

As always, an up and down year for the 3rd team, who are at the mercy of the availability for the teams above. Some weeks with what would appear to be a strong 2nd team, others going out with 10 dads & lads!

A fast start in May aroused some suspicion of the unthinkable... promotion into County 4, and a league clash versus the 2nd team next season. Alas, the dreaded availability curse hit and mid table was all we could muster up. Finishing the season 12th of 18 teams, with 5 wins & 9 losses.

Special mentions to Andy Wakely (most runs - 298), Kaushik Poojary (most wickets – 7) & Will Bailey (players player). Best excuse of the season goes to Jonjo Stovell (ran out of contact lenses).

This was my 3rd season captaining the 3rd team, after a previous stint skippering in 2018 & 2019. 2023 was certainly the hardest from an availability perspective, hopefully as a club we can improve this for 2024.

Thank you to Steve Chiverton for preparing some fantastic pitches down at QE2, normally far too good for the standard of cricket being played on them!

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