

Subscriptions

Members are asked to assist the Club by paying their annual subscriptions by 31st January (Rule 7).

Life Member (Social)	£250.00
Social	£16.00
Associate (no vote)	£12.00
Senior Citizen Male	£8.00
Senior Citizen Associate (no vote)	£6.00

Life Member (Cricket)	£500.00
Cricket	£50.00
Cricket (Student)	£25.00
Youth 15 to 18 years	£20.00
Juniors Under 15	£10.00

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Attendance at committee meetings in the past year.
(Twelve possible)

J. Edwardson	12	T.J. Haggie	7
D. Charlton	12	G.B. Johnson	11
E. Blench	10	J.G. Moody	11
H. Brown	11	N. Bell	10
M.E. Jobling	7	D.S. Coad	12
D.J.B. Morgans	2	D.J. Coates	11
N.R. Fenwick	0	G.M. Howells	8
S.A. Charlton	11	N.C. Whitehead	10
C. Dent	0	K. Scott	6

Cricket Club Dinner Friday 18th March 2005

Nominations for General Committee 6 vacancies for two years.

S.A. Charlton, J. Edwardson, G.B. Johnson, J.G. Moody,
M.E. Jobling, S.N. Whitehead.

Nomination for President:

J. Edwardson Esq.

Nomination for Treasurer:

E. Blench Esq.

Darlington Cricket and Athletic Club



Report Statement of Accounts And Balance Sheet 2004

The Annual General Meeting of members will be held in the Cricket Club, Feethams on
Monday 14th March 2005.

Chair to be taken at 8.00pm

- Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 8th March 2004.
 - Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held 17th May 2004.
 - Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held 9th July 2004.
- Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2004.
- Election of Officers:
 - President
 - Vice Presidents
The committee nominate the existing vice presidents
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Auditor
- Election of Committee Members.
Nominations received are listed on the back page.

N.B. Please note that subscriptions were due on 31st January.
Payment should be made to Harry Brown.

Chairman's Report

In marked contrast to 2003 the summer of last year will be remembered for its prolonged spells of miserable, wet weather. Despite that the league programmes were not too disrupted and there were good performances at all levels as illustrated in the individual reports. The 1st XI are to be congratulated on reaching the final of the Kerridge Cup competition though the team failed at the final hurdle.

Throughout the year the small band of coaches gave freely their time and expertise and they deserve the highest praise for encouraging the youngsters which can only bode well for the future. I would wish to extend particular thanks to those coaches who conducted the intensive week of coaching in the mid-August despite having to cope with atrocious weather conditions.

The operation of the social club was once again dominated by the shadow of the football club. Having left in mid 2003 it was not until November 2004 that the legal situation was resolved in relation to the football ground. Advice from independent surveyors is now being sought upon how best to deal with the land. It is a matter of great regret that the playing surface and not least the buildings including the East stand have been allowed to fall into a state of total decay and neglect. I very much hope that in 2005 we will see a major step forward towards the solution of a most difficult problem. Apart from that the operation of the social club has prospered and towards the end of the year refurbishment of the function room was carried out and has met with total approval. It is typical of a sports club like ours that it runs smoothly and successfully down to the tireless efforts of a small band of committee workers and once again I wish to express my thanks to all those who work so conscientiously week in week out to ensure that the members can enjoy the facilities of the club. And finally may I pay tribute to our members who support the club throughout the year.

First XI Report

The season began with several notable absences from the team sheet. The bowling department looked especially under strength on paper.

Steve Chapman was signed as the Club Professional who would need to bowl to his best in an effort to offset this. Paul Raine would also be the mainstay of the seam attack to which he performed admirably throughout the season.

The season began in wet conditions which continued until the last game of the season (which was rained off almost half way through the second innings).

We finished 7th in the league which was a little

disappointing given that we were right up there, but a couple of bad tosses by the skipper at the wrong time sent us crashing. We played with real team spirit even when results were not going our way which was a credit to all the players.

There were debuts for James Alderson, Liam Brown, Richard Stock, James Stock, Alex Deuchar and Simon Gough. Lee Hutton returned and had a fine season behind the stumps and contributed well both with the bat and in the dressing room. James Alderson had an outstanding season with the ball and scored his maiden half-century thoroughly deserving Young Player of the Year.

