



# GRIFFIN GAZETTE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BARNSELY CRICKET CLUB

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## WELCOME.....

....to the last edition of the **Griffin Gazette** for 2009. The issue has come out slightly later than expected, as your editor went down with flu for a couple of weeks after the season finished, but finally its out, and we hope you enjoy reading back over the season.

I would, however, like to take this chance to thank our entire contributor's for their efforts during the season, and we hope you have all enjoyed reading the **Griffin Gazette** during 2009.

## PRESENTATION DATE FIXED

Our end of season Presentation Evening has been arranged for **Friday 9th of October** in the Griffin Suite at the club. The "Shameless" Karaoke has been booked and the fare is Joanne's famous Pie, Chips and Peas. The evening starts at 7:30pm and the cost is £7.50. Monies as soon as possible please to any member of the committee.

## AN EVENING WITH DAVE BASSETT

Soccer legend Dave Bassett (EX Wimbledon & Barnsley manager) will be the next speaker at the club's widely acclaimed series of Sporting Dinners. This will be held at Ardsley House on the 13th November. The evening will feature top comedian Ged Stone and is priced at £30.00, this includes a 3 course meal - the evening starts at 7:00 for 7:30, please, please make every effort to attend, but don't just come on your own - bring some of your family, friends, hell bring some enemies if you want!!



Dave Clayton makes his debut as MC (should be worth the £30 itself), and a good evening will be had by all. More details & tickets from Trelford Mills on 0794 957 0868

Keeping the team/club spirit going throughout the winter, we have teamed up with a company who have offered a night out at the dogs in Sheffield or Doncaster costing around £10 (including coach). This could be a great night out with 100 tickets available.

We also have the opportunity to have a day at the races in December at Southwell for 50 people and finally a silly day paint balling, the cost which would include 100 paintballs per person. Again further details from the above or bookings can be made to Trelford.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As laid down in the constitution Barnsley Cricket Club has to give members 21 days notice of the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting will be held at Shaw Lane on Thursday 26 November 2009 at 7.45pm. All officers and members of the committee will become eligible for re- election. Anyone wishing to stand for election as a Member of the Committee shall be a member over the age of 18 years and be nominated and seconded in writing to the Secretary 7 days prior to the meeting. No nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Notice of any amendment or proposed alteration to Rules, together with the name





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of the Proposer and Seconder of such an amendment, or alteration shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the date of the General meeting, at which such an amendment or alteration is to be brought forward

The Members, at a General Meeting shall have the power to rescind or vary any Rule, regulation or custom, of the Club and to substitute others in their place provided 7 days notice is given to the Secretary.

The club looks forward to you attending the meeting.



## **MY RECOLLECTIONS OF SHAW LANE by Jack Faulkner aged 86**

Hearing people talk about a former groundsman, John Matthewman, had me thinking about my father, John [Jack] Faulkner who was groundsman for the club from 1927 to 1940 along with my mother Edith [Eadie] Mary Faulkner who was hostess to cricket at the lane.

My father used to look after the Shaw Lane wicket and bowling greens. To help with the fertilisation of the Bowling Green and to green it up he used to use liquids collected from the old toilet that was attached to the now demolished scoreboard. The grass never looked greener after a covering of this liquid. I spent many an hour watching

and secretly laughing to myself when I saw the old gentlemen lick their fingers before rolling the bowls over the green.

My mother used to help with the teas for Barnsley CC in the years before the Second World War and well after it. She used to prepare and serve them in a wooden tea hut that was eventually replaced by the Pavilion Bar room after the war. There was a restriction of the supplying of materials immediately after the Second World War; however this was got around by the then secretary and player Jack Taylor. He was one part of the partnership known as Johnson Builders that still trade today.

She also was responsible for Shaw Lane staying open for the whole year. Pre 1934 the clubhouse used to close after the last game was played in September. During this year there was half a barrel of beer left and the committee asked my mother if she would keep the club open and sell off the beer. The members were impressed with this idea and turned up in their numbers. They asked the committee if the club would purchase another barrel from the brewery to sell and keep the bar open the rest of the year. The brewery said they would supply one if the club paid off some of its debts.

This they did with the help of the sale of the next barrel. This idea was so successful that she was asked to keep the bar open until the next cricket season started. The members also asked for the club to put on some food to go with the beer and it was suggested that Albert Hirst pork pies would go down a treat. The same comment was made by the butcher that he would supply if some of the debts were paid off. Obviously the same happened with the pies as with the beer. The club house has remained open all year since this time.

During the Second World War years, to





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help the people of Barnsley my mother organised suppers on a Friday night at the club house. She along with others supplied Meat & Potato pie, Liver & bacon and Tripe through the winter period and charged 9d, in old money, a portion. As we used to live in a house at the bottom of the drive to the ground [the one that used to be a shop] we had to carry up the food in large containers to keep them warm, as there were no cooking facilities at the club house. The profit from these evenings paid for the hedging that runs along the side of the drive adjacent to the sight screens.

Talking of the Second World War Barnsley's Home Guard and the Air Training Corps used to have manoeuvres on the outfield at Shaw Lane. The Home Guard were just like you see on the television show Dad's Army. The ATC though went through proper drills supervised by the previously mentioned Jack Taylor who was a senior officer. I was merely a cadet who had to march up and down the soft outfield. As it was soft the squad used to be out of step quite frequently. Jack however, used always shout "Faulkner, you're out of step". After numerous times of him shouting this, I asked him, after practice, why he always picked on me. His answer was "You're the only bloody name I know".

I did play for Barnsley 2<sup>nd</sup> XI as a 15 year old, eventually moving up to open the innings for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI at the age of 16. After the war I was a regular for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI playing with Ernest Steele, Jimmy Ambler, George Bennett, Arthur Weekes and Len Mattocks. I eventually finished my career at Barnsley in 1962.

I do not manage to get up to Shaw Lane now-a-days but wish the club every success in coming years.

## BARNSELY WIN OSCA

The Yorkshire Cricket Board honoured the volunteers in cricket at a ceremony held at the B & B Yorkshire Cricket Centre on Thursday 20th August 2009 celebrating outstanding achievements. Board Chairman Philip Radcliffe, Vice Chairman Albert Pattison, Director of Development Andrew Watson, ECB Regional manager Phil Nedley and Yorkshire player Steve Patterson presented the Awards, and we won the following:

### **NationalWest Cricket Force**

**A volunteer or group of volunteers who made an outstanding contribution to this event**

**Winner: David Clayton & Barnsley CC**

Yes Barnsley was the YCB NatWest CricketForce Showcase Club in April 2009.

Faced with needing changing rooms in a building, with decent showers and a viewing area for players and spectators to watch the game from, they craned in a new nursery brick-built building surplus to requirements from Barnsley PCT and with a huge team of partners including architects, builders and craftsmen but largely by their own voluntary labour converted this into a modern cricket pavilion. At the same time the old scoreboard was demolished and a new score room and digital scoreboard created. The whole effort was an example to all in what can be done when the club's mind is set to it

**Meanwhile the ECB have announced details for the CricketForce 2010! The event will take place over the weekend of March 26, 27 and 28 2010.**

A host of England and county stars joined





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forces with over 1,500 clubs and an estimated 85,000 volunteers after signing-up to take part in NatWest CricketForce 2009 on April 3-5 2009.

CricketForce is an England and Wales Cricket Board volunteering initiative aimed at rejuvenating the nation's cricketing facilities.

With enough volunteers involved to fill the Millennium Stadium it is the largest volunteer programme in British sport. CricketForce encourages cricket supporters, their friends and families to give something back to their local community cricket club by volunteering to undertake major renovations to clubhouses and grounds.

Keep an eye out for details on what Barnsley CC will be doing during the weekend, by logging onto our official website throughout the winter months.

## SATURDAY TEAMS ROUND UP

### FIRST TEAM



**OXBRIDGE YORKSHIRE ECB COUNTY PREMIER LEAGUE**

### FIRST TEAM RESULTS

*\*indicates home side*

1 Aug (Yorkshire League) \*Castleford v Barnsley

**No play due to rain.**

8 Aug (Yorkshire League) \*Barnsley 300-2 (55 overs) Alex Morris 123\*, Matthew Wilson 103, Simon Widdup 45; Hull & YPI 186 (46.4) Greg Lound 38, David Barrick 36, Chris Grey 33, Simon Widdup 3-51.

**Barnsley won by 114 runs.**

9 Aug (Yorkshire League) Rotherham Town 193 (50.4) Alex Welsh 58, Joe Ellis 3-51; \*Barnsley 197-3 (46.1) Alex Morris 86\*, Simon Widdup 53.

