

THE SIREN

Tales of the Monk & Fisherman

13th August



A Message from the Chairman

Well, only three games to go and after a couple of fantastic results last weekend, we are now in the position where the first team could be promoted this coming weekend and the third team could take a giant step towards promotion as well. The second team took a massive step towards safety and the fifths can still stay up with three wins.

*It would be nice to see as many players as possible at the club on Saturday night to hopefully have a celebratory drink to celebrate how far we have come in such a short space of time and wish **Homer and Wath 'Happy Birthday'** for Friday and Sunday respectively.*

Spaghetti Bolognese will be being served throughout the evening and you never know, you might even get the chance to hear the first play of our new official/unofficial club song!!!!!!!!!!

Let's see you all there and good luck to all our teams this weekend.

1s v Hutton

SOS & EMT 252-6 (Spear 61, Grant 52*)

Hutton 221 all out 45.1 overs (Horne 3-33, Butcher 3-60)

By Homer

At 115-3 from 15 overs Hutton were well on the way to upsetting the odds with a victory on their own track and in doing so destroying our unbeaten record that stretched back to 14th May.

Fortunately these days the 1s are made of sterner stuff and the boys bounced back from staring down the barrel with 25 overs left and turned the game around, as we have done a few times this season, to record another win, 20 points and leaving us the target of 12 points from three games to go up!!!

Our innings started ok, on a green seamer the ball nibbled about and we were 54-2 when Homer departed for a decent 20.

Fireman Daynes and last weeks centurion Hackney ran the ball around and fenced away the Hutton attack moving us towards 100. Dales departure for 23 brought veteran Kev Grant to the crease wielding a new blade, a Laver & Wood for you bat connoisseurs out there – very nice, but the ball took some time to fly from the new willow.

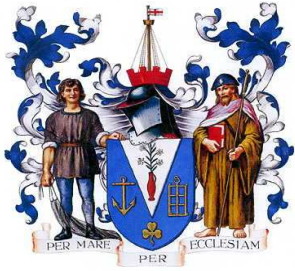
Skipper Spear came in for Daynes, agonisingly short of a well deserved half century, and Spear played a perfect forward defensive to the first ball. This brought about puzzled looks from the boundary, the solidity of the shot has not been seen since Wayne was an under 13 being bowled to by his mum along Shaftsbury Avenue!!! Not to big his innings up too much this was the best knock by the skipper this year and we needed it, when he went for 61 (five fours, three sixes) Spear and Kev had put on 110 for our fifth wicket.

Our new number seven, Wath, came in and hit a massive six to take us past 250 then departed the next ball leaving SJ to go out for the last ball.....and not face. 252 from our 50 overs and at half time we were happy.

Returning Max charged in and got put about the park, Aaron took an early wicket then got put about the park, SJ came on, bowled tightly, removed their opener who was batting well and then got put about the park while Wath also started well, going past the edge a few times then he too got cut around the park!!



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At drinks we knew we needed to up our efforts, so far only Kev had put it in on the field – at one point launching himself into a bush full of stinging nettles and a ditch to stop a four! Bells bowled his socks off (3-33), dragging us back into the game with a tight line and drew a sharp catch out of Max at shortish mid-wicket, from there on in both sides knew the game was turning in our favour.

Max came back for a four over burst to keep things tight and Aaron followed him collecting 2 more wickets on his way to 3-60. It has to be said that one of his wickets owes more to Kev's fleet of foot and athleticism than Aaron's bowling. Running in 30 yards and diving full length forwards Kev got his hands under the ball and held on as he hit the deck, his reward? Being bundled by the rest of the boys playground style!!!

The final wicket fell to Max and as we left the field it felt like a hard job had been done. We received more good news as we travelled back home, our rivals for promotion Wickford had lost and then we found out that top of the table Harlow had been rolled too, leaving us 15 points clear at the top of the table requiring 12 points to guarantee promotion and 46 for the title, at the start of season who would have thought it.....**SEA SEA SEASIDERS!!!!!!**

2s v Ardleigh Green

Ardleigh Green 184 all out (Tom Kearney 5-37)

SOS & EMT 185-4 (Steve Hunt 70, Sibbons 54*)

By Scott Elliott

With a strong side and positive intent we decided that the way forward was to put Ardleigh Green in to bat, hopefully restrict them to a low score and then chase down whatever they set us.

