

**Season 1915**

**President: Mr W.L.Thomas**

**Chairman- JR Jacob**

**Captain 1<sup>st</sup> X1- Rev C.B.Wildblood**

**V.Capt-**

**2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain- FA Thomas**

**Treasurer- F.R.Britton**

**Secretary-E.Woodhead**

**Thursday X1 Capt- AM Cunliffe**



Avenue Road Cricket Club (King Henry School records)

The AGM was held at the Greyhound Hotel- The Committee elected were- Lt. Col. JH Gilbert Harris, Dr Tresawna, Capt. JR Jacob, Rev.HB Jones, Messrs. W.Llewelin and WJ White. With the First World War in full swing difficult decisions were needed, At the 1915 AGM a deficit of £33.10shillings was reported. Debate took place as to whether or not the Club should continue. The decision to carry on was supported. Officers were elected. The Professional was not engaged. Reference was made to the many members of the Club who were serving with the colours.

All the matches during 1915 were played to raise money to support the various War Funds. On Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> a match against the Royal Engineers was played for the benefit of the

Abergavenny Chronicle Tobacco Fund which was to provide tobacco and cigarettes for the front line troops. Abergavenny 51 all out FA Thomas (11) and A. Jonathan (11) Royal Engineers 34 all out. W. Pickup, AG Woddeson, and Rev. CB Wildblood all bowled well. On August Bank Holiday Abergavenny played the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monmouthshires captained by Capt. JR Jacob in aid of the Red Cross Fund.

Sat July 17<sup>th</sup> 1915 Abergavenny v MR R Thomas's X1 [Tredillion Park] in aid of Red Cross Fund and Maindiff court Hospital.

Bank Holiday Monday- Grand benefit Cricket Match Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monmouthshire Regiments v Abergavenny

The annual meeting of the Abergavenny *Cricket* Club was held at the Greyhound Hotel on Wednesday evening, the president, Mr. W. L. Thomas (Tredilion) occupying the chair and being supported by Dr. Tresawna, Mr. F. R. Britton (hon. treasurer), Capt. J. R. Jacob (captain) and others. The statement of accounts showed a deficit of £33 10s. The receipts included £10 rent from King Henry VIII's Grammar School and £ 4 for ground work, £X2 for grazing rights, £ 18s. 6d. theatrical performance, £2 5s. gate money, £ 2 2s. 6d. locker rents, 12s. 6d. season tickets, 12s. 6d. income tax reclaimed, £ y 7s. 6d. tennis members' subscriptions, and £ 19 playing members' subscriptions, £7 7s. president's subscription, and £ 36 12s. vice-presidents' subscriptions. The payments included £26 7s. nd. for old outstanding accounts, £41 is. lid. for professional's wages, £ 9 3s. for stock, £2 2s. for regrinding and repairing mowing machines, £5 6s. lid. horse feed, 12S. 3d. additional labour, £5 12s. 6d. printing and advertising, income tax £1 18s. id., railway fares and teas £ 6 5s. id., and there was a balance in hand of 18s. 8d. There was, however, an outstanding liability of /43 ios. for reent up to July 1st, 1914, and an outstanding asset of £10 due from the Bowling Club. It was pointed out by Mr. F. R. Britton that many former vice-presidents had not subscribed last year, and on the proposition of Dr. Tresawna, seconded by Capt. J. R. Jacob, it was decided that they be applied to for their subscriptions for 1914. The accounts were adopted on the proposition of the Rev. C. B. Wildblood, seconded by Mr. W. Llewellyn.

The Cause of the Deficit. The Rev. C. B. Wildblood submitted the annual report of the hon. secretary, Mr. H. B. Corles, in the latter's absence. This was as follows

