

## Interview with Paul Newton

As Mirfield Harry Lime CC gear up for the forthcoming season, batsman Paul Newton is confident that the team can progress significantly this season. The Australian former Harry Limer joins the second team after a couple of successful spells in the Mirfield first team, which saw them gain promotion from Section 'B' in 2005.



### **1. What are your hopes for the upcoming season?**

To have a good season and see some junior players progress to the first team.

### **2. How have you occupied yourself during the winter break?**

I took a Level 1 cricket coaching course, and played a lot of golf.

### **3. From a personal point of view, what do you hope to achieve in the upcoming season?**

To help the second team have a successful season

### **4. Who do you think will be the most dangerous team to play against in the league and why?**

Heckmondwike. They have recruited well which will mean players will drop down into their second team.

### **5. How have team preparations for the season taken shape?**

Very well. There seem to be quite a few new players which is good for the club and will create competition for places.

### **6. How would you describe the mood among the players?**

Team spirit is very good and everyone is looking forward to a good season.

### **7. Realistically, where would you expect to see the club in the league table, come the end of the season?**

Top half of the league and if everyone performs well, maybe the top two.

### **8. Do you think the team can progress after last season's reprieve in the league?**

Yes, definitely because of the influx of new players.

### **9. How do you think the squad compares with last season?**

Much stronger and a lot younger - which has to be a good thing.

### **10. Who do you think the star man in the team is and why?**

Graham Whitworth. He is an all-rounder and is very keen to do well.

### **11. How do you think the Mirfield first team will do this season?**

Very well. With all the new players coming into the club they should be pushing for promotion.