

## BARRIE YATES Re Charity Cricket match for Derian House

I am Greg Gorrell and I wish to give my recollections of a discussion between the eventual committee members of the Charity Cricket event and Councillor Barrie Yates

A meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in the Old Oak Public House in order set up a committee to organise a charity cricket match and plan how we where going to go about putting on such an event. The meeting was to be set up with representatives of Hoghton CC (myself), Gregson Lane CC (Paul Abbott), Les Simpson the main organiser plus Councillor Jim Marsh who had offered his services to help in any way he could.

As Jim Marsh had attended a planning meeting with Barrie Yates that evening he decided to bring Barrie to the Old Oak afterwards for a drink with the view that an informal discussion with the committee would be of a great benefit to the Charity event.

Barrie passed on his advice such as what criteria would be needed to put on such an event plus gave us information to who we should apply for a grant to help pay towards the costs such as the hiring of the Village hall etc.

At no point during these discussions did Barrie ask for any donations towards his own charity but was personally pleased that we where involving such groups as the Scouts & guides as well as the main funds being raised for Derian House. Barrie even offered us the use of his barbeque.

Also in the Public house was Councillor Tom Sharratt who at no point enquired as to what the meeting was about but had taken up a position to read the paper within earshot of the discussions.

The meeting was then concluded for another meeting to be held between Les <sup>Simpson</sup> Abbott, Paul Abbott, Jim Marsh and myself with instructions for us all to bring as much information as we could relevant to organising such an event.

We where not to meet Barrie again until the actual event on the first Bank Holiday in May

