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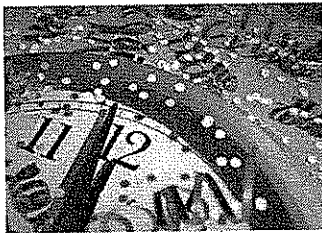
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2015 – Hambrook CC End of Year Review..... (<http://www.hambrookcricketclub.co.uk/924-2/>)

2015 is now nearly at an end.....

It's been another busy and more importantly a successful year at Hambrook Cricket Club.

It's time to take our now customary review of the year, look back and celebrate the highlights then take a sneak preview of the coming year ahead.

January – Rory kicked things off with the first of his fundraisers – a very entertaining Bingo Night. Other events followed including a race night

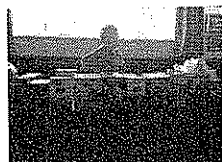
February – both the youth and seniors are back in pre-season training with good numbers attending.

In February Hambrook also confirm the appointment of Neil Higginson as Head Coach to lead the senior coaching for the 2015 season.....

February – the GCB arrange a Club Development Forum at the County Ground and a number of the Hambrook management team attend. They came away with lots of ideas to use in future years at the club....

March – we hold our first ever players evening at the club. A really good night with the club development plan and the results of our first ever players survey are presented to everyone. After this there was a break out session for everyone to exchange ideas on a number of key areas.....these are then fed into the development plan.....Neil Higginson is presented to the members ahead of his first training session the following week.

April – Hambrook again participate in the NatWest CricketForce weekend – this year coordinated by Rory O'Connor there is lots of work done on the ground.....Stuart Rutter gets an early nomination for "Stump of the Year" by de-branching a tree with the heavy roller!.....the weekend is again a big success and ensures we are all set up for the start of the season.



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Another notable item in April was the Easter Egg Hunt, organised by Rory it was a great success.....

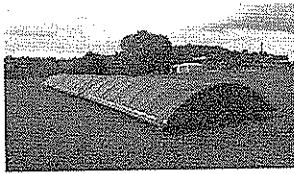
April – the cricket starts with youth and senior teams in action.....Hambrook is also asked to be the training base for the Gloucestershire Senior Women for the 2015 season. News also filters through Hambrook have been awarded an ECB grant to purchase roll on covers.....

May – despite a 10 wicket loss in their first league game the 1st XI start to gain momentum. On Sunday 17th mainly the 1st XI travel to Tetbury for their debut in the County Trophy and come away with a convincing 9 wicket win. On the same day we host District Cricket for the first time for the U13's Stroud & South Gloucestershire v Cheltenham & Cotswold and then another fixture v Gloucester & Forest of Dean two weeks later

May – the youth teams are having a mixed season so far. The U11's struggling to fulfill fixtures due to low numbers and the U17's unable to play due to GCSE's – we try to fill the gaps with younger players moving up but it proves to be in vain as they are outgunned in the few U17 games that are played. The U13's and U15's are faring much better with a number of convincing wins already under their belt.....

A number of youth players are making valuable contributions for the GCB youth district teams.....George Weston, Jeremy Yearsley, George Hanham, Billy Abrahams, Max & Isabel Richards and Austin Hopkin.

U11's coach Danika Dyer is also in T20 action for Gloucestershire Senior Women in the T20 County Championship v Hampshire.



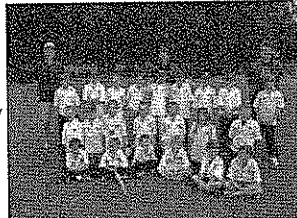
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[content/uploads/2015/12/covers.jpg](http://www.hambrookcricketclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/covers.jpg)) May – The new roll on covers arrive – a major coup for the club given we play on common land. Thanks go to everyone who supported this and our landlords Winterbourne Parish Council for their support of grass roots sport at Hambrook.

June – The club embarks on its first tour for many years, a motley mix of senior, youth players and their families invade Cornwall to play 3 x T20 matches against Falmouth, Newquay & Bude.....Cornwall survives to live another day!!

Later in the month we reluctantly pull the U11's and U17's out of the league due to lack of player availability. The U13's continue their good form in the league and still have a chance to do well in it

June – the Under 7's and Under 9's Kwik Cricket has really gathered momentum under the



stewardship of Rory

(<http://www.hambrookcricketclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/kwik-cricket-sodbury-2015.jpg>) O'Connor. A mini army of willing dads helping out on a Sunday morning is a massive help in getting everyone engaged in the training sessions. Rory again takes a big squad of players to the BYCL Kwik Cricket Festival at Chipping Sodbury – everyone has a great time!!

