

## Mark Chapman - Assistant Secretary



Just to let you all know that **Mark** has now moved his job & family out of the Kent area to a quieter part of the country, Weston-super-Mare in Somerset.

**Mark** has been a member since the early eighties some 27+ years with the society; he came onto the committee in '96 taking over from **Paul Smy** as Match secretary, a job he handled with keenness & professionalism. He took over as Assistant Secretary in 2005 to date.

**Mark** is one of the clubs top matchmen, not only a good organiser an excellent competitor, his name appears on most of Linton's Trophies, he was our Team captain on many 'open' events such as the KFC Championships in which we were successful.

We owe him a lot of thanks for all the hard work he & his father **Dave** have put into the club over the many, many years, not only on the match scene but on the maintenance side where they've spent numerous hours working / bailiffing on our waters.

Anyway... moving on; with **Mark** now out of the area obviously he could no longer carry out the duties of the job of Assistant Secretary, this is an important position with plenty of work & involvement that needed to be filled asap. After a few discussions with other officers & committee members **Chris Knowler** our Hon. Secretary approached **Jason Tuckey** (current Assistant Head Bailiff) to see if he was interested in the position, he agreed so at the committee meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008. **Barry Andrews** our Match Secretary proposed & **Chris** seconded that **Jason Tuckey** be Co-opted on as an Officer & take over the position of Assistant Secretary, this was voted on & carried unanimously.

This will then go forward to next years AGM in February where our members will have a chance to vote on this.

As **Chris** said we have to plan for the future with younger men in the wings to take over when the time comes. We like to think of ourselves as a close knit team where all Officers & Committee members are involved & kept fully informed on future planning of our society, hopefully gone are the days & past problems of the inherited "One Man Clubs".

We will miss **Mark** especially at the matches where he always showed his support, however he did assure me that he will still be making an appearance at them whenever he gets the chance when he's visiting his families, naturally he will always remain a member of Linton A.S.

On behalf of the Society I'd like to thank **Mark** & wish him & his family all the very best for the future.

**Tony Spall**  
(LAS Chairman)

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