



### Greetings

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#### **Farewell to the 2019 season!**

I think most people will agree that 2019 has been a disappointing season for the club. It is a shame that with a few 'tweaks' it could be so much better.

- Stop this talk that relegation for 1XI might let us 'find our level'. That way only leads to decline and flight of better cricketers
- Join the club and be a member, buy a Hurley shirt at serious sport, details below and turn up 30mins before start.
- Organize a social, quiz, BBQ, or curry night. The club needs funds and a social vibe.
- Be an advocate for the club, encourage someone to join us.
- Think how you could contribute, Veg badly needs some colts coaches next year.

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**Go on, give me some feedback!**



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#### **ECB CLUBMARK**

Dear David

We are delighted to write and confirm that following a review, your ECB Clubmark Annual Health Check has been approved and your accreditation status is confirmed for 2019. Thank you for taking the time to complete and for your continued support for the ECB Clubmark scheme. Having a network of safe, family friendly and well organised clubs is vital for the future of the game and maintaining Clubmark status shows that you and your volunteers are at the forefront of this.

We will write out early in the new year with your requirements for next year, but if you have any questions in the meantime, please e-mail [clubmark@ecb.co.uk](mailto:clubmark@ecb.co.uk)

Regards

England & Wales Cricket Board

#### **MACHU PICHU CHALLENGE**

*Sadly, no takers this month despite the Grahams on permanent holiday. Take a snap of your cap in unusual or interesting places. No prizes #Get a cap!*

Dates for your diary

None

Smith is Archered. An owch moment.

# An Ode – by Greg

We cannot lie it's been a great season,  
but now we can celebrate today we have reason  
for at about quarter to two I witnessed a  
miracle An occurrence so divine I had to get  
lyrical

Joban is bowling and man the boy is on the  
money,  
twice the batsman misses it's really quite  
funny.  
so Joban adjust his length he brings it a bit  
back,  
the batsman's eyes light up he's going to  
attack.

A big stride is made he opens the face,  
tries to guide it to third man but he is  
surprised by the pace.  
That's not the bats middle, Johan's found the  
edge,  
it flies to the left of the king of the sledge.

Surely it's four runs and so annoyingly  
streaky,  
but Double plays a blinder despite feeling a bit  
peaky.  
he flies through the air granted its poor shot  
selection,  
but what happens next gives the Hurley boys  
an erection

Surely he won't make it, it's heading for the floor,  
the weather is awful it's starting to pour.

But the odds are defied Double out stretches his  
hand,  
how he clung on, only God can understand

But wait, hold on there is a last twister in the tail,  
as Double hits the ground the opener might escape  
jail.

The elbow hits the floor and up pops the ball,  
but luckily the lad is ready, ready for the fall

A quick adjustment is made and it's clutched to  
the belly,  
a worldly of a catch despite his kit that so smelly.  
joking aside that's not the reason we won,  
but it saw off an opener and you always want  
them gone

I hope you love the poem but it's only a rhyme,  
for it was Ridgeway that killed it he rolled back  
time.

young Ollie Dawkins he really was top-class,  
Josh Cole skippered with gusto despite his big arse

Ravi was so accurate his line was on point,  
Akasha was pure energy he ran all over the joint.  
There can be no doubt we dominated the match,  
but it had to start somewhere and I'm afraid that's  
my catch

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## COLTS UPDATE -

With a morning of downpours putting paid to an end of season club 6-aside, a time to reflect on the season's achievements. All Star cricket has proved popular across the country with over 60,000 kids aged between 5-8 taking up the introduction to cricket session. Darryn Wright took up the mantle of coaching this season, with an encouraging squad of sixteen signing up.

Our U11 Tigers have had a challenging year, with many of them taking up hard ball cricket for the first year. Despite a solitary victory, the squad has made good strides under the tutelage of Duncan Verry, who sadly leaves us after five years at the helm. Congrats to End of Season Award winners Struan Haley, Ben Salmon and Joel Hannan.

Lastly, the U13 Panthers have had an exceptional year, winning 6 of 7 during the league campaign with a runners-up spot securing an end of season play-off at West Isley, ending in narrow defeat. The season benefited from many close games too. Congrats to End of Season Award winners George Crowe, Noah Drew and Haider Ali.

Challenges for 2020? There is a desperate need for coaches to step up; we have age groups we should have presence in U9s, U15s and integrating our Juniors into senior teams - but our senior leagues need to adapt-games are too long, even for the keen youth amongst us. Still, till next year?...

The AGM passed the resolution to increase subs from £70 to £80 per year in 2019. Students/unemployable from £35 to £40. This is the first increase since 2012. Match fees remain unchanged.

Sadly we only managed to collect 29 this year the lowest for 12 years. It is great value. Pinner CC charge £175/year.

## 2019 U13S PANTHERS

Can you spot the coach?



### PAST vs PRESENT

Hurley's annual fixture with the Past XI was another excellent day starting with the traditional breakfast greeting of bacon butties, warm up regimes and airing of kit not seen the light of day for a year. A pungent aroma pervaded the hallow turf.

The Past batted first and racked up an impressive 182 from their 35 overs, surprisingly with only one injury as Rob Eustace went down with sharp pains in his hip. Ironic as this ironman of rowing, marathons and triathlons had to be helped from the field. Silky batting from Ian Dawkins and Jonny Furneaux and a promising 31 from Michael Furneaux were the highlights while Mo behind the stumps helped himself to 5 dismissals. Everyone stampeded for a sumptuous lunch and a few pints delivered by the excellent Marnie Furneaux. 'Rocky Road' and lemon merengue pie helped feed the inner man.

