



Belbroughton Cricket Club
Annual Report 2021

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Chairman's report

As I write this year's report we are still living in the shadow of Covid, but hopefully this will soon pass and we can have an unaffected cricket season in 2022.

I want to thank all the members of the club for making a success of the 2021 season in sometimes difficult circumstances. I could write a long list of all people who have gone above and beyond this year but I will just mention two- Tony Boardman for the amazing amount of work he did to keep the club compliant with all the ever changing rules and Mick Ross who took on the bar on top of his other duties

On the cricket pitch it was good to see many young players stepping up to adult teams, hopefully some of them will be inspired by Rob Hawk and try to match or even beat his record of 50 years of 1st team cricket.

Next a massive thank you to all who helped on the bar and catering for all their hard work. Finally I want thank Lady Guthrie, Sinops and all our sponsors for their continued support. We are looking forward to next season.

Brian Pardoe

Secretary's Report

It has been another difficult season for us all. However, the club has again unified in order to overcome a number of obstacles to deliver cricket to all our members. The interpretation of the constant stream of information and guidance from the Government, Sport England, ECB and WCB has been demanding to say the least. It's been lonely at times, having to police matches without spectators, teas and social interaction.

This year the club has been to obtain financial support from Bromsgrove DC - £11,050.85 + £10,667.00 ECB – Return to Cricket – £1,154.00 Made by Sport - £2021.00 (for 5yrs to 25yrs Cricketers) Inspired to Play -£1250.00 (for Youth Cricket),Margret Westwood Memorial Charity £500.00 (towards the batting cage) (Worcs. Ass. Cricket Officials - £270.00 (for the score box) A special thanks to David Glover for successfully handling our insurance claim which resulted in a £18,346 pay out .

Since the end of the season the Pavilion Roof - £4100 and Garage Facia Front- £220 have been renovated- the sides of the Garage Facia should be finished in the Spring

In the New Year, prior to the season, we are planning the refurbishment of outdoor nets & Non Turf Pitch at a cost of - £5800 and a High Safety Fence Extension with new larger Sight Screens + mechanism with the help and guidance from Paul Margetts

Tony Boardman

Treasurer's Report

This report will be sent separately when the accounts return from the Auditors

Senior Cricket Report

Season Overview:

The cricket season of 2021 held some highs and lows for the club. It looked likely from early in the season that the first team would be fighting to avoid relegation. Despite a late revival it was too little and too late and the club will play next season in division 2. Despite relegation there were some highlights with four good wins and match winning performances in those games from Mark Burrows, Rob Lee, Jon Hawk and Ryan Price. Former captain Stuart Hawk and current captain Ben Hawker both had a couple of good innings and bowled well in some matches. Also, some of the younger players featured in the first team- Cameron Harvey, Charlie Stanley and Todd Stevens all acquitted themselves well.

We found ourselves relegated because of player availability and a key for next season will be to attract two or three experienced players of first team standard to prevent the situation we faced

this season, whereby a number of players only played just over half the matches. The situation we faced is not fair on the other first team players, the second team and the captains. Captaincy is a hard job but made so much harder by trying to finalise teams from selection on Monday to match day on Saturday.

One knock on effect of player availability was the second team who looked likely to top the table at one point early in the season, having to win one of the last two matches and hope other results went their way to avoid relegation, which they achieved on the last match day. There were some great performances in the second team especially from Rick Wrigley and in particular from our younger players.

Practice sessions were well attended for most of the season, numbers tailed off towards the end. Josh Blunt did a good job helping players develop and Josh quietly helped, supported and challenged players to improve. Everyone has a view of how Thursdays could be best used, for my part I would like to see more players consider how practice could be purposeful and use the net sessions to work on areas to improve based on their performance during matches. We still have a few who come along just to try and hit every ball as hard as they can.

Thank you again to the three captains Ben Hawker, Ben Hansford and Justin Gray for all the extra time they put in to make sure we had full teams and for the skilful way they led their players.

The Strollers had another successful season with a full programme of matches and an opportunity for lots of different players to play a game. Thank you to Chris Chattaway for his enthusiastic captaincy and organisation. At the other end of the spectrum the juniors at all age groups and the Friday night All Stars, Young Tons and girls training were all successful. Thank you to all the youth coaches and to Dave Glover and Tony Boardman for coordinating and managing so much of the cricket we provide for an incredible number of players. Thanks also to John Raybould and his team of assistants for all they did during the season to prepare pitches and the ground. It wasn't an easy year with the number of wet weekends they had to deal with.

As many of you know, I am standing down from my role as Chairman of Cricket. To effectively take on this role, you need to be available every Saturday and of course with my umpiring commitment this hasn't been possible for me. I knew when I took this role on that would be the case and I imagined stopping umpiring at the end of the season. However, when we got to that stage I realised I wasn't ready to give up umpiring at premier league level hence resigning from on the job, just so the captains have another viewpoint to consider. Thanks to Andy Farmer and Richard Dunn and anyone else who assisted by passing on their views to me each week during the season. Enjoy the rest of the winter and best of luck to all players for the 2022 season.

Paul Shannon

First XI report:

I'd like to start by thanking every player who has represented the 1st XI this season, as well as all the parents, grandparents, significant others etc who have supported the players and the team this season. I'd also like to thank all the club officials who have once again made cricket a

possibility during the season. Your effort and commitment to the club is very much appreciated and certainly does not go unnoticed.

A return to the 'normal' league structure this season was welcomed by all, even if it meant embarking on our annual pilgrimage to Burghill! Indifferent availability this year played a large contributing factor to what was a disappointing season results wise, and ultimately lead to the 1st XI being relegated from Division 1.

Results notwithstanding, there were a number of positives that the team can take from this season and into next season. There has been a significant increase in the number of 'youth' players who have represented the 1st XI during the 2021 season, many of whom making their debuts. Charlie Stanley, Cameron Harvey, Todd Stevens, Benedict Gray, Adam Burrows, Ayrán Jagadish and Laurie Heilbronn have all made contributions to the side at various points across the season and I look forward to them adding to their 1st XI caps in the future. Special mentions to Ronnie Ball and George Bartram who completed their first 'full' seasons in the 1st XI, a great achievement by both players and I have no doubt they'll be better players for the experiences they have had this season. Ronnie's 42* away at Burghill was particularly pleasing and George's spell of 4 for 38 at home to Pedmore was a great display of seam bowling.

