricket and was in the 2005 side that won the League Title. In 2006 he played alongside his youngest son Harry in the 4th X1. In 2009 & 2010 he again took on the Captaincy of the 4th X1 and at that time his eldest son James was 1st X1 Skipper. As if his contribution thus far wasn't enough he took on the role of Club Secretary in 2011 a post he held with distinction until 2016. In 2014 Kevin and his wife Irene who herself had made a great contribution to the Ladies Section were presented with the Chairman's Award for their marvellous work on behalf of the club. He was inducted as a Life member. His adult working life was as a Railway Signal Engineer and he modestly described himself as a railway buff, Folk Singer and ex cricketer. He is survived by his wife of 38 years Irene and his two Children James and Harry.

Abergavenny Cricket Club are saddened to report the death of Kevin Schofield aged 72 a stalwart of the Club for 25 years. A Life Member who has contributed as a player 4th X1 skipper, Junior coach leader, and administrator in his role as Secretary for 6 years. He will be a great loss and the Cricket Club offer sincere condolence to his Family and friends

Saturday July 1st

After a very sad week for the Club with the deaths of Keith Watkins and Kevin Schofield. The First X1 were away at Blackwood CC- Team Will Glenn(Capt) Tom Pipe, James Francis, Ben Lander, Joe Harris, Greg Fury, Jack Ryan, Sam Clarke, David Clarke, Pawan & Lewys Wilkes – McCarthy. Officials - Sandesh Kamble & Paul Morgan.

This game was the story of two starts. Will Glenn put Blackwood in to bat on winning the toss but after 6 overs they were 40-0, not the start they were looking for. They did pull things back by the twentieth over with Blackwood 82-4. From that point on Blackwood were unable to put any meaningful partnerships together, the best was that for the 7th wicket of 40 runs. At 171-6 two hundred plus was possible but in the end Blackwood were all out for 186 in the 49th Over on a dry wicket and a very uneven outfield The Clarke brothers had the best returns, David with 4-16 and Sam 3-43. The other wickets were taken by Jack Ryan 1-29 and Pawan 2-30 All of the bowlers were assisted by some very good catching James Francis with 3 and skipper Will Glen with 2. After the interval the second of the two starts mentioned saw Abergavenny 52-3. The saving grace was that skipper Will Glenn (35*) was still there and at that point he was joined at the wicket by Joe Harris who finished on (53*) and between them with Will Glenn (94*) they steered the side home in the 37th over for a 7 wicket victory and 20 points. Next week they are also away at Malpas CC yet another top of the table clash Sponsored by the Malpas legend Mike Heames.



Will Glenn (94*)

The 2nd X1 were at home to Llanwit Fadre and before the game the two sides held a minutes silence for Keith Watkins and Kevin Schofield recently deceased. Abergavenny 2nd X1 batted first and scored an impressive 244-6 Openers Will Eccles and Nathan Holley (35) batted really well and ensured a good start putting on 55 for the first wicket. Alec Holmes was next to go for (14) a major partnership then developed for the 3rd wicket of 86 runs between Will Eccles and Steve Brown and they both completed half centuries. Archie Eccles (24) and Gareth Powell (29*) ensured a great Total. In reply Llantwit Fadre were bowled out in 24 overs for 133. The main threat came from Ryan Pugh who returned figures of 5-21 from 6.1 overs. 2nd X1 ever-present seamer Dylan Beaumont-

Welsh backed him up with 3-35, Jonty Heffaran with one wicket was the other successful bowler. The 2nd X1 next week are at home to Pontypridd 2nd X1.



Minutes Silence for Kevin Schofield & Keith Watkins / Ryan Pugh (5-21)

The 3rd X1 were away to S.W. Sri Lankan's. Losing the toss Abergavenny batted first but were bowled out in 28 Overs only four of the batters reached double figures albeit against probably the best side in the league. Barry French who opened carries his bat (32*) Tom Krige and Eoin Shackleton both scoring (13) and Mihla Sibanda (14) taking the score to 134 all out. S.W. Sri Lankan's only needed 15.2 overs to reach their target but the 3rd X1 did take 4 wickets Eoin Shackleton 2-9 from 2 overs and a wicket each for Lee Flynn and Adam Eccles with one each. Lee Fury used eight bowlers who all tried their best to no avail. Next week they are at home to Lisvane 4th X1.

The 4th X1 are Home to Lisvane 5th X1. Unfortunately the game was conceded so The 4th X1 picked up 20 points and are second in the Division Next week away to Blackwood CC 3rd X1

July 3rd Abergavenny Under 11A against Rogerstone Welfare –Abergavenny won by 94 runs. For Abergavenny Eric Pike retired (30*) Ted Jackson retired (30*) Elis Jones (15) Niam Neupane (25) The wicket takers were Beth Jackson (2-6) Niam Neupane (2-2) Ted Jackson (3-0) and Eric Pike (2-0)

July 4th a game against the touring Side Putney CC

July 5th Abergavenny with a slightly weakened side lost easily to Malpas in The Macey Shield, Joe Harris, Jack Ryan and Sam Clarke were the only Batters to reach double figures. Malpas knocking off the required score in 10.3 Overs

Abergavenny Under 13B 161-5 Ed Loose (11) Eric Pike (21) Will Creed-King (11) James Forrester (20) Captain Evan Jones (24) and Griff Billen (14) Blackwood Town 95-9 Wicket takers-

July 6th

Abergavenny Under 13 beat Croesyceiliog Under 13 by 6 wickets, For Abergavenny there were runs for-Toby Smith (60) Eric Pike (11) and wickets for Tess Jackson (1-8) Eric Pike (2-16) and one wicket each for Ted Jackson, Toby Smith and Maria Sheehan the same day the Under 15's were away at Chepstow and duly won by 57 runs. There were runs for Leo Ling (31) Jack Ryan (50) retired and Flynn Williams (28*), Tom Krige (7) Lotted Matthews (7) The wickets for Abergavenny –Joe Fairbank (1-4) Leo Ling (1-8) Jack Ryan (3-11) Lotte Matthews (2-7)

July 7th

A Game against Goodwood CC from South Australia Mid Day start with a BBQ. Abergavenny scored 253-9 with a sparkling ton from Greg Fury who posted (116) and in reply Goodwood reached 238-5



Saturday July 8th

The first X1 were at Malpas-the officials were Erik Darling and Geoff Layer. The team selected was Will Glenn (Capt) Tom Pipe, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Ben Lander, Jack Ryan, Sam Clarke, David Clarke, Pawan & Lewys Wilkes – McCarthy. Malpas won the toss and elected to field. Turned out to be a good decision as after 10 overs both openers were back in the pavilion 20-2. A lot depended on the 3rd wicket partnership between James Francis and Tom Norton. Sadly the partnership never got going and Tom (6) was caught in the 13th over (35-3) Just after this Rain interrupted proceedings. After a while the covers were removed only for the rain to reappear. Despite hanging around for hours the game was eventually Abandoned. Abergavenny maintain their unbeaten record. Next week after 3 consecutive away games the 1st X1 are at home to Radyr.

