Anything The Football Can Do…

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

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The season is nearly over - but not quite!

The season is nearly over. The colts have had a very successful awards evening - congratulations to all of the winners - and the seniors have theirs on September 14th, and there are just two games to play, both on September 16th, when the 4th XI visit Dulwich for their traditional end of season fixture and the Sunday Development side, having again won the Kent league title, visit East Molesey, the Surrey Champions, to decide who are the kings of the home counties, and we wish Chris Scott and his teams the best of luck in this encounter as well as congratulating them on their season's achievements

Congratulations are also due to Howard Abbett and his 3rd XI team who have gained promotion, whilst a fine late run, five wins from the last six games, saw the 1st XI finish fourth in Kent League Division Two. The 2nd XI, who had ambitions of promotion for most of the season, ultimately finished fifth, the 4th XI maintained their divisional status and the 5th XI, in a league where a number of sides were forced to withdraw through lack of numbers, finished in mid table, whilst the Sunday social side won all of their games

All in all, then, a successful year for the OWCC and I look forward to end of season reports from all of our sides!!!

Reluctantly I have to report yet another death, namely that of Steve Press, who died last month. Steve was a real character, his appearance never lived up to his name and Alex Forbes pays him a moving tribute elsewhere in this newsletter

Many thanks to those who turned up over the weekend of September 8th/9th to complete those important 'end of season' jobs that sees the transition from cricket to football at our sports club and ensure the likes of covers, sight-screens and scoreboards are protected from the winter elements

Not that the cricket season ends with the bowling of the last ball, of course – winter nets return in January – but before then there are four important events for you to support:

Friday September 14th sees our senior end of season awards evening when we remember the successes of the year and reward those who have done us proud, both on and off the field of play, over the last four months. Full details are available from our President, Jasper Gundry-White

Friday September 21st, when the cricket club will be participating in the Alf Parish Memorial darts match. Howard and Matthew Abbett, Tony and Syd Sherlock and Andrew Steel will be representing the OWCC and, whatever the result, the Club will be better off as all participating sides are guaranteed a part of the evening's takings. Please let me know if you wish to attend

Saturday October 13th sees the planting of a tree in memory of Ian Forbes and the unveiling of his bench. The entire Forbes family intends being there, the ceremony will start at 1-00 p.m, so please come along to pay your respects to the first, and so far, only, man to become Life President of the Old Wilsonians' Association

Tuesday October 16th sees our Annual General meeting and a draft agenda appears elsewhere in this newsletter. This is the most important meeting of the year as it gives you, the membership, the chance to have your say and participate in the running of your Club

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August/September Results

1st XI	202 for 8	Orpington	176	Won by 32 runs

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2nd XI	147	Orpington	149 for 8	Lost by 2 wickets
3rd XI	174 for 7	Sidcup	147 for 9	Won by 27 runs
4th XI	173 for 8	Catford &Cyphers	154 for 7	Won by 19 runs
Sidcup	180 for 3	5th XI	141 for 7	Lost by 39 runs
Bexley Development	208 for 7	Sunday Development	204 for 9	Lost by 4 runs
Under 19	174 for 9	Bromley	141 for 2	Match abandoned
Under 19	162 for 8	Old Elthamians	163 for 5	Lost by 5 wickets
1st XI	185	Whitstable	135	Won by 50 runs
HSBC	168	2nd XI	172 for 4	Won by 6 wickets
3rd XI	293 for 3	Hayes 4th XI	216 for 4	Won by 77 runs
Old Colfeians 4th XI	130	4th XI	131 for 2	Won by 8 wickets
Linden Park	214 for 4	Sunday development	215 for 8	Won by 2 wickets
Broadstairs	173	1st XI	177 for 3	Won by 7 wickets
Broadstairs	209 for 8	2nd XI	115	Lost by 94 runs
Roebucks 2nd XI	202 for 5	3rd XI	186	Lost by 16 runs
Nat West 2nd XI	207 for 7	4th XI	177	Lost by 30 runs
Sunday Development	154	ODCUACO	100	Won by 54 runs
1st XI	135	Ashford Town	137 for 4	Lost by 6 wickets
2nd XI	177	Bexleyheath	178 for 6	Lost by 4 wickets
HSBC	116 for 7	3rd XI	119 for 2	Won by 8 wickets
4th XI		Orpington		OWs conceded
1st XI	233 for 7	Gore Court	113	Won by 120 runs
2nd XI	254 for 8	Gore Court	129	Won by 125 runs
3rd XI	189 for 8	Old Colfeians	139 for 8	Won by 50 runs
4th XI	104	ODCUACO	105 for 1	Lost by 9 wickets
5th XI	94	Beckenham	95 for 6	Lost by 4 wickets
Sunday XI	211 for 6	Carlton Sports	153	Won by 58 runs