**Barnsley won by 7 wickets.**

15 Aug (Yorkshire League) \*Cleethorpes 237-6 (55) Bill Kirby 67, Alex Osmond 51\*, Ishan Mitaliph 32; Barnsley 204-9 (55) Danial Rafiq 67, Jason Booth 39, Matthew Wilson 34, Tom Goldsby-West 32\*, Harry Clewett 3-42.

**Cleethorpes won by 33 runs.**

22 Aug (Yorkshire League) \*Barnsley 231-8 (55) Simon Widdup 113\*, Richard Wilkinson 53, Hanif Mohammed 3-61; Harrogate 184 (54.5) John Proud 50, Nick Lindley 38, Richard Wilkinson 7-47.

**Barnsley won by 47 runs.**

29 Aug (Yorkshire League) Barnsley 227-7 (55) Simon Widdup 83, Andrew Bourke 67\*, Paul Hilton 3-61; \*Appleby Frodingham 104 (23.3) Robert Day 33, Greig Batty 4-28, Joe Ellis 3-35.

**Barnsley won by 123 runs.**

30 Aug (Yorkshire League) \*Barnsley 166 (52.3) Glen Yates 54\*, Paul Benson 30, Luke Townsend 7-49; Doncaster Town 118 (34) Andrew Parkin-Coates 45, Joe Ellis 7-47.

**Barnsley won by 48 runs.**

5 Sept (Yorkshire League) Sheffield Collegiate 105 (45) Ed McKenna 30, Glen Yates 5-21; \*Barnsley 108-5 (27.3) Matthew Wilson 24, Kamasen Nayager 3-39.

**Barnsley won by 5 wickets.**

12 Sept (Yorkshire League) \*Sheffield United 134 (44.3) Adam Wilson 34. Oliver Hannon-Dalby 4-13, Greig Batty 3-29. Barnsley 139-4 (22.1) Alex Morris 46.

**Barnsley won by 6 wickets.**





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It's come to the end of a disappointing season and although again we have not been a million miles away regarding performances, we finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place again and failed to collect a trophy. I feel as frustrated as the players, but ultimately we lost crucial periods of games and paid the price.

We did finish the season strongly and played a lot more positively than we had during the early part of the season, but as they say too little too late!

On the positive side Simon Widdup and Alex Morris both achieved 1,000 runs and Joe Ellis and Richard Wilkinson both hit the 50 wickets mark added together with some outstanding individual performances from some youngsters we can look forward to some home grown talent playing a bigger part from next season. Danny Rafiq and Tom Goldsby-West were outstanding at Cleethorpes putting on over 100 runs and saving the game and that would be my stand out performance of the season. Luke Bullingham and Tom Shaw have shown that we probably have the two most talented keepers in the Yorkshire area and Jack Price showed there is a first team future ahead for him. Tom Whittaker and Pete Hadfield have also played in the first team this year and they will both look to make that more permanent over the next year or two.

I feel that the senior players need to stand up and be counted more and this also includes me who will adapt a more permanent and responsible batting position next season.

Thanks to all the players for this season's effort, including those that only played one or two games and if nothing this year I hope people have seen a path to the first team and want to take up that challenge.

We have great facilities now at Shaw Lane and we also have a batch of very good

young players and hopefully in time both will come together to make a very successful team once again.

*Boothy*

### TOP RUN MAKERS (League & Cup)

Simon Widdup	1287 runs
Alex Morris	859 runs
Matthew Wilson	743 runs
Andrew Bourke	648 runs
Joe Ellis	456 runs
Jason Booth	452 runs
Greig Batty	375 runs
Steven Nuttall	273 runs

### TOP WICKET TAKERS (League & Cup)

Joe Ellis	63 wickets
Richard Wilkinson	60 wickets
Greig Batty	40 wickets
Oliver Hannon-Dalby	27 wickets
Andrew Bourke	26 wickets
Simon Widdup	22 wickets

### FINAL YORKSHIRE LEAGUE TABLE

**(Top 7)** 1 York 160pts, 2 Scarborough 150, 3 Yorkshire Academy 149, 4 Castleford 127, **5 BARNSELY 117**, 6 Cleethorpes 99, 7 Doncaster Town 94;

### AND THE WINNERS WERE.....

York won their 3<sup>rd</sup> successive Yorkshire League title, but Yorkshire Academy beat them in the final to lift the Yorkshire League Cup, to prevent them winning the double. Wrenthorpe also retained the Heavy Woollen Cup beating Baildon in the final, and Chester-le-Street lifted the National Club Championship, details later on in this newsletter.

The South Yorkshire Twenty20 was won by Wath who beat Whitley Hall by 9 wickets in a final that was held back until 19 September due to the weather.

*Full scorecards and copy scorebooks for the first team this season can be found on <http://www.barnsleycc.co.uk/scorecards.asp> on the official Barnsley CC website.*





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## SECOND ELEVEN



**Stafforce South Yorkshire Cricket  
League Premier Division**

### **SECOND TEAM RESULTS**

1 Aug (South Yorkshire League) \*Barnsley 129-4 (36.3) Peter Hadfield 46, Jamie Green 33. v Houghton Main.

**Match abandoned due to rain.**

8 Aug (South Yorkshire League)  
\*Wickersley Old Village 113 (42.4) Liam Heathcote 42, Glen Yates 5-28; Barnsley 116-5 (20) Ben O'Brien 62\*.

**Barnsley won by 5 wickets.**

15 Aug (South Yorkshire League) Whitley Hall 255-5 (50) Andrew Bethel 74\*, Jaco Castle 46, Steve Bethel 42, \*Barnsley 225 (49.1) Alex Morris 97, Peter Hadfield 31, Jaco Castle 3-40, Ben Webster 3-64.

**Whitley Hall won by 30 runs.**

22 Aug (South Yorkshire League)  
\*Rotherham Phoenix 195-9 (50) Haider Jahangir 72, Simon Potter 4-45, Henri Londt 3-15. Barnsley 68 (40.2) Nadeem Ahmed 4-8, Shoab Hassan 3-40.

**Rotherham Phoenix won by 127 runs.**

29 Aug (South Yorkshire League)  
\*Barnsley 213-8 (50) Alex Morris 75, Simon Potter 35, Jamie Green 32, Ian Swallow 5-37; Elsecar 86 (33.5) Alex Morris 7-20, Thomas Whittaker 3-36.

**Barnsley won by 127 runs.**

31 Aug (Crowther Cup Final at Hanging Heaton CC) Woodlands 160-6 (50) Greig Godfrey 56, Adam Wood 30; Barnsley 166-4 (37.1) Peter Hadfield 76, Jamie Green 35\*.

### **Barnsley won by 6 wickets.**

5 Sept (South Yorkshire League) Barnsley 149 (42.2) Simon Potter 42, Graham Fawkes 4-26, Dan Holmes 3-36; \*Hallam 150-4 (38.5) Chris Gibirdi 75\*, Nick Dymock 44, Thomas Whittaker 3-38.

**Hallam won by 6 wickets.**

12 Sept (South Yorkshire League) Wath 270-4 (50) James Barnard 123, Steve Reynolds 78; \*Barnsley 192 (41) Andrew Wakefield 43, Jamie Green 40, Peter Hadfield 37, Lesroy Weekes 4-49.

**Wath won by 78 runs.**

### **TOP 5 RUN MAKERS (League & Cup)**

Peter Hadfield	633 runs
Simon Potter	355 runs
Jamie Green	351 runs
Andrew Wakefield	313 runs
Ben O'Brien	247 runs

### **TOP 5 WICKET TAKERS (League & Cup)**

Thomas Whittaker	25 wickets
Simon Potter	21 wickets
Jamie Green	20 wickets
Hanko Swart	19 wickets
Glen Yates	16 wickets

### **FINAL SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE (Bottom 5)**

8 Rotherham Phoenix 68pts, 9 **BARNSELY 46**, 10 Tickhill 46, 11 Sheffield Collegiate 15, 12 Darfield 14.

Winners - Treeton 126pts.

