

Cheltenham Cricket Society

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President Cally's Message

Who would have thought on that January day just over a year ago when Wuhan Covid-19 first reared its ugly head that we would still be in lockdown today and for some time to come by all accounts. While there have been no Cricket Society meetings since last March for us all to attend, our Committee has done a sterling job advising us of some very interesting Zoom interviews with lovely people involved in cricket, whether players, umpires, journalists or authors and even producing two in-house Zoom meetings largely organised, very successfully, by Ian and Pat.

I am one of the lucky ones who have been able to work, as a carer but I do feel for so many people who are stuck at home. This pandemic has hit all of us in some way, whether we are supposed to be enjoying retirement and can't take advantage of exciting places to visit, meals out and holidays abroad or at the other end of the scale having to homeschool our children. Never an easy task. I loved the cartoon of the father sitting at a kitchen table telling his son he wasn't buying the tale that the dog had eaten his homework!

So what do we have to look forward to this year? For those of us at this end of the County we hope and pray that the Cheltenham Festival will return in all its glory with ten days of cricket scheduled, if we're allowed to see it.

I have however paid my subscription just in the nick of time to get the early bird discount. Not a simple task on line, as putting my date of birth (why do they need that?) proved nearly impossible as to start with, I could not work out how to do it.

I was pleasantly surprised to get a call from one of the players asking me how I was coping with lockdown and fortunately I didn't cut him off when he called me Carolyn as cold callers often do.

Recently I went to the Cheltenham Fire Station to get my first covid jab. I hope I am the norm when I say I didn't feel a thing and have had no after effects. Roll on the next one in 10 - 12 weeks I believe. We need to knock this virus on the head.

Keeping everything crossed I do hope to see you before too long at some form of cricket. Ken, our programme Secretary has been busy rearranging speakers for us all to enjoy and I do encourage and hope that those of you who have had reservations about Membership this year will rejoin us once more when things return to the "new normal".

Take care and stay safe.

Best Wishes

Cally Barlow