Anything The Football Can Do...

(The Official Newsletter of the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club)

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An edition of congratulations and thanks

The last ball of the 2018 season has now been bowled and, as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting on ***Tuesday October 16th –*** and please make every effort to attend – the front page of our newsletter will be dedicated to congratulating, and thanking, those teams and individuals who have shone in 2018

The ***Sunday Development*** side, having retained their Kent league title, played East Molesey, the Surrey champions, on the latter's ground to decide who would be crowned king of the Home Counties. Having lost to Old Suttonians in the corresponding fixture last year, Chris Scott and his side determined to put matters right and were victorious by 11 runs and a full report of the game appears elsewhere

A couple of days earlier we had the Senior Awards evening and a week before that the Colts took centre stage, and congratulations to all of the award winners, particularly the respective 'Club members of the season', Steve Lawrence (Seniors) and Josh Lawrence (Colts)

Steve, affectionately known as 'The Future' – how are you getting on with Leonard Cohen, Steve, organised numerous impromptu barbecues, particularly after Under 19 T20 games, thereby raising extra funds for the Club, and was ever reliable

Josh, having come through the colts system itself, undertook a coaching course and is now regularly putting the current youngsters through their paces as they strive to emulate him and become 1st XI regulars themselves.

At the Seniors' awards evening Dave Welch's idea to replace the traditional heads and tails game by using genuine statistics of players was inspirational and a lot of fun – one of the players involved even got his own details wrong!

Just for fun, and to keep your brains working, I'll ask a further question
Who was kind enough to give your editor a lift to the 1st XI's game at Ashford Town and popped into McDonald's on the way – don't think you need multiple answers for that one!

Syd Sherlock picked up three awards at the Seniors' evening and one at the Colts and has asked our treasurer if he can claim for a new pair of shoes!!!

Congratulations to ***Derek Birmingham*** and his Kent County team mates, who won the over '60s National County Championships – always thought Derek was a lot older than that!

Congratulations to the Old Wilsonians' Football Club – no gritted teeth required! – on retaining the Alf Parish Memorial Darts Trophy, despite a game effort by the Cricket Club's team, Howard and Matthew Abbett and Andrew Steel, but at least we made £100 from the evening. The final was between two members of the OWFC team, namely Ian Wellman and Doug Forbes, with Ian winning the individual trophy; don't Ian and Doug also play a bit of cricket?

Pleased to report that the majority of our officers will continue to stand again next season – assuming they are ratified by the AGM, of course, but Laurence Allen is standing down as both our Communications officer and Fixtures secretary

Laurence is not long into a new job and became a Dad this year, both of which take priority and we understand his reasons and thank him for all that he has done over a number of years, safe in the knowledge that he will continue to be a valuable member of the Club

The newsletter will continue to appear throughout the winter on an irregular basis so please feel free to contribute – still waiting for end of season reports, for example

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Old Wilsonians: **www.oldwilsonians.play-cricket.com**
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Old Wilsonians' Association website www.OldWilsonians.com

Colts awards winners

2018 Players of the Season
U17 Sydney Sherlock

U15A Stan Sherlock

U15B Ollie Willis

U13 James Dunkley

U11 Luke Allen

2018 Most Improved Players
U17 Isaac Rodda

U15A Nathan Carpenter

U15B Matthew Carruthers

U13 Lawrence Wilson
U11 Charlie McCormack

Club Colt of the Season - Ollie Willis

Outstanding Performance of the Season - Stan Sherlock

Colts' Person of the Season - Josh Lawrence

Also six colts received plaques for playing representative cricket for Bromley Bulldogs, they were:-
U10 Eoin Matthews
U11 Benjamin Rodda
U14 Nathan Carpenter, Andrew Pomering, James Sellar and Ollie Willis

Senior Awards winner

5th Xl Player of the year (Brian Morley Trophy)	Nathan Carpenter
Sunday Xl Player of the year	Azman Shahan
Wicket Keeper of the year	Sanath Dandeniya
Most improved Player	James Sellar
Pikey's People award	Ian Pilgrim
Caps awarded to	Elliott Bettridge, Tom Finan , Syd Sherlock Cameron Jones and Malinda Thotiwilage
4th Xl Player of the year	Paul Jenkins
Under 19 Player of the year	Syd Sherlock
3rd Xl Player(s) of the year	Danny Phillips and Kevin Carruthers
Sunday Development Player of the year	Syd Sherlock
2nd Xl Player of the year	Siva Ranjan
1st Xl champagne moment of the year	Malinda Thotiwilage
Young Player of the year	Syd Sherlock
Club champagne moment of the year	Louis Pryor
1st Xl Player(s) of the year(Ken Sawyer trophy)	Velson Deverajulu and Michael Mitchell
Club Person of the year	Steve Lawrence

OLD WILSONIANS KING OF THE COUNTIES Sunday Development Xl 171 East Molesey 160

When the school was in Camberwell it used to play a game at the nearby Oval every year, initially against St Dunstan's College but, and when they became too good for us, Bromley Grammar school, and those not playing were given the afternoon off to cheer on the side - and miss double physics!

