

## **CWCC Colts Report for 2015**

The two teams of the season were the U10s and the U12s, both reached the County Finals, but fell just short on the day. Well done to Graham Roadnight and Pratik Patel for running the 10s and Ian Sutcliffe for running the 12s and well done to all the boys that got so close to getting silverware. The other age groups had mixed fortunes but on the whole did well, most matches were completed with the weather only victorious on a couple of occasions.

Membership in the youngest age groups grew considerably with 38 new members between the age of 6 and 9. Average age groups squad numbers are healthy and manageable at 22 from U6 to U12, Thereafter squad sizes drop away and teams are harder to put together, this year we combined U14s and U15s for the first time in ten years. This season saw several U13s play in the seniors and next season we should have another exciting intake from the Colts, continuing the supply of young talent to the adult teams that the Club depends on.

On the Common this summer we have seen some wonderful talent appearing for the first time in the U6s and U7s and we look forward to seeing how well they develop, it is so important that we nurture this talent and have enough coaches to help them. We have some wonderful players throughout the age groups, and some that have been given County recognition. These were Ben Wells and George Weldon with Bucks and Luke Sutcliffe, Toby Lazeris and Andrew Neal at Herts who all played county cricket, well done to all of them.

I thank Mark Watkiss and Ryan Evans for heading up the Sunday junior coaching and all of the senior players that took turns to help - well done lads it really makes a difference. A special thank you to Tom Smithson for organising the strict rota for senior coach help that worked so well.

Thanks go to Mike Rose for the junior wickets and putting up with our constant changing of fixture dates, Lesley for organising the catering rota on Sundays.

I am very pleased that Mark Watkiss has had another good season of private Cricket Camps during school term breaks. Pleased that it provides extra cricket for the juniors and keeps the common and the pavilion in use, it is also a very healthy way for many of our young players to earn some money from coaching; I applaud this and hope it can continue for a long time.

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