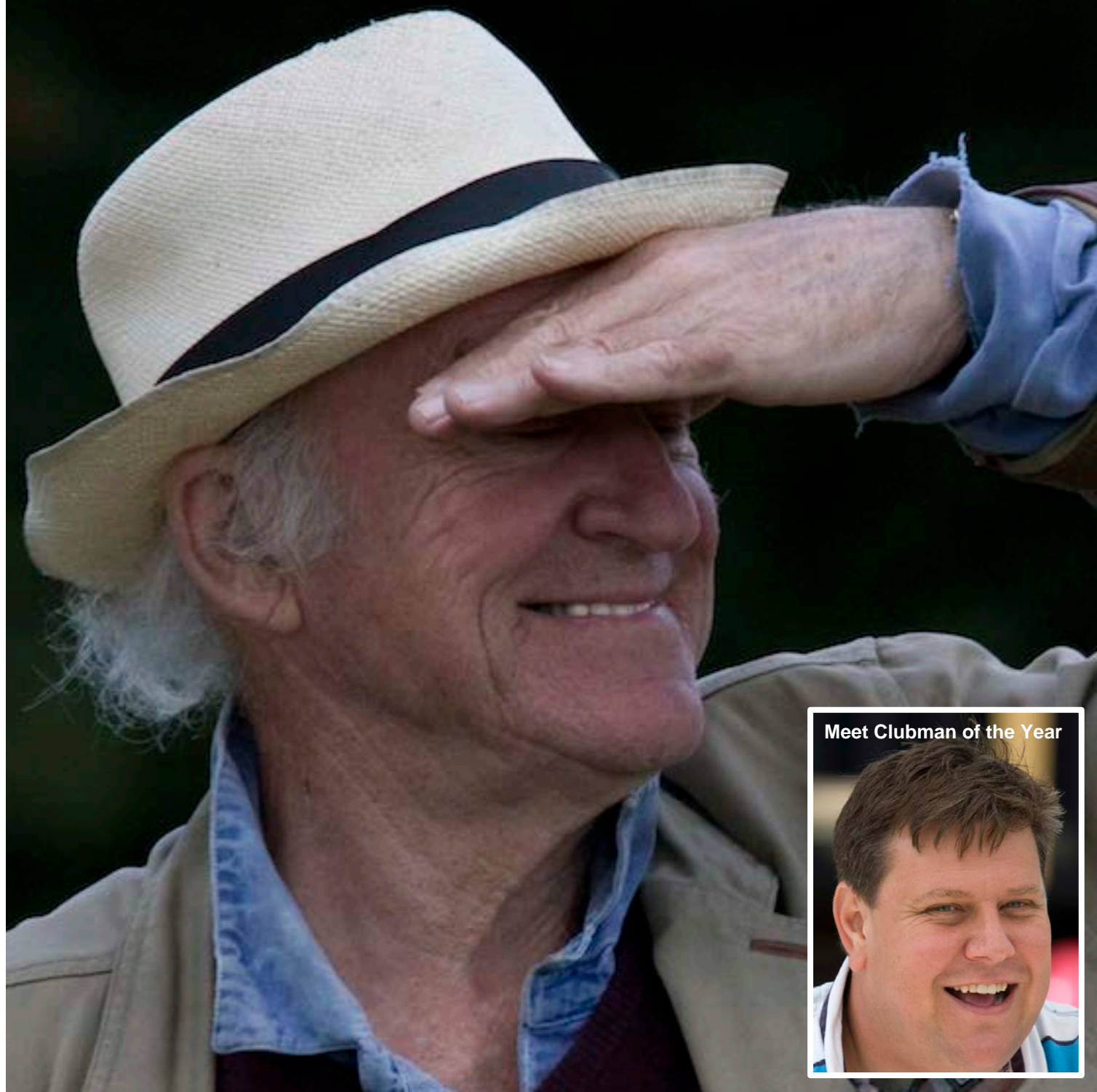


MAGNA MAGIC!

The crickety update for the players, friends and family of Sherston Magna Cricket Club

As our new President looks to the future, Magna Magic mis-quotes another famous president "Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club."