Scattered amongst some performances the team would rather forget, were some very encouraging results. Three consecutive victories against Feckenham, Pedmore and Worcester Nomads in late May, early June showed the quality and togetherness within the group. Likewise, our final day victory away at Coombs Wood was an excellent way to round the season off and provided us with the champagne moment of the season with part time first choice left arm spinner, Ryan Price, taking a match winning 6 for 57.

There have also been some individual performances this season to be celebrated. Stu Hawk (263 runs) and Mark Burrows (262 runs) combined on a number of occasions throughout the year to dig the side out of a hole or to push the total on further. Jamie Mackenzies 239 runs in 8 innings coming at a strike rate of over 100 often getting the side off to a brisk start. With the ball, Rob Lee led the way with 22 wickets including a match winning spell of 6 for 30 against Feckenham whilst George Bartram narrowly pipped Rob with the best average, his 16 wickets costing him 26.4 a piece.

From a personal point of view I'd just like to say a massive thank you to all the players, parents and club officials for their support during my first season as 1st XI captain. Special thanks to the captains of both the 2nd and 3rd XI's Ben Hansford and Justin Gray for their support, and also to Paul Shannon. All the support throughout the season has enabled me to focus the majority of the attention on on-field matters and this has been greatly appreciated. In spite of results, it has been an absolute pleasure and honour to captain Belbroughton 1st XI this season.

I have absolutely no doubt that the 1st XI will come back stronger next season and we're all certainly looking forward to the challenges that Division 2 will bring, as well as visiting some new grounds! Once again, a massive thank you to everyone who has played a part in the 2021 season, I look forward to seeing you all again next season, but in the meantime I wish you all the best of Winters

Ben Hawker

Second XI report:

Firstly, on behalf of the second team, thank you to all the Committee, Ground Staff, volunteers and supporters who make playing possible, as well as ensuring the Club remains a social hub for so many people. Not just providing a place to play and enjoy cricket. But to so many people, the Club is important for their social, mental and general wellbeing. This is especially more important than ever over the last two years.

Thank you also to my vice captains, who have been even more important to me following changes to my circumstances, along with senior players (and ex-players) who have supported me through the hardest of seasons.

We continue to create an environment that is fun, inclusive and competitive. –hopefully we are bringing through young players in a safe environment that are ready to take the next step up. Balance is essential, in what is a competitive league (and will be even more so next season) and the balance of old and young creates a wonderful squad to captain. Unfortunately availability was particularly difficult in 2021, which can be seen by our inconsistent results, but grab a cup of tea and enjoy a run through of the season below.

The prospect of a full season after 2020's shortened affair saw us travel to one of last year's strongest teams Himley for the opener with win-lose, 45 over matches, the format for the season and a revised bonus point structure the format for the season.

A MacKenzie (82) and S Thomas (65) saw us off to the very best of starts with a wonderful opening partnership of over 100, before solid contributions from Dunn (26no), Wrigley (28) and Hansford (19no) which saw us post 250-3.

Despite taking regular wickets, including a fantastic display from B Gray (4-42), the regular flow of runs and poor control in the bowling saw Himley win by 3 wickets with 21 balls to spare.

Our first home game of the season, against eventual title challengers Stourbridge, saw us post a commanding 273-4, including a sparkling 112no from Wrigley, 51 from Dunn and 39 from Hansford. Two early wickets and a brutal display of fast bowling from C MacKenzie (5-32) saw off any challenge dismissing the visitors for 178 and a comprehensive 95 run win.

A damp visit to Old Vigornians, on an uncovered, used pitch, saw a match as dismal as the weather, with Belb limping to 137 all out despite a gritty 37 from A MacKenzie and the only brightness of the day a sparkling, cameo 43 not out from B Gray. The regular leaking of runs through poor bowling discipline (a feature that remained throughout the season) again out paced the regular taking of wickets, seeing us lose by 3 wickets with 15 overs to spare. Young Todd Stevens taking his first 2XI wickets (2-11) along with George Flowers (1-14) a highlight on a dark, cold day. C Karvaski (2-17) the tightest of the bowlers picking up a brace.

After a couple of washouts, the end of May saw us pick up comprehensive wins against Stourport and Enville. Stourport seeing vice captain Wrigley post a magnificent 109 in testing, damp conditions ably supported by Harvey (41) in a strong posting of 221. Regular wickets flowed with Spells (2-23), Stevens (2-23) and B Gray (2-31) all contributing, before G Flowers mopped up the tail with an impressive 3-25.

G Flowers continued in the wickets at Enville, taking 3-14 who with Wrigley (3-38) broke the back of their batting, another tight spell from Karvaski (1-22 off his 9) saw Enville finally dismissed for 130. Our top 4 seeing us home with solid contributions, notably Wrigley (54), to win by 6 wickets.

The tightest game of the season followed at Pedmore who would go on to become champions. The Pedmore attack proved to be the tightest of the season but a classy 71 from Dunn and a journey finally worth it for Kates (46) before a late flurry from Hansford (33) saw us post a score of 202. Leaking runs faster than wickets (as usual) Pedmore were cruising until a tight spin bowling display from Karvaski and Wrigley, saw them bowl in partnership 18 overs for 46 runs to turn the screw. With young Ayran Jagadesh handed the ball for the last over, picking up a key wicket and bamboozling Gibson their captain with a fine display of death bowling to see Belbroughton win by 3 runs.

Unfortunately availability began to hamper all the teams come mid June, and a much changed side saw us rolled for 169 at home to Alverley, despite a resilient and then big hitting finish from R Greatbatch (40). Our bowling was toothless and saw Alverley win by 6 wickets with 8 overs to spare.

Our best display of bowling and fielding of the season saw us roll Old Swinford at the bowl for 90, with C Mackenzie doing the damage up top (3-7 off 5 overs) and J Glover ripping the middle order out (3-12 off 6) before Kates (47no) and Heilbronn (30no) saw us home with a marvellous display of batting seeing us win comfortably by 10 wickets.

