

SHERBORNE

PILGRIMS

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*** A REMINDER OF RULE 4 ***

“It is the responsibility of any person playing for the Club in any sport to have in place adequate public liability insurance cover.”

We are aiming to find out which members are not interested in being posted a hard copy of the annual Booklet. Copies of the Booklet from 2000 are on the Club website www.sherbornepilgrims.co.uk and can be downloaded.

If you wish to continue to receive a posted copy would you please read and answer the attached letter (which has not been sent to honorary members).

CLUB NOTES

Most of us fortunate enough to have passed through Sherborne via Abbey House will have fond memories of the phenomenon known as Barge Yard Cricket. (I believe after rebuilding and refurbishment in the Nineties, the game has never quite recovered.) Occasionally interlopers from other, lesser houses were permitted to participate, but there wasn't quite the same edge.

The game was simple. You batted in front of the wall by the Barge Yard door, by which there was a white wicket emblazoned. The tennis ball (usually a tennis ball) was hurled at you from *very* slightly fewer than 22 yards and you did your best. The superlative shot was the lofted drive that landed on the bike sheds, safe from any fielders; the dull, much-criticised shot was the shot to leg that went harmlessly into the gates leading towards "Central Feeding".

Instant dismissal (and a trek to find the ball) followed a shot that went outside the yard, whether hooked into Hospital Lane or slogged into Abbey Grange/the Housemaster's garden. It was a good leveller: 1st XI players could be dismissed by truculent third formers. As an often bumptious one of the latter, I was sometimes encouraged to have an innings so that I could be the – entirely legitimate, of course – target of sixth formers who suddenly could only bowl uncontrollable beamers.

Well, I survived. Thank you Hodges, Bagnall, Macpherson (N but probably T as well given a chance), Kitchin, Sharpe (and many others). But it was fun. And the spirit that Barge Yard Cricket engendered was one that I can see coming through in all of the reports about Pilgrims sport that follow in this booklet. Playing a game simply, and without fuss.

Although he left last summer to much fanfare, Simon Eliot understood well why the best leaders often achieve most without great attendant hoop-la. This is not the forum to assess his stewardship of the School, but the Pilgrims should be hugely grateful for his contribution. He has been a serious supporter of the Club and of sport at the School. Just look at the array of sports now offered at Sherborne – and the rising excellence with which those sports are pursued.

Simon acted deliberately and thoughtfully by putting in place revised structures for sport at the School that will be of lasting benefit. Realising acutely that he needed the right people in place, and that moving too fast can be profoundly upsetting and sometimes counter-productive, he has made incremental change during his time in charge to achieve what looks to be a legacy that can ensure Sherborne will produce sportsmen of high quality in the years ahead. On behalf of the Pilgrims, Simon, we thank you for your enthusiasm, your interest, your integrity and your good humour.

I am pleased that in this year's publication we are able to print a contribution from Rob Kitson. Usual *Guardian* freelance rates have applied, naturally. Rob has been a distinguished rugby journalist for most of my adult life and a long-time colleague of my father across many matches and countries. Certainly more distinguished than his Pilgrims playing career, as he himself relates on the subsequent pages. This "memory lane" essay is one that I am keen to repeat in future years – and anyone who wishes to take that rose-tinted journey should get in touch. Our past experiences shape our present.

Another essay comes from Paul Miles, the School's indefatigable Director of Sport. Paul is engaged on a mission to bring Sherborne to the forefront of the schools sporting hierarchy, but thankfully without the collateral damage of destroying the belief fostered for so many years that a rounded education also matters. Excellence has been his guide and I would encourage close examination of where he thinks he's reached in his blueprint for change.

Part of Paul's work in promoting sports and its value can be seen in the Sherborne Sports Hall of Fame concept that is growing steadily in conjunction with the Foundation. There are already a good number of representative shirts of various descriptions worn by OS regionally or nationally on display in the Sports Centre but there must be more. If any Pilgrim has a shirt that will inspire a Shirburnian to sporting heights that could do with a better home than the attic, could they please let either Paul Miles, or Adrian Ballard in the Foundation Office, know.

Without wishing to speak for him, a recent shirt of Jimmy Adams's would be right at home in the Hall of Fame. Jimmy followed up a fine 2009 with an equally productive 2010 – winning the domestic Twenty20 competition with Hampshire (and playing no small part in that success) and then being picked for the England Lions in the winter. Congratulations to him and a memo to the England selectors: he's not too old for a step up...

The Club website had a significant facelift last year and is much more user-friendly and modern. We hope it will become the means by which Pilgrims can communicate with each other in the "Club environment" more readily, so please do take another look.

The date of the Club's AGM is Saturday October 15, in the Westcott Room at Sherborne at 12.15pm. The XV will be playing Cheltenham that day – please do come along if you can. My thanks as ever go to Charles Eglington for his work in helping me to produce this booklet.

Robert Hands
May 2011

PILGRIMS MEMORIES

I've always liked the old line which people use about the Swinging Sixties. If you can remember them, baby, you weren't there. Sitting at my desk writing this, I feel the same about the Sherborne Pilgrims. Somewhere in the midst of all the pints, the Horlicks and the laughter, we must have won one or two games of cricket but I suspect few of the participants will recall precisely where and when.

What I do know is that it was fun, even when it rained. Regrets? Only that I never kept a diary. In a perfect world this would read like a gentle essay by the estimable David Foot, one of the most unsung of cricket writers who used to make old Somerset cricketers like Harold Gimblett, Arthur Wellard and, yes, Micky Walford come alive on the page. I'd love to do similar justice to the three Ruperts - Garrett, Rice and Bagnall - the talented Rydons (various) or Dan Thorne but, on reflection, it might be better not to commit it all to paper. Their families would either a) sue or b) despair at how horribly immature we were.

Instead they will have to make do with scraps and fragments of memory, pieced together with the glue of unreliable hindsight, and then soaked in ineptitude. God, I was rubbish. Did I ever score a fifty for the Pilgrims? Not that I can recall. Yes, I regularly kept wicket for them but there were days when the ball barely passed the bat. The most dominant innings I saw on the Upper was by a Sri Lankan "ringer" playing, I seem to recall, for the Old Blundellians. He turned out to be a member of the Tillekeratne family and scored 146 not out in about 20 minutes. I can see it now: hot evening, tired bowling, and a hard, parched outfield, the ball bouncing off the baked concrete at the bottom end and clattering endlessly into the sheds. We all blamed Bagnall, naturally.

Then there was the opponent with the familiar surname who, we decided, was completely useless. I can remember studying the left-handed Gary Kirsten, then a youthful visitor playing a bit of club cricket in the UK, from behind the stumps and thinking: "This bloke can't bat." He duly scuffed and edged his way to 90-odd before going on to play 101 Tests for South Africa, averaging a shade over 45. He has also coached India to victory in the World Cup this year. Sometimes you can just instinctively tell, can't you?

Best games? Some of the most competitive, edgy cricket I've played was for the Pilgrims against Cobham in the 1980s. For some reason, despite having players in common, the sides often tended to rub each other up the wrong way. Sledging was rife and hotly-contested finishes were compulsory. One blessed year we won in the final over, a couple of chances even sticking in my less-than-secure gloves. There were no league points at stake but, at that moment, it mattered a great deal.

And that, I think, is the essence of all good sport. It does not have to be professional or pretty or phenomenally impressive. It simply has to mean something to those either involved or watching. You can be 10 years old and playing for Old Rubberduckian minis but a match-winning try will still give you a similar buzz. I sometimes wonder what a life without sport would be like. Apart from having no job, no friends, no understanding of team spirit and a paunch five times bigger than it is already, it wouldn't make a jot of difference. Think of all that time I'd have for DIY and ironing.

Luckily, that grim prospect has yet to materialise. Nor is dull a word ever used in connection with the Pilgrims. Having a go is less a feature of most Shirburnian cricketers than an essential component of their DNA. This cavalier spirit did not, pre-Jimmy Adams, breed many first-class pros but it made for some spectacular cricket. It might, at this point, be permissible to mention my one and only Cricketer Cup appearance – the injury list must have been crippling – which coincided with one of the more remarkable Pilgrims run-chases ever seen. The record lower-order stand between Messrs Rydon and Garrett that saw off Downside that famous day was even better if you happened to be the debutant rabbit quivering in the pavilion with his pads on. Never have I derived greater enjoyment from being a spare part.

This, in many ways, sums up my entire Pilgrims' career. If you happen to be a moderate sportsman who thinks the Pilgrims is only for top-class athletes, empty your misgivings from your kit bag and sign up to play. I guarantee you won't regret it. I did once provoke a partner into walking back to the clubhouse in despair during my only competitive match for the OS Golfing Society – he had just handed me a brand new ball which I'd instantly smashed into heavy jungle to clinch a certain defeat – but most of the time it is hugely enjoyable. You will be heavily fined and drink plenty of Horlicks but, above all, you will meet some seriously entertaining people. By the time you hit 40 you will have forgotten all the jokes but the warm glow of companionship will stay with you for ever.

