

Secretary's Report 2025 Season

2025 season again saw us fielding 4 adult league sides, although we found it necessary to cancel some 4th team games during the season due to lack of availability, Jamie Fletcher and the other Captains put in lots of time throughout the week to try and get sides out on a Saturday. Currently we have opted to go for 4 sides again for 2026.

The captain's reports, and the end of year round ups on the website, give you a detailed picture of how this season went, but in summary - the First XI finished 10th in the new Division 2 with Tom Jones as Captain, and, having been relegated, will play in Div 3A. Jonjo Stovell captained the Second XI, playing in Division 4F, they finished 7th and will remain there next season. Our 3rd XI played in Div 5B with Pete Miller trying his hand at Captain, they finished 8th and will play in Division 5B in 2026. Our 4th Team, headed up by Jamie Fletcher, played in Division 6B, finishing 12th in the table, two places up from last year, they will remain there for 2026.

Steve Chiverton, still probably the most committed Groundsman in Hampshire, puts masses of effort into providing our pitches, with Sunday, touring and friendly matches, no mean feat. We are always grateful for the time put in.

For Captain's voted in for 2026, there is a responsibility you take on – (not an exhaustive list)

- match result on play cricket – early!
- ground reports on play cricket (under review)
- checking your players are registered & have paid membership
- confirming your team as early as possible
- collecting match fees
- getting to the ground early to set up - get help
- ensuring everything is put away (TIDILY) – get help

Please ask for further help if you need it, Pete Miller is particularly good at navigating the horrendously difficult play cricket website – and he's now had one years practice.

This is my final report as secretary and, as I do every year, I can never stress enough how few people are involved in the day to day running of the club, (and we all have day jobs). I originally agreed to be Secretary for 1 year; I am handing over after completing 6 seasons. I understand that free time is precious to all of us, but it really would help if we could spread the love a bit – many hands make light work – the more people that help, the less there is for anyone to do. Don't wait to be asked – offer!