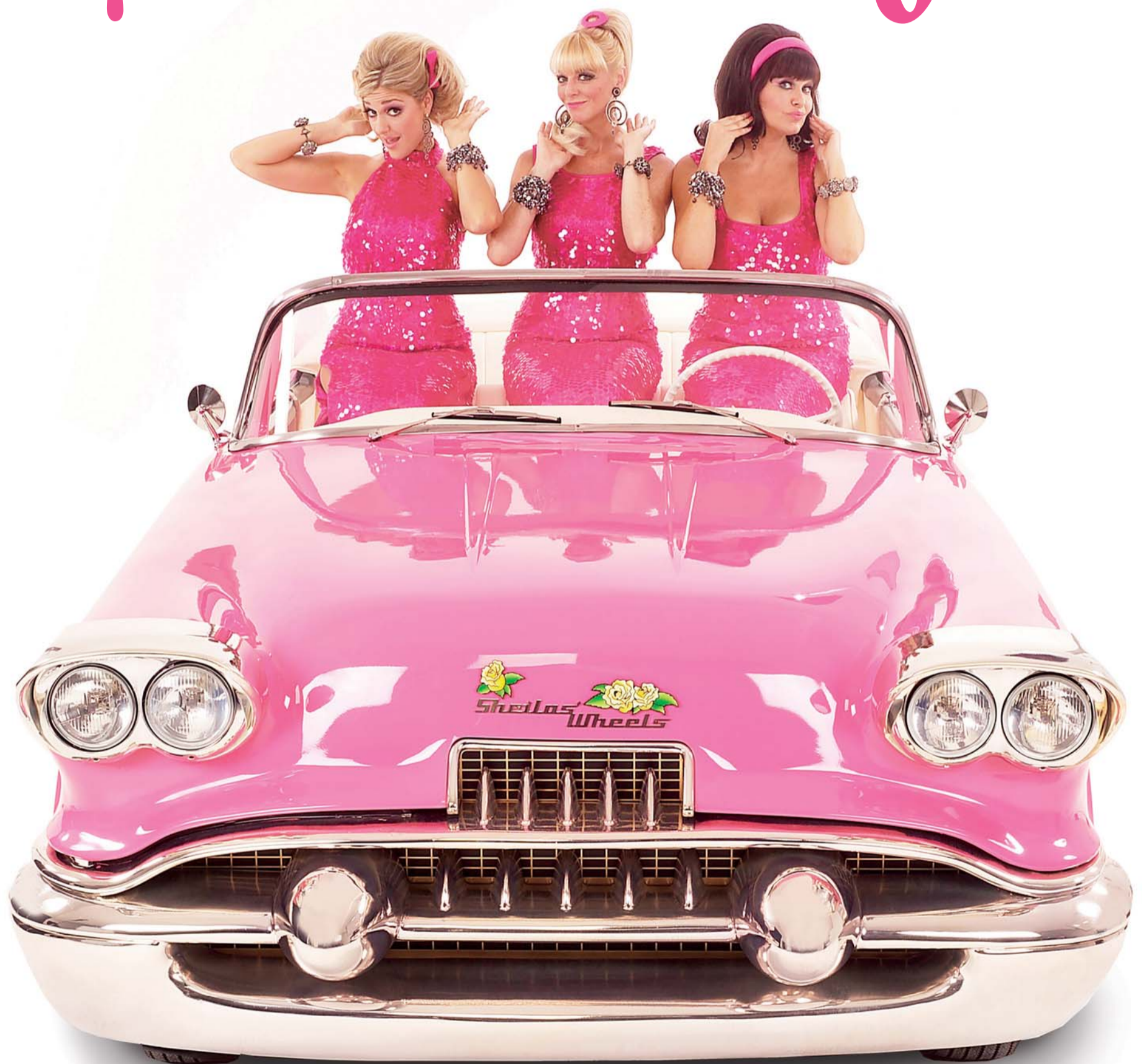


Here's to a bonzer day with Lashings CC



Sheilas' Wheels are proud to sponsor
Reigate Priory Cricket Club's Twenty/20
match against Lashings CC