## CLARENCE (THIRD) TEAM



**Stafforce South Yorkshire Cricket  
League Division Four**

### **THIRD TEAM RESULTS**

1 Aug (South Yorkshire League) \*Houghton





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Main 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Barnsley  
**No play due to rain.**

8 Aug (SYL) \*Barnsley 129-8 (46) Sam Shaw 42, Ben Hampshire 30, Lawrence Browes 3-27, Chris Timms 3-40; Coal Aston 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 133-7 (45.5) Waqas Ali 3-36.  
**Coal Aston won by 3 wickets.**

15 Aug (SYL) Barnsley 214-5 (46) Stephen Walters 108\*, Paul Benson 41, Andrew Ivill 31\*; \*Norton Oakes 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 56 (15.1) Waqas Ali 5-23.  
**Barnsley won by 158 runs.**

22 Aug (SYL) \*Barnsley 205-3 (46) Paul Benson 80\*, Sam Shaw 41\*, Stephen Walters 39; Rotherham Town 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 130-7 (46) Omar Waine 30.  
**Barnsley won by 75 runs.**

23 Aug (SYL) \*Oughtibridge 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 59 (23.5) Richard Ledger 4-15, Mark Beardshall 4-23; Barnsley 60-0 (9.5) John Smith 37\*  
**Barnsley won by 10 wickets.**

5 Sept (SYL) Doncaster Town 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 65 (39.5) Martin Ivill 5-2; \*Barnsley 66-4 (21.2).  
**Barnsley won by 6 wickets.**

12 Sept (SYL) Barnsley 167-8 (46) Stephen Walters 95; Warmsworth 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 169-6 (32.2) Simon Bardney 76\*, Rajinder Kundra 68, Gary Nuttall 3-13  
**Warmsworth won by 4 wickets.**

I am absolutely delighted that the 3rd XI has gained promotion to division 3 this season as champions of our conference. I knew at the start of the season that we had the playing strength to do well, but to maintain a level of performance with the number of junior players named on the team sheet week in week out is something I am particularly pleased with. Consistency of performance with young players is a

good indication of improvement and all at the club take a keen interest in our young players' development. They have made valid contributions to the team and with guidance from the senior players they have been a big factor in our success. Next season the bar will be raised but that does not worry me too much as I believe this team can cope with the higher standard. Thanks to all who played their part in this successful campaign. You have been a pleasure to skipper.

Gary Nuttall

### TOP 5 RUN MAKERS (League & Cup)

Stephen Walters	702 runs
Joe Fletcher	331 runs
Paul Benson	215 runs
Richard Ledger	209 runs
Sam Shaw	185 runs

### TOP 5 WICKET TAKERS (League & Cup)

Martin Ivill	37 wickets
Waqas Ali	28 wickets
Gary Nuttall	23 wickets
Joe Fletcher	19 wickets
Hanko Swart	14 wickets
Mohammad Saad	14 wickets

### FINAL SOUTH YORKSHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION 4 TABLE (Top 5)

1 Coal Aston 101pts, **2 Barnsley 96**, 3 Norton Oakes 96, 4 Doncaster Town 87, 5 Rockingham Colliery 85.

### BEECHFIELD (FOURTH) XI THE TORBECK PONTEFRACT & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

### FOURTH TEAM RESULTS

1 Aug (Pontefract League) \*Barnsley 153-7 (46) Richard Macey 43, Ben Hampshire 36, Keith Brecon 3-37; v Hundhill Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.  
**Match abandoned due to rain.**





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15 Aug (Pontefract League) \*Barnsley 154 (39) John Smith 64, Vinny Ogden 33\*, A Wilson 4-29, David Catherine 4-31; Askern Welfare 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 112 (28.5) Vinny Ogden 5-37.

**Barnsley won by 42 runs.**

22 Aug (Pontefract League) \*West Bretton 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 229 (43) Richard Crossfield 49, Dave Crossfield 42, Craig Pember 35, Denis Flynn 33, Thomas Hemingway 4-28; Barnsley 191 (43.3) Matthew Clayton 81, Thomas Hemingway 46, Richard Crossfield 3-25, Adam Mosley 3-66.

**West Bretton won by 38 runs.**

29 Aug (Pontefract League) \*Barnsley 228-6 (46) John Smith 86\*, Vinny Ogden 51, Johnny Ding 3-57; Allerton Bywater 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 67 (17.1) Richard Macey 5-5

**Barnsley won by 161 runs.**

5 Sept (Pontefract League) Barnsley 136 (39.1) Ben Hampshire 30, J Marshall 3-31, A Hutt 3-45; \*Yorkshire Main 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 68 (30.5) Nikolas Njelic 4-9, Luke Wilson 4-23.

**Barnsley won by 68 runs.**

12 Sept (Pontefract League) Wombwell 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 91 (30.1) Michael Trickett 34, Luke Wilson 5-19; Barnsley 93-3 (20.5) Christopher Horbury 36.

**Barnsley won by 7 wickets.**

Barnsley Beechfield played 22 games winning 13 and losing 9, included in these were 2 cup games with 1 win and 1 loss. The side finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league missing out on promotion by 1 point.

The team used 40 players during the season and only once failed to turn a full eleven out. 8 players played 10 or more games and only one of these was over the age of 17!

3 players scored over 300 runs, one who shall remain nameless, the other 2 being Greg Cranston 377 runs and Ben Hampshire 311 runs.

Only one player took more than 25 wickets, this was Luke Wilson with 37. Three other players took 15 or more wickets Richard Macey 18 wickets, Vinnie Ogden 17 wickets and Tom Hemingway with 15 wickets.

Overall it was a rewarding season with personnel bests in batting for Sam Shaw 89 not out, Greg Cranston 87 not out and Vinnie Ogden 51. And several 5 wickets haul the best being Richard Macey 5/5, Vinnie Ogden 5/7 and Luke Wilson 5/16.

Player of the year could have been a number of players including Greg Cranston, Vinnie Ogden and Richard Macey for their all round contributions but my choice is Luke Wilson who took 37 wickets in 19 games.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who helped out during the year, special thanks to Keith Hampshire for your scoring and your help before and after the game, and to Josh Smith for your willingness to wicket keep, bat, ball and field and anything else I asked of you. And really finally this time to the players - well done, I'm proud of you all. See you next season!!!!!!

John Smith

### TOP 5 RUN MAKERS (League & Cup)

John Smith	447 runs
Greg Cranston	377 runs
Ben Hampshire	311 runs
Adil Hussain	266 runs
Matthew Clayton	217 runs

### TOP 5 WICKET TAKERS (League & Cup)

Luke Wilson	37 wickets
Richard Macey	18 wickets





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Vinny Ogden	17 wickets
Thomas Hemingway	15 wickets
Greg Cranston	14 wickets

## PONTEFRACT & DISTRICT LEAGUE DIVISION 6 TABLE (Top 5)

1 Bentley Colliery 198pts, 2 Barnby Dun 147, **3 Barnsley 146**, 4 Hundhill Hall 146, 5 Thurnscoe Institute 132.

*Full scorecards for the second, third and fourth teams are available on [http://www.barnsleycc.co.uk/league\\_tables.asp](http://www.barnsleycc.co.uk/league_tables.asp)*



## **GRIFFIN GREEN PASTURES**

### The Chairman's Reflections on 2009 Season

On the whole the club progressed favourably last season. The new changing rooms were a great improvement for the players and the terracing was much appreciated by the spectators and players alike. Some remedial works have still to be done this winter.

The old scoreboard will be sadly missed but everyone is happy with the new electronic board although not all the spectators can see the board when seated.

Our relationship was strengthened with Yorkshire CCC who was very happy with the hospitality and playing conditions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games and they have stated that they will be happy to use the ground again for Minor Counties cricket next season.

Likewise with Yorkshire Academy and Yorkshire Ladies who played 2 games at the lane.

With regard to the playing side we had what one would say was a topsy-turvy season especially with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. We started off reasonably well, suffered a major blip and then ended the season in a blaze of glory with 7 wins out of the last 8 matches. The team suffered from a number of injuries and I think we must reflect on fitness and agility along with mobility in the field which must be improved on for next season. We certainly looked a different team in the field when two of our younger players were included and I sincerely hope that this winter the players will address their agility and fitness.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI consolidated their position in the Premier Division of the South Yorkshire League and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams continued to prosper with many youngsters being given the chance to play season cricket. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, in fact, gained promotion to the 3<sup>rd</sup> division for next season. Our junior section continues to thrive under the watchful eyes of Peter Brannan and Kevan Goldsby-West.

As you are no doubt aware Tony Grigg, our groundsman for many years, has relinquished his post and we wish to thank him for all his hard work over the years.

It was nice to see many of our junior members during the school holidays working on the ground and squares. Many thanks to them for their efforts and it seems as if the club will be in good hands in future years.

Finally to all members, players and friends have a good winter and we look forward to next season

**Ken Green. Barnsley CC Chairman**





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## **BARNSELY LAD REFLECTS ON "2009 as a Barnsley Supporter"**

Looking on from the sidelines watching Barnsley CC is a stressful past-time. Enough sometimes to take its toll on the strongest of us. Which gives me chance to wish Chris Ellis a full and speedy recover after his recent health issues.

The 2009 season started in positive fashion with victory against Morley in the Heavy Woollen Cup. A competition special to Barnsley CC over recent seasons, and one which the supporters particularly enjoy to follow. Messer's Widdup, Morris and Nuttall were in the runs and wickets fell to Batty, Ellis and another seamer (can't think who) in an emphatic 165 run victory. Boothy got a duck!

With the additions of Bourke and Hannon-Dalby to an already experienced and talented squad, the signs were positive from the start.

