

Hello Everyone

Firstly Seasons Greetings to you all.

Before 2009 comes to an end just a quick update –

THE NET REPLACEMENT PROJECT

I would like to thank everyone for supporting our fund raising events and an even bigger thank you to those members who have donated generously to the cause - it never ceases to amaze me the generosity of our members in times of need and as a result of your financial help and the positive news from various fund applications we now have about £13000 earmarked for the new nets.

With a project of this type it is very much a case of all or nothing so there is still much work to be done in reaching our target of £23,000. We are still awaiting a response from the ECB in respect of our grant application and we are also exploring new grant avenues that have recently come to our attention.

We have the contractors booked in for February. However, it must be stressed that unless we have the funds in place by then we will most probably have to delay matters - I thought you should be aware of this, however we will do all we can to reach our target in time.

Most of you know that **BOB BRACEY** has been the driving force behind this project. He has worked tirelessly and to have secured £13,000 in the pot before the year-end is nothing short of brilliant. He would be on my New Year's honour list for sure!! Thank you ever so much Bob and we will continue to assist you until this project is completed.

SPONSORSHIP OF GXCC

We were again fortunate to have a number of generous sponsors for 2009. May I thank you all most sincerely for your financial support and hope you can remain on board with us for 2010. A reminder of our current sponsors –

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Sponsorship is a vital cog in the cricket section's financial model and we need to keep searching for new sponsors. If anyone out there is able to help us please do get in touch with me - we are grateful for any financial support you can give us and in return we can offer online and fixture card advertising. We can also offer on site ground advertising, use of ground and facilities and we can get you publicity in the local press. We are open to any marketing ideas that could benefit you or your company and would love to hear from you.

GXCC ANNUAL DINNER

This will take place on Friday March 26th.

I am delighted to announce that our Guest Speaker for this event will be Jonathan Agnew. Aggers is quite simply the voice of Test Match Special and many of you will know already how amusing he is on radio. He is even funnier Live!!!!

Application forms will be sent out early March.

That's it for now - back with an update sometime in January/February.

Best wishes,
Richard Graham
Chairman