

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

### **Club Captain – Ian Catley**

In regards to Senior Cricket, the 2018 season must be seen as a massive success. The first team were able to avoid relegation in division 2 despite losing a couple of players and not having an overseas player for the first time in a few years.

There were some fantastic individual performances throughout the season that deserve a mention. James Bell scoring many match winning centuries, the most memorable of which an unbelievable 182\* against Copdock in the first game of the season. Calum Reid scored a destructive 100 away to Copdock while England were reaching the World Cup semi final. Tom Helmer almost winning a match single handedly at home to Mildenhall against all odds. However, the most memorable moment for anyone that played this season has to be Steve Moriarty hitting a massive 6 to win the game against Mildenhall away. You had to be there to believe it!

It must also be said that a few youngsters broke into the first team this year and I'm very excited to see them progress next season. Hamish Comonte, Giles Mallinson and Alex Godley all showed the potential that they will be fantastic cricketers for Copford in years to come.

The second team also avoided relegation in Division 8 and were able to blood through some more exciting youngsters. Many thanks should go to James Monks for his work in making sure we not only didn't concede any games but were able to field 11 players every week for the first time I can remember! Looking forward we have a couple of members doing their coaching qualification over the winter and this will only help us improve the pathway from colts to adult cricket.

### **Membership Secretary – Ivan Humm**

2018 has seen a major decline in adult members from the highs of 2017 where we had 50 adult/intermediate members signed up to the this years numbers of 18 although we have had better availability for a majority of the games played during 2018 with the help of our emerging colts section and some returning players to the club. We are not alone as membership continues to prove difficult for all sports clubs and without the support of members to drive this forward and to find new adult players I believe this will be major challenge for all and will unfortunately lead to the demise of teams and clubs.

We have though a very positive committee and a great ethos to make sure that Copford CC continues to be a shining light in the world of Village cricket offering a great place to play the sport we all love and the continued development of our young players. It is everyone's duty to promote the club and cricket as a sport as well as offering continued support for those who give so much time around the club, we must not take anything for granted and I look forward to a great 2019.

### **Junior Cricket Manager– Petra Humm**

We are continuing to grow our colts' section by word of mouth with new faces joining our lovely club, please continue to spread the word as without new members and the existing members we cannot grow.

Teamapp is still our central contact point with all the fixtures and club activities in one place and has helped make us more of a cashless club with payments through the app going directly into the club bank account. It has had a few updates throughout the year, which helps the app evolve and I must say the colts are really on board with it for communication.

We still have very good numbers in our under 10 section and this year hasn't been our greatest in organisation in the Kwik Cricket tournaments due to work commitments from our coaches. This was picked up by some of the parents to try and organise and thanks to them and our older colts Rhys Marchant and Alex Pryke for stepping in and looking after our teams. As discussed at the Colts parents meeting in October, we have a clear plan for next year with dedicated team managers and the extra support from parents stepping up into Coach Support roles.

Our Kwik cricket tournament was another club success with good support from other clubs and as always, our older colts stepped in to look after a pitch and our Bacon Roll Club cooked up a storm so again thank you to them and everyone else who helped on the night and to those who donated raffle prizes.

We had teams entered in the league for age groups from 11 up to 15 and Ivan and myself again moved up with the U14's and we also managed the U11's. We shall move up with the U15's next year as it is our son's age group and Anthony Dee has agreed to take on the U12's with support from the other parents in that age group and Duncan Owen will look after the U11's.

Alan Godley very kindly stepped up and took on this years U12's and was probably the most victorious team in our colts' section. Alan has also agreed to stay on for next season taking the children forward in the U13's which is great news.

Amanda & Alan Boone stayed on board with our U13's this year and continued to support the children with their matches. I am pleased to advise that Amanda will continue to manage the team with the support of Nick Presmeg for next seasons U14's.

Jon Richmond managed our U15's and he took to his role like a duck to water with scoring and selecting his team. I do hope the boys stay on with us to play their cricket in the adult sides at Copford.

All Stars cricket was another great success and we had 35 children signed on which was an increase of 20 children to last year! Our thanks go out to Josh Colairo, Ethan Humm, Aimee Helmer and Thomas Baker who attended most of the sessions supporting Ivan. We must also say thank you to Melissa Williamson who on the last night of All Stars organised a "hog roast" to raise funds for the club which was over £100

Thank you to all those who have managed a team, turned out for coaching and supported me. Our parents who make the drinks and put out the snacks when matches are on and cleared up afterwards. Our groundsman Laurence Edwards for preparing our wickets, The Helmer's and Calum Reid for opening the bar when available.

Our Bacon Roll Club attended all Saturday training sessions bar two due to poor weather at the start of the season and raised an impressive amount of money, which has gone back into the club. Thank you to all involved as this is a much-needed resource to keep our colts growing.

Duncan Owen, Calum Reid and Ian Catley are all attending a course in November to Coach Children's Cricket, which will give support to our Level 2, Club Coach Ivan Humm. We will also have the following Coach Support Workers Anthony Dee, Phil Humphreys, Louis Ince and Dave Addington who will also be attending a course in February, all of this has been covered by the funds raised by our Bacon Roll Club and thank you to everyone who ate them. We will also be welcoming back Richard Parker to the club who will oversee the Brian Taylor cup and our youth development cricket.

Remember we are all volunteers, some wearing more than one hat and without your support we wouldn't have what we have got. If you would like to volunteer for anything please let me know.

Indoor winter sessions will start on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Holmwood House and details are already on Teamapp under coaching. We have availability for 24 children in each session; again if you need more details please let me know.

### **Chairman – Mark Bullen**

The Committee welcomed some new faces in 2018 in Karen Lawson, Amanda Boone, David Brady and Calum Reid. The committee have worked tirelessly all year to support the club which despite the drastic reduction in senior membership numbers, the club more than held its own so I would like to thank everyone for their contributions on and off the field! Top stuff!

We lost Ray Black as Vice Chairman just before the season as Ray decided to play his cricket elsewhere so left his post with our good wishes. Duncan Owen very kindly offered to take on the role as Vice Chairman which was of course accepted by the committee!

Our Junior Cricket Numbers continue to flourish with 100+ signed on this summer so thanks goes to Ivan and Petra Humm for securing and maintaining these fabulous membership figures!

D-30 on Sunday's with Ivan Humm had its fledgling year and looks promising middle ground for our youngsters as a stepping stone into 45 over league cricket as well as cricket played in a friendly environment so has been welcoming to social cricketers too.

It has been a good year for the bar with the wonderful summer we had so thank you to Kevin and Dian for having the bar open for our members and guests to enjoy at pretty much every opportunity!

Amanda Boone and David Brady have had great success on the Social Side this year – with a great quiz night and the return of the Club v Alma match that brought the local community to the club!

A thank you to Laurence Edwards for the wonderful pitches he produces for us to play on week in – week out. Laurence finished runner-up in Two Counties pitch ratings for Division Two and will no doubt be gunning for top spot in 2019!

There are so many people to thank for helping make Copford it is and keep the place ticking over. So I would like to sign off by saying a big thank you to all those who have contributed I haven't mentioned by name!

Finally, our long serving Treasurer Lisa Rose will be stepping down from the Treasurer's Role after the AGM. Lisa has carried out a sterling job of looking after the clubs financial matters – not to mention supporting the club with Sponsorship, which have assisted the club greatly in helping to be where the club is on and off the field today. So on behalf of us all I would like to thank Lisa for everything she has done for Copford CC and wish Lisa well for the future!

Onwards and Upwards for 2019!