Anything The Football Can Do...

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August means the final hurdles have to be straddled

We are now approaching the final third of the season which means that colts training and their matches have finished, so I look forward to the end of season reports!

Many thanks to the coaches and match managers, who have put in so much time and hard work over the last few months and I trust that each and every one of our youngsters has enjoyed their cricket and they are committed to playing for Old Wilsonians throughout their careers

With the schools having broken up we are now into the peak holiday season, but whilst the general message is to so enjoy your well earned break, August is a difficult time to get out sides so please make yourself available as often as possible

President's Day was held on July 22nd, always a joyous occasion when we see a number of people we have not seen for some time - or six months, as the judges put It!

This year was slightly different than usual in that we held a T20 competition to celebrate 21 years of colts cricket. There was a cake mark the occasion and thanks again to Ian and Denise Pilgrim without whom this would not have been possible - the colts cricket section that is, not the cake

There were three sides taking part and all of the games were keenly competed and entertaining, but my abiding memory is of Stephen Millward and Clive Peckover unmpring virtually non-stop for almost nine hours, so many thanks to them

President's day was the prelude to ***Cricket week,*** which was blessed by blazing sunshine and thanks to all of our opponents, those who provided the food, the umpires and those who were on bar duty In a week that traditionally sees the takings rocket

Results wise it was a mixed bag, one win, two defeats and a draw - always nice to be reminded that a draw Is an integral part of the game - but, and unfortunately, the weather broke during the tea interval of the Friday game against Dulwich and torrential rain forced it to be abandoned, which meant that those fine members of the club who play in the 3rd Xl downwards did not have the opportunity to bat on the Hayes wicket, but there is no doubt that the ground was crying out for rain and the best way of playing, and regularly, at Hayes is to get yourself promoted to the 1st or 2nd Xl

Cricket week also saw the arrival of our new roller, thanks to the very generous legacy left to us by John and Janet Brittain. Stephen Millward will no doubt treat It like a new toy but he certainly deserves it in view of all the time he spends rolling the wicket for the benefit of us all

As the season comes to its conclusion we have to start thinking about awards and, in particular, the respective players of the year of the various sides and champagne moments, so please think about your nomination

Pleased to report that the ***Alf Parish Memorial darts match*** has now been re-scheduled for ***Friday September 21st*** at Selhurts Park when the cricket team will be Howard and Matthew Abbett, Tony and Syd Shjerlock and Andrew Steel

Supporters are welcome - for a mere £5 you get an excellent buffet, an entertaining evening and the opportunity to win some excellent raffle prizes, but if you wish to attend then please let me know so that I can advise the caterers accordingly

Enjoy the rest of the season and may you achieve both individual and team goals by the time it comes to an end

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July Results

HSBC	160 for 8	Under 15b	125 for 8	Lost by 35 runs
Under 15a	164 for 3	Sidcup	83	Won by 81 runs
Linden Park	190 for 7	Sunday League Xl	163	Lost by 27 runs

Under 11		ODCUACO		OWs conceded
Beckenham	126	Under 11	55	Lost by 71 runs
Under 17		Bexleyheath		OWs conceded
1st Xl	222 for 7	Nonnington	224 for 3	Lost by 7 wickets
Bickley Park	150 for 7	2nd Xl	151 or 8	Won by 2 wickets
3rd Xl	136 for 8	Bexley 5th Xl	110	Won by 26 runs
4th Xl	119 for 4	Bexley 6th Xl	81	Won by 38 runs
5th Xl		Dulwich 6th Xl		Dulwich conceded
Under 15a		Old Elthamians		Elthamians conceded
Sunday Social side	275 for 7	Earlswood Strollers	204	Won by 71 runs
Under 15b		Catford & Cyphers		OWs conceded
Under 15a		Old Elthamians		Elthamians conceded
Under 11	95 for 0	HSBC	66 for 0	Won by 29 runs
Under 13a		Bexley		OWs conceded
Sidcup	135 for 6	Under 19	125 for 9	Lost by 10 runs
Under 17		Bexley		OWs conceded
Upchurch	286 for 9	1st Xl	156	Lost by 130 runs
Old Colfeians	192	2nd Xl	196 for 7	Won by 3 wickets
Bromley Common	171 for 6	3rd Xl	172 for 6	Won by 4 wickets
4th Xl	148 for 9	Blue Star	149 for 7	Won by 3 wickets
New Ash Green	185 for 4	5th Xl	135	Lost by 50 runs
Sunday Social side	184	Brasted and Sundridge Exiles	157	Won by 27 runs
Under 15b	112 for 7	Locksbottom	113 for 1	Lost by 9 wickets
Under 15a	187 for 7	Dartford	77	Won by 110 runs
Under 11	266 for 7	Catford & Cyphers	252	Won by 14 runs
Hayes	139 for 8	Under 19	104	Lost by 35 runs
HSBC	145 for 3	Under 13a	110 for 4	Lost by 35 runs

