

Autumn 2011

# The Toss



The Newsletter for Chelmsford Cricket Club

## Special points of interest:

- \* 2 Titles Were Won This Season—the 3rd XI Premier League and the Warsop T20
- \* No Teams Have Changed Division
- \* The AGM is on Tues 15 November
- \* The Club Dinner is on Fri 18 November

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## The Soapbox

Who was worried?

Some strong performances in the closing weeks of the season saw the Saturday firsts and seconds and Sunday firsts not only survive but achieve respectable positions. The thirds also powered on to retain the Premier Division title, to make it five years on the bounce.

There was also a Cup win for the Warsop 20:20 side and a Final appearance at the County Ground for the Under-16 Matchplay side to celebrate.

In any event, at least the season was exciting in the final weeks and overall it turned it to be another good

year, it just seems unsuccessful in comparison to the last few years.

2012 will be a challenge though. Several of the captains have run out of gas after a number of years at the helm and there are likely to be new men in place.

The Colt's section is not thriving in the way that it has been in previous years.

There are some extraordinarily good young players but there is a lack of depth. The coaching team that was in place from 2002 to 2010 is also in need of refreshment.



There was only one trophy won in the Colt's section this year. A very strong Under-15 batting side winning the Central Essex District Cup. The Matchplay side played some outstanding cricket, only losing to a very strong team but they are the cream of the crop.

More coaching help is needed to help bring on some very raw talent in the younger age groups.

There is nothing about the Bi-Centenary year in this Toss. At some point, there will be a special edition about the various activities.

## Help Your Skipper

Most Clubs rely on unpaid volunteers to run in effective fashion. Please do what you can to support these people.

One of the jobs that is often thankless is captaincy. Several captains will probably stand down at the end

of the season and that might not be the case if members did some fairly simple things.

First and foremost, make sure you have told your captain whether you're available or not. If you're not sure, why not contact the captain

when you know rather than waiting until they contact you. After all, one would assume you want to play.

## Dog Days Are Over—Saturday 1st XI

This was a tough season to end my captaincy reign and we came through it...just. Although my body was wrecked both physically and emotionally by the end of the season. It started with such high expectations with a crushing defeat of Brentwood at home in the league cup. This result unfortunately proved to be a curse as it raised expectations of the side; perhaps we thought that we were better than we were.

Success had been built on hard work and team spirit and in the early games of the season there was some lazy cricket as we let some great positions in games slip away to defeat. A scrappy win against South Woodford in the opening game should have caused alarm bells to ring as we hadn't played well but a win was a win! Brentwood had a chance at revenge the following week and inflicted a real hammering on us (227 runs). It was a bit like men against boys as wayward bowling and some soft shots against a lively attack resulted in a tame surrender.

Against Woodford Wells and Ardleigh Green the opposition were 66-5 and 40-5 respectively and on both occasions ended up posting about 240 which was extremely frustrating and handed the initiative to the opponents after which the batting folded. Paul Court had put in a fantastic spell including a high class hat-trick against Ardleigh but to no avail as Roy Smith bludgeoned 157\* from number 7.

The bowlers were again put



to the sword against Loughton with our opponents racking up 324. It was always a tall order but only Nick Bailey with a fine 110 looked likely as the innings fell well short. With 1 win and 4 defeats from the opening round of 50-50 games, it really left an uphill battle.

Unfortunately the run of defeats and throwing away winning positions continued. Wanstead lost their last 7 wickets after lunch for 21 runs, skittled for 159 but a sorry batting display left us 28 short despite Rob Hayto's 55.

A much improved performance at Colchester looked like producing a much needed win but the heavens opened, washing out the game. It was beginning to feel like things were really against us. A real low point followed with the failure to chase down a target of 137 to beat Ilford albeit on a turning track against a good attack but we really looked like nailed on candidates for the drop.

There was some real soul searching and hard words in the post match inquest questioning the sides bottle and resolve for the fight. There needed to be a response. The turnaround started with a decent performance at Hainault where a solid opening stand including a maiden league 50 for Jack Sterland set the foundations for a big score. Nick Prowting with 98 and some murderous hitting from Rob Hayto took Chelmsford over 300. Despite fighting hard, we couldn't quite force the win but there was a definite feel-

ing of improvement.

The doom descended again the following week as we slumped to 133-8 in challenging conditions at home to South Woodford, but a tremendous innings out of the blue from Mark Drain with 82 not out helped us set a useful 202. Mark also took 3 wickets in a nail-biting 12 run win that sparked excitable scenes and relief with a huge 25 points (Thank goodness for South Woodford). 2 huge games were to follow against relegation rivals Ardleigh and Loughton. With the former being abandoned, we really needed to win at Loughton but availability was shocking and a much weakened side took to the field. A decent showing with skipper Paul Jones scoring 93 and young Haris Mahmood making a debut 50 (a promising sign of things to come) as we posted a decent score. A below par bowling performance, however, allowed Loughton to win with Usman Jan scoring 155 not out (crucially dropped in the 50s). A much improved performance against Brentwood saw us post 275 with Nick Prowting hitting a classy and crucial 116. A good bowling performance including Rob Hayto taking 6-33 just failed to bowl out Brentwood with them finishing on 241-9. A useful 15 points though. The win came at Woodford Wells with a decent bowling performance following up a scrappy batting one as Wells were bowled out for 146, with Mark Drain and Rob Hayto bowling well. Another crucial 25 points gained although we had now run out of teams with Woodford in their name.

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### Club Dinner

Friday 18  
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Defeat at Wanstead saw us in trouble again. The main talking point was who had been hit for the biggest six by Mervyn Westfield. With Colchester at home a must win game, things looked especially grim as numerous injuries meant we were struggling to bowl 50 overs. A big downpour looked like putting us out of our misery but it dried out and Colchester's 300-4 was re-calculated as a target of 177 off 20 (a sniff of a chance but tough). We needn't have had any worries as Nick Prowting played superbly with 76, supported by Dan Hagen with 47 as we recorded an unlikely but in the end, comfortable win. Despite a good start on an unfortunate but avoidable wet wicket at Ilford, the batting fell away and this time the rain didn't help as Ilford withstood our efforts to win. James Clifford showed a glimpse of his potential with 3 wickets. The scenario that we hoped to avoid was now a reality with the prospect of a winner takes all (or loser gets relegated) match on the last day