Robert Kitson

NEW MEMBERS

Applications were received from the following leavers in July 2010:
F H R Bak (g), S C Barber (g), B R Berkeley (g), E A R Bonnell (f),
R J S Busher (a), C E H Carline (m), T H G Carr (f), J A M Clifton (g),
T S C Cooke (f), G H Day-Robinson (f), H J Edwards (a), H H Haynes (f),
P A Jackson (d), T W Kerridge (c 10), J C S Lyons (c), J W B Major (c),
M W S Mogoseanu (d), J W Nott-Bower (c), J D B Pralle (g), A A Pusinelli (d),

A J M Quaille (m), H T Ritchie (e), E J Scott-Bowden (f), W A A Selfe (c),
J E Sutton (d), F E Taylor (c), S G A Walsh (a)

Honorary members: C J Davis and P R Miles

OBITUARY

J A Beer (g 28), M H Blakeney (b 46), Sir Geoffrey Chandler (d 41),
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CRICKET 2010

Played 12; Won 6; Lost 6; Cancelled 2.

Sunday May 2, v Radley Rangers, at Radley

Match abandoned – rain

Sunday May 23, v Marlborough Blues, at Marlborough

Sherborne Pilgrims 274 (C H O Vollers 59, C E S Clifton 50 not out);

Marlborough Blues 277-4 (M P L Bush 75, F Clarke 75); lost by 6 wickets.

With temperatures around 30 degrees and not a cloud in the sky, Sherborne won the toss and predictably decided to have a bat. Ollie Kelly, who at times mirrored Atherton in technique, and Pete Langly-Smith, who is a powerful striker of a cricket ball, marched out to lay the foundations for the Pilgrims innings.

Unfortunately thanks to a ripsnorter in the first over, Langly-Smith was swiftly back in the pavilion. Sherborne settled down, and George Bramble put his hand up for shot of the day with an extra-cover drive for four. With Ollie Kelly picking up

runs at the other end, Sherborne progressed nicely, and it was only when Kelly fell to a good one that Mathew Hawkins was introduced into the game.

Despite being notorious as a late cut specialist, Hawkins's wagon wheel was positively expansive. The heat was clearly beginning to affect him and he was dismissed for 34. Vollers continued strongly, however, and batted convincingly through to lunch with a hard-fought fifty.

With 30 overs gone the Pilgrims were seven down, and suddenly the team's primary objective was to ensure the full 50 overs were used. Nick Southwell played a sensible and timely innings, batting for 15 overs for a well-earned 15, and the crowd was treated to a glimpse of the all-rounder in Charlie Clifton as he worked his way to an unbeaten fifty. Marlborough were set 275 to win, a score that meant the game was firmly in the balance.

The class of 2003 came alive when Freddie Mead and Southwell were handed the new ball. Southwell immediately tied the batsmen down with his disciplined line and length. He bowled seven overs straight until tea, and was unfortunate not to have a wicket to his name. Ollie Kelly threw up some tricky wrist spin, as did George Jerram, and Ned Kelly injected some fiery venom into the attack. In order to build periods of pressure on a batting side it is imperative that good bowling is backed up by good fielding. Frustratingly this did not occur. Although it was early in the season, the Pilgrims needed to be sharper and six catches were dropped which was why the game was lost with Marlborough having two overs to spare.

Sunday June 6, v Haileybury Hermits, at Haileybury

Haileybury Hermits 307-8 (S P Anthony 77, P H J Reid 71, T O Stewart 50; D J Payne-Cook 4 for 65); Sherborne Pilgrims 312-9 (Payne-Cook 86, C H O Vollers 56); won by 1 wicket.

The mental stranglehold over the Hermits continues! The Pilgrims remain unbeaten against this foe and after a seven-run victory in 2009 defending a low score, a one-wicket win chasing more than 300 was equally, if not more, monumental.

Losing the toss meant that we were able to unleash a ferocious new ball attack of Filbey and Payne-Cook. Facing this would intimidate most opening pairs but the Hermits blazed to 120 off 11 overs. Such expansive stroke play would have to cough up a chance and Payne-Cook bowled one full and straight and the leg-before breakthrough arrived. The mercurial spin bowling gifts of Dawson and Crouch came to the fore and they dragged the game back in the direction of the Pilgrims.

Dawson had the dangerous Anthony stumped for 77 with a beauty that did him in the flight and Crouch forced the error from another bamboozled Hermit who holed

out to deep square. The glove work of Morgan added a consistently magnificent gloss to a fine ground fielding performance led by the spritely Igoen-Robinson and the steely Tomkins. Tomkins completed a neat five overs with arrow-straight balls and Payne-Cook snaffled three more wickets in two short bursts. After their start, restricting the Hermits to 307 represented a highly respectable effort.

The Hermits opening bowler is contracted by Middlesex and Tomkins did a fine job in fending him off and seeing out the new ball. The running between the wickets was sharp and neat and Igoen-Robinson looked a class act caressing shots through the off-side and pouncing on the short ball. 21 runs off 14 balls was just the ticket but he was unfortunately snared down the leg side, caught off a glove. Pugh strode in obviously having eaten nothing but meat for lunch as there was not a single in sight in his sumptuous 28, containing seven glorious scoring shots, all of which careered over the boundary in his tremendous cameo.

After ten overs it was 37 for two but Dave Pugh and Crispin Vollers were only just playing themselves in. Vollers showed imperious form, playing shots on both sides of the wicket. His memorable 56 came off 31 balls and set the game up perfectly. The Pilgrims were up with the rate but were five down for 135 from 20 overs.

Morgan was then unfortunately run out when he looked to be timing the ball sweetly and 142 for six made victory seem a dream. Payne-Cook and Dawson had different ideas and a fabulous 120-run partnership brought the team within striking distance. A final Hermit throw of the dice was to bring back the Middlesex seamer and Payne-Cook doffed his cap, took a fresh guard and crashed his first ball back over the sightscreen for a monstrous six (one of four in his magnificent 86).

Dawson played the perfect foil, giving Payne-Cook the strike with sensible cricket and amassing an intelligent 37. Crouch toe-ended an attempt to clear the infield and Filbey was left with Searson to score the final 39 runs for victory in eight overs. Filbey was steely-eyed and saw off the final threat to steer the side home.

Sunday June 13, v Radley Rangers, Cricketer Cup first round, at Sherborne
Radley Rangers 193-8; Sherborne Pilgrims 194-7 (C A R Esson 51); won by 3 wickets.

Cricket is like a love affair: if you don't take it seriously, it's no fun; if you do take it seriously it can break your heart. The Pilgrims prepared well for this game with every member of the side playing regular cricket. There were therefore no broken hearts. There have been outstanding individual performances by Pilgrims over the years but I can think of no better team performance than this well-earned victory. Everyone contributed and often at crucial stages of the game.

What a pity we cannot publish fielding averages. Good fielding makes weak bowling strong. There was the occasional misfield but generally the Pilgrims moved quickly to the ball and returned it accurately. I estimate at least 20 to 30 runs were saved in the field which is an awful lot to make up especially on The Upper.

Nurton and Dampney bowled tightly early on which never allowed the dangerous Hutton to do anything other than defend. The Rangers looked to build their innings around the former Middlesex captain. Nurton posed problems with virtually every ball and Dampney generated pace and bounce. Dampney deserved his haul of three for 39. Both were well supported by Charlie Clifton, who demonstrated yet again that line and length is the foundation for all bowling.

Another lesson that seems to have been digested is that cricket is not always about champagne. It's a bread and butter game. The basics were done well apart from a couple of relatively easy catches. From 60 for six, the Rangers must have been pleased to reach 193 for eight.

It was important for the Pilgrims to get off to a good start. Esson and Jenkins followed instructions to the letter and played sensibly, reaching 102 before Jenkins was well caught above the fielder's head at mid-off. McKillop, making his debut in this competition, soon departed attempting to score a boundary and was comprehensively bowled. Esson, immediately after reaching 50, was caught low down at mid-wicket. Both Esson and Jenkins are maturing into fine players. Their defence is tight and they have a range of strokes on both sides of the wicket. They should score a stack of runs over the next few years.

Fortunately after losing both openers quickly there was no panic and no suggestion of allowing the game to drift like a ship in the hands of its crew. Everyone played positively and with a clear understanding that wickets needed to be kept intact but the score should keep ticking over.

Cooke shared a good partnership with Searson, the latter having started his journey to Sherborne at 6am. "Wait 'til you have a kid," was the unsympathetic comment from his captain! Cooke was caught behind for 22 and at this stage the rain that had threatened since late afternoon arrived. With three overs left it poured and conditions were difficult for both sides.

Ollie Kelly kept a cool head and Clifton did what he does best i.e. play shots. It was Clifton who struck the winning runs with two balls of the game left. It was an exciting game and the Rangers played their part. It was also a game that the Pilgrims deserved to win. It is a young Pilgrims side with talented players who

should now believe that they can compete with the best sides in this competition. It is always tougher to win when everyone expects you to, though.