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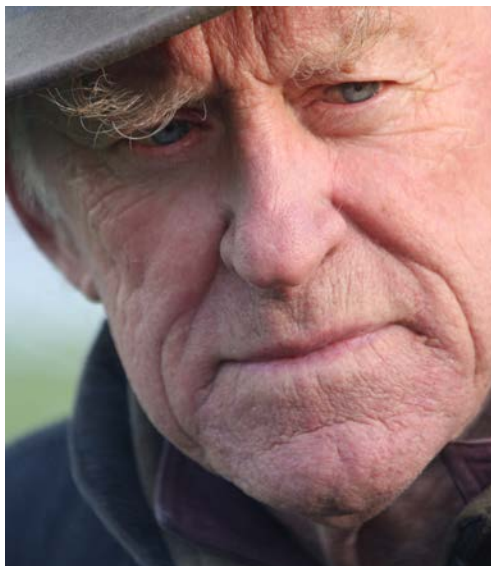
President inaugurated at Sherston Magna Annual Dinner

On Saturday 19 October members of the mighty magna came together for the end of season presentation evening at the Rattlebone Inn.

The long suffering Sherston Wives And Girlfriends (SWAGs) were rewarded with a fine three course meal and plenty of vino!

The dinner is all about recognition, our chairman compared the evening and summarised his thoughts on the year with his glamorous assistant presenting well deserved awards to Andrew Jarvis (Batsman), Harry Stevens (Bowler), Ewen Kenny (Player), James Kutchera (Clubman), Milo Morgan (Young Player) and James Skeldon (Junior).

Elsewhere in this issue you would have seen the cricketing winners performances discussed, however one that should be mentioned is the clubman award. When the awarding committee (think Oscars) were discussing this award, there was only one name in the frame. He is the first person to volunteer for jobs, put his name down for availability and get involved in extensive fundraising projects. Thank you James Kutchera, the club is grateful for your efforts over the past year! (The pub also appear to be very grateful as all these extra meetings seem to be there!)



Yes Mr President...

There was also very special recognition of Neil Forster's enormous contribution to the club at Pinkney Park, given in an excellent and emotional speech from John Matthews, Club Chairman. Neil's contribution to the club spans many years initially as player and club captain but especially in more recent times for the outstanding contribution in coaching the junior section and for everything that he continues to do.

Neil accepted the invitation to become the first President of Sherston Magna Cricket Club. Support his first event as President at the Smile Out Loud evening!



Chairman's Column

The season is well and truly over and the ground has been put to bed, but the club does not sleep after what was a tremendously good season from all facets of the club.

There have certainly been plenty of personal highs and lows many of which were captured in Nick Burrridge's fantastic photo exhibition in the village hall.

These are encapsulated in two wonderful books of spectacular colour photographs entitled The Men of Sherston Cricket and The Boys of Sherston Cricket.

We thank Nick for the tremendous amount of time and effort that he put into all of this.

We move on. We have had the very well attended awards dinner but I am not going to go through the winners but well done to one and all of them.

I would like to say how delighted Matilda and I were that Neil has agreed to become the club's first President.

In my last column I had to break the disappointing news that the club had been turned down for a grant by Sport England. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce that we have been awarded £5,000 by the Wiltshire Council. We get ever closer to building the much discussed new training facilities.

This is not the time to rest on our laurels and the Club's big fund raising event is happening at the end of the month, so please give all the support you can to the Smile Out Loud event.

Apart from being what I am sure will be a memorable evening we shall have the chance to buy the book which will swell the Club's coffers and provide us with that lifesaving Christmas present.

I hope to see you all there.

John Matthews

"Smile Out Loud"

29th & 30th November 2013, Sherston Village Hall

7pm till 10pm Last tickets available £7.50pp



A season in pictures highlights the talents of local photographer Nick Burridge

Those who managed to make it to the photographic exhibition in the village hall as part of Sherston Arts Festival will have been reminded of summer, not only by the outstanding exhibits in the competition, but the remarkable collection of cricket photographs taken by local amateur photographer Nick Burridge.

Nick followed the junior and senior sides during the 2013 season and showed his fine collection of pictures of cricket, characters and beautiful locations in a series of prints and photo books displayed in the village hall. The club would like to give Nick their warmest of thanks for taking the time to provide such an extraordinary record of the year.

If you were unable to attend the exhibition but would be interested in purchasing a print or photo book, details of items available and prices can be obtained by contacting sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk. A selection of prints will also be made available to view on the cricket club website www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com

Smile Out Loud!

Help your cricket club there are just a few tickets available for an evening of entertainment with Nick Burridge, Neil Forster and Kevin Smith as they reminisce recite verse and recall the lighter side of life in conjunction with the book launch.

Tickets just £7.50 per person.

November 29th and 30th at Sherston Village Hall.

£500 Christmas hamper up for grabs!

If you can't be there order a book and help your club raise funds for new facilities at the ground.