However, injuries soon took their toll and Bullingham, Hannon-Dalby and Nuttall (amongst others) were missing through various injuries and illness from as early as May. This however gave youngsters the chance to test themselves. Most notably Danny Rafiq and Jack Price. Both of who performed admirably when called upon, and injected enthusiasm and athleticism into the fielding. These two are ones to watch for the future.

Further cup victories over Bowden, Hanging Heaton, Cuckney, Shelly and Doncaster followed as the 1<sup>st</sup> XI reached the Semi final of the Heavy Woollen and Regional Final of the National knock-out. One particularly good game to watch was the regional semi-final victory against Doncaster. On a hot and sunny June afternoon, Simon Widdup showed just how good a cricketer he is with a magnificent

146 (from 143 balls) in what is one of THE best innings anyone will ever witness at Shaw Lane.

League games of note were:

Rotherham away, when Barnsley overcame a good start by Rotherham in their run chase to beat not only the opposition, but the weather and the groundsman too. (The Rotherham groundsman pushing on the covers during play as wickets tumbled to try and persuade the umpires play wasn't fit).

Driffield away, was one of the most enthralling games of league cricket witnessed for some time. Almost on a par with the 2008 Heavy Woollen Cup final. After setting Driffield 294 for victory after magnificent innings from Matt Willson (129 not out) and Andrew Bourke (112 not out). Driffield chased down the target for the loss of 9 wickets with 1 ball to spare. Both teams going for the win throughout - a remarkable game.

The first team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Yorkshire League, reached the regional final of the National Knock-Out, and the Semi Final of the Heavy Woollen Cup. More importantly, the style of cricket they played and the manor in which they played it, is what keeps people watching this talented side. There is never a dull moment watching Barnsley Cricket Club's first XI.

## **CROWTHER CUP FINAL 2009.**

The Crowther Cup is the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI equivalent of the Heavy Woollen Cup, and is also a special Cup for Barnsley CC. It was the first Trophy won after the Clayton revolution and has been sought after (with a degree of success) since then, Barnsley winning it in 2004, 2006, 2008 and again this year in 2009.

With the strengthening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI





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throughout those years, the team selected for every round has tended to be a mixture of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> team cricketers, and used as a stepping stone for graduation into the South Yorkshire Premier League and hopefully the Yorkshire League. Recent graduates of this policy are Jack Price and Daniel Rafiq.

Due to play Woodlands (the team that beat us in a bowl out in 2007) the fixture as always was on August Bank Holiday Monday. The Yorkshire League agreed to let the 1<sup>st</sup> team play Doncaster on the Sunday instead (Boothy got a duck), so the 1<sup>st</sup> XI members could come and support the lads in a final.

The bus arrived at Hanging Heaton at 11am for a 12pm start, and the crowd quickly grew, with the Barnsley Army filling the top side of the ground. This was an inspired choice as it was closest to the bar, and Hanging Heaton's now renowned tea ladies who were selling breakfast sandwiches.

Stand in Captain Simon Potter won the toss and elected to field. Opening the bowling, Tom Whittaker and veteran Gary Nuttall bowled economically, with Nuttall picking up a wicket caught behind by Paul "Catfish" Benson.

Wickets fell gradually to Jamie Green, Mohammad Saad and Pete Hadfield as the Bradford League outfit crawled to 160 for 6 in their allotted 50 overs, and the crowd (mainly Barnsley based) were sensing that the cup would be coming back with us as the drink and noise grew.

After a magnificent free tea supplied by Jack Price who somehow had unlimited access to the meat pie in the club house, the crowd settled down to (hopefully) watch our boys knock the runs off.

The early loss of pinch hitter Andy

Wakefield jangled a few nerves, but these were quickly quashed by Pete Hadfield, who batted beautifully for 76, supported by youngster Sam Shaw (25) and Oldster Simon Potter (17). The innings was finished off by Jamie Green who smashed 6 fours and 1 six finishing on 35 not out, with 12.5 overs remaining.



Pete Hadfield collected man-of-the-match and the season's fines money was put to good use behind the bar. After a few drinks at the ground waiting for the bus, the boys and supporters travelled back to The Lane as one to continue celebrations. A good day and night was had by all, with only one man down, and Barnsley CC had some silverware in 2009.

Hopefully some of the graduates of the 2009 Crowther Cup team can go on to play permanent roles in the SYPL and YL in the coming seasons, and give the supporters more to cheer about.

*Barnsley Lad*

## JUNIOR CRICKET ROUND UP

### Barnsley CC U11 A team

Barnsley U11 A succeeded in remaining undefeated league champions and retained the title for the second year in a row.

It was a great team effort with all the





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players contributing their various skills in different games. Captain Jak Rennison led his side well and acted as a great utility player, being able to perform in a variety of roles, bowling, batting or wicket keeping



and also as a demon runner between the wickets with his partner Oliver Roscoe. Tom Briggs, who had the honour of being selected for Yorkshire this season, was well supported by his younger brother Ben (the freight train) Biggs who made tremendous progress with both bat and ball to become a reliable member of the team.

A late and enthusiastic starter to join the team was Jack Outhwaite who became a solid addition to a team that was beset with problems regarding summer holidays. Along with Jak Simms, Ashley Potter and Callum Eickenburger they made it possible to put out a team in very difficult circumstances.

Four of the team were selected to play for Barnsley Taverners' representative side. These were, Tom Briggs, Tom Clifford, Jake Severn and Ben Summers. All four showed exceptional ability and Jake Severn achieved top bowling figures in the match against Scarborough whilst Tom Clifford was top scorer with the bat when opposing West Yorkshire.

Despite the terrible weather, Barnsley again were successful in attaining the highest accolade, which all the players were determined to win, and their incredible effort was extremely well deserved.

Steve Clifford

*Barnsley CC under seventeen's* have had a remarkable season, remaining unbeaten over a twenty match campaign bringing both league and cup honours back to Shaw Lane. Throughout the season all of the players have worked hard to fulfil their potential and achieve the success which was aimed for at the start of the season. The season opened in April with Grimethorpe visiting Shaw Lane for what turned out to be a fairly comfortable 6 wicket victory for the home side. Winning the toss and bowling first Barnsley managed to dismiss the opposition for only 52. The attack was lead by opener Jack Price who claimed four for nine including a double wicket maiden. Mohammed Saad



was also a threat taking two wickets for only eight runs with the job eventually finished off in the twentieth over by Greg Cranston taking the final wicket with his second ball of the match. A shaky start to the batting left Barnsley four down with only eight runs on the board but fifteen year old opener Sam Shaw steadied the ship with





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34 including four boundaries before he was dismissed leaving Jack Price to complete the job he started, hitting the winning runs to get the Barnsley title challenge off to a flying start.

The next fixture saw Barnsley travel to Worsborough Bridge where once again bowling first they dismissed the opposition for a small total. On this occasion all ten wickets were taken for just 28 runs with no batsman making double figures. Richard Macey opened the bowling and took two for five before Greg Cranston ripped through the Worsborough order with outstanding figures of five wickets for four runs. The runs were knocked off without losing a wicket in two overs, Sam Shaw ending nine not out and Danial Rafiq completing an all round performance with an unbeaten fifteen after bowling two overs without conceding a run. The result saw Barnsley maintain their place at the top of the table with two complete wins from two games. Barnsley then went Elsecar for what was expected to be a tough encounter. Shaw and Rafiq set the innings off once again before both being run out in the teens, this brought Joe Fletcher to the crease who made 36 with five fours on his way. He was aided by wicketkeeper Tom Shaw who held it all together at the other end finishing with 28 from thirty-five deliveries. He and captain, Ben Hampshire boosted the total to 107-3 off of the twenty overs after smashing 19 from the last over. The two opening bowlers kept it very tight through the opening period with Elsecar only managing 15 runs for two wickets with the stand out performance coming from Waqas Ali bowling four overs one for three. Joe Fletcher also joined the wicket takers after his much needed runs taking three for 22 before Luke Wilson and Greg Cranston claimed three wickets between them restricting the home side to 84-9 completing another victory for the 'Young Griffins'.

A second trip to Elsecar in as many weeks

saw the first cup encounter for Barnsley. Bowling first once again Barnsley managed to restrict Elsecar to 69 all out with all of the bowlers contributing. Jack Price took two for nine whilst Joe Fletcher claimed three wickets for just 13 runs before Mohammed Saad (1-9) and Luke Wilson (2-10) completed the job. The batting got off to an unconvincing start again Barnsley 8 for three on a rainy, dismal evening which could have seen the game settled on run rate. With that in mind Danial Rafiq boosted Barnsley's chances, eventually steering them home with an unbeaten 43 from only 49 balls. He was supported all the way by Joe Fletcher who completed an all round performance ending unbeaten on 21 taking Barnsley to the next round of the cup.