The last game of June saw us unable to follow up the win (another story of the season) as we travelled to Bromyard, steady wickets, but aggressive batting saw Bromyard post 222 all out (44.5 overs) on a tricky wicket. (C Mackenzie 2-39, Heilbronn 2-31, Stevens 2-16 and Cook 2-34 all contributing well). Promising starts from Dunn (31), A MacKenzie (13), Kates (13), Parker (26) and Hansford (18) all failed to go on, probably only needing one of them to reach 50 after a solid 25no from Glover saw us limp to 180 from our 45 (but securing what would prove to be an important batting bonus point).

July would prove to be an important month, with 5 games and entering the month in the top 5. Summer availability hit the club badly, and only winning one of those 5 proved to be the turning point of the season resulting in us looking at the bottom of the table for the rest of the season.

Beginning with a close run chase of Himley's 182 (C MacKenzie 3-21) and falling just short on 173 (Dunn 37, Heilbronn 25, Thomas 22). Followed by a sour 192 defeat to Stourbridge. Then posting 230 against Old Vigs (Wrigley 79, R Greatbatch 72no) before very poor bowling and fielding saw us succumb by 10 wickets.

The highlight of July was in defeating a strong Barnt Green side on a sunny day at the Bowl. Restricting a strong batting line up to 188, with a wonderful fielding and bowling display. Langdon (2-35), Stevens (3-19) and Wrigley (5-31) saw us take regular wickets. Despite being 0-1 then 39-2, Dunn (39), Wrigley (56) and Hansford (45no) saw us home by 5 wickets with 4 overs to spare against a strong bowling attack.

Typically, we couldn't follow up another good win, but this time in more frustrating circumstances in a heated local battle with Hagley, that eventually turned on a poor decision by the standing

umpire that left a bitter taste all round. In damp conditions and a soft Hagley wicket, Belb posted a respectable 180 (again, what would turn out to be an important extra batting bonus point). MacKenzie and Thomas setting a solid foundation (26 each), before Hansford pushed on towards the end (56).

Hagley were cruising a 105-2, but regular wickets saw them collapse to 130-5 then 133-6, 152-7 then 164-8. At this point the poor umpiring decision, that would have seen them slip to 164-9, didn't go our way, and Hagley eventually won by 2 wickets.

Availability then saw us kick off August with two heavy defeats, to Stourport then Enville, the only notable performances being Ben Spells taking 2-49 and scoring 37 at Enville in a welcome return to form. Rain washed out the return fixture against Pedmore before a relegation battle against Alverly away.

In a must win game, we won the toss electing to bat. Posting a solid 213 all out, including 56 from Wrigley, 45 from A MacKenzie, 23 from Hansford and a late but important 16 from C MacKenzie. In response, young Todd Stevens, who had chpped in all season with regular wickets, removed the opener in his first over shortly followed by the number 3. Tight spells from Luke Ranasinghe, Benedict Gray and Connor Karvaski saw us restrict Alverley to 197, moving us clear of the relegation battle and a little breathing space with two games to play.

Old Swinford away followed, posting a below par 192-5 (Hansford 58no, Malanphy 38, Dunn 37, Thomas 27) which Old Swinford knocked off with ease winning by 7 wickets with 7 overs to spare. Meaning we needed a win, or results to go our way in the final game of the season at home to Bromyard.

Batting first we posted 202 all out, with Wrigley (54) and Dunn (45) solid in the middle order. Despite good spells from Harvey (2-39) and Spells (2-47) we lost by 3 wickets with 3 overs to spare.

All in all, a rather frustrating season. Strong wins, followed by losses we should have won. Some amazing days, notably the wins against Pedmore and Barnt Green, who went on to become the promoted teams.

But more importantly, a fun environment, great company and proud to play our part in an amazing club.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Rick Wrigley	11	11	1	642	112*	64.20	6	2	94.38
2	Richard Dunn	16	15	1	407	71	29.07	2	0	54.24
3	Ben Hansford	15	14	4	307	58*	30.70	1	0	85.42
4	Andrew Mackenzie	15	15	1	295	82	21.07	1	0	64.19
5	Steve Thomas	10	10	0	253	65	25.30	1	0	81.25

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS ↓	BEST BOWLING	5 WICKET HAUL	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVERAGE
1	Todd Stevens	69.1	4	276	17	3/19	0	3.99	24.41	16.24
2	Christopher MacKenzie	76.1	7	287	17	5/32	1	3.77	26.88	16.88
3	Benedict Gray	49	2	254	12	4/42	0	5.18	24.50	21.17
4	Rick Wrigley	69.2	0	429	12	5/31	1	6.19	34.67	35.75
5	Jonathan Glover	57.1	5	272	11	4/41	0	4.76	31.18	24.73

Ben Hansford

Third XI report:

Whilst the league results weren't great, we saw a number of youngsters come into the team and perform well in friendly and league games.

The following eighteen under 18s represented the 3rds in league or friendly fixtures: Luke Ranasinghe, Charlie Felton, Charlie Stanley, Ollie Meredith, Will Griffin, Ben Gray, Louis Malanaphy, Fin Horton, Tom Richardson, Harry Lewis, Jonny Glover, Laurie Heilbronn, George Flowers, Ronnie Ball, Todd Stevens, Tom Flowers, Adam Burrows and Theo Stevens.

Highlights included a maiden century for Charlie Felton, 5 wickets on debut for Tom Flowers maiden half centuries for Luke Ranasinghe and Ben Gray and consistently good fielding from Adam Burrows.

Every youth player was given the opportunity to bat and bowl in every third team game in which they played.

Among the adults, Matt Evans and Andy McKeivitt shared the wicket keeping duties with both contributing significantly to victories with the bat. Matt's hundred against eventual division winners Coombs Wood was the highlight of the season and rightly won the 3rd XI champagne moment. Jamie MacKenzie, Phil Boardman, Ryan Price, Tom Richardson, Laurie Heilbronn, Olly Dix, Rob Greatbach and the captain all scored 50s in either league games or friendlies.

