**Report of the Secretary for the period November 2021 – November 2022**

Norfolk Seniors had another successful season – for the most part with minimal travel to away games. Membership continued to grow; we are now up to 129 players, another record increase of 28 from last year. Mainly this was an increase in the O50s membership. However, we are aware of several registered players who did not get a game this year, even including friendlies, and we should be careful to encourage these to take part where possible. As always, the Club is indebted to Nobby Cobb for his keeping of the averages and for his work on PlayCricket liaising on registrations with the national championships. Teas during 2022 were not reinstated; most players seemed happy with this.

This year we saw centuries and four-wicket hauls. For the O50s 1st XI, Saffy Hetherage scored 101 not out versus Cambridgeshire, and took 4 for 42 versus Huntingdonshire. For the O50s 2nd XI, Richard Everitt’s century was against Cambridgeshire and Andy Myhill’s 4 for 23 was against the same county. For the O60s 1st XI, Robin Yates scored 122 not out versus Hertfordshire and Andy Gregory took 4 for 23 versus Buckinghamshire. Bryn Clarke also scored a century. For the O60s 2nd XI there were three centurions: Geoff Roper (as usual!), Neil Wynn and Robin Konieczny, while Carl Nicholls took 4 for 34 against Suffolk. For the O70s Randolph Lofthouse’s massive 170 not out versus Bedfordshire was a club record, while Ian Parkin took 4 for 24 against the same opposition.

Nationally, the O60s 1srt XI got through to the vase, but lost to Hampshire. The O70s got to the quarter finals of the vase, losing to Gloucestershire. Norfolk was pleased with the operation of The National Management Committee under its new Chair, Chris Swadkin. Several players were assessed at international trials, although none was selected. The National AGM is in early December; Norfolk will continue to vote for proposals that limit excessive travel.

There were four meetings of the Committee this year; all minutes are on the website.

The Club is indebted to Harold van Zanten for organising the Norfolk trip to the Malta Cricket Festival.

We were dismayed during this season to hear of the deaths of our former player Andy Luckhurst and our Honorary Life Vice-President Paul Clayden. Paul’s presence as spectator at our games will be sadly missed.

We held another enjoyable Club Dinner in October; our thanks to Chris and Sue Palmer for organising this. However, due to the low turnout, its continuance in this form will be reviewed by the incoming Committee.

Later in this AGM we shall be awarding trophies as follows: Saffy Hetherage (O50s 1st XI player of the season); Mark Spillett (O50s 2nd XI player of the season); Robin Yates (O60s 1st XI player of the season), Robin Konieczny (O60s 2nd XI player of the season), Randolph Lofthouse (O70s player of the season), Mervyn Mann (Clubman of the year).

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

Joe Perry, Secretary, 19 November 2021