Hurley's reply was cut short at 114-4 when the rain came and despite the covers, water soaked into the run-ups. The game was nicely poised as debate raged over whether DLS was appropriate to award the Past a third successive victory by 6 runs. Dave Forrest proved his leg-breaks were still formidable with 3 maidens to begin his spell. Great also to see Andrew Dobson, Paul McDermott (and his 'carer'), Bert and Ian Hopes again, while Dave Simoes made his return to cricket. Dave Atkins and Mike Taylor watched on.

A brilliant day for the club seeing the old boys again who proved they still have enviable skills. Jonathan Dawkins became the 6th member of that family to play for the club on a day when every other person watching seemed to be a Furneaux, with Great Grandad Fred still going strong.

### **SERIOUS CRICKET**

Why not get kitted out for the **2020** season in club logo? **SERIOUS CRICKET** has lots of club wear. It does make a statement to the opposition fielding a team in club colours. The club receives income from all purchases. So far we have raised **£170**.



TAKE YOUR CAP ON HOLIDAY AND WHATSAPP A PICTURE.

<https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/hurley-cricket-club>

# Around the Ground

Phil passed 1,500 wickets and 40,000 runs for Hurley in August (ok, in his career). The runs came against Pinkney's on 17<sup>th</sup> with a man of the match 5-26 and 55\*. Walking to the wicket at 8-2 and needing 3 runs, a classic cover drive for 4 did the trick. MW ratcheted 500 catches.

Berkshire games at Hurley do a lot for bar takings which help fund the club, and the most recent tea created by Val scored 15/10, so she said. Never retire Val.

I think we should also recognise the tremendous work of Veg and Darryn with the colts this year. We have about 30 tiddlers, why not try to help them in 2020.

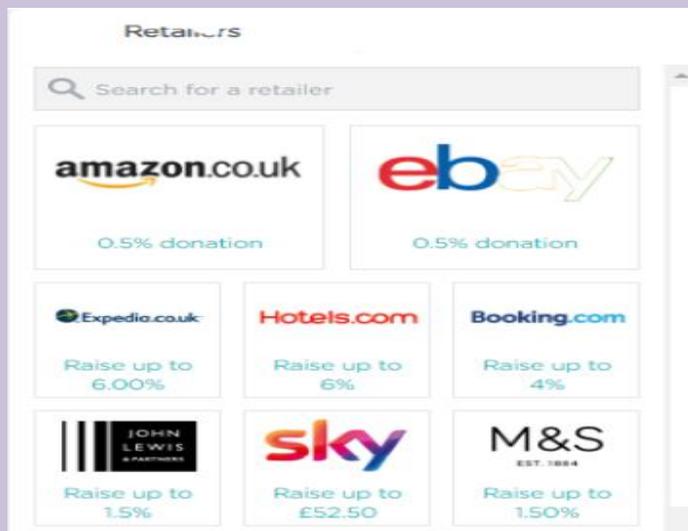
We have spent £1,400 on the gents and showers this year so please use the facilities you pay match fees for, but dodge subs. I sometimes wonder why we invest in showers and the bar.

Rumour has it Howard lost his temper at Denham. We are still looking for phone footage of the event. Youtube seem to have missed it.

I missed the Kip Doon BBQ watching Sir Ben smash the Aussies for 135\*. I was coming down the club at 286-9, I went to change and it was still going when I came down stairs, so settled for the sofa. Best ever decision.

And so the 1XI were relegated at Little Gaddesden which is a sad reflection on a season of unfocused goals and poor strategic thinking. Let's make our club better next year.

**EASYFUNDRAISING.** It's so easy to sign up to **Easyfundraising**, a %age of your purchase goes to Hurley CC. sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> so far we have raised **£1,600 STILL with only 58** supporters (no increase from last issue). **Please, PLEASE sign up**, it's easy or refer a friend for an extra £5. MW leads the donors with £435. **AMAZON OFFER 0.5% DONATION ON ALL PURCHASES**



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**CONTRIBUTION FROM MW****Social Media Etiquette.**

We all love a rant at times and social media gives us all a platform for our thoughts. However, we do have to be careful that we do not post anything in the public domain that is abusive or libellous. It is easy to forget that anything posted on a web site, Twitter, Facebook or similar sites can be read by the wider public. Using derogatory terms to describe opposition players or match officials is not only against the law, it is against the spirit of cricket and can lead to sanctions by the league or even legal action leading to large fines. Next time you feel like taking to your keyboard to vent your feelings, remember to stick to harmless banter.

*(not me this time, one club in the league has been sanctioned this year for this - Ed)*

**From the Umpires' room.**

One of the most contentious forms of dismissal in cricket is the LBW. Batsmen hardly ever think they are out, and bowlers tend to take the opposite point of view. It is hard enough for qualified umpires to get it right all the time, let alone players who are pressed into umpiring during a match. There are a few simple steps you can go through as an umpire to try and reach the correct decision.

1. Where did the ball pitch? If it was outside leg stump, NOT OUT.
2. Where was the impact? If it is outside leg stump, NOT OUT.
3. If the impact was outside off stump and the batsman is playing a shot, NOT OUT
4. How high was the impact? Would it have gone over the stumps?
5. If the ball has pitched some distance outside off stump and hit the batsman in front of middle, then it is probably missing the leg stump.
6. Where was the ball delivered from? If the bowler is bowling from round the wicket, it is likely that the ball will miss the stumps unless it has straightened off the pitch.
7. Are you sure the first impact was on the batsman's body and not his bat?
8. How far did the ball have to travel after hitting the pad? The more distance it has to travel, the more doubt there is that it would have hit the stumps.

If you have considered all the above and you are still certain that the batsman is out, then raise your finger. You won't get it right every time but hopefully you will get most of them right.