

# THE HURLEY TRUMPETER

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## Greetings

*First of all can I say that I don't mean to upset anybody. In my attempt to find copy and amuse a little, I have caused a little stir. I am grateful that my readership sometimes even strays outside the club.*

*There are so many village clubs struggling at the moment while the bigger clubs seem to get bigger which is a shame. A big thanks to Mike W, Phil and Yasir's clients/builders etc for ensuring we maintained 3 sides this year and have a handful of leads for new members next year to our wonderful club. Remember, we can and should all contribute in some way.*

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**If you want this newsletter to continue please share your thoughts and pictures. How can I get all that Whatsapp inventive into this little format.**

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**Go on, give me some feedback!!!**



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**Why not get kitted out for the 2019 season in club logo? SERIOUS CRICKET has lots of club wear. It does make a statement to the opposition fielding a team in club colours. The club receives income from all purchases. So far we have raised £170.**



<https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/hurley->

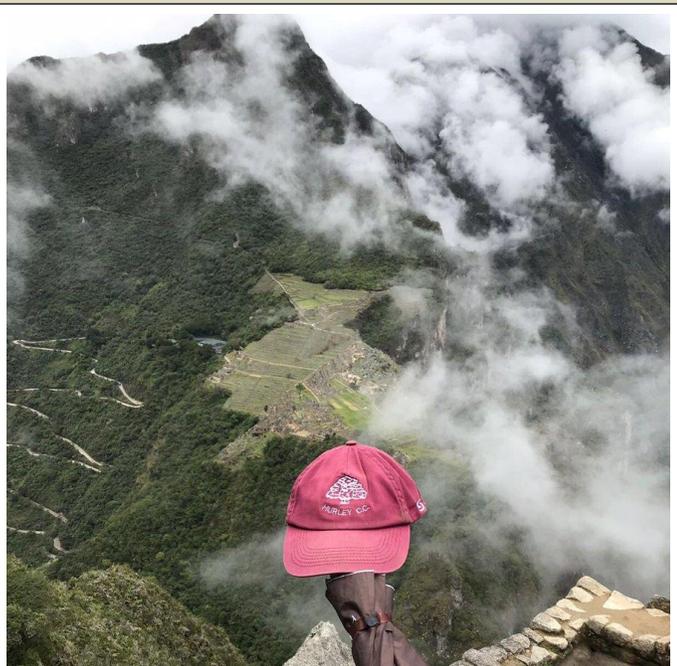
## Dates for your diary

### Socials:

AGM/work party 3<sup>rd</sup> November – with food  
Club Supper 10<sup>th</sup> November The George

### MACHU PICHU CHALLENGE

Ok, [here's a challenge](#). Steve Wright took this picture at Machu Pichu. Let's have more cap pictures around the world or in unusual venues. Let's build a library of these pictures and create a montage for the club wall. Get a cap!



## Furneaux spectacular

*Past vs Present*

Our annual match against the Old Boys was greeted with grey skies, a forecast of rain all day and the prospect of a few pulled muscles, but all was well, the rain respectfully stayed away as did a few we had hoped to see.

Bacon butties were served by JF and a game broke out just after 11, a modest 30 overs a side was agreed to be enough for the Old Boys. Spear was not happy when JF won the toss and fielded. Shoaib K lasted 4 balls but the Present posted 140-3 with Josh Cole a composed 50 and Liam a dogged 23. Phil was his usual suave self for 37 still batting for the

Present.

Marnie surpassed herself with delicacies for lunch and everyone paused to remember Doc and christen his bench with Strongbow.

The Past then sent out 140 years of experience in Fred and Pat to open, singles were at a premium. But it was Rob Eustace 43 and Andy Dobson 31 (not their ages) that ensured another Past win in 24.2 overs.

Game over by 4pm and time to reminisce in the bar and seek out last of the sandwiches and home-made cakes. Thanks to all who participated in this unique fixture and the bar did very well as did the generous donations to Doc's bench.

## SEASON 2018

Another season draws to a close all too quickly and those moaning about the 30deg long hot summer are now reaching for their ridiculous Nordic caps and thick woollies and looking wistfully back to the long warm evenings and players tediously embellishing their finest hours. Ironically, Earnie developed pneumonia prior to the hottest summer for 42 years, but he is well again and we hope he will be back next year with his digit sharpened.

Josh Cole finally could run without his trousers falling down and developed into a promising bat, the Graham brother's enthusiasm was infectious, humour was supplied by Mo and Greg. The stand out moment of the season was Greg's catch home to Emmbrook, if you are to believe this accomplished self-publicist. His witty 'sledges' are now famous.

