



Cublington Cricket Club

Newsletter

July 2006

Mid-Season Update

The hard work of countless people over the last few years is clearly paying off! The ground has never looked lovelier, the pavilion is stunning and the results of all our sides through from Under 9's to Senior 1st X1 have been fantastic.

It is almost unbelievable that before the end of June, only, half way through the season, we have won over 50 matches.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, some in small ways and some massively, to our local village club which embraces the wider community and exists to give people access to this wonderful game.

If you want to be involved or more involved, without being burdened, please seek me out by phone email or in person to have a chat – sustaining what has been achieved is going to be a challenge!

Steve George

Chairman

U9 report

Our new, Under 9 squad have made a great start to the season! Played 4 won 4 and at the time of writing are sitting handsomely at the top of their Aylesbury Midweek Junior division. Nearly 30 youngsters have been coached by Will Lovatt, Shaun Walls, John Rushmere, Justin Sellars and Vince Perry and organised by manager Mike Chastney. There is a good chance that the U9's will make the League play-off final at Winslow on 24 July, so watch this space and do turn out to support them.

U11 report

We have a small squad of 15 players so fielding 10 players has sometimes been a struggle.

Practice on Saturday morning has been good and I hope enjoyable for all concerned even if 9.30am is a tad early for some!

I have enjoyed putting into practice what I have learned from fellow coaches, manuals (thanks Steve) and above all Paul Atkins (thanks Paul).

To date we have Played 7 Won 3 , Lost 4

The team has been helped by Colin Rickard , and Sam George as great assistant coaches on Saturday mornings , and by Pippa Rickard and Julie Pain as joint managers. A special mention to Andy Carter who has also helped motivate the boys when we all were away abroad shirking our responsibilities! and of course all the refreshment help from the parents!

Most controversial moment -a diving catch from Mark Dass plucked from the grass which had the umpires conferring for over 3 minutes before being given out!

Hopes for the rest of the season

1. Win the Aylesbury League - we are top currently after one game! Nothing like ambition!
2. Everyone to have improved as a player
3. Everyone to want to come back next season as they enjoyed the experience !!

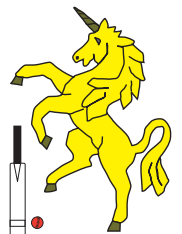
U12 report

No report in from U12 manager Gus Orchard as yet, but this is probably because he has been chasing his tail and managing a very successful U12 side who have reached the U12 County final after winning their division and beating Chenies & Latimer in the semi Final.

Congrats to Gus and the boys – The final will be at Cublington, but not quite sure of date yet so contact Gus for more info.

U13 report

Huge thanks to Ray Shepherd, Matthew Duggan and Cath Rodnight who collectively stepped into the breach to take on the management of the U13 squad. 5 wins and 5 losses, with the side improving all the time represents a good season so far and the U13's are hoping to win their Aylesbury Division so that they too make the play-off final.



U14 report

CCC Under 14 2006



L-R Top Row: Chris Nixon; Joshua Rowles; Aaron Walker; Oliver Reilly (Capt.) Sam Jones (Vice-Captain); George Chappel

L-R Bottom Row: Ed Clampitt; James Alexander; Timothy George; Joe Coker; Jack Shepherd; Conor Tregarthen.

Not shown but u12 & 13 players who featured during League Programme: Sam Dickson; Jonny Black & Will Simmonds.

Introduction

The final League positions below gave Cublington a third place with wins over Ballinger Waggoners, Dinton and Aston Clinton. A sound beating by Westbury however at Cublington suggested that they would be a team difficult to beat, and so it proved. We were narrowly beaten by Grendon Underwood and Winslow – so much to build on for next year at u15 level, and still lots of cricket to be played by the u14 squad at u15 level and indeed senior duty with the Sunday XI and the CCC 2nd X1.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	AT	NR	Pts
Westbury	6	5	0	1	2.28	11
Grendon Underwood	6	5	1	0	0.73	10
Cublington	6	3	3	0	-0.16	6
Dinton	6	2	3	1	0.51	5
Winslow Town	6	2	3	1	-0.72	5
Ballinger Waggoners	6	1	3	2	-2.04	4
Aston Clinton	6	0	5	1	-1.95	1

For full match reports go to:
www.cublington.com/cricket/news.html

Summary

In the u14 league, 2006 has been about settling down a team where

the players find their natural positions and build on their skills but also hopefully recognise their individual contributions whatever that may be to team cohesion and team success. That is why all the lads have sought out opportunities to play above their age group and with Senior teams at that (and some great contributions have been recorded by James Alexander, George Chappell, Aaron Walker, Sam Jones and Ed Clampitt to name a few!).

