

# The Bugle



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**Played 6, 1474 runs, 60 wickets, 6 wins**

Bledlow players hit the ground running at the start of the season with a series of impressive individual and team performances over the first 3 weekends of cricket. Saturday, Sunday and Midweek teams all registered wins with special mentions to Will Woodward for his astonishing 151 in our village cup 1<sup>st</sup> round win at Bledlow Ridge and to Dan Walker for achieving his first win as a Bledlow captain.

May brings the start of competitive Saturday cricket in the Cherwell League. The first weekend sees the 1<sup>st</sup> XI at home against Challow and Childrey, whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have the long trip up to Horley. Good luck lads!

Yet again the ground is in great shape for the start of the season and we thank Andy Harman and all those who've helped him out in the recent few weeks for their efforts.

## Match Reports

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI @ Princes Risborough**

Tom Moore won the toss and elected to bat on what looked like a typically good Risborough pitch. Olly and Marcus opened the batting and things got off to a slow start as the PRCC opening bowlers stuck to a disciplined line. However it wasn't long before Olly had had enough and began to play aggressively, almost a shot a ball, with mixed results. Marcus was the first man out for just 4 as he feathered one through to the wicket keeper. Tom came in and looked composed at the crease, putting away the bad balls which were now coming more frequently as the opening bowlers seemed to tire. Once the change bowlers came on, both Olly and Tom tucked in and the score rocketed along at more than a run a ball in a partnership worth over 100. A lapse of concentration saw Olly run out for 91 whilst he was backing up, but this only didn't slow the scoring rate, as Will quickly got into his stride and carried on his form from the previous week. Another run out saw Tom depart for 87 with Bledlow looking to accelerate the scoring even further. Carnage ensued as Charlie and Will put the bowling to the sword, both racking up quick fire fifties to push the score past 300. Bledlow finished on 318-5 from their 45 overs.

Bledlow's domination continued after the break with Hawkesy and Pearcey picking up early wickets. The momentum was continued by the change bowlers as Reckers and Mouldy both got into the act with wickets of their own. The procession was completed as spin twins Reg and Marcus mopped up the tail with two wickets each. The innings ended on 157 all out, seeing Bledlow win comprehensively by 161 runs.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Friendly XI @ Hurley**

Bledlow travelled to Hurley looking to continue their winning start to the season. Keeno lost the toss and the Hurley captain elected to field first.

Marcus and Olly wasted little time in getting the scoreboard ticking, with boundaries flowing regularly. Olly was the first man to 50 but then was dismissed soon after, thanks to an impressive one handed diving catch. A quick Josh Franklin cameo came to an end for 15 when he was caught on the second attempt at mid wicket. Marcus and Basu then both got to their fifties in an impressive partnership as Bledlow piled on the runs. Basu was run out for a well made 56 and Floyd quickly followed as the innings neared it's end. Marcus failed in his pursuit of 100 as he was caught for 90. A quick slog from Dan helped the score get to 248-6 before Keeno declared.

Jonny Kaufman made an impressive start to his Bledlow career as he picked up two early wickets, he could have had more if Bledlow's catching was up to scratch. Simon also collected his first two wickets for Bledlow as the Hurley batsmen couldn't handle the opening bowlers. The change bowlers had similar success as Megan and Hawkesy picked up a wicket each and neither allowed the batsmen any easy scoring opportunities. Josh and Marcus shared the final 4 wickets, both bowling impressive spells of spin, as Bledlow confirmed a comfortable victory with two overs remaining, bowling Hurley out for just 108.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI @ Bledlow Ridge**

**National Village Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round**

After we had all arrived, had a kickabout and a chat, Tom got our warm up on the way with a slow lap around the windy Ridge ground.

Tom lost the toss and we were asked to bat. Olly and Tom opened with high confidence having faced some weak competition in friendlies so far.

The problem with that was, when Olly 1st faced two wide balls he wasn't expecting the next one to be straight and bowl him.

Charlie at three did a good job with Tom building a partnership and scoring regularly. After what appeared to be controversial dismissal the danger man, Will Woodward, walked to the crease. With Tom not lasting much longer Will quickly became crucial to stopping a collapse.

After Marcus had gone back to one that failed to bounce he was trapped plum LBW. Reg made sure he hung around and played an experienced innings, allowing Will to eventually unleash carnage. with some extraordinary hitting although the wind helped (Tom Moore even hit a six) Will racked up a 151 helping Bledlow Village reach 272 in our overs.

## Players of the Month

Plenty of good early season performances to mention this month:

-Olly Woodward and Tommy Moore missing out on 100s vs Risborough with 91 and 87.

-Another bout of jug avoidance from Marcus Goodchild who made 90 vs Hurley.

-50's for Charlie Downes, James Basu, Martin Bloomfield & Richard Reglar (1st for the club).

