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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.”

CLUB NOTES

The passage of time is most obviously marked by anniversaries. This time 20 years ago, I was about to embark on my last term at the School, with the prospect of A levels to tackle and one last summer of cricket on Carey's.

Distance often leads to romanticism, but in my mind it was a sunny Trinity term, with some revision undertaken in the Abbey House garden next to the Powell Theatre. Cricket under the humane benevolence of Mike Morton for the 3rd XI. England were playing in Euro 92 but I don't remember that permeating the conscience much at all – certainly not as the World Cup two years earlier had. This was, of course, a pre-Premier League era.

Instructive to think how sport has changed in that time. Rugby union has turned professional; preparation for the Olympic Games has become a national crusade; England's Test cricket team are No 1 in the world (at least at the time of writing) – none of these seemed plausible in the summer of 1992. And football has changed into a billion-pound business whose tentacles appear to embrace the whole world; this, too, was not obvious in coming 20 years ago. The Pilgrims have changed in that time, too, but not perhaps as much.

While we're on the subject of anniversaries, this summer marks the centenary of the birth of Alan Turing, one of the most outstanding products of the School in any era. I well remember (this may conceivably have happened on several occasions) a 4th or 5th form maths lesson with David Smart being sidetracked by the now well-known story of how Turing overcame the transport upheavals caused by the 1926 General Strike to get to Sherborne for his first term. He got on his bike and rode from Southampton.

Leaving aside how any story can be parlayed as fodder for avoiding quadratic equations or trigonometry, this was an example of determination. Turing was not a Pilgrim, but that show of spirit would have made him entirely welcome in the Club – as would his running ability (had he not contracted fibrositis, he might have won selection for the 1948 Olympics). His rehabilitation in public life and the way the School is now so proud of his achievements has been a happy byproduct of recent years.

It is in keeping with that spirit that I consider both the Pilgrims year and the death in March of Derek Bridge, one of the great unsung champions of Shirburnian sport. Another semi-final of the Cricketer Cup reached, some great camaraderie experienced in the playing of both rugby and hockey, a semi-final of the Londonderry Cup squash also attained.

Our cricket team played with serious commitment and no little skill to reach the Cricketer Cup semi-finals for the fourth time. Sadly, like the previous three occasions, the Club was unable to take the next step and make a first final, despite an outstanding innings from the 2012 Hampshire captain, Jimmy Adams. But under the leadership of Andy Nurton and Charlie Esson, this young side have shown signs of maturity that will, I trust, lead to more stirring deeds in the next few years. Ampleforth are the first-round opponents this year on the Upper and if you're passing Sherborne on June 17th, drop in.

Another Pilgrim sport making a semi-final was squash. The Club has won the Londonderry Cup once before, in 1964, but appearances recently in the latter stages of the competition have been rare, so congratulations to Nick Lamb's band of merry men for doing so well, beaten only by Norwich at Lord's in April.

Away from these more serious competitions, the Club is healthy and thriving on the field. While cricket results in friendlies were mixed, the numbers participating were high and the friendship strong, a trend replicated on the rugby field. Peter Langly-Smith and James Moubray respectively deserve much thanks from the Club for their valuable stewardship of both sports. So too on the hockey field, where Jimmy McKillop continues to enthuse and galvanise.

Reports of these and all Pilgrim sports can be found later in this booklet but it cannot ever be emphasised enough how important the role of the managers in each sport is in continuing the line of Pilgrims activity. The Club is well blessed on this score at the moment.

And to a loss. Derek Bridge died earlier in the year, having moved away from Sherborne in his final years to be closer to his family. There is to be a thanksgiving service in the Abbey on Friday May 18th at 2.30pm. Derek had retired shortly before I arrived at the School, but over the years I got to know him as a twinkle-eyed, shrewd observer both of Sherborne and of sport.

Those who came under his care in Harper and those who benefited from his games knowledge down the years have much to thank him for – his unassuming, loyal support to sport at the School and the Club marked him out as a man to whom great respect should always be acknowledged.

The School, it is good to report, are continuing to expand their sporting repertoire. David Guy became the new Director of Sport last October and there will be by September two new faces in charge of rugby and cricket, David Muckalt and Tim Flowers respectively. David Guy fully intends to build on the work of Paul Miles, to whom the Club should pay tribute for his efforts in revitalising many areas of

the Sherborne sport output. The work done in the School fundamentally affects and helps the Club, as should be obvious.

Next year, returning to our theme of anniversaries, the Club will be 90. To celebrate this milestone, there will be a dinner in London on Friday March 22nd 2013. The venue (and principal speaker) is yet to be finalised but further details about the event will be put on the Club website, and also put in the January 2013 OS Record. Hugh Archer is in charge of organisation. Please try to keep the date free and join the Club in what should be an excellent and convivial evening.

The date of the Club's AGM is Saturday October 6th at Sherborne at 12.15pm. The XV will be playing Millfield that day. There will be a buffet lunch after the AGM so please do come along if you can. Details will be put on the website by the end of June. For those without internet access, please contact Ed Lyons, the Hon. Secretary whose telephone number is on page 34. My thanks as ever go to Charles Eglinton for his work in helping me to produce this booklet.

Robert Hands
April 2012

NEW MEMBERS

M P Allen (g), M E F Appleyard (e), G H Atkins (c), M A Austin-Little (c),
H D R Birch (m), J R Buck (m), D W G Bucklow (f), A E J Cattle (e),
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CRICKET 2011

Played 14; Won 4; Lost 7; Drawn 3; Cancelled 2

Sunday May 15, v Haileybury Hermits, at Haileybury – cancelled

Sunday May 22, v Marlborough Blues, at Marlborough – lost by 89 runs
Marlborough Blues 334-6 (A C R Bush 134, E R Kilbee 52); Pilgrims 245 (O J D Kelly 87, C A R Esson 51).

Charlie Clifton lost the toss and was asked to field. Henry Lamb and Nick Southwell were given the fresh nut, the latter with the arduous task of running into gale force winds. Southwell displaced one of the openers with a floating ball that trapped the batsman on the bottom of the pads. In spite of the tireless Southwell picking up the initial two wickets, Lamb must be commended on his tight bowling which continued to build pressure at the other end.

After an early wobble from Marlborough, their batsman found their feet and began putting the Pilgrims to the sword with boundaries coming all too easily. Ed Kilbee showed signs of his devastating ability by swiping sixes and fours before retiring at 50. Regardless of some poor fielding, the Pilgrims worked hard to stay alert and keep the batsmen under pressure. Bush scored a hard-fought century, though it was not the prettiest of innings. Eventually after a long 50 overs, lunch was called with Marlborough amassing 334 for six, a score that was chase-able given the conditions and size of ground.

The Pilgrims got off to a great start with the ever reliable Charlie Esson scoring yet another half-century. He was dismissed for 51 but Olly Kelly steadied the ship at the other end with a very impressive and patient knock of 87. Charlie Cooke made

a solid start but was unfortunately out for 29, just as the Pilgrims were beginning to gather momentum. The Pilgrims were eventually bowled out in 44 overs for 245.

Sunday June 12, Cricketer Cup first round, v Downside Wanderers, at Sherborne – no play, rain

Sunday June 19, Cricketer Cup first round replay, v Downside Wanderers, at Downside – won, match forfeited

Downside were unable to raise a side for the rescheduled match, having already organised a tour to Paris; they therefore forfeited the match.

Sunday June 26, Cricketer Cup second round v Repton Pilgrims, at Repton – won by 14 runs

Pilgrims 199-7 (E R S Kelly 56 not out); Repton Pilgrims 188-8

At about 6.15pm at the end of a gloriously hot summer's day, Sherborne Pilgrims completed an extraordinary fightback to secure a pulsating victory over a full-strength Repton side for whom victory for much of the match appeared a foregone conclusion. Repton were, though, firstly taken aback by an attacking rearguard stand and then disintegrated in the face of fierce pressure exerted upon them by the unrelenting accuracy of the bowlers backed up by an utterly committed and virtually error-free fielding performance.

Upon our arrival there was kindly distributed by our hosts a potted history enumerating the successes of Repton Pilgrims in the Cricketer Cup (played 106, won 64, lost 42, won 2 finals, lost 3 finals) and in particular their past successes against Sherborne Pilgrims (played 3, won 3).

Sherborne lost the toss on what was initially a damp pitch giving some help to the bowlers. It was felt that if the first hour could be negotiated, batting conditions would ease and that a par score might be around 230-240. In the fourth over with the score on 15, Ed Atkins went mistiming a drive into mid-on's hands. Theo Cooke (making his debut for the Pilgrims having left the School last year) fought on tenaciously and together with Charlie Esson stabilised the innings until in the tenth over, with the score on 31, he was caught behind cutting.

