

## **Annual Report for Parish Meeting (May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025)**

2024 was a challenging season on a number of fronts but ultimately if you look across the whole club it was ultimately a successful one!

The highlights were our Ladies Team winning the Two Counties T20 Division One and losing only one game in the process, our U15s being crowned Suffolk Champions and our 2s once again winning the T20 Suffolk Cup in the Tier 3 Division for the 3rd time of asking.

We also had another very well attended Club Sponsor day and I would like to say have established this event as an annual feature in our calendar. It is certainly very popular with our Sponsors and a great reason to bring the whole club together for a day, which happens on rare occasions.

All three Men's Senior Teams had tough seasons but can be proud of the fight they showed and although it went down to the last games of the season we survived relegation and go again in 2025 in the same divisions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob, Foz and Jerry for all their hard work and dedication since being in charge of their respective teams. Rob is sadly moving on and will be sorely missed having been at the club since he was a junior. Foz has done a sterling job with the 2s but another hectic wedding season beckons for Suffolk's most popular best man! Jerry is also stepping down after several years running the Sunday side but can be extremely proud of his last season in charge, taking 26 wickets with two five wicket hauls and the best bowling figures in a match across the club with his 6 for 11 in 4 overs in a T20!

As mentioned above, contrary to the Men's Teams, our Ladies Team had a very successful season winning the Two Counties T20 Division One. Ladies cricket at Easton continues to go from strength to strength and with Girls cricket really taking off I can only see our Ladies going in one direction! A special thanks to Lizzie, whose energy, drive and commitment to not only the Ladies but the club as a whole is unmatched.

Our Junior Teams at Easton are also a force to be reckoned with across the county! Our aim is to ensure a pathway to senior cricket for these boys and so it is especially gratifying to see so many starting to play on Saturday and Sundays. I am excited about the talent that will be available to the Men's teams in seasons to come! A big thanks to everyone who puts in their time to the Juniors. Angus, Carol and all the Managers and Coaches, it is quite an operation running U9s,

11s, 13s and 15s. A special thanks to Angus, who steps down as Junior Chairman after 3 years in charge and James, our Junior Head Coach, who with the birth of his son has decided to take a break from coaching. You leave the Juniors in great shape and so a big thanks from the whole club.

Nicholas Edgell takes over as Junior Chairman and with his wealth of experience leading various professional and sporting bodies I am very confident the Easton Juniors are in good hands.

It is refreshing to see so many new faces on the committee in 2025 and with it new ideas and energy to take the club forward.

After a period of significant investment in the club's infrastructure over the last 2 years with new nets, covers, picket fence and a refurbished clubhouse we are focusing on rebuilding our financial reserves and so looking for additional sponsors and fundraising opportunities. Please get in touch if you would like to explore sponsoring the club and with it securing an invitation to the aforementioned Sponsors Day!

We are always on the lookout for new players, young and old, and so if you fancy donning the whites once more or even for the first time you will be made to feel very welcome at Easton CC!

We also welcome supporters and so if you would like to sample the famous Easton cricket tea please come along on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon!

Cheers

Jamie Harper

Easton CC Chairman