

**Wheldrake Senior Cricket club AGM held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 at Wheldrake Village Hall at 7pm**

COMMENT	ACTION
<p><b>1. Present and apologies</b></p> <p>Anthony Carter, Les Holderness, Barbra Carter, Sally Sleightholme, Dan Southern. Pat Durkin, Alex Harris, Gary Bell, Graham Myers, Sankara Dhakshinaurthy, Steve Beales, Adam Roberts, Ed Roberts, Avtar Matharu, Raj Matharu, Albin Thomas Edackanal and Dave Jones.</p> <p>No apologies</p>	
<p><b>2. Reports</b></p> <p><b>2.1. Club report</b></p> <p>Les Holderness in the capacity of Chairman read out the Club report. Key notes were:</p> <p><b>Overview</b> 2025 was a landmark year for Wheldrake Cricket Club, marked by major structural change following the end of the York Vale Cricket League. Both the 1XI and 2XI competed in the YPLN, and—most notably—the club successfully launched a 3XI for the first time in generations, competing in the new YPLN Yorkvale Sunday Division. This expansion created operational challenges but significantly strengthened player development and community involvement.</p> <p><b>1XI Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competed in YPLN Division 2.</li><li>• Difficult start (five consecutive losses) but recovered strongly mid-season.</li><li>• A near-win against league leaders Saxton sparked a dramatic turnaround.</li><li>• Won 8 of the final 9 matches, finishing 6th and level on points with Selby 2XI.</li></ul> <p><b>Notable Performances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Steve Beales</i>: 55* and 5/10 vs Scholes; also 5/12 in another match.</li><li>• <i>Umar Farooq</i>: Three 5-wicket hauls (5/27, 5/42, 5/48).</li></ul> <p><b>2XI Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First season in YPLN Division 5; finished 6th with 120 points.</li><li>• Positive win/loss ratio (10 wins, 9 losses).</li><li>• Bonus points in close defeats proved valuable.</li><li>• Player availability varied week-to-week, but youth integration was a major success, supported by senior players.</li></ul> <p><b>Notable Performances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Batting</i>: Paul Rogers (113*), Alex Harris (100*).</li></ul>	

- *Bowling:* Ansh Johar (5/15), Puneet Johar (5/20), Henry Nurse (5/41).

### 3XI & Youth Development Summary

- Reintroduced to support junior progression into senior cricket.
- Focus placed on participation rather than league position.
- Majority of fixtures fulfilled, with only four concessions.
- Several juniors made promising senior debuts.
- Team will move into the development-focused Division 2 for 2026.

### Notable Performances

- *Batting:* Henry Nurse (118\*), Paul Rogers (100\*).
- *Bowling:* Dave Jones (3/18), Ansh Johar (3/21), Stan Sleightholme (3/28).

### 2.2. Treasurer's report

Graham Myers presented the financial report for the year ending 31 December 2025.

- **Total income:** £12,333.78 (up from £9,524.00 in 2024).
- **Total expenditure:** £11,576.15.
- **Year-end surplus:** £757.63.
- **Bank balance:** £4,736.99.

A question was raised regarding club donations, and Graham explained the sources of these funds.

The club noted the expected increase in ball fees (approx. £1,000 per year). A brief discussion followed regarding ball types and rules. It was agreed that the club should seek a match-ball sponsor, with responsibility shared across the membership.

### 3. Proposals

All proposals were read aloud to the meeting, and those present in person who had not already submitted a ballot were invited to cast their votes. These in-person votes were then added to the previously submitted ballot papers, and the combined totals were counted together to produce the final result. With the results being displayed below.

#### 3.1 Team Entries

- 3XI (Sunday Vale) 19 votes
- Wednesday 1XI (Foss League) 19 votes
- Wednesday Colts (Foss League) 18 votes

#### 3.2 Purpose and direction of Teams

**1<sup>st</sup> team**

- **Support prioritising league positioning/highest standard: 26 votes**
- Abstain: 1 vote

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> team**

- **Development focused: 13 votes**
- Competitive focused: 12 votes
- Recreational: 1 vote

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> team**

- **Development side: 22 votes**
- Recreational side: 3 votes
- Abstain: 1 vote

#### **Wednesday 1XI**

- Competitive: 10 votes
- **Match practice: 11 votes**
- Abstain: 3 votes

#### **3.3 Communication Platform**

- **Primary Platform: Teamo 24 votes**
- Primary Platform: WhatsApp 1 vote
- Abstain: 1

#### **3.4 Deadlines for player availability and team selection**

- **Formal deadlines: 24 votes**
- No hard deadline: 2 votes

If deadlines are not met

- **Considered only for last minute dropouts: 19 votes**
- Flexible: 6 votes
- Disregarded for selection: 1 votes
- Abstain: 1 vote