There then followed a stand of 40 between Esson and Charlie Cooke with both of them stroking the ball well. It was a blow when Cooke departed, bowled for 28 hard-fought runs in the 22nd over with the score on 71. With 96 on the board and 29 overs gone Esson's valuable innings ended when he clipped the ball straight into short mid-wicket's hands. If 96 for four off 29 overs was not a particularly healthy position, it became very much worse in the next several minutes with Jack Jenkins departing in the same over as Esson, pulling a long hop straight into deep

square leg's hands. With Olly Kelly being run out for 4 and Jimmy McKillop being comprehensively bowled, the Pilgrims were 104 for seven with only 33 overs gone.

Repton appeared to have it in the bag and they visibly relaxed in the field, which may have contributed to their missing at least four catches (six in all) during the course of a match-shaping stand between Ed Kelly and Will Selfe (also making his Pilgrims debut), whose combination of sensible defence with clean hitting and vigorous running against a perspiring Repton attack saw them to an unbroken stand of 95. This vital partnership averted the prospect of humiliation and opened the door to the possibility of victory.

So Sherborne went into lunch marginally the happier side although a score of 199 would not have unduly worried a confident Repton side equipped with two county batsmen and others in good form. The run rate was not an issue. All Sherborne could do was to bowl straight and field to the best of their ability and see what might happen. Olly Kelly opened the bowling and secured a vital early wicket in his first over by clean bowling Sindrey. Now at the crease were the two county players (Paget and Batty) who batted with relative ease for a partnership of 66 before a remarkable turning point.

Firstly, with the score on 78 after 18 overs Paget was superbly run out by Atkins firing the ball into the wicketkeeper from mid-wicket, and then in the first ball of the next over Batty, seemingly well established, was comprehensively leg-before to Selfe who had come on first change. Selfe bowls medium pace with a strong shoulder action and hits the deck hard, making him difficult to drive. This and the ability to bowl gun-barrel straight throughout his 10-over stint left him with the outstanding figures of one wicket for 22 runs.

Of equal merit was Theo Cooke's 10-over spell (two for 24) of off spin from the other end. Given his very limited experience in purveying this type of bowling (historically having been a seam bowler), his accuracy and spin were remarkable and Repton simply had no answer to him. And so the runs dried up to the extent that after Batty's dismissal in the 18th over with the score on 78, Repton were totally becalmed and only managed to add 36 in the next 20 overs. Thus going into the final 10 overs our hosts found themselves at 127 for five needing to score at 7.2 runs per over to secure victory. Excellent swing bowling by the indefatigable Charlie Clifton maintained the pressure at this vital time so at the start of the last over, Repton at 183 for eight needed 16 to win which they found too much of a task against the persevering pace of Jonti Dampney.

In the context of this being an away match involving extensive travelling and against strong confident opposition with a proven Cricketer Cup record, this must be regarded as one of the Pilgrims' outstanding victories. Esson (standing in for

Andy Nurton as captain) made a telling contribution, firstly with his innings of 33, and then with his thoughtful field placing and handling of the bowlers. With his innings of 56 not out and 10 economic overs, Ed Kelly proved once again what an effective cricketer he is especially in adversity.

The newcomers to the side Theo Cooke and Selfe both made vital contributions under pressure and showed enough evidence of skill and temperament to suggest that they will play a significant part in future Cricketer Cup campaigns. With his height and late outswing combined with his sheer consistency (and finally not least his enthusiasm), Clifton once again proved why he is such a valuable member of the side. Charlie Cooke offered an exemplary performance of skilled and aggressive wicketkeeping which served as an inspiration to both bowlers and fielders: he must be seen as one of the outstanding keepers in the competition. However, notwithstanding the individual heroics, this was nevertheless a team effort of sustained perseverance and tenacity born of a spirit which refused to accept that the match could not be won.

Saturday July 2, v Sherborne School, at Sherborne – lost by 55 runs
Sherborne School 318-1 (G A B Ellwood 155 not out, T G Grainzevelles 120);
Pilgrims 263-9.

The Pilgrims arrived at the Upper full of confidence with a young team and depth to both batting and bowling. However, Ellwood and Grainzevelles opened the batting for the School, and from the first over both seemed almost immovable and recorded centuries, to give the School a total of 318 for one after their 50 overs.

In chasing a record score you can do little more than ensure you bat out your overs, try to keep wickets in hand and see where you are with ten overs remaining. The Pilgrims did what was asked of them, completing the allocated overs without losing all their wickets and this ensured that a total of 263 was achieved, mainly down to the middle order. Had the Pilgrims batted first a score of 263 would have felt very defendable, but in this case, the Club was well adrift.

Sunday July 10, Cricketer Cup quarter-final, v Charterhouse Friars, at Sherborne – won by 13 runs
Pilgrims 162 (49.3 overs); Charterhouse Friars 149 (35.2 overs; C E S Clifton 4-32)

It was difficult to imagine that this victory for the Pilgrims could improve on the pressure and excitement of the Repton match. However, it really was a thriller and a huge triumph for the skills, commitment, concentration and team spirit of all of those involved.

Charlie Esson elected to bat first on a wicket previously used by the Pilgrims for the School match the previous week in which the School amassed a total in excess of 300! Schoolboy cricket is somewhat different to club cricket and a strong Charterhouse side soon demonstrated that extra pace and control of line and length tested even the most accomplished batsmen. There were moments when it was simply a case of keep your left shoulder forward and say your prayers. Theo Cooke was the first to depart and the first of wicketkeeper Schofield's five victims.

Ed Atkins looked comfortable but one sensed he was becoming frustrated when he drove at a wide ball and was the second of Schofield's catches. It was little consolation to learn afterwards that it was in fact the seventh ball of the over. Charlie Esson departed leg-before having hit four boundaries in his hard-earned 22. The significance of the number of boundaries, which was the most compiled by a Pilgrim, was put into perspective later in the day.

Charlie Cooke was another victim caught behind for 14 and Olly Kelly was most unlucky to be run out backing up at the bowler's end. Kelly is a classic example of just how much a cricketer can improve if you continue playing regular cricket after leaving School.

Theo Grainzevelles had completed a highly successful season as captain of the first XI and was making his debut in this competition. He made the transition effortlessly contributing significantly with bat and ball. He tends to play back to the quicker bowlers which restricts his stroke play and increases the chances of a successful leg-before appeal. However, he showed real grit and determination contributing 15 runs from 49 balls – exactly what was required at the time. Grainzevelles bowled well too and it is a long time since the Pilgrims had a genuine left arm spinner. He should be a great asset for many years and has the potential to be an outstanding cricketer. Will Selfe stands tall and drives handsomely off the front foot. He scored a fluent 17 before becoming another Schofield victim.

With the score at 122 for eight and 10 overs of the innings still left, Henry Lamb joined Andy Nurton with instructions to use the overs up. Both played sensibly pushing singles and always looking for a second run. Lamb made an excellent 25 from 28 balls which was the top score of the Pilgrims innings. Nurton was undefeated on 14 but the partnership realised 39 crucial runs and Charlie Clifton appeared briefly to face one ball in the final over.

There was limited confidence among the Pilgrim supporters where most assumed a total in excess of 180 was necessary for a chance to win the game. It has always surprised me how soon confidence evaporates in supporters at the slightest hint of difficulty. It was Jung, I think, who said we learned from our failures, success

merely confirming us in our mistakes. The success at Repton confirmed this, as mistakes were kept to a minimum when Charterhouse started their innings. Hamblin, I was reliably informed by ex-Hampshire player Richard Lewis who manages the Charterhouse team, was released by Hampshire far too early. He is a gifted cricketer and soon showed his talent as a batsman by scoring 56 from 30 balls of which only two were scored in singles, the rest fours or sixes.

With the score at 75 for no wicket the prophets of doom were gathering. Nurton was introduced into the attack and with his third ball trapped the destroyer Hamblin plumb in front leg-before. When he was a very little lad I used to request Andrew to give me some practice often using the bowling machine. Even as an eight-year-old he would respond, "I am the bowling machine". He continued to keep a tight rein on the batsmen by bowling line and length with movement in the air and off the wicket. His eight overs cost 15 runs and took two wickets.

Clifton took the full force of Hamblin's powerful hitting with his first three overs conceding 23 runs. He then proceeded to bowl superbly to finish with impressive figures of four for 32 from nine overs. Clifton is a wholehearted Pilgrim who plays with a smile and is equally at home playing tense Cricketer Cup games or the more relaxed friendlies during Pilgrims Week. His innings against Radley last year to complete the win will long live in the memory. Will Selfe bowled particularly well in his second spell at the end of the game to finish with three for 43.

