

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022

Another year has again flashed past. It was a novelty to have a fixture list affected not by rain but by extremely high temperatures. It was a blessing that we managed to avoid losing a single game to the new heat regulations.

The outdoor nets spread around the County were well-attended and equally benefitted from some fine weather. The same arrangement is being organised for 2023.

There were again several new members appearing which was encouraging given the circumstances, and in all three age groups as well. The unfortunate repeat of all the friendly games being cancelled was once again most unfortunate. The prospect of two games scheduled for 2023 against international touring sides may perhaps be more attractive and allow us to put up a team.

There were sporadic outbreaks of tea being provided but it remains the case that the norm is still BYO. Long-distance travel is going to be an even more pressing issue given the price of fuel, which looks set to remain at its current high level. The National AGM for the 60s/70s may produce partial solutions in reducing distances and we may alleviate the pressure at the knockout stages by agreeing on a system of subsidies, depending on any consensus this meeting can arrive at.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to come to the AGM on 20th and to enjoy the Buffet, especially if Qatar v Ecuador is not too much of a distraction.

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