

WELCOME TO E-TEAMZ!

Interview with Paul Ibbotson, Scholes CC (Holmfirth) Webmaster

When did your club website go online? I believe we went on line about five years ago - the first in Huddersfield?



How many people help with the website apart from you? I do everything on the site – ex-Scholes player Chris Stockdale set it up for me and I learnt how to run it on e-teamz (not hard).

What are your main day-to-day tasks as webmaster? In winter I update maybe every 2-3 weeks - in summer twice a week, when I put photos and a full report up of every match.

Which features of the site are most popular with club members or general browsers? Since I was forced to become boring and non-critical of the politburo - match report, photos and gossip. However, before I gave in for the sake of the club I know people really enjoyed my gentle piss-taking of those "who must be obeyed" -

and superbly funny but always controversial contributions from the likes of the "bridger".

How might your website develop in the future? I can't do much more and have promised not to upset folks any more - but check out the new design of site!

In your opinion, what is special and unique about your club in general? Well, Scholes is a fab club - we did have a great team and will eventually bounce back. We have a great new clubhouse, youngish committee and thriving junior set-up - and beautiful ground to play on. We have two real ales on in summer - it's a real family club with dozens of kids on the ground every weekend. Players tend to stay a while - and often come back if they leave.

What do you like most about your ground? Sitting with friends, in the sun, with a beautiful backdrop, drinking quality ale and watching high quality cricket - that's my idea of heaven.

What does the future hold for your club? We remain ambitious - but to get to the top of local cricket the one thing you need is a recruiter - somebody who will ferret around, make contacts, solicit good players and construct a quality team. We ain't got that now, and won't get back to the top 'til we do. Off the field we will be absolutely fine.

What is your club famous for when it comes to the cricket teas you put on?
Any culinary specialities? No culinary specials apart from home-made cakes made by Colin Jessop.

Favourite away ground you like visiting? I love Armitage Bridge with its beautiful canopy of trees and space for the kids to run around in - you could be anywhere it's so secluded.

What has changed most about local cricket during your lifetime? I've only been involved in local cricket for about 15 years - but the decline in the standard of cricket seems to be inexorable. Sadly there are too many clubs for the number of players available in the modern age; as if kids want to play cricket for 13 hours every weekend more clubs will disappear in the next few years sadly, but we won't be one of them!