Constant reference is made about Charlie Cooke's ability behind the stumps and yet again he was truly outstanding in this game. Two catches he made standing up were no less than brilliant. The catch he took off Selfe's bowling defied logic – he seemed to catch it behind his right ear when everyone else was looking towards the boundary. An experienced cricketer remarked that it was the finest catch by a wicketkeeper he had ever seen. It is difficult enough to bat on a wicket of somewhat uneven pace and bounce but it is considerably more difficult to keep wicket. The other thing to say is that it has always been generally accepted that a good wicketkeeper makes a good fielding side. The fielding in this game was outstanding, especially the ground fielding in the latter stages of the game when every run was vital.

Esson proved the decision correct to elevate him to the captaincy yet again in this match. Cricket has become so scientific that the captain of today has to work hard. The ideal captain is one whose personality can win the confidence and enthusiasm of his team, and whose knowledge of cricket and seizing opportunity enable him to force victory or avoid defeat. A captain has to concentrate on making his players believe that they have the ability to succeed. Mission accomplished so far.

Sunday July 10, Twenty20 tournament – won by 8 wickets
Bryanston Butterflies 129; Pilgrims 131-2

With the Pilgrims playing Charterhouse in the Cricketer Cup quarter-final on the Upper, raising a side to play in the annual Twenty20 tournament was always going to be a challenge. We were drawn against Bryanston in the first game, and having lost the toss were sent into the field and spent most of the 20 overs chasing the ball around the outfield. The Pilgrims felt it was a “gettable” total but McKillop was out on the first ball of the innings, making the task that much more challenging, but Leach, fresh from leaving the School, illustrated how to chase down the runs without taking the risks, and when he was joined by Langly-Smith the target was within sight. Leach ran everything he could and played the big shot when needed, Langly-Smith very much played second fiddle as he illustrated his capabilities as a batsman. With four balls to spare, the runs had been chased down and it was a remarkable victory with only seven players in the field.

Canford Cygnets 179-1; Pilgrims 152 – lost by 27 runs

If Bryanston failed to take advantage of the shortage of fielders in the Pilgrims side, then Canford excelled. The bowling performance was sound. Canford were in the driving seat with a large total, but with a team of nine it was going to be even more of a challenge. Only McKillop really contributed with a glamorous 48, while others chipped in, but no one supported him enough to ensure a tight finish.

Monday July 11, v Sherborne CC, at Sherborne – drawn
Pilgrims 290-7 (E R Atkins 96, T A J Gibbs 59); Sherborne CC 261-7 (F Kotze 105)

With a 2 o'clock start in the diary, and 70 overs on the schedule, Sherborne CC took to the field to bowl at a Pilgrims team full of recent leavers – and not so recent – alike. Recovering from a fantastic Cricketer Cup victory against Charterhouse the day before, Atkins made his mark and was to be at the crease for some time. McKillop chose to face the first ball, the second, the third and the fourth – however, the first night of Cricket Week had taken its toll – nought for one.

Atkins teed off with several accomplices. Mackay-James scored an attractive 27, followed by a solid 59 by Tom Gibbs. Somewhere along the line Atkins got caught while trying to reach his century in style, but the damage was done. With a 96 scored in 65 balls by our No 2 bat, and a couple of useful knocks from those further down the order, the Pilgrims reached a respectable 290 after the 35 overs.

Leach and Francis led the attack, both claiming a wicket in their first overs. Guppy and Kotze weathered the storm, holding out for close to 80 runs before the next wicket fell. Sherborne eased off the pedal and Kotze crept slowly, and at times unsurely, towards a much coveted century on The Upper. Dawson was to add 84 to the Town's total, but it wasn't quite enough and they ended on 261.

Tuesday July 12, v Butterflies, at Sherborne – drawn

Pilgrims 325-7 dec (C A L Leach 72 not out, G H C Wayman 62, P F C Langly-Smith 51); Butterflies 191-7 (H Hayes 64; Leach 4 for 39)

George Wayman hit 62 from 30 balls including one enormous six, leaving the Pilgrims on 73 for one after 10 overs. Once he was out the scoring rate did slow, but this was a true team total, with the majority of the batsmen contributing to getting the Pilgrims up to a very respectable total of 325 for seven from 45 overs. Langly-Smith and Leach both hit half-centuries, the former played with little elegance but struck the ball cleanly, while Leach reminded us of his youth and cricketing ability by simply running singles and punishing the bad ball.

Charlie Clifton got the early breakthrough in the sixth over but the second wicket did not fall for a further 20 overs, and even though the score at that stage was still only 80 from 26 overs we knew that taking a further eight wickets would be challenging. Cooke rotated the bowlers and played around with some inventive and aggressive field placings, having the luxury of an enormous total behind him, but the Butterflies resistance was too strong and the draw seemed inevitable.

Wednesday July 13, v Bryanston Butterflies, at Bryanston – lost by 74 runs

Bryanston Butterflies 243 (I J Pearce 110; G A B Elwood 4 for 23); Pilgrims 169 (S G Street 4 for 45)

Bryanston scored at a positive rate with Pearce going on to score a hundred and acting as the anchor of the innings. Dampney bowled a particularly good line throughout the innings and was eventually rewarded for his hard work with two wickets, although Ellwood was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with four.

The Pilgrims started positively with Langly-Smith, followed by Cheal, batting well. An unnecessary run-out saw the departure of Cheal and the anchor that was holding the Pilgrim run chase together. With 15 overs to go, requiring 140 to win with eight wickets down, James Clifton offered sterling resistance. However, the Pilgrims eventually succumbed in disappointing style with six overs left.

Thursday July 14, v Clayesmore Cormorants, at Sherborne – lost by 3 wickets
Pilgrims 184 (A Dike 4-19); Clayesmore Cormorants 185-7 (T C Hicks 51 not out)

Archie Mackay-James was caught behind in the second over and Tom Gibbs was caught off a leading edge for three a few overs later. At the other end George Wayman proceeded to tuck into the opening bowlers and the score raced to 60 for two from 10 overs. Unfortunately he has a tendency to hit the ball in the air, which was his downfall, being dismissed for 49 (36 scored in boundaries).

This left Cooke (18) and Carline (13) to rebuild, which they set about doing. At 83 for three the game looked tightly poised, but both fell in quick succession and after a further three wickets the Pilgrims found themselves in the bizarre position of 110 for seven with only 24 overs having been bowled. Willis and Lamb put on 43 for the last wicket before the latter was bowled for a priceless 35.

Clayesmore were 19 for two, 48 for four which soon after was 87 for six with the Pilgrims right on top. Lamb and Cooke bowled 20 overs of off spin, Lamb three for 33. With Clayesmore in considerable trouble, the two Hicks brothers came to the crease. They played with evident skill and experience. Eventually 11 were needed off the last two overs. Cheal bowled a tight over, but unfortunately Fegen couldn't quite limit them to fewer than five from the last.

Friday July 15, v Canford Cygnets, at Canford – lost by 9 wickets
Pilgrims 217 (P F C Langly-Smith 61); Canford Cygnets 218-1 (G A J Hayward 100 not out, G C Shepherd 60 not out)

We won the toss and after a week of generally high scores with plenty of in-form batsmen, duly elected to bat. The Pilgrims saw off the opening bowlers with McKillop and Langly-Smith punishing anything short of a length and rotating the strike regularly between the boundaries. At 68 from 10 overs, McKillop mistimed a cut shot to cover to depart for 34, and Langly-Smith was out for a respectable 61.

From here the Pilgrims lost regular wickets. Willis (22) and Selfe (31) provided some entertaining hitting and good batting to put on 45 for the seventh wicket. The innings finished when Selfe was bowled looking to hit the ball into Poole Harbour.

Bagnall and Nurton both bowled well and after 10 overs, the score was 35 for no wicket. However, a change in the attack brought some relief and they were able to accelerate the run rate. The first and only wicket came in the 20th over, but the Cygnets chased down the total with two overs to spare.

Thanks to everyone who played and in particular to Pete Langly-Smith for all his efforts in organising yet another splendid week of cricket.

Sunday July 24, Cricketer Cup semi-final, v Eton Ramblers, at Eton – lost by 91 runs

Eton Ramblers 264-5 (50 overs); Pilgrims 173 (44.1 overs; J H K Adams 93)

There were numerous attractions at the visit to Eton. Passing Legoland as we entered Windsor was the first. Lego is the sort of toy you buy for your kids and spend most of the time playing with yourself. You always want to construct bigger and better. The bricks of the foundation have been laid by the Pilgrims over recent years and now it is a case of building bigger and higher. Those who played in this campaign will have learned valuable lessons and gained in experience.