Back at home, Penistone were the visitors who won the toss and elected to bat first, which turned out to be a fatal decision with the spinners taking nine of the ten wickets. Mohammed Saad (3-7) and Greg Cranston both picked up three wickets with Joe Fletcher once again featuring with two for six before Ben Hampshire took the ball for the last over and took the final wicket required. Fletcher (23) opened with Danial Rafiq (18\*) to get Barnsley off to a flying start. After Fletcher was dismissed Richard Macey joined Rafiq to finish the job smashing the bowlers to all parts to win the game with ten overs to spare.

Next up was a visit to Kilnhurst where the home team batted first and made 123-4 with Waqas Ali standing out from the frontline bowlers taking one for 14. Barnsley turned to the leg spin of Sam Shaw who was slightly expensive but managed to prise two much needed wickets to restrict the home side. The first run chase in excess of a hundred for Barnsley started quietly with Sam Shaw and Danial Rafiq being dismissed cheaply before Joe Fletcher came in to steal the show making an unbeaten 64 to guide Barnsley to victory in the final over having





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been supported the majority of the way by Tom Shaw who made twenty and then Jack Price saw him through to the end making 12 without being dismissed.

The next two weeks saw disappointing weather meaning shared points from both fixtures which were scheduled against Darfield and Wath.

The sun returned towards the back end of July and Barnsley bowled first against rivals Monk Bretton. Spinners once again did the damage away from home with Mohammed Saad (3-12) and Greg Cranston (3-2) doing the bulk of the work to leave the home team 101 all out. Jack Price, Joe Fletcher and Waqas Ali all claimed wickets in the Monk Bretton innings whilst some very good fielding throughout was rewarded when a final run out completed the innings off of the last ball of the innings. Sam Shaw (24) set the innings off to a flyer, putting the first ball into the cornfield for a maximum before Rafiq was run out without facing a ball, bringing Joe Fletcher to the crease who once again made an unbeaten half century, supported by Ben Hampshire who made 18 from fifteen balls before Adil Hussain and Fletcher finished the job with three overs to spare.

The quarter final of the cup saw Barnsley on their way to Kilnhurst once again where the home team were all out for 64 with all of the bowlers taking wickets, but the stand out figures, once again from Greg Cranston were two for eight. Two wickets also for Luke Wilson and Joe Fletcher whilst Jack Price, Thomas Goldsby-West and Richard Macey all claimed one wicket to dismiss the opposition for a poor total. Sam Shaw (9\*) and Danial Rafiq completed the job professionally without losing a wicket. Rafiq stealing the limelight to take Barnsley to the cup semi final with a half century off 37 balls, to finish the game in nine overs.

Back to the league and Dearne were the next team to visit Shaw Lane and batting first the 'Young Griffins' made 134-4.

Danial Rafiq again took centre stage

making a magnificent 70 not out from just 52 balls to see the home side to an easily defendable total. Contributions also came from Tom Shaw (15), Joe Fletcher (26) and Sam Shaw (14) to make sure the home side had enough runs on the board. The visitors struggled to get off to a start with Waqas Ali taking two for ten before Greg Cranston struck once again taking three for 17 to help restrict Dearne to 99-7 and keep Barnsley at the top of the league.

Next up was Upper Haugh who elected to bat first on their home ground, struggling through twenty overs making 66-4 off of their allocation. Waqas Ali once again bowling superbly taking one for four. Also amongst the wicket takers were the spinners as usual in junior twenty20 cricket, Mohammed Saad and Joe Fletcher both claiming one for eight on the way to stopping the home team getting anywhere near triple figures. Sam Shaw and Danial Rafiq (26) opened and got the visitors off to a great start once again before Rafiq was dismissed by Katie Levick attempting an inventive reverse sweep. Joe Fletcher joined Shaw at the wicket and they completed the run chase both ending 18 not out to maintain Barnsley's unbeaten run.

Once again at home Barnsley elected to bowl first, this time the opposition being Woolley who managed to amass 84 for the loss of six wickets. Jack Price opened the bowling and shone taking one for six before Waqas Ali and Richard Macey both took a wicket before some good death bowling from Luke Wilson(1-6) and Vinnie Ogden(1-2) managed to keep the visitors before one hundred. In usual fashion Sam Shaw and Danial Rafiq set the innings off to a great start before Rafiq was caught for 36 from as many deliveries then Ben Hampshire managed to see the game through with Shaw who ended 37 not out to give Barnsley another win, this time by eight wickets.

Next on the agenda was the cup semi final,





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away at Upper Haugh. Batting first on a cold, wet evening Barnsley made 83-6 which seemed a just about defendable total. Joe Fletcher and Tom Shaw did the majority of the work making 27 each, Shaw unbeaten and supported well at the end by Adil Hussain who managed a run a ball five to give the Barnsley innings a bit of momentum at the end. With the pressure on the bowlers had to step up to the mark and did so with Jack Price (1-6) and Waqas Ali (1-13) making it very hard to score early on. Mohammed Saad bowled a fairly expensive four overs but took two vital wickets before fifteen year old Ross Hawley, who was called in late, managed to bowl one of the best spells of the season with figures of three wickets for five runs from four overs. Combined with some very good fielding, this saw Barnsley through to final, dismissing the home team whilst they were ten runs short.

The 5<sup>th</sup> of August was seen as the league decider as Cawthorne came to Shaw Lane looking to stop Barnsley's unbeaten run. Batting first the visiting side made 88-7 with opener, Liam Wiles making 58. Jack Price bowled well at the start and at the death claiming two for fifteen whilst an outstanding spell from Richard Macey (3-5) made sure that Barnsley didn't have too many runs to chase. A shortage of players had seen Matthew Barnes called in for the first time this season and he made an impressive 39 not out alongside Danial Rafiq who made 40 before getting out leaving Joe Fletcher to finish the run chase and make the league title almost won for Barnsley.

The game against Cawthorne ended up being the end of the league campaign as the last two scheduled games were conceded by Thurnscoe and Adwick-on-Deerne giving Barnsley the full points which crowned them as Barnsley & District Junior League Under 17's Champions. All that was left therefore was the cup final to complete the season unbeaten and put the

second piece of silverware in the cabinet. Originally meant to be at Rockingham the final was moved to Darton, the home of Barnsley's opposition on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The final was contested over 30 overs and Darton lost the toss and ended up batting first. Opening bowlers, Waqas Ali and Jack Price (2-12) bowled very well early on completing their six over spells with Darton only 26-2. Mohammed Saad bowled very well in the middle period and picked up one wicket for the cost of twenty-one runs. Then some good bowling from Danial Rafiq brought another wicket before some excellent and inspirational death bowling from Joe Fletcher (2-16) and fourteen year old Vinnie Ogden (2-10). One of Ogden's wickets becoming a highlight of the game thanks to a marvellous catch from part-time wicketkeeper Sam Shaw. Darton struggled through to the end of their 30 overs making 118-9. So 119 to complete the double, Sam Shaw and Danial Rafiq set the innings off in typical fashion with Rafiq hitting boundaries all around the ground on his way to a fantastic 58 from 43 balls before he was caught going for one big shot too many. Shaw was later dismissed after a steady 32 which just held up one end making sure the game was going to be won; he was caught behind off the bowling of Luke Smith who stood out for the Darton bowlers with two for 18. Captain Ben Hampshire was joined at the crease by Richard Macey who managed to hit the winning runs taking Barnsley past the required target both ending unbeaten on eleven.

The season has been outstanding from everyone involved in the success which has lead to Barnsley being able to complete a league and cup double whilst remaining unbeaten. The success is all credit to some very hard work and talented individuals, but most importantly a team spirit which, according to vice-chairman, Trelford Mills, was 'the best I have ever seen at this club'. On behalf of the team we





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would like to thank Pete Brannan and Mark Beardshall for all of their support during the year and everyone who has played a part in the year's triumph.

*Barnsley CC U17's Squad: Ben Hampshire(Captain), Tom Shaw(Vice-Captain), Waqas Ali, Matthew Barnes, Greg Cranston, Joe Fletcher, Thomas Goldsby-West, Drew Hawley, Ross Hawley, Adil Hussain, Richard Macey, Jaye Milner, Vinnie Ogden, Jack Price, Danial Rafiq, Mohammed Saad, Sam Shaw, Luke Wilson.*

Ben Hampshire

## YORKSHIRE WOMEN WIN 2 OUT OF 2 AT BARNSELY CC



August & September saw two matches at Shaw Lane featuring the successful Yorkshire Women team, and both games resulted in comprehensive victories for the home side.

