

The Bugle



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February 2022 Edition

Welcome to this month's edition of The Bugle.

Summary –

The cricket club has been trying hard to keep busy over the off season, with Andie and Linda Witney doing their best to attract new customers to the club, and more specifically the bar! Who'd of thought it could be so hard to attract people to a lovely place for a cheap drink... anyway. They're doing a great job!

The ground is forever in need of maintaining and volunteers have been trying to clear away many brambles and weeds before the cricket season arrives, this is a constant battle to get on top of things, so if ever people want to help keep our club grounds looking smart please mention it, there's always things to do!

The newly elected committee have also been busy, Graham getting stuck into his new fixture secretary role & Leigh has been busy with her new role as club secretary, working hard to get grants for ...

club house improvements, these applications are on going so fingers crossed they are successful. Also a thanks to Bish, who after many years in the club secretary role & over 2 spells (I think) finally found a willing replacement in Leigh and can take a deserved break from that work.

Senior Cricket –

Pre season nets started on Sunday the 20th Feb, and we have sessions to come on the 27th, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th of March and the last on April 3rd. These are all from 5pm-6:30pm at Risborough School, cost £5 a session to adults and new faces and all abilities are very welcome to attend.

Before April begins there will be several big work parties required to get the ground cricket ready, for our first fixture, likely to be on April 10th. This depends on the [National Village Cup draw](#).

Junior Cricket –

Our u11s have had a busy winter so far, netting weekly since the 13th of January at Lord Williams School, If you have a child that has been missing out on this get in touch with Vineeth to find out details. We will once again be running [Dynamo & All Stars](#) programmes when the season arrives, make sure you register online to get a spot!

We will hold an open evening at the club on the 15th April to get children signed on, there wont be specific coaching on this evening but the outfield will be free if they want to bring their bat and ball!

Start dates –

U11s 22nd April

U13s 29th April

Dynamos & All Stars 6th May

As always we are looking for keen coaches, whether you're a player or parent & want to get involved a little or a lot, contact Bill Bolton to see how you can help our colts cricket.

Century Club Draw

Jan

£65 Linda Witney

£35 Olly Woodward

£20 Jim Bounden

£15 Rob Broom

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

bvcc100club@btinternet.com



Sponsorship –

Thankyou to Chinnor Motors! We have recently agreed a 3-year deal with [Chinnor Motors](#) to sponsor our playing shirts. James at Chinnor Motors has also helped us out with various maintenance on our ground equipment, so if your car needs work, it would be great if you can support him and his business.

Other sponsorship and advertising opportunities available, please get in touch if you would like to discuss an option for you.

In this small section, I want to write a few words about the losses the club and our cricket family have endured recently. I'll start by remembering *Chris Spooner* – Where to start is the next reality... In simple terms, he was a truly kind man, a Bledlow colt that came up through the ranks, juniors, 2nd team, 1st team. A very handy cricketer and someone that would certainly help our 1st XI on the field today. Although in more recent years he had other commitments at weekends, he did pop down to the club to support when he could, most recently to see his dad, Jim presented with his 1000 wicket cap. Away from cricket, as I've already mentioned he was so kind. An extremely selfless individual. A great man, sportsman and family man. Its an unimaginable time and our thoughts are with everyone effected, especially Jim & Kirsten, Cass, Taylor & Rory. *Steve "Willo" Williams* – Willo is someone that for me, I just always expect to be around, he always was, ever since I joined Bledlow, a true legend of the club. A very talented cricketer that I'd of loved to be able to see in his prime. He was always around the ground, chatting to people, giving them the truth on their performances, trying to help them improve where he could. He was a very soft and kind man Willo. The club will certainly feel strange without him. Again our thoughts our with Willo's son Ben and everyone effected by his passing. You will both be dearly missed. x

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BLEDLOW VILLAGE CC 1ST XI - 1975

Bob Floyd, Steve Williams, Dick Hutton, Edward Turner, Peter Gibson
John O'Shea, Tony Spencer, Bill Davey, Brian Baker, Steve Goldthorpe, Malcolm Large and Neil Waite

2010 Bucks Cup



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2007 2nd XI



2012 3rd XI