The 2nd X1 were at home to Pontypridd 2nd X1 - They were very grateful for the eventual abandonment as they were in a lot of trouble at 56-6 from 17 overs. Before rain intervened and prevented any further play. Next week they are away at Malpas 2nd X1

The 3rd X1 were home to Lisvane 4th X1 Abandoned after around 15 overs. Following a very heavy thundery shower. Next week Croesyceiliog 3rds Away

The 4th X1 were away at Blackwood 3rd X1 who on winning the toss put Abergavenny 4th X1 in to bat Sadly they had no real answers to the Blackwood attack. They were bowled out in just 29 overs for just 96 runs with the only significant contribution coming from Satish Rohra with (28) they were assisted by (29) extras. Owain Bradley playing his first game of the season also reached double figures. Blackwood knocked off the required runs in just 18 overs to win by 7 wickets. The two Bradleys Dylan (2-22) and Owain (1-18) with the wickets. The 4th X1 have now used 25 different bowlers. Next week Chepstow 3rd X1 at Home.

July the 9th, 10th 11th and 13th

All matches abandoned due to weather. Forty Club V Abergavenny (friendly) Under 13 away at Newport Fugitives, Uner 11B home to Croesyceiliog, Under 11 A v Chepstow Under 11. Abergavenny Women 1st X1 away at Ynastawe Women 1st X1

Saturday July 15th

1st X1 v Radyr- Team: Will Glenn (Capt), Tom Pipe, Andrew Jones, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Greg Fury, Jack Ryan, David Clarke, Lloyd Sharp, Lewys Wilkes- McCarthy. Officials - Iftikar Ahmed & Ian Hudson. Delayed start with the covers on at 2pm. However the toss took place and Will Glenn not surprisingly put Radyr CC in to bat. But to no avail as the weather won the day and the game was abandoned. Next week Panteg Away.

2nd X1 away at Malpas –delayed start. Abergavenny 2nd X1 did start their innings and were doing well when a heavy shower put paid to the game. Next week Llandaff 3rd X1 at home.

3rd X1 away at Croesyceiliog –Game cancelled because of weather. Next week Pontymister & Crosskeys at home.

4th X1 at home to Chepstow- Game cancelled because of weather. Next week Sudbrook 3rd X1 away.

Andrew Jones

No cricket this week allows an opportunity to highlight the Abergavenny CC career of Andrew Jones. He joined the club in 2002 A former Captain of Monmouth Schools and Wales Under 19's and a graduate from Exeter University. A right hand batsman who had topped the Glamorgan CCC batting in both the 1990 and 1991 Oxford Festivals. Joined Abergavenny CC in 2002 and has continued to play for the Club for 23 seasons.

He made his Debut on June 1st 2002 against Miskin Manor and scored 65. In his very First Season he won the Player of the Year Award with impressive figures. History shows that he is probably the most prolific run scorer in the 189 year history. Up to the end of Season 2022

2022 Season

Innings	Not Out	Runs	Best	100's	50's	Average
6	0	115	43	0	0	19.17
Career						
Innings	Not Out	Runs	Best	100's	50's	Average
175	22	8,390	177	23	51	54.83

He is regularly watched by his father Glamorgan Legend Alan Jones and his wife Megan, and they now have a third generation playing for Abergavenny his son Ollie who is a very promising young player. Andrew now 50 years old is a regular 1st X1 player when his work and coaching role permits. As well as a great cricketer he is a splendid human being, he his wife Caroline and son are a pleasure to have around.



Caroline, Andrew & Ollie



Andrew Alan & Ollie



Toby Smith v Yorkshire U 13

July 22nd

For the third weekend running there was no cricket played by Abergavenny CC teams, which is very frustrating for all involved. The First X1 remain undefeated, they have lost 3 of the scheduled games to the weather and with 8 fixtures remaining stand top of Division One 32 points clear of Tondur in 2nd place. Tom Norton at this stage of the season Leading batter with 364 runs at an average of 45.50 with one fifty and one century. His closest team mates are all in the high 200's James Francis, Tom Pipe and skipper Will Glenn. Leading wicket taker is Sam Clarke with 26 wickets at 10.69 with a best of 5-8. James Francis and Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy both have taken 15 wickets and Alfie Cutmore has 14 wickets. The 2nd X1 have lost 2 of the scheduled 12 games to the weather and sit in 3rd place in Division 6 with 5 games to go only 21 points behind leaders Blaina CC. Will Eccles is the leading batter with 202 runs at an average of 25.5. Closely followed by Skipper Gareth Powell, Ellis Jones, Nathan Holley and Steve Brown. Dylan Beaumont-Welsh is the leading bowler with 15 wickets at 15.8 and a best of 3-17. The only other bowler in double figures is Lloyd Sharp with 11 wickets. The 3rd X1 sit in 6th place in Division 10 having up to now a disappointing season winning just 3 of the scheduled 12 games 4 of which have been lost to the weather. Leading batters are Lee Fury the skipper and Ioan Lilly. The leading bowler is Shunryu Sheehan 8 wicket. They have however tried 30 different bowlers. The 4th X1 also have lost 3 of the scheduled 12 to the weather and with one walkover, they sit in 3rd place in Division 12E, well behind the impressive Friends Union CC but just 4 points off second place. Leading batter is the captain Stuart Eccles with 201 runs at an average of 33.5 with Ross Hayden and Satish Rohra with 130 and 103 respectively. Leading bowler is Dylan Bradley with nine wickets at 14.33.

Centurions so far this Season

Ross Hayden 102*

Ioan Lilly 117

Tom Pipe 121*

Tom Norton 141

Whilst no games for the Senior sides, the junior sides had a busy week, The Under 11 A team beat Newbridge U 11, The Under 17's beat Croesyceiliog U 17, The under 15's beat Chepstow U 15 in the Gwent Under 15 Cup semi final after beating Monmouth CC U 15 by 10 wickets in the quarter final. Some of the very talented under 15's are-Leo Ling, Ollie Jones, Tom Crige, Jack Ryan, Lloyd Sharp, Shunryu Sheehan, Tess Jackson, Onnen Parry, Evan Jones, Joe Fairbank and Dylan Bradley- The skipper Jack Ryan has figured in both the 2nd and 1st X1's

July 29th

1st X1 faced Croesyceiliog at home. Team selected- Andrew Jones, Tom Pipe, James Francis, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, Greg Fury, Jack Ryan, Sam Clarke (Capt) David Clarke, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy. Officials Bob Charlton & Phil Williams. Abergavenny welcomed back into the side Andrew Jones who opened with Tom Pipe they had first use of the wicket and took advantage with a good start taking 68 runs from the first 11 over's with 12 boundaries between them. They both went on to complete half centuries A.Jones (56) Tom Pipe (63) and the rate was also good as in the 34th over Abergavenny reached 215-3, leaving Tom Norton at the crease looking to put his poor form with the bat for Wales U 18 v Warwickshire U 18 in the week in the distant past. He did so with some style finishing with (107) his second century of the season. Playing like the quality player he is..At one point Abergavenny were 315-4 the lower order utilised the 'long handle' hence at the close they were 371-9. In reply

Croesyceiliog scored quite quickly at the start of their innings and had scored almost at 5 runs per over by the 12th over but they had lost 3 wickets, two of them to the centurion Tom Norton. Seventeen over's later they were all out for just 138. Stand in skipper Sam Clarke with a five wicket haul 5-19, his second 'five for' of the season,

Increasing Abergavenny's lead at the top of the table to 46 points. Next week away to Lisvane.