Gentlemen, I have the honour to lay before you my annual report on the management of your Club during the year 1914. When I accepted the office at the last general meeting, held on 29th April, 1914, I made up my mind that I would do all in my power to clear the Club out of debt, but I very much regret to have to show a deficit of £ 33 10s. This you will see, on referring to your balance sheet, is due to two things. Firstly, and mainly, the old accounts, amounting in all to £ 26 7s. lid., of which I had no knowledge secondly, to the large decrease in vice-presidents' subscriptions. Had the income of the Club been even up to the standard of last year, there would have been a balance in hand of J5 ios. 8d. (the Club's income having decreased by L8 2. id.). But even with this large decrease the Club would have only shown a deficit of £6 3s. 5d., had it not been for so many old accounts. At the meeting referred to above there were several changes in the governing body. Dr. W. S. Tresawna vacated the captaincy of the 1st XI., after much good and profitable work, and was succeeded by Mr. J. R. Jacob; the Rev. C. B. Wildblood being elected vice-captain. Mr. C. E. Watkins, captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI., leaving the town during the season, his place was admirably filled by Mr. F. A. Thomas. Mr. A. M. Cunliffe ably filled the captaincy of the Thursday eleven. Mr. W. L. Thomas and Mr. F. R. Britton retained their respective offices. Mr. H. B. Corles was elected hon. secretary for the year. A. G. Woodeson was retained as professional for another season, and I cannot speak too highly of Woodeson's capabilities as professional and groundsman. His wickets have always been the best, and the ground has at all times been in excellent condition. In conclusion, my thanks are due to Mr. Jacob, Rev. Wildblood, Mr. F. R. Britton, Mr. A. M. Cunliffe, and Mr. F. A. Thomas for the excellent advice and assistance they have placed at my disposal during the year. to you, gentlemen, for the loyal support you have at all times afforded me, and to your committee for the ever ready way in which they have assisted me and unanimously worked in the interests of your Club and the game of *cricket*." I The Averages. I

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The averages were presented with the report, the Rev. C. B. Wildblood stating that J. Jonathan won the bat for the Thursday XI., and E. T. Bowen and F. A. Thomas bats for the 2nd XI. Capt. J. R. Jacob proposed the adoption of the report, remarking that Mr. Corles had given them an excellent report and had done his very best. But for the war coming at the end of the I season and putting him in an awkward predicament, he would have got the club clear of debt. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Corles for his services. Mr. A. M. Cunliffe seconded, observing that Mr. Corles had exercised the greatest possible economy, and but for the decrease in vice-presidents' subscriptions and old debts he would have shown a profit of £16. He worked the teams very ably, and it had been a source of revenue to the club. The report was adopted. To Run or Not to Run. I 1 The Chairman said they had to consider the question as to whether they should carry on the club during the ensuing season. Personally he should like to see the club carried on, if it were at all possible. Rev. H. B. Jones said they would like to carry on, but they would like to know what the gentlemen who were trustees thought about it, first of all. The Rev. C. B. Wildblood said the committee recommended that they do, as far as possible, try to run something, for the reason that the rent would still go on whether they went on or not. Even if they could only get in a few subscriptions and keep the expenses down and show a small balance in hand, it would help them a little. It was felt by the committee that they should do their best to run, and endeavour to decrease the deficit against them. Dr. Tresawna thought they would lose less if they let the field for grazing instead of running a club. In reply to a question, the Rev. C. B. Wildblood said the committee did not intend to engage a professional this season, but just to have a man occasionally, and he understood that Woodeson had secured other work. Mr. W. Llewellyn said that they would not have the £26 7s. lid. old debts to face next year, and they ought to save £25 on the professional. They would not want so much stock, they ought to save £5 on printing and advertising, and they would not want to spend £6 5s. id. this year on railway fares and teas. He thought they ought to save £41 on the expenditure, which would bring their expenses down to £136, besides the rent. He thought they ought to run as economically as possible with a few matches and try to get out of the mire. Dr. Tresawna The question is whether you wont get further into the mire. If you are not going to have fixtures, how are you going to benefit? How many are going up just to practice? Not many go, as it is. Capt. J. R. Jacob said that if they dropped the club entirely, the ground would get out of order they would have disbanded all the members, and I would have the greatest difficulty in starting ) again. Every other club was in the same position as themselves. They proposed to get all the members to continue and pay their subscriptions and do their bit of playing. He would not suggest having a proper fixture list, but he should not think there would be any objection to their having an occasional match. Probably there would be military at Abergavenny the whole of the season, and they might get members in that direction. Further, he understood the Shop Assistants were not running, and their members might fall in with the town club. The Chairman said he would second Captain Jacob's proposition that they continue. If they put their shoulders to the wheel they could scrape along somehow and keep the club going. Dr. Tresawna said his opinion was that they would lose more by carrying on than by giving up. If they were only going to lose a small amount he quite agreed with carrying on. Mr. F. R. Britton said the Chairman had mentioned to him that he would increase his subscription to £10. (Applause). Dr. Tresawna remarked that he would have pleasure in supporting Capt. Jacob's proposition. I. The Rev. H. B. Jones suggested that those who had given subscriptions to the professional in previous years should this year give them to the club funds. He for one would do so. The proposition to continue was carried unanimously. The Chairman here left, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for presiding. I Election of Officers. Capt. J. R. Jacob was voted to the chair, and I proposed the re-election of Mr. W. L. Thomas as president. Mr. Thomas had always responded generously, and this year especially, I when he had so many calls upon him. The proposition was carried with acclamation. Dr. Tresawna declined to take on the captaincy, and on the proposition of Capt. J. R. Jacob, seconded by Dr. Tresawna, the Rev. C. B. Wildblood was elected. On the proposition of Capt. Jacob, seconded by Mr. Stanley Rawlins,