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(Final) Saturday Averages - 1st XI

Batting - Qualification; two completed innings

	Inngs	N.O	Runs	HS	Avg
M. Thotiwilage	19	1	740	125*	41.11
Dan) Seston	4	2	58	38	29.00
(Velson) Deverajulu	18	1	480	72	28.23
M. Abbett	14	1	350	88	26.92
M. Mitchell	16	0	309	75	19.31
(Syd) Sherlock	10	0	190	39	19.00
J. Rodda	19	1	315	41*	17.50
J. Lawrence	15	3	186	31*	15.50
C. Jones	13	2	155	47	14.09
C . Scott	12	1	123	31	11.18
D. Ellicott-White	12	4	81	22	10.12
D. Forbes	9	3	58	16*	9.66
L. Pryor	5	0	48	22	9.60
G. Hannah	9	5	6	2	1.50
T. Finan	2	0	0	0	0.00

Also batted: J. Sims 2 & 3* K. Maxwell 10* L. Roots 0, E. Bettridge 7, J.Holland 25, I .Rodda 11*

Bowling - Qualification; 10 completed overs

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Best
J. Lawrence	84.2	4	454	24	19.56	5 for 44
M. Mitchell	165.4	16	654	30	21.80	5 for 19
D. Ellicott-White	139.3	15	509	23	22.13	6 for 20
(Syd) Sherlock	17,5	0	102	4	25.50	2 for 14
M. Abbett	22.3	0	120	4	30.00	3 for 16
D. Forbes	99.1	15	324	10	32.00	2 for 13
M. Thotiwilage	151.2	21	536	15	35.73	3 for 33
G. Hannah	123	18	524	14	37.42	3 for 31
J.Rodda	46	1	287	5	57.40	2 for 26

Also bowled: E. Bettridge 3-0-20-1, I.Rodda 2-0-5-0, T. Finan 1-0-6-0, V. Devarajulu 1-0-6-1

Wicket-keeping: 12 - C. Jones (9 ct, 3st) 1 - K. Maxwell (1ct), (Syd) Sherlock (1ct)
Catches: 12 -. M.Thotiwilage 11 – M. Mitchell 9 - G. Hannah, 8 – C. Scott, 6 – J. Lawrence 5 –D. Ellicott-White ,J. Rodda 4 - (Velson) Devarajulu (Syd) Sherlock 3 – M.Abbett 1 - (Stan) Sherlock, L. Pryor, J. Sims, D. Seston, T. Finan, D.Forbes

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Steve Press RIP

Sad news; Stephen Press passed away last month after a long illness, and our thoughts go out to his family down in Southampton .

Steve was my first cricket captain and took me and a lot of other youngsters under his wing. He loved the game and that enthusiasm rubbed off on us and, whilst we were not a good side, we battled hard under his leader-ship .

Steve was an environmental health officer, who was introduced to the club by Micky Pilgrim. Steve was probably the most unlikely health officer I have ever met - he embraced scruffiness, poor eating habits , and alcohol with great gusto . 'Pear head', as we fondly called him, became a great mate who i set fire to and barred from sleeping at the club , received a rash from his jockstrap, toured with , and laughed so much that it hurt . Steve loved life and lived it and I was lucky to have lived a bit of it with him; he will be sorely missed . RIP Steve Alex Forbes

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

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

RIDICULOUSLY HOT CONDITIONS Sidcup 180 for 3, 5th XI 141 for 7

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We played top of the table Sidcup in ridiculously hot conditions. Somehow we ended up with 11, thanks to a last minute plea to Callum Steel, who left his newborn to help out. Our four bowlers bowled well with Andy Steel, that well known pace bowler, picking up all three wickets and at one point he had two wickets for no runs, and was well supported by Steve Beckett, Josh Merchant and Matt Carruthers .