Note- During the game the Glamorgan Director of Cricket arrived at the ground and signed Tom up for the Glamorgan CCC 1st Team squad playing in the NCCA showcase fixture the next day (Sunday July 30th) v Herefordshire at Eastnor CC




Tom Norton (107) v Croesyceiliog

2nd X1 were away to Panteg 2nd X1- Panteg were inserted and Dylan Beaumont –Welsh coming on as first change quickly got among the wickets and after 19 overs Panteg were 61-4 from at one point 54-1. Three of those falling to Beaumont-Welsh and one to Lloyd Sharp who then took his second wicket leaving Panteg 77-5. A stand of 62 slightly changed the momentum, then Beaumont-Welsh came back on and claimed his 4th wicket. 139-6 with 6 overs left. Panteg finished on 170-7. D. Beaumont-Welsh 4-32, Lloyd Sharp 2-41 and a run out by Will Eccles. In reply Abergavenny lost Tom Krige (7) in the 4th over with the score on 30-1. There was a 56 run stand then for the 2nd wicket Will Eccles (38) It looked likely that Ellis Jones and Steve Brown would see the side home but with 7 runs needed Ellis Jones fell for a ell made (61) Steve Brown (31*) and Lloyd Sharp secured a 7 wicket victory in the 33rd over. With 4 fixtures left the 2nd X1 sit in 3rd place. Next week they are at home to Upper Rhondda.

3rd X1 Sully Spartans away. Sully along with the Sri Lankan side are the two best sides in the division and batting first against Abergavenny 4ths they amassed 255 for 9 wickets in their 40 overs. This was from the very dodgy position of 85-8 but Sandeep Shakeen single handily scored (142*) batting with the tail. Manuraj Raju (2 wickets) and Neil Smith (4 wickets) both bowled really well and the fielders caught well. However the 3rd x1 were not daunted by their task and although falling 40 runs short in their run chase they accumulated 10 points in reaching 215 -6 wickets- which was a very creditable effort. A fabulous (89) from James Morris who looks a fine batter and a half century from Mark Withey (58) were the standout performances from Abergavenny. Next week Llandaff 4th X1 at Home

4th X1 at home to Abercarn 2nd X1 secured a resounding victory, there were a couple of outstanding performances Skipper Stuart Eccles with (95*) and young Leo Ling taking a five wicket haul with 5-5. Other bowling of note OscarThadchanarmoorthy 2-12. Dinto Pappachan 1-9 and veteran Adil Gatrad 2-14. Other batters contributed Ioan Parry (19) Dylan Bradley (18) and Barry French (14) Abergavenny 4th X1 179-6 and Abercarn 2nd X1 – 72 all out





WALES o50s 3rd XI vs Gloucestershire o50s 3rd XI

Gloucestershire o50s 3rd XI **153-8 (40 overs)**
C Richards 2-13, J Cordon 2-16, S Brown 2-24, H Rogers 2-38


Wales o50s 3rd XI **157-0 (27.5 overs)**
S Brown 101*, A Davies 50*

Wales o50s 3rd XI won by 10 wickets





Wales o50s 3rd XI are now top of the league table



A brilliant unbeaten partnership of 157 between Steve Brown and Adrian Davies

The ECB 3rd XI County Championship

Congratulations to Steve Brown-Wales Over 50's



Jack Ryan



Tom Norton (85) Wales U 18 v Gloucestershire Young Cricketers

August 5th

Team- Will Glenn (Capt) Sam Clarke, David Clarke, Tom Pipe, Andrew Jones, Tom Norton, Nathan Holly, Owen Harris, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy, James Hrastelj Jack Ryan. Officials- Ian Hudson & Reg Shah.

Miraculously the Abergavenny 1st X1 were asked to travel in the only Division 1 game to survive the weather at Lisvane. A 25 Over game a side started at 3.25. Asked to bat first Abergavenny with a number of regulars unavailable set a very good score of 169-8 from their 25 overs. There were quickfire contributions from Tom Pipe(36), Andrew Jones (13) Will Glenn (32) and Tom Norton (16). James Hrastelj was the star playing only his 2nd game of the season, his first game was for the 2nd X1 on May 13th He batted and bowled really well scoring (21*) and taking vital wickets as Lisvane struggled and saw the run rate in this truncated game rise to 8 an over when they were 56-5 at around half way, this became 61-6 as Hrastelj took his 3rd wicket, he finished with (4 wickets) All the bowlers bowled tightly and made sure Lisvane didn't get a chance to end their unbeaten Season. They were eventually all out for 106. Abergavenny increasing their lead at the top. Next week they once again take on the 2nd in the Division Tondur at Avenue Road. The 2nd X1 are away at Blaina, 3rd X1 away at Usk and 4th X1 at Home to League leaders Friends Union



4 wickets and 21*

Abergavenny CC Stalwarts
Michael Powell



Michael Powell is a regular spectator at Avenue Road on most Saturday afternoons in this summer of 2023, now in his mid seventies. But, for a good part of three decades -the sixties through to the eighties he was the outstanding batsman for Abergavenny CC, one of the well known 'Powell Twins'.

Starting in the Colts and then the 2nd X1 as a 16 year old to eventually becoming a fixture in the first x1 as an opening batsman. His career spanning 26 seasons brought him many highlights, he played for Worcester CCC 2nd X1, Glamorgan CCC 2nd X1, represented Monmouthshire/Gwent County X1 the Three Counties League X1 and Captained Abergavenny CC in 1971 and again from 1976-1980. It was however his consistent batting along with tremendous ability as a close to the wicket catcher for which he is well known as one of the all-time best batters for the Club. In an era when Club cricket records were not so well recorded as they are these days, this publication the Abergavenny Chronicle is the main provider of Abergavenny CC history. Michael passed 1000 runs in a Season on 10 occasions and although his century count (11 with a highest score of 134*) is lower than would have been expected given the volume of runs he scored, it was his sheer consistency that set him apart, churning out good scores week after week. (in excess of 75 half centuries), In his best season for aggregate runs (1976) he

topped 1,500 runs. In his best season (1978) for centuries he scored five. Not to forget, as was the case with a number of his peers he also played rugby for the town in the winter months. He was a very popular man with his team mates and the opposition players. In his playing days he won numerous Club awards and he won Clubman of the year after his playing days were over when he served on the committee taking on a number of key roles, none more important than Fixture secretary which he took on in 1980 for a number of years. He was a close friend of the late Brian Shackleton and learned a lot from playing under his captaincy. It is safe to say he topped 15,000 runs for the Club putting him up there among the many Club top players over the past 189 years history of the Club.

Saturday August 12th

Abergavenny at home to 2nd in the table Tondy. Team-Will Glenn (Capt) Andrew Jones, Tom Pipe, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, Greg Fury, Sam Clarke, David Clarke, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy. Officials-Chris Barnes & Paul Morgan.

