

# Woodham Mortimer Cricket Club Newsletter



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## Club Statement

Woodham Mortimer Cricket Club is situated south of Chelmsford in the picturesque Essex countryside. The club is committed to the development of cricket within the local area and currently run a variety of teams, both during the summer and the winter, for players all ages. The club currently runs two Saturday league sides, a Sunday side, and a midweek Twenty 20 side. We also enter five teams into indoor leagues held at the County Ground, Chelmsford and in Braintree.

The Club also plays in the Warsop Sunday Friendly League and the Warsop 20/20 Cup. The club benefits from a well maintained private ground and practice facilities, situated opposite Tyndales Farm, and a clubhouse complete with licensed bar for the use of our members and their guests. Events such as BBQs and quiz nights are held regularly during the summer as WMCC continues to promote the social aspect of the club in addition to the sport of cricket. Outdoor nets are held at the ground throughout the season. All are welcome to attend.

## Message from the Chairman

It's been a tough few weeks at WMCC with broken down rollers, a league hearing and some indifferent results. But there is still reason to be cheerful as we enter August, what with the league teams handily placed, the Sunday team excelling in the Warsop Sunday league and our first Cricket Week fast approaching. So let's all move forward together and see what we may achieve. Up the Woodies!

*Ian Ball*

Chairman,  
Woodham Mortimer Cricket Club

## Committee Information

<b>President</b>	<b>Francis Wolton</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Ian Ball</b>
<b>Groundsman</b>	<b>Nathan Hayman</b>
<b>Fixtures Secretary</b>	<b>Mark Beames</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Nigel Richardson</b>
<b>Child Welfare Officer</b>	<b>James Mickley</b>
<b>First XI Captain</b>	<b>Kevin Wright</b>
<b>Second XI Captain</b>	<b>Andrew Brown</b>
<b>Sunday XI Captain</b>	<b>George Verlander</b>
<b>20/20 XI Captain</b>	<b>Toby Pateman</b>



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## T20 Update



WMCC would like to extend their thanks to Mark Beames who has decided to stand down as T20 captain. Mark has released the following statement:

*“After almost 5 seasons as 20/20 captain (my first game Wed 8th May v the Law society, I got 50) I have found that my paid job is getting in the way of Cricket! (Outrageous I hear you say. Yes I agree but someone has to pay the bills). So I have decided to resign as Captain with immediate effect. Toby Pateman has kindly offered to Captain the mid-week side until the end of the season and we will then elect a permanent Captain at the AGM. Thank you very much Toby for taking this on. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a Woodham Captain and I will continue as fixtures secretary and Club Secretary and general email sender for a few more years yet. Please send flowers and thank you cards to my home address...” – Mark Beames*

Thank you very much Mark. Welcome Toby Pateman!

## Results

As the 2017 league season continues both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI teams find themselves poised for a thrilling conclusion in the coming weeks.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI, who had begun the league campaign with solid form, has in recent weeks slipped up, losing their 1<sup>st</sup> position to a strong Rayleigh Fairview attack. Losses against Springfield and Noak Hill have too proven costly, both winnable games. However, frustration endured last week as rain stopped play at High Easter, causing both teams to split the points.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI also has fallen short in recent weeks after their win against Rayleigh. After hosting St Andrews and being bowled for 58 all out the 2's have suffered the brunt of poor selection abilities. An abandoned match at Boreham and a loss to Hatfield Peverel have put a dent in the race for the title of division 7.

With concluding weeks approaching the teams have everything to play for.

Best of luck to both teams.



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		P	W	L	T	NR	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Pts
1	Rayleigh Fairview 1st	13	12	1	0	0	22	66	0	280
2	Woodham Mortimer 1st	13	9	3	0	1	35	62	0	246
3	Galleywood 1st	13	7	4	0	2	22	54	0	198
4	High Easter 1st	13	6	5	0	2	34	40	0	180
5	Noak Hill Taverners 1st	13	5	7	0	1	35	48	0	168
6	Springfield 3rd	13	5	6	0	2	35	43	0	168
7	Broomfield 1st	13	5	7	0	1	40	41	0	166
8	Great Baddow 2nd	13	5	7	0	1	24	57	0	166
9	Purleigh 1st	13	4	8	0	1	18	46	0	133
10	Old Chelmsfordians 2nd	13	1	11	0	1	22	41	0	84

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1	St Andrews 1st	13	10	1	0	2	23	65	0	258
2	Hatfield Peverel 1st	13	9	3	1	0	25	61	-5	243*
3	Galleywood 2nd	13	9	2	0	2	33	55	0	242
4	Rayleigh 4th	13	6	6	0	1	22	58	0	181
5	Woodham Mortimer 2nd	13	6	6	0	1	24	52	5	172*
6	Goresbrook 3rd	13	6	6	0	1	18	44	0	163
7	Wickham 1st	13	5	7	1	0	22	48	0	158
8	Boreham 1st	13	4	8	0	1	25	48	0	142
9	Old Southendian and Southchurch 1st	13	3	10	0	0	27	37	0	112
10	Burnham Sports 2nd	13	2	11	0	0	12	33	20	57*