Under 17	146 for 6	Gravesend	74	Won by 72 runs
1st XI	162	Chestfield	163 for 4	Lost by 6 wickets
Sidcup	155 for 9	2nd XI	158 for 3	Won by 7 wickets
Bromley	205 for 6	3rd XI	186 for 9	Lost by 19 runs
Streatham & Marlborough	194	5th XI	195 for 2	Won by 8 wickets
OWs	230 for 8	Hainsworth XI	129	Won by 101 runs
OWs	254 for 8	Upminster	255 for 5	Lost by 5 wickets
Old Olavians	256 for 8	OWs	195 for 8	Match drawn
Bromley Common	239 for 9	OWs	191	Lost by 48 runs
Dulwich	225 for 3	Match abandoned - rain		
Hayes	234 for 9	1st XI	235 for 7	Won by 3 wickets
St Lawrence & Highland Court	198 for 9	2nd XI	148	Lost by 50 runs
3rd XI	145	Swanscombe & Greenhithe	148 for 2	Lost by 8 wickets
Holmesdale	240 for 7	4th XI	151	Lost by 89 runs
5th XI		Streatham and Marlborough		OWs conceded

WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE New Ash Green 185 for 4, 5th XI 135

Firstly thanks to Roger Nicholls and Jon Carpenter, who both helped out at late notice. New Ash Green batted well with their captain scoring his first century for the club, The pitch played well, with little movement off the seam, but the bounce was variable. Our much changed attack did well with Stephen Millward his usual consistent self, and Matt Carruthers again bowling well with the new ball. 'Chunk ' was incredibly unlucky and the pick of our bowlers, Steve Lawrence, adjusted to the conditions well and Nathan Carpenter is not flustered as he bowls out the innings . Our major problem is we are dropping too many chances and, this week, I was the main culprit! If we had taken these then New Ash Green would probably have ended up about 150 and the game would have been winnable.

Batting wise we scored quickly and, at three different periods, dominated their attack , each time for 6 to 7 overs and If we can extend this to15 overs plus, we will win games against the top sides in our league. Dan Robbins , 'Chunk' , Roger and myself all played loose shot when on top; again an important lesson.

The positives are nearly everyone contributed in getting us up to 135 . Jon Carpenter will have the batting bragging rights in his family, although Nathan stuck in there well and added a partnership of 30 plus with 'Chunk.'

Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts and I feel as a team we have been competitive every game this season and if we start holding a few of our catches we will move up the league - we continue to improve. Alex Forbes

Team. Senthitkumaran , Dan Robbins, Lawrence.S , Wellman, N Carpenter, L.Allen, R.Nicholls, A.Forbes , J.Carpenter, S,Millward , M .Carruthers

Another occasional, and possibly irrelevant, tale

JR (Ewing) looked at the portrait of **MM** (Marilyn Monroe) on the wall as the listened to his favourite **JL** (John Lennon) **LP** and confessed to running on **MT**

He had turned to music in solace after watching the news where **DF** (Donald Frump – sic) had been exhibiting his usual narcissistic tendencies in which he resembled **DEW** (Deity ever-lastingly worshipped), although only in his own eyes

Meanwhile **SS** (no explanation necessary) had been talking to his **MA** about his last innings, the dangers of **CS** (gas) and the precautions he was taking to avoid particularly unpleasant diseases, eg **VD** and how much respect he had for **GH,** the only palindrome in the entire Kent League and **CJ** (I didn't get where I am today by keeping wicket)

It was just an ordinary day in the life of the 1st XI, really, and not even the arrival of **DS** (Detective Sargeant) **MP**……. Just a minute; that's getting a bit close to home so will stop there

THE YOUNGSTERS SHOULD LISTEN TO THE MASTER 1st XI 222 for 7, Nonnington 224 for 3

Buoyed by their victory against Gore Court the 1st XI travelled again for their next fixture, this time to Nonnington in the knowledge that this was another game that they were more than capable of winning

