## Culworth Cricket Club August 2024

The Junior Cricket Club is just coming to an end as it is the start of the school summer holidays. We have had a very successful season. Membership has increased by 33% from 30 to now 40 paid up members. We have run three teams, an under 9 softball team, an under 11s hard ball team, and an under 13 team. All have done well, with the Under 13s winning against big teams like Brackley and competing hard in every game. Next year when they will all be aged 13, and hopefully that will really show dividends. The Under 11s are a team in transition. Having only 2 or 3 regular 11-year olds, and the rest aged between 6-8 has been testing for them, but they have shown great fortitude and promise. Give them a couple of years and they will be a force to be reckoned as there are some great prospects. The under 9s have played one tournament and enjoyed themselves.

We had our Parents and Children Diamond cricket match and awards evening / BBQ on Tuesday this week. It was well attended, and everyone had a laugh and enjoyed themselves, and the children especially liked seeing their parents get out. Awards were given out, and thank you's from the club to all the coaches that have given up their Tuesday nights to help the children. Thank you's also went to the Sponsors, Culworth Garage, Culworth Forge and Mumfords, as well as The Phipps family for helping maintain the machinery.

The Culworth Casuals team have had a couple of matches since the last newsletter against Eydon and Napton. They still have two left. On August 4<sup>th</sup> they take on the Presidents XI. Match starts at 1:30 pm and everyone is welcome to come and watch. It will be a great day and showing the progress our youngsters are doing, each team will have two Under 13s in their teams. Then the final match is away at Everdon.

If anyone is interested in helping in any shape or form, whether it being playing in the casuals team, ground maintenance, coaching, fundraising etc, please email jpowell@jspmanagement.co.uk, or call 07860 638557.