Saturday July 3, v Sherborne School, at Sherborne

Sherborne School 220-8 (C A L Leach 72 not out, C E H Carline 52); Sherborne Pilgrims 114; lost by 106 runs.

The very fact that the Pilgrims had the School struggling on 99 for seven illustrates how well the likes of Clifton, Peatfield, Marks and Hayler bowled in the first session. Peatfield bowled quickly, causing the openers plenty of problems in his first spell, but only getting the one wicket of Cooke in return for his efforts. Marks and Clifton were equally determined to restrict the School to a low total, and in doing so picked up a wicket each. Hayler was a little rusty at times, but the inconsistency seemed to cause problems and saw him collect three wickets.

It was not a case of weaker bowling, or dropped chances, because Haycock and Gibbs complemented the other four bowlers very well, but Leach and Carline decided to ruin the Pilgrims party. Both played maturely, ensuring that the scoreboard kept ticking over until the latter stages of the innings, when they simply batted with more aggression and intent, running the tiring Pilgrims all over the Upper. Leach finished on 72 not out, with Carline on 52, both at better than a run a ball. This ensured the School set a very defendable total of 220.

Credit must be given to a strong School bowling attack, which was quite brilliantly drilled and finely tuned. The run rate was always increasing as every batsman struggled, and the wickets invariably fell as the Pilgrims were forced to up the ante and chase down the increasingly daunting total. However, the Pilgrims cannot hide from the facts that only three batsmen managed to get out of single figures and the School's bowling attack exposed the fragility of the out-of-touch Pilgrims. It was a hugely disappointing display and a very comfortable victory for the boys.

Sunday July 4, v Marlborough Blues, Cricketer Cup second round, at Marlborough

Marlborough Blues 321-7 (E R Kilbee 118, G A Adair 69); Sherborne Pilgrims 243-9 (C S G Cooke 89); lost by 78 runs.

I looked up the definition of experience in the dictionary before compiling this report. “(Knowledge, skill, based on) personal observation or action or contact; event that affects one (trying, pleasant, curious, experience).” The Pilgrims witnessed all of these emotions during this game. My own knowledge is that experience at cricket is something that is only gained by playing and watching, usually against better players. Rafael Nadal was quoted as saying that from a very

young age he watched the great players of the day and hoped one day he would emulate their achievements at Wimbledon. It has certainly worked for him.

Ed Kilbee was arguably the difference between the two teams on this day. His studies at Cape Town University playing regularly in a team with Western Province players and regular practice sessions suggested that he had reached a mature level as a cricketer somewhat quicker than others with less opportunities. It also confirmed my view that the potential for the Pilgrims to reach this level is obvious. But as I have said before, it is only achievable by playing regular cricket at the highest possible level. Maturity also (like good wine, I am told) comes with age. This is a young Pilgrims side and it would be a great shame to abandon the progress and the experience gained over the last two to three years.

Kilbee struggled early on and quickly assessed the threat posed by Nurton and Dampney with the new ball. He hoped (perhaps like Hutton in the last game) to “cash in” on the bowling once the shine had gone and he was seeing the ball early. He also anticipated there would be some loose balls served up by the change bowlers. His assessment was totally justified.

Nurton bowled without luck. His first eight overs cost 18 runs and removing a slip for his final two overs resulted in three edged boundaries through that area. Dampney suffered a similar fate: 15 runs from six overs and a wicket and 55 runs in total from his allotted ten. Ed Kelly picked up three wickets but conceded 65 runs from eight overs. Andy Searson’s two wickets cost him 70 runs from eight overs.

The solid base built by Kilbee was used to good advantage by Adair (69), Pike (52) and Marcon (33). The total of 321 was daunting but on a small ground with a lightning fast outfield and true surface most sides would expect to score in excess of five runs an over even with sensible batting.

Unfortunately early wickets were lost. Atkins went first ball and Esson soon followed for eight. Jenkins played fluently before departing for 26. It was left to Cooke to provide respectability to the score. He played sensibly and ran well between wickets. He looked a high-class performer and was harshly judged leg-before using the reverse sweep to a ball all except the umpire were convinced he had hit with the bat. He deserved a century. His wicket-keeping in this game had also been exceptional. Surely there are worse cricketers playing 2nd XI and Minor Counties Cricket than this young man. Well there are, because I have seen some of them! There used to be an old cricketing maxim – which has never been discredited even if it is ignored nowadays – that, in picking a cricket team, you should always pick the wicketkeeper first.

There were small contributions lower down the order and a total of 243 was respectable. Important lessons to learn therefore are a) not to bowl so many long hops and full tosses, b) to concentrate in the field in spite of long pauses resulting from lost balls – on too many occasions in this game were there lapses that resulted in three extra runs most times, c) building an innings and not to panic if the run rate falls below the required rate, d) digest the lessons from this season and make a determined effort to become a better player next year.

Finally a tribute and vote of thanks to Sheila Harding, who of course has scored more runs than anybody else this year. I know she enjoys attending these games and we so much enjoy having her. And on a personal note I would like to thank you all for providing me with much fun and a great deal of entertainment.

Sunday July 11, Twenty20 tournament, at Bryanston

Sherborne Pilgrims 135-5 (G A Bramble 71 not out); Canford Cygnets 137-4; lost by 6 wickets.

The T20 format takes some getting used to, but even at the halfway point the Pilgrims felt that the target of 135 was very defendable, on a sticky, uncovered Dorset wicket. How wrong they were.

Bramble was the backbone of the Pilgrims innings, batting all the way through the 20 overs. He finished on 71 not out with Haycock, Atkins and McKillop chipping in with the remaining runs. Pearce opened the batting for the Cygnets and signalled his intent on the first ball, clearing the ropes off Nurton from a very respectable offering. This was not a one-off, as shown by the display of hitting and power that followed. He proceeded to take the game away in the first five overs, eventually departing for 52 from roughly 18 balls. Canford were then left with a pleasant chase under little pressure and reached their target without any great distress.

Bryanston Butterflies 124; Sherborne Pilgrims 125-6; won by 4 wickets.

The toss was won, the initiative was taken and the Butterflies were padding up. Within the first over it became clear Bryanston had butterflies in more ways than one with the openers hardly troubling the scoreboard, thanks to an accurate and well controlled spell from Nurton and Haycock. This pressure continued due to the spin partnership of Adair and Parnell.

After 12 overs the Butterflies innings was in the balance at 83 for five, with Marshall well established and scoring freely. However the balance was quickly tipped back in the favour of the Pilgrims, thanks to an astonishing couple of overs from part-timer McKillop, who took three wickets for a miserly 12 runs. With

Nurton then re-entering the attack to clean up the tail-enders, a below-par total of 124 was posted.

After 15 overs, the game once again hung in the balance with the Pilgrims struggling at 81 for five. Valiant efforts had been made from Atkins and Haycock both scoring 24 apiece, but with five overs to go and 44 runs needed, a hero was required. The Pilgrims got two: Bramble and Adair. Fluidity was not the word, but graft and hard running ensured a well-fought victory with only three balls to go.

Monday July 12, v Sherborne Town, at Sherborne

Sherborne Town 63-6 and 108-6; Sherborne Pilgrims 118-2 and 53-0; won by 10 wickets.

The Upper has hosted some high-profile and exciting games over the years, but I suspect the format of this one was a first, even on a ground with such a prestigious past. This was after all a mini-Test match, restricted to 15 overs per innings.

The Town elected to bat first and it was clear that the Pilgrims had enough in the bowling department to make the batsmen struggle for runs. In this form of a game, runs saved almost come at a premium to wickets, albeit the two are intertwined, and Nurton, Selfe and Clifton J did their very best to ensure this was the case. The Pilgrims tactic was to build a first-innings lead which would allow the non-bowlers to bowl and the non-batsmen to bat in the second innings, thus proving the all-round ability of the team. Everyone contributed but McKillop's 41 not out was the catalyst that gave the Pilgrims a healthy lead of 55.

Langly-Smith and Haycock were tasked with the bowling honours second time round, but called upon the services of Nurton when needed. As expected the Town were able to enjoy some looser balls but also batted with more intent and aggression, yet couldn't post a genuinely challenging target. Selfe, making his Pilgrims debut, proceeded to hit the ball all over the ground, knocking off the Town's total in less than four overs.

Tuesday July 13, v the Butterflies, at Sherborne

Match cancelled as Butterflies could not raise a team.

Wednesday July 14, v Bryanston Butterflies, at Sherborne

Sherborne Pilgrims 264-5 (S P Crawford 65, D M Pugh 61); Bryanston Butterflies 155 (Crawford 4-28); won by 109 runs.

With the Pilgrims containing no less than five players from the strong Cricketer Cup side, it was always going to be an uphill battle for Bryanston Butterflies. With Langly-Smith having won the toss and electing to bat, McKillop and Ed Kelly got

the Club off to a quick fire start, blasting 60 runs from the first eight overs. With Kelly holing out just shy of his 50, having already struck six majestic boundaries, and McKillop following suit shortly thereafter, in came Cooke and Pugh. A steady partnership began to develop until Cooke got a good one and was bowled for 35. Crawford and Pugh then managed to stick around long enough to construct a stand of 85. With Crawford failing to see it through, Pugh showed real grit and determination to end up with 66 not out.

