

Welcome to Stumped!, your newsletter

Dates for your diary:

- **5 & 6 April** - Cricket Force 2008
- **13 April** - Sunday v Kempston
- **19 April** - 1st XI v Kimbolton
- **26 April** - 2nd XI v Wisbech II
- **18 July** - Party in the Park
- **7 September** - Village Fete

Please put these dates in your diary and support your club!

Welcome to this, the first issue of Stumped!, the Waresley Cricket Club Newsletter. We hope to put an issue out every month over the Summer and to highlight all the many things that are going on in and around the club.

Waresley is a superb Cricket Club and we aim to bring the many aspects: Senior teams, social cricketers, colts and juniors, parents and supporters together by ensuring that all have column space in the newsletter. Results and write ups will also appear in

here as well as the **NEW** website www.waresleycricketclub.co.uk. Thank you Penny for putting that together and please, everyone, look at it regularly.

Of course, a newsletter doesn't write itself and I would urge anyone with something interesting to say to put fingers to keyboard and send it in. Colts - let us know what you're doing; Parents - see what else goes on and perhaps come up on a Saturday and watch for an hour and have a drink from the bar. We want to get the

whole club working together and that starts this weekend with Cricket Force (see page 2).

The addresses to contact us are on the back of this issue so please don't be a stranger, even you twenty-somethings could send in a small piece about what you're doing at Uni, apart from getting drunk all the time!

So, thanks for reading and let's look forward to a successful season on and off the cricket pitch in 2008.

Simon Blows (Editor)

New Overseas Player—An Aussie!

Myles' Figures:

Moorooduc CC

1st & 2nd XI 2006/07

Runs:380

HS: 59*

Average: 31

Somerville CC

2nd XI 2007/08

Runs:195

HS: 109

Average: 39

We're really pleased to announce that after 5 years of South African dominance we are returning to the land of Rob Gilliland for our overseas player.

Myles Cordeux is joining Waresley in mid-April from Somerville CC in Victoria, Australia.

Myles (20) is a top-middle order batsman currently playing for Somerville CC in the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association (MPCA). Having played for local club Moorooduc CC in the

same competition the previous season, in a combination of 1st and 2nd XIs, Myles has moved to Somerville to play alongside mates, but has struggled to break into the 1st XI to date. However, a hundred (109) in his last match and an average of 39 to date this season has gained his selection to the top side for the remainder of the season. A technically sound batsman, he has the ability to bat time, whilst be aggressive when situation dictates. He is also a

part-time medium pacer and keeper when required. The MPCA is a strong competition and is the tier below the VPL (Victorian Premier League) where the State players compete in. Several players have performed very well in league cricket from the MPCA and Myles should be no exception.

We're delighted to welcome him to Waresley and sure he will be an excellent addition to the squad.

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Indoor Nets Review

Well—it's not often an net session gets a write up in a newsletter such as this, but we're desperate for news in this first issue!

The captain and club chairman were both conspicuous by their absence this week. The chairman offered an excuse of "a cold" and no reason was forthcoming from the first XI captain, but subsequent information received by the Newsletter revealed that the first XI captain was flaunting with injuries on the slopes of Austria. What hope is there for the season with leaders like this!?

Seriously though it's been good

to see some new faces at the nets. Dan and Jay Swaybeck made an appearance at the first session. Both looked very good—Jay with bat and ball and Dan behind the stumps and with the bat. Of course, in true Waresley spirit Jay then went on to break his leg playing football thus rendering him out-of-action for two months plus! We all at Waresley wish him the very best for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him in a Waresley shirt later this season.

Chris Whitfield has been poached from Warboys and is really looking the part as a useful all-rounder. I'm sure Kevin is

keen to throw him into the action on Saturday 19th April in our first Tucker League 2 game away against Kimbolton.

From the second team Pat Ellerbeck was seen to be hoiking ungainly across the line, so nothing new there. Jim Keys has been bowling metronomically in the same spot for three weeks and Simon Donald was a little bit apprehensive about facing the "speed" of Laurence Boshier, Chris Asque and Ben Hanglin... the future's safe then!