Opening the bowling Chris Hunt and Tom Kearney got us off to a fine start by not only keeping things very tight but picking up four AG wickets to keep the scoring rate down and put pressure on the promotion contenders.

After their spells ended Maher, Elliott, Green and Heiser kept the pressure on by bowling tight lines backed up by excellent fielding. Eventually the partnership was broken when Green had the AG skipper caught on the line by Scott.

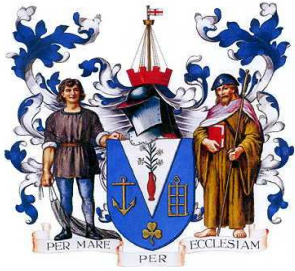
After this wickets tumbled regularly and Tom Kearney came back at the death to take 2 wickets to mop up the tail and end up with outstanding figures of 5-37.

After tea we stressed the need to ensure we got the job done and the chase began in frenetic fashion with both Tom Kenton and Glen Norfolk being dismissed within the first 3 overs but this left the opening bowler with the odd figures of 2-0-24-2.

Steve Hunt and Joe Sibbons put on a steady partnership that took us past the 100 mark and after Hunt's dismissal for 70 and Conor's unfortunate run out for 3 Chris Maher joined Joe at the crease to steer us comfortably to the 185 required without incident.

A special mention must go to Conor who with 1 needed to win and the ball stopping just inside the boundary shouted to the batsmen "run them up" while all the men on the pitch were shaking hands!! An excellent win against a side who will be promoted this year and it is now in our hands to beat the drop.





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3s v Sandon Sports

Sandon 177 all out 9 (Johnson 4-under 20 odd)

SOS & EMT 178-5

Report by James Gilroy

At twelve o'clock stand in captain Richard Hawkins was a worried man. It was vital for the 3rd XI promotion chances that we got points from this game and at that moment we had nine, players that is. Everyone was hunting for players and eventually I got through to a gentleman some of you may know as Mr Alex Bridge.

"Hi Bridgy its Gilly, are you doing anything today?"

"Not really, why?"

"Fancy a game of cricket mate, we've got nine at the moment."

"I don't know mate, my knee is playing me up a bit, is Enders playing?"

"Er....Yes"

"Ummm and its for the 6th XI yeah?"

"Er...yeah mate."

"Alright then"

I might not get past St Peter at the pearly gates but in lying to Bridgy a hole was plugged in the field and he does do some very good book work!! With John Seadon's other lad, Harry, roped in as well we at least now had the full compliment of players.

Skipper did well and won the toss and he elected to bowl first on a rolled piece of grass masquerading as a wicket. El Banko and myself kept the scoring down but the blasted batsmen just wouldn't nick it and somehow managed to get the bat on anything aimed at the stumps.

After 14 overs they only had 45 runs and Shaun was tossed the ball. Unfortunately Shaun didn't have the best day with the ball but with Glen Johnson already on at the other end we had no other options. Glen showed everyone how it was done by snapping up two quick wickets and bowling with hostility.

Glen finished up with four wickets for under twenty and Shaun got two wickets for 89, one of them in bizarre circumstances when the batsmen was given not out on a blatant stumping but walked anyway.

Richard brought back myself and Banko and we polished off the tail with two wickets apiece. John Seadon taking two excellent catches.

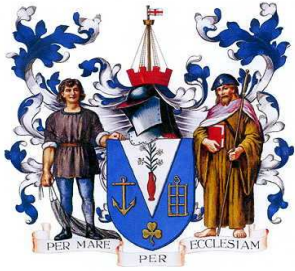
178 isn't the biggest total this team has chased down but on a dodgy pitch with some of our main batsmen missing someone would have to stand up and be counted if we were to win this game.

Unfortunately that someone was neither Richard (caught off a ball that hit part of the wicket that the locals called "The Ridge" and it rose sharply) or Shaun (caught behind slashing at a wide one). John Seadon, hit nastily on the elbow of "The Ridge" and Glen steadied the ship a bit until John perished. 29-3 and we were in deep do-do.