With the usual lunchtime spread on board, Nurton and Clifton steamed down and up the hill respectively and put the Butterflies under immense pressure. The ever-dependable Nurton picked up two for eight from his six, and Clifton, who was very unlucky not to take a few scalps himself, kept up the pressure at the other end with only 20 coming off his first six. Haycock, Crawford and Kelly then managed to bowl tightly enough for the rapidly increasing run rate to eventually cause many of the Butterflies to lose their cool and their wickets.

Thursday July 15, v Clayesmore Cormorants, at Clayesmore

Clayesmore Cormorants 181 (Durton 102; A D Nurton 4-45, C E S Clifton 4-55); Sherborne Pilgrims 186-6 (O J D Kelly 64); won by 4 wickets.

Once the Pilgrims captain had differentiated the pitch from the outfield he duly won the toss and inserted the opposition, much to the dismay of his team-mates. Clifton and Nurton were quick to capitalise on the green pitch with each swinging the ball prodigiously. Nurton dismissed both openers and Clifton took the key wicket of Hicks, captain of Dorset, for a third-ball duck. The Pilgrims made short work of the Cormorants batting, Nurton taking three wickets in one over and at lunch the batting side were 89 for nine, including five ducks. However, as is the wont of Pilgrims sides, there was to be no swift end.

Such was the standard of the Cormorants' catering that after lunch, the lethargic Pilgrims proceeded to drop four catches. The Clayesmore No 9, Durton, duly registered a superb hundred, scoring all but six runs of a perfectly managed 91-run tenth-wicket partnership. When the last wicket fell to put the Pilgrims out of their misery, the total of 182 to win still looked some way short of par, though.

The Pilgrims reply got off to a brisk start with Langly-Smith and Kelly both scoring freely. Langly-Smith fell first, and after Haycock fell cheaply, Cooke strode to the crease to steady the Pilgrims nerves. Crawford, Mackay-James and Pugh all produced bright cameos in the Pilgrims middle order. It was Clifton, fresh from a 15-over spell up the hill and into the wind, who joined Cooke to see the visiting side home, the latter bringing up victory with a superb off-drive for six to cap a well-paced knock of 49 not out.

Friday July 16, v Canford Cygnets, at Sherborne

Sherborne Pilgrims 148; Canford Cygnets 149-2; lost by 8 wickets.

The Pilgrims reached the final match of another very enjoyable week, some looking a bit worse for wear by this stage, but keen to end with a victory. Hawkins won the toss and elected to bat in this 40-over contest. Haycock and Mackay-James opened up and made a steady start reaching 30 for no wicket in the sixth over. However, three wickets fell in quick succession having lost both openers and Langly-Smith and the Pilgrims found themselves 36 for three. Then a very timely partnership developed between Nurton (43) and Lyons (37), who put on 73 in good time but unfortunately the dreaded Pilgrims collapse followed and having been 109 for three in the 19th over stumbled to a sub-par total of 148.

We knew it would be an uphill task to defend this small total but hopes were raised as Crawford struck in his first over and soon Canford were 24 for two. Unfortunately this was the high point as no matter what was thrown at the Canford batsmen they had no intention of giving their wickets away. They batted well, putting on a partnership of 123 and reached their target in the 27th over.

Sunday August 1, v Hampshire Hogs, at Warnford

Sherborne Pilgrims 285-8 (H J Butt 56, J I McKillop 51);
Hampshire Hogs 286-4 (G A Adair 119); lost by 6 wickets.

Playing cricket at Warnford is one of life's undeniable pleasures. Langly-Smith and McKillop strode confidently out, despite the latter arriving at the ground when the umpires were halfway to the middle. The Pilgrims made a solid start, with Langly-Smith accumulating a tidy 22 before being caught at point. McKillop raced to 50 with expansive shots on both sides of the wicket but went no further.

George Bramble and Dave Pugh ensured there was to be no middle order collapse, with both batsmen scoring 31 and 34 respectively. At 171 for five, it was time for a Pilgrims debutant to take guard. Henry Butt, former captain and flamboyant all-rounder of a successful 3rd XI side back in 2005, played beautifully for an engrossing 56. As a result of some good running between the wickets towards the end of the innings, and a timely knock from Charlie Clifton (40 not out), the Pilgrims declared on 285 for eight, perhaps an over or two prematurely?

It was evident from the line-up that the Hampshire Hogs were overflowing with batting, and the Pilgrims knew they would have to bowl out of their skins to take the ten wickets required for victory. Adair was in typically bullish form, however Howland Jackson rose to the challenge with some good line and length bowling, and would have claimed the prize wicket of Adair if it wasn't for the ball not sticking to McKillop's gloves after the slightest of edges from the Hogs talisman.

The first two wickets fell from run outs, the second being a wonderfully taken direct hit. When Archie Mackay-James fell leg-before for six, the Pilgrims were beginning to believe there was a way of taming this Hogs side. However, the damage had already been done with Adair taking no prisoners at the other end and added another century to his list. Roy Haycock batted well for an unbeaten 31, and the Hogs reached the Pilgrims target with an over and a half to go.

Reports by Mike Nurton (Cricketer Cup), Andy Nurton, Andy Searson, Roy Haycock, David Pugh, Charlie Clifton and Peter Langly-Smith

CRICKET FIXTURES 2011

Sun May 15	Haileybury Hermits (a)	Tues July 12	The Butterflies
Sun May 22	Marlborough Blues (a)	Wed July 13	Bryanston Butterflies (a)
Sun June 12	Downside Wanderers *	Thur July 14	Clayesmore Cormorants
Sat July 2	The School	Fri July 15	Canford Cygnets (a)
Sun July 10	Twenty20 tournament (a)	Sun July 31	Hampshire Hogs (a)
Mon July 11	Sherborne CC (2.00pm)		

* First round Cricketer Cup at home: second round June 26 (a); quarter-finals July 10: semi-finals July 24; final August 14.

RUGBY 2010-11

November 28 2010, v Canford

The Pilgrims took the field to face Canford with a side that promised much on paper and included no fewer than seven debutants. The field, however, was having none of it: frozen solid. Having gone to considerable effort to assemble 30 rugby enthusiasts, the managers of the respective sides were not prepared to give up lightly. However, having poked, prodded and pushed most patches of the pitch, it was conceded that the surface was unplayable and that it would be lunacy to attempt a full contact fixture.

Lunacy would well describe the game of improvised scrag-sevens which then ensued, the product of a consensus that it would be too tragic to have assembled such a gathering without throwing the ball about a bit. The general desire to avoid tackling or being tackled led to some questionable decision-making, but the open spaces available in the seven-man game created scope for some champagne moments of barge-yard rugby. Archie Mackay-James, George Armstrong and Ed Scott-Bowden made particularly eye-catching debuts while plaudits for commitment should go to James Bowker for a valiant attempted diving tap-tackle when no other man on the pitch would have put his body on the line in such a way.

A score was not kept, but having outscored their opponents by roughly two tries to one the Pilgrims left the field with their honour and bodies intact.

April 3 2011, v Downside Won 27-22

After an aborted attempted rematch with Canford in March, the Pilgrims XV were reunited for a reformation grudge match with Downside fielding a further four new faces, players from all eight houses and, perhaps most strikingly, members of eight of the past ten cohorts of Sherborne leavers. Fielding a strong pack, Downside exerted the early pressure and, after ten minutes' valiant defending by the Pilgrims, opened the scoring with a try in the corner. Having been encamped on their own line for much of the opening quarter, the Pilgrims used the restart to inject a new tempo into their game and this soon paid dividends when George Armstrong found a gap and managed to weave his way to the line after some good phases from Adam Reid and Oli Luard.

The wind now firmly in their sails, Sherborne began to play some more expansive attacking rugby and Armstrong's fine form was rewarded with a further two tries before the break. Downside hit back with the first score of the second half before some good breaks from Sherborne's previously redundant wings, Philip Anscombe and Freddie Lewis, enabled James Moubray to release Armstrong for a Chris Ashton-equalling fourth. There was no swallow dive. Downside again threatened and the game seemed set for a dramatic finale, until Sherborne nerves were settled when the old heads of Luard and Jos Simson combined down the left, the former releasing the latter for a 40-yard dash for the corner which was reached by the narrowest of margins. The Pilgrims defended stubbornly as the clock ticked down, Ameer Rashed making a fine steal five metres from the Sherborne line. Downside squeezed over with the last play of the game, but, having fallen ten points adrift with only four minutes to play, this proved too little, too late and the day was won.