6 July 2008.k

Match starts at 2.30pm
at Reigate Priory Cricket Club,
Park Lane, Reigate

Sunday July 6 is the date to diarise for the return of the spectacular **Lashings** team to Park Lane, and we are now looking to you all for your support for the day. Preparations are well underway for this year's Lashings extravaganza for what will be their 10th visit in the last 11 years, after our year off last year.

Until last year, the Priory had played Lashings for nine consecutive summers, and the day was increasingly successful - the last match in 2006 was dominated by a superlative 144 from Indian superstar **Sachin Tendulkar**, who lit up the Priory with a dazzling display of strokeplay, and entertained a crowd of nearly 2000.

In previous years, this International Cavaliers side of star cricketers from across the globe have never failed to impress with the quality of sides that they have brought to the Priory. In recent years, they have included amongst others West Indian legends, Richie Richardson and Curtley Ambrose, Pakistan speedster, Shoaib Akhtar, the Rawalpindi Express, Mark Waugh and Greg Blewett from Australia, and Herschelle Gibbs from South Africa.

Last year, we had a year off, but this year, we are back with a vengeance - with our first effort at staging a **Twenty/20** match! And to add to the day's entertainment, there may be a little **music**... maybe the Sheilas' Wheels girls, perhaps Richie Richardson and his band, very likely Zimbabwe pace bowler/opera star Henry Olonga to serenade us over tea?

This year, there is a renewed enthusiasm at the Club to meet the challenge of staging the day. What surprised the Club most last year was the disappointment amongst both the local community - from people that we did not realise cared - as well as in our youth section, which now numbers some 300 youngsters, that the game did not take place. That, together with some forceful views expressed at the Club's AGM in January has led us bringing the Lashings Day back to the Priory this year, but **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

The match has traditionally been one which has raised a significant sum of money for youth cricket at the club, but also for charities, most notably the **Ben Hollioake Fund**, and for **Chase**, a charity that caters for children with a limited life expectancy. This year, as well as continuing to support youth cricket at the club, we are looking to provide support for the cricket specific charity, **Chance to Shine**, which seeks to revitalise competitive cricket in state schools, and discussions are going on to agree how this should best be structured.

Last year, the Club again won the Surrey Championship Premier League for the second time in three seasons, and Alex Richards and Michael Foster will be ensuring that a strong Priory side will be performing on the day. Off the field, a number of new faces have stepped forward to assist in sharing the workload that goes with organising such a massive day for the Club, and with only a month to go, we are now working hard on fundraising efforts, and this is where we need your help.

1. One of the key issues always has to be fund raising and it is critical to the success of a day like this that we get a level of backing from sponsors and the local community in advance that enables us to cover our base costs (Lashings do not come along for free!). Then the monies raised on the day from the gate, refreshments, programmes, and auctions can be put to good use. We are delighted that we have identified a main sponsor to put their name to the day, and that sponsor is Reigate based insurance company **esure**, and in particular the esure car insurance brand, **Sheilas' Wheels**, which will bring with it, its own razz-a mazz.... certainly the Pink Cadillac... maybe even the singing girls. You may have already seen in the local paper our boy band Surrey pros posing in the car! Just excellent!

And JB's Fleet Street based law firm, Davies Arnold Cooper - esure's lawyers... hence the connection.... are also helping out with sponsorship for the day.