Cash bar - you'll need a drink or two! All proceeds and profits will be donated to a fund to provide practice facilities for Sherston Magna Cricket Club.

A letter to the Editor

At the recent awards dinner I was delighted to be given the clubman of the year award. I wanted to say thank you to all in the club that have made Kate and I feel so welcome from the moment we joined the club. Kate does however think that the Wednesday Club might not be necessary as often as I do.

I think a large part of why I received this award was this publication and so I need to say a huge thank you to all the contributors but a special thanks to Mark Howell, Chris Lovell and James Harmer who all work incredibly hard to add humour and creativity to what could be a very bland read.

Thanks

James Kutchera

Punt of the month - remember always gamble responsibly folks!

I think the punts this year have had mixed results. But I think DFP should get some serious praise for picking out Sky Lantern, who since being tipped in this publication has run five times winning three and second once (my bank manager and I believe the horse was robbed by the stewards in that race too). The stats and form are already being studied for the Cheltenham Festival.



Stan seeing Stars for Charity

A Saturday night in September saw the culmination of six months hard work for our very own Will "Stan" Mathews.

During those six months he had trained at least five days a week, two of which were evenings in a boxing gym in Lambeth, and two 6.00am sessions with a personal trainer. It is understood that some of the Magna Magic team saw him running past the Rattlebone one Saturday afternoon who incidentally were enjoying some light refreshments after another harrowing editorial meeting.

Will had to lose more than 3 stone to reach his fighting weight which at the beginning of the programme he admitted would be quite a struggle!

Will took to the ring in front of 1,000 people paying for blood at The Boodles Boxing Ball. Before the event he insisted that the chances of utter humiliation by hitting the canvas after 10 seconds were high.

Did Stan hit canvass in 10 seconds flat? Well go online and see for yourselves!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZv9rk3ikxA>



Whilst the fitness and weight loss were an added bonus, the real goal was to raise as much money as possible for the events charity Starlight.

It really is an inspirational charity that grants wishes to very and often terminally ill children whilst at their very lowest.

It has the most remarkable effects on the kids. Will would be amazingly grateful if you were able to sponsor the charity, however small the donation it would be hugely appreciated.

The link is: -

<http://boodlesboxingball2013stanmatthews-248.starlight.org.uk>



"Smile Out Loud" Support your club

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Promotion party for the Saturday XI



Skip takes a look back at the season that was...

When I took over the reins as Saturday captain there was only one goal and thanks to a cracking bunch of lads the season has achieved what it set out to achieve, that being promotion back to the "big time".

On a cricketing note, it was great to see that we managed to play a lot more cricket than 2012 and overall it was a great first season for me to be in charge.

The start of the season couldn't have been better, winning the first 9 games of the season (Harry Stevens carving batting line ups apart)! A stumble in the middle losing key games against

Poulton, Avening and Cherington and Andoversford, meant the title was out of our grasp.

A nervy win against Oaksey, a recovery from 2-4 to chase down 135 (thanks to Big Jarv – cementing his batting award) and a cancelled final game was enough to secure second place.

Thank you to all the guys that have made themselves available, those who helped with ground work and especially those ladies who made some fabulous teas!

Division 1 looks strong next year so we look forward to some fun but tough games next year! Let's make it a successful 2014.

James Harmer

Editor's note - Re the team photo above, was Harry away with the fairies or just dreaming of a bowler's award?? Oh and the pink headline has nothing to do with certain 'goings on' this season.

Final Table CDCA Div 2 – 2013	P	w	l	c	a	lcn	wcn	t	BatP	BowlP	Pts	Ave
Poulton CC	18	13	1	2	2	0	0	0	58	63	251	17.93
Sherston Magna CC	18	10	3	3	2	0	0	0	47	61	208	16
Avening & Cherington CC	18	11	3	1	2	0	1	0	48	60	238	15.87
South Cerney CC	18	9	7	0	2	0	0	0	52	57	199	12.44
Andoversford CC	17	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	44	53	177	11.06
Oaksey CC	18	6	10	0	1	0	0	1	50	57	172	10.12
Coates CC	18	6	9	2	0	0	0	1	34	61	160	10
Ashton Keynes CC	18	5	9	2	2	0	0	0	23	53	126	9
Bibury CC	17	0	12	2	1	0	0	2	29	38	77	5.5

"Smile Out Loud"

and help your cricket club

You will have read in a previous edition of Magna Magic that Sport England will not support funding for improved practice facilities, therefore we have to find as many ways as possible to raise funds from other sources so please get out your diaries, planners, ipads, ipods, or seek permission from the one who is in charge in your household (you could even bring her along?) and ***save a date - it's only a week away!***

Whatever your plans, please do not miss an evening of entertainment to launch Nick's book of verse and essays with illustrations by Neil Forster.