We actually had more paid up members than last year though the colts shrank in numbers. The 1XI joined the new Mid-Bucks/Chilterns Premier Division and rather fell off a cliff half way through dropping from 3rd to 8th losing 6 of their last 8. 46 all out at Holmer Green was a low point. The 1XI were bowled out for less than 100 on 3 occasions.

The 2XI did better finishing runners up in Division 3 of the Chilterns League. Consistent availability was as absent as Kim Jong Un's dietician making team spirit very difficult at times for both sides. Phil and Mike W toiled hard to ensure we fielded 3 sides a weekend. Mo led the 'friendly' cricket, Jeff supplied excellent wickets and Val's teas were superb again. So much

so that Berkshire over 50/60's kept coming back for more. I love to watch the occasional player hover over the table eating with one hand and grabbing more scones with the other whilst resting an over-sized plate on the expanding gut that never gets in the way.

Pat organised another tour but this year headed for Bournemouth. A combination of World Cup and ill-luck meant they only managed one match. Still, plenty of time to stroll down the seaside for a bit of beach cricket prior to a curry.

Darryn Wright collected 7-76 in his one appearance, Naeem 2 tons and Abdullah and Scott each picked up one in what was otherwise a barren season.

We continued to spend on our facilities, a new outfield mower, renovated Gents, honours board, sightscreen and deep drilling of the square to encourage root growth. A few members might have benefitted from that while the Treasurer went catatonic at the expense.

Two broken fingers for Shoaib and Veg marred their season while Phil started the season unable to bowl with a frozen shoulder. That was until he jabbed down on a Yorker and miraculously unfroze it. He was part of the all-conquering Berkshire Over 60's National Bowl winners, he even took the winning wicket.

A final goodbye to Doc who left us this year to bowl at whatever Spirit might be up there. Next time you walk round the ground settle for a few minutes on his bench.

## PLAYER EXPOSED

### Phil Ridgeway

A difficult one for me to write this one, but as someone who has sat and scored most of his 39,000 runs, 1,300 appearance, 499 catches, 1 stumping and 1,500 wickets I am in the best position. I feel I need more space to reflect on the past 44 years. You just have to see the admiring looks at the Honours Board from opposition players that Phil dominates since the 70's. 'who is this guy?' Every club needs someone who breaths the club, we have been lucky and have had a few.

He joined Hurley in 1974 and cricket and Hurley were in a very different place. This was a time when it was expected you bought a jug for 50, 100 and 5 wickets which cost him dear. Drink driving was not so much a social no-no, more a requirement. His favourite phrase was he was too pissed to walk. It was probably Greenie who christened him 'Golden Balls' testament to his contribution to our success. In

that time he has cracked his jaw, lost teeth and spilled blood for the club, though thoughtfully off the wicket as he fully intended to carry on batting. A noted slip fielder, prolific left-hand bat and tricky left-arm spin bowler.

In his 'twilight' years he reluctantly carries on as Saturday 1XI skipper, Chairman and regularly turns out for Berkshire over 60's 1XI.

He enjoys a tickle down the leg side (who doesn't?) but is liable to losing his leg peg, lbw or leading edging back to the bowler. A mountain of sandwiches and scones have been consumed and he is prone to a lemon drizzle, but then aren't we all at that age.

He honed his skills in the back garden against me with garden chairs as slip fielders. It is so embarrassing to be caught by a wicker recliner. Did I imagine putting the tennis ball over the house or was that a dream sequence from 'Family Guy'.

### COLTS PRESENTATION EVENING 2018

Looks like a good turn-out, but I'm not sure about the football in the foreground.



### CAPTION COMPETITION

Who said it was too wet to play?

TEAS

*Another truly amazing season for Val's teas, the only downside is the unsightly scrum to get a big plate and the pitying eyes of supernumeraries and small children waiting to dig in and hoping DW doesn't grab the last of the pizza and spicy snacks. To be fair, on one of my spectator days I dutifully waited too long, all hot stuff had gone, but DW gave me his last piece of pizza. Whether he couldn't finish it all, or a supreme act of kindness we shall never know, but I like to think the latter.*

**CLUB SUPPER/AGM**

Please support Club Supper. It is a cracking night, good food reasonably priced and a chance to extend the season into the winter months. The George do us proud and it would be great to fill the venue and we promise no boring speeches and not too many statistics. It is a not-for-profit event but needs YOUR support to continue. Please also support a really important AGM looking at the future of cricket at the club.

