**Newport CC End 175th Anniversary Season In Style**

Newport Cricket Club ended their 175 Anniversary celebrations in style, with a trip to Lords (Home of Cricket), to play a prestigious friendly match against 'The Cross Arrows'.

An early morning start saw a coach full of players, officials, friends and parents leave for London in near total darkness. However, with the weather forecast good, Newport were about to play a game of cricket on October 2nd. The 'Cross Arrows' who play on the Nursery ground at Lords, throughout September and into October, were to be the club's opposition, having been invited to play the game had been a tremendous coup.

As we arrived at Lords in glorious sunshine, anticipation was high, a quick look around, and it was soon time for the game to start.

Newport winning the toss and electing to bat. It was to be a game never to forget for young Max Scarr and Michael Clayden. From the first ball of the innings the Newport openers set the standard and with glorious shots to all parts of the ground, the two put on an opening partnership of 181 in jst 22 overs. Clayden was first out falling victim to Keith Dutch for 98, while Scarr went on to complete a momentous innings of 134. Adam Millichip with 42 and Tom Cleeve 41 not out, along with Nathan Millichip 25 and Kyle Tudge 21 saw Newport to an impressive looking 402-6 off their 50 overs.

The Cross Arrows were never in the game and when they lost two early wickets, the writing was on the wall. Only Middlesex reserve wicket keeper Dion Nash with 49, saved a complete rout as the Cross Arrows were bowled all out for just 115. Left arm spinnr Max Scarr making it a day never to forget with 3 wickets for 3 runs off 5 overs. Newport eventually winnin by a massive 287 runs.