This was in the era when Surrey won seven county championships in a row – 1952 to 1958 – and although the county have not enjoyed such dominance since, 2018 saw them win the championship again and with a couple of games to spare, a success made even the sweeter by the fact that their nearest rivals, Kent, were in Division Two – albeit not for much longer

But who would win the contest of the respective county development sides, who met on September 16th - East Molesey (Surrey) or Old Wilsonians (Kent)?

Our gallant lads had lost the final last year to Old Suttonians, but having retained their league title in 2018 they prepared to do battle against this year's Surrey representatives

Our side showed all players with 1st Xl experience – including five who had played regularly for the 1's this season – and when skipper Chris Scott lost the toss we were asked to bat

Spurred on by a large crowd Velson Devarajulu and Syd Sherlock put on 62 for the first wicket before the former offered a gentle catch that was gratefully accepted after which Dan Seston and Syd pushed the total beyond 100 before Dan, too, perished in a similar manner to Velson

Two more wickets then fell quickly and we were in danger of falling away, but the skipper led by example and we finished on 171 for 8, a defendable total but perhaps not as many as we would have liked

After 13 overs the East Molesey score stood at 92 for 2, Syd Sherlock having dismissed both of their openers, but their number three seemed keen to finish the game before the drinks interval and hit 50 in 20 minutes!

However, the introduction of Elliot Bettridge changed the game as, with the last ball of his first over, he bowled their skipper and, with his first legitimate ball of the next over, had their danger man caught behind before dismissing numbers 7 and 8. In the interim Isaac Rodda had joined the party with a wicket and the home side were 129 for 8 – and the drinks interval had come and gone!

However they still had a player who looked as if he could win the game on his own – he hit Jonathan Rodda for an enormous six and then a four in consecutive balls, and they raced to 153 for 7 after 24 overs in the knowledge that they had 16 overs to score just 19 runs, whilst we knew that we had to take all three wickets to win the game - containment was not an option

Enter David Pilgrim who, with his second ball, clean bowled their potential match winner and, two balls later, had their No.10 comprehensively stumped – advantage Old Wilsonians

Their last wicket pair knew that time was not an issue and, if they were patient, then victory would be theirs. However, if you bat at No.9 and No.11 you are there for a reason, namely that batting is not your prime function in the team – the former was their wicket-keeper and the latter their first change bowler and, sure enough, David trapped him lbw to win us the game

So how did our heroes perform?

Velson Devarajulu continued the good form he had shown all season for the 1st Xl - he was joint winner of the Ken Sawyer trophy – and, with Syd, gave us a solid start on which to build

Syd Sherlock, who picked up no fewer than three awards two days earlier, and one the week before, acquired another today as the independent adjudicator, and quite correctly, made him 'man of the match' for his 67, the highest score of the game, and his two wickets

Dan Seston helped Syd build on the good start he and Velson had given us and although not a regular in the 1st Xl at the moment, he will be so quite soon

Jonathan Rodda is a natural winner and although he did not contribute too much with the bat and bowled an over which can best be described as 'indifferent' his joy at taking an important catch was there for all to see

Chris Scott held his team together when it was in danger of imploding and, as all good skippers do, led by example

Josh Lawrence has established himself as a 1st Xl player and was asked to open the bowling on this occasion only to discover that their top three seemed in a hurry to finish the game – perhaps his visit to McDonald's on the outward journey slowed him down!

Louis Pryor moves quicker between the wickets, when keeping , that is, not batting, than virtually anyone I have ever seen – as wicket-keeper he drops the ball purposefully on the ground at the end of each over and then scurries to the other end to take up his position. Took a neat catch to dismiss their main danger man and executed a neat stumping, but was he suffering from too much sleep?
Stan Sherlock did not have the best of games but has been an important member of the squad all season and deserved to be part of the trophy winning team
David Pilgrim It is no easy for a leg spinner to come on knowing that the opposition need just 19 runs from 14 overs and that one of his combatants had hit 10 off the previous over in a manner that indicated that he could possibly win the game on his own in the next. However, David bowled him with his second ball, claimed a second scalp two balls later and the then the final wicket to finish with 2 for 3
Isaac Rodda went in to bat with only two balls left but scored from the only ball he received, took a neat catch to break their opening partnership and then picked up a wicket when he bowled
Elliot Bettridge made an important breakthrough and never looked back and although David tidied up the innings, his 4 for 19 took us to the brink of victory

During the afternoon it became apparent that a number of locals became embroiled in games of croquet on the other side of the boundary rope - very 'Alice in Wonderland' – and all involved came dressed as if they were going to a garden party. How things have changed since the Camberwell days

Hayes Sports Club - Terms and Conditions for hire of facilities

To all Sports Club Hirers:

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**

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday October 16th

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club will be held on:

Tuesday October 16th at the Clubhouse Hayes at 8-00 p.m. sharp

Agenda

1.Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of previous AGM - October 17th 2017 and previously circulated

3. Matters arising

4. Secretary's report

5. Colts' report

6. Treasurer's report

7. Fixture Secretary's report

8. Welfare Officer's report

9. League reports

10. Sunday cricket

11. Election of Officers

12. Any other business

Yours sincerely

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