**Around the Ground**

Imran set up a video link for the home game against Littlewick. You could hear Val clearly as she sat next to the camera and microphone. I think she forgot it was there but has vowed to unplug it if it ever resurfaced.

Greg's latest 'sledge': 'Weatherspoon's batting, all the shots but it's not costing us much'.

Apparently 'reality and fantasy began to dance into a blur'. This is a **very** abridged version of Greg's catch at home to Emmbrook. As he also said, 'joy turned to horror as the realisation dawned that we would never hear the end of it'.

A trip to Monks Risborough is an experience. Having headed north through Buckinghamshire and getting lost despite sat nav we alight on a hill. Beautiful vistas of the Chilterns abound, but you can't see the far end of the ground which dips away like a WW1 trench. Surely one of the strangest locations to play cricket.

Brendon McCullum was amused by David Warner's leaping, shouting, fist-pumping, badge-kissing celebration after making a

hundred on his return to Sydney grade cricket.

"The equivalent of Sir Ed Hillary giving it large [after] climbing his front steps post-Everest," was how the former Kiwi captain saw it. Mmmm, you could say that about some 2XI players.

How brilliant that we have a 16-year old (Josh) and a 17-year old (Henry) leading the non-league batting this year. Josh edged it by 34 runs after the final game was rained off.

We lost 'Hurley' the dog in September. A regular feature on Sundays cowering under Rita's table, the only barking coming from the flame-haired scorer telling the dog to get out of the sun and have a drink. This could have applied to many players, but the dog understood every word.

The mid-Bucks League give points for umpires and scorers making Rita potentially one of the most valuable to turn up on a Saturday.

From the Umpire's Room – penalty runs  
*Mike Walton*

Penalty runs are always awarded in batches of five and are usually in addition to any other runs scored off the delivery.

**Penalty runs to the batting side.**

The most common occurrence of penalty runs in favour of the batting side is for a transgression of Law 28.3 Protective helmets belonging to the fielding side.

Other reasons for penalty runs in favour of the batting side could be for illegal fielding, such as deliberately using something other than the body to field the ball, e.g. throwing a cap or other item of clothing at the ball, or if the ball hits an item of clothing or equipment intentionally discarded by a fielder. Note that if an item of clothing accidentally falls to the ground and is hit by the ball, this is not an offence and penalty runs are not awarded.

Penalty runs can also be awarded when a fielder causes unavoidable damage to the 'protected area'. There is a separate part of law for a bowler running on the protected area in his follow through. In the first instance, the umpire will normally have a 'friendly word'. If the bowler persists, this will be followed by an official warning and a further occurrence will see the bowler removed immediately and be prevented from bowling again in that innings.

**Penalty runs to the fielding side.**

It is also an offence for the batsmen to intentionally damage the pitch by running on the protected area. Again for a first offence, the umpire will usually have a quiet word, and if this fails a formal warning will be issued which applies to the whole team for that innings. Any further transgression will result in 5 penalty runs being awarded to the fielding side. If the fielding side have already batted, the penalty runs will be added to their score from the previous innings. It is not a defence for the batsmen to claim they are wearing flat shoes.

Scorer's Desk  
LESSON 5

*With advancing years come a maturing of the Humbug view on scoring.*

- *The scorer's parasol is not fit for purpose. All it takes is for Prof to pass wind and the whole thing topples despite being lashed down. My suggestion is for a pull down awning attached to the roof lintel, in club colours of course.*
- *During the winter I must try out the scoring app as an excuse to watch England all day as they tour Sri Lanka and WI. Not sure these app things will ever be popular.*
- *I miss the witty barbs on the pitch, but it would be dull if we all followed Moeen Ali's philosophy. "You can intimidate a player by just standing there."*

WHAT DO YOU DO DURING THE WINTER?

*Phil decamps to the Rugby Club and the George.*

*The Taylor/Simoës clan don DM's and man the terraces at Maidenhead United.*

*Prof can be found lurking the sheds at Swindon Railway museum in his anorak.*

*Mr Gul will be trying to win more indoor cricket matches than last season (1).*

*DW can be found late at night on a river bank with live bait in one hand (not a euphemism) and a ham sandwich in the other.*

*Henry is honing his jujitsu skills and absorbing Joe's half of the attic, Joe will be trying to keep warm in Scotland fuelled with Iron Brew, McEwans and battered Mars bars.*

*Imran will still be trying to locate East.*

*Greg will be seeking that illusive 6-pack.*

*MW will be spending many a happy hour organising all the league fixtures.*

*I will be waiting for Christmas to be over and the first signs of daffodils.*

*Any more?*

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