I would like to thank all the senior players who played and supported the development of the youngsters. I also thank Tom Oliver for arranging the friendly fixtures; Conner for captaining most of the Sunday friendly games, John and Mick for the groundwork; Paul, Ben Hansford and Ben Hawker on the selection committee and Tony and the club committee for all their support and encouragement.

Justin Gray

Strollers Report

Results did not always go our way this season but we had some fine individual performances. Neil Meredith appears to relish playing against Himbleton, as following on from his score of 79 the previous season he hit a swashbuckling 77 this season. On debut in the same game Aaron

Ranasinghe took 4 wickets before Rob Smith and Steve Bell scored 69 and 31 respectively. However, we finished 40 short chasing 292.

Our skipper Ian Watt led admirably from the front and although one of our 3 scorebooks which we used this season went missing, I can see from the information available that he had scores of 25,26,27 and a top score of 51 not out against the creaking and ever ageing Fossils. The hard hitting Gavin O'Hanlon seemed determined to try and retain his player of the season trophy with scores of 25, 29 and 50 and Phil Harrison was also in contention with 3 scores of 25 not out.

Jonny Lee in his twilight years, had a marvellous season with the ball, the highlight of which was taking 4 wickets in the one over. Unfortunately, on that particular evening he was playing against the strollers.

The season had many notable highlights and in particular on the final evening of the season, after trying several deliveries of curry from various curry houses, we established that the Chennai Lounge would be our curry house of choice for 2022.

Although we lost more than we won the strollers went out there every Wednesday evening in the fading sunlight with a dream that this might be their evening and a determination to amount to more than the sum of their parts. Most of the time, it doesn't happen, but just occasionally some tiny act of near brilliance happens to us that brings us a yard or two closer to our dream.

Friendship, defiance and hope. That is why we do it and of course, the curry after the game.

Chris Chattaway

League Delegates Report

The Worcestershire Cricket League has held its AGM there were few changes however, following was decided;

1st XI to be in Division 2, 2nd XI to be in Division 6 and 3rd XI to be in Division 10N

A final decision regarding Teas is to be made in March, clubs have voted 52% against re instating

We have confirmed with the league that our 3rd XI will play its Saturday home fixtures at Stone, five in total and two home matches on Sunday's against Old Hill and Lye.

All three Senior teams have been entered into their respective Midweek knock out cups

Tony Boardman

Junior and Youth Season Report 2021

The 2021 season was initially impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.

The loss of the Winter Nets due to COVID 19 Restrictions was a considerable blow to development. Let's hope the planned sessions can take place this Winter.

The Junior Summer nets started from April, with good attendance at sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays. In the close season, discussions have taken place with our coaching partners, on how we can improve the relevance of the sessions to focus on the basics of batting, bowling and fielding with more coach intervention to eradicate bad habits, improve skills on a progressive basis.

If any senior players would like to make themselves available to help out at our summer training sessions, please contact me.

Friday evening All Stars, Young Tons, Under 11 and Girls practice sessions were regularly attended by 120. For the first time these were extended until the end of July which resulted in a significant uplift in food and beverage sales on those nights. Thanks to Mick Ross and Debbie Burrows behind the bar and the excellent waiters and waitresses (especially the Head Sommelier!!)

Also special thanks to David Glover and Jill Turner for organizing and communicating with parents and coaches. We received very positive feedback from a number of parents about our Friday night training programmes. We also successfully launched our masterclass programme for our U13-U18s who were already playing senior cricket, thanks to Paul Shannon for overseeing this.

With the help of one of our coaching partners Complete Cricket, we launched Young Tots, a programme giving 3 to 5-year-olds their first taste of playing cricket with their parents in a fun and safe environment. 20 boys and girls signed up.

The Summer Camp was organised by David Glover and proved a success as we received 180 plus day bookings from parents of children aged 6-14 over the 6 days we ran our camps. We have also received 8-10 expressions of interest to join the club as a new junior member.

With these numbers and the feedback received, we will be organising the camps again.

The Youth Presentation day on the 30th August was successful with two inter club games, one involving the Under 11 Boys and Girls -the other a keenly contested 100 ball match between the Under 15's and Parents. Our thanks to all those who contributed to the day, making it a friendly family atmosphere.

The progression of Youth players into the Senior ranks has continued with several establishing themselves in the First XI, another group moving into the Second XI and more young players from the Under 13's became regulars in the 3rd XI. The use of "developmental' Sunday friendlies, also provided the opportunity to 'blood' Junior players alongside a number of experienced players. Thanks goes to all the Senior Captains and Paul Shannon who have assisted the integration of the younger players so successfully and the awarding of their prestigious Club caps

Amy Evans and Sam Richardson have enrolled on the ECB Safe Hands Course in February. Adam Burrows and Jon Glover are enrolled in the ECB Foundation Coaching Course and Paul Shannon, Simon Flowers Phil Harrison, Steve Harvey, Jim Richardson, Geoff Day and Robbie Lee on the next ECB Core Coaching Course when finalized

2021 League and Cup Competitions



2021 season results				
Team	<i>Played (actual)</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>League position</i>
U15 11 a-side	6	3	3	4 th in 10 team league.
U14 11 a -side	9	6	3	2 nd in 6 team league.
U14 11 a-side	1		1	KO cup. Round 1
U14 pairs 10 a -side	7	4	1	2 nd in 6 team league.
U13 9 a-side	7	2	5	5 TH in 6 team league.
U12 9 a-side	7	2	5	5 th in 6 team league.
U11 9 a -side	6	1	5	6 th in 6 team league.
U10 pairs 8 a -side	5	0	5	9 team league.8 th
U9 pairs 8 a-side	11	7	4	4 team festivals.2 nd
U13 Girls 8 a-side	3		3	5 th in 5 team league.
U11 Girls 6 a -side	4	1	3	3 team festivals. 3 rd .
U9 Girls 6 a -side	4	2	2	3 team festivals.2 nd .

This season, many home and away games were cancelled/deferred due to weather or lack of availability within one or both of the teams in some cases. This was often because, as lockdown was lifted, parents took their children away on UK holidays and breaks at relatively short notice which often torpedoed managers' plans and decimated availability. In total there were 16 cancelled or unfulfilled matches AND 3 conceded matches.