181 was gettable and, after losing Prem Senthitkumaran early on, we added a quick 70, the vast majority of which came from Callum Steel (61). We then had our usual mini collapse and were on 80 for 5 before Nick Herbert scored a well paced 35 to repair the earlier damage, but we fell away in the last 10 overs, mainly due to my good self being unable to lay a bat on the ball. Another competitive game where we again did well and kept ourselves in the contest Alex Forbes Senthitkumaran Allen Steel.C Steel(Andy) Herbert Forbes. S Forbes .A Seston (Derek) Merchant Carruthers.M Beckett (Steve)

My thanks to Alex for his regular 5th XI reports throughout the season - ed

INCHING CLOSER TO SAFETY 1st XI 202 for 8, Orpington 176

Having completed the double over promotion seeking Hayes it was time to visit another 'local' side with a trip to Orpington, a ground not visited by your correspondent since the advent of league cricket. They were promoted last season, and have had a similar campaign to ourselves

The skipper was missing and so the 1st XI were led, for the first time, by Jonathan Rodda, who won the toss and elected to bat, a decision which worked as our new opening partnership of Velson and Malinda put on 102 for the first wicket before the latter was bowled for 70, and Matt Abbett soon followed him back to the pavilion to be replaced by the 'skipper', who is now establishing himself lower down the order and he and Velson took the score to 144 before the former was trapped lbw - rumour has it that Jonathan has changed his name to Leonard Brian Watkinson!

A mini collapse then ensued, Syd and Cameron failing to score, but the tail scraped and fought to push the total beyond 200 to give the bowlers something to protect, which they did to perfection

Orpington had beaten us at Hayes in a low scoring game - we bowled them out for 118 only for us to make just 81 – and on this occasion they relied on their opening bat for most of their runs, 83 out of 176, and we recorded a 26 run victory to ease our relegation fears considerably

The wickets were shared around but it was Matt Abbett who shone for, having trapped their opener lbw, he then set to work on the 'lesser' batsmen and finished with figures of 3 for 16 before running out their number 10 to seal victory

(Velson) Deverajulu Thotiwilage Abbett.M Rodda.J (Syd)Sherlock Jones Lawrence.J Bettridge Ellicott-White Forbes.D Hannah

MOM: Velson – his good form continues and he was sixth out with the score at 173

ALMOST THERE 1st XI 185 Whitstable 135

The 1st XI recovered from a perilous 32 for 4 to make it three wins in a row against struggling Whitstable, who could not substantiate putting our top four back in the pavilion by the start of the 13th over. Instead they had to watch, but perhaps not in admiration, as Matt Abbett returned to his destructive best to hit 88 in 83 minutes before being sixth out with the score on 148, having scored all but 28 of the runs accrued when he was at the wicket – no-one knows better than Matt that he should have hit a century. The fact that we only managed to reach 185 after Matt's effort was somewhat disappointing but, in the end, it proved enough

Whitstable had a disastrous season last year and were relegated from the First Division by a massive 75 points, having won just two games, and are in danger of going straight through to Division Three – such is the nature of this newsletter, namely that it only appears once a month, that we will know whether or not this is the case by the time you read this, and I may try and be clever and mention their fate in this report. (They did not get relegated, but that does not make me clever! - ed)

Whitstable rely very heavily on their skipper, who played for Sandwich Town last year and is

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also a Kent 2nd XI player. He got 42 in this game, before 'Mitch' bowled him, and 184 at Whitstable, albeit on the smallest ground in the league, with their next highest score being 30

As well as this prized scalp 'Mitch' claimed a further three victims to finish with 4 for 17 in a tight spell of bowling to win us the game, with Syd Sherlock taking his first ever 1st XI wickets to finish with 2 for 14 as we continued our winning run

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

Mom: Difficult one as 'Mitch' took four wickets, including the crucial one, to win us the match, but it just goes to Matt for his destructive innings

1st XI DENT AMBITIONS OF PROMOTION HOPEFULS Broadstairs 173. 1st XI 177 for 3

Another club from the seaside but with contrasting ambitions – one trying to avoid the drop (Whitstable) and the other looking to step up a division – as Broadstairs visited Hayes. They won their first eight games, including their encounter with ourselves, and then fell at the ninth hurdle at Upchurch, who had also had eight straight wins; someone had to lose!