Another attraction was the girlfriend of the Eton captain. It did not distract him from winning the toss and electing to bat. Loudon played limited overs cricket for England and Hawk opens the innings for a leading London club side. Both played cautiously against some accurate bowling from Lamb and Adams. Progress was slow initially but as the shine departed from the ball both demonstrated their range of shots. A total of 150 was reached before Theo Grainzevelles turned a ball and Loudon was smartly stumped by Charlie Cooke. Hawk soon followed, bowled by Theo Cooke and this, allied to some outstanding ground fielding, slowed the scoring rate and allowed the Pilgrims back into the game.

Andy Nurton and Charlie Clifton bowled economically and only some hefty blows by Bruce and a supporting role from Hobson enabled the Ramblers to reach 264. It was a fine performance from the Pilgrims in which only three wickets were bowled in the entire innings and one no-ball (a delivery above shoulder height). This is a remarkable transformation from many previous games where the number of extras has been in excess of 20. Those selected for the team this year are playing regular cricket and the emphasis has changed somewhat in the approach to the game.

Most home-side observers suggested 264 was slightly below par for the conditions. Certainly the Pilgrims considered the first part of the task well done. Another attraction was the inclusion of Jimmy Adams in the side. Mention must be made of the fact that he had just captained Hampshire in a four-day game and led his county in a 40-over game at Northampton the next day. Jimmy is a great ambassador for Sherborne School and an immensely talented cricketer. His unlimited enthusiasm and vitality means that whenever he is in the middle there is always a sparkle to the game. If there is a single part of his batting style which accounts for his consistent success it is the straightness of his bat.

Unfortunately there was a lack of support for his skills in the batting department in this game. Eton reached 150 for no wicket while we were 12 for three when Adams started his innings. Only Theo Grainzevelles provided real support in a

partnership of 57 followed later with one of 42 with Andy Nurton. Adams was eventually given out leg-before for 93 – not a decision he would have expected to receive in the first-class game. He deserved to reach three figures and gave a fine exhibition of the art of building an innings. Credit is due to the Eton bowlers, who all bowled a good line and length with astute field placings.

Progress has definitely been made this year and the future looks bright for years to come. Charlie Esson, the captain, was quick to state: “where we have struggled this year is in batting”. We need those at the top of the order to play big innings and not lose early wickets. Only constant practice and playing will provide the confidence and techniques required to score consistently against good club bowlers.

A big thank you again must go to Sheila Harding. What a valuable member of the team she is. Both for Cup games and during cricket week she keeps an immaculate scorebook. Finally it is an embarrassing moment but one I was told to do. That is to thank Andy Nurton for the work and performances over the last ten years (five of which as captain). I know that he is keen to be considered for selection under the leadership of Esson – even if I have to double my baby-sitting duties.

Sunday July 31, v Hampshire Hogs, at Warnford – drawn

Pilgrims 309-8 (E R Atkins 108, D M Pugh 70); Hampshire Hogs 308-4 (T S G Cooke 110, T G Grainzevelles 60 not out, O J D Kelly 53, A H L Fellows 50)

The Hampshire Hogs is always an enjoyable event and this year did not disappoint. To our relief the toss was lost and we were asked to bat. Two natural stroke makers in Ed Atkins and George Bramble opened the batting. Bramble played an attractive innings and it was great to see his signature cover drive brought into action on a number of occasions. He was particularly unfortunate to fall victim to what must have been the catch of the season, one-handed at cover.

Pugh and Atkins kept the scoreboard ticking over with some excellent batting before Pugh was leg-before. Such was the strength in the Pilgrims batting that there was no concern in the ranks. The score trickled on nicely with Clifton and Southwell enjoying yet another productive late-order partnership together.

The Hogs got off to a flyer and at tea had been scoring at just under ten an over. Wickets then started to fall before Cooke and Grainzevelles built an excellent partnership. With one over to go, 15 runs were required. Grainzevelles hit the first ball for six and the third for four. With one ball to go the Hogs needed four runs for victory, but tight bowling prevented Ed Kelly from scoring the necessary runs.

Reports by Mike Nurton, Ed Lyons (Cricketer Cup), Will Fegen, Archie Mackay-James, Theo Cooke, Peter Langly-Smith, Jimmy McKillop, Charlie Clifton

CRICKET FIXTURES 2012

Sun April 29 HAC (a); Sun May 6 Old Wellingtonians (a);
Sun May 20 Marlborough Blues (a); Sun May 27 Haileybury Hermits (a);
Sun June 10 Radley Rangers (a); Sun June 17 Old Amplefordians *;
Sat July 7 The School; Sun July 8 Twenty20 at Bryanston;
Mon July 9 Sherborne CC; Tues July 10 The Butterflies; Wed July 11 Bryanston
Butterflies; Thur July 12 Clayesmore Cormorants (a); Fri July 13 Canford Cygnets;
Sat/Sun July 28/29 Hampshire Hogs (a); Sat Sept 1 Eton Ramblers (a)

*1st round Cricketer Cup at home; 2nd round July 1 away; 3rd round July 15;
semi-finals July 29; final August 19.

RUGBY 2011-12

October 23 2011 v Bryanston Lost 26-59

This was not the Pilgrims' finest hour – the number of players who made it to the match being equalled by those who failed to materialise despite having committed themselves to doing so and the not unrespectable number of points scored by the Pilgrims falling a long way short of Bryanston's lofty (and swiftly forgotten) total.

That said, even this fiasco was not without its positives and the twelve Pilgrims who showed up put in an heroic effort, ably assisted by Stig Isles (who is still at Sherborne and who was careless enough to be found planning to support his brothers from the touchline in our hour of need).

The youngest of the three Isles put his elders to shame in the game's opening minute by all but tearing the opposition captain in two with a shuddering hit which did much to lift the spirits as the Pilgrims rallied themselves for what, it seemed certain, would be a long afternoon.

Debuts were also made by Ferg Taylor, Fred Isles and Toby Edwards, forwards all, but forced to deputise for absent backs on this occasion, as well as Tom Carr and Jack Little, who provided much-needed grunt up front against a strong "Bryanston" pack which, rumour had it, owed at least as much to the playing-fields of Sandhurst as those of Blandford Forum.

If the Pilgrims were ever realistically in the game, we allowed it to get away from us in the third quarter, but that still left time for some champagne rugby to close the game out. Beanie Isles scored what can now be acclaimed as the Pilgrims' try of the season when he deftly chipped the Bryanston backline, gathered himself and scooted under the posts, but, in spirit of fairness, praise should also go to his eldest brother, Fred, who managed to sneak over in the corner on what was his long-

delayed debut as a “speedy” wing. George Armstrong, with certain inevitability after last season’s heroics, also crossed the whitewash, but it was not to be enough.

December 17 2011: v Canford Drawn 15-15

Just as our limited numbers made life difficult against Bryanston, so did the weather against Canford. We did not need to see the pitch we were to play on to realise that the backs would not be seeing very much of the ball on this occasion. There would, however, be plenty of players, the university holidays and the endeavours of Alex Cattle combining to give us the very opposite problem to that which we had struggled with against Bryanston.

The sheer administrative effort of ensuring that each member of the vast Pilgrims squad enjoyed some game time has, unfortunately, blurred recollection of the match and the fact that, within five minutes, all players (from both sides) were completely indistinguishable was a further excuse for the inability to recall the finer details of the contest. However, even in such conditions the amazing back row work rate of both Jack Sutcliffe and the ever-effective James Bowker would have been impossible to overlook, as would the glorious 50-yard romp with which prop Ed Scott-Bowden so nearly stole victory at the death.

The lead changed hands several times in the opening 50 minutes before the attritional nature of the contest began to take its toll and the sides became encamped for a little short of 15 minutes within and around our 22, the scores locked at three tries apiece. Fine defensive work was put in by Messrs Snudden and MacClelland in particular while Rupert Hawksley and Angus Radford marshalled the troops from halfback in the absence of Charlie Leach, whose highly promising debut at fly half had, by that stage, been prematurely curtailed by injury.

Twice Canford thought they had made the match-clinching score, only for the referee to wave away their appeals, and the siege was eventually raised when Scott-Bowden was released up the right wing. Just as it looked as though the Pilgrims were about to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat the ball went astray and time was up, leaving the scores honourably tied.

March 11 2012: v Downside Lost 5-10

The Pilgrims’ final game of the season was a fantastic contest, belying its low scoreline. Every member of the squad acquitted themselves handsomely against an onslaught that was relentless for much of the opening half, either side of a missed Sherborne penalty attempt. When Downside did take the lead, however, the Pilgrims’ response was emphatic and immediate; in next to no time the impressive Freddie Mills had released Simon Dawson up the left to coast home and under the posts to bring the scores level. Sadly, despite the try being scored under the posts, the scores remained level, Matt Snudden pushing his own kick high and to the left.

