

# Jolyon Huxtable

## (14/04/1947 – 20/05/2020)

It is with great sadness that today I have to announce the passing of our friend, Club Secretary and 1st X1 scorer Jolyon Huxtable after a short battle with cancer.

Jolyon had been a Club scorer for nearly 20 years and had become a much respected member of DACO (the Devon Association of Cricket Officials). He also became an integral part of the 'squad' on match days. Always first to the ground to get set up and welcome the umpires and visiting team scorer, his knowledge and attention to detail was superb, and no match day was complete until Jolyon, under his pseudonym of 'The Quill' had posted his match report on the Club website.



The Quill's reports became compulsory reading, not just for members of our Club, but for many in the greater Devon cricketing community. His description of the game itself coupled with his witty observations and links to many of his favourite songs (usually from the 60's or 70's) became a much anticipated part of the cricketing weekend. Saturday nights or Sunday mornings will never be quite the same again.

As Club Secretary, Jolyon was a huge support to me as Chairman and I know my predecessor Kevin Fishleigh felt the same way. He was invaluable in helping to re-structure the Club as a Limited Company and had recently, virtually single handedly, re-written the Club Constitution. His knowledge and guidance will be greatly missed.

Above all Jolyon was a great lover of the game of cricket. He was a life long supporter of Hampshire County Cricket Club and enjoyed many days watching his County team in the company of his great friend Richard Smith.

Over the last few years I was privileged to get to know Joly well as a trusted and much respected friend. I will miss him greatly, as will all within the Club who knew him.

Jolyon is survived by his wife Sue and son Tim.

Rod Hannam  
Chairman