

Membership Secretary

After the upheaval in 2022 there was considerable uncertainty and apprehension about what might happen to our membership in 2023

In the event we ended the season with 72 members, down from 83 in 2022, a 13% drop. We attracted new members during the year which we hope bodes well for 2024.

In 2024 the membership fee will have to take into account:

- Field rental (£1000 pa in 2023)
- Reduction in reserves (£4052)
- Payments for CA membership (£429)

Groundsman

2023 was a roller coaster.

Only gaining access to Bon Accord and a shipping container for storage in March gave very little time to prepare two lawns which were covered in football spike holes and a mud bath where the penalty spot and goalmouth had been.

Despite this play was able to start early in April. The lawns have been mown in every direction multiple times with the tractor mower and the Dennis mower. Early in the season the lawns were also rolled to try to flatten out the unevenness.

The result was reasonable and the playing surface was not a lot different from that we were used to at the Cricket Club.

Later in the season we were able to host visitors for the high handicap league, which passed off without adverse comment.

Late in the season Lawn 1 was sprayed with weedkiller but perhaps too late to have much of an effect. The plan is to weed kill, scarify, seed, and feed in March when the ground has warmed up enough.

The lawns will continue to be mown and rolled as required through the winter months.

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