

# DEDICATED CLUB MAN

## Profile of Martin Farrar by Duncan Robinson

Martin Farrar has been a loyal servant to Augustinians Cricket Club for 20 years. He currently plays for the Sunday XI and is also the club's YMCA representative. During his time at the club he has held many other posts including a stint as secretary. He had a spell as 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain when the club joined the Halifax League and also skippered the Sunday XI for a year.



Farrar started playing for Augustinians in unusual circumstances, as he explains: "My two sons originally played for the club and I just used to go along and watch. Then one day I was asked to bring my whites along and have a game and the rest is history. Since then my two sons have stopped playing but I've carried on."

He clearly feels a great affiliation with the club and it was he who was largely responsible for organising the recent dinner to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's founding. He spoke of the event with great pride: "The dinner went extremely well and was a great success. About 130 people showed up and we raised around £1,400 through raffles and auctions. Many of the founder members were there and we had a buffet and anecdotes from different people. The really enjoyable thing about it was that it was a good chance for old friends to meet up and relive the glory years."

Farrar described how he has "always been impressed" with the way Augustinians, as a club, has been so welcoming throughout its history. It is easy to gauge Farrar's affection for Augustinians when he speaks about the club and he does not believe that the club has any negative attributes. It speaks volumes about the club that someone can be involved for 20 years and not have a bad word to say about it.

Farrar's great bond with Augustinians is also evident by his reaction to a question about his worst personal moment while at the club. Rather than speaking of a bad innings or something that only affected him, Farrar instead

answered that his worst moments have been when the club has been “financially hard-up and struggling for players.”

Although he has been at the club for so long, Farrar describes his best moment from his time at Augustinians as coming as recently as last year. This was when he won the award for the best bowling average in the Sunday Section, “after 20 years of trying to win something!”

Away from the cricket field, Farrar has many other interests to occupy his time. These include golf, quizzing, hiking and his other great love, painting.

Martin Farrar certainly paints a perfect picture of Augustinians Cricket Club when he speaks about it as being so close to his heart.