However this month there can only be one player of the month – Will Woodward. Having made 60 in the first game of the season, he then unleashed one of the great Bledlow innings vs Bledlow Ridge in the Village Cup. To give it write-up it deserves the we've had Richard 'Reg' Reglar give us his '*View from the non-strikers end*'

*Joining Will Woodwood at 84 for 4, Woodward with 30 odd runs to his name, it was apparent the good ship Bledlow Village was in some potentially troubled waters. Deciding that stabilising the innings was our best route forward, a number of hard fought overs ensued until like a clap of thunder that signals the on-coming storm, Woodward struck a thumping sweep to the leg side boundary and then, like the rains in biblical times, they never stopped. The fours and sixes from Woodward's bat seemed relentless and once passed the hundred mark, his final 50 came in near enough 20 balls. Wielding his bat more like Thor's hammer than a piece English willow, the ball didn't just clear the rope but left the ground on countless occasions.*

*A game of cricket is never won until both teams have batted and bowled but once Woodward had finally departed the ground for a magnificent and club equalling record score in The Village Knockout of 151, BVCC had upwards of 260 on score board, there appeared to be no route back for Bledlow Ridge and so it proved.*

*Rarely have I witnessed such clean and destructive hitting in a game of cricket. Will and I shared a partnership of nearly 150 of which I contributed a paltry 25, however, I am privileged and proud to have had held the best seat in the house. What a show!*

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After a satisfactory tea the team headed back out into the grey conditions. As the senior, Matt Pearce had selected to come down the hill. Reckers was left to open the bowling up it. Tidy starts from both meant the Ridge were soon three down, Percy claiming both their 1 and 2.

With the Ridge on the ropes at 28 for 3 in the 9th over, Tom changed both bowlers bringing on Marcus and Kingy to further turn the screw. The game was as good as over after Kingy and Marcus both taking 2 each, which meant Tom was able to utilised Roger, Basu and man of the match Will who cleaned up the final two wickets without conceding a run!

The Ridge finishing on 119 and a solid win against the local rivals starts off what we hope to be a promising National Village Cup run. We meet Chenies and Latimer in the next round at home on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>.



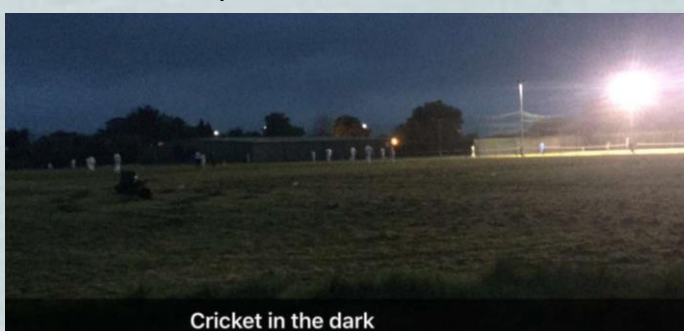
Successful Bledlow XI vs Bledlow Ridge

## Junior Cricket

Friday night junior training has now been running for 2 weeks, and the famous BBQ sausages are back. Also a reminder that we are running the ECB All Stars for 5 to 8 year olds and starting in mid May. We have 15 signed already.

## Photo of the Month

Dan Walker leading his T20 team to victory in the dark – picture from Bloomers:



Cricket in the dark

## Light on a Legend: The team of 1858...!! Win and Win Well

BLEDLOW v. THAME.			
On the 29th ult, a game of cricket came off at Bledlow, between the players of the Thame Morning Star Club and the players of the Bledlow Club, which resulted in the easy victory of the Bledlowites, whose bowling and fielding was very good, and the batting of the Rev. O. Grace was very "promising," he having made a splendid off hit for 5. The following is the score —			
		THAME.	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
S. Field, b Dell	3	b Folley	14
A. Watson, c Biggs	16	b ditto	14
G. Rimell, b Dell	0	run out	2
Stone, c Roberts	0	b Folley	0
F. Field, c Biggs	0	run out	2
F. Tingle, b Folley	0	b Folley	2
A. West, b ditto	2	c Dell	2
Slim, b Dell	0	c ditto	0
White, st Rev. O. Grace	1	l b w	4
Barnet, not out	3	b Folley	0
Hayborn, b Folley	0	not out	2
Byes	4	bye	1
Total	29	Total	43
		BLEDLOW.	
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Rev. O. Grace, run out	8	c Rimell	11
Lee, b Stone	4	not out	18
Jas. Folley, c Field	3	not out	4
Dell, b Stone	0		
Biggs, c ditto	0		
Roberts, b ditto	3		
Maine, l b w	3		
Barnard, st Watson	3		
John Folley, b Stone	4		
W. Folley, not out	1		
J. Walton, b Rimell	0		
Bye 1, no ball 1	2	w i, b 3, l b 1...	5
Total	36	Total	38
A rather serious accident, we are sorry to record, happened to one of the Thame side, who, falling over a mound, broke his collar-bone. Mr. Noble, of Thame, who was on the spot, rendered medical aid, and we understand the sufferer is going on favourably. The return match is to be played at Thame, on Thursday, the 12th inst.			

## Dates for your diary

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>The M.F.U (Live) @ BVCC</b>	<b>8pm - late</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>John Reclik Race Night @ BVCC</b>	<b>8pm - late</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Working Dog (Live) @ BVCC</b>	<b>8pm - late</b>