



# CRICKETING CHANGES AT HCC



In preparation for the 2018 season there have been a number of changes at Haslingden C.C. in relation to the cricketing side of the club.

Due to a combination of work and family commitments, Barry Knowles has stepped aside as Cricket Chairman. Barry will continue to assist the Club in a number of ways (including our Professional appointment). The Club would like to thank Barry for all his hard work as Cricket Chairman over the past 6 seasons.

The club has moved quickly to appoint Steve Hunsley as the new Cricket Chairman and we wish him well in his new role.

Steve, a former Central Lancashire League winner with Royton in 1980 was Junior Chairman at Edenfield C.C. from 2008 to 2011 and also scooped the Rossendale Coach of the Year in 2008 and 2011.

On accepting this challenging role, Steve commented "It's a great honour for me to offered this role at a club with such a proud history and tradition. I am looking forward to working with the team captains and other senior players over the winter months to enable our young squad to improve and deliver strong performances in 2018".

The appointment of Steve as Cricket Chairman has also been quickly followed with the appointments of Joe Sipocz as 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain and Chris Cook-Martin as 1<sup>st</sup> XI vice-captain. Joe and Chris will work closely with the vastly experienced Graham Knowles to implement player development plans and ensure that there are better lines of communication across the playing squad which will benefit the Club as a whole.

On accepting his appointment as 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain, Joe commented "I would like to thank the Club for giving me this opportunity as it is a great honour and privilege to captain Haslingden C.C.. I look forward to giving 100% both on and off the pitch to make sure we have the best possible chance of performing as a team".

After 3 seasons leading our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and with the commitment & effort this involves, Sam Lord has decided to step down as 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain and return to the playing ranks. We thank Sam for his efforts. We are now delighted to be in a position to announce that Tom Richards will take on the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain at HCC.

On accepting his appointment as 2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain, Tom commented "I'm looking forward to the challenge of continuing the work done by Sam Lord over the last 3 years. I'm happy to be able to draw on the experience of Ian Cameron as vice captain to support me. We have a talented squad of younger players who along with the more senior players within the team should be capable of challenging towards the top of the league and in the Cup competition. We are looking forward to starting the hard work with Joe Sipocz and Joe Scuderi early next year."

We do have one constant with Jeff Stanton being re-appointed as 3<sup>rd</sup> XI captain following a successful first season at the helm.

Jeff along with the HCC Junior Chairman Graeme Clarke will continue in their roles helping to develop the future stars of the club.

**A players meeting was held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at HCC where Steve and Joe set out their initial aims for 2018 and beyond.**