of the season against Hainault. We started well and a decent all round bowling performance, including 1-27 from nine overs from James Clifford at the death restricted the visitors to 191. Despite some understandably nervy moments in reply, another classy innings from Nick Prowting (84\*) saw us home to much relief and an eventual 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. It had been a draining season and one which has sapped my remaining energy as 1st team skipper. A disastrous start but I am really proud of the fight shown from my side when backs were to the wall. There are promising signs to come from youngsters with James Clifford and Haris Mahmood showing impressive temperament and ability. The influence of Nick Prowting's quality and runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season cannot be underestimated – his 608 runs despite missing 3 games almost certainly kept us up. Matthew Poole also had an outstanding season with 22 wickets but more importantly conceding only 3.78 per over when often the

bowling was under pressure. Rob Hayto had some crucial match winning performances with the ball and finished with an excellent 28 wickets. A good cup run was eventually spoiled in the semi final with an embarrassing defeat to Shenfield who went on to win the competition. It has been an absolute pleasure to captain the side for 8 years and see the players grow as individuals from relegation contenders in Division 1 to seasoned campaigners in the Premier league. I hope all the players continue to go on to bigger and better performances and that I am still in the side when we finally win the Premier League. Next year will be tough though particularly with losing Paul Court but there are always good players coming through and much room for improvement for those still in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad. I wish Chris Prowting the best and hope to provide support where needed. A big thank you again to Tony Edney for scoring, money collection and generally making my life easier.

Paul Jones

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## Rais-ing Interest

Thanks to all those who entered the rejuvenated CCC Fantasy League and congratulations to Neil Raisborough who not only had the winning side, but also another team in a prize-winning position.

The Fantasy League is a great way to make money for the Club, to show how good a judge you are of players and with the chance to win money too!

At this current time the league raised £65 pounds for the club, but I hope to guilt my brother into donating his prize to bring it up to £75.

Due to my university commitments I am unable to carry on with the league next year, but it really is simple to run and is a good way to give back. It takes less than 10 minutes of your time per week and decid-

ing values is quite fun!

Nick Bailey



## Unstoppable Force—Saturday 3rd XI

My interim report was written after eight games of the season. The last game of the first half was at Wanstead. They scored 290 for 8 from 46.4 overs as Mahesh Velani smashed 135 including 6 sixes and 18 fours! Their seam attack was, by far, the best we faced all season but we took valuable batting practice ending on 245 for 9.

I stated that we would need to match our performance of the previous year when we won 7 of the last 9 games if we were to win the league again. That is exactly what we did, the other two games being lost to rain! There were some nail biting finishes. Ant Holland clean bowled Paul Winmill with Gidea Park needing just 2 runs to win from three balls. On a dreadful pitch at Upminster we were 55 for 5 chasing 123 to win but Liam Keaney (44\*) and Jack Moss (21\*) saw us home. The following week at West Essex we collapsed from 123 for 5, chasing 170, to be 145 for 9. Ant Holland, with help from Neal, steered us to victory with two 6's and 3 fours in his 29 not out.

Our final two home games featured two outstanding performances as we beat Woodford Wells and Wanstead. Over two hours were lost to rain against Wells who declared as soon as they had scored 202 to claim full batting points. This left us just 25 overs in reply. Paul Keaney set off in pursuit of the target hitting eight boundaries in his first ten scoring strokes. However, Jutla took 2 wickets in his

six over spell leaving us 41 for 2. When Liam joined his Dad we required 118 runs to win from 10.2 overs. Paul dominated the early stages of



the partnership but, as he became tired, Liam took over the chase. With the First and Fifth team players cheering us on, we won with three balls to spare. Paul finished with a magnificent 124 not out

and Liam 49 not out.

Rain denied us a win at Hutton, Zishan rolling back the years to claim three wickets, and Jack Moss batting beautifully to score 46 not out but we were confirmed as Champions as all other games were rained off. This gave us the chance to enjoy ourselves in the final game against old rivals Wanstead. They had to win to avoid relegation so batted positively, Karan Singh 32, Mahesh Velani 67 and Akbar 55 featuring in their total of 241 as seven bowlers were used. My stated intention of rewarding those players that had supported us earlier in the year saw Javed (47) and Rupert (11\*) batting at No's 3 and 4. However, I could not give opportunities to as many players as I had hoped due to a phenomenal performance by Neal Abhyankar. Opening the batting, he started tentatively. However, once he started to flow, he totally dominated the bowling. Our delight when he reached a maiden half century was nothing to the surprise, and pleasure, we took from seeing him complete his century. With the First XI players, once more, giving support there was huge delight as he struck a cover drive to the boundary.

Will he start next season as an opening batsman?

Another season, another league title! With a dearth of seam bowling it was good to see Ant Holland become such a valuable member of our attack. He still bowls too many balls outside a right hander's leg stump but his late inswing means he bowls some unplayable balls. Liam was asked to open the bowling and showed some improvement but needs to work hard this winter to find the necessary consistency at this level. As ever, I quickly turned to my spinners to put pressure on opposing batsmen. Jack Moss enjoyed some good fortune when he started bowling his off-breaks. However, he soon found that his results declined the better he bowled. JC (James Clifford) came into the side and soon showed himself to be a class act in all aspects of his game. He quickly moved up to a higher standard.

As ever, it was Hals (Tom Halsey) and Neal that did the bulk of the bowling, both enjoying a great deal of success. Not only do they take wicket, they also keep the scoring rate under control. We regularly face little other than seam bowlers and our attack enjoys far more variety than any other club that we play.

Our batting line up was not as strong as last season but there have been some excellent contributions. Chris Drain has worked hard at his game and this was rewarded by some good performances. He gave us stability at the top of the order. PK is an outstanding performer at our level and was our top run scorer.

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I took greatest pleasure from the marked improvement in Liam's batting. He won both games against Upminster for us, showing great maturity. He also played important innings against Gidea Park, Shenfield and both games with Woodford Wells. If he has a good winter I expect him to challenge for a place in the 2nd XI next season. I have been accused by certain individuals of curtailing the progress of some youngsters in my attempts to win league titles. I refute this assertion by citing Sterls, Haris and JC. They only played a handful of 3<sup>rd</sup> XI games between them. That they progressed through the teams was because they had

both the ability and the opportunity, to do so. Hals, Chai and Neal could all have played 2<sup>nd</sup> XI cricket but were denied the opportunity by the enduring quality of our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI spinners. Our success has been due to a number of factors. We have played positive cricket, and have tried to engender a good team spirit. Hals and Rykers (Andy Rycroft) have been tremendous this season. The banter between the two of them, and other members of the team, has kept spirits high and is also good for concentration. I wish whoever takes on the captaincy every success and am sure that they will do a good job. The next wave of

youngsters, Aaron, Bradley and Miles, are outstanding and all should be pushing for places in the Third Eleven. A sixth successive league title should be attainable.