Firstly Warwickshire women were the visitors to South Yorkshire; Yorkshire won the toss and elected to bat. They scored 245-4 from their 50 overs, opener Kathryn Doherty top scored with 96, Danielle Hazel 42, and Barnsley's Katherine Brunt continued her fine year (see next article) with 41 off 28 balls. In reply Warwickshire openers Helen Shipman and Amy Jones put on 75 for the first wicket before Shipman was out for 20, and although Jones went on to score 65 and Frances Clarkson finished 55 not out, the visitors were always behind the run rate

and finished on 179-5 when the overs ran out, Yorkshire winning by 66 runs.

Having already secured the Division two championship, Yorkshire women finished their home programme for 2009 with the visit of Lancashire Women on 6 September at Shaw Lane.

Captain Sally Ann Briggs again won the toss and elected to bat, and enjoyed batting on a good track, scoring 81. She and Laura Spragg (59) put on 105 for the second wicket, and Yorkshire scored 266-5 from their 55 overs.

Already relegated Lancashire started their innings quickly, former England player Arran Brindle hitting 29 off the first over, but once she departed the rest of the Lancashire side followed her back to the pavilion, and were all out for 113 in the 40<sup>th</sup> over - resulting in a comprehensive 153 run victory for Yorkshire women.

Yorkshire women competed in Division Two of the Liverpool Victoria ECB County Championship, and won it with ease - 10 wins from 10 games with a maximum 200 points, 46 clear of second place Middlesex.

Next season they will line up in Division One along with Kent, Sussex, Nottinghamshire, Somerset & Berkshire, all of whom will contain most of the successful England women players.

It is hoped that Yorkshire will again be playing some of their home games at Shaw Lane next season.





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## **AND WHAT A YEAR FOR BARNSELY'S KATHERINE BRUNT**

KATHERINE Brunt's amazing year continued this summer when she helped England Ladies retain the Ashes for a third successive time.

The draw with Australia, which sees the title remain on English soil, capped off an unbelievable last six months which also included winning the 50-over World Cup, the Twenty20 World Championship and the one-day series over the Aussies.

It has been a lot for the former Penistone Grammar School pupil to digest, but, like always, she has taken it comfortably in her stride.

"It has been quite a year," she admitted.

"We had a reception at Downing Street last month where we all met Gordon Brown. It was a good day, although I had a massive hangover but you try and enjoy these occasions as much as you can.

"Winning the World Cup was the best thing that ever happened. We really celebrated that because we wanted it so much. Once we won it, we wanted to win the others.

"The 4-0 whitewash over the Aussies in the one-day series was the first time that has ever happened so it has been a great year for us."

On a personal level, the opening bowler from Dodworth has delivered a string of top drawer performances.

Her stunning figures of three for six from four overs, one maiden, in the final of the T20 against New Zealand saw her named player of the match and her six for 69 in the first innings of this month's Ashes Test is a career best return.

Those performances have helped her shoot to fourth in the ICC world rankings list and she is now turning her attentions to being number one.

"From a consistency point of view, I have probably bowled better and that was towards the end of 2005. "But from a performance point of view this is the form

of my life. I have got quite high standards and I believe I am bowling well enough to be there at number one.

"I have obviously seen the other girls above me and I do put myself up there with them."

The thing about rankings is it is based on wickets. I bowled really well in the World Cup but did not get my reward in terms of wickets.

"The rankings don't take into account the batters played and missed 17 times." But if I can get to number one it means one thing - you are a wicket taker and that's why I play cricket to take wickets."

And despite this season's amazing form, there is still more to come.

She added: "I am carrying a few niggles and I have also had flu for the last six weeks because of a bug that went through the team." Once I get back to full strength I will be better than before. I still feel I can swing the ball more and maybe add a yard more pace.

So there is definitely more to come from me."

Katherine took seven wickets throughout the Ashes Test but it was her performance in the first innings that grabbed the headlines.

She ripped the heart out of the Aussie batting line-up, leaving the tourists sinking at 28 for five.

Indeed, her first six overs brought three wickets for six runs including four maidens! It was a remarkable opening spell but her stunning start went unrewarded as Jodie Fields and Rachel Haynes put together a 229-run partnership for the sixth wicket.

It was Brunt who brought that stand to an end, with Fields trapped lbw for her sixth wicket of the day but the Aussie total of 309 all out left England with it all to do.

Katherine ended with six for 69 from 26 overs, 10 of which were maidens. The total proved too much for England and they began the second innings 41 runs behind. Brunt played her part with the bat, adding a much-needed 27 and sharing a 47-run





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partnership for the seventh wicket with Beth Morgan.

Brunt also hit five fours but the Aussies again had the upper hand with the bat in their second innings, finishing on 231 all out.

Brunt took just one wicket in this session, but it was the key one of opener and top scorer Alex Blackwell, who was caught and bowled by the Barnsley girl.

The score left England needing 273 from the final session of the final day. There was never going to be enough time for England to knock off the runs, so the hosts made sure the Ashes stayed in England by closing on 106 for three.

Brunt's Barnsley-based team-mate Sarah Taylor, rated the world's number one batsman in the ladies game, was also on form in the Ashes.

The wicket-keeper held two catches in the first innings and scored a quickfire 21. A stumping in the second innings was her only success behind the stumps and she was not called on to bat.

*Our thanks to the Barnsley Chronicle's Nathan Hemmingham for the above interview. As many of you know, Nathan has now left the Chronicle to work on the Hull Daily Post and everybody at Barnsley CC wish him well for the future*

## **GOVERNMENT SCRAPS RAIN TAX ON CLUBS**



*Environment secretary Hilary Benn announced the Government's intentions at the ongoing*

### *Labour Party conference in Brighton*

The England and Wales Cricket Board welcomes the Government's decision to halt large increases in charges for surface water drainage for voluntary and community groups, by legislating to allow water companies to run concessionary schemes for them.

The decision to scrap the proposed 'rain tax', announced by Environment secretary Hilary Benn, follows a lobbying campaign on behalf of local sports and community clubs nationwide, supported by the ECB together with the Scout Association, The Football Association, Lawn Tennis Association, the Rugby Football Union and the Church of England.

ECB chief executive David Collier said: "The ECB is most grateful to the Minister for reviewing the submissions and evidence presented on behalf of sports and community clubs throughout England and Wales and acting upon the unfair burden this was imposing.

"The ECB has received many examples of the impact these charges would place on clubs and we are delighted by the Minister's statement and look forward to an early implementation of the change to these punitive charges.

"I know this news will come as a very welcome relief to many of our clubs whose financial stability had been seriously threatened."

The Scout Association said: "We are delighted that the Government has worked with us collectively to resolve this matter. "We will be seeking assurances from all of the main political parties for wide-ranging cross-party support to make sure these measures become law in the Floods and Water Bill to protect community and voluntary groups which are the lifeblood of many communities."

Source [ecb.co.uk](http://ecb.co.uk)





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Holidays First are proud to be associated with Barnsley Cricket Club. It was a privilege to celebrate the recent opening of the new pavilion alongside Geoffrey Boycott and Dickie Bird.

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## **2009 ECB PREMIER LEAGUES REVIEW**

After the 2008 season went down in the annals of time for being wet, wet, wet, 2009 will be mainly remembered for some thrillingly close encounters which kept players, supporters and officials throughout the 25 Premier Leagues on the edge of their seats to the end.

Just one point in it in North Wales and two points separating first and second in Leicestershire while 11 champions crossed the finish line by a whisker, with less than a 20-point margin over their nearest rivals.

Henley celebrate 2009 Home Counties PL title

But the scourge of the weathermen in 2008 was followed this year by another blight on sporting competition. Discipline, or the lack of it, impacted seriously on performances and attracted disappointing headlines, forcing County Boards in some regions to take immediate action.

In Cheshire, both Widnes and Alderley Edge were deducted points after their overseas professionals Ata Ur Rehman and Sohail Rauf appeared for clubs outside the league.

Ata Ur Rehman was initially suspended for the rest of the season and Widnes docked 128 points but after an email vote of full member clubs by the Cheshire Cricket League panel, 68 points were restored and the player was allowed to return after six weeks but it affected the team's form for the rest of the summer and Widnes were relegated.

Alderley Edge, champions in 2008, finished fourth despite having points deducted. Rauf was suspended for the remainder of the





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season but the ban was later reduced to four weeks and he went on to score more than 700 runs at 47.47.

The North Wales League saw the tightest finish of any in 2009 with Mochdre missing out on the title on the last day of the season by just point to Llandudno, which marked a happy end to a notoriously troubled summer for the five times league champions.

Llandudno captain Steve Smith was banned for life and five players were disciplined – three of them suspended for the season - after they made derogatory remarks on social networking site Facebook about other clubs, league officials and players. The bans were reduced on appeal by an independent panel from the Cheshire Cricket League though the club was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and fined £50. In the Southern Electric Premier League, the Management Committee issued a warning to players – especially team captains – to remind them of their responsibilities under the ‘Spirit of Cricket’ after they were made aware of a series of disciplinary and behaviour issues throughout all three divisions.