Review of the Season

Under 15-A decent outturn given that historically this squad needs players to play up 1-2 years to get an 11 a-side team out and historically played in the bottom tier of the Sunday County League. Four of the actual Year 11's only played 3 games or less. It's likely that we will only have 2 U16's "on the books" next year based on feedback received and historical trends.

Under 14- Had a good league season which started really well but tailed off following 3 defeats to Wolverhampton and Himley. In 2022 the Youth Committee has agreed that more "fringe" or younger players should play in the U14/15s pairs competition.

Under 13& Under 12-Both teams had disappointing seasons and whilst there are several talented players who have played senior cricket or have the capability to play senior cricket, as teams, they have not progressed. The Managers have reached the conclusion that “a back to doing the basics right” coaching sessions are needed during the 2022 Winter and Summer practice sessions, using the parental support that has been offered in order to improve the players’ skills and hopefully make the teams more competitive particularly as this season’s U13s as U14s next year move to 11 a-side cricket.

Under 10 & Under 11- Given that we only have 5 Under11’s/Y6s and 6 Under 10’s/Y5s and most of the players are very much in early hard cricket ball development, it isn’t surprising the Under 10’s won no matches and the U11s only won once. The Youth Sub-Committee have acknowledged that these age group squads need augmenting by recruitment or via development of Y5 and Y4 players. A relevant positive factor is that a number of talented Y3s and Y4s who are now comfortable playing hard ball cricket supported the older age players. This bodes well for the future. However, based on feedback from the teams’ managers it is clear that the club must also focus on these age groups’ training programmes many of whom suffered from playing no hard ball T20 cricket in 2020 and provide a tailored coaching programme to ensure they get the very basic/simple things right.

Under 9 Incredi-ball squad- This team finished equal top of its 4-team division with an experienced Hagley side, losing out on a place at the county finals on RW. This was an excellent outturn as every Young Ton (we had 40+) had the chance to play in at least 1 tournament. A number of Year 3 and 4 boys have also already played for the U10s and U11s teams.

Girls Under 9, Under 11 and Under 13. Given the absence of any Girls cricket last year and with Sophie Hancox and Rob Lee having effectively to re-establish Girls cricket from scratch, the future direction of travel looks very promising for which Sophie and Rob must take great credit. We entered an Under 9s Girls only tournament for the first time and came second. Our Under 11s (made up of mainly Year 5s) battled away and started winning despite being in a tournament with Bromsgrove and Bewdley, both who are longer established and acknowledged Girls cricket clubs. Availability was a real challenge for the Under 13s Girls matches and the teams in this competition only played 3-4 games each. The Under 13s also faced stronger and more established clubs in this competition.

Tony Boardman & David Glover

Grounds Report

Under the circumstances with the poor weather at the beginning of the season and not a very good summer I thought that the wickets prepared were good cricket wickets for batsmen and bowlers.

With the recent purchase of a brush cassette to go with the verticutter this will greatly assist in wicket preparation and hopefully better wickets.

The square is being deep spiked which I’m told should increase bounce and carry.

Plans are in place to extend the safety netting on the road end incorporating a sight screen which will be movable similar to a curtain.

The felt roof on the front elevation has been removed and replaced.

Thanks to all the people who have helped on the ground and pavilion to keep it looking good.

Especially Michael Ross Mick Sawyer Graham Stringer Larry Turner and George Bartram.

We are looking forward to 2022 and hopefully a good season for the weather and good results for all teams.

John Raybould

Bar & Catering Report,

This has been a Summer of many challenges, with everyone having to learn new skills and remember old ones quickly!!

Thanks especially to Mick Ross, who was the brains behind the operation. He co-ordinated the increased number of opening times in the week and did a number of long shifts at the weekend in addition to cashing up every week. John Raybould stepped up and covered the majority of the Strollers matches on Wednesday evenings and went to the bank a lot. Conner Kavaski was efficient with his long range stock ordering. John Price did a great job again cleaning the draft beer pipes. Thanks to Dave Knights, for his thorough cleaning regime and to the waiters and waitresses who worked extremely hard on Friday evenings and Bespoke Financial Services for sponsoring the shirts and aprons. We envisage continuing with this serving practise next season. All this enabled the club to make a Bar surplus of over £14,000.

Thanks to all the ladies who helped provide a variety of catering at the weekend; Rachael Bartram, Maggie Hawk, Elaine Ross, Jill Turner & Bev Greatbach, and Theresa Flowers with the Youth parents during the Youth matches

Theresa has kindly offered to chair the Catering subcommittee next season, please contact her if you are able to assist.

Brian Pardoe

Fundraising report

We continue to develop our social media platform and aim to tie it in with the new website, www.belbroughtoncc.co.uk which will provide an exceptional tool to promote the club and will aid us in marketing and sponsorship initiatives. The site will form a shell over and link to Play-Cricket for statistical use, both sites will cross reference each other. The new site is now live.

FUNDRAISING

While this year has still been disrupted by restrictions or efforts have resulted in the following;

BBQs & Catering £755

Bonus Ball draws £1939

Fantasy Football, Euro & Blast sweeps £284

RaB is implementing the '100 club' again for next season, already in progress.

We have recently held the Annual Presentation Dinner which was a great success. Thanks should go to Richard Dunn for hosting the vending and Amy Evans for taking the photos, and obviously Rob and Tony for organising everything else.

New Year sponsored walk to be held on 9th Jan starting and finishing at 'The Bartrams', details being circulated.

We will form a meeting as a 'sub committee' after the AGM to propose a schedule of fundraising events for next year.

We hope that many of the events that we have been unable to hold will return next year including our involvement in Scarecrow Weekend.

SPONSORSHIP

Last years sponsorship totalled £ 3200

We already have commitments for 2022 of £2050, largely due to the T20/Training shirt initiative.

RB & DG are working together on the sponsorship initiative next season and have a few new avenues to explore.

DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA.

We are working hard to enable the new website and appoint a Communication officer or similar in order to improve links between players, non playing members and committee.

We will update on a regular basis.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed this season.

Richard Bartram

Senior Cricket Steering Group 2021 Report.

The first face to face meeting of the Senior Cricket Steering Group took place in May.