There was still time to throw away hard-earned parity before the break, with only a fine covering tackle from Rory Cumming preventing Downside regaining the lead. Downside again had the bulk of possession early in the second half and did eventually regain the lead on 50 minutes. Thereafter, the Pilgrims dominated and on several occasions were one pass from a much-deserved clinching score, but could not quite find a way through.

It was a credit to the side to see how much the victory meant to the opposition, who had had to wait several years for what was clearly a much-prized scalp and, while it was deeply disappointing to end the season winless, heads can be held high, with the Pilgrims having remained in the hunt with only one substitute to call on (after injury forced Archie Mackay-James' early withdrawal) against a much fuller and, dare I say it, fitter squad.

After a consistent record of improvement, and with their ranks swelling with every game (27 players made their debuts in the three games of the 2011-12 season), there is no reason why 2012-13 should not be a fantastic year for Pilgrims rugby. A rousing rendition of the *Carmen*, in response to Downside's own ditty, has effectively thrown down the gauntlet for 2013's fixture when the Pilgrims will be eager to put the record straight.

The following played in one or more of the matches: Charlie MacClelland, Toby Edwards, Fred Isles, Rory Horne, Simon Dawson, Tom Carr, James Bowker, Jack Sutcliffe, Ed Scott-Bowden, David Bucklow, George Atkins, Adam Ferris, Matt Snudden, Angus Radford, Patrick Windle, Alex Cattle, Andrew Ostroumoff, Jamie Holdoway, Rupert Hawksley, Rory Cumming, Phil Anscombe, Charlie Leach, Johnny Buck, H. Reynolds, Yousef Al-Qatami, Oluwaseun Okeshola, Archie Mackay-James, Fred, Beanie and Stig Isles, James Moubray, Adam Reid, Oliver Brown, George Armstrong, Jack Little, Ferg Taylor, George Densham, Freddie Lewis, Ameer Rashed, Freddie Mills, Jamie Snudden, Guy Stebbings.

James Moubray

HOCKEY 2011-12

Old Boys 6s Tournament

This was held at Haileybury in October and we lost 2-3 to Canford in the final.

Haileybury Tournament on January 8 2012 Won 1; Lost 1; Drawn 1.

Participants: Haileybury College 1st XI, Berkhamsted 1st XI, Old Haileyburians and Sherborne Pilgrims. The first game against Haileybury 1st XI opened with some classic Pilgrims rustiness and it took 10 to 15 minutes before we gained some

form of rhythm and were able to retain possession and keep our structure. Meanwhile, some good defending ensured that Haileybury were unable to capitalise on the frequent turnovers and loose passing. Some good moves saw the Pilgrims advance towards the Haileybury goal and Langly-Smith calmly shoot from the top of the D to make it 1-0. Haileybury then scored from a good counter attack and clinically finished to make it 1-1.

At the start of the second half, the Pilgrims conceded a weak goal with poor communication. Some clever hassling from our midfield generated a quick pass up to Smibert and allowed him to have a reverse shot which only just went past the post. A tense finish but Haileybury held on to win 2-1 despite some really good hockey across the pitch from the Pilgrims.

Our second game was against Berkhamsted. We played a more fluid game with some good moves, and won 6-1 with goals from Jamie Smibert (four) and George Erskine (two). In our third and final game, the Old Haileyburians went 1-0 up early on, and then split our defence and a great strike from their England 'A' midfielder made it 2-0 at half-time. Regan set up a classic finish from Smibert to get one back, and the Pilgrims then had all the play and three very close misses. In the last minute a penalty corner was awarded and Smibert put a drag flick into the bottom corner to finish 2-2; a very satisfying result.

Jimmy McKillop

Sunday March 18 at Sherborne v School 1st XI Lost 4-7

The Pilgrims squad, at fifteen strong and with the majority having left in the last five years, managed to capitalise on some fortunate umpiring decisions in the early stages and successfully convert two well-executed short corners in quick succession only for the School to pull level on the brink of half-time with some excellent counter-attacking hockey. Had it not been for the excellent goalkeeping by Peter Crouch, the final score could have been quite different.

Following a brief half-time inspirational chat from James Erskine, the game restarted at a similarly blistering pace. The School took full advantage of our defensive weaknesses and lack of match fitness to score two well-drilled goals, one from a short corner and the other from open play. Suddenly we faced an uphill struggle to regain control of the game. Despite a good goal by Kit Regan which hit the roof of the net at lightning speed and a superb drag-flick finish from Jamie Excell, the School took the game from our grasp and won 7-4.

v School 2nd XI Lost 1-2

Fourteen older Pilgrims (average age definitely in the late 40s) arrived in time to get changed, check the rules and acquaint themselves with the slow and sandy Astroturf on Youngs before taking on the first of the School sides. The opening

fifteen minutes saw a relentless succession of attacks but without success. At some stage in the first half Justin Brooking scored. The School side gained confidence but struggled to pass the indomitable back row combination of Mark and Paul Peplow, Dave Montagu and Gavin Brooking. These wily craftsmen seemed able to rob the boys of the ball with ease. Storming up the right hand side, Andy Wilson presented a more physical presence for the youngsters to overcome. Centre field the work of Jonathan Powe, Justin Brooking and Jonathan Peplow was more artistic by comparison. Despite our advantages of age and experience the School did draw level before half-time. It is understood that at half-time, Jerry Wadham the coach and umpire commented to the boys that we had turned out better than he had thought. In the second half the boys stole a second goal on the break and despite repeated surges the Pilgrims were not able to score again. There were many short corners and as many short corner routines but none would succeed.

v Upper Sixth A XI Won 9-1

Played after the usual brunch, this was a slightly less tempestuous affair and had the first game earlier in the morning not zapped most of our energy the scoreline could have been greater. We scored three goals in the first ten minutes and comfortably stayed in control for the remainder of the game despite losing our clean sheet with a decent strike from the School's Aussie gap-year ringer. Tom Russell had started proceedings with a half-volley reverse hit from the top of the circle, a feat he'll surely never be able to repeat, while the telepathic skills of the Smibert and Selfe brothers then took heed to ensure the floodgates remained well and truly opened. An impressive performance by George Mann on his debut and that memorable strike by Brook Bishop in the closing stages put the nail in the coffin so to speak and the game was ours.

v Upper Sixth B XI Won 4-1

Weary bodies were revived by the decision of Steve Rees-Williams to risk all and take to the field and the arrival of Robert Rydon, whose warning that he had not played the game since 1986 was shrugged off.

The Pilgrims were up against what appeared to be an older side now. However, it was noticeable that we were starting to play more effectively as a team and had got the measure of one another as skilful passes were connected the length of the pitch. Whereas the morning had seen a gulf between midfield and forwards, the afternoon saw a succession of excellent passes going with pinpoint accuracy onto the sticks of the Rydons, Alistair Brumage, Dougal Hosford or Mike Tucker. We went into the break still goalless but with rolling substitutes taking some of the pain away it could only be a matter of time. The final margin was a well-deserved conclusion and reflected a performance which had clearly improved over the day. We may only play together once a year but it all comes back and looks good by the end.

Our thanks go to Rob Hill for setting up the day and seeing that we were refreshed at lunch and tea. We wish him well with his new post in Sussex. We are also very grateful to Jeremy Wadham for his umpiring.

The future of Pilgrims hockey looks exceedingly bright and we look forward to any OS out there who might be interested in digging out the old stick and shinnies for a run-around in one, or more, of our fixtures next year.

Tom Russell and Chris Ward

FIVES

There was no match against the School for the second year running, and this is disappointing as there are a lot of boys playing and enjoying the game.

SOCCER 2012

March 18 2012 v The School Won 3-1

There was a good variety of year groups representing a strong Pilgrims side this year. We started well and made early pressure count by taking a deserved lead after 15 minutes. The battle was very much in the midfield as neither side created too many clear cut chances.

Despite some good passing from both sides, we altered our tactics as a lack of fitness began to show and the long ball tactic was deployed looking to utilise an unusually quick Pilgrims front line by catching the School on the break. Eventually it paid off with the defence misjudging a high ball over the top when under pressure from George Wissett-Warner which allowed Tom Royle to use his pace to get in behind and skilfully lift the ball over the keeper with a delicate chip. We made the most of the rolling subs and Andy Nurton played his part for us as he pulled on his boots for a lively ten minute spell, but the score stayed the same.