I wish to thank Mike Vandome for umpiring and Julie Witham for scoring. Both regularly have to carry out their roles alone. As much as we appreciate their efforts, I can confirm that our opposition are, usually, equally as grateful. Thank you to Angela for preparing teas and to the ladies that provide evening food, not forgetting Brian and Max for their work behind the bar.

Barry Clayden

## Strong Finishers—Saturday 2nd XI

It was a strange year for the Saturday 2nds. A fairly inexperienced batting line-up produced some good displays but was often rather brittle.

The seam bowlers did not seem to have much luck and the main wicket-takers were the experienced spin pairing of Ian Hare and Stuart Everard.

For much of the season, relegation looked a possibility and there was only a single win in the first 12 games. A very strong finish to the campaign saw four wins in the last six games and a finish in 4th place, only 34 points behind the winners.

Lee Cranmer and Haris Mahmood led the way with the bat.

At the tender age of 15, Haris batted in extremely com-

posed fashion, scoring consistently with 5 half-centuries in a tally of 446 league runs (@37.17).

Lee almost always scored runs quickly and his 528 runs (@40.62) was the second highest in the league. This included a maiden century at this level, against Brentwood.

Gary Chidley found excellent form in the second half of the season and totaled 421 runs (@38.27). Tom Witham and Ollie Devenish also scored in excess of

300 runs, playing some fine innings and Dan Hagen made 291 runs before forcing his way into the 1st team. Olly and Dan also scored centuries.

In a small number of appearances, Adil Dewan impressed; his innings against Woodford Wells eked out a

vital victory when others showed rather less patience.

Ian Hare had a productive season with the ball, taking 33 wickets at a healthy 16.42. Stuart Everard returned 28 at 20.18 with both taking two five-wicket hauls.

Farhan Mahmood led the seamers with 18 wickets at 24.06. Others such as Stephen Drain, Craig Thompson, Rob Hayne and Ollie Devenish bowled good spells but it did not seem to be a lucky year for seamers.

Overall there were 16 games played with five won, six drawn and five lost. A couple of those draws should certainly have been wins and as with other Chelmsford sides, it was often the efforts in the field that let them down.

With some passionate players and a great deal of talent, there is every reason for optimism about 2012.

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## Not So Great Escape—Sunday 1st XI

At the start of the year I had high hopes of winning the Sunday League but after just a few games I knew we would be fighting against relegation. All the usual Sunday problems occurred; poor availability, players unwilling to commit and even when their own personal form is poor are still not interested in gaining valuable match practice.

Had more people used Sundays as a chance for an extra run out, perhaps it would have been a more successful and less stressful time on Saturdays. As normal, we will never know.

Roding Valley proved yet again to be a problem side.

Some good bowling and poor shot selections saw us bowled out cheaply, allowing Roding Valley to stroll to a 5 wicket win. Bradley Green impressed on his debut. Horndon conceded their home game which proved to be a vital result. South Woodford (much to everyone's delight) was rained off.

Hadleigh & Thundersley's Sunday team consisted of half a dozen first team players, whilst ours was a weakened side. A score of 244 on a postage stamp should never have been enough, Robbins playing sensibly on his way to a chanceless 139 and Jack Moss and Tom 'homeless' Halsey bowling very well to restrict the hosts to a below par score.

Chelmsford got off to a bright start with Nick 'I'm too big for everything' Bailey and Dan Hagen taking advantage of some wayward bowling. Cue the awful shots. This may well be a case of 'pot' and 'kettle' but

I have never seen such brainless batting. On a ground where scoring at 10 an over is not very difficult Chelmsford seemed to decide to try and win it in 10 overs. Lee Cranmer possibly providing one of the worst shots in Sunday cricket history. Jack Sterland and I started to rebuild but the dismissals of Sterland and Moss left me with too much to do and I fell to Wagstaff for 105. Despite Craig Thompson finding some muscle, hitting two massive sixes and giving Chelmsford a glimmer of hope we still fell 11 runs short of what should have been a comfortable chase. Some home



truths were delivered after the game hoping to have an impact on the following week, they didn't. Another poor display against

Shenfield saw us fall to their only victory of their Sunday league campaign. On another postage stamp chasing 224 should have been a rather easy task, instead it proved far too many as we were bowled out for 169. Jack Moss with 44 and my 55 gave us some hope but a run out pretty much ended any chance of victory.

Harold Wood fielded a strong side and a composed hundred from Hussain saw them post a par score of 243. Sterland got us off to a flying start but as regular wickets fell we again fell short of their target. Tom Halsey gained an extra bonus point by reaching 200. Jack Moss's fantastic bowling display which saw him take four for 21 including a hat-

trick in the last over of the home side's innings was in vain.

A very strong East Essex side proved far too good, no Chelmsford bowler escaped punishment as the home side posted a formidable 277 in their 40 overs. Chelmsford gave it a go, and failed... badly as we were bowled out for 166.

The equation was simple from this point, win the last two games and we should stay up.

In a rain affected unusual home tie at Chelmer Park, newly promoted Aztecs were unlucky as Chelmsford put in possibly their best display of the season. Fahran Mahmood bowled superbly to set a high standard early on with Mr Consistent, Jack Moss providing valuable support. Aztecs needed to rebuild, and did with some destructive middle order hitting to post 155 in their 24 overs. Jack Sterland (71) and Dan Hagen (75\*) went about the task with ease.

A much changed side for the Waltham game saw Jack Moss lead the Sunday League side to safety with an impressive victory over a dangerous Waltham side. Haris Mahmood (76) and Dan Hagen (61) set a good platform as Chelmsford posted 263. Waltham looked in control for the majority of the game but the introduction of Jack Moss (3-39) and the surprising but inspired option of Dan Hagen (3-34) saw Waltham crumble to 225 -9.

Jack Moss ended the season with 16 wickets, the leading wicket-taker in the league. Some achievement in his first season as an off-spinner.

Rob Hayto.

