

Remembering Greg Barrett

In early September 2005 a fete was held at the Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton to remember the life of a wonderfully unique person, Greg Barrett. It was a huge success, raising over £1,200 for the cricket link.

The fete followed on from a live band night, which had been organised for the second weekend of September '04 to be held at Carterton

Football Club. Following Greg's sudden and tragic death on Sunday 5th we all decided that the event should be used to remember his life and raise money for the family to use in his memory. This seemed fitting because of Greg's love of music and support of friends' bands. The response was amazing, other local bands asked to play, the line-up increased and on the night the venue was packed. Individual donations were incredibly generous and a night that would have previously only attracted a few music fans raised £865, which was given to the Barrett family at Greg's funeral reception.

John, Sally and Hannah Barrett decided to use the money raised at both events to strengthen links between Shipton Cricket

Club and Burford School, as a lasting tribute to their son and brother Greg, for whom cricket was a great passion. Greg's death was tragic not only because of its unexpected suddenness but because

he touched and was loved by everyone. who met him.

This year's event exceeded all expectations. With early planning and more people involved in the organisation, it grew

much bigger than the previous event. The bands were still there in the evening and all acts played excellent sets, with the essential bar being kindly provided by Carterton Football Club. Because of the bigger venue we were able to organise games and competitions as well as entertainment. A rounders match, penalty shoot-out, tug-of-war and apple bobbing were just a few of the activities that helped make the afternoon such a success. The Barrett family provided food for a BBQ and other refreshments were kindly donated. Hundreds of raffle tickets were sold with top prizes such as MP3 players and signed football shirts. A surprise auction of Formula One car parts also helped. We hope to be able to put on similar and bigger events in the future.

Phil Spring.



From John, Sally and Hannah

We would like to express our thanks to Greg's friends for organising such a wonderful afternoon and evening. It was fantastic to see so many people there, to catch up on what everyone has done in the past year and their hopes and plans for the future. Our thanks also go to all those individuals and businesses who very kindly donated prizes for the raffle and auction. Greg always loved a party and to combine it with raising money for his favourite sport was a wonderful way to celebrate his life and memory.