Mr. F. R. Britton was re-elected hon. treasurer and heartily thanked for his services. Mr. F. R. Britton, in reply, said that were it not that the club was in such a critical state, he would not look at the position for a moment. He did not believe he had ever had anything which had given him so much trouble as this *Cricket* Club, since the war broke out, but he could not leave the club in the lurch. Once he got the club on its legs, if he ever did so, he would say good-bye to them, so far as the work- ing was concerned, with the greatest possible pleasure. (Laughter). Mr. W. Llewellyn proposed and the Rev. C. B. Wildblood seconded, that Mr. E. Woodhead be elected hon. secretary the proposer remarking that Mr. Woodhead had been secretary of another club for 16 years. Mr. Woodhead said he would rather that some older member was elected, but he was eventually persuaded to accept the position, and his decision was received with acclamation. Mr. A. M. Cunliffe was re-elected captain of the Thursday XI., and the following were elected as the committee :-Lt -Col. J. H. Gilbert Harris, Dr. Tresawna, Capt. J. R. Jacob, Rev. H. B. Jones, Messrs. W. Llewellyn and W. J. White. The Rev. C. B. Wildblood said he thought the fact ought to be recorded of the large number of members of the club who were serving with the colours, and the meeting agreed

In December 1915 the Death of The Marquess of Abergavenny KG was announced he was in his 90<sup>th</sup> year being born on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1826

At the request of the family, a memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church, Abergavenny, on Thursday afternoon. There was a large congregation at the church and the Mayor and members of the Town Council attended, most of them in their robes of office, a procession being formed at the Town Hall. The Mayor was accompanied by Mr. Reg. Herbert, D.L., of Clytha (one of the Marquess's oldest friends), who represented the Lord Lieutenant and wore the uniform of a deputy lieutenant. Also taking part in the procession were the Town Clerk and officials, Fire Brigade, Cadets in charge of Sergt. E. H. Restall. Among those who were at the church were Major Francis (Tip) Herbert, Lieut.Colonel J. H. Gilbert Harris (agent for the Monmouthshire and Herefordshire estates), Mr. Percy Laybourn (Under Sheriff, representing the High Sheriff of Monmouthshire, Mr. W. R. Lysaght, Col. and Mrs. E. B. Herbert, Col. and Mrs. Mansel, Major and Mrs. Douglas Graham (Hilston), Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thomas, Mrs. Reg. Herbert, Mr. F. P. J. Hanbury, D.L., and Mrs. Hanbury, Mr. Godfrey E. Jones and Mr. Howard S. Wooding (representing the North Monmouthshire Conservative Association), Mrs. C. H. G. Martin, Mrs. Corfield, Mr. Gower Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Marsh, Mr. Ilyd Gardner, Mr. John Prichard, Rev. E. Mansel Townshend, Llanvapley (representing the Chair- man and Council of the Church Association, London), and a large number of tenants and workpeople on the estate. The band of the 2nd Monmouthshire Battalion (under Band- master S. T. Roderick) were present at the church and were placed in the chancel, where they played three selections before the service commenced Beethoven's *Creation's Hymn*, "Edward Jones's Shepherd of Souls," and Sullivan's *Thou art passing hence*." The service was conducted by the Rev. Morgan Gilbert, M.A. (Vicar of Llanvetherine), and the lesson (I. Corinthians xv.) was read by the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Matthew. At the close of the service the organist, Mr. W. R. Carr, played Chopin's *Marche Funebre*." Following the service the band assembled outside the church and played impressively the *Dead March in Saul*," after which one of the bandsmen sounded the Last Post.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1915 The Chronicle announced The Rev. C. B. Wildblood, who in December last accepted an invitation to the Abertillery Wesleyan Church, will leave Abergavenny to take up his duties there on September 5<sup>th</sup>. His departure is regretted, not only by the church in Castle-street, but by many other townspeople. In the local athletic world he is extremely popular, and has taken a keen interest in *cricket*, tennis and football. His services as a bowler and a batsman have been very useful and much appreciated by the local club, and in connection with the winter pastime he was always ready to lend his services as referee. The good wishes of his many friends will go with him in his new sphere of labour. As will be seen in our adver- tisement columns, the Rev. C. B. Wildblood will conduct services in the R Pa conduct services in the Castle-street Church for the last time as its pastor on Sunday next, and