The “official” u14 programme end was marked by a BBQ at Cublington’s ground for players and parents and this proved a great success. My thanks to all the parents for their support with special thanks to the coaches Russell Rowels and Nigel Jones; the scorers, particularly Jane Alexander and Nick Clampitt who was principal Chef at both of our social BBQs. Thanks also to Robin Harry for the ground preparation and Steve George & Paul Atkins for the continuing Nets sessions each Thursday evening at the Orchard Ground.

Michael Reilly, Manager
CCC Under 14s

U15 report

The dynamic duo of Phil Burton and Iain O’Hara have coached, cajoled and coaxed our U15’s through 10 matches so far, winning half of them and finishing a respectable 2nd in their division of the county competition. The only side to have beaten the U15’s is North Crawley who did so narrowly in the League and more convincingly in the cup. Many of the players have performed very well and as the U15’s provides players for our senior teams in seasons to come, things are looking promising. The highlight of the season so far at this age group was winning the Cheersley 6-a-side tournament, where our intrepid lads saw off all comers to bring home the first trophy of the season.

U17 report

A great bunch of lads led admirably by Dan Williams have so far won 4

out of 5 matches in the U17 Aylesbury League and with further disciplined performances look set to play in the county U17 final later in July. Most of the lads that play at this age group are playing senior cricket and making the transition with success. It is very rewarding to see young men take personal responsibility for self-improvement and contribute to team moral. It would be wrong to pick out individuals, but special mention at this stage of the season must go to Steve Spence (who scored his maiden century against Cheersley) and Josh Walker who has bowled superbly.

New net finally arrives!

Its been promised for months, but the combination of weather firstly too wet and then too hot delayed the arrival of our new, ECB, grant-funded outdoor practice net. It is installed and is ready for use. Many thanks to Mark Jarvis and Shaun Walls who prepared the area for its arrival.

Dates for final practices

Final Official practices will take place as follows:

U11 and U9 Saturday 29 July

U12, 13 and 14 Thursday 27 July

U15’s will continue to practice with seniors until Tuesday 29 August

1st and 2nd X1’s flying high

Top of divisions 2 and 6 at the half way stage of the season, represents a great achievement for our Saturday players and many congratulations to 1st and 2nd XI captains and vice captains, Jamie Leggett & Robin Harry and John Osborne & Niall Mackay.

See next page for latest tables...

Latest Tables as at 13.7.06

Div Two	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cublington	10	6	4	0	215
Tring Park 3	10	4	5	1	168
Stewkley	10	4	4	2	160
Aspley Guise	10	4	4	2	156
Olney Town	10	4	3	3	152
New Pagnell	10	3	5	2	149
Soulbury	10	3	2	5	124
Edlesborough	10	2	5	3	109
Simp & Walton	10	1	4	5	103
Eggington	10	0	2	8	40

Div Six	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cublington	9	4	4	1	156
Milton Bryan	9	3	4	2	136
MK Park	9	4	0	5	131
Little Horwood	9	2	7	0	130
Turvey	9	2	5	2	125
Wolverton Town	9	3	4	2	124
Newport Pagnell	8	3	2	3	106
Eggington	9	2	4	3	103
Aston Clinton	9	1	2	6	64

Bill bashes top score!

Many congrats to Bill Burton (aged 15) who together with 2nd X1 skipper John Osborne, (age unknown), shared an undefeated opening stand of 246 to beat Milton Keynes Park. Bill's score of 150 (not out) was a personal best and the highest score ever in Division 6 of the league.