The evening, called "Smile Out Loud", will feature readings from this book which we hope will make you smile, some of the poems will be performed in character by Kevin Smith and Neil Forster will reminisce about his long and interesting life.

The event will take place on the 29th and 30th of November at Sherston village hall from 7.00p.m. until 10.00 p.m.

There will be a cash bar, raffle and other excitement.

The ticket price is £7.50 per person.

If you would like to come, please let us know which night you prefer by emailing: -

sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk
or
nick@ccscentre.co.uk

Please send an email even if you have verbally indicated your wish to come and we will ensure that you are registered and tickets are reserved for you.

There are only a few seats left.

Payment can be made nearer the date and on receipt, tickets will be sent to you.

All receipts from the show and profits from the book (which will be on sale at the show) will go to fund the practice facilities.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would support this event.

Shovel digs the dirt...



DFP,
happy birthday to the man who makes his own fashion statement...

DFP turned 50 recently and SMCC wish him all the best in making his own half century.

DFP celebrated in style by gigging until 4am - he's a man who knows how to party!

Not only that but he turned out for the Sunday side the following day and made a delicious roast beef tea!

DFP is well known for his racing knowledge but he also knows a thing or two about fashion. We have him pictured here appropriately attired for a pre-season ground-force day. Does anyone do it better?



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Dates for your diary:

December 25th - Christmas Day, remember a nice pressie for all those SWAGs!

Oh and pencil in Tuesday 4th February for SMCC AGM

A skipper's lot is not always a happy one!

An ode to the season from Kevin Smith, Sunday XI captain

I've been on the phone since Monday and I've conjured up a side
Now I've got to phone them up again and tell them that I lied
We haven't got a game today, it appears the gods conspired
If it carries on like this much more, that Fixtures sec is fired

Apparently their skipper says, it's p1\$\$ing down at theirs
The square is underwater and the rain is rods of stairs
The vicar's knocking up an Arc and there's sod all chance of play
Which is odd coz here it's glorious and they're 4 miles away

They were really keen to play us too, they love the Sherston game
But the cricket gods weren't having that, it's such a proper shame
Perhaps, I say, the game should switch and they should come to us
Oh they'd love to, but it seems they have a problem with their bus

It's impolite to mention that a bad smell fills the air
And their skipper sounds as plausible as a cardboard Tony Blair
I know full well he's got just 9 and one of those is late
And he's fancying the beer tent at his local village fete

I was really looking forward to a decent game today
I even had the gloves as well coz Ned has gone away
I'm missing Simon's action and the batsmen's baffled state
And DFP's weird run up that starts just outside Yate

The cheering from the boundary as Ewen gives it clout
The groans as he tries same again to the next ball and is out
The huge appeals for leg before to remove their choicest bat
The umpire who claims he got an edge, the cheating oppo twit!

Ben supplying flight and guile to wheedle out the tail
Scarlett struggling with the score as the light begins to fail
Fielders getting deeper as the game is getting tense
Scutty deep in cooking up the case for the defence

So it's goodbye Mr. Blue Sky and hello Purple Rain
It's biblical at their place and they've called it off again.
Not happy is a skippers lot, when for cricket joy we seek
And it's back to ringing round to troops to see who'll play next week.



"Smile Out Loud" Last few tickets remain

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Success with Sherston Sixes!

A great day with sunshine, sizzling burgers & sixes!

The annual cricket celebration that is the Sherston Sixes took place on a lovely September day at the ground at Pinkney Park. Five sides of six took to the field in a 'round robin' event. The winning side Ben Dickenson's Magna Magic won dramatically in a three-way bowl-off.

Many thanks to all those who helped put on and participate in a day that was not only great fun and good entertainment but also raised some much-needed club funds. The sight of Will Matthews plundering the ball to all parts of his land and the sounds of James Harmer on the PA will live long in the memory.

Pictures by Nick Holland.



A glimpse of a Sherston Magna season in pictures



Just some of the Sherston Magna CC enjoying the season - maybe not so for Caroline seeing how wrapped up she is scoring on a glorious summer's day!



Jarv's junior jottings



With the winter truly upon us and Christmas in most people's sights, talking turkey has been more on my mind of late than cricket.