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## Cranmer On Fire—Warsop 20:20 Winners

The disappointing league season was soon forgotten as Chelmsford reached the Finals day in the Warsop 20:20 at Hatfield Peverel. This came at an unfortunate time, the night before being the club's bicentenary ball which meant some sore heads in the morning. Qualification had started with a walkover against Bentley but then a shock defeat to Stock saw us needing to beat Great Waltham to progress. Despite their star player Oliver 'big fish' Devenish talking up Waltham's strong team, they were beaten with ease. Chelmsford's day started poorly when the captain realised he only had his whites and his team mates had coloured kit; the 'dick of the day' award was settled. We had been drawn against Westcliff on Sea and the batting on display was diabolical, Chelmsford looked well out of it after 6 overs but some sensible batting from James Clifford and Lee Cranmer saw us post a competitive 150. The dismal bat-

ting display was forgotten very quickly as Chelmsford bowled and fielded exceptionally well. It would be unfair of me to single out any bowlers as they were all fantastic.



The hosts were the opponents in the Final - having beaten Stock in the day's opening match. It turned out to be the Lee Cranmer show. Chris 'Cheeseface' Drain and Dan Hagen got off to a solid start, but when the first wicket fell it meant the beginning of a brutally destructive knock from Chelmsford's 'little master'. Cranmer's heroics saw him finish unbeaten in the 80s, hitting the last ball of the innings for six and arrogantly swaggering off before the umpire's signal. A formidable 190 was posted. Chelmsford ensured they got off to a disciplined start in the field. The hosts never really built up any momen-

tum and always looked likely to fall short, another outstanding bowling and fielding display saw Chelmsford cruise to victory. Gary Chidley was able to get involved in the day, taking a stunning catch (which somehow gave him whiplash).

An enjoyable day finished as it should have done, Chelmsford victorious in front of a good crowd. Thank you to all the supporters who came along.

Lee Cranmer picked up the 'man of the series' award for his high quality batting whilst Chelmsford's captain proudly picked up the winners Warsop bat... looking like a tool in his whites and being named 'the ringer' by the host's supporters.

Some success was achieved and I was truly proud to have captained a winning side as we showed the difference between the Shepherd Neame and the T Rippon.  
Rob Hayto

## Friendly Stuff

During the season we had some enjoyable friendlies, a big thank you to Lee Cranmer for arranging the Halsted away game which is a fixture well worth keeping. We also hope to keep the West Indian Cosmopolitan side, as that proved to be a very entertaining fixture. James Clifford will certainly never forget the batsmen's self proclaimed 'BEAUTIFUL SHOT' as the ball raced back past him for 4. The end of season friendlies

provided some entertainment. Gary Chidley signed off in style by showing how difficult he finds it to play spin, out LBW to a double bouncer and putting in one of the worst keeping displays seen at Chelmer Park. Tom Halsey tried to silence his many, many critics by slapping his way to 69. However, he will never be able to live down the fact that he was out-bowled by Jack Sterland, on only his second attempt at leg spin in a competitive game.

I'd like to finish by thanking everyone who made themselves available for Sundays this year as well as all our umpires, scorers, tea makers. My thanks must also go to Jack Sterland, who proved to be an able and committed deputy. Just as I hoped and indeed, expected. Hopefully we can have a better charge at winning the Sunday League next year. See you in 2012.

Rob Hayto.

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## Club AGM

**Tuesday 15  
November**

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## Age Shall Weary—Saturday 4th XI

With four victories in the second half of the season, the 4<sup>th</sup> XI finished the 2011 campaign occupying 5<sup>th</sup> position in the league table. A mid table slot appears comfortable enough but we have to be honest and acknowledge that this year has been a struggle when compared with the successes of previous seasons. This year was much more a case of keeping ourselves outside of the lower reaches, rather than threatening the leading sides. However, we were again the highest placed 4<sup>th</sup> XI side in the Essex League, and our 188 points put us ahead of Wanstead (171 pts) and Brentwood (157 pts). Last year's achievement was quite exceptional, and we should still take heart from being able to hold our own in 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Division One.

A run of three consecutive victories (Brentwood, Ardleigh Green and Hadleigh & Thundersley) from 30 July to 13 August effectively ensured our survival and was well timed, as the following two weeks were blighted by poor availability of players across the club which inevitably had the toughest impact on the lower sides.

As always, the better games are worth recalling.

The two run victory away at Brentwood was a remarkable result. After we had posted 239 (Bradley Green excelling with 55), Brentwood were comfortably winning the game at 165-2 with 13 overs remaining. Six deliveries later the scoreboard was showing 166-5 with Ian Turner's

slow left arm jolting us right back into the game. Brentwood rallied and there was still plenty of ebb and flow before Keith Goodman captured the final wicket off the penultimate ball of the match. In fact, full credit to J Hilliard the last man out who, having been caught at the wicket, departed the crease without needing the umpire's confirmation. Ian completed his spell with figures of 4-30, but we were indebted to Keith's efforts (4-54) as well as to an outstanding diving catch from Angus Turner.

A fortnight later we produced a solid performance in a 7 wicket home win over Hadleigh & Thundersley. Ben Clifford, now becoming a regular in the side, bowled very well in picking up 4-25 and with the other wickets falling to Alistair Fergus (3-31) and Gooders (3-40), Hadleigh were dismissed for 183. On what was still a damp and drying track, Steve Pleasant (80) then treated us to a batting exhibition, and was well supported by a gritty 54 from Rupert Redman in a fine stand of 145. Steve was the standout batsman during the second half of the season, having made 142 the previous week against Ardleigh Green, and despite only seven appearances recorded 368 runs with the highest average of 52.57.

Though a largely academic matter (we were safe, they were relegated), the victory away at Wanstead on the last Saturday of the season was very satisfying. At 141-3 from 30 overs, we were

anticipating having to chase a large Wanstead total. However, Abhijeet Kumar saw things differently and bowled out the opposition for 178 with an excellent spell of 6-22 from 8.3 overs. Abhijeet's figures were the best individual bowling performance in the 4ths this season. In reply, and after the early loss of both openers, we were seen home to a 6 wicket win by some attacking batting from Miles Clark (57) and Navin Mahendran (59), with Bradley Green (29no) finishing the task.

These three match reports are all examples of the side putting together good performances, but we were never able to find the consistency of the 2010 season. Last year's improved fielding deserted us and on too many occasions, dropped catches and poor ground fielding meant we failed to support our bowlers.

For the second year running Ian Turner was top runscore, making an excellent 621 league runs, at an average of 47.77. Bradley Green (U14 colt) had a marvellous season scoring 402 runs (at 30.92), as well as impressing as wicketkeeper with 15 dismissals to his name. Steve Pleasant, as already mentioned, showed great form in what was a short season for him, and Navin Mahendran with 344 runs (at 38.22) showed us some fine attacking stroke play. Angus Turner, Rupert Redman, and Miles Clark all made timely contributions, and each of them had made two 4<sup>th</sup> XI fifties by the close of the season.