'Mitch' won the toss and elected to bat and after an early scare, a near run out from the first ball of the game, Velson and Jonathan batted well before Jonathan was bowled for 28 with the score on 73, and soon after Velson had a rush of blood to be comfortably stumped for 38, but we would probably have settled for 87 for 2 in the 24th over before the start of the game and it was now incumbent for the rest of the batting to build on these solid foundations which they did…… to a certain extent

Malinda made 28, Dan Seston hit a delightful 38, Matthew Abbett 24, Cameron Jones 17 and Josh Lawrece was 15 not out when we came to the end of our 50 overs, but we needed someone to hit a big one so that the total was nearer to 300 than the 222 it eventually closed at

Nonnington are not one of the strongest sides in the Division but they, like us, started well – a first wicket stand of 70 against 73 and, like ours, taking 20 overs. They then pushed on and a second wicket stand of 50 put them in the driving seat but two quick wickets put us back into contention but, after that, it was reasonably plain sailing as their skipper and overseas player saw them home with two overs to spare, the latter finishing on 118 not out.

The 1st XI have a bowing attack which, and with all due respect, is not good enough to be a top Second Division side, whilst too many batsmen get in but fail to make the big scores which can win us games, and this is true irrespective of whether we bat first or second

Such is the nature of this newsletter – i.e. it only appears monthly – that I am writing this report after knowing the results of our next two games, both defeats, and reports of both games appear later

The majority of our side are under 25 and, at the moment, we need the experience that the likes of Doug and Malinda can give us but in greater numbers. And it is ***vital*** that the youngsters ***listen*** to the wisdom that Doug imparts, and that includes his knowledge of ***batting***

We all know of his prowess as a bowler and the stats speak for themselves, but Doug also opened the batting for the 1st XI one season and with a great deal of success

There are no easy games in this Division – and apologies for sounding like a football manger – but I genuinely believe that there are at least two sides, probably more, who are inferior. I will return to this issue in subsequent reports but the immediate message is 'Listen to the master and take notice of what he has to say, whether you are a batsman or a bowler'

Team: (Velson) Devarajulu Rodda.J Thotiwilage Mitchell (Dan)Seston Abbett.M Jones Lawrence.J Ellicott-White Forbes.D Hannah

MOM: A lovely innings of 38, full of fine shots and made in even time

PREPARATION COMES IN MANY GUISES Sunday Xl 275 for 6 Earlswood Strollers 204 for 8

There are many ways to prepare for a game of cricket - an early night the day before, a light, nutritional and healthy breakfast, a brisk walk in the park afterwards and some gentle exercises upon arrival at the ground to ensure that your body is in perfect working order.

However, Louis Pryor ignores all of the above, as anyone who has seen him play will confirm!! but on this occasion he went to extremes which even he had never contemplated before. Less than 24 hours before the game he was in Russia, watching England play Sweden in the quarter-final of the World Cup, after which he flew home and, having had no sleep, represented Old Wilsonians in their game against Earlswood Strollers

He did have some respite in that he was not asked to open the batting but, at 83 for 3 he strode to the wicket in the knowledge that his side needed him to score some runs in order to give the visitors a challenging target to chase

He soon lost Josh Lawrence, for 36, but then shared in a partnership of 50 with Teddy Tahir, of which the latter scored 29. But even better was to come when Dan Seston joined him and they put on 108 in just 35 minutes for the seventh wicket before Louis was dismissed for 101, an innings that contained eight 4s and six 6s, whilst Dan was eventually run out for 47 on the last ball of our 40 overs

It had been a magnificent partnership between the two youngsters and Earlswood Strollers would have to produce something special to win the game, and hard 'though they tried, they fell well short and the Sunday Xl won by a convincing 71 runs

We took eight wickets and used ten bowlers, only the wicket-keeper failing to turn his arm, Louis' contribution being to bowl 3 overs for 33 runs

Team: Lawrence.J (Stan)Sherlock Nichols Shahan Pryor Tahir Adams.R (Dan)Seston (Syd)Sherlock Herbert,N Jenkins

WE MUST BELIVE IN OURSELVES MORE Upchurch 286 for 9, 1st Xl 156

Upchurch came to Hayes with a perfect record – played 10, won 10, with only Old Wilsonians coming anyway near defeating them, as they scrambled home with three balls to spare when we visited them earlier in the season

'Mitch' won the toss and asked them to bat, more of which later, and they batted like a side full of confidence to finish on 286 for 9. We did well to take nine wickets, Josh Lawrence, who is fast becoming known as the man who can break partnerships and dismiss the most destructive of batsmen, finishing with 5 for 44, and we came into tea knowing that a win would be difficult but, at the very least, we could comfortably add four batting points to our four bowling points, i.e. achieve the maximum number of points from a losing result