Since then, however, they have only one won of their following six games and were in danger of losing their promotion spot to a resurgent Hayes – apart from in their game against us, of course!!!

They won the toss and elected to bat and lost a wicket to the second ball of the game as Malinda had their opener caught behind, and worse was to follow as Guy accounted for their number three and the other opener with just 33 on the board

A recovery ensued but we always looked in control, with all of our bowlers performing well and dismissed them for 173 with the first ball of the final over. Guy finished with 2 for 19, 'Mitch' 2 for 18 and Syd 2 for 17 to double his 1st XI wickets tally, and we held nine catches – the other wicket being a stumping - to give us a great chance of victory

And so it proved. Velson and Malinda gave us another solid start as they put on 54 for the first wicket and Syd and Velson then put on 101 for the second, before the former departed for 39 to put us in touching distance, and Cameron and Velson saw us home, the latter finishing on 70 not out

Broadstairs used ten bowlers – it was more an admission of defeat than enterprise – and what was more disturbing, from their point of view, was that their body language told a story of a side not really up for the fight, so the indications are that we will be seeing them again next season. (Update - Hayes and Broadstairs finished the season on 229 points each, having both won 11 games and defeated each other once. Hayes are promoted because they won more games batting first)

As for ourselves, this victory meant that we are guaranteed Second Division cricket in 2019

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

MOM: Velson – was on the pitch for the entire game and his innings, of 70 not out, steered us to victory

A BAD DAY AT THE OFFICE 1st XI 135 Ashford 137 for 4

A lack of players this week, due to holidays, a bank holiday and a Club wedding, had left the Club severely depleted as far as numbers were concerned to such an extent that the 4th XI had to concede their game against Orpington. Still, such circumstances give others opportunities and it saw Josh Holland and Isaac Rodda make their 1st XI debuts

Ashford Town are what is known as a 'yo-yo' club – they came up with us to Division Two in our promotion season to be relegated first time out only to be bounce straight back but were in trouble again, so there needs were greater than ours

They won the toss and asked us to bat and we were soon in trouble as we slumped to 35 for 4. Enter one of the debutants, Josh Holland, a slim version of Matt Abbett, whom he replaced, who battled hard and, with Cameron, took the score to 72 before the latter was bowled for 21. The new

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boy was then joined by the skipper and 10 runs later was bowled himself for a commendable 25 – could 'Mitch' keep the tail together?

Well, yes and no, as both Josh Lawrence and Tom Finan went cheaply to enable second debutant, Isaac Rodda, to put on 30 with said skipper before the latter was trapped lbw for 25. Isaac began his 1st XI career by stepping purposefully down the wicket as if to say "I am going to take you on and was born for 1st XI cricket" before his leader suggested a little more caution; at least, I assume that is what he suggested!

Isaac and Guy then put on 14 for the last wicket before Guy was bowled by the last ball of the 50th over, Isaac remaining 11 not out, but you had the feeling that we were perhaps 40 or so runs short, and when Ashford's first over yielded 11, you may have felt this was an under-estimation

However, we re-grouped, Malinda took three wickets and our hosts were reduced to 56 for 3; game on. But Ashford then re-grouped themselves and, although we did capture a fourth wicket, they suffered no further alarms and were comfortable six wicket winners to maintain their Division Two status

(Velson)Devarajulu Thotiwilage (Syd)Sherlock Rodda.J Jones Holland Mitchell Lawrence.J Finan Rodda,I Hannah

MOM: Josh Holland – you cannot ask more of a debutant than to top score.

