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Welcome to this month's edition of The Bugle. With the shorter season in full swing, we're taking a look at some highlights of the last month!

Senior Cricket

August 1st – Both teams faced Abingdon Vale CC on the 1st Saturday in August. At home, the 1s batted first and battled their way to [142-10](#) from 32.3 overs. Matt Lomas, batting at 3, top scored with 38. A modest total was not to dishearten them, however, as wickets fell at regular intervals after the tea break. Unfortunately, Abingdon scraped their way to the target with 1 wicket and 2 balls to spare. In Abingdon, the 2s took to the field first. Despite some top bowling from Andy Reclik (5-46) and Jim Spooner (3-32) in addition to 4 catches from Marcus Goodchild, Abingdon reached 193 for 9 from 40 overs – a tough target to reach. In reply, some early wickets fell before a strong partnership of 64 between

Charlie Downes (53 runs) and Rhys Merriman (16 runs) gave us hope for the chase. It was not to be, however, and Bledlow fell for [147-10](#) from 34 overs.

August 2nd – Sunday brought round 2 of the National Village Cup against rivals Westbury CC. The Bledlow Oval held an excited buzz as fans gathered with high expectations for a great game of cricket. They were not to be disappointed! Batting first, runs were hard to come by due to top quality bowling. The top order managed to get starts before being dismissed at regular intervals. But a crucial partnership of 47 from Marcus Goodchild (45 runs) and Dan Walker (20 runs) combined with some help from inaccurate bowling meant Bledlow set a respectable 170-9 from their 40 overs. After the break, returning opening bowlers Joe Harman and Matt Pearce took out the opening bats and piled the pressure

on before skipper William Woodward (3-22) and Andy Reclik (3-36) took centre stage. Some serious death bowling from Marcus combined with sharp fielding and quick glovework enabled Bledlow to bowl [Westbury out for 163](#) with 1 ball left!

August 8th – Challow and Childrey CC faced the 1s. Some loose bowling and suspect fielding allowed Challow to make [248-8](#) from their 40 overs. William Woodward was the pick of the bowlers with 3-39. The pressure was on from the scoreboard for Bledlow's top order but a 71 run partnership between James Basu (46 runs) and Harry Bartlett (95 from 83 balls) gave us a solid foundation. Ed Furniss scored a delightful 32 from 28. Needing 6 to win from the last over, a wicket fell from the first ball taking us 9 down. Megs Woodward and Ben Moore managed just 5

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runs from the last 5 balls in order to tie the game. Not quite the win we had hoped for, but it was a top chase for a difficult target. Away at Bledlow Ridge, the 2s also bowled first. A similar story in the field took the Ridge to 234-9 from 40 overs; wickets were spread amongst all 6 of the bowlers including Ed Smart, opening the bowling on debut at just 12 years old! Runs didn't come easily after the break and despite cameos from Alex Ross (33 runs) and Mark King (20 runs), [Bledlow fell for just 119](#) from 28.3 overs.

Colts cricket

All Stars

This month, we were able to run 8 all stars sessions for 5-7 year olds. This has been a great opportunity for the young guns to have their first taste of cricket. It's exciting to see the improvements made with all aspects of the game, especially their striking of the ball and their communication with teammates both in the field and whilst batting. Congrats boys – we hope to see everyone around more next season!

U9-U15

We have seen continued improvements from all juniors over the last month, with great attendance at all training sessions. This has been proven by junior participation in 2nd XI cricket; U14 stars Ed Smart, Vinnie Connelly and Fred Neighbour have all shown promise with the ball, taking wickets against experienced batting – congrats guys!

August 9th – The regional final of the National Village Cup was played against tough competitors Stoke Green. After winning the toss, Bledlow set out to bat. However, wickets fell regularly and runs were hard to come by. Perseverance from Harry Bartlett (28 runs) and Dave Pearce (21 runs) allowed us to scrape to [135-10](#) with 1 ball remaining. In reply, some confident striking from their opening bat (70 from 65 balls) saw many balls lost in the trees and therefore Stoke Green found no difficulty reaching the target – taking just 22 overs and losing just 4 wickets in the process. This saw the end of our campaign in the cup; however, it allowed for the return of friendly cricket and the opportunity for some more senior games for the Bledlow youngsters.