Sadly this did not happen and we got just one and were well beaten by a side who will be playing in Division One next year. Velson again batted well and so did Syd Sherlock, who made 60 and 27 respectively but, alas, no-one else followed their fine example

We are currently showing opposing sides too much respect – 'Mitch's' decision to ask them to bat first was motivated by the fact that they have chased moderate totals and got them very quickly, having lost very few wickets – i.e. there are never many bowling points to be garnered

We got all four, the maximum that is possible so, in many ways, the ploy worked, and not many sides have got five points from Upchurch, but it should have been eight and having reached the 225 that was needed, who knows what might have happened . Our record against Upchurch has been good – we beat them twice last season and, as already stated, came close to doing so on our first meeting .We must believe in ourselves more and then the results will come

Team (Velson) Devarajulu Rodda,J Thotiwilage (Syd)Sherlock Mitchell Scott Jones Lawrence.J Ellicott-White Hannah Forbes.D

MOM: Josh Lawrence – a bit harsh on Velson perhaps, who again batted well, but not many bowlers get five against Upchurch

CHESTFIELD THANKFUL FOR THEIR EXPERIENCE 1st XI 162, Chestfield 163 for 4

Another game against a struggling side, the truth being that any of seven sides could finish as high as fourth and any two of said seven sides could be relegated

We made the worst possible start, losing two wickets in the first four balls, and although things improved through a third wicket partnership of 62 between Velson (40) and Syd Sherlock (35) we were always playing catch-up and although we managed to bat into the 50th over, a total of 162 was never going to be enough

And so it proved. A first wicket stand of 50 set Chestfield on their way and it was no surprise when they got home with over five overs to spare, the worst aspect of the defeat being that we only picked up two points – one batting and one bowling

Like us Chestfield have youngsters in their side but they also have players of experience who have seen it all before and from whom those youngsters can learn so much – see also the Nonnington report.

Before our next fixture we have cricket week and let's hope that as many 1st XI players as possible participate and bat or bowl themselves back into form and achieve the confidence they need and require. Hayes are the visitors next week and there can surely be no more incentive than to turn over our local rivals and relive the ecstasy of the victory we achieved on their ground on May 26th
Team (Velson) Devarajulu Rodda.J Thotiwilage (Syd)Sherlock Pryor Scott Mitchell Lawrence.J Ellicott-White Forbes.D Hannah
MOM: Velson again – he is becoming Mr Consistency

COMFORTABLE VICTORY FOR SUDAY XI Sunday XI 184 Brasted &Sundridge Exiles 157

We welcomed Brasted and Sundridge Exiles to Hayes for the first time and they faced a Sunday side anxious to display their cricketing skills. Tony Mulherom was making his debut – his innings left us all wanting more - and Jasper Gundry-White made a comeback, he was a bit like a creaking door that needs oiling

Matthew Abbett hit a well needed 70 to, hopefully, bat himself back into form, after all, form is temporary, whilst class is permanent, and together the side, and wides, always an important feature of Sunday cricket, managed to put 184 on the board before being dismissed

In reply our visitors started well enough but when Syd Sherlock broke their opening partnership they had little to follow and succumbed to be 157 all out - wides 17.

Steve Lawrence finished with 3 for 30 – the future still looks bright – Syd Sherlock 2 for 20 and Matt Abbett 2 for 7 to complete a comfortable victory
Phillips.J Herbert.N Abbett.M Phillips,D Gundry-White Jukes.D Mulherom (Syd) Sherlock Finan Lawrence.S. Adams.R

CAN WE PLAY YOU EVERY WEEK Hayes 234 for 9, 1st XI 235 for 7

The 1st XI came into this game in desperate need of a victory in a week when many players were unavailable – the 5th XI were forced to concede their game against Bexleyheath – and a number of registrations were made at the 11th hour

Opponents Hayes, who needed to win this game to keep their promotion hopes alive, won the toss and elected to bat and both Malinda and Guy bowled tightly from the off, conceding just 17 runs in the first 10 overs

The other immediately noticeable aspect of our game was that everyone seemed to be up for the challenge, the importance of the fixture was uppermost in everyone's mind and it appeared that the adversity we had suffered in recent weeks made us that much tighter in our determination to get the result we needed