June – the senior teams are having mixed fortunes. The 1st XI having a remarkable turn around in fortunes (only lost 2 games.....), the 2's suffer from inconsistent form and the 3's are struggling at the bottom of the table due to player availability.

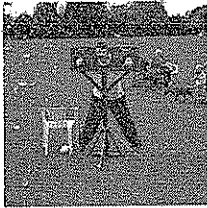
A minutes silence is held between innings on the common for the 2nd XI match v Hallen as mark of respect for Life Member Harold Thornell who had passed away in recent weeks

June – A number of youth players make their senior debuts (Ben & Tom Amos, Brendan Grimstead, Josh Smart, Ollie Jakeways and Dan Carter), they all gain valuable experience in the longer 40 over format.

Danika is again in County action for Gloucestershire this time in the 50 over County Championship at Bridgnorth CC v Shropshire with a telling spell of 10 overs 2 maidens 2 wickets for 22 runs ensuring Gloucestershire take control and win the game.....

July – the youth season winds down but the seniors continue. The 1st XI although knocked out of the cup and progressing the in the 20 over plate (Bateman Trophy). A convincing win on the common over United Banks on the common sets up a semi final in early August.....in the league they dismiss Stoke Bishop for just 50, have an early finish then head over to Page Park to support the 3rds.....a brilliant atmosphere spurs the 3rd's on to win their game and go on winning run through to August Jess Werret is also in action for the Gloucestershire U17 women taking a magnificent 5 for 23 over arch rivals Devon in the U17 County Championship

August – the 2's are now being overseen by vice captain Dean Pullin and start to get a number of wins that see's them secure a top half of the table finish. The 3's do really well building on the win in July and ensures they are safe from relegation.

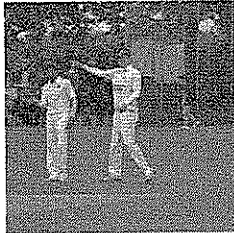


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The 1st XI start August with a win over Bristol Pakistanis at Netham Park, a game which see's Anant Tambevaker take his 50th wicket of the season.

August – Disappointment follows the next day when they are dumped out of the County Trophy away to Cirencester.....needing 108 to win Hambrook, all out in the 22nd over in a game unfortunately marred by very inconsistent umpiring.....

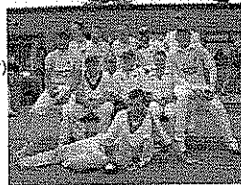


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Their disappointment of this was eased two weeks later when they took on a very strong Whitchurch in the Bateman Trophy Final at Cleeve CC and came away very worthy winners..... details of this are already well documented but perhaps a little known fact is at least 7 of the winning team either played in the youth team or came through the youth ranks at Hambrook.....testament to the work the club has done for many years and continues to do!! A well deserved 7 wicket win.....the video of the winning runs is still available on our Facebook Page: Final Over – Bateman Trophy ([https://www.facebook.com/video.php?](https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=1019749994725579&theater)

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August – a week later and champagne corks are popping again for the 1st XI, after winning their game away at Lodway news comes through that Blagdon have beaten 2nd place Frampton Cotterell giving Hambrook an unassailable lead at the top of the table.

August – with the league title secured attention turned to the immediate future of the 2's and 3's.....we suddenly hit a major availability issue with two league Saturdays to go and are in danger of not being able to fulfil our 3rd team game. Selection is done ensuring all the regular players are offered a game – 1st XI skipper Lee Dyer decides to offer two young players some 1st team exposure. Kieran Smith makes his first team debut and Danika Dyer makes club history by being the first female player to play in the 1st team and bags 3 wickets in the abandoned game v Frampton Cotterell.

August – the club were sorry to hear of the passing of Pat Boss. Pat had been a long time friend of the club and supported grandson Chris Millett for many years. A minutes silence was held before the 1st XI match v Frampton Cotterell.



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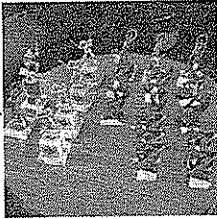
[content/uploads/2015/12/DSC_0396.jpg](http://www.hambrookcricketclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/DSC_0396.jpg)) After the last league game on the 29th the club bids farewell to our overseas player Anant Tambevaker who has taken 55 wickets at an average of 8.93 and struck 871 runs at an average of 79.18 – there's no doubting the impact Anant had this year and his popularity with everyone, thank you Anant we hope to see you again in the future.....



