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## Annual Awards Dinner

The Bears annual awards dinner will be held at Bath Cricket Club on **Saturday 26 November at 18:30**.

Tickets are £35 per head. Payment should be made directly to Bear Flat Cricket Club, sort code 40-09-19, account number 12767317.

Menu selection should be sent to [bfcsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:bfcsecretary1@gmail.com) by **11 November** at the latest.

### Menu

Ardennes Pate with Watercress Salad or Chargrilled Pepper and Mozzarella Salad

Braised Rump Steak in a Red Wine or Spinach, Mushroom and Potato Strudel

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Ice Cream and Caramel Sauce

Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea with Chocolate Mints

## Top news of the season

In the 2022 season the Bears took a leap of faith by entering a second Saturday XI in the Monmouth Somerset League, Division 7 Blue.

With their home ground at Peasedown St John Cricket Club, everyone held their breath to see if it was possible to get two high quality sides, out on a Saturday afternoon.

They need not have worried. Under the steady captaincy of Captain Jack (as he was affectionately known by the team), the Saturday 2XI went from strength to strength.

Team scribe Jon Heywood put out weekly reports on how the team were faring. It was obvious to anyone reading the match reports that there was a strong ethos amongst the team, not just to win, but to win in style, and in the spirit in which the game should be played.

The first season can only be described as a resounding success. The 2XI not only came runners up in the league, but Captain Jack was voted players' player in Division 7 by his peers. This was then compounded by the Bears being given the Don Crouch award for sportsmanship and fair play in their first year.

When pressed for a statement, Captain Jack had this to say.... "I'm really proud of what we all achieved this season. We went into this year as new team, with a new home, in a new league. It took us a while to find out feet, and as we started to gel the results just followed.

Everyone can be proud of our achievements this season and the culture we've created and strengthened. I am sure more success will follow in forthcoming seasons. #COYB".

The League Dinner is on 21 October at Taunton where the 2XI will be receiving their well deserved awards.



Captain Jack at the final 2XI league game of the season at Mark



The final scoreboard at Mark....



The winning team at Mark.....

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR THE ANNUAL AWARDS!**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tBo-1NqYStRmz5OQbn51STBdw8pooWrhO21JHYrVAT7/>

## Youth Programme

The Bears youth programme 2022 saw the return of the ECB All Stars alongside the Bear Cubs, for a summer of fun at the Glasshouse.

The weather was kind and the rain kept away meaning no cancelled sessions. Thanks go to coaches Andy Ebdon and Ollie Cox, and to all the supporters and volunteers without whom the programme just couldn't operate.

A special thanks has to go to Simon and Ruth Cox, who initiated the legendary bacon rolls at the clubhouse every Saturday morning. Week on week the bacon roll fame grew, and a significant amount was raised to support club funds.

A youth programme development strategy has been developed by the youth team sub-committee which will see the success of our youth programme build year on year.

The Bear Cubs participated in both indoor and outdoor festivals.

The outdoor festival was hosted by the Bears at the Glasshouse Academy on behalf of the Somerset Cricket Foundation and was extremely successful. Feedback from parents has been positive and supportive.

The Bears will continue to offer subsidised places to schools in our catchment area to children who may not otherwise have access to the sport, continuing our ethos of supporting our local community, ensuring cricket is available to all.



## All Stars 2023



## Bear Cubs 2023 - indoor and outdoor festivals