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Amongst the bowlers, Neil Raisborough merits special mention for the work he got through, often with little to show for his efforts e.g. long spells of testing bowling at Brentwood and at home to Hadleigh went without reward. However, away at Hornchurch, Neil did get a result with 5-58 from 22 overs, though a poor batting effort then failed to do justice to that spell. In 15 matches, Neil sent down 187.3 overs and took 26 wickets at an average of 24.92. Once again, Keith Goodman headed the averages with 20 wickets (at 14.90) and on some slow home wickets demonstrated the pressure that builds from precise length bowling to finely set fields. Aaron Beard (U13 colt) deservedly finished the season with the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, and

across the two sides took 20 wickets at 19.20, bowling with good control and an economy of 3.27 runs per over. Aaron bowled a lively pace for 3<sup>rd</sup> XI cricket and his development will be keenly followed. Additionally, Ian Turner, Abhijeet Kumar and Ben Clifford all made useful and, in some cases, match winning contributions.

Towards the end of the season there were some awkward selection weeks and from a team secretary's perspective it was a tough year with too many weeks when players were being repositioned on Friday evenings, sometimes into Saturday mornings. On occasions we pulled in players from outside the immediate player pool, and we are grateful to parents such as Alan Beard and Barry

Green who helped out when the reserves had run dry. Selection difficulties reflect a weakening of the club and are a warning sign to which we must pay attention.

In all, 29 players turned out for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI, and my thanks are extended to you all for making it another enjoyable season.

Groundsmen Martin and Shane consistently produced good tracks. It was a credit to their preparation that despite consistently wet weather, the tracks invariably played well. Bernice, Sue, Samir, and Stan all helped out with scoring some of our games, and Angela laid on good teas to keep our strength up.

Thanks to you all for your support throughout the season.

David Goddard

## Bookends—Saturday 6th XI

Another memorable cricket season has come to an end. Amidst all the extra bicentennial activity we managed to play some 6<sup>th</sup> XI fixtures, weather and 'V' permitting. From 11 matches, there were 6 wins and 4 defeats.

The team mix was the usual (very) young and not so young (old). This season we were pleased to be able to give a debut to Tom and Harry Arnold, Jack and Jordan Campion, Connor Cheverall, Tom Blaker, Alex Critchell and Zameer Panjwani who all acquitted themselves well in the longer adult game.

As usual we encourage the colt members, in every match, to take the lead roles and accept responsibility which has resulted in some outstanding individual performances. 'Old hand' Harry

Green, at vintage age of 12, scored a brilliant maiden half century (62) against Writtle and followed up with two six wicket hauls—6 for 6, including a hat-trick at West Mersea and 6 for 40 in the return against Writtle.

Maiden fifties were also scored by Tahir Khan (14) with 87 and Connor Cheverall (13) with 82, both in the OC's fixtures.

The bowling duties are shared around. Tom Arnold (12) bowled his left arm spin with great maturity and snared a total of 19 wickets with his maiden 5 wicket haul in the victory against Rayleigh. Harry Green was the top aggregate wicket taker with 21 but much promise was shown by Harry Arnold (10) and Alex Critchell (12) with 10 and 5 wickets respectively.

Whilst 15 lads from the Under 16 register gained important match experience we so much depend on the senior members, including dads, to support the younger members and we are extremely fortunate to have a great bunch of enthusiasts who enjoy this role. My thanks go to my ever present vice skipper Colin, ably assisted by Dickie, David, Barry, Zaf and Abraham, who, incidentally, scored his maiden Club 50 in the victory against West Mersea, well done Abraham.

The challenge for next season will be the same as normal with many of this season's 6<sup>th</sup> XI regulars challenging for promotion and young talent vying to take their place in the team. Roll on 2012 and the next 200 years!

**Bob Shortman**

## Not Quite—Saturday 5th XI

2011 was a season filled with a heady mix of trials, tribulations, triumphs, turnarounds, the odd tantrum, and a few opposition players for whom I can think of words beginning with 't' but they probably wouldn't make the cut. The start to the season was little short of disastrous, with 3 defeats in the first four games, however whilst I think it would be an overstatement to say that more consistency was found, the team showed a pleasing resilience to go through the rest of the season with only one defeat. Indeed that result was later overturned following Walthamstow's expulsion from the league - the only disappointment amongst the ranks at this was that we'd already had to make the trip to the Peter May Centre. A creditable finish of third in the table only tells half the story of the season.

The first game of the season was probably the most demoralising of my tenure as captain, as against some fairly innocuous bowling we collapsed to 46 for seven and managed just 113. The only bright spot in our batting was James Burns, who made a gutsy 36 on his league debut. Despite an excellent effort in the field, started by Ben Clifford (3-12) and with Adam Chantry (4-17) coming to the fore, Billericay crept home by 1 wicket. Given that Billericay didn't win another game until the final weekend of the season, this result undoubtedly cost us come the end of the season. A comfortable win over Brentwood in the next game (Alex Shepherd 88, Ben Clifford 53\*, Barry Green 4-33) helped to restore some confidence. Defeat by 15 runs to a Wanstead side with a bowler in inspired form was hard to take, although losing my primary all-rounder at 11.30 that morning certainly didn't help (my rant about selection follows later).

With a hastily re-jigged side, Ben Daniels and I had to bowl 29 overs between us, and then not for the last time this season we had cause to be grateful to Martin Daniels who rescued the innings from a precarious start with a calm and composed 80. Martin's dismissal was a key turning point, and although I recovered from a tetchy start to post 83, was the final victim of Morris-Ley (5-33), who bowled extremely well.

Losing the toss at Stanford-le-Hope in the next game was a bad move, and with an indifferent pitch and novel interpretation of the LBW rule we were in with little chance against an impressive opposition, who even managed to field an overseas player in their 3rd team. Matt Davis (2-24) bowled particularly well but they chased our target calmly and just when I thought we had a chance Alex Shepherd was launched over the rugby posts at long-off by their Antipodean. It was a huge hit but wasn't even the worst thing to happen to him that weekend, injuring his knee again the next day which was a real loss to the team and a cruel blow as he had worked so hard on his fitness.