It was attended by Rob Hawk (RH)-Chair, David Glover (DG), Rich Bartram, Richard Dunn, Tom Oliver (TO) and Andy Farmer. Since this meeting the group have met regularly over the summer and after the season finished and since the initial meeting attendees have also included representatives from the Ground & Maintenance Team , John Raybould (JR) and Mick Ross, senior team captains, (BHw, BHa & JG), Paul Shannon (PS) and Chris Chattaway(CC).

The Group's terms of reference(TOR) have been broadly agreed in principle and the future direction of travel can be summarised as follows:

- >The Group is NOT/should Not be concerned with individual selection of persons- this is the Senior selection Sub-Committee remit

- ≥TOR for this group is to present recommended time -related or aspirational objectives and plans for and provide the strategic direction including in response to captains requested “steers” for, cricket at BCC in 2021, if credible and reasonably achievable and in 2022 and beyond.
- Target production of suggested plans which are commented upon/reviewed by group including the Senior Selection Committee.
- Identify roles/responsibilities as the group evolves/to deliver agreed objectives/plans
- [N.B. It has been noted that the group may need to consider long-term at the relevant time how it dovetails development of Women’s& Girls cricket into this initiative]

The meetings have discussed a range of subjects regarding senior cricket at BCC including,

-Specific objectives for cricket contained in the 2020 Club Development Plan, 2021 Club Development Plan, League cricket requirements, Senior Net arrangements, Recruitment, Sunday fixtures and how will the Club, and what will be done by who and when to develop 16-21 year olds who play for the Club’s senior teams

Captains follow up to players’ meeting

At a meeting attended by the Senior Captains in October, the comments aired at the players’ meeting were discussed and reflected upon. As a result, it was agreed by the captains that

- no new DOC should be appointed following PS’ step down
- if say a parent had a grumble which wasn’t resolved with the relevant Captain, the matter should be referred to this group/RH for resolution.
- the Captains and VCs would not require a chair for the selection committee.

Availability

Given the challenges faced over the summer with availability it was agreed that the “general availability” of individuals who had played senior cricket would be checked. See Appendix 1 for full Saturday and Sunday survey results sent to captain(s).

Saturdays- 75%-100%- 23 of 39 surveyed. 50%-75%- 8 of 39 surveyed.

U13-U18 Saturdays. 75%-100%-5.50-75%-8

U13-U18 Availability on Sundays.-75%+ or 25%.(A number of replies from these parents expressed interest in their sons playing some or only shorter format matches on Sunday.)

It was agreed based on the feedback from the captains that:

- availability on Saturdays will be similar to last season and,
- numbers might be particularly challenging in May and June.

3rd's home Saturday fixtures

The Group’s preference for 3rd XI matches is that they are played at home on Sundays or at Stone CC.

Winter Nets.

Senior Winter nets have been booked for 7 Sundays. Availability is dependent on the school having a site manager available by 31/1/22 to open up the hall.

Summer Nets.

It is proposed by BHW that the 1st XI squad train in the nets on Wednesdays and have fielding drills on Thursdays. BHW/BHA requested nets be organised by say a "player coach" and/or TO/PS instead of paying an external coach. Agreed the AK masterclasses in the summer for the U13s-U18s etc should continue.

Sunday Captain

Agreed that a permanent appointment should be made to help achieve young player development objectives.

Sunday Friendly X1/Sunday cricket-see also 3rd's home Saturday fixtures above

It was agreed in principle that this team should be used, and selection made on the basis to get senior players "back into nick" and develop younger players for senior Saturday cricket.

Following feedback about shorter form Sunday cricket it was agreed that consideration should be given to splitting the Sunday fixtures into Sunday Academy Development XI 40 over fixtures (e.g., Bewdley/Avoncroft) and shorter format matches.

Strollers' weekday and Sunday pm senior & junior fixtures

After a detailed analysis and discussion of accommodating increased numbers of junior fixtures without diluting Strollers or credible Sunday XI fixtures, the following principles have been agreed by the group including following input from TO,DG, JR and CC:

-Strollers Home fixtures would start Whit week 2022 and subject to the next point continue on Wednesdays as normal.

-CC would make 3 fixtures against stronger opposition (e.g., the "Dooley XI"), a "club fixture" with the team being 50% Strollers and 50% 1st/2nd XI players. These fixtures would be moved to a Thursday to free up a Wednesday in each of June, July and August.

-The arrangements for Thursday training will need to be planned in advance once the logistics for senior cricket practice sessions are agreed by the captains at a future Steering Group meeting.

Going forward, once CC finalises the Strollers fixtures for 2022 and circulates details to TO,DG and JR, TO/DG will then liaise periodically in February/March 2022 to agree availability for Sunday afternoon Youth matches and festivals to enable TO to then schedule Sunday Dev X1/other senior matches.

Player recruitment including player coach/overseas player

RH is hopeful via the contacts/network he has to secure the services of an overseas player

Improving playing surfaces-future plans of the Grounds team

JR will now be preparing 1st XI wickets 10 days in advance and watering the square based on Chris Longmore's advice including deep spiking the square to address the inconsistency of bounce and carry.

David Glover

Appendix 1

5 Year Vision: What do we want people to be saying about our club in 5 years' time?

"To be known as one of the leading village cricket clubs in Worcestershire, with wonderful facilities for all to enjoy cricket."

"An asset to the village"

Purpose: Why does our Cricket Club exist?

Key Player Facts:

224(m)		125(f)		Total -349	
Members		Teams		Coaches	
M	F	M	F		
All Stars	22	25		2	
U8 U9	25	17	2	3	
U10 U11	13	17	2	2	
U12 U13	15	9	2	2	
U14 U15	13	5	2	2	
U18 U19	8		1	1	
Senior	58 -11		5	1	
VP	31+	23+45			

Our Key Priorities for 2022 are:

1. First XI, to retain Div 2 status and build towards promotion Second & Third XI to provide suitable competitive cricket for senior & youth players
2. Improve playing surfaces
3. To play WCL Third XI cricket at our own ground on Sundays & have more friendlies
4. To continue to improve a new Bar & Catering regime

What do we need to do to achieve our vision?