After a few slices of luck I managed to begin to "stink it out" while Glen showed us how it was all done, mixing patient defence while still putting away the bad ball.

Glen and I put on 90 odd and the wind was starting to come out of the oppos sails. But at 120 for 3 Glen was palpably LBW for a well made 67 and a few overs later I was caught trying to cut (should have booming drove it!!!) and the game was well and truly alive again. However no one bothered to tell that to Stuart and Banko.





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Sandon had used up their best bowling already and the second string bowlers served it up and Stuart in particular put it away with disdain. A six to the biggest part of the ground and a smear through cow corner from Andy "is he Spearsy in disguise" Banks and the game was won. Stuart Leslie with thirty odd and Banko mid twentys both not out. A good win for this weakened team and the win keeps promotion hopes alive. Special mention must go to Charlie and Harry Seadon who threw themselves about and generally fielded exceptionally for kids of their age.

4s v Colchester 3s

Colchester (Olly Woodhouse 4-38, Ejaz 4-74)

SOS & EMT 67 all out

By Eamonn Kearney

With a side that featured many youth players a trip to the inform Colchester was never going to be an easy task. Having won the toss and electing to bowl, C&EE may have felt the pressure slightly as they found themselves in a position they rarely have all season, batting first.

Making his first appearance for the 4XI this season Oliver Woodhouse was the pick of the bowlers returning figures of 4-38. Sohail Ejaz picked up 4-72 from his long spell and after having C&EE 130-9, the disappointment and frustration was evident as we allowed the opposition to rally and post 198-9. That was a score that never looked reachable as some excellent bowling ripped through our batting line up leaving us to feel how many other sides have felt after facing us this season and being bowled out for embarrassing totals.

A return to winning ways v Gidea Park and Romford is the target as we look to cap off a good season in the last three games.

5s v Rettendon

Rettendon 214 all out

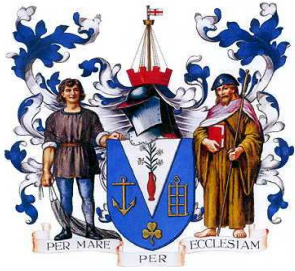
SOS & EMT 170 all out

6s v Shenfield

SOS & EMT 171 all out (Miller 33, Kane 32)

Shenfield 174-3 (Miller 2-32)





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Centurions



Kevin Grant	1s	23 rd April	106* v West Essex
Steve Hunt	2s	30 th April	127 v Old Brentwood
Glen Norfolk	2s	28 th May	102 v Benfleet
Numan Khan	1s	4 th June	101* v Wickford
Tom Kenton	2s	4 th June	100* v Wickford
Glen Norfolk	2s	2 nd July	101 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 nd July	165* v Horncurch
James Holmwood	2s	9 th July	131* v Orsett
Vajinder Paul	4s	30 th July	126 v Buckhurst Hill
Tom Kenton	Eve		105 v Eastwood
Tom Kenton	Sun	31 st July	103 v Leigh
Scott Elliott	Sun	31 st July	100 v Leigh
Dale Hackney	1s	6 th Aug	111 v Leigh
Liam Jordan	3s	6 th Aug	123 v Brookweald



Michelle Pfeiffer's

Max McNamara	Sun	1 st May	6-19 v Belhus
Chris Gore	6s	7 th May	5-66 v Old Southendians
Vajinder Paul	6s	14 th May	7-52 v Chingford
Patrick Kearney	4s	21 st May	5-23 v Wickford
Mark Irvine	3s	4 th June	5-33 v Brookweald
Patrick Kearney	4s	4 th June	5-46 v Woodford Green
Lucas Wiggins	U11a	5 th June	5-8 v Rankins
Maxwell McNamara	1s	25 th June	6-41 v Harlow
Maxwell McNamara	1s	2 nd July	6-39 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 nd July	6-96 v Horncurch
Scott Elliott	2s	9 th July	6-46 v Orsett
Tom Kearney	2s	13 th Aug	5-37 v Ardleigh Green

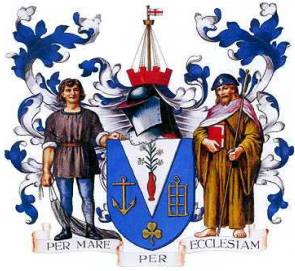
Where are the Monk and Fisherman next week?

