

**Isis Cricket Club – AGM 2013**  
**Chairman's Report**

After another enjoyable and successful Isis season I am delighted to present my second report as Chairman to the 2013 AGM. My simple summary of the year is The Club recorded another winning campaign, brought order to the club's affairs after a difficult 2012, and have been supported by a healthy membership.

This time last year we were in a difficult situation, and were only able to provide an interim financial statement to the 2012 AGM. At that time we suspected that we had lost funds and did not even have access to the club's bank account. I am pleased to say though that with your support early into the New Year we had regained access to the account, recovered the missing funds and were able to start the 2013 season on an even keel.

Learning lessons from what had gone before, the committee took an innovative approach to the New Year, and quickly established an operating guide for The Club that sets out to define the type of club we want to be, and the way we want it to run. As full members of the club you should all have received a copy of this document, which I trust will now live on as an important artefact and reference point for committees to come. The committee also established a schedule of meetings through the year to ensure we stayed on top of things and addressed matters arising as necessary. It was through that forum that we were able to review interim financial reports, and were able to then take the decision to reduce match fees part way through the season. These were both specific actions called out at the last AGM that were completed very responsibly, and I would like to thank all of the committee on behalf of The Club for this and all of their work this season. Special thanks go to Joe Walter, who came into the treasurer position new in 2013 and has done a fantastic and diligent job of administering memberships and managing the club's finances throughout the year. I am confident of an excellent financial report later in this evening's proceedings.

I am sure others will wax lyrical about our team and individual playing performances through the year, so I will not dwell on any specifics, but I do at least want to acknowledge the contribution of our friends from Infosys for their help in supplying players when we struggled to raise teams from time to time during the season. It was also nice to see the average age of the side lowered a little by regular appearances from the likes of Luke Blatchford, Seamus Gregan and Jonny Gifford, who all made important playing contributions in 2013. If we can retain their loyalty they are great prospects for the future of The Club. So yes, it was a winning season, but sadly we did not reach the target of a 67% win ratio that I set the club last year. It was alive right until we grabbed defeat from the jaws of victory against Islip though, and it is an attainable target for this group of players, and one I would again like to set for The Club in 2014. If we are consistent in making ourselves available and playing the game in the right way, it is well within our grasp.

As a club we wish to offer a pleasant experience to our members and guests, enjoying the special camaraderie associated with our sport and giving of our best both on and off of the field. I remain to be proud of the heritage of our Club and the people in it and, I would like to thank everybody who has given something this season, both on and off of the field.

It has been a great pleasure to be your honorary Chairman in 2013, and should you wish me to do so I look forward to taking the chair for a further term of office in 2014.

Keith Whiter  
Honorary Chairman