

# *THE SIREN*

*Tales of the Monk & Fisherman*

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July



## **Single Wicket Competition**

**By Stuart Leslie**

On a warm sunny day at Southchurch Park we had our first single wicket competition. The first round threw up some interesting battles, notably Dave 'I don't want to play' Enderby pitted against young Chris Gore and surprisingly, 'I don't want to play' played and won!!!! We also had the sight of our first team captain Wayne being smashed all round the ground by John Seaden. John unfortunately pulled a hamstring while bowling and had to withdraw or else the captain might have gone out first round. It was only when we went upstairs we realised John hadn't done his hamstring, but he had done a plate of ham sandwiches, cakes and sausage rolls!!!! The biggest cheer went to young Luke Bunce, after being smashed around the park by flat track bully Baiju Solanki, needed a six of the last ball he faced to win and DID IT!!!! BYE BYE BAIJU (2 Kormas please mate).

The surprise package in the first round was McNamara senior who waltzed into the second round. However the biggest surprise of the first round was the favourite Stuart Leslie being undone by a rather defensive field setting by Aaron Irvine.

In the second round we had the sight of Kevin Grant putting Shaun Grant out of his misery in emphatic fashion, claiming bragging rights in the Grant household. The silent assassin Phil McNamara comfortably made his way into the third round, while his useless layabout son Max was sent packing by Dave 'I don't want to play' Enderby, much to everyone's amusement. This sent Scotty running off to check the contract to see if we had the correct Aussie playing in our first team.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain squeezed through to the next round, but we lost the first of the Kearney clan with Eamon losing out to big bad Tommy 'I didn't think I hit it' Kenton!!!! Young pat and tom kept the family name going though.

Quarter finals: We had our first bowl off between Pat Kearney and Dave Bunce, who duly hit the wicket after Pat just missed. Dave Enderby beat someone, so did some others but the shock of the round was Kev Grant being disposed of by Big Bad Phil Mac, and serious questions were being asked about Scotty's ability to capture an overseas player with ability!!!! The semi finals were a close affair with 'I really didn't think I hit it' Kenton getting rid of Dave Bunce and Spear finally getting rid of the good McNamara!!!!

The final was a close affair until Wayne bowled the first ball to 'I really wish I hadn't hit that one' Kenton who was superbly caught by Tom Kearney. Needing three to win we had the strange sight of Wayne batting without pads and Big Bad Tom bowling in pads!!!!

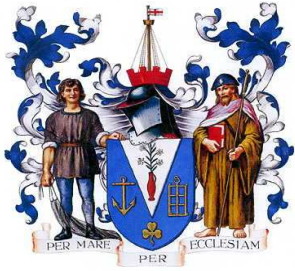
Wayne duly hit the winning runs to be crowned Single Wicket Competition Winner 2011.

A few thank you's to Andy May for fielding most of the day (shouldn't have lost in the first round!!!!), Gilly for scoring all day, that's never happened before! and all the youngsters for fielding in strong heat most of the day and a massive thank you to celebrity guest umpire Ron Weasley (Owen) for umpiring ALL BLOODY DAY on his own. Well done Owen.

See you all again next year.



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## **1s v Westcliff**

**SOS & EMT 186-8 (Khan 43)**

**Westcliff 176 all out (Bellies 3-27, SJ 2-17)**

**By Spearsy**

At the start of the day, and the second half of the season, we were sitting second in the league...following this game we now sit 'tip top' after our unbeaten 8<sup>th</sup> game including seven wins.

We owed Westcliff as they beat us convincingly in the first game of the season, one of my best mates was skippering their side and he won the toss and unexpectedly put us into bat!! He had not seen that we had won six games in a row batting first....

Kev G was back after missing last week for a wedding of a fellow club member!! What type of cricketer gets married on a Saturday...during the cricket season!!!

We started off slowly, 15 off the first 10 overs. This was mainly down to some tight bowling and Kev G being unable to pick the gaps and fell for 7 with the score on 29. The scoring rate went up a little with Numan striking the ball well again until he was superbly caught at fine leg for 43. Another sticky period came as Joe Sibbons, making his first team debut, got tied down by their spinners and another couple of quick wickets fell and saw us 81-4.

I had promoted myself after finally finding some form and came to the wicket to join Wath, or Mark Cosgrove as he is now known. A partnership of 40 started to rebuild the innings but unfortunately, as has happened far too many times this year we lost wickets with poor shots and again another low total looked likely.