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it is hoped that all his friends will take this opportunity of hearing him. The evening subject will be The religion for which the world is waiting.

In the Chronicle July 16<sup>th</sup> 1915

A *cricket* match was played on the Avenue- road *Cricket* Ground on Thursday, 8th July, for the benefit of the Abergavenny Chronicle Tobacco Fund. The participating teams were Abergavenny and the Royal Engineers. The game was a particularly keen and exciting one, and marked by extremely low scoring. Abergavenny, who won the toss and went in first, were all dismissed for 51. Q.M.S. Sefton and Corpl. Phillips bowled with deadly effect on a wicket affected by the recent heavy rain. Both kept a perfect length and the scoring was very slow. F. A. Thomas and A. Jonathan with 11 each were the only double-figure scorers. The Engineers entered upon their apparently easy task about 5 o'clock, but their innings was marked by a procession to and from the wickets, all being out for 34, Abergavenny thus winning by 17 runs. Midgley, with 11, was the only man to reach double figures. W. Pickup, A. G. Woodeson and the Rev. C. B. Wildblood all bowled with remarkable success. The gate, considering the object, was a very poor one, only reaching a sum of 13s. 6d., but this was made up to Â£ 1 by a whip-up amongst the players. The Chronicle Fund to provide tobacco and cigarettes for our lads at the front is not meeting with anything like the success it should. Nothing is more appreciated in the trenches during the long weary hours in which our gallant boys are facing the relentless foe, than a fag or pipe, but the supplies now are not nearly sufficient to meet the requirements. It is hoped that our readers will give a thought to our friends across the water and send in a small donation to the Tobacco Fund.

Below Pictured on December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1915

**"ARMLETEERS" PARADE AT ABERGAVENNY.**



Above we give a photograph of the organisers of the very successful parade of "Armlateers" at Abergavenny. The names of those sitting, reading from left to right, are:- Captain J.R. Jacob, Mr. F.P.J. Hanbury, D.L., the Mayor (Alderman Z. Wheatley), Mr. W. Orders, D.L., and Captain W. H. Atherley Jones (recruiting officer). Photo, R. H. S. Stevens, Abergavenny.

Captain JR Jacob, Mr FPJ Hanbury DL, The Mayor- Alderman Z Wheatley, Mr W.Orders DL,  
Captain WH Atherley Jones

## DEATH OF MARQUIS OF ABERGAVENNY

The Marquis of Abergavenny died yesterday at his seat, Eridge Castle, in his ninetieth year. In failing health during the last few months, his Lordship recently had an accident through tripping on stairs. He was married in 1848 to Caroline, sister of the first Lord Derwent. Lord Abergavenny succeeded as fifth Earl in 1868, and eight years later was elevated to the Marquisate. In 1885 he received the Order of the Garter. At one time he was Lord Lieutenant of Sussex. He is succeeded in the title by the Earl of Lewes.

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