Sunday Summary

After a faltering start to the season, with three games cancelled due to the weather and two to the opposition crying off (they must have heard of our reputation!) The Sunday XI is flying (quite) high with four wins out of six. The first game saw a sound win over Aston Clinton, with Tim Taylor scoring an aggressive 156 runs. A soggy defeat to Drayton Parslow on a pitch with ducks puddling past was followed by three wins on the trot over Mentmore, Wingrave and Wendover. There have been good batting performances from Tim Taylor, Simon Squires, Simon Greswell, Tom Gadsby and Pip Webb. Showing well over the wickets are Ian O'Hara and Mike Chastney. Liam O'Hara is developing into a very reliable wicket keeper and many other younger players have contributed well.

There are tough games to come but there are good grounds to hope for a winning season.



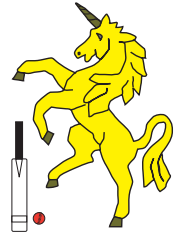
Sidmouth Cricket Pavilion...

Cublington tourists relaxing after 620 runs were scored in just 80 overs in a narrow 17 run defeat with a splendid 136 from Steve George!

Devon Tour July 5th - 9th

Wins over Exmouth, Ottery St Mary and Tipton St John and a narrow defeat in a high scoring game against Sidmouth, represented a great tour for the party of 15 who made the trip this year. The cricket was competitive as was the golf and apres-cricket.

Watch the website for the unfolding story of this years tour – in pictures... a foretaste below!!



Jamie celebrating in a special way.... best caption wins a prize email your entries to gary@cublington.com



Tipton St John... scene of Adam Farr's splendid figures of 5-15!



Mark and Shaun psyching themselves up before going in to bat

Strategy Group

Mike Reilly is putting together a representative group of people from the club to meet and brainstorm/think tank/strategise over what our aims should be for the next 5 years. Once the Action Groups have had a chance to deliberate their findings we aim to get a report out to all members so that everyone understands what we are trying to achieve. – might sound a bit OTT for a little club, but the old adage of ‘failing to plan equals plan to fail’, applies just as much to a cricket club as it did to Sven!!

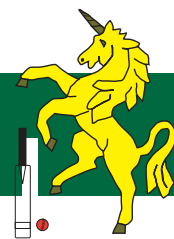
County matches at CCC

Cublington has hosted 3 county level matches this summer. The full Bucks X1 narrowly beat the Bucks Academy X1 in May and the County under 12 X1 have entertained Huntingdonshire and Leicestershire at Orchard Ground.



Social Events

Young Cricketers Presentation Evening



Round off the junior season at The Unicorn on Friday 21st July.7.30 for 8pm

Presentations will be made for U9,11,12,13,14,15's
Family tickets £7.50 , individual tickets £3 (includes buffet)
Awards to be presented by Paul Atkins (CCC coach and Bucks County Captain)

Tickets available from Steve George, Team managers or Colin Wilson

Vice Presidents Lunch and Match Sunday 13th August 2pm

A warm invitation to ALL our Vice Presidents to attend for a lunch/BBQ at 12.30 where they will be joined by the players of both sides, prior to play commencing at 2.30pm

**And a date for your diary!
18th November – Annual Cricket Dinner**

Summer Cricket Coaching with Jeremy Batty

We are delighted that Jeremy Batty (Yorkshire, Somerset, Bucks – and Cublington!) has kindly agreed to provide coaching for youngsters' aged 9-15 during the week commencing 31st July till 4 August.

Jeremy will be organising and running the coaching, with help from some of our young qualified coaches and helpers

Places will be eagerly snapped up so please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible and no later than 21st July

Details for Cricket Coaching

Dates

Monday 31st July through till Friday 4 August

Ages

**9-12 10am till Midday each day
13-15 2-4pm each day**

Cost

£7 per session or £25 for all 5 days (refunded in event of cancellation due to weather. Cheques payable to Cublington CC)

Kit

cricket whites, plus box, plus trainers/cricket boots

Please arrive 10 minutes before the start time. No lunch will be provided but squash and water will be. This is a great opportunity to develop your skills with a cricketer who as played at the highest level against top class national and international players – **Too good an opportunity to miss!**

**Steve George
Youth Cricket Co-ordinator**

(Please complete below and return form with payment to The Old Stables, Reads Lane, Cublington, Bucks, LU7 0LE)

Name: _____
Birthday: _____ current age: _____
Address: _____

Tel No: _____
email: _____

Parents names and emergency contact details

Please advise of any health or medical conditions affecting your child that we should be aware of