Objectives	Actions	Who	When	Cost
Players, Members and Volunteers What do we need to do to improve their experience at our club? Senior & Youth Cricket	Maintain and increase 50% of our senior playing membership to have come from our junior section	Liaise with local Primary Schools Senior and Youth Selectors reps. on	1 year	£500?
	Improve player availability	Captains	1 year	Save £2500
	Recruit 1 st XI players- overseas /player coach	Fixtures Sec. Sen Cricket Com. Yth Comm	1 year	Part funded
	To further develop the Girls Section To maximise Youth players potential	Develop club coaches by funding ECB course attendance	Youth Managers	
Lobby the WCL & other WCL clubs to establish a county wide Sunday 3 rd XI league	Consult Senior Third XI players Suggest to League to play 40 over 3 rd XI on Sun U17 Blast cricket and evaluate playing ad hoc Sunday pm cricket involving 5-6 U17s	Cricket Comm. Gen. Comm League delegate	1year	Save £1000 Increase bar takings
Retaining 50% players per year from our u14 & u15 squad Set up a U15 –U19 Devel Squad Selecting more youth players to play	Senior Captains to liaise with and Youth coaches/managers Development Net Sessions with Level 3 Coach Talented youth players to be invited to all Senior	Cricket committee Youth coaches Yth Comm.& D'C	Annualy	Subsidise nets, & coaches fees? 22x£48= £1000

	senior cricket	<p>nets, in order to play senior weekend cricket Explain to parents the progression route to/from each senior team</p> <p>Improve communication and planning to make the most of practice sessions We will continue to try to recruit Parents to manage, but not necessarily to Coach, the players in their respective age groups. Appoint new Friday evening Co-ordinators</p> <p>Appoint Social Media and Marketing Officer</p> <p>Appoint a new Catering Com with clearly defined roles</p> <p>Offer the club house facilities for community groups from the village to meet</p> <p>Improve advertising of club events in the village, & Parish News and via social media channels</p>	<p>Youth Committee Cricket Committee</p> <p>S&F Committee Bar.& Catering Comm</p> <p>Social Committee and publicity officer</p> <p>Grounds Committee</p> <p>Chris Longmore Verticutter</p> <p>Wicket Mower</p> <p>Square mower</p> <p>Covers</p> <p>Consult P</p> <p>Margetts</p> <p>Obtain quotes</p> <p>Cricket & Youth Committee</p> <p>Apply for Grants</p> <p>Pavilion</p> <p>Kitchen</p> <p>Garage</p> <p>Finance sub committee</p> <p>Social Committee</p> <p>Finance Committee</p>	<p>1 year</p> <p>Annually</p> <p>1 year</p> <p>1 yrs</p> <p>1yr</p> <p>5yr</p> <p>1yr</p> <p>1yr</p> <p>2yr</p> <p>1yr</p> <p>2 yrs</p> <p>1 year</p> <p>1 year</p> <p>1 year</p> <p>2 yrs</p> <p>1 year</p>	<p>Expenses to be budgeted and approved by A Bri</p> <p>Expenses to be budgeted and approved by A Bri</p> <p>Expenses to be budgeted and approved by A Bri</p> <p>£5000</p> <p>£200 pa</p> <p>£3000</p> <p>£1000</p> <p>£1000</p> <p>£1000</p> <p>£3000</p> <p>£3000</p> <p>£4,000</p> <p>£500</p> <p>£500</p> <p>£4,000</p> <p>£500 per annum</p>
	<p>To employ suitable professional coaches to support all junior squads</p> <p>Exploit social media platforms to promote cricket and S&F activities at Club</p> <p>Est. a new Bar & Catering Com</p> <p>For the club to be known as the hub of the community.</p> <p>To improve standard of playing and practicing facilities.</p>	<p>Refurbish the Nets & NTP</p> <p>Invite inspection of the square by technical experts from GMA or Worcs.GA</p> <p>Employ a consultant groundsman to advise throughout the season to improve consistency of bounce and carry</p> <p>End of season work on square to be professionally completed annually</p> <p>Purchase.service & repair Mowers,Verticutter etc</p> <p>Covers for bowlers run ups</p> <p>Extend the High Safety fence & improve sightscreens</p> <p>Send coaches on ECB Courses</p> <p>Purchase a Roll on Roll off Batting Cage & Bowling Machine</p> <p>Explore avenues for funding</p> <p>Replace Immersion water heaters</p> <p>Repair Garage Facia</p> <p>Develop detailed plan</p> <p>To implement a new Bar & Catering regime and to restore the pre covid planned club social functions to</p>	<p>Improve coaching equipment</p> <p>Refurbish, the Pavilion roof</p> <p>Update Kitchen to ensure clean & safe</p> <p>To have a £4k contingency fund by 2022</p> <p>To increase profits each year in line with inflation</p>	<p>What do we need to do to improve our facilities?</p>	<p>Facilities</p>
	<p>How can we save & make money to invest back in</p>	<p>Finances</p>	<p>How can we save & make money to invest back in</p>	<p>What do we need to do to improve our facilities?</p>	<p>Finances</p>

club? BAR & Catering	improve bar takings and increase social membership Hire out club facilities for matches and meetings Revising of junior practice & match schedule is already reaping benefits for bar takings & catering	Bar Committee Catering Comm In service training for catering	
	To become less reliant on cricket income More fund raising events essential by targeting non-members, parents etc. Improve communication with Membership & local community via social media Hire out club facilities Expand sponsorship opportunities	Social Committee Finance Committee Social media officer	5 years