Outdoor nets start on Thursday, 10 April at Waresley. See you all there.



The Chairman, Phil Masdin and last year's 1st XI skipper, Steve Warman hard at work at nets practise!!

Cricket Force 2008

The Cricket Club is calling for all able handed members and their friends, family and colleagues to help out at the club over April 5 & 6. For the last two years excellent work has been done on the club but a small group of members. The Tractor Shed has been repainted, the clubhouse interior also repainted over the course of two years, The car parking area on Baker's land has been flattened, filled in, rolled out and is now nearly suitable to park on. A hefty bank of earth is now shielding what has become known in the Waresley area as

"John's Burning Area" and this now protects the club from the stinging heat of John Gillett's fire when he is trying to rid the club of that tree stump. Keep up the good work John!

This year the plan is to erect a garden shed! We know that doesn't sound particularly interesting but it is an extremely important addition to Waresley's cricketing aspirations as it is required for Tucker League participation.

In addition to that the toilets need painting as they have been

studiously ignored by the over worked painting teams from 2006 and 2007. I'm sure next year's toilet-goers will appreciate a lick of paint in the clubhouse's smallest rooms!

If you are able to help out please come up to the club from 10:00 on Saturday 5th April. No experience necessary - just a desire to improve the facilities we all enjoy. Let's face it - the regular workers deserve a helping hand this year!



Chairman, Phil Masdin, says "Please come along and help and I will personally give you a funky Cricket Force T-shirt."

Captain's Review

After 4 years of hard toil leading the first XI Steve (or Bob) Warman has handed over the reins to Kevin Cole. Here's Steve's final thoughts on the season...

"After the highs of promotion in 2006, 2007 was a reality check. It was always going to be tough competing against the major clubs and it showed.

Playing against county and former

international cricketers will stand many of the younger (and not so young) guys in good stead for the future though.

Far more encouraging though is that the club have been proactive and added some exciting new faces for this season and I for one would like to wish Kevin all the best for this season as I am confident we have the players to give Division 2 a good crack and

be in the shake up for promotion.

Finally, thanks to everyone for their support and assistance over the past four seasons as it had been a pleasure to captain those who played under me and hope that everyone at the club will provide Kevin with the support to make 2008 a highly successful season on the field."

by Steve Warman

John Gillett - Golden Jubilee

by Rod Kerr

John Gillett – Golden Jubilee 2008 sees the fiftieth anniversary of club stalwart John Gillett's first game for Waresley. Having learned his Cricket playing for his home village, Little Gransden, as well as for the forces in the Middle East and by watching the greats of the forties and fifties ply their trade at Fenner's, 21 year old John paid his sub of 7/6 and made his Waresley debut at

Southill Park on 10 May 1958. Batting at number four, he came to the wicket to replace Ken Darlow with the score at 92 for 2. One ball later, he was back in the pavilion, bowled by Chambers for a golden duck. He quickly redeemed himself in the Southill innings, taking catches off the bowling of Jack Winn & Ken Darlow and picking up 2 for 32

off 8 overs – contributing towards a convincing 77 run victory. John stayed with Waresley until the mid sixties when he moved on to Papworth and then St Neots - returning in 1981 to resume his career and going on to serve as Groundsman & Fixture Secretary and remaining an important club member to this day.



John Gillett in the 1950's

Chairman's Review

by Phil Masdin

The 2007 season marked the end of an era with the passing away of the club's Life President Jack Stacey early this year at the age of 86. It was only fitting that the passing was marked with the naming of the clubhouse in his honour, at the Annual Presidents game in July by the new president Michael Banks. Michael took over from Paul Swanell as the club's annual President and our thanks go to Paul as well as Roger Bullen & Kevin Cole for all their hard work erecting the clock structure.

Off the field we had some good successes, notably the reintroduction of the village fete, which brought the club and village together. It was a fun packed afternoon and raised some £600 for club funds. Our thanks particularly to Nick & Sarah Greenfield and Rod & Penny Kerr for organising the day.