Tom Norton with his 3rd Century of the season helps set a formidable target

Despite the early rain and a poor forecast the match got underway and Tondy winning the toss put Abergavenny in to bat. Andrew Jones fell for (15) and Will Glenn for (11) leaving Abergavenny 55-2. Tom Pipe followed for (32) all three caught. Tom Norton joined James Francis in the 18th over, however they were parted when 'Jimbo' was also out caught for (17) and Abergavenny were 100-4 at drinks. This became 101-5 as Joe Harris was out straight after drinks. Tom Norton passed 500 runs for the season when he reached (13) A rain interruption after 29 overs, with Norton and Greg Fury at the crease. Sadly the rain break like the drinks break earlier didn't help Abergavenny as Greg Fury (20) was out in the first over after the break 132-6. This quickly became 136-7. Rain again intervened after 37 overs with Abergavenny 155-7. With Tom Norton (43*) and Sam Clarke (9*) Over 38 started at 4.25pm and the partnership flourished with Tom completing a magnificent century (102*) with eight 4's and one 6, brilliantly supported by Sam Clarke (45*) an 8th wicket partnership of 114. Abergavenny finishing on 250-7 with maximum batting points. Further rain meant a revised target for Tondy of 180 to win from 28 overs. Batting hero 's Tom Norton struck in the 5th over Sam Clarke in the 8th and David Clarke in the 11th over Tondy 54-3. Tondy played positively and reached 85 in the 15th over cutting the deficit to 95 in 13 overs, however the loss of their 4th wicket steadied them as James Francis struck. They then lost two wickets leaving them 6 wickets down with the score on 93 to the spinners Sam Clarke and Owen Harris. From their last 8 overs they required 82 a tall order especially when Sam Clarke claimed his 3rd wicket and Owen Harris his second 101-8.

They were all out in the 24th over for 106. Next week Sudbrook Away.

The 2nd X1 away to Blaina the game was cancelled due to Rain
3rd X1 away at Usk CC-Batting first Abergavenny 3rd X1 were all out for just 76 runs, this despite a good opening stand of 48 between James Morris (22) and Olly Jones (20) after this only Edward Woolcot reached double figures (10) as they fell away badly. Usk knocked off the required runs without losing a wicket for a 10 wicket victory.

The 4th X1 at home to table toppers Friends Union, the game was called off due to the weather.

Abergavenny CC Stalwarts
Ron Collett



Yet another stalwart of the Cricket Club who because of mobility issue can't get to the club these days but for many many years after finishing playing Ron was a regular visitor at the Club and still takes a great interest in the club reading the regular reports in the Chronicle

Ron was born in 1936 in Abergavenny, left school at 16 years of age, his working life involved office work and in particular accounts, working for British Rail, BNS, ICI Fibres, BSC Ebbw Vale, most recently from 1997- 2020 he worked in the Accounts Department of Robert Price, from where he retired.

Ron has been associated with the club since the 1940's firstly watching especially during the Syd Stock captaincy years. So he has spent over 70 years as a supporter, player administrator and currently Life Member.

After playing cricket in Bailey Park, he graduated into the teams at Avenue Road in the 1950's and played 2nd X1 cricket under the captaincy of Harold Bowkett

In 1960 Ron was playing in the 2nd X1 with the likes of Cliff Cox, Lawrence Holder, Owen Saunders, Tony Paton, Mike Stock, Peter Davies, H.Davies, David Matthews, J.Evans, Harold Bowcett, Stan Hall and Peter Joignant. Ron Collett was a fast bowler of some usefulness and a hard hitting middle order batsman classed as an all-rounder who chipped in with both runs and wickets. In 1962 he took over the 2nd X1 captaincy from Mel Pritchard, who had sustained an injury while playing rugby. He was re-elected unanimously in 1963. Ron was described as having a young fresh approach to the game. The type of individual that if he fails it will be with dignity and his bat held high. He remained Captain in 1964 & 1965. As the 60's drew to a close Ron left the area to work in Harrogate for ICI Fibres and consequently didn't play much after that.

He continued to support the club as a 200 Club member

In 1992 he took over from Don Griffin as Subscription Secretary a post he held for 23 years until 2014. He took the job very seriously and on cue almost every night of the week Ron would turn up at the club with his receipt book at the ready to grab as many people as possible to pay their fees. From the year he took over as Subs Secretary the income increased year on year from £504 during his first year to in his final year as subs secretary the amount had reached just under £3,000. For all his work on behalf of the Club, he was elected as a Life member in 2012.

Saturday August 19th

First X1 away at Sudbrook- Officials Simon Green & Darren Reeby- Team- Will Glenn (Capt)Andrew Jones, Tom Pipe, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, Greg Fury, Sam Clarke, Pawan Nisansala, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy.

Lewys Wilkes McCarthy has Sudbrook in a spin



Lewys Wilkes McCarthy 5-13

There was a delayed start due to the ground condition. But the 45 over game got underway at 1 pm with Abergavenny invited to bat first. Some erratic bowling early on saw Abergavenny off to a 'flyer' and in the 4th over when Tom Pipe was bowled they were 33-1. Will Glenn and Andrew Jones built a really good partnership of (73) taking the score to 106-1 off 20 overs. By this time Sudbrook had used seven bowlers. Will Glenn was then out for (36) while Andrew went passed his half century having been joined by James Francis. However Andrew was out

for (54) just before the half way point 118-3. Tom Norton joined 'Jimbo' and once he settled took (22) off a single over as Abergavenny passed 150. James Francis (26) fell in the 32nd over 179-4. Tom went passed his 50 with a six as he and Joe Harris pushed the score passed 200 their 50 partnership came in the 39th over before Joe Harris (23) was out 231-5. Abergavenny then lost Greg Fury (7) and Tom Norton (77) in the same 41st over 252-7 this became 259-9 as two further wickets fell in the 43rd over. Final score 271 all out Jamie Watkins for Sudbrook 6-27. Pawan Nisansala and James Francis opened the bowling and kept a grip on the Sudbrook batters with some tight bowling Pawan taking two wickets as they reached 34-2 after 12 overs. The run rate climbing to over 7 runs per over. At this point the spinners took over and leading wicket taker Sam Clarke started with a maiden over, in his 2nd over he took two wickets Sudbrook 46-4 and yet another wicket in his 3rd over –Tom Norton with his 2nd catch and 16th of the season. Right on the halfway point Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy struck leaving Sudbrook 71-6. Now needing 10 runs an over from 19 overs. Two further wickets in the 27th over for Wilkes-McCarthy made it a hopeless task for Sudbrook at 83-8 Lewys made it a first 'fivefor' of the season for himself with two more wickets in the 31st over with figures of 5-13 from 5 overs Sudbrook 93 all out. The invincible season is still on. Next week at home to Miskin Manor.

Superb century from Jack Ryan not quite enough



Jack Ryan (111)

The 2nd X1 in their penultimate game of the season at home to Newport 3rd X1. The Joint league leaders against the 3rd in the table. Newport batted first and lost early wickets to find themselves 41-3. However some really good batting from that point on saw Newport making 232 for 8 in their 40 over's. There were two wickets each for David Clarke and Dylan Beaumont –Welsh and one apiece for Pugh, Sheehan, Brown and Ryan. The Abergavenny 2nd X1 were in a similar position at 54-3 with young Jack Ryan (111) and Steve Brown (52) together and they took the score to 209 in a fabulous partnership of (155) runs and to needing just 24 to win with 6 wickets in hand however wickets fell but with Jack Ryan still there they needed 6 to win from the last over he hit a four off the first ball of that last over but was then out next ball - his 111 having come from (98 balls with nine 4's and two 6's) with just two to win from four balls but they failed to get the win and had to settle for a tie, and 14 points each.

