

GARGOYLES REVEL IN STAR STUDED NIGHT

How do you do justice to the most extraordinarily successful season in Alstonefield Cricket Club's history?



The magnificent Coach House setting

It helps if you can hold the Annual Awards Dinner in the superb surroundings of the George Coach House with every club member and honoured guests in attendance. Add sumptuous food and free flowing ale and the scene was set for a celebration of achievement, but with an eye on yet more improvement.

The post-prandial entertainment consisted of a brutal expose of every player's batting and bowling technique in the form of a masterfully compiled 57 minute video dossier of the season. **Dave Singleton**, the film's producer and director wanted the footage "to hold the mirror of reality up to every player and inspire self-improvement."

Once club captain **Andy Bray** had shared his unique and lyrical perspective of the season in his key note speech, a season in which the Gargoyles won thirteen of their fifteen matches, the club's new Head of Performance, **Liam Duffy**, explored the subject of achievement and the importance of each individual wanting to contribute to team success.

In a stirring virtuoso performance, he not only paid homage to the individual brilliance of the awards winners, but left everyone in no doubt that the most powerful influence on results is “concentration and super team spirit and these were characteristics the Gargoyles had shown in impressive abundance in 2017.”



Liam Duffy enthralling the members

The club was delighted to have Honorary Life Member Peter Leason to present the awards, culminating in the prestigious **Clubman of the Year Award**, which this year was awarded to **Richard Allen** for his selfless and outstanding contribution to the club’s future development.



Richard Allen receiving adulation

With the 2018 winter nets less than 6 weeks away, the 2017 Annual Awards Dinner struck a considered balance between a celebration of 2017's achievements and the excitement of how much more there is to come.....

THE CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR 2017



RICHARD ALLEN – Deserved and popular recognition for his unstinting and massive contribution to the Club's development

LEADING BATSMAN



WILL SIDDONS – A run machine, compiling 372 in the season

LEADING BOWLER



**SHAHID ALI - The outstanding performance,
taking wickets at an average of 5 runs apiece**

LEADING CATCHER



**HARRY JONES - Gloveman par excellence is a safe
pair of hands, as 10 catches prove**

THE DUCK AWARD



**JOHN CURRY - His first award at the club shows
promise for the future**

THE LAME DUCK AWARD



**STEVE KING - A memorable demonstration of the ultra-fine line
between becoming a legend and winning this award**

THE PROSECCO AWARD



JON LANE – A special award recognising the second most memorable moment of the season, a match winning catch.

THE CHAMPAGNE MOMENT



NEIL SHOTTON - The winning feat of this season's recipient still defies belief amongst members.