Our tail wagged again with Steve Hunt hitting a quick fire 30 and Max getting his usual 12 not out scraped us to 186, which we thought was defendable if we got a couple of early wickets. We went out to field with Max and Chris Hunt taking the new ball, Max chose to bowl from the Northumberland Crescent End, which surprised me a little as the wind was blowing into his face. Three overs was enough to see it was the wrong end so off came Chris and I gave Wath the ball thinking it would be just to swap the bowlers ends. Wath (Marky C) had other ideas and with a new-ish ball in his hand it was always going to be a struggle to get it off him, I think he thought it was a cake or something you could eat!!

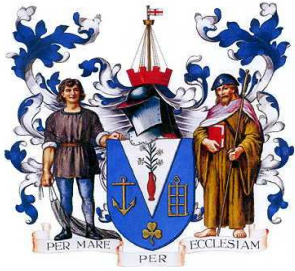
A great over from MC forced me to keep him on but Westcliff had started well and were 32 -0 when the opener decided to run himself out when he hit it straight at Max at cover and the other opener just stood on his bat, Max hit the stumps and he was out by a long way!

This started a huge collapse for Westcliff and they were soon 51 - 5 when Max bowled the only hope of salvaging anything from the game with a fantastic Yorker, "that's the best yorker i've ever bowled," Max said to me.

Westcliff's skipper was at the non strikers end for most of the collapse and just did not know what to do, hit out or get out I said to him!! He got out the first over after drinks missing a great flighted delivery from Bells.

The win was now a formality and with SJ trying to get the last wicket by any means necessary even telling the batsman how to play Bells so he would get another over and it was SJ, as it was the week before v Horndon, that got Westcliff's England international out with a straight ball that the batsman decided to kick away from middle stump.





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Another 20 points in the bag and Westcliff put firmly in their place at the bottom of the league!! The biggest smile of the day came later in the evening though, no not Old Boys losing but the news that Harlow had lost to Hutton and we were now Top of the league!!!!!! A great team performance again with all bowlers bowling well, Chris Hunt must get a special mention as the best fine leg to fine leg fielder in the league!!

### **2s v Orsett**

**Orsett 211 all out (King Rat 6-46, Bob Mills 2-37)**

**SOS & EMT 213-2 (Homer 131\*, Maher 36\*)**

#### **By Ratty**

Remember the day, Saturday 9th July 2011 because skipper Rat did the unthinkable and at the 12th time of asking finally won a toss and decided to bowl on a pitch that had been under the covers, but looked a good one to bat on when the wicket dried out.

Tom Kearney and Chris Maher opened up and kept things tight but the two left handers from Orsett did not look in particular trouble on a pitch that did not have the life in it that the skipper had originally envisaged.

After a couple of changes of bowling to try and mix things up not a lot was happening except one left hander was looking very untroubled on 70 odd and the other looking like we could keep him in as he was on about 12 coming up to drinks. At around the 20 over mark the skipper threw the ball to Bobby Mills and after a tight appeal for a stumping by Cows he induced the batsman, who was doing us a favour by blocking the run rate, into a false shot which was well caught by Maher at extra cover and in his next over he dragged down a long hop which the well set left hander looped to Aaron at cover point and from a strong position for Orsett we had got back into it at around 110-2 at drinks.

After drinks the Skip and Bobby continued to keep things tight and when Rat got 2 wickets in one over the game was turning in our favour. A 125-4 the rate was going down rapidly. More wickets fell to the Talisman (Rat's words, no-one else's!!) and he was rewarded with his first ever 6 for in any form of cricket after his spell of 14 overs and with Nigel Green mopping up the last 2 wickets we did well to restrict Orsett to a score of 211, which was below par on a fast scoring ground.

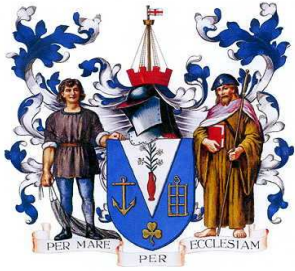
After an excellent tea, including a contender for the seasons 'best on show' we went out with positive thoughts of getting that elusive first win.

Unfortunately Conor was out for 2 shortly after the beginning of our innings but we were settled by a 50 partnership between Norfolk and Holmwood. The pair moved the score along at a good rate that didn't allow Orsett to build any pressure. That was until their returning 1st XI spinner came on and after a few overs removed Norfolk to a sharp catch in the gully.