They play their final league game next week away at Mountain Ash

Similarly the 3rd X1 away at Great Western Railway CC Bridgend in Division 10 with less than ideal conditions regarding the playing surface, and put the Railway side in to bat who mustered 157-7 in their 40 overs. There were two wickets each for Chai Sanapala, Jonty Heffaran and Tom Price. In a close game not dissimilar to the 2nd X1 game From the strong position of 101 for 2 and 130-4 with runs from J.Morris (16) Lee Fury (25) Ed Woolcit (38) A.Eccles (15) and Chai Sanapala (11) Abergavenny 3rd X1 lost out by four runs finishing on 154-9. They play their final league game next week at home to Penarth 4th X1.

While the 4th X1 play their last home fixture against Monmouth 2nd X1 Cancelled due to weather. Final game next week away just down the road at Llanarth.

Abergavenny Stalwarts

Richard J Brown



Currently ‘Dick’ or ‘Fletch’ as he is affectionately known is the Club President a post he has held since 2019. The honour of becoming President could not be bestowed more fittingly to a man now in his 52nd year with the Club.

An Englishman by birth but an honorary ‘Welshman’ He was educated in Hammersmith in a Public School at Latymer Upper School and later Bristol University. He played cricket for Thames Ditton Wanderers and Old Latymerians and rugby at School and in University. He joined Abergavenny Cricket Club in 1972 and was a regular member of the First X1 until 1983. During which they won the Gwent Premier League twice and the Monmouthshire Knock-out Cup. He was also an integral part of the Three Counties League Championship winning side in 1975. From 1981 to 1983 he was Club Captain and continued to espouse the ‘Spirit of cricket’ something that has always been very close to his heart. Despite being a consistent and ‘correct’ player scoring close to 5,000 First X1 runs he failed to score a first X1 century. However the end of his first x1 career didn’t mean he stopped playing cricket, he continued for many years in the 2nd X1 who he captained in 1987 and became 2nd X1 Player of the Year in 1988. He had scored a league century in an appearance for the 2nd X1 in 1979 (121*) against Usk and added two further league centuries (113) against Hatherley in 1989 and the third century, again for the 2nd X1 against Ross CC in 1990. By 1995 he was in the 3rd X1 and won Player of the year. In 1997 he helped the 3rd X1 win the Division 2 Title and the following year to runners-up spot in Division 1. By the turn of the century he was playing 4th X1 cricket and in 2005 helped them win their Division championship. He was elected Hon. Vice –President in 1999. This was upgraded to Life membership in 2007. Recognition for years of playing for the club at all levels, working on the committee, and taking on the important role of Ground Chairman in 2002 until passing the ‘baton’ to Gareth Powell recently. That same year he was voted Clubman of the Year. Six years later, due to the whole family involvement in many aspects of club life- Dick his wife Susan, daughter Helen and son Steve were jointly awarded Clubman of the Year by Chairman Tony Coles. There is probably not a more popular figure in the club and he still follows the games at Avenue Road and recently inaugurated the Presidents Cup for the individual making the greatest contribution during the Season.

Geoff Richardson 1959- 1967

Abergavenny CC First X1 Career

Sad news received of the passing of Geoff Richardson April 7th 1934- August 7th 2023 Aged 89years

Joined the Club in 1959 Season and announced himself as a decent bat with a well made (73) in May against Pontymister CC. He quickly established himself as the Number three batsman. He also bowled a little and took wickets and added another half century before the end of May. His form continued throughout his maiden season and he proved to be a decent all-rounder, he finished second in the batting averages with a total of 661 runs. He continued to be a key 1st X1 all-rounder in 1960 and figured in both batting and bowling averages passing 1,000

runs for the club in his second season. In 1961 he was vice Captain of the 1st X1 finished 3rd in the batting averages with 649 runs with three half centuries. Described as an attractive stroke player who had joined the club after having experience in Staffordshire League Cricket. He didn't bowl as much in 1961 but took some good catches.

He figured in the highest opening partnership (81) of the season batting with Colin Nash. In 1962 he passed 2,000 runs for the club maintaining his consistency with the bat and again held 11 catches. In 1963 a leg injury kept Geoff out of action for a number of matches. Despite this he still finished 2nd in the batting averages with a top score of (73) he also held 14 catches. In 1964 he finished 3rd in the batting averages behind Malcolm Nash and Mike Powell, and closed in on 3,000 runs.



Geoff Richardson pictured in 1965 front row right. Not one of his best seasons with the bat but did pass 3,000 runs for the Club. He only played in just under half of the 1st X1 fixtures in 1966 with his lowest total of runs since joining the club. In 1967 his final season in the First X1 he figured in just nine 1st X1 games.

Saturday August 26th

James Francis Bats well for (85*) but game abandoned

First X1 at Home to Miskin Manor- Team Will Glenn (Capt)Andrew Jones, Tom Pipe, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, Greg Fury, Sam Clarke, Dave Clarke, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy. Officials Sandesh Kamble & Guy Parker.

Abergavenny Batted first with some cloud cover and a threat of rain which didn't materialise while they were batting. They faced their full allocation of 50 overs but as it turned out to no avail. They found runs in particular boundaries difficult to come by. In the 17th over they were 68-3 with Jones, Pipe and Glenn all out, 30 runs later Tom Norton was also out leaving James Francis to bat with the middle and late order, he did this magnificently

but Abergavenny still found themselves 172 for 8 with 13 overs still to be negotiated, Francis (85*) found a willing partner for those 13 overs in David Clarke (23*) and they put on an unbroken 55 run partnership to finish on 237-8. Abergavenny couldn't have got off to a better start as Tom Norton's first ball produced a 'worldy' catch in the slips from veteran Andrew Jones. Tom took his second wicket in his 5th over (2-17) Miskin Manor were 24-2 in the 10th over when the heavy rain came and the game was later abandoned. Abergavenny retaining their 'invincible' status but with three games to go their lead was reduced to 57 points

2nd X1 Away at Mountain Ash Their final league game was cancelled due to the weather.

3rd X1 Home to Penarth Abergavenny were put in at Crickhowell and batted really well to amass 261-6 in their 40 overs and were well on top when the game was abandoned with Penarth 90-6 off 21 overs. For the 3rd X1 there was a well deserved century for Nathan Holley (109) a half century for skipper Lee Fury (50) Craig Lenane (24) Mark Withey (23*) and Dylan Beaumont-Welsh (15*) When Penarth batted Chai Sanapala returned very good figures of (3 for 14) and there was a wicket for Ryan Pugh and two run outs. The 3rd X1 finished in 7th place in Division 10

4th X1 Away at Llanarth batted first and totalled 185-9 There were some good scores for Satish Rohra (32) Stuart Eccles (51) Muhammad Usama Ali (42) and Joe Fairbank (12) Llanarth made light work of chasing the 196 to9 win losing just 2 wickets and taking 28 overs, the 4th X1 have struggled with their bowling which has lacked consistency but all 27 different bowlers called upon tried their best. They finished in a very respectful 4th place in the league.

2nd X1, 3rd X1 and 4th X1 Review of the Season

The 2nd X1 finished 3rd in Division 6

They used 17 bowlers – 12 of which bowled 10 overs or more. Dylan Beaumont-Welsh was **leading wicket taker** with 21 wickets and a best of 4-32. Lloyd Sharp 13wickets, Ryan Pugh and Richard James 8 wickets each. Greg Spencer 6 wickets and Matthew Knight with 5 wickets.