FIVE OUT OF SIX WINS SEES 1ST XI FINISH FOURTH 1st XI 233 for 7 Gore Court 113

Gore Court came to Hayes for the last game of the season knowing that they had already been relegated and it showed in their body language. They took an early wicket when Velson was caught behind but a second wicket stand of 121 between Malinda (71) and Syd (37) saw us 133 for 1 at the end of the 29th over

Over 30 was interesting. Syd offered square leg a gentle catch from the first ball and then replacement Matt Abbett hit the next three balls for 4 - he can do that - before concluding the over with a dot ball and a 2, so we were 147 for 2. 'Double your score from 30 overs', so the saying goes but, seven overs later, we were 162 for 7, the game had changed completely and even the faint cry of "We are back in this" could be heard from the visiting fielders

However Jonathan and Josh had other ideas and were still there 71 runs later as the innings finished on 233 for 7 – not the 294 that the saying predicts, but that should be enough. Jonathan looks far more comfortable batting lower down, Malinda and Velson have performed well as the opening pair, and with the skipper batting at No.7, we have strength in depth

Jonathan recorded his highest total of the season, 41 n.o, and Josh 30 n.o, only bettered once in 2018, and then just by the one run!

Our recovery had done nothing for Gore Court's body language and although their second wicket put on 43, they never looked convincing and the game lasted just another 17 overs after that stand. DEW was the main destroyer to finish with his best figures of the season, 6 for 20, in a bowling line-up which saw Josh open and Velson take the final wicket of the year

After a mid-season blip the 1st XI had won five of their last six games and can be satisfied with finishing fourth

(Velson) Devarajulu Thotiwilage (Syd) Sherlock Abbett.M Jones Rodda,J Mitchell Finan Lawrence.J Ellicott-White Hannah

MOM: On a day with a number of good contenders – the batting of Malinda, Syd, Jonathan and Josh, it has to go to Dave Ellicott-White for not only his best figures of the season, but also the best of any OW 1st XI player in 2018

SUNDAY SIDE REMAIN UNBEATEN ALL SEASON Sunday XI 211 for 6 Carlton Sports 153

A blistering 100 from Matt Abbett – does he score any other kind? – saw the Sunday XI on 123 for 1 after 21 overs when he gracefully retired

"Is he coming back later?", one of their supporters inquired

"No," I replied, and she looked relieved

His innings contained nine 4's and six 6's and he lost the ball twice – well, two balls, and

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broke his bat handle. He and Jake Phillips put on 120 for the first wicket with the latter more than happy to be the 'sleeping' partner and was eventually stumped for a creditable 23 six runs after his senior partner.

Dan Nichols (18), Nick Herbert (18) and Dan Seston (28 n,o) then enjoyed some useful batting practice before the innings finished on 211 for 6

Robbie Adams took a wicket with his second ball before finishing an impressive first spell of 6-4-4-1. He is a lot quicker than his grand-father, who watched admiringly from the pavilion

Carlton Sports never threatened nor, indeed, seemed interested in chasing the runs and after 30 overs were 87 for 7, as the required run rate had increased to over 12 an over. However they did discover someone who was prepared to get a move on and he hit a quick-fire 53 to give their innings some dignity as they finished on 153 for 9

We used eight bowlers and two wicket-keepers in this game in a season that saw the side unbeaten in 2018

Abbett,M Phillips,J Nichols Herbert (Dan)Seston Shahan Gundry-White Sherlock.A Jenkins Adams.R Lawrence.S

Ten ways to abuse a scorer – and how the scorer should react

1 Never give a scorer a team sheet nor a batting order

The job of the scorer is to record the events of a game on a ball by ball basis so that, at its conclusion, it perfectly represents its content and, most importantly, its result

But the scorer also has to record the contribution each of the 22 participants make - e.g. runs scored by batsmen, wicket taken by bowlers and catches held by fielders

Cricketers tend to be precious and sensitive souls - see also 10 – and so it is important that runs, wickets and catches are assigned to the correct player, and providing a scorer with a team-sheet and batting order helps him/her to identify the participants

Teams tend to change from week to week – the only consistent member of a side is invariably the scorer – so the latter needs all the information he/she can get – apart from anything else he/she is out-numbered by 11 to one, sometimes 22 to one - see also 7

The Scorer's rejoinder -- Make up team with the likes of politicians, actors, soap stars, pop stars, famous cricketers etc

Your team may look something like this: Theresa May, Jeremy Corbyn, Vince Cable – it is important to be even handed – Marlon Brando, Judi Dench, Ian Beale, Ken Barlow, Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney - showing my age there – Brian Lara and Dennis Compton; and again