Richard and James Stock look like real prospects for the future and Liam Brown with his irrepressible attitude will go a long way with his career.

Garry (Gordon) Moody scored his first 'A' Division hundred, a great innings, one of the best I have seen. Steve Chapman took 69 wickets scored over 700 runs which I felt was a fine first season as Pro. I look forward to more of his batting and bowling next year and his 'buzz and enthusiasm in the dressing room'.

Neil (Neville) Pratt won the batting and played some fine knocks and we look forward to seeing him next year. Paul Raine had an outstanding season, given the challenge he had taking 29 wickets.

In cups we entered three competitions and lost two finals (The Kerridge and Randell Orchard). The third was lost at semi-final stage on the toss of a coin (Saunders).

The Kerridge was lost to Guisborough where had we had some luck I would have had some spare balls and I believe the trophy would be at Feethams. Paul Raine had an outstanding bowling spell. The Randell Orchard was lost to Northallerton in a close fought match. The weather contributed heavily to the Saunders Cup where we reached the semi-finals after travelling great distances for all four rounds until losing on the toss of a coin. I think we had a tremendous cup season and would like to thank all the players who played. **Every Player** did themselves and the Club proud.

I would like to thank all those who have helped support us this year. Thanks to Steve Charlton who does so much unknown work in the Club, to Leslie and Nick Whitehead for the teas and raffle, to Gloria, Sue and Big 'E'. To all those players who have donated raffle prizes.

I would also like to thank all those who have supported us by donating to the first year of the 300 Club which has been very successful. The results are available on the website and I hope that the 300 Club will continue for many years given your support. Thanks to everyone who has supported me over the last two years and to those who didn't but told me so. Good luck for next season and good health to all those who follow and support this Cricket Club.

Mark Jobling

pairs match playing along side former world champions Bob Anderson and Eric Bristow.

The Royal Security darts challenge was a great success, with everybody having a good time and a lot of none darts players joining in to help the cause, the total amount we raised from the day was £520.48 for the Butterwick Children's Hospice, this year's competition is on Sunday 6th March commencing at 12:30 we hope everybody will help out and join in the fun once again.

Peter Jones

Auditors Report

Independent Auditors' Report to the members of the Darlington Cricket & Athletic Club

This report is made solely to the Club's members. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Club and the Club's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs as at 31 December 2004 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

King, Hope & Co
Chartered Accountants

Batting Averages—Senior Leagues

1st XI	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
S. Chapman	21	2	89*	748	39.37
N. Pratt	20	1	106*	695	36.58
J.G. Moody	21	2	100*	507	26.68
M.E. Jobling	20	2	51	364	20.22
S.N. Whitehead	20	4	56*	304	19.00
L.J. Hutton	17	2	61*	241	16.07
J. Alderson	14	2	59*	126	10.50

2nd XI	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
D.J.B. Morgans	19	2	98	716	42.12
C.S. Biglin	19	2	66	437	25.71
J. Watson	18	0	61	396	22.00
P.J. Bentley	16	2	50	305	21.79
S.A. Gough	18	0	74	362	20.11
D. Thomas	11	3	21	95	11.88
L.J. Craggs	11	2	18	94	10.44
J. Stock	10	0	35	93	9.30

3rd XI	Inns	N/O	H/S	Runs	Ave.
M. Wheeler	6	1	45	147	29.40
D. Hodgson	7	0	45	168	24.00
N.R. Fenwick	15	2	48	278	21.38
A. Harwood	15	1	57*	260	18.57
S. Lee	15	2	51	218	16.77
S. Russell	11	2	35	138	15.33
E. Blench	15	2	37	172	13.23
A. Whitehead	13	0	42	101	7.77

Bowling Averages—Senior Leagues

1st XI	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
S. Chapman	295.4	49	959	63	15.22
P.D. Raine	181.2	30	715	29	24.66
J. Alderson	113.4	20	460	16	28.75
N. Pratt	138.2	22	589	17	34.65

2nd XI	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
D. Thomas	61.2	7	363	15	24.20
J. Stock	153	14	582	19	30.63
R. Stock	200	44	714	23	31.04