28 players used in total 20 of which batted in 2 innings or more. **Leading batter** was Will Eccles with 272 runs @ 27.20 with a best of 58 his only fifty of the season. Ellis Jones -256 runs @ 42.67 with a best of 78* one of two fifties. Steve Brown-229 @ 32.79 with a best of 53 one of two fifties. Nathan Holly – 195 runs @ 21.67 with a best of 75 his only fifty. Gareth Powell- 157 @ 52.33 with a best of 42*

Fielding- Nathan Holly 14 W/k catches & 2 stumpings
Will Eccles – 2 w/k catches, 3 stumpings and a run out
Ellis Jones 4 catches and 2 run outs
Gareth Powel; and Matthew Knight – 3 catches each

The 3rd X1 finished 7th in the League- Division 10

They used 36 bowlers 8 of which bowled 10 overs or more. Manuraj Raju was **leading wicket taker** with 9 wickets. Lee Fury and Shunryu Sheehan with 8 wickets, Tim price with 7 wickets and Chai Sanapala with 5 wickets.

57 players were used 20 of which batted two innings or more. **Leading batter** was Lee Fury with 232 runs @ 33.14 with a best of 83 one of 3 fifties. James Morris 135 runs @ 33.75 with a best of 86 his only fifty. Will Jones 103 runs @ 12.88 and a best of 46. Mihla Sibanda with 91 runs at 45.50 a best of 58* his only fifty and Archie Eccles 80 runs @ 11.43 with a best of 23.

Fielding- Will Jones 9 victims 6 w/k catches, 2 stumpings and a run out, Lee Fury with 4 catches

The 4th X1 finished 4th in Division 12E

They used 26 bowlers 13 of which bowled 10 overs or more. Dylan Bradley was **leading wicket taker** with 9 wickets, Manuraj Raju and Adam Eccles 6 wickets each.

36 players used 15 of which batted 2 innings or more. **Leading Batter** Stuart Eccles with 347 runs @ 49.57 a best of 95* one of 3 fifties. Ross Hayden 137 runs @ 27.4 with a best of 102* Satish Rohra 135 runs @ 33.75 best of 59 his only fifty. Ioan Parry 106 runs @ 13.25 with a best of 32.

Fielding- Ioan Parry 2 stumpings Evan Jones 3 catches

September 2nd

Bloodless victory at Ebbw Vale but celebrations on hold for the Champions in waiting

First X1 away to Ebbw Vale -Andrew Jones, Tom Pipe, James Francis, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, Greg Fury, Sam Clarke (Capt), Dave Clarke, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy, Pawan. Officials Bob Szpadt & Phil Williams.

Ebbw vale chose to bat on a very lush looking Eugene Cross cricket field, this backfired in a big way as they were bowled out for just 69 runs. Tom Norton(2-15) with wickets in consecutive balls in his 3rd over, his hat trick ball a disappointing wide. 23-2. The turning point as it has often been this season was the introduction of spin in just the 10th over and Lewys Wilkes –McCarthy (4-7) didn't disappoint his first wicket left Ebbw Vale 42-3, not long after his fourth wicket saw them 69-8, Pawan (2-9)chipped in with a couple of wickets and stand in skipper Sam Clarke (1-2) took the final wicket as Ebbw Vale with just 10 men were all out for 69. Abergavenny did suffer the loss of opener Tom Pipe(11) but Andrew Jones (25*) and James Francis (15*) knocked off the required runs inside 8 overs giving Abergavenny 19 points. They cannot yet claim the Championship though as an alleged infringement will come before a disciplinary committee that will deliberate regarding possible sanctions (Points deducted) on Wednesday September 6th. Following other results, without sanctions even if Abergavenny lose the last two games without picking up a point they cannot be caught. With a 71 point lead.Next week they are away to Llandaff CC



Eugene Cross Park Cricket Field-Ebbw Vale

Under 15's well beating in Gwent Final

Abergavenny Under 15 playing Newport Under 15 at Newport in Gwent Final- Saw a disappointing performance with only Jack Ryan (31) and Shunryu Sheehan (21*) showing their true form as Abergavenny finished 109-8 in their 20 overs. Newport had scored 87 in the 14th over when they lost their first wicket and eventually won by 9 wickets with 2.2 over remaining.



Abergavenny Under 15-Team Olly Jones, Toby Smith, Tom Krige, Jack Ryan (Capt) Lloyd Sharp, Flynn Williams, Shunryu Sheehan, Evan Jones, Dylan Bradley, Joe Fairbank & Oscar Thadchanamoorthy.

Abergavenny Stalwarts

Brian J Mayers



A Crickhowell man born and bred who has been involved in cricket nearly all his life. A pupil of Brecon Boys Grammar School where cricket was part of the extra curricula activity. He spent his early years playing for Crickhowell Colts in the mid Fifties and continued playing in the 2nd and 1st X1 on and off till the eighties, captaining the 2nd X1 in 1981. When employed at Coopers as Assistant Development Engineer, he was instrumental in setting up the Crickhowell Mid Week League, he was in fact the League Secretary. It was he who hand carved the Sportsmanship Award presented each year. He became Personnel Manager at Coopers and played for the factory side on occasions captaining them in 1967, but he continued to be involved in cricket by taking on the role of Umpire, officiating at local cricket throughout Breconshire and Monmouthshire. It was however his Management skills from which his adopted Club Abergavenny CC benefited in his current 32 year involvement. Not long after joining the Club he was elected Chairman in 1991 a role he held for five years, during which time he was part of the party presented to HRH the Prince of Wales in 1994. He did another stint as Chairman in 2012 & 2013. In 1998 he was honoured with a vice –presidency and in 2012 he was upgraded as a

Life Member. His late father 'Jim' was responsible for many years for the renowned and beautiful floral displays visible in the pavilion and surrounding area. Not satisfied with his contribution so far, in 2017 he became Club Secretary and excelled in that role until 2020. He received the Chairman's Award that same year 2017 for his outstanding contribution. When not in an Officer role at the club he has served as a committee member, and been an ever present on the important working group that is the ground committee affectionately known as the 'Last of the Summer Wine Gang' Now in his eighties he can be seen watching the First X1 home and away.

The disciplinary Committee meeting found us guilty of a rule violation and banned James Francis for a further game this Saturday v Llandaff, took the 20 points off us for the victory at Croesyceliog and a further 20 points sanction with 10 of those points suspended for three years. So we are officially the Division One Champions and play next year in Premier League two with Penarth, Dafen Welfare, Chepstow, Mumbles, Clydach,, Cowbridge, Ynastawe, Port Talbot, Ynysygerwn, with either Radyr, Malpas or Miskin

Saturday September 9th
Llandaff v Abergavenny 1st X1

Unbeaten run comes to an end at Llandaff in a low scoring defeat.

First X1 away to Llandaff –Will Glenn (Capt), Tom Pipe, Jack Ryan, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, Lloyd Sharp, Sam Clarke, James Hrastelj, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy, Pawan -Officials-Chris Barnes & Sandesh Kamble. Abergavenny travelled to Llandaff as Division 1 Champions whether they win lose or draw their last two games, both against Llandaff CC. The 30 point deduction couldn't derail them. They have been the outstanding team in the Division and thoroughly deserve their place in The Premier set up albeit at first in Premier 2 playing next year against Penarth, Dafen Welfare, Chepstow, Mumbles, Clydach,, Cowbridge, Ynastawe, Port Talbot, Ynysygerwn, with either Radyr, Malpas or Miskin.