By the third week in August, Havant had added a third successive championship to their impressive record and by the end of the month, had posted just one defeat from 17 matches, a powerful 131 from Totton & Eling’s Derek Kenway remaining a blot on their 2009 landscape.

Havant, crowned Southern Electric Premier League Champions 2009

Hampshire Academy’s Matt Kleinveldt top scored in the league with 701 runs with Havant’s Ben Walker in second place with 639 while Alton’s David Taylor was head and shoulders above the other bowlers in the Southern League with 45 wickets, Lyminster’s Simon Cook trailing him with 33 wickets and Havant’s Richard Hindley one fewer with 32.

Havant were one of only eight champions in the 25 ECB Premier Leagues to successfully defend their titles. In 2009, a total of 17 championship crowns changed hands with Midlands side Knowle & Dorridge producing the most eye-catching form of the summer.

Not only did they win their first ever Birmingham Midshires Birmingham & District Premier League title but they crossed the finish line with a massive 83-point lead over second placed Wolverhampton. Only Vauxhall Mallards in the East Anglian Premier League produced a bigger winning margin in 2009, finishing a whopping 86 points ahead of Norwich. Mallards lost just one game all season though at the end it was Norwich who was the form side, moving into second place in the penultimate round by beating 2008 champions Swardston. Godmanchester were the team to be relegated with another Huntingdonshire team Burwell taking their place for 2010.

Surprisingly, not one K & D batsman made a century in the League all summer though Nick James, Attiq Chisti and Luke Parker all contributed significantly to their team’s batting successes while James, who appeared as 12th man for England during the first npower Ashes Test at Cardiff after being called up for trials with Glamorgan, also topped the bowling with 33 wickets.

Also champions for the first time were Brentwood in the Shepherd Neame Essex Premier League, whose 86-run win in the final game against Chelmsford reflected their dominance of the league in 2009.

Their performances were characterised by strong opening partnerships followed by enterprising middle order displays, backed up by an opening seam attack that consistently thwarted any attempt at a riposte.

This pattern worked wonders for Brentwood who finished with a 62-point lead over nearest contenders Wanstead,





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champions in 2008.

Chester-le-Street was dubbed the hub of English cricket in 2009. England posted their only one-day success against Australia at Riverside, Durham won the LV= County Championship again - but equally significantly, Chester-le-Street CC became the 2009 Dukes NEPL champions, bringing the curtain down on a six-year domination of the League by South Northumberland. They also later added the ECB National Club Championship title to their impressive season haul!

The writing was on the wall for South North when they suffered their first defeat in 14 months at the beginning of July - to Chester-le-Street - after Luke Evans took a match-winning 6-13. Alan Mustard, brother of England and Durham's Phil, made 37 which doesn't sound like much but proved to be pivotal in an historic win.

Mustard was a valuable run maker in 2009 but it was Andrew Smith who topped the averages with 825 runs at 51.56 while Richard Waite took 36 wickets, almost a quarter of Chester's 2009 haul, including 7-13 against Stockton mid season.

In Cornwall, St Just were crowned champions for the sixth time in six years. For a few weeks at the start of the season it was Werrington who made all the running, but St Just rose to the top once more in July and maintained their lead until the end of the season, beating runners up Werrington by 11 points.

In Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Devon, Middlesex and Sussex there was also no change at the top. Bracebridge Heath became champions of the Readers Lincolnshire Premier League for seventh consecutive season while Ealing took the Middlesex title for the fifth time in a row. Ealing's success was achieved on August 20 with two rounds of matches remaining. Until then, they were undefeated and had their sights set on a record level of points, hoping to surpass the 142 set by Teddington in 2002.

But a week later they were thrashed by Brondesbury, who just days before had posted a win over Teddington, the only remaining title challengers. Despite that, skipper David Holt, who was also the team's highest run maker in 2009, was talking about going for a sixth successive win in 2010. Former Middlesex spinner Chris Peplow was leading wicket taker with 49 wickets.

Sidmouth achieved a record points tally in the Francis Clark Devon Premier League to take their second championship title in two years beating second placed Plympton by a resounding 66 points.

In Sussex, 2008 champions Preston Nomads were unstoppable with some familiar names Gould (Michael - son of Ian) and Gatting (Joe - nephew of Mike) underpinning a formidable campaign; though it was Robert Wakeford who topped the Nomads batting with 482 runs, while West Indian Carl Simon weighed in with 64 wickets including 7-57 against Cuckfield in the last game of the season.

York secured their fourth Oxbridge Yorkshire ECB County Premier League title in six years but were given a run for their money by Yorkshire Academy, who trailed by just three points at the start of September.

Australian opener Dan Wilson broke a league record when he made 67 against Harrogate to bring his 2009 tally to 1,446 runs taking him past Andrew Bourke's 2003 record of 1,421 runs. He finished with 1542 runs from 25 matches, which was a herculean effort from the 25-year-old Queenslander, though worryingly for York he was uncertain whether he would return next year.

Ockbrook & Borrowwash had the Beechwood Derbyshire Premier League title sewn up with one match of the season remaining, despite having Sandiacre snapping at their heels all summer. By the end, their target was to break the points record of 445 set by their rivals in 2004,





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which they duly did by beating Chesterfield in the very last round to finish with 448 points.

It was a fitting end. In 2008, a vital game that could have won Neil Smith's side the title had to be scratched due to rain while Chesterfield went ahead with their match and scooped the points they needed for the championship. This year, Chesterfield finished third, more than 100 points behind the champions, while Sandiacre were 27 adrift.

The cricket professionals – both county and overseas - once again proved pivotal to success in 2009. In another nerve-jangling finale in Leicestershire, Lutterworth's Paul Burman, from the University of Queensland in Australia, took four wickets in four balls to wipe out opponents Ashby Hastings.

Victory hoisted Lutterworth to the top of the Everards Leicestershire Premier Division by a tiny margin of two points with just two weeks to go after league leaders Loughborough, pulling out all the stops to defend their 2008 title, were thrashed by Kibworth.

Burman finished the season leading the bowling averages after taking 60 wickets. Ben Orton of Stoughton & Thurnby scored 904 runs to top the batting though his team finished midway down the table.

Another professional, Roger Sillence had a superb season for Longton in the Waterworld North Staffs and South Cheshire League, culminating in a bitter end of season tussle with Little Stoke.

They went ahead by two points with one week remaining and finished 18 points in front. Sillence was inevitably Longton's best bowler finishing with 49 wickets, including 7-51 in the penultimate match.

Moddershall, last year's champions narrowly escaped relegation after losing the services of Pakistan leg-spinner Imran Tahir to Hampshire, but Leek went down for the first time.

Clifton won by just five points

The race between Caythorpe and Clifton Village also made for compulsive viewing after Clifton, who had been at the top of the Notts Premier League for most of the summer, managed a losing draw against 2008 champions West Indian Cavaliers in the penultimate round which reduced their lead over rivals Caythorpe to just three points.

Going into the final match against relegation-threatened Attenborough, they knew they had to go all for victory to become champions. They cruised to an easy victory which earned them 17 points and handed them the title by just five points over Caythorpe.

At the foot of the table, there were four points separating the bottom three sides but it was Farnsfield and Plumtree who were sent packing.

Bromley were crowned Kent Premier League champions after beating their rivals Hartley by just three runs in a thrilling climax to the 2009 season, which saw the champions maintain their unbeaten record. They completed their victory with a week to go as Hartley fell out of contention in the closing stages. But their soft decline was eclipsed by the pyrotechnics earlier in the season when James Hockley blasted his way to an unbeaten 283 in 55 overs, the highest ever individual total in the Kent league.

Justin Guilan and Matthew Walker also made centuries to give Hartley the highest ever League total of 540 for one against Gore Court. What a memorable day! Beckenham and Blackheath were the season's casualties, dropping down to Division 1.

Oulton Park clinched their fourth Chapel Press Cheshire Premier Cricket League title in five seasons when they coasted to an eight-wicket victory against rivals Nantwich in the season's final game, while the unstoppable Firwood Bootle took the Business Assistance (NW) Liverpool and District League crown by a massive 67





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points to add to their season's haul. The Home Counties Premier League was won by Henley with last year's champions High Wycombe, who Henley beat in the final round, finishing third. Captain Bjorn Mordt, who won just three tosses all summer, presided over a strong unit, which moved to the top of the league in week one and stayed there all season.

Michael Roberts scored 620 runs, which was almost six times his tally in 2008, while four bowlers, including Carl Crowe and Chad Keegan, each took more than 20 wickets.

Northern PL champs St Anne's St Anne's pro Dinuka Hettiarachchi took 87 wickets to steer his side to victory in the Furness Building Society Northern Premier Cricket League while teammate Atiq Uz-Zaman contributed a hefty 792 runs including two hundreds. Preston gave them a run for their money right through the season and at the start of the final round were just 11 points adrift.