It was not all plain sailing, mind you – cricket never is – and Hayes increased their run rate, particularly towards the end, and their total of 234 for 9 would take a lot of getting. Guy finished with 2 for 32 from his 10 overs, not his best figures of the season, but probably his steadiest, whilst Josh Lawrence again showed that he can break partnerships and finished with 2 for 35

Velson opened the batting with Malinda and, for the first time in many weeks, failed, being caught at first slip for 5. Matthew Abbett, hit a quick 24 before miss-cuing to be caught and we were 70 for 3

Malinda then embarked on a series of partnership which all looked promising but then ended when looking capable of producing more - 44 with 'Mitch', 33 with Jonathan, 26 with Chris, and we founded ourselves at 170 for 6, at which point the advantage was marginally with the visitors

However a partnership of 52 with Josh took as to the brink of victory, only for the latter to be stumped. However, Malinda was still there and, in the next over, pulled a ball over the mid-wicket boundary to achieve an important victory and remain 125 not out as he did so

This is the second time we have beaten Hayes this season and, just as we had done on the first occasion, we enjoyed our bragging rights. More importantly this was the first game in the last third of the season and the victory should give us the confidence to approach the final five games with renewed vigour and finish a lot nearer the top of the table than the bottom; fourth place is there for the taking - see the Chestfield report

Team: (Velson)Deverajulu Thotiwilage Abbett.M (Stan)Sherlock Mitchell Rodda.J Scott Lawrence.J Ellicott-White Finan Hannah

MOM: Malinda – a master-class of batting in which he was in control for the entire innings, encouraged all of his partners and always made the right decisions. Mind you, if his last over, when bowling, had not been so poor, we would only have been chasing 210!

Saturday Averages - 1st XI - Correct to July 28th

Batting

	Inngs	N.O	Runs	HS	Avg
M. Thotiwilage	14	1	562	125*	43.23
Dan) Seston	4	2	58	38	29.00
(Velson) Deverajulu	13	0	316	72	24.30
M. Abbett	11	1	243	52	24.30
(Syd) Sherlock	5	0	108	35	21.60
M. Mitchell	13	0	280	75	21.53
C. Jones	8	1	125	47	17.85
J. Rodda	14	0	231	36	16.50
J. Lawrence	11	2	125	27	13.88
C . Scott	12	1	123	31	11.18
L. Pryor	5	0	48	22	9.60
D. Ellicott-White	10	3	65	22	9.28
D. Forbes	7	2	46	16*	9.20
J. Sims	2	1	5	3*	5.00
G. Hannah	7	4	4	1*	1.33
L. Roots	1	0	0	0	0.00

Also batted: K. Maxwell 10*

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Best
J. Lawrence	59.2	0	373	21	17.76	5 for 44
M. Mitchell	128.4	6	571	22	25.95	5 for 19
D. Forbes	75	12	256	9	28.44	2 for 13
D. Ellicott-White	104.3	12	400	13	30.76	3 for 23
G. Hannah	93	15	392	11	35.63	3 for 31
M. Thotiwilage	113.2	14	434	8	54.25	3 for 33
J.Rodda	46	1	287	5	57.40	2 for 26
M. Abbett	15.2	0	87	1	87.00	1 for 18

Also bowled: M. Abbett 11-0-69-0, (Syd) Sherlock 3-0-32-0

Wicket-keeping: 6 - C. Jones (5ct, 1st) 1 - K. Maxwell (1ct), (Syd) Sherlock (1ct)

Catches: 8 – C. Scott, G. Hannah 6 - M. Mitchell, M. Thotiwilage 5 –D. Ellicott-White , (Vleson) Devarajulu 4- J. Lawrence, J. Rodda 2 (Syd) Sherlock 1 - (Stan) Sherlock, L. Pryor, J. Sims, D. Seston, T. Finan

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The cost to hire the club facilities	£200.00
We require a breakages/cleaning deposit	£50.00
We require a kitchen use deposit	£50.00
If an extension after midnight is requested	£100.00 per extra hour
Corkage will be charged per bottle	@£8.00

All moneys are to be received by the OWA at least 1 month before event. We politely request there be no decorations on the honours boards. No use of party poppers, spray string, table confetti or similar. If the club-house-bar and/or kitchen are left in need of cleaning, the appropriate deposit will be forfeited.

NB: The Association relies heavily on hiring out the Clubhouse to increase its revenue from which we all benefit. The above outlines our terms and conditions, so please pass on to anyone your think may be interested or, indeed, yourself – many Old Wilsonians have already held functions in our Clubhouse. For more details, please contact **Anton Snowsill: antonsnowsill@hotmai.com**

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