James Moubray

HOCKEY 2011

Haileybury tournament

In early January we returned to Haileybury as defending champions. In spite of the icy conditions, we were quickly into our stride with a fine 3-1 win against the Haileybury 1st XI. This was followed by a 2-0 win against Berkhamsted 1st XI. In the final game against the Old Haileyburians, we were made to pay for failing to take advantage of numerous first half chances, and eventually ran out of steam. We lost 1-4 to a strong OH side who beat us into second place overall. Thanks must go to Andy Searson for a superbly organised tournament which was enjoyed by all who took part.

March 20 at Sherborne v 1st XI Won 3-2

A warm morning greeted us on the Hughie Holmes Astro turf. The School had had a good season and we knew we would face nothing less than a fit and well trained team, no doubt oozing confidence. We had the best side I have seen, with a combination of experience at the back, and some fit and skilful players across the pitch, importantly many of whom were playing university or club hockey. The game was fast paced and it took the Pilgrims some time to settle into a pattern of defence and attack. Clusters of the Pilgrims had played together at School, so were used to playing with each other which really showed. Some good communication and recovery work meant we competed well across the pitch.

The Pilgrims did their usual – played with nous, strength and used it to great effect, but with a younger and fitter side than usual. Beanie Isles, Ben Porter and Jamie Excell got themselves on the score sheet, whereas the School could only manage two goals, one being an excellent drag flick. It was possibly the best and most even Pilgrims match I have played in. The School had raw pace, well-rehearsed moves and the advantage of having played with each other for a whole season.

v Upper Sixth XI Lost 2-3

After a quick visit back to the dining hall for a hearty brunch, which was just enough time for the muscles to seize up, we were back to face the Upper Sixth XI. After the spectacular success against the 1st XI, morale was high and another 60 minutes of champagne hockey was on the cards.

Unfortunately the Upper Sixth didn't read the script. From the start, they attacked and caught us napping, and in a few moments of madness we let in a soft early goal. After a number of fruitless attacks we struck gold when Tom Russell's deft touch took him round the keeper and slid the ball in on the reverse, despite the efforts of the defenders.

The School were able to build a solid base from which to attack and were it not for some heroic defending from Gavin Thow, Jimmy McKillop and goalkeeper Alfie Heath, the score could have been a bit more severe. Having exerted sustained pressure on the School's goal for a few minutes, we won a short corner: Beanie Isles stopped the ball perfectly and James Erskine, with great composure and panache, topped the ball purposefully to take it over the keeper and into the goal. With another goal pulled back the score was 2-3 but it was too little too late.

It was a wonderful day of hockey on a lovely spring day and thanks must go to everyone involved in the organisation of the tournament, especially Rob Hill, as well as everyone who made the trip back to Sherborne. Beating the 1st XI was no mean feat as their previous results show.

James McKillop

The “Vintage” side

v Colts A XI Won 5-2

On Sunday morning stars of old, yesterday’s heroes or as Sherborne’s head coach put it, “a motley bunch of balding, heavily strapped but enthusiastic hockey players, who learnt to play on grass” were assembled. Our goalkeeper, unfamiliar with modern day body armour, struggled to squeeze his large frame into the kit provided by the School, not having played for 25 years. However as the match unfolded, Roddy Barrow’s youth was recaptured and those old skills re-emerged.

We knew we had a chance against this diminutive School side, but we had to get early goals before stamina ebbed. I could wax lyrical about how Andrew Wilson still hits the ball a yard quicker than anybody else on a hockey pitch but I won’t: needless to say as he stepped up to strike the first short corner it hit the back board before the poor lad in goal could blink. We followed up this first goal with another thanks to Andy Morton. At this juncture it all became a blur but we eventually won 5-2. This would not have been possible without a significant contribution from the Brooking brothers controlling the middle of the park.

v 1st XI A Lost 1-3

Round two – or should I say a second game was scheduled for 2.30 pm so plenty of time for lunch. One of the Brooking brothers was injured, which did not bode well for the afternoon game against a larger and more experienced School side. This game was about defence and, although we lost 1-3, I would like to thank Andy Morton, Mark Peplow and Chris Ward for some stout rearguard action. The average age of this Pilgrims side was 49 and it’s with great pride that we are still capable of playing hockey to such a competitive level; so hats off to all 15 who played in the two matches, and especially to our sixty-something player from Devon – well done Mr Tucker.

Stephen Rees-Williams

SOCCER 2011

Participation and interest continues to grow and 19 Pilgrims were involved on March 20th for the annual fixture against the School. Having gone 0-1 down just before the stroke of half time, thanks to a fantastic 30 yard shot, the Pilgrims rallied. The game finished 1-1 after Luke Skipsey converted a beautifully struck corner from William Stebbings by guiding in a header from the penalty spot. Further pressure continued to be exerted on the School following the equaliser and the Pilgrims could have easily come away with the victory they so deserved. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon made better by our fantastic performance.

Christian MacLaren

SQUASH 2010-11

For the first time, Pilgrims squash played a small tournament in January at the Charing Cross Squash Club involving eight Pilgrims: Al Robertson, Patrick Macintosh, David Leakey, Will Pope, Jeremy Bishop, Tom Morgan, Richard Openshaw and Nick Lamb. We played six hours of squash that afternoon, which tested numerous knee operations to the limit, culminating in a tight fought final between the author and the ever improving Will Pope. Training will have to be stepped up for matches against Will in future years. In the evening, a recommendation was provided by Paddy Macintosh of a 'great Turkish restaurant'. When we arrived at the kebab shop, I would have to admit I was a little disappointed and thought it not the venue to toast David Leakey's recent appointment as Black Rod, but the food was fantastic and Paddy had done us proud. David will have to wait a little longer for the high life and Michelin Star restaurants. All in all, it was a very entertaining day.

We also played a match against the School in March with some of the same faces and extra help from Hugh Archer and James Leakey. Some great matches played with all ending in 3-2 victories to us, followed by some chaotic doubles matches. Paddy had not provided any restaurant recommendations on this occasion so we had no choice but to attend the Pilgrims Dinner in the evening along with around 40 others of all ages. Eating in the School dining room for the first time in 15 years was an ominous thought but I can safely say the standards have improved. No kebab shop but I can highly recommend the next dinner.

The season was not as busy as we had hoped this year. In recent years, the Londonderry Cup has got later and later to the extent that the 2010-11 competition has not started. As a result, we have chosen not to enter it this year but we have been assured that it will be back on track for next season with the draw in October. The season will begin with the Londonderry Cup in October, the one-day tournament in London on Saturday January 21 and finally the School match during the Pilgrims Weekend in March, possibly followed by another match on the Sunday. If you would like to get involved in Pilgrims squash in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nick Lamb

TENNIS 2010

I was nervous going into the Commem match against the School, having lost the match the previous year. However, the Pilgrims began to arrive and I was put at ease as some interesting hairstyles walked on to court. Once the tennis started, my

suspensions were proved correct with great performances by the pairings of Nick Lamb and Alexander Loftus, the Eds – Leakey and Gidney – and the big hair of Max Plummer and Olly Gardner. The eventual result being a 7-2 victory.

Last year we finished in third place in the D'Abernon Cup and so this year were hoping we could take one step further by qualifying for the rarefied air of the quarter-finals. With the experience of last year, Charlie Grant-Peterkin and I knew many of our opponents and recognised their strengths and weaknesses and so we stepped up for our first match against Rugby in confident mood. After 30 minutes, we left the court with a loss, no confidence and recognised more weaknesses than strengths in our own games. The day continued with wins over Radley and Harrow and further losses to St George's, Eton, St Paul's and a politically correct loss to Stowe who had organised the day and distracted us with an injury. We eventually came 5th out of eight teams and so will have to wait another year for those quarter-finals.

We have a number of fixtures over the summer: Saturday May 21st v Bow House; Saturday July 2nd v the School; Sunday July 3rd v Sherborne Tennis Club. I am also planning a doubles tournament at a London venue on Saturday September 3rd this year (at least one Pilgrim per pair). So if you would like to play in any of these fixtures, please get in touch.

Nick Lamb

CROSS COUNTRY 2010-11

Twenty old boys teams turned out on a warmish December day for this very competitive cross country race over five miles of Wimbledon Common. We had some new young faces in the team which was good to see and we finished a creditable 6th with 128 points (the sum of the finishing positions of our first four men). Only seven points divided 4th, 5th and 6th. The winning team was Ampleforth with 47 points.

On the Sherborne team: Tom Robinson ran a blinder finishing 4th in 28.13; Chris Goldsack was 29th in 31.27; Alex Webb was 48th in 34.00; Tim Crowley was 49th in 34.01; Tom Dillon was 84th in 39.50; Tim Love was 87th in 40.47; Angus Cater was 93rd in 43.53; Fiona Lohman (SSG) was 100th in 47.41; and Ian Cull who badly twisted his ankle half way around and did well to finish 101st in 47.57

OS runners of all abilities meet on the second Saturday of every month for a training run in Hyde Park. For further information please check on the website or email the manager.

Angus Cater and Ed Pitt Ford

OLD SHIRBURNIAN GOLFING SOCIETY 2010-11

John Beer

It is with great sadness that we record the death of John Beer last October, just four weeks short of his 100th birthday. John was one of the founder members of the Golfing Society in 1929 and he carried out an active role for many years.