This brought Maher in and he played an excellent innings, just basically blocking the spinner and supporting Homer, so the middle order would not be exposed to the left arm tweaks which would be tough for new batsmen.

Holmwood, off the back off three league golden ducks, scored regularly and at 20 overs we required 88 with 8 wickets left and after drinks Holmwood carried on his merry way cutting, pulling and driving to a sparkling hundred.





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The two of them took us home with a partnership of 152 and we had 9 overs to spare when the victory was reached.

It was an excellent performance by all the boys, hopefully a big step in the journey to safety and beyond.

Another big game this weekend against Benfleet and if we can turn in that level of performance victory is a strong possibility and with mid-table security in our sights we could look to the top half of the table, its not beyond us if we can turn in another showing like Saturday.

### **3s v Old Chelmsfordians**

#### **SOS & EMT 177-9**

#### **Old Chelmsfordians 181-9**

### **4s v Belhus**

#### **SOS & EMT 233-8 (Shaun Grant 73, Vajinder Paul 44)**

#### **Belhus 64 all out (Pat Kearney 4-16, Tarun Goel 3-16)**

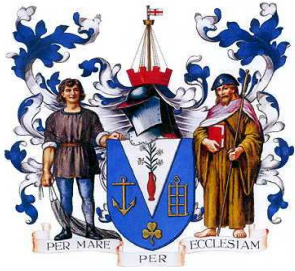
On a warm afternoon at the Garrison the 4XI welcomed top of the league Belhus for a clash that would see if the side had ambition to push for promotion in the second half of the season. After losing the toss, the opposition captain hesitated whether to bat or bowl and consulted some of his side and finally decided to have a bowl on a damp wicket following the previous nights rain.

A solid opening partnership of 67 between V. Paul and S. Grant came to an end after Paul was caught out very deep on the huge Garrison boundary for 44. M. Hill joined Grant and another solid partnership was put together with both seeing off the Belhus slow bowlers who did the damage on the first day of the season at the less picturesque Ockendon Rec.

Hill was bowled for 43 in the 39<sup>th</sup> over with the score on 139. With the captains orders to push on and score 200 plus, S. Ejaz looked to go over the top and fell for 0, which brought C. Carter to the crease. Carter took note of the orders and had his best knock of the year and a vital time and scored an excellent 32. That innings brought the score beyond 200 and the rest of the batting line up pushed on to finish on a very respectable 233.

Paul and P. Kearney took the new ball and quickly made inroads into the Belhus line up. Kearney's first came with an excellent catch from Ejaz at gully just moving forward. Paul removed the other opener after he survived two consecutive lbw appeals and tried to play one shot too many and was bowled. Kearney finished an excellent spell with a wicket caught behind by Grant. Paul kept going and got his second wicket caught again by Grant. T. Goel bowled following Kearney's restriction on his spell and picked up 3 vital wickets with some excellent bowling using a variety of deliveries.





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Knowing the game was far beyond them Belhus got into a defensive mindset and looked to block out and take their 3 bowling bonus points whilst stopping us picking up all 20. G. Ross was chucked the ball and with his first ball the Belhus batsman looked to hit it into the Laflin's garden only to miss cue it and be caught by Hill at slip, the break through that was needed. Pat Kearney returned to bowl his second spell and cleaned up the tail to finish with figures of 4-16 and bowling Belhus out for 64 giving the 4xi an excellent 20 points with a win by 169 runs.

**5s v Southweald**  
**Southweald 205-8**  
**SOS & EMT 142-8 (Fessey 56\*)**

**6s v Old Boys**  
**SOS & EMT 238-9 (Dave Bunce 129)**  
**Old Boys 241-6 (Raj Ahmed 4-71)**

### The Youth

**Old Southendians 247/4 227 net**  
**SOS EMT CC 269/4 249 net SOS EMT CC win by 22 runs.**

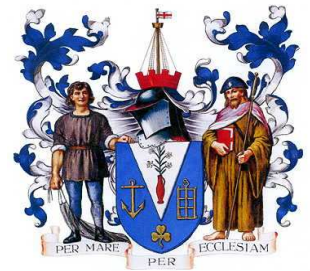
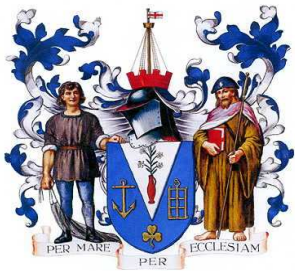
Penultimate match of the season against our closest, in proximity, rivals. Shane wins the toss so in they go to bat. Lucas and Sam open the bowling and restrict OSS to 8 runs net with only 2 of these coming off the bat. In his second over Lucas clean bowls their opening batsman. Next to bowl are Jack and Harry who are even more economical conceding just 6 runs net