Particularly in these early parts of the season selection was a real challenge, and I am immensely grateful to the likes of Dickie Davies, Barry Green, Dave Chantry, Martyn Witham, Gary Cheverall and indeed Bob who turned out, sometimes at short notice, and always contributed. My own feelings are that all players need to take more responsibility for letting their captain know if they will be available for the following week. Anyone stating that they do not know, for non-work related reasons, should be prepared to have their manhood justifiably questioned by their teammates if they need to 'get permission'.

The non-availability board in the clubhouse still, every week, bears little resemblance to the final MIA list. A tiny amount of time for each individual would save massive efforts from all the captains.



I won't describe each of the subsequent games in detail but

a few individual achievements bear mention. Ben Clifford took a fine 4-36 against Benfleet, but they took far more exception to an astonishingly brutal knock of 130\* from Sam Hollingsworth, as a target of 195 was chased in just 18.1 overs. He struck 25 boundaries, including six 6s, and probably gave the Benfleet wicket-keeper cause to regret winding him up earlier. In the next game against Upminster the worryingly familiar top-order collapse was arrested by a stunning unbeaten 184 from Martin Daniels. In a way you had to admire the ignorant chutzpah of the bowler who suggested that Martin 'play a proper shot' when more than 150 not out, this suggestion didn't stop the next ball following the previous one several yards over the boundary. The win was secured, however, with an excellent hostile spell from Barry Green, and in something of a high point for our fielding, nine catches were held. A comfortable win against Fives was followed by a heavy defeat to Walthamstow, who had one bowler clearly playing below his level. Fortunately, this game was expunged from the league record.

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In the return fixtures, Billericay made just 60, with Alistair Ferguson taking 5-13. Our fielding and bowling was disappointingly lacklustre at Benfleet, and we were well and truly saved when batting by Martin (again). From a sedate start he accelerated and a matchwinning final-wicket partnership of 72, accompanied by son Ben, saw us home. Brentwood were defeated comfortably with Micky Burns hitting an unbeaten 55, whilst Wanstead were destroyed by Adam Chantry, who demonstrated control, flight and guile to return 8-16 to instigate a collapse from 26-1 to 70 all out. Adam was supported by Abhijeet Kumar (1-13), who not for the first time in his debut season was relatively unrewarded for a fine effort. In what at the time appeared to be a key match, Upminster were thoroughly defeated through the efforts of artificial-track bully Huw Davies (7-37) and Peter Marshall (44\*). However the August weather scuppered our promotion chances from a strong position. Rain-affected matches against Loughton and Fives ended in low-scoring draws. The main plus point from these matches was that follow-

ing his return from injury, Alex Shepherd was in excellent form with both bat and ball, contributing strongly. In the final reckoning a finish of third can be considered a successful season. The Walthamstow match was replaced by a friendly against Westcliff and Micky Burns took advantage with his maiden century, the second landmark he achieved during the season and a great relief to David Goddard who declared an innings a couple of years ago when Micky was 98 not out. With several promising youngsters progressing through the sides, the development of Adam Chantry and Ben Daniels in particular has been pleasing, both having improved their control considerably. The fielding throughout the season, with particular mention due to Liam Thrift and Peter Drain, was generally of a high standard and backed up the bowling well. The batting was at times fragile and highly dependent on a couple of individuals on occasion. When the team may be sometimes short of specialists, it is important that all players work on this side of their game so that they can contribute. I'll be keeping an

eye out during winter nets! If I'm permitted one final grumble, back in 1963 Bob Dylan famously (almost) wrote, "the answer, my friend is bowlin' in the wind". When I make this suggestion to some of the young bowlers, the answer tends to be "I'd rather not". Ultimately, any aspiring cricketer won't have the opportunity to decline Andrew Strauss' or Alistair Cook's invitation to bowl up the slope at Lord's, so why not start getting used to bowling in unfamiliar or challenging conditions from the outset? At the time of writing I'm unsure whether I'll continue to captain the side next year, but regardless I'd also like to see young bowlers taking more interest in setting their own fields, and thinking about their plans of attack (or indeed defence) a little more. There's still loads of talent at the club, throughout the sides, and I know Bob has been introducing yet more promising youngsters through the 6th XI. With a little focus and application the potential to thrive further is really quite exciting.

Alex Bailey

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## 6-4-1 Again—Sunday 2nd XI

The Sunday 2nd team season was slightly disrupted by the Matchplay. This made getting sides difficult or on occasions impossible. There were 11 games, of which six were won, four lost and one abandoned.

The most memorable performance came at Stock where Lee Cranmer and

Rupert Redman batted superbly to achieve a decent target.

South Essex proved a fruitful hunting ground, Darren Butt destroyed Old Southendians with seven wickets. Tom Halsey and Miles Clark combined to beat Canvey Island and Tom Witham and Jack Moss saw off a surly Leigh

side.

The team was over-matched at Broxbourne and at home to Old Southendians and Seven Kings. The latter game featured a brilliant innings from Bradley Green.

## Fantastic Four—Under-15s

The Under 15 squad for this season was a formidable group of talented young cricketers whose past record included winning the County Under 13 Cup in two consecutive seasons. So the potential for County Cup progress was possible provided external conflicting pressures could be accommodated.

All the under 15 team members were pivotal to the extraordinary Under 16 'Matchplay' team performances in getting to the Final at the County Ground. In addition many of the under 15 squad represented the County and District teams namely at Under 15 - Haris Mahmood, Miles Clark, Angus Turner; Under 14 - James Clifford, Bradley Green, Matt Davis; Under 13 - Aaron Beard, Ben Clifford; Under 12 - Harry Green and Tom Arnold.

Manipulating the Under 15 fixtures to fit the various availability requirements meant that with the early season Cup successes we had to target the County Cup and League Cup route at the expense of District league fixtures which would have been impossible to fulfil.

**County Cup: Denis Peters**

### **Trophy**

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Rounds** were common LC and CC qualifiers with landslide victories against Writtle CC (won by 154 runs – Haris 62; James 53) and South Woodham Ferrers CC (won by 156 runs Haris 100 not out; Bradley 42; Aaron 4-7).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Round** v Upminster CC (won by 15 runs) A reasonably comfortable victory with Haris setting the innings off with a rapid 52 before retiring.

**Quarter-Final** v South Woodford CC (won by 7 runs) A classic 20/20 cup match played in dingy Woodford on an awful wet evening. After scoring a competitive total of 146 (Haris 50 not out; James 44 not out) the lads bowled and fielded with determination in worsening conditions to squeeze home. An excellent resilient performance.

