

Background:

For those who don't know, TCC has been playing cricket in Thornborough for more than 100 years.

Derek Thomas is still playing which means this year he will have played for the club for 68 years!

We currently run 2 x Saturday league teams who play in the SNCL (South Northants Cricket League). One in the Premier Division, the other in division 4.

We currently have around 40 members, but like all Village Cricket clubs struggle wk in wk out to field 2 teams of 11 (22 players)!

Over the past few years many villages larger than Thornborough have folded their cricket teams due to lack of support. We're doing really well to keep alive!

Key challenges:

- Attracting new players – Buckingham currently run 4 x Saturday teams and has a fantastic Youth set up – why come to Thornborough?
- Ditto Stony Stratford
- Keeping existing players
- Having 22 + players who are able / wish to play each / most wks.....in essence we have around 10/12 regulars. Our captains / committee spend countless hours every wk trying to get 22 players
- Keeping 2 teams running.....if we drop to one team, the club will fold within one year

What are we doing to stay alive?

- Developing a Youth team;
 - Allstars – 4 to 8 years old
 - Youth coaching 5 to 9 years oldsObjectives;
 - Develop the future players of TCC
 - Attract parents / guardians to TCC
- Improved facilities - GRANTS;
 - New fixed net system
 - New mobile net system
 - 2 x new sight screensObjective: Retain existing players and improve our offering to attract new
Note: Massive thanks to Steve Coppins.....and TPC without who's support and hard work over the past 3 months we would not have secured the funds
- Strong local area recruitment campaign.
 - We have target all local villages that do not have a cricket team / club – this has proved successful, with new players joining.
- Formed links with Thornton
- Pretty full fundraising campaign – TCC needs around £4,000 per year to keep afloat;
 - Pool competition
 - Tony Cary "road show" quiz evening – Friday June 7th, at Thornborough Village Hall.....more details to follow
 - TCC annual Car Rally for adults and children – firm date to be announced shortly – June?
 - TCC vs Great Horwood – Memorial Game – Preliminary date Sunday 21st July at Great Horwood Cricket Ground – more details to follow
 - 6 -aside Cricket Tournament – Sunday August 25th