

The Bugle



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July 2023 Edition

Welcome to this month's edition of The Bugle.

June and July have brought some great cricket along with another mixed bag of weather. In this edition, we will round up the end of the junior season, as well as talking about senior highlights as the season has passed the midway point.

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of club legend and dear friend Geoff Bishop. We will hear some words about the great man from club members.

Senior Cricket –

1st XI

The 1st XI have continued in a similar fashion to where we left. Since the start of the win/lose/draw format there have been 3 draws, 1 win, 1 loss and an unfortunate cancelled game against bottom of the league.

Top Performances:

Charlie Downes 127 vs Witney Swifts

Tom Moore 73 vs Oxford Downs

Charlie Downes 69* vs Minster Lovell

Will Woodward 5-39 vs Brackley

2nd XI

The win/lose/draw format has proven to be much more successful for the 2s, as they are now 6 games unbeaten. 2 strong wins against Tetsworth and Wolverton and the rest high scoring draws have taken us to 4th in the table.

Top Performances:

Ed Smart 4-24 vs Brill

Olly Woodward 64 vs Brill

Andy Reclik 4-36 vs Kimble

Olly Woodward 98 vs marsh Gibbon

James Shirley 73 vs Waddesdon

Will Woodward 4-13 vs Tetsworth

Junior Cricket –

The Juniors have continued their success throughout the season, with the U15s winning their league, the U13s sitting joint top on points – missing out on the title by run rate – and the U12s missing out on the title due to an abandoned game, coming 2nd.

The U11s and U9s have joined in on the success, with the U11s winning 2 games – including a last ball thriller against Haddenham – and the U9s winning 4 out of their 6 games!

Top Performers:

Olly Bowler – 323 runs @ 35.9
James Zobel – 263 runs @ 65.8

Helena Purushothaman – 184 runs @ 36.8

Flynn Murray – 17 wkts @ 4.71

Helena Purushothaman – 13 wkts @ 8.15

Eric Bitmead – 11 wkts @ 7.36

Jacob Murphy – 11 wkts @ 11.5

Ed Smart, first senior 50 vs Top Knockers

Century Club Draw

July

1st Dave Brightling

2nd John Witney

3rd Phillip Harman

4th SJ Williams

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

[CENTURY CLUB](#)

Call for Umpires and Scorers!

We are looking for umpires to join our club and umpire on the weekends. Duties include stepping up to the panel for Cherwell League Div 1-5 (Saturday games, 12:30 start in Oxfordshire and surroundings). These are paid matches, contact the club for more information.

We are also looking for anyone who is willing to score on Saturdays for both teams. Please contact the club if you are interested.

We greatly appreciate any amount of time and any involvement you may be able to offer, to help our club.

Congrats to all juniors on a fantastic season. Please feel free to use the nets throughout the summer, and contact coaches about any remaining sessions.

We are planning to run winter training for all juniors aged 9+ (hardball cricket), get in contact if you are interested in participating.

Junior Highlights



←
BVCC U9s with coaches
Charlie and Matt

BVCC U11s in a post win
debrief with Coach Mags



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'The Bledlows' U11 Girls



←
BVCC U15s after winning
the league



↑
BVCC U13s with coaches
Phil and Vineeth

Geoff “Bish” Bishop

1964-2023



It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of dear friend, committee member and club legend Geoff Bishop. Bish was ever present at Bledlow Cricket Club and was loved greatly by players, social members and opposition across the leagues. A few words said about him:

"He was a big part of this club for many years, recognised by all as a true legend and will never be forgotten."

"He was always a gentleman, to all who met him, both members and visitors alike."

"Much of the development and running of the club was down to his efforts, he kept the score for the First Team for many a year and his shoes will be very hard, if not impossible, to fill. He was loved by so many and will be missed by all."

Bish's funeral will be held on Monday 7th August at 2:30 pm at Milton Chapel, Amersham. The wake will be held at Bledlow Village Cricket Club afterwards.