1s	v	Stanford-le-Hope	@ Southchurch
2s	v	West Essex	Away
3s	v	Terling	@ Ecko
4s	v	Gidea Park & Rom	@ The Garrison
5s	v	Roxwell Blues	Away
6s	v	Orsett	Away
Sun	v	Montgomery	@ Southchurch

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Saturday: Potential Promotion Party & Wath/Homer Birthday's

Come down and enjoy this potentially historic evening for the club as the 1st XI look to seal their passage to Division One. Spaghetti Bolognese will be available from the kitchen (thanks ladies, you know who you are).....p.s it is also Homer's and Wath's birthday drink up and they would love you to join them to raise a glass as they get another year older. Ten years on can anyone remember their 18th and 21st birthdays on tour in 2001??????

This Sunday: Under 11's v Under 13's and BBQ

Sunday morning see's our under 11s taking on our under 13s, come down and see that the future of our club is in safe hands and support the youngsters. Following the game there will be a BBQ and the bar will be open while England smash India to all parts of The Oval on our big screen TV.

September: Club Golf Day

Details to follow

5TH November: SOS & EMT 'At the Races'

Sandown Parks ever popular Gentlemen's Day is the opening meeting of the new Jump season. This year you can be there as part of SOS & EMT 'At the Races', full details are on the following page or contact Rob Dinmore who is organising the day,
robert@dinmore71.fsnet.co.uk

Saturday 19th November: Annual Dinner & Dance 7pm – 12:30/1am

On Saturday 19th November come and enjoy an evening with your fellow members at the Arlington Rooms to round off the year. A three course meal including all drinks, except liquors, complete with entertainment and the November draw for the 100 club, it's the big one! £40.00 per head and we need payment by the end of September to secure your spot. Strictly first come first served and dress to impress, dinner jackets and posh frocks are essential.

Contact Danny danny.saggers@tiscali.co.uk or Stuart Leslie sl138@hotmail.co.uk to book your tickets.



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Southend-on-Sea & EMT C.C.

Day at the Races

5th November 2011



If you wish to be part of the SOS & EMT Day at the races you need to pay your **NON** Refundable deposit of £15 to Robert Dinmore before Saturday 3rd September 2011. The £15 will secure and pay for the coach transportation to and from the race course from Southend. Once we have numbers we will look at booking tickets at the Group Discount priced at £12 which we will need in advance. Then all you will need is money for your bets / food & Drink.

Contact Rob down at the club or via robert@dinmore71@fsnet.co.uk

Sandown Parks ever popular Gentlemen's Day, sponsored by **Blue Square**, is the opening meeting of the new Jump season and will provide a chance to see stars of the future in action as they all try to get their campaigns off to a glorious start.

It is also the perfect opportunity to enjoy some traditional, male pursuits; style and grooming expertise with **Henry's Opinion**, experience complimentary treatments* including traditional wet shaves in our Grooming Stable and browse a range of must-have 'boys' toys'.

Between races you can try your luck at our **fun casino**, and here's a useful tip: it's worth spending a little time on your general turn-out as you could romp home to glory and win a fantastic prize in our **Best Dressed Male competition!**

To round off the day, there'll be live music from a rock and indie tribute band.

GRANDSTAND ENCLOSURE

The spacious, modern Grandstand is designed to get you as close to the action as is humanly possible.

You can check out your favourite at the Parade Ring, then move quickly back to the 'steppings' - from which, famously, you can see the entire course without obstruction.

The rear balcony overlooks the Parade Ring and links the bars and the seating areas. You can choose from a wide variety of restaurants and food outlets that cater for every taste and budget

Dress code: informal and casual dress. No vests or bare tops.

Advance Entry Price £15 On the Day Price £18

Groups of 12 plus receive a 20% Discount £12

Children aged under 18 years are free of charge but must be accompanied by a paying adult



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