3rd XI	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
S. Russell	107.2	25	273	27	10.11
M. Wheeler	49.2	7	189	17	11.12
A. Harwood	91.5	23	271	20	13.55
A. Fenwick	76.5	13	280	17	16.47
B. Ward	80	21	194	10	19.40

Bowling Averages—Junior Leagues

Under 17's	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
A. Deuchar					

Under 15's	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
J. Stapleton					

Under 11's	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
J. Vickerman	40		58	21	2.76
S. Clitheroe	28		60	14	4.29
M. Colling	39		89	20	4.45
J. Mellor	14		32	6	5.33
A. Baldwin	45		125	21	5.95

Despite this, we started the season well with victories over Saltburn and Yarm, mainly due to the batting performances of Liam Brown. But as Liam's season was to come to a premature end due to injury, so was any ambition we could have about league or cup success. As the exam period came to an end we were able to field a side more experienced side and enjoyed some success with 9 wicket wins over Stockton and Hartlepool. Hopefully next season the fixtures will be arranged so as not to coincide with exams and we will be able to field stronger sides and compete for league and cup success.

Daniel Morgans

Under 15's Report

With poor weather and other teams inability to fulfil fixtures. This resulted in a frustrating season. However, the lads played some very positive cricket with some entertaining finishes, and our position as runners up and league cup finalists means we have a reasonably successful season. Many thanks to Dave Bentley for all his efforts on the ground and the ladies in the shop and to all the parents for their help over the season.

John Lister

Under 13's Report

With a lot of boys still available from last season's successful squad this season's U.13 squad had the added pressure of expectant trophies other than hopeful ones. We again entered into Darlington District League as to give more people games and my thanks go to Ian Dell for his help in running the team and his support on Friday evenings. Trophies were expected, the boys did not disappoint they were League Champions in the North Yorkshire League only losing one game to Seaton Carew who they beat in the Cup Final by a massive 120 runs to gain ample revenge and record a wonderful League and Cup double. In the Darlington League we were runners-up probably due to fixtures we couldn't play but won the Knockout Cup beating King James CC. Many boys were rewarded for their efforts with five playing for Durham U.13's. Four represented the League side many others on the verge of these teams. Six boys played senior cricket on a regular basis for Darlington CC. The squad has had a fantastic season with a lot of emphasis based on teamwork. We also had the backing of another great team led by our scorer Lucy Sutton, coach Garry Moody, groundsman Dave Bentley, ladies in the shop and the parents. Thanks to you all. A wonderful season, best wishes for 2005.

Derek Coates

Under 11's Report

The Under 11's had a fantastic season doing the League and Cup double. The League results read played 22, won 20, tied 1, lost 1. In the Gemara Cup Final we had a thrilling last over win over Stockton. 14 players played some part in these successes. Jack Vickerman and James Dobson both captained Durham U.11's during the season. James Mitchinson and Jack Vickerman also played for the League team. A year to remember. Thanks to all the parents for all their efforts on and off the pitch and to Dave Bentley the groundsman.

John Edwardson

Snooker Report

The team of Dave Coad, Mark Stainsby, Dev Hunter and myself finished last seasons Monday Night League in 4th position. The team struggled as Dev Hunter travelled from Wigan as often as possible but could not make every match, however, Paul Coad kindly stepped into help out when needed. We decided to rest up over the summer and did not enter the Tuesday Night League for the first time in many years, although the Club maintained a presence with a team captained by Phil MacMasters. To strengthen the team for this seasons Monday Night League we recruited Peter Mellor and Steve Gourley from Hopetown. The season started quite slowly with the team dropping odd silly games, but we have never been lower than 3rd. Hopetown made a great start to the season never losing a game. Our team have lost only once all season 1 - 3 at Hopetown but since then we have rallied to attack the top spot. Our current form sees us taking 26 points from a possible 28 points and as at time of writing we are top of the league by one point. Out run in is tougher than Hopetown's but who knows - only 3 games to go. We will enter the Tuesday Night League this year under new Captaincy as I take this opportunity to announce that this is my last season as Captain. I'd like to thank the team for all their efforts, Club/Members and all our supporters for being there for us.