The second half was a very different story with the School pushing forward to get themselves back in the game, but leaving them exposed at the back. The next goal was to be crucial. The dominant centre back partnership of Freddie Mills and Nick Batchelor eventually flourished at the other end: Mills rose well from a corner to nod down to Batchelor who scored from six yards to the delight of the pair. The School began to come back into it but a combination of missed opportunities and a string of fantastic saves from our keeper (on loan from the School!) kept the score line unchanged, until the School scored a late and deserved goal.

Tom Andrews

SQUASH 2011-12

To celebrate Paddy Macintosh's 50th in March we produced a strong team that beat a young School side which will certainly improve over the years. In the Londonderry Cup, a team including Jeremy Bishop, Tom Morgan, Al Robertson, David Leakey, Justin Gulston, Will Pope and Nick Lamb, have all taken part in a successful year. We beat Tonbridge in a tight first round match and then a glorious face saving victory against Eton after losing to them in the semi-final of the Cricketer Cup and the first round of the Halford Hewitt in the last nine months.

The semi-final was only just played against Norwich at Lord's on April 20. After numerous training sessions, our team was well prepared and we felt confident that we could reach the final. We had been without Al Robertson since the first round with two slipped discs. Then my semi-final morning started with a report of tonsillitis and the day continued with another back injury, travel difficulties and court booking confusions which all conspired against us on the night. So all our fully fit players needed to win and we gave it a good go with Justin Gulston giving us a resounding 3-0 start and Tom Morgan giving everything but narrowly lost 2-3 on a court that more closely resembled a sauna. Unfortunately, that was the end of the squash with MCC refusing to allow the top match on court. A very disappointing end to our season but we feel that with all our players continuing to improve, and Al making a comeback next season, we can get to the final next time and even revive memories of our 1964 victory that only Paddy can remember.

To help the new year's fitness resolutions along there will be a squash tournament held at a London venue on Saturday January 19th 2013 followed by a restrained low calorie evening out! Please get in touch if you would like to join in.

Nick Lamb

TENNIS 2011-12

Last year's match against the School was not a resounding victory, and we look forward to returning to winning ways on Saturday July 7th 2012.

We have just played in the first round of the D'Abernon Cup. The qualifying for this event is always fiercely competitive and we have narrowly missed the top two qualifying places in recent years in order to progress in to the quarter-finals. This year's opponents in the qualifying round included Bradfield, Charterhouse, Cranleigh, Eton and Lancing. Unfortunately, I had to scramble for a last minute replacement, and Justin Gulston graciously jumped in to help. I had not realised that Justin had an array of trick shots prepared, some using the strings and some the frame, which meant every match was fiercely fought and in doubt until the very

end. Cranleigh and Charterhouse qualified, so once again we had failed to get to the next round, but the eye of the tiger and thrill of the fight had not.

In the coming year there will be some additions to the tennis calendar. On Sunday August 26th there will be 'The Millennium Match' on the School grass courts. This will consist of a match between Pilgrims who left before and after 2000. As well as the tennis, rugby tens and a hockey tournament will be played between a number of old school societies followed by a grand barbecue at the end of the day.

The second addition to start in 2013 is a Pilgrims doubles tournament in Wimbledon. I hope to get 16 doubles pairs together for a one-day tournament on the courts in Wimbledon Park. Only one person in each pair needs to be an Old Shirburnian so any friend would be welcome. Please get in touch if you would like to take part in any of these events. I look forward to hearing from you.

Nick Lamb

CROSS COUNTRY 2011-12

The OS cross-country team have had a very successful year competing in three events. The first was the Alumni race held on Wimbledon Common in December. We had a team of 8 and put in a good performance coming 7th out of 19 teams. Ed Knudsen led in the Sherborne Team and Simon Dawson was the first winner of the Chataway Cup – a handicap cup for OS runners.

The second event was the Sherborne Trophy where we had four old boys running, this time led in by Simon Dawson. This was followed by a dinner with current School runners and staff. The final event was the Hyde Park Relays, which saw the team coming in 51st place out of 105 teams. The fastest time for the 5k was again won by Simon Dawson.

We would like to encourage runners of all abilities to get in touch even if you did not run at School but have since taken up running or jogging up. These events are a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and give some focus to your training.

Ed Pitt Ford

OLD SHIRBURNIAN GOLFING SOCIETY 2011-12

Grafton Morrish 2011

After finishing top in the qualifying at Royal Ashdown Forest in June, hopes were high for the Grafton Morrish this year. Jos Pralle was eligible; while Robbie Busher had secured some notable successes over the summer, which meant the

youth policy was very much in evidence. The rest of the team was made up of seasoned campaigners: Rhys Francis, Stuart Gillett, Toby Couzens and Ed Kelly.

We had comfortable wins against Oakham and Woodbridge on the first day at Brancaster, before moving to Hunstanton to take on Fettes. We played well and won 2½-½, leading to a quarter-final against Charterhouse.

This was a close match and ended up at 1-1 when the light disappeared, and with Stuart Gillett and Toby Couzens having lost the 18th to be all square. There were no overnight nerves and an excellent birdie three at the 19th the next morning put us into the semi-final against Merchant Taylor's. This was a tight contest, but we lost the deciding match on the 18th green.

Overall, this was a great performance from the side and all were in agreement that we could have gone on and won the event.

Mellin Salver 2011

Our Mellin team this year was significantly strengthened by the addition of Rhys Francis and Michael Farley, who played together as top pair and won all their three matches. However, our overall performance was disappointing. In the first round we lost to a strong Oundle team. In the Plate we won 2-1 against Mill Hill, but were then outplayed by Downside and lost 1-2. Downside had put their best pair to play bottom and this quite legitimate ruse may have had a bearing on the result.

Family Day 2011

Rob and Will Rydon were able to overcome their near misses in previous years and won the Peter Currie Cup at Woking in October with 39 stableford points; Rodney and Jonathan Short were second with 36 points.

Brent Knoll 2012

The main feature of the weekend apart from the good weather was an unusual lack of drama and tension with no deciding games going down the 18th and many finishing by the 15th. Our first match was the closest against our old adversaries Epsom and promised to be a challenging start. The top pair Francis and Kelly set the pace with par golf and a strong finish to win on the 17th, Whalley and Pralle also played par golf to win 3 and 2. This enabled us to get in for lunch ahead of the match in front from which our afternoon opposition would come from.

Our combination of youth and experience proved too strong for the young Clifton team. Whalley and Pralle were first to win by 5 and 4; Francis and Kelly won on the 17th; and the 3rd pair of Nick Aubin and Ed Elliot-Square won on the 16th.

Sunday morning against Lloyds Bank did not start well. All matches were down after 5 holes. Fortunately for Whalley and Pralle who were 2 down after 6 and not able to reproduce the same standard as the day, our opposition fell apart after hitting the water at 7, and we won 5 holes on the trot and finished with a 4 and 3 win. Francis and Kelly recovered from a poor start and played well to win 5 and 4.

The final brought us up against last year's winners and probably the best team in the Competition. Our best game could have beaten them but that did not materialise and we all lost on the 15th. However, this was overall a solid result and good preparation for the Hewitt only four days later.

Halford Hewitt

The draw in January had pitted us against Eton who had defeated Clifton, the holders, in 2011. We knew it would be a tough match. A strong performance in both the Grafton Morrish and Brent Knoll showed the potential in our team and we headed to Deal with confidence.

Once again the Hewitt was blessed with splendid weather and good practice rounds were had on the Tuesday and Wednesday. Jos Pralle was eligible this year and we welcomed back Philip Brown after a six year absence. Unfortunately, Clive Martin was unavailable due to sitting some exams. The team selected for the first round was: Rhys Francis & Robbie Busher; Ed Kelly & Nick Hyde; Stuart Gillett & Toby Couzens; Peter Martin & Jos Pralle; James Chappell & Philip Brown.

The first pair somehow won the first after both sides visited the burn and promptly surged into a commanding lead which they never looked like relinquishing. Busher and Francis maintain their unbeaten run of three matches now. We started well in all the other matches and early on we were in a strong position.

Slow play has become more and more of an issue at the Hewitt and it was with great surprise that the first seven holes were played at a good pace. However, this promptly came to an abrupt end on the 8th hole. At one stage every match was congregated either on the 8th or waiting on the 9th tee. This delay of at least half an hour proved pivotal because after 8 holes Sherborne were up in four matches and level in the other.

After that point Eton started to come back at us and as the holes progressed we struggled to maintain our advantage. Hyde and Kelly were involved in a ding-dong battle that looked like going all the way, and when Eton missed a small putt on the 18th for the match they headed off down the 19th. In the third match Gillett struggled after the turn and put Couzens in some interesting positions and, despite signs of a fight back, were unable to take the match beyond the 17th green. Martin also struggled after the delay at the 8th and he and Pralle went down 4 and 3.