with only one scoring stroke, a four off the bat. Up next are a combination of Cameron, Tom and making his debut today Matt Barnes again a further improvement conceding only 2 runs net there were two excellent run outs by Jack and Sam. Cameron should have had a wicket but Shane spilt it. Sorry Cam!!! Our final bowling of Shane Tom and Lucas conceded 11 runs net. Tom took one wicket an excellent catch by newcomer Matt. We only conceded 16 runs off the bat but there were 31 extras.

We need 228 to win, so after the bacon rolls and a quick team talk from Kevin, Lucas and Sam went out to bat. They faced quite a few wides but put on 17 runs net without losing a wicket. In next come Jack and Tom and OSS hit back taking 2 wickets meaning that we were only 8 ahead at a like for like stage of the innings, although Jack hit two excellent fours. Third pairing today were Harry and debutant Matt. Matt was able to give Harry most of the strike and they added 22 net with Harry also hitting 2 fours. Last paring were Shane and Cameron and at this stage we were 17 runs ahead. Each lost their wicket once but there were no real dramas as they were able to add 5 net allowing us to coast home to a 22 run (net) win. Top scorers today were Harry 12 Shane 10 and Jack 8.

Well done boys 5 wins out of 6 and our last match to come next Sunday.





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## Centurions



Kevin Grant	1s	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	106* v West Essex
Steve Hunt	2s	30 <sup>th</sup> April	127 v Old Brentwood
Glen Norfolk	2s	28 <sup>th</sup> May	102 v Benfleet
Numan Khan	1s	4 <sup>th</sup> June	101* v Wickford
Tom Kenton	2s	4 <sup>th</sup> June	100* v Wickford
Glen Norfolk	2s	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	101 v Horndon
Vajinder Paul	4s	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	165* v Horncurch
James Holmwood	2s	9 <sup>th</sup> July	131* v Orsett

## Michelle Pfeiffer's



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

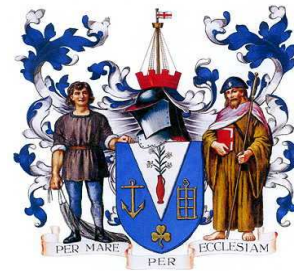
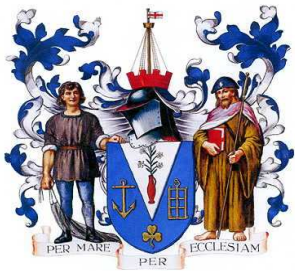
## Where are the Monk and Fisherman next week?

1s	v	Old Southendians	Away
2s	v	Benfleet	@ Southchurch
3s	v	Fyfield	@ Ecko
4s	v	Benfleet	Away
5s	v	Writtle	Away
6s	v	Ilford	@ The Garrison
Sun	v	Thurrock	@ Southchurch

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**SOS & EMT CC Cricket Tour to Chester 2011,  
August 14<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup>**



**After the great success of the inaugural SOSEMTCC Cricket Tour to Chester in 2010 I am starting to put together the details for the 2011 Tour.**

The Tour will take place from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August till Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August, with games happening every day. I hope to keep the fixtures arranged last year as I believe they were all great grounds (see Neston below) that added to the enjoyment of the week.



**Fixtures:**

Sun 14th Aug v	Sandbach CC
Mon 15th Aug v	Chester Boughton
Tue 16th Aug v	Neston CC
Wed 17th Aug v	Northop Hall
Thurs 18th Aug v	Hale Barns CC
Fri 19th Aug	TBC

To take some of the work out of the organising I would be very grateful if anyone who is keen on Touring this year lets me know before the end of this month. This will mean that all the money is collected by the beginning of August and I have a good idea of final numbers. Last year was a raging success, some good cricket was played and a lot of fun was had by all. Why not come along and join us this year, everyone is welcome.

The price of £210.00 covers the cost of your accommodation, breakfast every day, your match fees and some group travel expenses, ie coach to one or two games and is great value for money, as Dave Enderby shows by happily handing over his cash for the week.

If you would like to transfer money electronically the bank details to pay into are as follows:

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