Winning the toss Llandaff opted to bat first and lost their first wicket with one run on the board, Tom Norton clean bowling the opener. After 10 overs the 2nd wicket partnership had reached 34-1. James Hrastelj struck during his 5 over spell and after 20 overs Llandaff were 66-2. As he has often done this season Lewys Wilkes McCarthy struck almost immediately he was called upon 67-3. He claimed a 2nd wkt just after Llandaff had passed 100. Just after the halfway point Llandaff were- 107 -4 with 20 overs remaining. Lewys with his third wicket reduced them to 113-5 which immediately became 113-6 as Sam Clarke got in on the act with his 39th wicket of the season. As they have done all season the spin twins proved too good for the Llandaff Batters as they both finished with 4 wickets Wilkes-McCarthy 4-35 and Sam Clarke 4-27 as Llandaff were all out for 144 in their 40th over. By their 14th over Abergavenny had reached 50 but for the loss of Will Glenn (8) Tom Norton (4) and Owen Harris (3) his brother Joe Harris joining Tom Pipe, however Tom Pipe (32) was the next front line batter to fall at 61-4. The middle and lower order were never more needed to show their worth with 84 runs required from 33 overs, if the undefeated run was to continue. With Joe Harris(10) and Lloyd Sharp (3) both going cheaply Abergavenny were 80-6. Young Jack Ryan then fell for (20) 99-7 making things very tight which got tighter when Sam Clarke (20) was out 129-8 with 15 required. Pawan lost his wicket leaving Abergavenny needing 11 to win from their last wicket, but it wasn't meant to be as James Hrastelj (15) was run out going for a 2nd run leaving Abergavenny 140 all out

Abergavenny Stalwarts

Ray 'Reggie' Hamer
Club Stalwarts

Ray (Reggie) Hamer



Despite people thinking otherwise Ray who did spend his early years living in England where he represented Luton Schoolboys in junior football, is a very proud Welshman born in the capital – Cardiff in the forties. It is fair

to say his main sporting prowess was in football and many will remember him as a very tough central defender who didn't take prisoners. However he played a lot of cricket in the Welsh Hospital Cup Competition, the Abergavenny Mid week League and the Crickhowell Mid week league in a very strong Pen-y-Fal team, a team that proved very successful in those competitions. Like his son Darren He did represent the cricket club on a number of occasions including on tours to Alton in the eighties where he opened the batting facing a Hampshire Under 25 fast bowler. He also played on the Scotland tour arranged by Brad Murphy in 1996 as well as for Abergavenny veterans X1. His greatest contribution to the club has been off the field where for many years he has been the lead person for all maintenance work carried out during the winter months as well as working tirelessly on the Ground

Committee for many years spending many hours on the mower cutting the outfield as part of the 'Last of the Summer Wine Gang' He volunteered to open his home to the Club Professional Brad Murphy and his wife Kate from Brisbane for the duration of their stay in 1997. He has served on the Committee for a number of years and as Vice Chairman from 2003-2006. He was elected a vice President in 2006 and later, in 2010 elected as a Life member. Not surprisingly he was voted Clubman of the Year on two occasions 1997 and 2001. No one is a more vociferous supporter of the Teams home and away both when doing well or not so well. Unfortunately at present

due to his health he follows the teams remotely with regular updates from his many pals. No one is more delighted than Ray to see the First X1 on the brink of Premier Division 2 and the great strides some of our junior cricketers are making.

Saturday September 16th

No fire works to end the season, more like a damp squib

Abergavenny v Llandaff- Officials Nick Brill and Chris Jones.

Abergavenny played their final League fixture against Llandaff who surprisingly beat them last week in Cardiff.

They played as League Champions and received the trophy after the game. Will Glenn (Capt), Tom Pipe, Jack Ryan, Tom Norton, Joe Harris, Owen Harris, , Sam Clarke ,Greg Fury, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy, Pawan, David Clarke. There was no possible play until mid afternoon when it was decided it was fit to start a 20 over per side game. The Bloreng was never sighted throughout the game. Abergavenny were inserted and adopted a gung- ho approach losing wickets fairly regularly with no batter sticking around for too long and they were eventually all out in the 20th over for 136 Sam Clarke (22) top scorer. Llandaff buoyed by beating the League Champions last week set about the task without inhibitions and took the Abergavenny attack to task with the exception of Sam Clarke, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy and Pawan Nisansal who bowled 12 overs for 62 runs between them. Llandaff winning by 8 wickets to complete the double over the previously undefeated Abergavenny. Not the finale they wanted as the trophy presentation took place at the end of the game.

On a brighter note -It was announced on Saturday That Tom Norton had been selected to play for the Young Lions in a two-day invitational game involving Under-15 and Under-16 players from all over the country. He will participate in the red ball fixture at the National Performance Centre, Loughborough on September 23 and 24.

First X1 Bowling Averages

Name	o	m	r	w	b	av
James Hrastelj	12	1	41	5	4 for 14	8.20
Lewys W-McCarthy	92.4	9	291	34	5 for 13	8.56
Sam Clarke	121	22	397	42	5 for 8	9.45
Tom Norton	48.3	3	186	15	3 for 4	12.40
James Francis	61.5	3	212	16	3 for 28	13.25
Alfie Cutmore	52	10	195	14	4 for 26	13.93
Pawan Nisansala	32	3	122	7	2 for 30	17.429
David Clarke	75.2	6	285	14	4 for 16	20.36
Owen Harris	41.4	5	215	9	2 for 11	23.89
Jack Ryan	17	2	87	3	1 for 8	29

First X1-Batting Averages

Name	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Best	Average	100	50	Catches	Stumpings
Tom Norton	16	685	2	141	48.93	3	2	18	
Andrew Jones	8	239	2	63*	39.83	0	3	1	
James Francis	16	428	3	90	32.92	0	2	7	
Tom Pipe	18	405	1	121*	23.82	1	1	3	
Will Glenn	15	328	1	94*	23.43	0	1	9	
Greg Fury	13	185	3	71	18.50	0	1	9	3
Joe Harris	16	222	2	61	15.86	0	2	3	2
Owen Harris	10	115	1	33	12.78	0	0	3	
Sam Clarke	14	284	2	52	23.67	0	1	5	
Jack Ryan	10	115	3	36	16.43	0	0	6	
David Clarke	10	110	4	32	18.33	0	0	2	
Pawan Nisansala	5	32	2	17*	10.67	0	0		
Lewys W-McCarthy	7	6	4	1	2.00	0	0	2	
Also Batted									
Nathan Holly	1	7	1	7*					
James Hrastelj	2	36	1	21*					
Alfie Cutmore	2	11	0	10					
Charlie Gedge	1	0	0	0					
Ellis Jones	3	26	0	24					
Lloyd Sharp	1	3	0	3					
BenLander	1	8	0	8					



BackRow L-R-O.Harris,P.Nisansala,D.Clarke,T.Norton,T.Pipe,J.Harris, L.Sharp
Front-L-R J.Ryan,G.Fury, W.Glenn(Capt) S.Clarke (V.Capt) L.Wilkes-McCarthy



Pictured Left League Champions 2023
L-R Lloyd Sharp, Jack Ryan, Owen Harris, Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy, Joe Harris, Tom Norton, Pawan Nisansala, Sam Clarke, David Clarke, Greg Fury.
Not in Picture- Andrew Jones, James Francis, Alfie Cutmore