The final pair of Chappell and Brown were in control of their game but lost their tee shot at the 17th which meant they were all square on the 18th tee. At this stage the second pair were heading down the 19th; Kelly produced a fabulous drive leaving Hyde some 110 yards from the green. Eton hit a solid second into the heart of the green which left Hyde with the pressure shot which unfortunately didn't clear the burn. This gave Eton the vital third point and, with the final match left as a half, we had lost 1½ - 3½.

Once again we were left incredibly disappointed to lose a match that in truth we should have won. Eton progressed to the semi-finals and this clearly shows that we have a team that can be competitive, but need to work on our ability to produce when it matters. We have some excellent new talent coming through in Busher, Kelly and Pralle; and the more established members of the team need to ensure their games are in order come the Hewitt. Perhaps we try too hard, and once again the post mortem divides opinion as to what went wrong or right; but one thing is for sure we have the potential and the challenge is how to unlock it.

Reports by John Youngman, Nigel Whalley and Stuart Gillett

SCHOOL CRICKET 2011

The success of this season has been down to the depth of talent that Sherborne can call on throughout the busiest term of the year. I have been very impressed with the level of commitment to training and match availability throughout the exam period, and this has largely been down to the feeling that this is a “team” and not reliant on any one or two individuals. There seemed to be an understanding that, whatever was needed at any point, someone would step up and produce the goods.

The Captain, Theo Grainzevelles, missed the Marlborough and Blundell's matches due to injury. He led the team from the front as an aggressive opening batsman who could occupy the crease and score quickly. He scored two excellent hundreds. In the field he was proactive as a captain, and also an attacking left arm spinner. George Ellwood was voted as the “Most Improved Player”, opening the batting and with shots all-round the wicket. The highlight was his final innings of 155 not out against the Pilgrims. Ed Coulson played several good innings and has the talent to bat for long periods; and will be a key member of the XI for the next three years.

Henry Cheal was the only player to play every match of the season and he finished his fourth year in the XI with his best all-round performance. Peatfield was outstanding in the T20 matches but failed to fire in the longer game. However, we will remember his 32 (including 3 sixes and 3 fours) from 16 balls against Free Foresters to finish the game. George Wayman was outstanding behind the stumps;

his ability to stand up to the medium pacers put pressure on the batsman. He took 12 catches and 12 stumpings in all formats. As a batsman he hit the ball cleanly and a long way when he connected, but didn't spend much time at the crease!

George Atkins batted most of the season at 8 and his 38 not out against Blundell's was the highlight with the bat. With the ball he will forever rue the two missed caught and bowled chances he had to take five wickets against Clifton, finishing with 4-29. Ollie Sale will score runs further up the order in the next three years. He opened the bowling with good pace and got top order batsmen out. Harry Fielder was the leading wicket-taker in the longer format season with 20 wickets. He bowled with great control, rarely bowling a bad ball. He was rewarded for bowling at the stumps with a hat-trick against Canford and finally got his name on the board with a thoroughly deserved five wickets against Free Foresters.

Thank you to Alan Willows for all his hard work throughout the year. His energy and professional approach has seen the standard of cricket improve at all levels again this season and I know his aim is to win a National title in the near future. Thank you to both the grounds and catering departments for their help this season.

Rob Hill

Played 13; won 11; lost 2.

April 30th: School 237-6 (D S Buck 94 not out); King's Taunton 224; won by 13 runs.

May 1st: School 145; Somerset Academy 109; won by 36 runs. **7th:** v Cheltenham – cancelled rain. **12th:** Bryanston 156-5; School 160-3 (H H O Cheal 78 not out); won by 7 wickets. **14th:** School 186 (T G Grainzevelles 55, E C Coulson 51; Millfield 2nd 142 (H G C Barron 4-27); won by 44 runs. **21st:** School 300-4 (Buck 99, Coulson 97 not out); Marlborough 207-6; won by 93 runs.

June 11th: School 250-8; Blundell's 111; won by 139 runs. **18th:** School 244-8 (Grainzevelles 112, G A B Ellwood 51); Canford 111 (H E Fielder 4-30); won by 133 runs. **23rd:** MCC 229-5 dec (E R D Nichols 90); School 225; lost by 4 runs. **25th:** School 75; Taunton 59 (Barron 4-12); won by 16 runs. **27th:** Clifton 227-8 (G Atkins 4-29); School 200 (Coulson 55); lost by 27 runs. **28th:** Free Foresters 180 (Fielder 5-27, Grainzevelles 4-44); School 182-5 (Coulson 69 not out); won by 5 wickets. **30th:** School 259 (Cheal 62, Ellwood 60, O R T Sale 50); Newington College, Australia 160 (Francis 6-17); won by 99 runs.

July 2nd: School 318-1 (Ellwood 155 not out, Grainzevelles 120); Pilgrims 263 (Grainzevelles 4-24); won by 55 runs.

T20 Played 5; won 4; lost 1.

April 26th: School 131-4; Sherborne CC 99-9 (Francis 4-13); won by 32 runs.

May 8th: Bryanston 96-9 (Cheal 5-9); School 97-3; won by 7 wickets. **May 8th:** School 156-4 (Grainzevelles 60 not out); Plymouth 159-4; lost by 6 wickets. **May 8th:** Canford 71-9; School 72-2; won by 8 wickets. **26th:** School 192-5 (Ellwood 70); Canford 99; won by 93 runs.

SCHOOL CRICKET FIXTURES 2012

Tue Apr 26	Sherborne C C	Thur May 31	Canford T20
Sat Apr 28	King's Taunton (a)	Sat June 16	Canford (a)
Sun Apr 29	Somerset Academy	Thur June 21	MCC
Sat May 5	Dauntsey's (a)	Sat June 23	Taunton
Sun May 6	National T20 qual	Fri June 29	Somerset College S A
Thur May 10	Bryanston	Mon July 2	Free Foresters
Sat May 12	Millfield	Tues July 3	Clifton (a)
Sat May 19	Marlborough	Wed July 4	Radley
Sat May 26	Blundell's (a)	Sat July 7	Pilgrims

SCHOOL RUGBY 2011-12

Played 16, Won 12, Drawn 1, Lost 3

The King's School Parramatta, won 15-10; St Edmund's Canberra, won 20-10; Newington College, Sydney, won 19-0; All Saints Anglican, Gold Coast, won 35-14; Toowoomba Grammar School, won 20-17; Stowe, won 26-7; Wellington, won 3-0; Radley, lost 7-8; Sherborne RUFC Colts, won 34-24; Bishop Wordsworth's, drawn 10-10; Cheltenham, won 38-21; Marlborough, won 28-21; Bryanston, lost 23-29; Canford, won 13-10; Blundell's, won 39-0; Clifton, lost 15-17.

Rugby at Sherborne continues to develop and the 2011 season promised to be a cracker. There was a feeling of real energy and excitement leading up to the first Saturday of the season with the knowledge that all the planning and hard work of previous years was about to come together. The senior squads returned from a hugely successful tour of Australia. The 1st XV squad were unbeaten with fantastic victories over some top sides such as The King's School, Parramatta, Toowoomba Grammar and Newington College. The experience of pulling together, and learning how to get on, was certainly going to help them in the testing months ahead.

This seems to be one of the real strengths of Sherborne rugby. Never the biggest, or sometimes the quickest, the players certainly look out for each other and work hard on the field for their peers in a blue shirt. There is a willingness to 'have a go'

from anywhere, and whilst this occasionally ends in error, it is a positive ethos of school rugby which certainly seems to excite the boys.

The season started with an early match against a much-fancied Stowe side, who were clinically dispatched with some free-flowing running rugby. The same could not be said of the defeat of Wellington College 3-0. In a titanic battle with no quarter asked or given, the Sherborne boys earned sweet revenge for some severe beatings over recent years, and at the final whistle I have rarely seen such unbridled joy. The Colts also saw off their opponents from Berkshire and we were off and running at full pace! The following week was slightly less than satisfactory.

The weeks went by and there were ups and downs. The Mini Colts seemed to lack a degree of size, which can count for so much at the lower level, but persevered with skill and enthusiasm, whilst the Junior Colts seemed to have real strength in depth. It is largely due to the skill and commitment of the coaching staff that the boys develop, and maintain their enthusiasm over their time at the School, and it was particularly pleasing that Mr Tom Patterson was regularly challenged with a selection headache when picking a squad for the fabulous 5ths from the 30-plus boys who wished to play.

