

'PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION'

Interview with Sue Woolford (Luddendenfoot CC) by Gareth Thompson



Can I start by asking you what your role is within the club?

My role at the club now is simply as a scorer, I am retired from the secretary's job but I still attend committee meetings. I felt I needed a break after so many years as a volunteer at the cricket club although I am still very much involved.

Can you tell me a little about your job when you were secretary of the club?

My job meant I was responsible for many parts of the club's general running. I was responsible for committee meetings and keeping the minutes there. There were administrative requirements and I also had to return the averages. I still did the scoring job while I was secretary.

Did you enjoy the work?

It was not a case of enjoying the job; it was always a case for waiting for a problem. One of the major problems came with converting the old licence of the bar to a new licence, which involved a lot of work. My legal background came in very handy for the job. This took place in 2004/5.

How did you get involved with the club?

I started off by going to the ground occasionally and I was asked to help with auditing the accounts and help to raise a grant for the pavilion and an extension for the ground. After that, I was then voted in as club secretary. Basically it came about because my brother's father-in-law used to play and you just get to know people.

Was it a friendly environment to work in and was there much satisfaction in the job?

Oh yes, there was some pleasure and certain satisfaction from the job. I think the three biggest achievements came with getting the grant, starting a bar and converting the old licence to the new one. There was a lot involved with changing the licence and the timing had to be just right.

Are there any other roles that women play at your club? Is your old job run by a woman?

No that's a man. At the moment the 1st and 2nd team scorers are women and for a year or two I dealt with the bar accounts. All the work at the club is purely volunteer work. The work of the tea ladies is very helpful particularly at junior level where the ladies would turn up and help with refreshments.

Do you think you will come back as club secretary?

You can never say never. I have lots of work at my day job, and so fitting all the work in is very hard. The job involvement at the club has changed a lot over the years and the council - who now oversee the licensing of the club - write on a regular basis and want up-to-date records all the time. But like I said, you can never say never.