John played in a large number of the ordinary matches and it was always a privilege to be paired with him. He was a very capable golfer and never seemed to hit the ball anywhere other than in the right place – he was so kind and encouraging to partners who did not have the same skills.

He played in the Halford Hewitt from 1931 to 1970 and was a most popular non-playing Captain from 1974 to 1980. He also had a major involvement with the G L Mellin: first as a player from 1961 to 1981; and then as manager from 1981 to 1996. Of the 97 matches he played in the Hewitt and Mellin, he had the extraordinary record of playing in 64 of those matches with Sandy Macpherson.

It was a fitting tribute that the “John Beer Salver” was played for at the Mellin for the first time just three months before John died.

Grafton Morrish 2010

This followed an all too familiar pattern of Sherborne being beaten by a better team on the day, but had we played to our potential it would have been a different story. Simon Buchanan answered the Captain’s distress call after Stuart Gillett had to be back in Oxfordshire for a meeting on the Friday, the day of the first round draw against the defending champions, George Heriot’s. He proved an able replacement with some good golf as he and Toby Couzens renewed their partnership. They took an early lead in their match only to be pegged back to all square at the 15th. It was at this stage that both the other two pairs had lost. Both pairs started very poorly over the front nine on a blustery day. They struggled to recover and lost comfortably.

The consolation was a place in the Solihull Salver at Brancaster, which is always a joy in October. Couzens and Gillett managed to get to 4 under the card after 12 holes but two late bogeys cost them and they finished with 38 points, which was the day’s joint best score. Ed Kelly, on his Grafton debut, and Rhys Francis scrambled well for 31 points while James Chappell and Clive Martin struggled to 23 points. This meant a place in the semi-finals of the Committee Bowl at Hunstanton on the Sunday morning against Whitgift. The team all struggled against a good side and the opposition just had enough to take the victory.

Mellin Salver 2010

It turned out that at least 20 points was required to qualify for the Millard Salver match play stage; our two pairs of Colin Sharman with Dick Draper, and Jim Copen with Peter Flory, fell short with only 15 points.

In the Burles Salver we played Cheltenham. Peter Southcombe and Pat Farmer won by one hole; Mike Jerrom and Richard Hughes were given a walkover. Southcombe and Farmer again played well against Bradfield, and won by 2 and 1, but Jerrom and Hughes came up against good opposition and lost by 4 and 3. This invoked the sudden death playoff. Southcombe and Farmer were beaten on the first extra hole, which was the 18th, by a very solid four from the Bradfield second pair.

In the Mellin Salver we played Cheltenham for the second year running. An unexpected absence brought Pat Farmer to partner David Dinkeldein in the bottom pair, with Mike Falconer and Gavin Webb-Wilson top, followed by John Youngman and Mark Cannon Brookes. It was a close match. After 12 holes we were square, two down and square. Unfortunately, the top pair lost three of the next four holes to lose by 2 and 1, but Youngman and Cannon Brookes recovered to win by one hole. In the deciding match Farmer and Dinkeldein had lost the 17th to go one down, and they also lost an exciting 18th to lose 2 and 1.

In the Plate, Bedford put their very good top pair to play bottom, and this gave Farmer and Dinkeldein a hard time, losing out in the country. Our other two pairs both went on to win by 6 and 5. This was a pleasing win as it took us to the Saturday for the first time since 2005. However, we faced a strong Haileybury side that proved too good for us, winning the top and bottom matches by 6 and 5 and 4 and 3 respectively. Youngman and Cannon Brookes settled for a half and were left unbeaten over the three rounds.

Family Day 2010

This was at Woking in early October: the Peter Currie Cup was won by Teddy and Susie Bridges with 35 points; Mike and Emma Prager were second with 34 points.

Brent Knoll 2011

A weekend of sunshine without any wind marked this as a very enjoyable Brent Knoll. It was good to have new young blood in the team especially as they all played very well with a bit of guidance from their elderly partners.

Our first round was against the Erratics. Rhys Francis had to travel up to Burnham on Saturday morning and got off to a slow start with Jos Pralle, which they could not quite recover from and lost 2 and 1. Nigel Whalley and Ed Kelly played steadily and won 2 and 1 leaving it all down to the final match. Nick Aubin and

Robin Irving were all square with two to play. There was plenty to watch on the short 17th, which was eventually halved in five with the advantage switching each time someone played a shot. At 18 the Erratics were in the edge of a bush with their drive but managed to chip out and get on the green to 15 feet in three. We were just outside them when Aubin nonchalantly holed a 20-foot putt for a four to win the match. We were surprised that Marlborough had beaten Clifton and we expected a tough time in the next round. However, all three Sherborne pairs played well and in the end won their games comfortably. This gave us confidence for the next round which would be hard work against the RAF.

Aubin and Irving did not play as well the next morning and were defeated 5 and 4. Whalley and Kelly also did not play well but thankfully the opposition were generous enough to play worse and we won 3 and 2. The top match was the decider and played to a high standard with par golf. All square on the 17th and both 15 feet from the hole with their tee shots in identical places it was us to putt. Francis just missed but unfortunately showed the opposition the line and they holed for a birdie two. They also managed to get up and down at the 18th from the greenside bunker for a half in four to win the match.

Halford Hewitt 2011

The anticipation leading up to the Hewitt was greatly enhanced with the fact that Robbie Busher and Jos Pralle had left the School in 2010. Both were proven low handicap golfers and the introduction of new blood was well received. However, this excitement soon led to disappointment when it emerged that eligibility for the Hewitt determined that all competitors needed to be 18 years of age at the start of the tournament. Unfortunately this meant Jos was 25 days too young.

A number of new pairings were in place for this year with the following being selected for the first round against Cheltenham: Stuart Gillett and Toby Couzens; Ed Kelly and Nigel Whalley; Rhys Francis and Robbie Busher; Clive Martin and Nick Hyde; Nick Aubin and James Chappell.

All the first round games proved to be tight affairs and at the turn we were behind in three of the five matches and there was a definite cause for concern among the hardy supporters. However, a solid back nine resulted in all the matches coming out with victories which gave a flattering 5-0 victory.

Having learnt from last year's efforts, the team used Thursday afternoon to hone their short game skills to prepare for Malvern. Friday morning dawned with the prospect of another hot and sunny day on the links. The first and third pairs exchanged positions and this meant Francis and Busher faced Lowe and Blanchet in a high quality match that finished with a one up win. Busher's first Hewitt resulted in a 100 per cent record and victory against one of the all-time Hewitt

legends. Busher has the drive and determination to become a key figure in the Sherborne team for many years.

The second pair struggled against the experience of Timberlake and Beeson and despite some good holes went down 3 and 2. The third pair knew their match would matter and four up and downs around the turn kept them in touch and they drew level with a good birdie on the 16th and went ahead at the 17th. A poor drive from Gillett at 18 meant another trip into extra holes. Malvern holed an excellent ten footer for four and Gillett holed from four feet to take the match to the 20th. A frantic wave of hands from the 18th green meant the match was over but both pairs were unaware who was victorious.

The fourth pair had been ahead as late as the 15th but a miraculous four from Malvern on the 18th meant a 1 down loss. The fifth pair had also been ahead early in their match but a couple of poor shots down the stretch meant a loss by 2 and 1. It was scant consolation that Malvern made the final.

Reports by Philip Brown, Peter Flory and Stuart Gillett

SPORT AT THE SCHOOL: AN OVERVIEW

There have been many strategic changes to the provision of sport over the last two years whether it be provision of coaching, number of teams, increased playing opportunity, introduction of new sports and regeneration of old ones. There has been development of some facilities whether it is cricket nets or an expansion of the gym area. Perhaps most importantly there has been a shift in the attitude of boys and their expectations and aspirations with many taking an ownership of their sporting development and future.

We have been fortunate to be able to employ some talented members of staff who have made a sizeable impression in a very short time. The input from academic staff has been complemented by outside coaches subsidised by the Foundation's coaching fund. This has allowed a coaching structure to be put in place to provide an appropriate and challenging learning environment for all boys. In the rugby season for example there is at least one coach for all teams and two for the majority, and next season each year group will be fronted by a lead coach who has had international coaching experience with England at one level or another. In the hockey club in addition to Rob Hill, there are two coaches with international playing experience who complement an already talented body of coaches enabling high quality skills based sessions for many boys. Similar experienced coaches are in situ in most of the sports on offer and it is increasingly the norm for boys to expect to be challenged at whatever the sporting activity. Further coaching opportunity exists beyond the playing season with many sports offering pre-season

sessions. The best example would be in the cricket club where over 100 boys receive coaching in the winter in the nine sessions which run through the week. Individual sessions are also available to many boys. Development tours are also offered to provide an opportunity for boys to play in a different and very challenging environment. This year the senior hockey players went to Barcelona, the junior cricketers will be in Sri Lanka and the senior rugby squads will be in Australia. There are also plans for tennis and football trips in the pipeline.