2. We are looking for further sponsors (who are invited to take advertising space in the programme, signage on the ground, and a table at the Marquee Lunch. Other opportunities are available too to suit - including potential access to the ground and its facilities for hiring for cricket, softball, private parties, BBQs etc; to Sponsor's lunches, and to our membership to publicise their business through the newsletter, the website, and our email loop). The base cost of a table of ten at the lunch will be £1000, but we are of course not looking to price out our loyal club members who have supported the game in recent years, and they can purchase tables for personal use at a more modest price (the base cost is £400 but we hope that members will be generous and appreciate that this is literally the cost price and give what they can). We need a mixture of local and national businesses who are prepared to support the day, and to take advantage of the advertising opportunities - whether in the programme, by signage on the ground or otherwise. But. There is an inevitable tension here and a balance does have to be struck but please do come forward and contact John Bramhall on jbramhall@dac.co.uk or on 07798 687328; or Jim Harmer on hjharmer@aol.com or on 07736064888 for further details.

3. We are also going to sell tickets in advance and we will look to all of you to get out and sell ten tickets to friends and family - £5 for adults and £3 for children.

An exciting prospect - let's get behind the day and make it a big success for the club!

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PRIORY LLAMAS



	SATURDAY					SUNDAY		
	1 st XI	2 nd XI	3 rd XI	4 th XI & 5 th XI	6 th XI	ESCT	Trust XI	Cavaliers
Opposition	Cobham Avorians	Old Mid Wives	Old Mid Wives	No Games	Presidents XI	Brondesbury	Cheam	Old Woking
Venue	Away	Home	Away	-	Away	Away	Home	Away
Meet	10.15am	12.00pm	11.30am	-	1.00pm	10.30am	12.45pm	1.00pm
Start	11.30am	1.00pm	1.00pm	-	2.00pm	1.00pm	1.30pm	2.00pm
Team					<i>FROM:</i>			
Captain	M Bennett + S King S Mills S Ecclestone I Hewitt M Rosenegk Z Ullah S Warner S Hume S Gibson A Pope	J Gale (c) C Bates + O Tame A Diggles S Daniel A Bird T Briggs H Bailey O Jago N Harmer P Davies	J Bramhall (c) D Ramsden + M Denchfield A Robinson C Wigley A Hook W Tame C Steadman R Tedstone M Packham J Brickley	No one will be in touch!	S Morris (c) A Moir M Gillibrand I Hameed C Hannigan M Weekes N Morris F Macdonald S Hill S Banwait F Wilkins	T Briggs (c) D Ramsden + S Wickham N Harmer C Wigley J Gale J Faal O Tame K Mirza P Davies T Shrives	C Morgan (c) S Warner D Hughan N Hughan C Steedman M Packham N Morris W Tame AN Llama AN Llama AN Llama	J Miller (c) M Denchfield + S Hearn G Chay K Gomez J De Lambert A Lewis A Bhatti G Madelil Llama 1 Llama 2
Umpire	Appointed		K Briggs			Appointed		
Scorer	Humph					Humph		
Teas		Jean						
Bar								
2008 Stats	Most League Runs	Most League Wickets	Most 2008 Runs	Most 2008 Wickets	Most League Catches	Most 2008 Catches	Highest Score	Best Bowling
	Lofty - 273	Wrighty - 18	Lofty - 277	Packers Jnr - 23	Lenny - 11	Judi - 14	Lofty - 126* 2s vs Banstead	Phil D - 6/31 3s vs W'don

Editor's Intro...

Time this week for a massive weekend on the wins front! 3 league matches and a friendly on Saturday, one Cup match, one Development match and a friendly on the Sunday! C'mon Llamas - time for a 100% winning weekend!!

1s are away to Cobham Avorians, 2s are at home to Old MidWives, 3s are away to Old MidWives and the 6s are away to the President's XI (not our President's, but some other President!).

Sunday, the Cup side are in action at Michael Foster and John Fosbraey's old club Brondesbury, the Development XI are playing at home against Cheam and the Cavs are away to Old Woking.

Good luck to all this weekend...



Llamas News...

Stars NOT In Their Eyes...



Quick note to confirm that sadly due to a number of factors, this Saturday's Stars in their Eyes extravaganza has been cancelled.

