

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.