The skill set of the boys has certainly been given a boost and the improved quality of performance is evident. This has fuelled a desire to perform and there is now greater pressure to meet the demand for fixtures at all levels. Our aim is to ensure that each boy has sufficient playing opportunities and the search for fixtures is constant. There is some work to be done in certain areas but inventive 'fixturing' can be witnessed when several schools may be played to make up the fixtures for a match day for a particular sport. Appropriately challenging fixtures is also part of the battle. On occasions our D teams play others' B teams to provide a valid competition. We also enter higher profile events to stretch the more able and boys are encouraged to follow the representative pathways that exist.

New sports such as judo, cycling and skiing offer different boys a sporting focus. Whilst in their infancy and still bedding in they operate like any other sport with high quality coaching. Despite only running for two years the judo team recently achieved 3rd place in the National competition with several boys who perhaps had little competitive experience in mainstream sports winning silver medals.

The skill development has been complemented by a more rigorous approach to fitness. The new gym is operating at capacity and boys' body shapes continue to change as they become fit for purpose and freer from injury. Although monitored closely it is evident that boys are taking more responsibility for their physical development and they require little encouragement to follow their programmes.

The process of sporting development is certainly in place for the boys. In the short term consolidation is required so that the excellent work ethic, the desire for better skills and to be fitter and the attitude that it is good to be challenged in an appropriately competitive environment all become the norm.

We are close and within a couple of years we will be there. Beyond this, however, in order to meet the demands and to allow for further development we must address any shortcomings in the facilities. At present the lack of indoor space is a limiting factor and will eventually, if it is not already the case, hinder the genuine opportunity Sherborne has to be the best. The future, however, is very bright and the premiership beckons!

Paul Miles

SCHOOL CRICKET 2010

This year has been the most successful year for Sherborne cricket for many years; winning 66% of all the matches played. There have been some fantastic team results. The 1st XI exceeded expectation by winning 12 matches. These wins were in 20, 40, and 50 limited over formats and in the more traditional declaration game, showing this team able to adapt their cricket to suit the format required. Much of this success is down to Theo Cooke who has been an outstanding Captain of Cricket and a great role model to those who will follow.

The 2nd and 3rd XI's only lost one match, and the 4th XI went unbeaten in all of their six matches. The Colts, whose fixture card is decimated by the arrival of ever earlier public exams, performed well in the few matches they had.

The Junior Colts A will be slightly disappointed with the tally of 6 wins and 6 losses but they lost 3 very "winnable" matches to the weather, but the team performed well in the national Lord's Taverners competition narrowly losing to Millfield (the eventual winners) by 6 runs. The Bs and Cs continue to be successful even when playing other schools A and B teams.

The Mini Colts A hadn't won a game until May 18th, but after that they put together a winning run of ten matches in a row which included a resounding victory over Poole Grammar to retain the Dorset Cup and win a place in next year's Lord's Taverners, in which a number of the team played this year. The Mini Bs, Cs and Ds again continue to be successful even against A and B opposition. The success of the team results have been built on some outstanding individual performances with both bat and ball.

I would like to thank on behalf of all the players and coaches; John Old and his team for all the hard work that goes into preparing both match day and practice facilities throughout the term; Lucy Earls-Davis and her team in the catering department who provided the best match day hospitality on the circuit; and a final thanks to all the coaches and, in particular, Alan Willows for their help and commitment to improving the standards of cricket at Sherborne.

Rob Hill

April: 18th: School 230-9; Sherborne CC 189; won by 41 runs. **24th:** School 292-8 (C J Peatfield 61, T S C Cooke 51); King's Bruton 127; won by 165 runs. **29th:** v Bryanston, abandoned rain.

May: 1st: School 90-3 (Cooke 50 not out) v King's Taunton; abandoned rain. **8th:** School 294-7 (H J Wildsmith 61, T Grainzevelles 58, Cooke 51); Cheltenham 218-

8: won by 76 runs. **15th:** School 225; Millfield 2nd 111 (F E Taylor 5-18); won by 114 runs. **22nd:** School 93; Marlborough 96-3; lost by 7 wickets.

June: 12th: School 221-8; (Taylor 72 not out); Blundell's 225-7; lost by 3 wickets. **19th:** School 272-7 (Wildsmith 64); Canford 259; won by 13 runs. **26th:** Taunton 247-5 (T B Abell 140 not out); School 244-9 (Cooke 89); lost by 3 runs. **28th:** School 198-9 (Cooke 59); Clifton 201-5; lost by 5 wickets. **29th:** Free Foresters 181 (Taylor 5-70); School 183-3 (G A B Ellwood 60 not out); won by 7 wickets. **30th:** MCC 217 (Taylor 5-79); School 182 (D M Fry 6-21); lost by 36 runs.

July: 1st: School 268-3 (Cooke 130 not out, Grainzevelles 53); Hilton College 244; won by 24 runs. **3rd:** School 220-8 (C A L Leach 76 not out, C E H Carline 52); Pilgrims 114; won by 106 runs.

Twenty20

May 9th: School 133-8; Bryanston 104-8; won by 29 runs. Millfield 170-6; School 82-9; lost by 88 runs. School 159-7; Plymouth 157-6; won by 2 runs.

May 27th: School 124-7; Canford 120-6; won by 4 runs.

June 14th: School 152-5; St Peters 123-9; won by 29 runs.

SCHOOL CRICKET FIXTURES 2011

Tue	Apr	26	Sherborne C C T20	Sat	June	11	Blundell's
Sat	Apr	30	King's Taunton	Sat	June	18	Canford
Sun	May	1	Somerset Academy	Thu	June	23	MCC
Sat	May	7	Cheltenham (a)	Sat	June	25	Taunton (a)
Sun	May	8	National T20 qual	Mon	June	27	Clifton
Thu	May	12	Bryanston (a)	Tues	June	28	Free Foresters
Sat	May	14	Millfield (a)	Wed	June	29	Newington T20
Sat	May	21	Marlborough (a)	Thu	June	30	Newington
Thu	May	26	Canford T20 (a)	Sat	July	2	Pilgrims

SCHOOL RUGBY 2010

Played 23: Won 12; Lost 10; Drawn 1.

Wellington lost 16-43; Radley won 14-7; Bishop Wordsworth's lost 24-28; Millfield lost 3-15; Cheltenham lost 10-17; Marlborough won 24-15; Bryanston won 19-17; Canford won 24-10; Blundell's won 24-8; *Oldest IV* - Cheltenham lost 0-5; Durham lost 0-8; Rugby won 10-7; Cheltenham (play-off) lost 12-17; *Truro Festival* – Eastbourne won 12-10; Bloxham won 35-0; Truro won 5-0; Cornwall U 19s lost 7-19; *South Coast Festival* - Portsmouth GS won 10-5;

St George's won 12-10; Whitchurch won 5-0; KE Southampton drawn 5-5; Ysgol Glantaf lost 7-12; Bryanston (plate final) lost 0-12

It was very much a case of "all change" as the 2010 season approached. There was a new coaching team after the departure of Gavin Moffat to Stowe and an almost entirely new squad. All but Max Allen at full back departed, leaving an inexperienced group of players.

After extensive summer term training, a good work ethic was evident in pre-season and the trip to Truro was eagerly anticipated. The festival was an opportunity to put plans into action successfully and a Sherborne style of rugby became evident. Wins against Eastbourne, Truro and Bloxham boosted our confidence while a loss to Cornwall ensured that there were no delusions of grandeur.

The season proper began with the toughest task of all, away to Wellington. The score line of 16-43 flattered the home side to an extent and on another day it could have been better although a reversal in the result was too much to ask. Resolute defence, a try from a catch and drive and three penalties from Tom James were the highlights. The basic errors were unflattering and with an international backline for opposition they were also very costly. Nevertheless the boys were not too downhearted.

The South Coast festival was successful in terms of results with wins against Portsmouth, St George's and Whitchurch, but it was physically hard work coming after an intense few weeks of rugby and the team that played in the latter part of the festival was based on who was able to stand up.

A week of defensive organisation and along came Radley brimming with expectation. Time and again Radley attacks were repelled and as the home side grew in confidence so the visiting team's frustration grew. Once more a catch and drive was successful and a 14-7 win was recorded. This was a significant win and the first for all our players as none had previously beaten Radley at any age group.

After a week off, the season recommenced away to Bishop Wordsworth's, a school that can never be underestimated. Perhaps some did exactly that but the boys now know that it is impossible to win games when penalties are conceded by the bucket load. Forward passes and interceptions never make life easy but this was one that got away. Max Allen's hat-trick from full back was outstanding but too much charity, gratefully accepted by Bishop's, resulted in a 24-28 loss.

With no hiding place and the small matter of Millfield to come, training resumed with added intensity. Perhaps it was a gamble but Millfield's game plan was predicted and the defence was organised with this in mind. At half time it was 3-0

to Sherborne but despite outstanding defence, building a lead was virtually impossible with only limited possession. Eventually the line was breached but it is apt to suggest that Millfield limped to a 3-15 win. Sherborne lacked the firepower to win but showed incredible willpower to make it very difficult for the opposition.