However, I just wanted to re-iterate my congratulations to all of the junior cricketers this season on the improved performances, dedication to practice and best of all the enthusiasm you showed in wanting to learn and play cricket. To James Skeldon for winning the Junior Under 13 player of the year award, this was not only for the runs he scored and his tidy wicket keeping but also for his mature captaincy on the field, well done James!

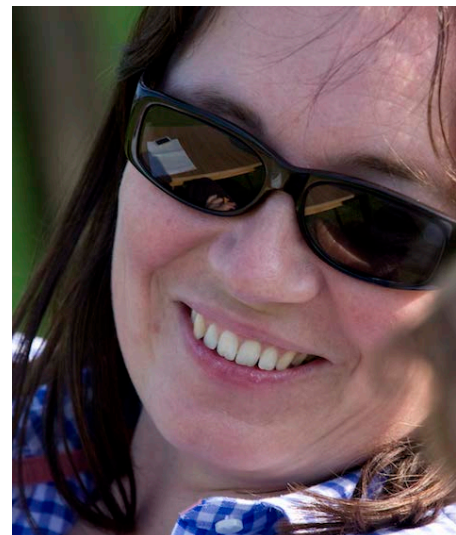
So it is to sunnier climes this week that we watch The Ashes from Brisbane and England's attempt to win four Ashes series in a row, (*now a little harder after the first test result!*) this is the pinnacle and the inspiration that we all look towards. It all has to start somewhere, for me it was my local club, just like Sherston many years ago!

Looking ahead we hope to achieve big things next year, firstly we hope to install two new artificial practice pitches ready for the 2014 season, this will be a massive step forward to putting Sherston's ground and facilities at the cutting edge and allowing safe, practicable hard ball practice.

We are also looking to have Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 team's. One of the teams will play in a league and the others will have friendlies and cup matches, again, a further step forward in developing our young talent.

That's it for me for now and be inspired!

Paul Jarvis



Sincere thanks to Fiona for her sterling help with the junior section and congratulations James!



Indoor cricket by Andy Pegg

Sunday 20th October vs. Winsley

Sherston won the toss in the opening game of the indoor season and decided to bowl.

Some good opening overs and a wicket with Milo Morgan's first ball meant that the opposition had a slow start.

But after some very smart batting Winsley ended up 133-4 off their 10 overs.

This meant that Sherston needed a good start to their batting, which Matt Goodwin provided with 2 sixes in the first 4 balls, unfortunately he was run out later in the over by some very good fielding.

Chris Lovell steadied the ship, but we were always behind the rate and ended up on 90-4.

Sunday 17th November vs. Christian Malford

Sherston batted first and got off to a good start with Chris Lovell and Richie Cartwright opening the batting (despite some interesting calling between the wickets!).

Everyone chipped in with the batting performance meaning Sherston ended up with 117-4 from their 10 overs, Andy Pegg (33*) and Richie Cartwright (28*) top scoring.

The bowling performance was a similar affair, but Simon Hulance's stood out - ripping through the Christian Malford batting line-up and completing a triple wicket maiden!

Christian Malford were eventually bowled out for 54. A good all-around performance by the mighty magna.

Batting		Bowling	
2000	10. Matthews vs. E. Kenny 100*	2000	1. Kenny vs. Andoversford 2-15
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2002	10. Matthews vs. Andoversford 100*	2002	1. Kenny vs. Andoversford 2-15
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2011	10. Matthews vs. Andoversford 100*	2011	1. Kenny vs. Andoversford 2-15
2012	10. Matthews vs. Andoversford 100*	2012	1. Kenny vs. Andoversford 2-15
2013	10. Matthews vs. Andoversford 100*	2013	1. Kenny vs. Andoversford 2-15

The Honours Board

Congratulations to those players who added their names to the honours board this season, your name will be added to the great and the good.

This season's Saturday team performances are highlighted below: -

Batting

Ewen Kenny 113 vs Oaksey (h)
Matt Goodwin 109* vs Coates (h)

Bowling

Harry Stevens 6-7 vs South Hill (h)
Ian Gould 6-34 vs Oaksey (h)
Ewen Kenny 6-36 vs Coates (h)
Simon Hulance 5-7 vs Andoversford (h)
Harry Stevens 5-15 vs Avening (a)
Harry Stevens 5-26 vs Oaksey (a)

Catches

Matt Goodwin 12
James Harmer 10
James Kutchera 9
Andy Pegg 8

Player of the season

Ewen Kenny – a 100, a five-for and some ridiculous catches – a fantastic all round performance in 2013