#### **3.5 Earlier confirmation of team selection**

- **Earlier confirmation: 15 votes**
- No hard deadline: 2 votes

#### **3.6 Cricket teas**

- **Getting in caterers: 12 votes**

- Captains to organise: 8 votes
- Members sign up to a rota: 2 votes
- Everyone bring an item: 1 vote

**Funding for caterers**

- Increase match fees: 9 votes
- **Increase membership fees: 15 votes**
- Find sponsors: 4 votes

**3.7 End of season presentation**

- **At the club: 20 votes**
- External venue: 5 votes
- Abstain: 3 votes

**4. Review of membership and match fees**

A quote will be obtained from external caterers before any final decision is made regarding match fees and membership costs. BC confirmed she is willing to provide teas for the first team within a £60 budget; however, if no volunteers come forward to prepare teas for the second team at the same cost, caterers will need to be brought in. This would increase overall expenditure and would therefore have a direct impact on match fees. Based on an estimated catering cost of £6 per head, a single match would total **£156** for 26 people, which is more than double last year’s budget. Any additional cost would need to be absorbed through an increase in match fees and membership fees for the coming season.

**5. Volunteer roles and responsibilities**

The club reiterated that, as a volunteer-run organisation, we rely heavily on members giving their time to keep things running smoothly. Groundwork before each match was discussed, including tasks such as putting out the boundary rope, setting up the stumps, rolling or sweeping the wicket, and placing the discs. At present, too much of this falls to one person on the morning of a game, and we need to move towards a fairer, shared approach. Building a stronger culture of helping is essential, and we are asking players and members to arrive earlier on match days so these jobs can be completed quickly and collectively. Support is also needed after matches to bring in the stumps, sweep the changing rooms, collect the discs, switch off the scoreboard and lock it up, and ensure the ground is left tidy. A more consistent pool of volunteers will make a significant difference and help spread the workload across the club.

## 6. Junior cricket development

The club explained that we are hoping to involve more senior players in supporting the junior cricket sessions. This isn't about asking seniors to run or lead sessions — we already have qualified coaches in place — but we do need extra pairs of hands to help things run smoothly. The commitment is flexible and not weekly; it's simply a case of helping out when you are available. A small amount of support from several people will make a big difference to the juniors' experience and to the coaches who give their time each week.

## 7. Election of Officers

**Chairman:** Les Holderness

**Secretary:** Barbra Carter

**Treasurer:** Graham Myers

**Club Welfare Officer:** Barbra Carter

**Junior Representative:** Barbra Carter

**1st XI Captain:** Sankara Dhakshinaurthy (18)

**1st XI Vice-Captain:** Anthony Carter (16)

**2nd XI Captain:** Gary Bell (19)

**2nd XI Vice-Captain:** Alex Harris (17)

**3rd XI Captain:** Dan Southern (10)

**3rd XI Vice-Captain:** Dave Jones (12)

**Midweek 1 Captain:** Albin (16)

**Midweek Colts Captain:** Ed Roberts (16)

**Midweek Colts Vice-Captain:** Anthony Carter (16)

## 8. Winter nets

Mount School Cricket Sessions – Spring 2026

Indoor training for Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s, Colts and Seniors begins on Saturday 14 February, running weekly from 3–4pm.

- Final indoor session: Saturday 11 April
- No session on: Saturday 4 April
- Fee: £4 per junior per session and £5 per senior

Outdoor training is scheduled to begin week commencing 13 April, weather permitting.

**Parking reminder:** All players must register their vehicles at reception to ensure free parking during sessions.

<p>Due to the uncertainty surrounding numbers, it was decided to approach Mount School to see if an additional session between 4pm - 5pm could be arranged for the seniors. We will keep it to this time and if the junior session is over subscribed..</p>	
<p><b>9. Club day</b></p> <p>A club day will be held over the Easter weekend, and members are invited to come down to the field to help prepare the ground for the new season. A number of jobs need completing, including painting the sight screens, rolling the wicket, strimming around the field and carrying out general tidying. The exact date will be confirmed and shared on the WhatsApp group. All members are encouraged to attend if they can, as many hands will make the work lighter and ensure the ground is in the best possible condition for the season ahead.</p>	
<p><b>10. Rules update</b></p> <p>A further discussion was held regarding the proposed introduction of penalties for slow over rates next season. Match timings were outlined, and members noted that while the specific penalties have not yet been confirmed, the club should be prepared in case the rule is implemented. The challenges associated with meeting over-rate requirements were acknowledged by the group.</p>	
<p><b>11. Safeguarding</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <p>None</p>	