John S. Davies

Darts Report

Gladly this year I have better news to report, the team is currently lying fifth in the league and is a lot more confident and settled than last year. Last year we were struggling, but managed to claw our way to finish mid table. We did however, pickup awards in the individuals / pairs and aggregates. A few of the team were also invited to play in a charity exhibition

Second XI Report

Last season for all concerned with 2nd team can be best described as inconsistent. Continuity in team selection was difficult due to a variety of circumstances, and I can't remember a situation when we went from one weekend to the next with the same 11 players. Although this made consistency of performance difficult, it did allow younger players the opportunity to play at this level.

On occasions, when batting 'came off' scores in excess of 200 were reached. However, conversely there were times when we had lost 4 wickets with less than 100 on the board. Consequently building a competitive total in such circumstances proved difficult. Whilst this often meant our bowlers were not provided with a target to defend, it did give our younger players in the lower middle order the opportunity to spent time at the crease and gain experience that will be invaluable in future seasons.

Whilst it was with only three games to go in the season that we were mathematically assured of our place in the division we can take a lot of positives from the season. In the majority of our games Colin and I were the only players in our 30's (early 30's at that!) and it was not uncommon for all the bowling to have been done by teenagers, all of whom performed admirably in difficult situations, with the majority also making their Premier League debuts and taking wickets. The average age of our team would consistently be well below that of our opposition and the experiences and responsibility that they all gained will prove to be of huge benefit for the team and the club in years to come. I look forward to next season with optimism and am confident that the younger players will make ever increasing contributions making us a much more consistently competitive team in the 1st division.

As with all seasons there were many people to thank; Dave for all his work on the ground, Big E for his work in the tea room, Comedy Dave for his tireless work in the score box, as well as the entertainment he supplied in the changing room at Wolviston during a rain break. Lastly but by no means least a huge thank you to all those who turned out after a desperate phone call on Friday night or Saturday morning after a late cry off, particularly Adam Fenwick who did this on numerous occasions, sacrificing his game on a Sunday, and was rewarded by taking his first division wicket at the age of 13!

Daniel Morgans

Third XI Report

Played 21, Won 7, Drawn 2, No Result 3, Lost 9.
Points 222, League Position 13

The creation of the Sunday Division, consisting of all the third teams provided us with the opportunity of playing against several clubs who had been very successful in Division 3 last season. Once again we continued with the policy of providing our junior players with the opportunity of playing senior cricket, and how well those juniors acquitted themselves.

15 juniors played third team cricket during the season, and in a season where our batting was probably the weakest part of our game, Simon Lee (U-15) scored his maiden senior half century, and Daniel Hodgson (U-15), Matthew Wheeler, and Liam Coates (both U-13) had scores in the 40's.

On the bowling, Matthew Wheeler, Adam Fenwick, Steve Lister, James Sutton (all U-13) Jack Stapleton, Matthew Lister, (both U-15), all performed regularly to a very high level. Simon Lee, Jack Dell, and Paul Marwood, also bowled well, when called upon. Alex Deuchar and Mark Dobinson established themselves in the second team during the season, and thoroughly deserved the opportunity to play at that level. Mark's promotion provided Adam Hillary with the opportunity to take over behind the stumps and demonstrate his ability in that very important role. Thanks to the senior players for their support, and encouragement of the juniors throughout the season. Congratulations to Matthew Wheeler for winning the batting averages, and to Shaughn Russell for the bowling averages.

There were many highlights during the season, but one does stand out, and that was Bret Ward's hat-trick against Nunthorpe, as all three wickets were bowled, and provided him with figures of 10 overs 7 maidens 3 runs 3 wickets. Congratulations!

A big thank you to all the players for their support throughout the season, especially Nigel for his work as vice captain.

Last, but not least thanks to Dave for his efforts on the ground, in a difficult season weather wise, to Sue and John in the tea room, to Dave and Lucy in the scoreboard, and also to everyone who turned up at the matches to support the team.

Eric Blench

Junior Cricket Report

Under 17's Report

The junior season was a curious one, largely because of the way the fixtures were organised. With large numbers of fixtures taking place at the same time as GCSE exams, many of the league winning U'15 team from the previous season were unavailable for early season games. Consequently many fixtures were fulfilled with a side more at home in the U'13 league.

