

Cricket Force Weekend 2010

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Over the weekend of the 27th and 28th of March, Breadsall CC took part in its fifth annual NatWest Cricket Force event. Nationally, we were one of 1642 clubs which took part, with an estimated 85,000 volunteers up and down the country helping out their local clubs. Further details about the overall event, including features on some specific clubs can be found at: www.ecb.co.uk/development/natwest-cricketforce/

Like 2009, the weather was definitely on our side once again and the turn-out of volunteers was our best yet, with an estimated 260+ man (and women!) hours being donated to the club by its members over the course of the weekend.

The major job for the weekend was to safely demolish and dispose of the former garage and its remaining contents following the arson attack at the club at the beginning of January. As you'll see from the before and after photo's below, this job was successfully completed. In addition to this job, here's a list of other tasks which were achieved either over the Cricket Force Weekend or since then...

- Full litter pick-up of ground and surrounding area.
- Full clean-out and tidy of pavilion room, bar, kitchen, changing rooms, showers, toilets and score-box.
- Painting of toilets, shower room, existing away changing room and corridor.
- Painting and pointing of steps leading up to the ground.
- Fixed top of newer sightscreen and painted this.
- Cut wicket cover down to a more manageable size.
- Trimmed over hanging trees and bushes, in particular, behind the new building development.
- Tidied up land in front of new building development as well as access path up to the bowls club.
- Full weed-kill of ground and surrounding area.

A few special thank you must go out to the following:

- Dave Watts – for all his expertise and help before, during and after Cricket Force.
- Janet Robertson for keeping us well fed and watered on the Saturday and Sunday.
- Wards recycling (and Steve Lakin) for providing another free skip for the third year running (see image below).

A lot of planning, preparation and effort goes into this event, before, during and long after the Cricket Force weekend itself, and doing these jobs is vital for the club to not only survive, but also progress.

Although there were more people at this year's Cricket Force event than ever before, there were still a few noticeable absentees. We're all part of Breadsall Cricket Club because we want to be, and as you've read so far in this years Sticky Wicket, this season is a massive one for the club as we continue to take massive strides in progressing the club and improving our facilities.

The easy part is that we can all carry on doing our bit during the season too. So, if you see people struggling to do a job, or see a bin that needs emptying, a table that needs cleaning or equipment that needs putting away then please don't be shy in coming forward and helping out, remember, your club needs you and we must all continue to pull in the right direction.

Finally, here a list of everybody who made it up to the club for this year's Cricket Force event, so a big thank you to you all (I hope I haven't missed anybody out)....Chris Pook, Andrew Toothill, Sam Dutton, Dave Watts, Jimmy Drew, Ken Drew, Elaine Drew, Ade Kirkham, Nick Hinckley, Luke Hinckley, Andy Evans, Aidey Evans, Dave Gilbert, Ian Gilbert, Brad Garner, Dan Smith, Ian Buck, Scott Buck, Sam Buck, Ian Robertson, Janet Robertson, Brett Dolan, Vanda Dolan, Anne Pook, Geoff Pook, Steve Lakin, Pam Lakin, Chris Cowie, Henry Guyler, Simon Walker, Jack Smith, Tim Moseley, Lin Randall, Liam Randall, Josh Randle, Rob Taylor, James Taylor, Dave Hughes, Rob Payne, Ed Watts, Sam Adams, Jake Hindmarch, Liam Holmes, Mitch Bradley, Malc Tomkins, Niall Shapland, Jordan Shapland, Finlay Shapland and Tom Pearne.

Enjoy the season ahead!

Cheers - Jimmy

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