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THE HURLEY TRUMPETER

Greetings

Author: Editor

Issue two of our new e-newsletter and I got a number of supportive comments and suggestion what to do with it, none of which involved uncomfortable sitting scenarios. Veggie suggested a player profile. Rather than interviewing the player I have decided to reflect on the victim with observations and downright false information like a newsfeed on Facebook.

I was pleased to hear that our CCTV system bore some fruit. Not for catching neer-do-wells but to help our landlord catch the council waste truck that tore up some of the drive repairs.

Any contributions to your news sheet are always welcome

Playing Stuff

Next season may seem a long way off, but there have been a few developments with the League. Great Kingshill have gone to the Mid Bucks 40/40 league and have been replaced by Ley Hill. I hope the editors little spat with them about lack of support for my scoring was not a factor. Division 4 will go back to a 100 over competition.

Mike W would like me to remind everyone that the Chiltern League will fund an umpire or scorers course for anyone that wishes to take one.

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Club Supper

Club Supper was held at the George, Holyport on 22nd October attended by 37 souls. Naeem scooped 1XI batting, bowling and players player before heading North. Josh Cole was Most Improved. 2XI batting went to Abdullah and bowling to Dave Pollitt. Colt of the Year and Fielder was awarded to Henry Graham. Non-League batting was taken by Scott and the bowling to Phil while Mike Walton dominated Clubman for the third year. Well done to Phil and Mike for the organisation.



Henry Graham receives his award from Mike W

Naeem hauls in yet another award

EasyFundraising

By Author Name

In the last edition I mentioned Easyfundraising for the club. Just by ordering my socks, smellies and Mankini for Christmas on-line, I have raised a further £1.70 for the club and am ranked 10th in the list of donors. Of course this is nothing compared with that raised by Mike W. I was pleased to see one new donor signed up in the last 30 days.

We benefit from free money through Easyfundraising as a percentage of your order. It does not cost you. Simply create a login and register for Hurley CC. We have now received over

AGM 2016 and work parties

By Editor

There was an impressive 20 people turned up for the end of season work-party and AGM, no doubt encouraged by the promise of Frankfurters and soup from Val's Kitchen. A second work party was equally well supported.

Not since pre-internet days have we had a vote for a skipper position and competition rather than a reluctant acceptance of the responsibility.

Unfortunately we didn't have a candidate for Saturday 1XI, but Nigel was voted into 2XI and Mo was unopposed to the Sunday side.

Of course your committee rolled over unchanged for another year though Colin notified AGM that this would be his last year

*If money is the root of all evil,
is Root is the savior of English
cricket*

£940 from this scheme so sign up today before you shop for your DVDs for Christmas! Also we benefit from Gift Aid, anyone who puts in hours to coach, umpire, do teas etc can gift aid their 'expenses' (mileage) to the club, again at no cost to you. Details and a template from humbug@ridgers.wanadoo.co.uk



as President. Most of the committee have served longer than a North Korean dictator. New blood would be welcome. A request was made for another side-screen and the committee will look at this in the New Year.



Genesis re-unite

Player Exposed!

DAVE WALTON

He is best known for his 'bunker busting' balls and winter hair is in the style of Sideshow Bob. With his prolific consumption of tea and a Cruise missile-like ability to locate coffee cake or scone, Dave is a genial fellow. DW is 29 years a club member, with over 700 appearances and averages more than a wicket per match. More genial than mobile these days unless not called on to bowl by his brother. In that case, avoid a walk round the boundary to discuss.

Pass-times include fishing for Bream and batsmen (ok Carp), and compiling dead lists of the next famous person to pass on. Prince Phillip continues to defy Dave's and many other's predictions. Painting and decorating is his profession with the blitzkrieg and carpet bombing approach of a Nazi leader, 2 coats

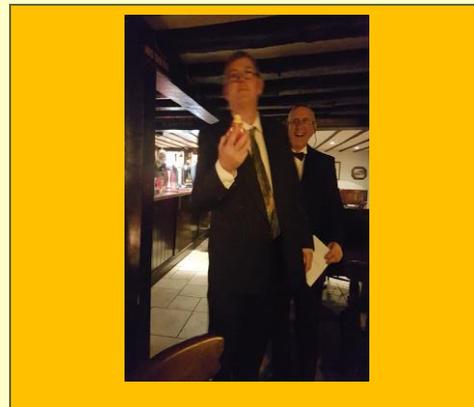
A view from India

By Veggie

"On my travels to India, it was refreshing to see cricket being played on any available green space (also a problem at Binfield), with numerous games going on at the same time and using a wide variety of implements and tools to form wickets, bats and balls.

It was also 'comical', seeing a bowler being hit in the shin with a ball by the batsman. The bowler was writhing in pain and called for assistance; Magic sponge, Spray, Liquid refreshment? No, a wheelchair was wheeled on." (Premiership Football has a lot to answer for then - Ed)

"Will try and dig out some pictures, as the outside often resembled Chalfont St.Giles on a good day."



one afternoon. Children and small animals warm to him and his kindness extends to getting me a cuppa on a Sunday Tea break. He visited Africa this year to teach cricket to the natives and interest in Football soared. Would most like to meet Ed Balls and name a mystery ball after him.

*Veggie on Tour
Chalfont St Gujerat*





Spot the Ball
- *No winners last issue*

Dates for your diary

Indoor Nets:

Colts From Sunday 26th February 2017

Seniors From Weds 1st March 2017

*Dear Santa, this year I'd like a fat bank account,
and a thin body... please don't confuse the two
like you did last year*

Code of Conduct

By Mike Walton (a wicket-keeper)

There has been a steady increase in reports of umpires suffering abuse in recreational cricket, leading to many giving up officiating. There has also been an increase in the number of players reported for disciplinary offences in most leagues. In our own Chilterns League in 2016 there were four players who received bans and/or suspended bans during the 2016 season, this is more than I can remember in the last five seasons combined.

Young players will mimic what they see professionals doing on TV and think it is OK to sledge the opposition because that's what they do in Test Matches. DRS has encouraged players to openly question the decisions of the umpire. Nobody likes to feel cheated, but we have to accept that players get out playing bad shots, bowlers bowl bad deliveries, umpires can also make mistakes, it's part of the game. So next time you get a stinker from an umpire, don't assume he is cheating, he probably just got it wrong, walk off with dignity. Help the umpires by not

Personnel changes

In the last Newsletter I reported that Naeem was reluctantly moving on with work and not even the opportunity for others to collect awards at Club Supper can compensate for his loss. The Saturday 1XI will do well to survive without him.

Also, I am told Gordon Ford will spend his last season in the caravan next year. He will continue as a Life member but we will have to do without his support and anecdotes and I will lose my wingman in disputes with fractious opposition. He won the first bowling and most improved award in 1970. I'll miss them both.



*Just because It's
Christmas*

appealing when we know the batsman is not out, and walk when we nick it to the keeper. Nobody would dream of not walking when caught in the deep, so why is a catch by the keeper any different?

For the 2017 season the Chilterns League will have a standing disciplinary committee with an elected chairman so that any reports of bad behaviour can be swiftly dealt with under the ECB disciplinary guidelines, this should avoid a repeat of the 'Dwayne Gate' situation a few years ago. We don't want to see players banned, it is hard enough as it is getting 22 players on the field every Saturday, so please remember to play to win but in the correct spirit so that we can all continue to enjoy the game we love and be proud of Hurley.

Note: MCC recommend red cards, better get a few dozen printed.