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Here we are in late August with only one more fixture to play providing that suitable opposition can be found. The match itself on Sunday 15th September will now be played at the attractive Exning Park ground so fingers crossed that we won't be opposed by thin air!

Doubtless you are all bored silly from hearing about the Sunday XI's long unbeaten run but whilst it continues it remains utterly newsworthy. As you are all aware it has carried on this season with 6 victories and 2 draws from the matches already played. Our last loss, and which in itself was somewhat unlucky, was on Sunday 28th June, 2015 versus our longstanding opponents Flycatchers. The Match Report of that now historic day in Burrough Green is appended hereto. Having little better to do I have delved into the scorebooks and determined that since then the unbeaten run comprises 37 fixtures with 31 victories and 6 draws. The closest that any matches came to bringing this spree to an end during the intervening period was the 2 run win over our old friends at Holkham three years ago and the recent nerve shredding draw at Chippenham when Rory Davidson & Gerald Coteman's hour long unbeaten 9th wicket stand saved the day and saved Ryan Stephens having to bat!

The midweek side has had its usual topsy turvy season with 5 wins and 4 losses. The scenario is that when the club is able to field a truly representative XI then victory inevitably occurs whilst when struggling to raise any sort of team invariably defeat is on the cards. The principle problem is unreliable availability, simple as that. Mind you young Gill's broken thumb and young Leary's disappearance to London have not helped our midweek cause. Match Reports continue to be well worth a read on the website.

Away from the UK field of play in June a Philandering boarding party encamped in the EU, or to be more precise the French sector, under the leadership of King George. Behind him about 14 foot soldiers took on the French, although I believe that none actually spoke the language, in a couple of skirmishes. Unlike at our beloved Agincourt vague reports indicate that the English did not come off best on this occasion. However, much red wine was taken and amusement had whilst apparently the local wenches were themselves much taken with the colour ginger (read into that what you will). Overall the collective recollection

is poor although George Dean must be heartily congratulated on getting them all there and even more so in getting them back again.

Since the last Newsletter two off field events have taken place with one being more competitive than the other. In late June the club barbecue was held on the estate of Jon & Jane Bailey and which was mightily enjoyed by the mainly older section of the membership. Thank you Jon & Jane for your hard work and hospitality. Then on 16th August at the Gog Magog Golf Club the Golf Championship took place. At the time of writing a specific report has yet to be received at the Bunker but it is said that the winner was guest participant Alister Reed. Although to be fair he has played for the club on one occasion compiling, as I recall, an interestingly constructed 31 a couple of seasons ago. Thanks to Rory Davidson for again getting this show on the road.

I shall call a halt to proceedings at this juncture so that I can continue with my principle activity of the moment, that of finding some opposition for our final game on 15th September at Exning Park. Any helpful suggestions from the readership, assuming there is anyone still reading, about potential opponents will be welcome.

Phil
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