The Junior Colts A side went well in the Daily Mail Cup, just losing out in a narrow defeat to Wellington College, and the Colts lost just twice in the regular season, despite the ravages of injury. There were heroic performances from the C and D teams week after week in taking on the B and even A teams from other schools who feel unable to challenge like for like. To their credit our boys just get on with the job in hand and get stuck in!

As things drew to a close, the XV had not quite managed the required consistency of performance week in and week out. Losses to Radley (7-8) and Clifton (15-17) were hard to stomach, but there were sublime performances to savour against Blundell's, Cheltenham and Marlborough. As the scorelines suggest, there was a real desire to throw the ball around, and even in matches where we didn't get off to the perfect start, the players were able to turn it on for periods when no teams could live with them. This was certainly the case against Cheltenham, where Sherborne were 16-0 down after a quarter of an hour, only to score 38 unanswered points in a magical 30-minute period. And also at Blundell's where the fast offloading game paid off and the home defence was cut to ribbons time and again. Many of the senior side will return next year and the future is certainly bright. Rugby is on the up, and there is a growing interest on our circuit of what is going on in deepest Dorset.

The Six Nations Tens tournament was staged and organised by London Scottish RFC at the Richmond Athletic Ground on March 15th-16th, and the School 1st X

came within a whisker of lifting the trophy. The tournament consists of teams from the six nations competing in games of ten-a-side rugby in a round-robin group format with games of ten minutes each way.

In the first round of matches, on the Friday, we beat Merchiston Castle 22-5, Tiffin 21-5 and London Scottish U18s 44-0. Following this, the teams attended a charity fundraising dinner at Stamford Bridge Stadium, hosted by Deutsche Bank.

On Saturday morning we beat Rydal Penrhos 26-5 to win the group. The next opponents in the semi-final were the runners-up in the other pool, RGS Guildford. Despite being behind 7-0 at half-time, the boys rallied to score three second half tries to triumph 19-7. This set up a final against pool A winners Hampton School who had narrowly defeated Merchiston Castle in the other semi-final. In front of cameras from Sky Sports' *Rugby Club*. Hampton got on the scoreboard early through some weak defence and the half time score was 10-0 to them. However, an early score from Ollie Coombe-Tennant gave hope. A further Hampton score was followed by a solo effort from David Buck to leave the game poised at 15-12 with seconds remaining. However, there was to be no fairytale ending, and a missed tackle in midfield led to the final Hampton try, leaving them winners 20-12. Well done to all the players on a superb effort.

From January, a larger than usual number of boys have chosen to work at their skills within the sevens sessions. Under the direction of Ian Martin and Simon Lilley, the squads have improved significantly, with the Mini Colts in particular showing signs of turning a corner after a fairly tough 15-a-side season.

In the representative arena, a significant number of boys have been successful;

U14 Dorset & Wilts – Tom Lewis and Fergus Hamilton

U15 Dorset & Wilts – Nick Harris, Henry Crane and Fergus Hughes-Onslow

U16 Dorset & Wilts – Jack Humphrey, Ed Coulson and Will Homer

U17 Dorset & Wilts – Jack Deverell, Will Martin and Archie Hamilton

U18 Dorset & Wilts – Tom Edwards, Tom James, Freddie Wright and David Buck

U18 Somerset – Joe Bridger

Joe Bridger was selected for the South West Independent Schools Barbarians side and then the full national squad. David Buck also played for the South West U18 Division in the National Festival, and Will Homer played for the winning England U16 side against Italy and Wales in April. Edward Coulson was called up late due to squad injuries to represent the England second string U16 side "England South" who beat Scotland and Canada before losing to Wales.

David Guy

SCHOOL RUGBY FIXTURES 2012

Thur Sept 6	Peterhouse, Zimbabwe	Sat Oct 13	Cheltenham (a)
Sat Sept 8	Blundell's	Sat Oct 20	Wellington (a)
Sat Sept 15	Radley	Sat Nov 10	Bryanston (a)
Sat Sept 22	Bishop Wordsworth's (a)	Thur Nov 22	Canford
Tue Oct 2	Marlborough (a)	Sat Dec 1	Clifton
Sat Oct 6	Millfield	Sat Dec 8	King's Taunton (a)

Please check on the School website in the autumn to confirm dates.

SCHOOL HOCKEY 2012

Played 21; Won 9; Drawn 3; Lost 9. (* County Cup ** Regional matches)
Yeovil Club lost 2-5; Bradfield won 6-2; King Edward's Bath won 3-1; Clayesmore won 11-0; * Bryanston won 4-3; * Canford lost 0-1; Canford lost 1-5; ** Truro won 4-0; ** King's Taunton drawn 1-1; ** Queen Elizabeth Guernsey lost 2-4; Bryanston won 2-1; Taunton lost 0-4; Clifton lost 2-5; Millfield drawn 1-1; King's Taunton lost 4-6; K E VI Southampton lost 3-5; Pilgrims won 7-4; Bath Festival – Ardingly lost 0-4; KCS Wimbledon won 9-2; Framlingham drawn 5-5; Windsor GS won 3-2.

The School has played 113 matches this term and has won or drawn over 50% of their matches. The Upper Astro, under the guidance of Mr Hatch and Dr Stiff, saw the best results of the season with the 4th XI winning all but one match, with Paddy Ferguson and David Leach leading the goal-scoring. The 3rd XI won all but two matches with Paddy Evans-Bevan scoring 18 of the 37 goals.

The Junior Colts A played some fantastic hockey including a season's best performance against Millfield winning 6-1. James Dickens, Charlie Smith, Fergus Hughes-Onslow and Henry Field should all be pushing for 1st XI places next year. The Mini Colts had a tough year in terms of results but must be congratulated on how they progressed throughout the season, including getting to the County Cup final with an excellent win over Clayesmore on penalty strokes in the semi-final.

Ed Matts narrowly missed selection for England U18. He scored 31 goals for the 1st XI this season and has an incredible total of 85 goals over the last four years, and has captained and led the side from the front. Jack Humphrey and Henry Field have progressed to Regional Development groups and we wish them luck with their forthcoming England trials.

The 1st XI played some attractive hockey again this season and could have won every game if they had taken all their chances. The team lost the experienced spine from last year but the young players that have filled those roles will have benefitted hugely from a full season in the XI and will look to step up and dominate next year. The standard of hockey has been very high on our circuit this year with Taunton dominating the Wessex League and Canford winning the overall trophy.

The highlights of the season were a really hard fought 1-1 draw away at Millfield. This produced some excellent hockey from both teams and both Henry Chadwick, at left defender, and Harry Robins in goal, had outstanding games. The game against a very talented Pilgrims team saw some excellent hockey from both sides. Ed Matts scored four goals, and the School were just too good and ran out 7-4 winners in a most entertaining, well-mannered and high quality game.

The Bath Festival saw some of their best hockey of the season. Losing against Ardingly in the first game, after an eventful and traumatic journey to Bath, was not the best start. King's College Wimbledon had a young side that couldn't live with the "press" which created chances and led to a convincing 9-2 win with James Varley knocking in his goal on the final whistle. Framlingham had won both games and this produced the best game of the Festival, as both parents and supporters will testify. Both sides played attacking, flowing hockey that brought the best out of the goalkeepers. Ed Matts scored with 15 seconds remaining to draw the game that both teams had led intermittently throughout.

There will be 13 boys who have played 1st XI hockey coming back next season. The policy of developing younger players to the XI has been successful and I look forward to seeing those players step into senior roles next season.

I move on to a new opportunity and would like to thank all the boys that I have had the privilege of coaching at Sherborne for their trust, commitment, humour and enthusiasm which has made my job so enjoyable over the years. Thank you and best wishes for the future.

Rob Hill

**SHERBORNE PILGRIMS CLUB
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2012**

General Fund	2012		2011	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income:</i>				
Subscriptions	3,008		1,585	
Donations	1,878		4,006	
Bank interest	485		565	
		5,371		6,156
<i>Expenditure:</i>				
Audit	100		100	
Booklet and website	964		2,817	
Corporation tax	119		133	
Cricket	2,003		1,752	
Cross country	48		-	
Hockey	310		-	
Rugby	500		263	
Soccer	100		240	
Squash	100		105	
Tennis	20		60	
		(4,264)		(5,470)
Surplus for the year		1,107		686
General Fund at April 1		38,392		37,706
Surplus for the year		1,107		686
General Fund at March 31		39,499		38,392

BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
Cash at bank	39,499	38,392
Represented by:		
General Fund	39,499	38,392

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 2012 and Balance Sheet at that date are in accordance with this information.

J D V Wheatley, 8 Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5TB

April 12th 2012

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 1988-00 G P Gent
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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.