

# The Bugle



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## April 2022 Edition

Welcome to this month's edition of The Bugle.

### Summary –

The cricket season is now just around the corner, and we are hopeful for some beautiful summer days, great cricket and plenty of support over the next 18 weeks at Bledlow.

The club has had a productive April, trying to get the ground ready for the season, juniors began buzzing around the outfield on Friday evenings again and a successful evening when band "Hunter 101" played at Bledlow on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A date for the diary, June 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be an evening event for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, Music and a BBQ, this will begin around 8pm when cricket at Bledlow has finished that day, we hope to see many of you there!

Back to the present, now as we enter our busy summer months, we are constantly in need of volunteers, coaches, bar staff, or anything else you-

may wish to help with.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you would like to become more involved at our club.

### Senior Cricket –

The senior season began on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a friendly against fellow Bledlow side "The Ridge". This pre season friendly wasn't quite as spicy as some of the past Battles of Bledlow that we have encountered over the years, but it was a good run out for the team and ended in [a 4 wicket win](#). That was followed by an [11 run win](#) against Stokenchurch on the 30<sup>th</sup>, another close game, but two important matches that have helped us prepare for a big season ahead.

The Cherwell League begins this weekend [7<sup>th</sup> May](#)

**1s** Away @ Shipton-Under-Wychwood 1s

**2s** Home to Aston Rowant 3s.

[8<sup>th</sup> May 1pm Start](#)

The National Village Cup Round 2. We host Westbury CC looking to begin a good cup run!

New captain Harry Bartlett has acknowledged Westbury is a tricky match but said "It would be great to see a packed-out crowd at Bledlow to spur us on"

### Junior Cricket –

The under 15s, 13s & 11s have all taken to the field already this season in the Aylesbury Midweek Cricket League, a couple of tough games against Aston Rowant sides, James Zobel the pick of the U15s with the bat and Oliver Bowler with the ball against Aston Rowant's u15s.

A close game away at Wendover on the 29<sup>th</sup> with Bledlow losing by 6 runs, But signs of promise for our young U11 side. Their indoor sessions from January have been paying off.

We have had great uptake for our Allstar and Dynamo programmes we run, we look forward to them starting this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, see you there! Please remember to get involved with your children in these programmes. (The bar will also be open from 6pm)

## Century Club Draw

April

£65 Brian Corcoran

£35 Louise Lucas

£20 Tom Moore

£15 Jim Bounden

If you wish to join the monthly Century Club draw contact.

[bvcc100club@btinternet.com](mailto:bvcc100club@btinternet.com)

### New Players –

As always, the club welcomes new players of any ability. If you know someone that you think may enjoy a game of cricket, whether its competitive or Sunday friendlies, or even someone that may enjoy the social side of the club, let them know where we are and that we warmly welcome new members.

Opening hours and training days can all be found on or website, link on the top of the page.

## Women's Softball – Thursday Evenings – 7pm-8pm

This year we have Dan Walker taking over from the Women's soft ball cricket sessions Megan ran for the club last year. Dan said " The early signs are really positive, its great to see the ladies in the village joining in with the cricket club. Hopefully it can continue, which will help strengthen the relationship with between the Village and cricket club"

The first session last Thursday consisted of some bowling and fielding drills, it's a great social and good way to keep active trying something new, then of course, the bar will be open for a drink after your hard work. Pop along one Thursday evening or get in touch if you have any questions about it before you join in.

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*A few words from our new 1<sup>ST</sup> XI captain.  
Harry Bartlett.*

It's a real honour to be leading the 1st team this year. I've been playing in this side for 6 years now and I've seen this team develop into not just a great cricketing side, but a great team, a real close-knit group of players. We've been floating around the top of division two for a while now, so I won't beat around the bush, it is my goal to get this club promoted come August. With the talent on offer in this side I don't see how we can't push for those top spots.

I'm a real advocate for pushing the younger players to reach their full potential so we'll be seeing a few breakout seasons from a few of them this year. With a tricky Village Knockout match vs Westbury on the 8th May it would be great to see a packed-out crowd at Bledlow to spur us on.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and I hope this year we can bring an entertaining, competitive and enjoyable style of cricket to the Bledlow Oval.

*Harry Bartlett*



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