August 15th – Rain was in the air all week and with the 2s match against Dinton abandoned without a ball being bowled, all eyes turned to the 1st team away at 2nd in the league Sandford St Martin CC. The forecast suggested dry weather and after winning the toss Bledlow decided to bat. Despite another early wicket, James Basu (70*) and Harry Bartlett (39) set us up well once again before the match succumbed to increasing [rainfall at 133-2](#) from 32 overs.

August 22nd – At Bledlow, the 1s hosted Shipton-under-Wychwood. Batting first, we found ourselves in some trouble at 46-6; however, a superb innings from Jordan Price (52) backed up by Adam Mould (37) allowed us to reach a respectable 148 from 36 overs. Some controversy over the final wicket inspired great intensity in the field after tea, and their opening bat fell to Ben Moore for a diamond duck. The rest of their innings fell in similar fashion and Ben's figures of 7-13 from 6.3 overs helped us bowl them out for just 36. – leading us to a miraculous [victory of 112 runs](#). Down at Aston Rowant, the 2s had a similar first innings with the bat. Regular wickets falling and good bowling lead us to a score of [161-10](#) from 35 overs. Andy Reclik starred with the bat with 74 runs. In reply, Rowant came by the runs in just 26.4 overs. Jim Spooner was the pick of the bowlers with 2-15 from 6 overs and a run out.

August 23rd – The Sunday Friendly XI were back in action away at Stokenchurch. Batting first, we quickly realised there was a mismatch in the 2 sides as we reached 275 from our 35 overs. Top scorers were Alex Ross and Marcus Goodchild with 53* and 51* respectively. After

the break, Sam Mudie tried his best to give Stokenchurch the win, getting hit for 26 runs in just 5 balls. However, the other bowlers pulled through and Stokenchurch were bowled out well before reaching our total.

August 29th – Due to poor availability, only 1 team were able to play against Tiddington. The rain was 12th man for both sides due to a soggy pitch and less than ideal batting conditions. Bowling first, Bledlow started well with Tiddington at 48-7. However a half century from their number 9 lead them to a score of 145-10 from 37 overs. Will Woodward (3-42) and Jordan Price (3-16) were the stars of the bowling attack. In response, it was clear the pitch had not dried out in time for the 2nd innings and all but Harry Bartlett (69) struggled. At 128-9, it didn't look promising for Bledlow however some good striking from Adam Mould (20) aided by some clever manipulation of the strike allowed Bledlow to reach 142 before ex-Bledlow player Ryan Chapman managed to use the pitch for the first time in his spell in order to dismiss Mould. [Bledlow were all out with just 4 runs to win.](#)

August 30th – The biggest match of the season fell on the Bank Holiday weekend



Sunday. The Chairman's game – but with a new format of old boys ([O30s](#)) vs young guns ([U30s](#)). The overs won the toss and elected to field. Some interesting decisions from the unders enabled regular wickets to fall. Alex Ross (52*) and Harry Bartlett (48) starred with the bat to reach 184. Adam Mould, Matt Downes and Charlie Downes each took 2 wickets to ensure the U30s didn't reach the full 40 overs. After the (long) tea break, the unders set out with a confidence that the total was defensible. However, despite a wicket in the first over, the overs batted well and breakthroughs were hard to come by. A second wicket partnership of 112 between Adam Mould (63 runs) and Ankit Singh (32 runs) set them up well. Oscar Frost took 3-28 and managed a direct hit run out with just 1 stump to aim at to bring the unders back into the game; however, Matt Bolton and Charlie Downes saw the over 30s home with 3 wickets and 9 balls to spare. A great day was had by all! If you wish to see some [photos](#), they are up on the website (courtesy of Andy Reclik).



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