70's 1st XI Annual Report 2025. 🏏🧑🎄🎄

Good season. We won 9 and lost 3 of our league games and scraped into the cup playoffs in 8th position to play Oxford & Berks in the quarters who beat us comfortably to get to the semis where they beat Somerset, who we had beaten twice in the regular season. The final against Kent was rained off twice so the trophy was shared.

It was as usual a very enjoyable season with 3 new players Pete Adams, Geoff Eaves and Mike Pearson introduced who each performed well and put in several great performances.

In the bowling department Rick Carmen, Tony Garton and John Turton as well as Mike took most wickets but special mention must be made of Graham Clarke who, as he told me several times, was for a long time the leading wicket taker in the whole competition, in the end finishing joint 6th with 18 wickets.

Most runs were scored, as usual by John Evans, over 300 runs and Keith Daniels, over 700 runs, with Mike and Pete Adams also scoring over 200. Special mention must go to Bill Lawrence who was only able to play 7 games due to injury but scored over 300 runs with an average of 81 and a run rate of over 100.

Thanks to all the umpires, to Ernie for scoring for us and for his man of the match presentations and to our loyal supporters, Jackie, Judy, Son and Sue who watched most games and especially Sue for collecting the money and generally keeping us in check. Also, thanks to Evo and Danny for their wise counsel

This was my last season as captain. Over the past 7 or 8 years I have been so lucky to captain this side - and to win the trophy in 2023 - and I thank everyone, too numerous to mention, who have helped me throughout - all the players, scorers, umpires and loyal supporters and especially, in the initial stages, Len who did most things and just let me be captain.

It has all been a real privilege and will live long in my memory.

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