**Semi-Final** v Brentwood CC (lost by 8 wickets) With a depleted side we underperformed at the last hurdle. James scored a brilliant 51 not out but we failed to punish the second string Brentwood bowlers: this resulted in us scoring a less than daunting 111 total which was

comfortably knocked off. A frustrating experience for all concerned but lessons were learnt!

**District League Cup** :-  
**Semi-Final** v Hutton CC (won by 9 wkts)

A convincing win with a solid fielding performance followed by total batting domination by the in form pair of Haris (53 not out) and Miles (45 not out).

**League Cup final** at Hutton CC v Brentwood CC (won by 8 wkts)

On a damp pitch we exacted revenge for our defeat in the County Cup Semi-final with a superb performance by senior batters Haris (55) and Miles (53 not out) following a steady all-round bowling and fielding performance in the first innings.

**Final match statistics** -  
Played 7 Won 6 Lost 1

The team proved to be a formidable batting side with Haris, James, Miles and Bradley scoring an incredible 800 runs aggregate between them in the 7 games played. This left not too many opportunities for other members of the squad but they provided the vital team support so important in winning the games.

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## Colt's Awards

Colt of the Year:  
Haris Mahmood

Outstanding Individual Performance (Stan Doe Trophy):  
James Clifford

Most Improved Player:  
Tom Arnold

### Under-15/16s

Batsman: Miles Clark

Bowler: Ben Clifford

All-Rounder: Liam Keaney

Fielder: Bradley Green

### Under-13s

Batsman: Aaron Beard

Bowler: Shona Keaney

All-Rounder: Jack Campion

Fielder: Tom Blaker

### Under-11s

Batsman: Harry Arnold

All-Rounder: Jonathan Tween

Fielder: Matthew Cole

Most Helpful Colt: Alexander Gulliver

Special Award: Henry Clark (for six for 0 in Matchplay)

## First Steps- Under-11s

It was a tough summer for the under 11 team where most of the team members were new to the world of match play cricket. We used the squad that participated in the winter indoor 6 a side and added new players from Shep's very keen group on Friday evenings. This all followed an excellent turnout in the winter indoor coaching before Christmas, also run by Shep and his able coaching assistants.

The first hurdle to overcome for the summer match play was the confidence and desire to play with a hard ball, often a tricky hurdle indeed but generally we were able to convince the few doubters that they would enjoy the experience and it seemed they all did!

Friday night coaching and practice was very well attended and it was the 'match practice' which we concentrated on with advice on basic skills added during the games played. Well that was when the theory was overtaken by the actuality – after 10 minutes the concentration level was nil, but volume levels were hyperactive! A scenario that I am sure the

parents recognised. Still we had some fun and we recognised some gradual improvements during the subsequent weeks.



We delayed the competitive league fixtures to enable us

to arrange some additional Sunday morning practice sessions for the squad, which were well supported: We quickly realised that the break for 'doughnuts' was an important incentive to better concentration levels!

We played our league games in the Central Essex 'A' Division and we were generally outplayed by stronger opponents, both in age and experience. Some heavy drubbings were had, but we stuck to our principle of batting first every time and we always finished with a score above 200 and a best score of 269 in the last match. Our bowling and fielding improved likewise but lacked consistency and concentration, 'what'! We did however win a close encounter with Billericay, who, like

ourselves were a very young side.

We played and won a league cup fixture against Stock where we chased a daunting 141 total set by Stock, scoring 142 with Lizzie Davis and Harry Arnold (playing in one of their rare U11 games because of Essex County selection) making 12 and 61 not out respectively, Harry striking a 6 to win the match in the last over.

Of the 8 games played we won 2 and lost 6. In those 8 games played we managed to give match experience to 21 under 11 boys and girls with 20 of those playing at least 2 or more matches each.

With many of this season's squad remaining eligible for next season we are hoping for more successful results and hopefully an additional 'B' team to add to the cricket learning experience so vital for this age group.

Last but not least many thanks to Andrew Shepherd and his coaching team, to the Friday girls who sort everybody out and to all the parents who have supported so well.

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## Places

**Saturday 1st XI:** Shepherd Neame Essex League Premier Division

**P18/ W5/ D2/ L9/ A2**

**Pts 200 Position 6th**

**Sat 2nd XI:** SNEL 2nd XI Premier Division

**P18/ W5/ D6/ L5/ A2**

**Pts 201 Position 4th**

**Sat 3rd XI:** SNEL 3rd XI Premier Division

**P18/ W11/ D3/ L1/ A3**

**Pts 256 Position 1st**

**Sat 4th XI:** SNEL 3rd XI Division 1

**P18/ W5/ D5/ L6/ A2**

**Pts 188 Position 5th**

**Sat 5th XI:** SNEL 4th XI Division 1

**P16/ W9/D2/ L3/ A2**

**Pts 244 Position 3rd**

**Sunday 1st XI:** ESL Premier Division

**P8/ W2/ L5/ A1**

**Pts 91 Position 6th**

**SNEL Cup: Semi-Finalists**

**SNEL Dukes T20: Quarter-Finalists**

**Warsop T20: Winners**

**Under-16s:** Essex Matchplay

**Runners-Up**

## Growing Pains—Under-13s

An under-13 squad with a wealth of talent had something of a frustrating season (or at least their coach did).

The large amount of Essex age-group cricket made it difficult to get the strongest side but left the opportunity for others to show how good they were. Ultimately, most of their efforts especially with the bat were rather disappointing.

In the local A team league, Ben Clifford hit high quality half-centuries to set up wins against Great Baddow, Brentwood and Springfield. Against Hutton, Aaron Beard scored a fantastic century in a score of just 120.

There were some fine bowling displays from Harry Green (v Great Baddow), Jamie Matthews (v Springfield) and Toms Arnold and Blaker (v Hutton) to reinforce victory.

The league season ended with a very poor defeat at Shenfield. Ben had set up the chase but after he was out the rest of the order fell away.

The first two rounds of the local Cup saw easy wins over Hatfield Peverel and Maldon, Aaron hitting a maiden hundred in the latter. The defence of the County Cup ended in the first round though with Orsett playing well and winning a decent contest.

Some end of season glory looked possible as another brilliant innings from Aaron (70\*) and the best bowling and fielding per-

formance of the season won the semi-final against Brentwood.

The final against Bentley again saw a chase fall away after Ben fell for 54.

The Peter Coe Cup is a 30 over a side competition which gives players a chance to build an innings. In the 6 games, James Burns scored the only half century and the next best score was 23.