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It was also time for the Youth Section to have their end of season celebrations and awards. The U7's and U9's have a great event to celebrate the hard work done by Rory and his team of helpers in 2015. This is followed afterwards by the U11's – U17's awards evening

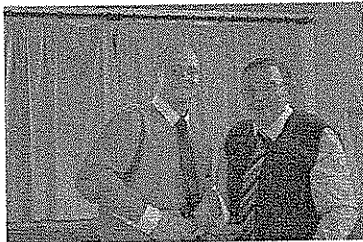


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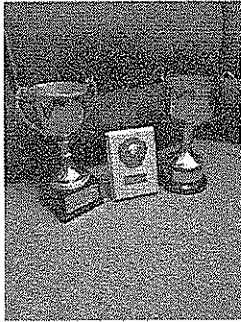


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September – a week later and its the club annual Dinner Dance. Around 50 people attend this at the club and celebrate the triple success of 2015. U11 Coach and Assistant Groundsman Nathan Warren is awarded the coveted 'Clubman' award and Aidy Kislingbury picks up the less coveted but well deserved 'Stump of the Year' – sorry I cannot put the reasons on a public page for Aidy's award, but if you ask him nicely I'm sure he will share his exploits of the game at Whitchurch with you!!!.....



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October – 19 members of Hambrook CC attend the B & D Dinner at the BAWA Club and collect the B & D Division 1 Trophy, are represented the Bateman Trophy. Former Chairman Alistair Kilfoil collects the B & D Bowling award on behalf of Anant Tambavaker and James Wigzell collects the B & D Wicket Keeping award.

October – the GCB announce the 2016 District & County Youth Winter training squads – the full list can be viewed on this link: Hambrook CC Players in GCB Winter Squads (<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/hambrookccyouthsection/news/hambrook-players-make-gcb-winter-squads-1505544.html>) – the main highlight being Max Richards becoming the first Hambrook player in a boys County Squad (sister Isabel not to be outdone and again in the County U11 Girls squad) – well done all its testament to all of your hard work!!

The club also learns Anant is in the running for the coveted Bristol Post Cricketer of the Year Award.

October – We hold our AGM with one or two notable people stepping down from roles they had held for many years. Firstly Jeff Morgan who had run the 100 Club for around 20 years raising at least £1000 a year. Secondly Jon Snell stood down as Club Secretary after 18 years. Presentations were made to both to mark their many years of service. Chairman Martin Dyer stood down as Youth Coordinator after 13 years in the role – Richard Carter was elected as the new Youth Coordinator and brings with him a number of fresh ideas to take the youth section forward.....

October – Hambrook are presented with the Village League Division 2 Award at the Village League AGM.

November – details start to emerge about changes to the B & D structure and rules for 2016. The Bristol Youth League also propose changes to way Youth Cricket runs – the main focus being the cricket offer for U17's next season to try and get players to stay in the game around the challenges of exams etc

November – The club announce that New Zealander Tyler Johansson will be our overseas player for 2016.

November – Lee Dyer and Alistair Kilfoil attend the Bristol Post Sports Awards – unfortunately Anant did not win the Cricketer of the Year award, but to be in the final three is a massive achievement

December – the club is now looking forward and starting to plan 2016. With overseas player already firmed up we can also confirm Neil Higginson will return as Head Coach.

So all in all a fairly quiet year for us.....(LOL). All joking aside so much has happened in a very short space of time and all the signs look good for the immediate future.

The rest they say is history waiting to be written.....already we have set dates for pre-season training (Youth & Senior), arranged a pre-season fundraiser, signed up for NatWest Cricketforce, arranged a club fun day, started to look at commercial opportunities to increase sponsorship, arranged the overseas player, arranged for Gloucestershire CCC to visit us in February, have all the pre-season friendlies and Saturday league games all sorted and booked everything for the Annual Dinner Dance.....and that's just for starters.....seniors will be invited to take part in another survey early in the new year where we again look at the culture and DNA of Hambrook CC.....all to be revealed in the coming weeks.....

Key to all the success of 2015 and going forward is volunteers – if you can help with anything, no matter how much or how little please let me know?

May I take this opportunity to wish all Hambrook players, members and families a very merry christmas and happy new year.

My best wishes to everyone.

Martin Dyer – Chairman, Hambrook CC

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