



## Upcoming Events

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009  
Sunday lunch

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010  
Poker night

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 2010  
Club Auction

24th-25th April 2010  
Pre-season tour

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XI fixtures  
start

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010  
Club Golf Day

## Opening 2010 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixtures

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Pontarddulais (H)

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Newport (A)

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Sully (A)

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Swansea (H)

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Usk (A)

## 2009 Season Report

The highlight of the season has been the third place earned by the 1st XI in the Premiership, securing a place in next season's South Wales premier league, alongside the other teams making up the top five in the current Premier League (Cardiff, Newport, Usk and Sully) and the top five from the 1st Division of the South Wales Cricket Association (Ammanford, Ynysygerwn, Pontarddulais, Swansea and Port Talbot Town). This has been a great effort from all involved, led by first team captain, Owain Hopkins and featuring young players developed through our junior section, including current Glamorgan player, Tom Maynard.

The 2nd team also had a productive end to the season, finishing in 4th place. The side has relied heavily on current junior players, creatively nurtured by Nick Allan and Phil Makinson and again this should benefit the future of the club.

The 3rds and 4ths avoided relegation, both finishing eighth in a difficult year and they too should be stronger with the bleeding of young players. The 5ths finished in a commendable mid-table position too.

The following were presented with awards at the end of season dinner in September:

Clubman of the year	Gareth Watkins
Best batsman	Huw Beaverstock
Best bowler	Scott Edmed
Best all-rounder	Owain Hopkins
Most improved youth player	James Brinning
Best youth player	Andrew Leering



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAM!!!

Pam Durbin has had a 'significant birthday' recently and celebrated with a great night at the club (from what 'barmen' Whitey and the Hardings can remember!). Pam and John have been huge supporters of the club for so long so congratulations Pam - we won't give away your age but it's somewhere between 18 and 25!

## Chairman's Corner...Dave Harris

Well, it may be the close season but work goes on!

Firstly, as mentioned above, we achieved our main objective in gaining admission to the new South Wales Premier cricket league. A job well done. However, we need to build on that and maintain our status.

We are actively pursuing main and supporting sponsors and a business sub-committee, chaired by Rob John, is in action and a full social programme has been prepared for the next 12 months. All we need now is your support.

Exhaustive autumn renovation works were completed on all squares and work will continue, once the monsoon season ends. Len Smith is dying to get his hands dirty, as is Peter Mathias.

You will have seen some changes to the web-site, thanks to Graham Smith. Further upgrades are likely as part of our plan to improve our image and appeal.

The club belongs to you, so support it. Best wishes for the forthcoming Festivities

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## Golf Day 2010

This year's golf day will be **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of September**. Please book early with Peter Lawlor.

## Recent 200 Club Results

		<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
1st	£50	K Harding	C Maynard
2nd	£20	D Harris	K Husband
3rd	£10	C Maynard	T Duck
4th	£10	WG Lewis	S Thomas

It's been a good couple of months for **club stalwart and dashing strokemaker Charlie Maynard** who has won £60 over the last two months – the big question is whether he will spend his winnings on his young family or on his favourite tippie of red wine (see below!!).



It's quick and easy to join the 200 Club – contact Rob John on

07889 107795 or at [janejohn1@btinternet.com](mailto:janejohn1@btinternet.com)

**Name:**  
**Nickname:**  
**Status:**  
**Age:**  
**Batsman/Bowler:**  
**Job:**

**Achievements:**

**Previous Clubs:**  
**Highest score:**  
**Best bowling:**

**St Fagan's memory:**

**Favourite Food:**  
**Favourite Drink:**  
**Supports:**  
**Most likely to:**  
**Least likely to:**

## PLAYER PROFILE



Ruaidhri Smith  
Roger  
Single  
15  
All-rounder  
N/A – pupil at Cathedral School

England U'15s, Best All Rounder Bunbury Festival 2009, Glamorgan's most promising Academy player 2009 & most appearances on St Fagans CC website!

None  
90  
6-27 v Sully at end of 2009 season

Playing soft ball cricket on the far pitch, under the guidance of Graham Lewis

Curry or pizza  
Champagne (non-alcoholic!!)  
Cardiff Blues Rugby  
Be playing sport – any sport, anywhere!  
Take anv wickets for the 2nds!

## I WANT TO SUPPORT THE CLUB – HOW CAN I HELP?

**AUCTION MARCH 26th 2010** - we are holding a fund-raising auction at the club and to make this night a success we need support from club members. Sporting memorabilia, meal vouchers and signed books sold well in our last auction but so did things like an evening of tutoring, website design and even a free spring cleaning service! Please think what you can offer to support the club and contact Tom Duck (07773 380762) if you have anything to donate or can attend the evening.

**SIX NATIONS 2010** – enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the club's 6 Nations entry form. This is our main winter fundraiser so please try to sell as many to friends/family/colleagues as possible – everybody should be able to sell a minimum of 10 without any difficulty (our biggest entrant sold well over 100 last year). Please send your completed forms back to Tom Duck (details on enclosed form) by 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**ADVERTISING** – we have a number of great new packages available for restaurants, schools or companies to advertise with St Fagans CC. These range from an advertisement in the new 2010 Yearbook or the club website, a billboard on the 1<sup>st</sup> XI pitch and a main sponsor package which includes many features at a very reasonable price. If you are interested in advertising or want any more details, please contact Rob John on 07889 107795/ [janejohn1@btinternet.com](mailto:janejohn1@btinternet.com)

## "SOME GOOD CRICKET, PLENTY OF LOCAL CIDER AND LOTS OF FUN!" - reflections on the tour to Bristol, August 2009

This was the first club tour since the legendary trip that convinced Greg Hayne to return to Australia after opening the batting with Jeremy Spence and seeing Whitey in his Bermuda shorts one too many times!

We played 3 games on tour starting with a 20-20 against Brislington when we chased down 160 in the final over after Sam Wallwork turned a comfortable run chase into a real nail-biter. The other downside was hearing Huw Beaverstock tell half of Bristol about how he won the game by hitting a six and a four off the two balls he faced!

After fairly heavy celebrations that night (particularly from the younger tourists Messrs Owen, Brinning, Vincent and Lawlor), the cricket suffered against a Clevedon side containing Simon Lewis (the cultured batter of the Lewis siblings) but we still managed to win comfortably thanks to a Chris Lawlor hundred which was only slightly tarnished by whacking a six through Graham and Mair's rear windscreen! The tables turned in the third game against Winsley as a tired Saints side were heavily beaten in a match where cricket was definitely not the winner! Everyone will be pleased to hear Nick Allan has fully recovered from the mysterious back injury that suddenly came on at the start of the game.

Overall, the tour was a great success, brilliantly organised by Sam Wallwork and Owain Hopkins, and plans are already in place for another in 2010. Watch this space!