

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.