

Thornborough Cricket Club

Report for the 2026 Annual Parish Assembly

As I sat down to write this report, it struck me that this will be my fifth year as Chairman of Thornborough Cricket Club - I honestly can't believe how quickly that time has passed. Looking back over the past four years, I'm both amazed and incredibly proud of the progress we've made together. The Club has invested significantly in improving our facilities, including the installation of our first all-weather pitch last summer, a project costing £10,000 and already proving its worth.

This season brings a major change on the field. After more than 40 years competing in the South Northants Cricket League (SNCL), we felt the time was right for our two adult men's teams to embrace a new challenge. We have therefore moved to the Cherwell Cricket League (formerly the OCL), a large and competitive league with over 250 teams. This move also means we'll be renewing old rivalries with familiar clubs such as Silverstone CC and Great Horwood CC.

Our youth cricket continues to flourish. We now proudly run six teams, including boys' teams, mixed teams, and an all-girls' team. Even more exciting, for the first time in a generation we have a highly enthusiastic — and very talented — ladies' team. It's wonderful to see so many players of all ages and abilities getting involved.

Training takes place on Wednesdays (youth and ladies) and Thursdays (adult men), and newcomers of every standard are warmly welcomed. Our English Cricket Board (ECB) affiliated All Stars programme runs from May to July on Friday evenings; full details can be found at play-cricket.com.

The new league season begins on Saturday 9th May 2026, with the final fixtures scheduled for Saturday 5th September 21026. Youth matches will be held on Sundays throughout the summer. For fixtures, updates, and news, please keep an eye on the village's online newsletter Thornborough News, the Club's Facebook page, and other local online platforms.

We are also delighted to be hosting two festivals this year: a women's softball tournament on 26th July, and — for the third-year running — a junior cricket festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

At the end of this season, I will be stepping down from my role as Chairman. With that in mind, I'm hoping for a fantastic summer that sees the Club continue to grow and thrive. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has served on the TCC Committee during my time in the role — your support and hard work have been invaluable.

Let's hope the weather gods smile on us and we can all enjoy a brilliant summer of cricket.

Derek Davis
Chairman, Thornborough CC