Strengths - Committee	Strengths - Players	Weaknesses - Committee	Weaknesses - Players
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family atmosphere - Home grown membership - Village feel - Beautiful surroundings - Strong club values - Relationship with land lady - Existing members - Net facility and accessibility of - Lease/Tenure - Security & Safety - Volunteers - +Maintain consistent engagement with/by parents of Junior/Youth teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family club - Ethics - Location - Club Environment - Approachable people - Practice facilities - Changing Facilities - Club House amenities - Strollers O45's team - Sunday Cricket - Youth section integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Imbalance of age range of the committee - Recruitment of parents - Maintenance and upkeep of playing facilities - Transition from junior to senior section - Establish a new Catering Comm - New strategy to exploit social media platforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ground Drainage - Pitches - consistency of bounce - 16-25 age group - Leadership succession planning & continuity - Players lost to uni/work - WCL 3rd XI Sunday - Recruitment of players - Player availability
Opportunities - Committee	Opportunities - Players	Threats - Committee	Threats - Players
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community usage - External use restricted - Coffee mornings - Village engagement - Integration of sections - Send D'C & Yth Coaches on courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More youth involved in Senior cricket - Coaching on Thursdays - BDPCCL - 3rd XI home games on Sun - Integration day – full club juniors/seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retaining players - Youth involvement in running club - Weather – flooding – loss of revenue - Increase the group of parents involved in operational support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relegation - Retaining players - Comp. from local clubs - Weather – loss of matches - School cricket – weekends - Other activities

Appendix 2

CHAIRMAN
BRIAN PARDOE

CLUB PRESIDENT
LADY GUTHRIE

CLUB SECRETARY & LEAGUE DELEGATE

TONY BOARDMAN

TREASURER
ANDY BRIDGE

VICE CHAIRMAN
ROB HAWK

<p>SENIOR CRICKET STEERING GROUP</p> <p>R HAWK</p> <p>SELECT. LIAISON</p> <p>Capt or V Capts</p> <p>INS, H&S COMP</p> <p>D. GLOVER</p> <p>FIXTURES T. OLIVER</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA TBC</p>	<p>SENIOR Cricket SELECTION</p> <p>ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</p> <p>1ST XI – BEN HAWKER</p> <p>VC – MARK BURROWS</p> <p>2ND XI – BEN HANSFORD</p> <p>VC – RICK WRIGLEY</p> <p>3RD XI – JUSTIN GRAY</p> <p>VC – JACOB MOORSE</p>	<p>YOUTH & WELFARE TONY BOARDMAN</p> <p>Welfare JILL TURNER</p> <p>Ast Welfare SAM Richardson & AMY EVANS</p> <p>DoC - PAUL SHANNON</p> <p>Admin – DAVID GLOVER</p> <p>Girls SOPHIE HANCOX</p> <p>U15 SIMON FLOWERS</p>	<p>GROUPS & MAINTENANCE</p> <p>JOHN RAYBOULD</p> <p>LARRY TURNER</p> <p>MICK ROSS</p> <p>GRAHAM STRINGER</p> <p>MICK SAWYER</p> <p>SIMON FELTON</p>	<p>BAR</p> <p>MICK ROSS</p> <p>CONNER</p> <p>KARVASKI</p> <p>JOHN PRICE</p> <p>DAVE</p> <p>KNIGHTS</p> <p>BRIAN</p> <p>PARDOE</p>	<p>CATERING</p> <p>THERSEA</p> <p>FLOWERS</p> <p>TBC</p>	<p>FUNDRAISING & SOCIAL</p> <p>RICH BARTRAM</p> <p>RACHAEL</p> <p>BARTRAM</p> <p>ROB HAWK</p> <p>MAGGIE HAWK</p>
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GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL COMPRISE 8 MEMBERS; **CHAIRPERSON**, **VICE CHAIRPERSON**, **SECRETARY**, **TREASURER** & FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING SUB COMMITTEE'S **SCC**, **SCSG**, **Y&W**, **G&M**, **BAR**, **CATERING**, **S&F**

EY: OFFICERS IN **RED** TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS

OFFICERS IN **BLACK** SHOULD HOLD THEIR OWN SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WITH A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE FULL COMMITTEE MEETING.

OFFICERS IN **RED** WILL ALSO OVERSEE/LIASE WITH A SUB COMMITTEE.

OFFICERS IN **GREEN** TO ATTEND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Appendix 3

Worcestershire County League Division Two	Final Position 2021
1 Belbroughton 1st XI (R)	W1 11th
2 Burghill, Tillington & Weobley 1st XI	W1 12th
3 Bromsgrove 2nd XI	W2 4th
4 Himley 2nd XI	W2 5th
5 Astwood Bank 2nd XI	W2 6th
6 Bredon 1st XI	W2 7th
7 Cookley 1st XI	W2 8th
8 Himbleton 1st XI	W2 9th
9 Enville 1st XI	W210th
10 Harborne 3rd XI (P)	W3 (Champs)
11 Alvechurch & Hopwood 1st XI (P)	W3(Runner Up)
12 Bartestree & Lugwardine 1st XI	W3 (3rd)

(12 Teams - WLD & WL - 100 Overs - 16th April to 10th Sept - 12:30 pm Start)

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Worcestershire County League Division Six	Final Position 2021
1 Kidderminster 3rd XI (R)	W5 (11th)
2 Kempsey 1st XI (R)	W5 (12th)
3 Stourbridge 3rd XI	W6 3rd
4 Hagley CC 2nd XI	W6 4th
5 Enville 2nd XI	W6 5th
6 Bromyard 2nd XI	W6 6th
7 Old Vigornians 2nd XI	W6 7th
8 Himley 3rd XI	W6 8th
9 Alveley 1st XI	W6 9th
10 Belbroughton 2nd XI	W6 10th
11 Cleobury Mortimer 1st XI (P)	W7 (R Up)
12 Cutnall Green 1st XI (P)	W7 3rd

(12 Teams - WLD & WL - 100 Overs - 16th April to 10th Sept - 12:30 pm Start)

Worcestershire County League (Regional) Division Ten (North)	Final Position 2021
1 Himley 6th XI	W9E 1st (179 pts)
2 Old Hill 3rd XI (Sunday)	W9N 2nd (168 pts)
3 Himley 5th XI	W9N 3rd (157 pts)
4 Halesowen 5th XI	W9N 4th (114 pts)
5 Belbroughton 3rd XI (Sunday)	W9N 5th (112 pts)
6 Pedmore 3rd XI	W9N 6th (110 pts)
7 Lye 3rd XI (Sunday)	W9N 7th (81 pts)
8 Stourbridge CC 5th XI	New
8	(8 Teams - All WL - 80 Overs - Sat 30th April to Sat 30th July - 1:00 pm Start)