

1931 Season
President- JR Jacob
Hon Secretary- CO Marsh/P.Telford
C.Price/HV Jenkins (AGM report)
Hon Treasurer- Col WR Lewis
Captain 1st X1- Col WR Lewis
Vice Captain 1st X1- H.Sharpe
2nd X1 Captain- E.Bowen
Vice Capt- RG Price
Thursday Capt- END Williams
Thursday Vice Captain- Frank Lewis

First X1 Played 12, Won 7, Lost 3, Drew 2, 7 matches were abandoned on weekends and 2 on Thursdays.

Second X1 Played 13, Won 6, Lost 5, Drew 4, 3 matches were abandoned.

Thursday X1- Played 10, Won 5, Lost 1, Drew 4, with 5 matches abandoned.

The Club was saddened by the deaths of Col. WD Steel, a long standing supporter and Mr W.Williams. At the AGM held in the Greyhound Hotel, the question whether town cricket should be allowed to become defunct was the key issue. Debts of almost £150.00 were highlighted by AP Jones Hon secretary & Treasurer. He commented that this problem has been gradually getting worse since 1925. A quote from an old subscriber recorded in the Abergavenny Chronicle and Monmouthshire Advertiser *"To assist the Cricket Club is like kicking a dead cow and I will not be subscribing again"* The practice of paying both umpires and scorers had contributed to the position. Players subscriptions at this time remained at £1.1 shilling for Over 21's and 10/6d for Under 21's.

Existence for nearly 100 years

JR Jacob recalled that he had been a member for 40 years, and was Secretary and Captain in the first year he joined. He had captained the side for 25/26 years. Twenty years ago Abergavenny were the best amateur team in south Wales. In 1864 they played where the cattle market is today. When he started they played in Bailey Park and they had to roll the ground themselves. He was instrumental in approaching the Marquess of Abergavenny, who provided the small ground and subsequently extended, and then built the present pavilion. When the estate was sold he and a few others bought it to protect it for the Cricket Club. Although we didn't have keen young followers now, but in years to come there may be many youngsters interested in cricket and if we closed they would be without a ground. After the Church and Hospital the Cricket Club should be the first claim as a subscriber.

No decision was taken at the AGM, rather an adjourned meeting was arranged for the following Wednesday. At that meeting the decision to continue was unanimous. At the adjourned meeting the following Wednesday, JR Jacob again presided and there were 40 members in attendance. There was a decision taken to keep the club going and there was a suggestion that they should try and gather a number of subscribers to give £5 each to help to write off the deficit, as well as cutting down on expenditure. There was a difference of opinion in relation to youngsters with some thinking they had not felt welcome and others including WR Lewis who told the gathering as captain he had tried 12 players in the first X1 all under 20 and he had encouraged them but he said that coming from the Grammar School they felt they knew all about cricket and when trying to coach them they looked at him as if to say what do you know about it. At net practice the youngsters only try to hit the ball over the garden wall, yet when it came to a match they never looked like hitting a ball over the garden wall. He said they should practice defensive strokes and then move on to scoring strokes afterwards. They should also supply their own bats. The club did provide pads and gloves. Major JR Jacob- President,

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Vice Presidents were re-elected as follows-Dr Lornie, Mr HE Lyons, Mr WP Miles, Mr AM Cunliffe, Mr SJ Ruther, Mr FR Britton. 31 other names were proposed-See listed below

The following vice-presidents were re-elected :
Dr. Lornie, Mr. H. E. Lyons, Mr. W. P. Miles,
Mr. A. M. Cunliffe, Mr. S. J. Ruther, Mr. F. R.
Britton.

31 More Vice-Presidents.

A large number of other names were proposed as vice-presidents, as follows :—Major O. Fisher, Major Eustace Hill, Brig.-Genl. Bruce Tulloch, Mr. W. M. Chadwick, Mr. F. H. Facey, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Alfred Jackson, Mr. Montague Harris, Mr. R. W. Powell, Mr. Whitting, Col. Lewis, Mr. Hugh Steel, Mr. Walter Flinn, Mr. H. Gethin, Major J. A. Herbert, Mr. M. L. Beveridge, Mr. J. Parry, Mr. Lewis J. Morgan, Mr. Jim Thomas, Capt. Whitehead, Mr. Chas. Downes, Mr. John Paton, Capt. Geoffrey Crawshay, Mr. H. W. Newcombe, Mr. C. O. Marsh, Mr. A. Lucas, Mr. C. T. Armstrong, Mr. F. R. Britton, Mr. C. G. A. Brooks, the Rev. M. E. Davies, the Mayor (Coun. W. Devereux).

It was decided that Lord Treowen, Sir Leolin Forestier-Walker, M.P., and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas should be invited to become patrons.

The following were elected on the committee :
—Messrs. F. Walder, J. K. Ruther, H. Robinson,
W. M. Chadwick, Walter Flinn, C. O. Marsh,
P. Telford, M. L. Beveridge, and W. T. Powell.

Abergavenny Cricket Club 2nd XI.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Not out.	Aver.
E. T. Bowen	.. 17	242	52	1	15.12
W. Adams	.. 10	127	32	1	14.11
G. Dunton	.. 11	104	35	1	10.45
R. G. Price	.. 16	166	48	—	10.37
K. Davies	.. 9	59	32	2	8.57
A. Bezent	.. 9	73	50	—	8.1
E. Nash	.. 10	72	20	—	7.28
C. Dunkley	.. 9	48	31	—	5.33
A. Dunn	.. 4	22	18	—	5.5
A. Tranter	.. 5	21	18	—	4.2
P. T. Pritchard	.. 10	32	10	2	4.5
C. Price	.. 8	30	9	—	3.75
C. Baker	.. 9	27	9	2	3.85
C. Morgan	.. 6	7	3	—	1.1
H. Young	.. 11	70	4	2	0.77

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
F. Davies	.. 179	25	362	46	7.8
A. Bezent	.. 51	7	171	22	8.8
C. Price	.. 27	7	75	9	8.03
E. T. Bowen	.. 127	19	357	33	11.9
C. Dunkley	.. 37	7	78	7	10.14

Also bowled : J. Lawrence, K. Davies, R. G. Price, H. Jenkins, W. Adams.

Matches played, 17 ; won 6 ; drawn 3, lost 8
Runs for, 1,421 ; runs against, 1,517.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

ABERGAUENNY 1st XI.

Date	Opponents	Ground
June 6	away
" 13	Cwmbran home
" 20	away
" 27	Hereford away
July 4	Crickhowell home
" 11	Usk away
" 18	home
" 25	Usk home
Aug. 1	Dowlais home
" 3	Carmarthen home
" 4
" 8	Monmouth home
" 15	Abertillery home
" 22	Lydney away
" 29	Hereford home
Sept. 5	Crickhowell away

ABERGAUENNY 2nd XI.

June 6	Raglan home
" 13	Cwmbran away
" 20	Newport home
" 27	Hereford home
July 4	away
" 11	Usk home
" 18	Raglan away
" 25	Mental Hospital away
Aug. 1	Brynmawr away
" 3
" 4	Blaenavon home
" 8	Monmouth away
" 15	Mental Hospital away
" 22	Lydney home
" 29	away
Sept. 5	Goytre Hall home