## Robert Harness Memorial Match

On Sunday 25th June WMCC gathered to pay tribute to the life of Robert Harness in a memorial game. The match was dedicated toward raising funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK, a charity that Robert was heavily involved within, after being diagnosed with the illness. On a beautiful summer afternoon WMCC welcomed the close friends of Boreham CC to the ground, who kindly agreed to donate their match fee payments to the charitable cause. WMCC sincerely thanks Boreham for this gesture. After winning the toss the Captain, Peter Harness, elected to bat first. P Harness and T. Pateman was the first batsman up, and although both started well T. Pateman was soon out in a great catch by A. Parker off the bowling of K. Cresswell. Harness, despite the high emotions of the day, appeared cool at the crease. The ruination of the bowling attack had begun and soon Harness found himself back in the pavilion retired on a marvelous innings of 53. Friends of the Harness family provided short relief as J. Carter and J. Love soon found themselves out until the crease came under the strain of the double heavy roller, as D. Smith and G. Verlander marched to the crease. Smith continued his form where he had left off this season, knocking another quick knock of 55, with the support of Verlander who claimed his first half-century of the season. At the close of the innings WMCC had chalked up a respectable score of 296-7.

**D. Smith (55) P. Harness (53) G. Verlander (50) | M. Lockett (3-49) T. Martin (1-21) G. O'Hallaran (1-24)**

After a splendid tea provided by Toby Pateman WMCC entered the field to defend their total. Harness, feeling ever the all-rounder that day and certainly getting his moneys-worth took the new ball (as spinner's do) and opened with R. Clarke. The pair bowled tight, but it was the bowling of Harness that instantly shook the opening pair of Boreham's line-up as two wickets fell in quick succession. After the dismissal of the pair Boreham suffered a middle-order collapse. K. Ling, K. Cresswell and T. Martin gave their wickets away cheaply whilst the innings of G. O'Hallaran for 32 attempted to bolster the scorecard up for the visiting team. However, it was not until the appearance of C. Chatters that Boreham offered a fight-back, the batsman proving difficult to remove on a darkening wicket. Taking on the Woodham attack Chatters knocked 8 fours to each corners of Pheasant Park until the off-spin of D. Smith removed him for a fine knock of 50. With the Boreham tail now fully wagging the ball was thrown to J. Preston who momentarily dismissed the last remaining wickets, securing victory for Woodham Mortimer CC.

**C. Chatters (50) G. O'Hallaran (32) O. Mosse (25) | J. Preston (3-18) P. Harness (2-17) L. Irons (2-30)**



Although WMCC produced a solid performance the true importance of the day was not overshadowed. The club welcomed the friends and family of P. Harness, members of Boreham CC and lovers of all things cricket in a tribute to Robert Harness in an effort to raise desperately needed funds. With the assistance of a BBQ, raffles and the donation of match fee the total raised at the close of the day reached an amazing £670. The club would like to thank all members on the day for turning up and playing in such an important match, to our friends Boreham CC for their attendance and donations, to those assisting with the running of the club on the day and in particular to Nathan Hayman for agreeing to supply a wicket to play on. The club wishes to also extend their thanks to the Harness family for their efforts on the day, in particular to Peter, who organised this great event. Yet, despite this small triumph there is still more work to be done. If you would like to donate to this great cause please visit the following site, where you will be able to donate to Robert's cause, and help those that are still affected by this sorrowful illness: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rememberingBert>

## Woodham Mortimer Mastermind 2017

The Brain of WMCC Quiz saw regular representatives of each WMCC team do battle. Who would be the Brain of Woodham, thereby elevating them to mastermind status and claim victory for their team? The results of the first stage are below:

Player Name	Team	Score
Nick Goode	Sunday XI	3
George Verlander	Sunday XI	2
Toby Pateman	Sunday XI	2
Rowan Clark	Sunday XI	3
Ribu Tripathi	Sunday XI	2
Dan Smith	Sunday XI	2
Ollie Glasson	Sunday XI	4
Kevin Wright	First XI	4
Toby Pateman	First XI	4
George Verlander	First XI	3
Neil Cook	Second XI	3
Steve Collis	Second XI	2
James Mickley	Second XI	3
Damian Fannon	Second XI	5
Andrew Brown	Second XI	3
Mark Beames	T20 XI	3
Toby Pateman	T20 XI	4

So the grand finale, due in August, will be contested by:

**Sunday X1 - Ollie Glasson**

**1st X1 - Kevin Wright (by virtue of his tie with already qualified Toby)**

**2nd X1 - Damian Fannon**

**2020 X1 - Toby Pateman**

Get studying fellas, your mastermind status and glory for your team is in your hands...

## Upcoming Events

**Cricket Week**

**August 21<sup>st</sup> –August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Presidents Day**

**August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Pheasantation Evening**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

