

It is with great regret that OCC announces the death of Chris Hora. He died in the Princess Royal University Hospital in the early hours of Saturday 4th June. Chris was a founder member of the club and helped to create the Life Membership scheme through which funding is being ring fenced for the development of coaching and youth cricket. He was immensely proud of this achievement having hosted the 'Old Boys Reunion Dinner' with the sole purpose of fundraising for the development of youth cricket. He was a huge promoter of talent within the club, always to be found passing on tips and advice to the younger players though it is dubious how many will actually ever play a square cut with the regularity that he managed! He will be hugely missed for his humour, his banter with Stockbridge whom he abused regularly both in public and private, his fondness for the WAGs (they know who they are) a warm beer. and fish and chips on the boundary. Never again will Yamma be spotted helping himself to handfuls of chips and moaning about the amount of salt and vinegar!!

It was very fitting that the first team included a short prayer yesterday to mark his passing with Kelly and Helen - and that the boys took to the field all wearing black armbands. The boys promised him 20 points and got them, thanks to stunning innings by Robbo and Rich, vintage bowling from the Skipper, and a catch from Pabs that reminded us all that he can walk the walk still!! . The twos, threes and fours all won too. What a fitting tribute and how proud he would have been had he known!!

He is survived by Kelly - a Life Member in her own right - and Michael, and grandchildren - Nicola, Michael, Joe, Jamie and Mary and Great Grandson Harrison.