Despite the results the team was developing and there was no lack of team spirit. Cheltenham were essentially stronger in contact and Sherborne turned over too much ball: the score line seemed close at 10-17 but was once again largely down to a defensive effort. At Durham for the Oldest IV festival, caution could be thrown to the wind. Sherborne were the team to watch, playing some excellent expansive rugby, and they made many friends. The score lines may not have reflected this but as development for players it was priceless as it seemed to free them from the pressure of the previous few games.

Back down south, against Marlborough the luck appeared to be going against Sherborne but after a calming word or two Sherborne produced the best half of attacking rugby so far and finally came out 24-15 winners. Now there seemed to be a spark going forward with more options available.

A newfound confidence could not have been better timed and after a very good week training they were ready for the Bryanston challenge. This was a great game of schoolboy rugby. It had pace, intensity, endeavour and skill from both sides. It could have gone either way but on this occasion it didn't and the 19-17 win was thoroughly enjoyable despite the heart-in-mouth moments at the end.

Canford offered resistance and their pack was excellent but early tries from Jonny Buck was enough to put the game beyond doubt 24-10. Blundell's were on the receiving end of 40 minutes of our best rugby although the middle portion of the game was less impressive.

Sadly, the Clifton game fell foul of the weather. It was an unbeaten half term and with this came interest from *Rugby World* magazine. The team were shortlisted for team of the month and Charlie Haddock was very close to being player of the month: praise indeed. This was a "team" season; they played for and with each other and deserved a very positive set of results. In defence they were at their best showing organisation, commitment, skill and trust.

This was a better season than most anticipated, largely because of the team ethic and a monumental effort on the training pitch throughout. A tribute and thanks are due to Simon Lilley who worked with such energy, enthusiasm and skill to inspire the players to work at their technique which paid dividends in the end.

Paul Miles

SCHOOL RUGBY FIXTURES 2011

Sept 10 Wellington; Sept 17 Radley (a); Oct 1 Bishop Wordsworth's; Oct 8 Millfield (a); Oct 15 Cheltenham; Nov 5 Marlborough (a); Nov 12 Bryanston; Nov 18 Canford (a); Nov 26 Blundell's (a); Dec 3 Clifton (a)
Please check on the School website in the autumn to confirm dates.

SCHOOL HOCKEY 2011

Played 21; Won 14; Drawn 1; Lost 6. (*County Cup **Regional matches)
Clayesmore won 13-0; Monkton Senior won 8-2; Canford won 5-4;
Taunton lost 2-3; Bryanston * won 3-1; Canford * lost 1-2;
King's Taunton won 3-1; Bryanston won 4-0; Truro ** won 2-1; Plymstock ** draw 1-1; Millfield ** lost 2-3; Millfield lost 2-6; Clifton won 3-1;
Marlborough won 4-1; King's Bruton won 11-1; King Edward's Bath won 8-0; Pilgrims lost 2-3; Bath Festival – KCS Wimbledon won 3-2;
KE Southampton lost 1-2; Friends College won 5-4; Lord Wandsworth won 11-1

This season has been the most successful for the School as a whole for many years, winning nearly 65% of all matches played. There were more matches than last season; we won more and scored 490 goals to only 223 against, and I put all this down to the coaching.

The 3rd and 4th XIs, coached by Alistair Hatch and Guy Briere-Edney, remained unbeaten throughout the season with the 3rd XI scoring 66 goals in ten matches with Luke Lambert scoring 15 goals, and mention of Nick Boughton who only conceded five goals all season. The 2nd XI, under Jeremy Wadham and well captained by Henry Rydon, only lost one game, played some excellent hockey and would have been competitive against some of the 1st XI's opposition. The Colts had at times five of their best players in the 1st XI squad but continued to impress as a year group and there will be opportunity for many of those players next year. The Junior Colts, under the excellent coaching of former England Under – 21 player Matt Woods, did well despite the best player being in the 1st XI. The Mini Colts won more games than they lost under the guidance of Welsh international, Leah Wilkinson, and have the potential to be very successful next season. Andrew Sands (who had never played hockey before coming to Sherborne) scored 17 goals, including six in the match versus Milton Abbey for the Mini Colts C team.

This season has seen the 1st XI play some of the most exciting and high quality hockey that I have seen. The numbers speak for themselves with 94 goals scored from only 21 matches. Winning 14 matches has equalled the record number of wins for any team I have coached at Sherborne. This team, as you can see from the

results above, has beaten Canford, Bryanston, Marlborough, Clifton and a long list of others. The style of hockey played is down to the quality, ability and adaptability of the players and this team had players with all those skills.

This side only lost twice in the traditional fixtures against schools; 2-3 to a very good Taunton team, against whom we were 2-0 up at half time and let it slip; and 2-6 to Millfield when George Ellwood was injured and that unsettled the balance of the team and we were 0-3 down after 12 minutes. Other losses were against Millfield, in the final qualifying match of the regional finals; Canford in the final of the Dorset Cup; and by the odd goal to a very strong and young Pilgrims team, all of whom were playing hockey at clubs and universities regularly. The School were without the influential Ed Matts (playing National league for Bath Buccs) and Toby Mackean. The final loss of the season was against King Edward's Southampton at the Bath Festival when we dominated the game but just couldn't convert our chances and KES 'nicked' the game in the last two minutes. Even when I describe the games we lost, with the exception of the Millfield match, we were more than competitive and were good enough, creating sufficient chances to have won all the matches.

The team, captained by John Montgomery in his third year of 1st XI hockey, had an excellent balance. Defensively strong with Harry Robins in goal and a blend of youth in Max Leefe at right back and the experience of Toby Lane and Toby Mackean, who are both excellent defenders, combined with the flair of Theo Grainzevelles, a penalty corner flick specialist with 17 goals from corners, whose range of passes ignited a talented midfield. George Ellwood at centre half, in his third year in the XI, controlled the middle of the field and encouraged both Montgomery (left midfield) and debutant Jack Humphrey to get forward in attack and support of the forwards. Between them, Ed Matts, Ben Girkins, George Wayman and Max Austin-Little scored 66 goals from open play with the outstanding Matts scoring 32. Of the 18 players this year, eight will be back for at least another two seasons. The policy of developing the younger players is paying rich dividends for Sherborne hockey and looking at the talent in the Lower School the future looks very bright for a few years to come.

Rob Hill

**SHERBORNE PILGRIMS CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2011**

General Fund	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income:</i>				
Subscriptions	1,585		1,589	
Donations	4,006		2,438	
Bank interest	565		634	
	<u> </u>	6,156	<u> </u>	4,661
<i>Expenditure:</i>				
Audit	100		100	
Booklet, postage and website	2,817		1,089	
Corporation tax	133		-	
Cricket	1,752		792	
Hockey	-		30	
Rugby	263		260	
Soccer	240		-	
Squash	105		130	
Tennis	60		-	
	<u> </u>	(5,470)	<u> </u>	(2,401)
Surplus for the year		<u> </u> 686		<u> </u> 2,260
General Fund at April 1		37,706		35,446
Surplus for the year		<u> </u> 686		<u> </u> 2,260
General Fund at March 31		<u> </u> <u>38,392</u>		<u> </u> <u>37,706</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u> </u> 38,392	<u> </u> 37,706
Represented by:		
General Fund	<u> </u> <u>38,392</u>	<u> </u> <u>37,706</u>

I have examined the books and papers of the Sherborne Pilgrims Club presented to me and report that the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31 2011 and Balance Sheet at that date are in accordance with this information.

J D V Wheatley, 29a Milson Road, London W14 0LJ

April 14 2011

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RULES

1. The Club shall be called “The Sherborne Pilgrims”.
2. All OS who are members of the OS Society shall be entitled to apply for membership. Members of staff who are members of the OS Society may be invited to become an honorary member.
3. With the exception of honorary members, who shall pay no subscription, all new members shall pay a life subscription, which shall be determined by the Committee.
4. The objectives of the Club are to promote and encourage all forms of OS sport, and to keep members in touch with one another and with the School. It is the responsibility of any person playing for the Club in any sport to have in place adequate public liability insurance cover.
5. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, who shall hold office for three years, two Vice-Presidents, the immediate Past President, three Trustees, the Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, if appointed.
6. The Committee shall be the Officers of the Club; two representatives from the School staff, up to 18 ordinary members, and such others as may be co-opted. A co-opted member shall be subject to annual re-appointment.
7. Ordinary members of the Committee shall retire after three years’ service, but are eligible for re-election.
8. The Club bank shall be the Sherborne branch of the NatWest Bank.
9. All investments shall be held in the name of a regulated nominee company, or in the names of the Trustees.
10. The financial year-end shall be March 31st and an AGM must be held by the end of the calendar year. An income and expenditure account, together with a balance sheet, shall be produced for approval at the AGM.
11. A Committee meeting shall be properly convened on two weeks’ notice and be quorate with five or more members present.
12. In exceptional circumstances the Committee shall have the right to refuse an application for membership.