Competition in South Wales boiled down to who would qualify for the new South Wales Cricket Premier League, which is being formed in 2010. It will comprise ten teams, selected from the top five sides in East and West Wales in 2009.

Cardiff made sure of their place by displacing Sully Centurions at the top of the table, and although Sully slumped to a last-day defeat to St Fagans, they did enough to qualify for the new league.

Taunton St Andrews won the Globe Sports West of England Premier League by 10 points over Weston-super-Mare. Victory came on the very last day when Saints cruised to an easy nine-wicket win over Bridgwater, their ninth league win of the summer.

In Surrey, Sutton, who came close to relegation in 2008, performed a major turnaround by winning both the First and Second XI Premiership titles. Phil Sampson, in his debut season as captain,

praised the contributions of batsmen Zoheb Sharif and Arun Harinath and warned that Sutton was looking to dominate the league for years to come.

All smiles for 2009 Northants PL champs Finedon Dolben

Finedon Dolben, Northamptonshire champions in 2006 and 2007, returned to form in 2009 to claim the title with a healthy 33-point margin over second-placed Northampton Saints. They completed 15 wins which some claimed was down to captain Chris Goode's lucky coin.

More likely it was down to the efforts of Western Australian Clint Tomlinson, best batsman and the outstanding player of the season, and Tom Brett, who won the Club bowling award for 2009..

## **ECB National Club Championship Final**

Chester-le-Street won the toss at Derby's County Ground and elected to bat on an overcast day. On a slow wicket they were pinned down early on by some accurate Spencer bowling. Alarm bells rang when Richard Waite was caught and bowled by Abid Jafri for only 10 at which stage Chester-le-Street had struggled to 31-3. Waite had scores of 90, 74, 152 and 110 to his name in earlier rounds of the competition and Spencer were fully aware of how big a scalp his wicket was. This brought skipper Quentin Hughes to the wicket and the consensus of opinion amongst the aficionados was that a score of between 170 and 180 would be a challenging total. Hughes set about rebuilding the innings with some chanceless manipulation of the bowling. At the other end batsmen perished when they tried to force the pace with Andy Smith falling to a running catch on the boundary by Andy Mawson to make the score 74-4. Hughes continued on





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his steady way but when Andy Tye (10) was the 8th man out with the score only 127 Chester-le-Street looked to be struggling to set a decent target. The skipper completed his 50 without even hitting a boundary. He upped the tempo with support from Andrew Bell who contributed a valuable 17 to a partnership of 36 as Chester-le-Street used up their full allocation of overs and finished with a useful total of 175-9 with Hughes 76\* having taken only 99 balls and containing just one boundary hit. Given the pace of the wicket and the stranglehold exerted by the Spencer spinners this looked to be a total that gave Chester-le-Street a chance so long as they bowled well. Opening bowler Jim Birt, who made early inroads into the Durham side's batting, finished with impressive figures of 3-17 from his full allocation of overs.

Spencer started their innings circumspectly and Chester-le-Street was enthusiastic in their appealing - so much so that some people wondered if the match was actually being played at Pride Park! The decision of skipper Hughes to take on the task of bowling himself then swung the match towards his side as he took three wickets in the space of four runs as 28-0 quickly became 32-3. Hughes bowled through taking 3-15 from his 9 overs. Neil Baker, the Spencer skipper, then took the responsibility of rebuilding his team's innings and Spencer progressed to 91-4 when the match appeared to swing back in the Surrey side's favour. The disaster as Baker attempted an third run and Smith's throw from the third man boundary beat Baker to the bowler's end! A couple of overs later it looked as if hero Smith had turned into a potential zero as he dropped a skier - how cruel fortune can be in cricket. However Simone Birtwisle bowled Conor Radloff

(19) and Chester-le-Street were once again favourites as Spencer were 110-6 with overs beginning to run out. Luke Billingham was playing a good innings scoring at a run-a-ball but to swing the match back Spencer's way he needed to have someone stay with him Richard Waite (2-37) and opening Bowler Andy Tye (1-19) then took crucial wickets and Birtwisle (3-31) wrapped up things as he took the last two wickets as Spencer were dismissed for 151 at the end of the 43rd over still needing 25 runs to beat the Chester-le-Street score. Chester-le-Street therefore ran out winners due in no small part to the innings played by their skipper, Quentin Hughes, who played an uncharacteristic role as an accumulator of runs. The bowlers from both sides used the conditions well to restrict their opponents and the fielding on show was of the highest standard not least Paul Byrne's spectacular catch at long-on as he dived backwards to grasp a ball that appeared destined to be the only six of the day. The Man of the Match award went to Quentin Hughes for his all-round performance with bat, ball and the impeccable marshalling of his troops in the field.

## MENORCA TOUR 2009.

The time has come to round up the troops after a weary season and pack them all off to Menorca for sun, sea and sangria..... Oh yeah, and the small task of defending the European Twenty20 Cup in Menorca.

This year's tour has been difficult to round up due to the changing financial situation of all of us. However, £300 for a week of cricket related "relaxation" is too much of a bargain for 25 of us.

The playing section of the tour party consists of tour regulars, Ives, Batty, Beck,





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Benny, Gaz Nuttall, Matthew and David Clayton, and the trio from Rawdon (Dobbo, Bell and Bong Head).

John Smith, Ben Hampshire, Glenn Yates, Steve Nuttall and Alex Morris are our virgins along with 2 lads from the Kent touring side that played up here in the summer, and Jordo (Greig Batty's live in Aussie Lodger!). Along with 7 other "social" tourists, the party looks strong and hopefully we can retain our European Crown.

There are 5 sides in the tournament, meaning a minimum of 4 games in a round robin league format, before finals day when 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> contest each other, before the top 2 sides compete in the final.

The old enemy (who are now actually good friends) Rampside will be there again, along with a side from Surrey, the All Stars from Manchester and hosts Menorca CC.

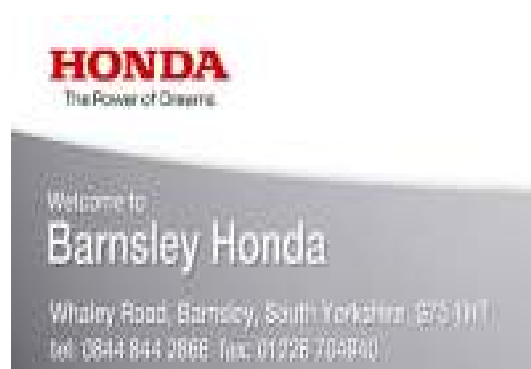
John Morley has kindly let us have use of his villa for social functions and as always Dave Greener will provide the entertainment.

The plan is to hire 2 mini busses again and travel to and from the games as well as to various places of interest (all beer related) on the island. There will be 4 games in the first 5 days (with a day off) and then hopefully a final to win on Thursday afternoon. There will also be at least one almighty BBQ at Morley's villa with as much food and drink as can possibly be consumed!



Hopefully our resident paparazzi from Rawdon 'Bong Head ' will take as many photo's as in previous years and there will be plenty of stories to tell and headaches to forget. Preferably with another winners trophy at Shaw Lane.

*Andy Ivill (Captain)*



## THE BARNSELY HONDA IN ASSOCIATION WITH BARNSELY BUILDING SOCIETY TWENTY20

**HOYLANDSWAINE** won the Honda KO Cup at Shaw Lane in convincing fashion, securing a 94-run victory over local rivals Cawthorne.

The Swaine were put into bat, and both openers, Andy Tomlinson from South Yorkshire Premier Division leaders Treeton and Swaine's own John Ashton, showed why they are the top run-makers in their respective leagues by producing a 109-run partnership in only 10.2 overs.

Cawthorne's Gareth Kilburn then bowled Ashton for 59, and earned a leading edge from Yorkshire's Simon Guy, but otherwise Cawthorne did little to stem the runs, as Neil Longhurst (25) and Tomlinson (76 not out) gave the Huddersfield District League team a very competitive score of 185 from their 20 overs.

Cawthorne needed their big guns to fire but





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Madura Lakmal uprooted the middle stump of fellow Sri Lankan's Bandula-Don in the very first over.

Then the talented Liam Wiles scooped an attempted pull to mid-on, bringing Lesroy Weekes his only wicket, and the game was already slipping away from the Huddersfield Central League Premier Division leaders.

When Lakmal and Weekes had finished their overs, the run-rate was over 12 and despite a gallant effort from Sammy Wilford (39), Cawthorne were dismissed in the 19th over for 91.

Darren Lockwood took three wickets and Adam Bashford grabbed the last two wickets in successive balls, which also included Phil Chapman's third stumping of the evening.

Source Barnsley Chronicle



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Finally have a good winter, and lets look forward to an exciting 2010.

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