The summer do this year was almost washed away but thanks to hard work from many club members and the willingness of everyone to turn up despite the rain a great night was had by all. The village band was a great success and pulled in the locals, to again make the ground a good mix of village and cricketers, something which was great to see.

Finally, our thanks got to Gareth Thomas for his continued support of the club primarily but not solely through the ball sponsorship.

Turning towards the cricket, the 2007 season was always going to be a challenging one after the 1st team gained promotion to the Tucker 1st Division. David Sharpe returned for a 2nd season and had a great season with the bat but it was not enough to keep us far from the relegation zone. A big thank you must go to Steve Warman in his last season as captain. He has continued to put a big hearted effort into the team and despite losses the team morale couldn't be faulted. I would like to thank Barry & Linda Warman for their continued support of the club not only with teas but also putting up David last summer.

The 2nd XI had a solid season and we hope to see more youngsters from the development team and other fringe players come through to support the strong nucleus of players that played regularly in Jim's team.

We owe our thanks to all our captains who not only run the team on the day or night but also continued to put in a massive effort getting teams out each week and dealing with the accompanying issues that go with that! So thanks also to Jim, Nick, Pat and Lyndon. Support your skipper in 2008!

One of the biggest successes of the year has to be the colts section who expanded to over 60. This is a fantastic effort by Pat Ellerbeck and Andy Donald and we must look to support them in

anyway we can. All helpers and coaches gladly accepted and the club would happily fund coaching courses for any interested individuals. The club welcomes newly qualified coach Chris Kitson to the fold for the 2008 season.

All of this cricket would not be possible without the ground to play it on and yet again we thank Roger Bullen and John Gillett for all the time and effort they put into making the club one of the best places to play cricket in the area.

I'm looking forward to this season and believe it will be a good one for the club. The first team should look to target promotion and the seconds too. Sunday cricket should get a boost by a solid set of fixtures now we've been accepted into the Beds league along with the development team.

My comments end how they started in memory of Jack who though I didn't know him well stood for all that is good at our level of cricket. A local cricket club is more than just a place where we simply turn up and play cricket and we should all "do our bit" to make sure Waresley Cricket Club continues to thrive.

Good luck for the new season everyone.



The sun shining brightly over the Jack Stacey Pavillion

To see the full version of the Chairman's Review please visit the club website.

The Cricket Pitch on our first warm day this year.

Not soon until the glorious summer!



Short Leg

500 Club

Nick Greenfield will be running a 500 club this season. Tickets will be £2 and will run for five weeks leading up to the day of the village fete.

Half of the money will be prizes and half goes towards much needed club funds. Please support Nick and the club and buy some tickets when they're available.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due and should be paid as soon as possible and certainly before the first game. It is well to remember that unless you are a fully paid up member, you cannot be covered by the

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It takes a lot of effort to keep a 4 page newsletter going. Please help us out by emailing any articles you would like to share with the Waresley CC community. Your help is very much appreciated. E-mail: waresleycc@btinternet.com or simon.blows@ntlworld.com

You are receiving this Newsletter because you are either a player, parent, sponsor, member, friend, supporter or general admirer of Waresley Cricket Club. Your support is very welcome and we look forward to seeing you at the club more often in 2008. Waresley CC is an inclusive and friendly club and if you have anything to offer we are very keen to listen.

club's insurance. Subs for 2008 are:

- £35 - Full employment
- £25 - Over 16 in full time education
- £15 - Under 16 and unemployed
- £10 - Social member

Fixture Cards

Fixture cards will be ready for the first league game of the season and will be distributed to all paid up members of the club and parents of the youth teams. You'll be able to keep up with all the games then.

Club Kit

From the start of the season we will have a stock of Waresley CC kit - Steve Warman and Phil Gillett are in control of the kit so if there is anything you need then just ask them. We really want to ensure all playing members wear Waresley kit this year so please ensure you use this service.

Boiler

Our boiler needs a service and is in need of replacement. It's simply terrible to think of all our hard working cricketers having cold showers after a game. Please support the club at the social events to ensure we keep our club in hot water.