

# The Bugle



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## June 2020 EDITION

Welcome back!

We've been without cricket again this month so we'll be travelling back to June 2010 for our cricket fix. We reveal our plans for the nets. Plus features "Bledlow life" with Rossy and a colts drill of the month which will be becoming regular pieces.

### From the archives:2010

It was a good start to the month as on the 5<sup>th</sup> June the 1<sup>st</sup> team travelled to Oxford 3's. Batting first George Harman and Tom Moore laid the foundations with 47 and 41 respectively, enter J. Shirley to add a traditional quick fire 37 taking the total to 238. In reply Oxford could only manage 121 with Jabba 4-29 and Tom 3-10 again in the action. Back at the Bledlow oval the 2's were also getting their first win of the month, again batting first they posted 213 thanks to 65 from Matt Tapping and Matt

Downes with 38\*. Joe Harman (4-32) was the pick of the bowlers as Hanborough were dismissed for 175. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team started the month with a loss as Trac Walker's 73 was in vein as Horspath chased down 186 for the loss of two wickets.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team on the road again made it back to back wins. Kingston Bagpuize were restricted to 137 through some fine bowling from Chris Spooner finishing with figures of 11-8-4-5 with Jabba backing him up with 3-29. After tea Charlie 86\* and Tom 45\* made light work of the chase. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team 138 all out were outclassed by Long Marston 139-2 for their only loss of the month.

All three teams were back in action the following week. The 1<sup>st</sup> team playing their only home game of the month put in their worst

performance. Ryan Chapman scored 82 in a total of 160, Oxford Downes lost only 5 wickets as they chased the total down. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team away at Twyford were back to winning ways as Matt Tapping 74\* again starred with the bat. Twyford chasing 196 were bowled out for 110 with Andie Witney taking 4-29 and Marcus Goodchild 3-45. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team back in action again posted 154 thanks to 43 from Rob Fitzgerald and Jim Spooner 39\*. Sadly Oxford and Bletchingdon would chase it down only losing 6 wickets, this could be because all our fielders fell asleep watching Jim bowl 23 overs.

We'd finish the month with a 75 point weekend. The 1<sup>st</sup> team away at Witney Mills dismissed their hosts for 109. Jabba 13-10-10-3 and Matt Bolton lead the way with the ball, before Charlie 44 and James

### Century Club Draw

£65 Bob Floyd  
£35 Jim Spooner  
£20 Alex Ross  
£15 Kev Bloomfield

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Bacon 32 would be the main contributors with the bat. Back at Bledlow Matt Lomas was taking 4-10 and Ben Moore 3-11 as the 2's bowled Oxford out for 70. It was over to Graham Keens to guide us home. Away at somewhere near Long Marston our current Chairman was putting in a MOTM performance. Coming in with the team in trouble Roger scored 40\* with support from Jake George 29. After the first five bowlers didn't make many inroads it was over to Roger again with 6-30.

The 2010 season would finish with the first team 5<sup>th</sup> in Div 3 and the second team 4<sup>th</sup> in Div 7. Even after a slightly poor June the Third team would go on to earn promotion from Div 10.

### Bledlow Life: Rossy

I joined Bledlow for the 2019 season as I wanted a new challenge. The opportunity to play at a higher division appealed to me and I knew the club had good social side to it, which is now great to be involved in. The only negative for me has been my Saturday performances which haven't been at the level I hoped. Overall I've enjoyed my first year at the club, the highlight hitting my highest ever score of 159 in a Sunday game v Fleet Street Strollers. On the social side I've joined the aunt sally and darts team, two games I hadn't played before but have great fun playing now. 2020 isn't going as planned so far without any cricket, but in my new role as Sunday captain I hope to continue what "Basu" did last year, bringing colts through and giving them opportunities in adult cricket. I want to ensure they have fun whilst still playing good cricket when we can get out there this season.

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Before



After  
(a similar 2 net bay facility)

**Dynamos Cricket**

**Power Batting – Level 01**

**What you will need:** Bat, soft ball, Stumps can be a chair, plant pot or bin. Cones or shoes to use as markers and a partner.

To start with set your stumps up and put a marker 15 steps away, then make a goal a few steps further behind to hit the ball through.

Get your partner to throw you the ball bouncing at least once and try to hit the ball as far you can back through the goal. Have ten goes marking your longest hit and counting how many steps you've hit it. As you advance you can make the goal smaller.

## The Net Project!

Over the last five years we've made massive improvements to our clubhouse and around the ground. The next step is improving our playing facilities as we continue to strive to take our club to the next level. So over the last few months we've been putting the plans in place for new nets and making sure it's financially viable.

The new nets will be made from stronger poles, have a skirt around the bottom of the netting to prevent rabbits etc. making holes and also the latest matting surface. A rough idea of what we will have when they are complete is below, taken from the total-play website. <https://total-play.co.uk>.

Our current plan is to start groundwork in October, clearing the area for the Total Play team to come and start work and have them installed and ready to use by April 2021.

As you've probably all seen we've been trying our best to plug our Crowdfunding page on [Spacehive](https://www.spacehive.com), over the last month we have asked for membership donations for this year to recover the loss of revenue Covid-19 has caused us. We have many uses for donations, but now our biggest priority is new Nets! It is no secret our current set up is past its best and we want to provide the best facility we can to our valued members, so Spacehive has become our starting point for this.

This project shows signs of the clubs intent to improve and plan for the future. With this investment in current and future cricketers.

Any donations people can afford are greatly appreciated by us at Bledlow and will no doubt be appreciated by all who get to benefit once the project is complete. We are also exploring our other sources of grants and funding available to us, determined to make this project a success!

A massive thank you to those that have already donated and helped us kick start our fundraising, Thank you!

**26** **Spacehive**

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**£2,402**

pledged of £426