Gary Thomas with the Championship Pennant



The First X1 Player of the Year - Sam Clarke
The 2nd X1 Player of the Year - Dylan Beaumont Welsh
the 3rd X1 Player of the Year- Lee Fury
The 4th X1 Player of the Year-Dylan Bradley

Most Improved Player- Shunryu Sheehan
Young Player of the Year- Tom Norton
Chairman's Award- Sarah Pipe
Presidents Award- Sam Clarke
Personality of The Year- Lewys Wilkes-McCarthy



1st X1 PoTY



2nd X1 PoTY



4th X1 PoTY



Most Improved Young Player



Personality of the Year



Chairman's Award



Presidents Award

Abergavenny CC Stalwarts

John 'JR' Roberts



John Roberts 'JR' a proud Bristolian was born around the outbreak of the 2nd world war and educated at Bristol Grammar School. He has been associated with the Club since 1978 aged 39 yrs when he moved into the area as Managing Director of Powell Harvey and Trehearne Ltd serving the farming community of the Gwent area. Later United Agricultural Merchants. A medium fast seam bowler and lower order batter he fluctuated between the 1st and 2nd X1 teams for a number of years after joining the club . Taking 4-57 against a strong Newport Athletic side in 1979. He used to cherish his wicket when batting and frequently scored important lower order runs. He played for the 1st X1 in the Neal Abberley Benefit Game in 1979. From 1984 to 1987 he figured regularly in the wickets for the 2nd X1. A business man with a sound cricket brain by 1981 he was quickly elected to the General Committee and became Vice Chairman from 1983-1985. This coincided with the 150th Anniversary of the Club in 1984. He joined the 200 Club in 1983. He captained the 2nd X1 in 1985 and 1986, during that period he had been elected Youth Cricket Chairman a post he held from 1984 – 1990 overseeing the development of the club's young talent. He is probably best remembered for his wonderful commitment to the game especially taking on the role of Cricket Chairman, in today's parlance -Director of Cricket a post he distinguished continuously from 1991 until 2014 a period of 24 years, this role included being 1st X1 scorer for a number of years. To list the many successes during his time in this role reads like a role of Honour- with both senior and junior teams and individual players winning numerous competitions and awards including young players being capped at all Welsh International age group levels. Winning the Macey Shield and many Three Counties league Cup titles. The success started through the nineties and continued into the new millennium. In 1999 he was honoured with a Vice Presidency and later in 2012 elected a Life Member for his tremendous dedication to the Club. During all this time when not holding an officer role he has served on the general committee and been a valuable member of the 'Last of the Summer Wine Gang' looking after the ground in all its aspects. Now an octogenarian he is a regular spectator at Avenue Road and still takes a keen interest in the running of the Club.



Michael J Stock

The club were saddened to hear of the passing of Mike Stock on September 21st aged 88 years. Mike and his family have for many years been connected to Abergavenny Cricket Club. Mike was a good player and performed in the fifties and sixties for the 1st and 2nd x1's at one time playing alongside his father Syd Stock who for many years was Captain of the Club. He took on the role of Club Secretary in 1961 whilst still playing and held that post for 5 Years, during that time his father was President for four of the years. Mike continued to support the club

right up to his passing. As long as the club remains the Stock family will always be fondly remembered for their fantastic contribution to the fabric and rich history of what is one of the oldest cricket clubs in Wales. RIP

Abergavenny Stalwarts

Warren Butterworth



Warren Butterworth Joined the Cricket Club around 1986/87 a native of Oldham, Greater Manchester, a Lancastrian educated at Chadderton Grammar School who moved to Wales with his work around this time with Kaywool Products based in Tredegar. Along with his family Christine his wife and son Gary they settled into the club really well. Christine soon became a member of the Willow Club – the hard working ladies Committee. In 1987 along with Dick Brown he coached the Under13 side that reached the County Final. Warren played some 1st x1 cricket but for the majority of his time played 2nd X1 and was a successful batsman, featuring on a number of occasions in the Three Counties League Handbook He was captain of the 2nd X1 in 1990 until 1993, this was interrupted in 1990 when he was asked to take over the 1st X1 captaincy following the resignation of Phil Watkins. He provided stability for the side for the rest of that Season. By 1991 his son Gary a Welsh schoolboy cap was playing in the first X1. Having come through the Junior teams. In 1992 through his company sponsorship he introduce the Player of the Month Awards. However, Warren is best remembered for his hard work and dedication to the club as an administrator, serving on the General Committee for many years. He also completed five years as Vice Chairman and in 2010 was elected Chairman of the Club, and for all his efforts was made a Life member in 2011/12. He took over from John Roberts as Cricket Chair in 2015 and continued in that role for 3 years. Currently he is one of the people responsible for the square at Avenue Road and a key member of the 'Last of the Summer Wine Gang' The wicket is probably playing as well as it ever has since first laid over 125 years ago. This, thanks to the work he does. His contribution was recognised in 2022 when he was honoured as Clubman of the Year.

Abergavenny CC 2023 Season Summary

With the promise of a Cricket Committee which would focus on selection, training, coaching, recruitment, progression and all matters cricket related. Abergavenny CC anticipated a successful season. The weather ensured that all the practice friendly fixtures were cancelled. However this didn't prevent the First x1 getting off to a winning start in their first league fixture in April. That win turned out to be the first of many as the First X1 remained undefeated until September 9th with a 100% winning record. Two defeats to Llandaff CC in the final two games spoiled the attempt at an invincible Season, but couldn't prevent them winning the League and promotion to the 2nd tier of Welsh cricket. The key was availability- with 10 players playing in ten or more of the completed fixtures. Those ten were ably supported by very talented youngsters who when called on delivered. The key was the spin bowling and athletic fielding that more than complimented the strong batting line up. Consistent selection was not however replicated in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th X1's and as a result they couldn't deliver consistency, the 2nd X1 who used 28 players did manage to remain competitive and finished in 3rd place in Division 6. The 3rd X1 used 57 players in total and finished in 7th place in Division 10, while the 4th X1 used 36 players and finished in fourth place in Division 12E. Once again the Junior and Girls/ladies sections enjoyed a good season with many of them winning Caps in the Cricket Wales Regional and age group teams.

Centuries

Tom Norton	141, 107, 102* (all First X1)
Ross Hayden	102 (4 th X1)
Jack Ryan	111 (2 nd X1)
Ioan Lilly	117 (3 rd X1)
Nathan Holley	109 (3 rd X1)
Steve Bown	101* (Wales 50's)
Greg Fury	116 (Friendly v Goodwood CC)

Abergavenny Under 15 Runners-up in Gwent Final losing to Newport Under 15

Tom Norton selected for Glamorgan CCC 2nd X1 County Championship & for England Young Lions. Also selected for the Cricket Wales X1 v MCC, Toured South Africa with Glamorgan Academy

Steve Brown selected for Wales over 50's 3rd X1 (scores a century)

Lotte Matthews travelled to India with Cricket Wales

Toby Smith Cricket Wales Under 13, Olly Jones, Leo Ling & Lloyd Sharp Under 14, and Tom Norton & Tom Krige Under 16

Ryland Wallace and Andy Timpson capped for Wales Over 70's

Ryland Wallace selected for Wales Over 60's side in the World Cup in India 2024

October 19th

A meeting of the Cricket Committee took the decision not to engage the services of James Francis for the 2024 Season.

October 20th

The SEWCL Presentation Evening