2 Stand in front of the scorer at every opportunity

This is very easy when the scorer's table or box is at ground level but becomes more problematic when it is raised in any way

In the latter circumstances the tallest members of the team should be designated for this purpose whilst others should stand on a box if necessary

The Scorer's rejoinder Sit in front of the sight-screen when it is the offender's turn to bat

3 Never give a scorer a drink during the drinks interval

The simplest way to ensure this does not happen is to bring out 15 cups - 11 for the fielders, two for the batsmen and two for the umpires

To add insult to injury, if there is some liquid left in the jug, throw it on the grass - preferably in front of the scorers

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The Scorer's rejoinder - Go and get your own drink and make sure you have not returned by the time play is about to re-commence

4. At the tea interval, when scorers have a lot of work to do before partaking of said repast - e.g. reconciling the batting and bowling figures, putting the score of the team batting first in the appropriate place - pile up your plate with as much food as it can take even if you have no intention of eating it all so that there is little or nothing left by the time the scorer arrives

The Scorer's rejoinder - Have a quiet word with the tea provider before the game asking if they can put some food aside for you

5. Having ignored the scorers all afternoon – see also 6 - at the completion of the game hassle them for your bowling figures. If you are a batsman ask how many balls you faced – even if you know full well that the scorer does not count balls faced

The Scorer's rejoinder: Explain, politely, that you have a lot of work to do at the conclusion of a game – see also 4 - and, of course, a player can see his/her bowling figures but please wait until they can be authenticated
If a batsman wants to know how many balls he/she faced then let them have the book so they can count them for themselves, although your first comment should be "Not enough, otherwise you would not have been out"

6. Never offer to change the score-board - interestingly, when Old Wilsonians played a pre-season friendly at Bromley Common, they provided both a scorer and a score-board operator

The Scorer's rejoinder: Simply do not change the board

7. When your team does not provide a scorer
This is when you really come into your element
Before the game do not apologise for this omission
If you are bowling first offer to provide the name of the bowlers but make sure that you do not fulfill this promise
As a tease you may let him/her know the names of the openers, although you should give them in the wrong order, but, after that, give no information at all
When you bat do not provide a scorer from the team and even if you do, make sure they change every few overs so there is no consistency

The Scorer's rejoinder:
There is, in fact, employment law relating to lone working – it is illegal, so it depends on how brutal you want to be; you can simply refuse to work on your own , for example, and this is well within your rights
If you wish to be more co-operative – scorers are always willing to help in any way they can - simply keep the score but not ascribe any runs to specific batsmen, whom you do not know – this is within the rules of the game
Alternatively explain that if you confuse the batsmen, as will almost certainly be the case as you have never seen them before – it is unlikely that he/she will be your next door neighbour nor work at the local supermarket - then it is the team's fault for not scoring; surprisingly this invariably makes no difference at all and the opposing side will say 'OK'

8. Swag

Scorers are happy to look after your swag bag but always ensure that they are full of mobile 'phones with the loudest of ring-tones

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The Scorer's rejoinder: Politely – scorers are always polite – ask them to turn off their mobile 'phones and remind them that although you are more than happy to look after their valuables, you do so "at their own risk and are not responsible if anything goes missing"

9 In a game without official umpires

Just as many sides do not provide scorers these days many do not provide umpires, so a player has to stand-in
If you do so then never inform the scorers that the game is about to start – i.e. just say 'Play' to those on the field and do not check to see if the scorers are ready and ***never*** signal wides, no balls, byes, leg-byes and boundaries

The Scorer's rejoinder: If the ball goes over the boundary and the umpire does not signal simply record the ball as a dot ball - there are many other examples of what you can do but you get the picture

10. When you score a lot of runs or take a lot of wickets then ask for your stats to be put on play-cricket, even if it is only a game in the back garden with your little brother, who is six, and sister, who is four
In these days of league cricket virtually all games are put on play-cricket but there are a few which are not , and there is a reason for this, namely that they are not considered to be of such magnitude to warrant being recorded in such a manner

The score's rejoinder: Offer to put such stats on play-cricket, almost to the extent of insisting, if a batsman gets 0 and a bowler takes 0 for 60 in 5 overs

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Terms & 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**