These games showed up a lack of technique with the bat and with only 1 win it was a disappointing campaign. The bowling was generally fairly good but very often let down by the fielding.

Overall in the A team games the lessons were the same every week. Chelmsford consistently failed to put the pressure on opposition fielders and continually buckled under pressure from opposition batsmen. The lack of progress on this front made it an incredibly frustrating experience as a coach.

The B team had a decent record, winning 7 and losing 3. Tom Arnold, Jack Campion and Jamie Matthews made maiden fifties.

Plenty of players showed good ability with both bat and ball and more rarely, in the field. The annoying factor was the number of players who should have been looking to excel in the A team, showing much greater appetite for the B team.

Aaron Beard and Ben Clifford are exceptionally good cricketers, as they demonstrated in adult and under-16 cricket. Shona Keaney can also be added to that list, her bowling was extremely good and very consistent and her batting is very solid, just needing more confidence.

Connor Cheverall was unlucky not to get more opportunities and with more time at the crease, should be a good player.

Tom Arnold's bowling made excellent progress during the season and his brother Harry was good enough to gain a place in the first choice side despite being an under-10.

The likes of Harry Green, James Burns, Tom Blaker, Jamie Matthews, Alex Critchell and Jack Campion produced good performances but their temperaments were rather immature. Having said that, with the benefit of hindsight, it occurs to me that they are boys under 13 years of age. There is plenty of time for development.

I was very pleased with Ed Cole's willingness to play and his batting made some decent progress during the season.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out, particularly Maureen and Barry Green and Micky Burns. Also to the many who actually ensured we could provide some hospitality to our visitors with tea and coffee.

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### The Main Things We Learnt This Season

- Boys like Custard Creams and Bourbons
  - Malted Milk are not popular
  - If you don't take singles, you lose games of cricket
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## Final Reckoning—Under-16s

After the embarrassment of failing to enter a team in 2010, the 2011 Matchplay was guaranteed to be an improvement. It turned out possibly better than expected with a run all the way to the Final.

Along the way, there were some really brilliant performances, especially from the off-spinners James Clifford and Henry Clark.

The group phase of the competition was rather routine. With two matches rained off and one won by walkover, there were only six games played. All were won batting second and just 14 wickets fell.

Colchester, Loughton and Brentwood provided decent challenges but in the end were fairly comfortably beaten. The wins over Benfleet, Ardleigh Green and Stansted Hall & Elsenham were very comfortable.

Colchester were a useful side and posted 187 but well-constructed half-centuries from Angus Turner and Haris Mahmood ensured an eight-wicket win.

Four cheap wickets from Ben Clifford at Loughton put Chelmsford in a strong position but chasing 110, they reached a slightly precarious 55 for four. Jack Stevens and Aaron Beard saw that game to a successful conclusion.

The game against Brentwood seemed destined to determine the group winners. A target of 229 was achieved for the loss of 4

wickets. There were half-centuries from James Clifford and Liam Keaney plus useful contributions from Henry Clark and Miles Clark.

The most amazing performance in the group matches

came from Henry Clark. His figures against Stansted Hall & Elsenham speak for themselves; 7.4-7-0-6.

Having won the group, Chelmsford had a home tie against Gidea Park & Romford in the quarter-final. On a very hot day, Chelmsford broke with the pattern and batted first—after winning the re-toss.

James Clifford, Angus Turner and Henry Clark hit half-centuries and Liam Keaney was in useful form too as Chelmsford made 281. That proved too many, especially with James following up his runs with four for 10 from his 8 overs.

The semi-final was played at Billericay with Hadleigh & Thundersley as the opposition. Three early wickets had Chelmsford in trouble but a superb partnership between James Clifford and Miles Clark turned the game around. James completed a brilliant century and Miles made 88 before being run out from the last ball, closing the innings at 255 for six.

Hadleigh chased that strongly with Philippe scoring a century but when he fell to Josh Fitzwater, the innings foundered to 211.

The reward for having played some excellent cricket was a Final at the



County Ground. Wanstead had always been the favourites to win the

competition and when Velani was in full flow, a massive score looked to be on the cards. Liam Keaney got him out and with Henry Clark and Aaron Beard bowling their 8 over allocations superbly, the final score was restricted to 233.

James Clifford and Angus Turner ensured a solid start and James accelerated the scoring, passing fifty for the fourth game in a row but falling for 63. The rest of the order had a lot to do and never quite threatened to do it but had put up a good showing.

A smallish squad did very well over the season, winning eight games with a reasonable degree of comfort. The way the games went meant someone as good as Max Balmford got no opportunities to bat and even Miles Clark and Bradley Green rarely got in.

Most of the squad are available for 2012 but Essex commitments may make the challenge even harder next year.

I am sure Chris would like to thank all who played and helped. Maybe in the next edition?

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## Coming Soon

### The Toss—Special Edition on Bi-Centenary Events

**Find out:** What Ollie has to say about the 6-a-side (unless this goes to Court, in which case you'll have to wait); who was the Player of the Cricket week?; did Alistair really enjoy a couple of games?; why did Keith spend so much time playing golf in early September and plenty more

Available once people start sending in articles.



## The Numbers

### Highest Total: 303-6

Sat 1sts v Hainault & Clayhall

### Lowest Total: 90 all out

Sat 5ths v Walthamstow

### Highest Total Conceded: 338-6

Brentwood v Sat 1sts

### Lowest Total Against:

### 38 all out

Stansted Hall v Under-16s

### Highest Score: 184\*

### Martin Daniels

Sat 5ths v Upminster

### Centuries

**2**—Lee Cranmer, Paul Keaney, Ian Turner, Rob Hayto, Martin Daniels

**1**—Nick Bailey, Nick Prowting, Dan Hagen, Ollie Devenish, Haris Mahmood, Neal Abhyankar, Stephen Pleasant, Sam Hollingsworth, James Clifford, David Thrift, Micky Burns

### Best Bowling: 8-16 Adam Chantry

Sat 5ths v Wanstead

### Five-Wicket Innings

**2**—Stuart Everard, Ian Hare, Rob Hayto, Neal Abhyankar, Harry Green

**1**—Paul Court, Nigel Bond, Anthony Holland, Jack Moss, Neil Raisborough, Abhijeet Kumar, Adam Chantry, Huw Davies, Barry Green, Alistair Fergus, Tom Halsey, Darren Butt, Henry Clark, Mark Drain, Tom Arnold

### Hat-Tricks

Paul Court

Jack Moss

Harry Green