However, the bar will be rammed full of booze and Galer promises all his usual antics (and possibly a song) if anyone buys him a beer! If there is interest we may fire up the BBQ. The 2008 Bottle Sliding Championships will be underway as well during the night

Regardless of the burgers it's sure to be a big one on the bar - just a bit less singing and dressing up - so make the effort to come down and have a beer!

Llama Question of the Week...

When walking around the ground at matches, Llamas come up with some of the silliest questions. Unsurprisingly, we reply with even sillier answers!

Here's one for all of you to have a think about...

If you could take an aspect of another Llama's game to add to yours, what would you choose? i.e Mini's fielding, Popey pace, Eccles hitting power.

Email your answers into newsletter@reigatepriorycc.co.uk and I'll publish them next week!

Match Reports...

1s vs Spencer...

Llamas	156 all out
Spencer	157 for 3

Llamas lost by 7 wickets

Following last week's shock defeat and abject batting display the Priory needed to bounce back on their away trip to Spencer.

The gods though were not to favour the travelling Llamas and on a pitch that had been sweating under heavy covers right up until the start of play they were invited to bat first. Again they were soon in trouble with Bennett once again edging to the keeper without scoring. Richards and Murtagh were watchful against a disciplined attack, however when Richards was just looking settled a mad rush of blood led to him edging an angry slog to second slip for 19. Foster and Murtagh then set about restoring order, but the gods were angry and with the score just passing 50 a calamitous and disastrous run out changed the course of the game. On hesitating going for what looked an easy single, Murtagh sent back Foster, who on the greasy surface and nursing an already suspect back, fell awkwardly. With Foster stranded, Murtagh decided to try and make it to the danger-end, but was run out comfortably. As Murtagh trudged off, Foster was still on the deck unable to move. He tried briefly to carry on, but was forced to retire hurt just an over later, this one unfortunate incident effectively removing Reigate's two most prolific batsmen.

However things were just about to get even worse when the momentary madness affecting Richards took hold of overseas star Hewitt and then Ullah, both out to overly ambitious, poorly executed shots. King and Rosenegk thankfully were to keep their marbles and the pair batted patiently, defending well and punishing anything loose. Their effort insured that the Priory made it to 156 before being finally being bowled out.

Early wickets would hold the key to any chance of an unlikely victory, but just as last week the opening pair bowled well, but without any success. Deliveries were missed, edges fell short, LBW shouts turned down. The off-spin of King was introduced early and brought immediate success. Hume was then introduced at the other end and he too had early success. As tea-time loomed the game was

interestingly poised, another wicket would have the home team wobbling, however it was not to be. The Reigate attack bowled tightly, but simply lacked penetration. The Spencer pair batted extremely sensibly and with no time pressure were able to simply pick off the bad ball as and when it came along. The pair went from strength to strength and steered the home team past the visitors total without the loss of another wicket.

The Llamas title defence is now looking in real trouble. Last year it was the challenge of bouncing back from a 23 point deduction for fielding an ineligible player that helped motivate the Llamas into playing outstanding cricket and winning the title at a cantor. It is hoped that the shock of two straight defeats, something Reigate have not experienced for 4 seasons, will provide a similar, if markedly different reason for lifting their game this year.

Twenty20 vs Cheam

No match report received.

2s vs Banstead...

Llamas	243 for 7 dec
Banstead	98 for 5

Match abandoned - winning draw to Llamas

After a highly promising start to the match against local rivals Banstead, the day turned out to be a damp squib, the only fireworks being provided by the innings of Priory skipper David Loft. In the end the weather proved to be the only winner on a day when Priory were looking to turn around their fortunes and put behind them a couple of unexpected defeats in the previous weeks. Priory were asked to bat by Banstead skipper Fergus O'Connell, and Priory's acting captain could only look on in dismay as fellow opener, Andrew Diggles fell to the first ball of the innings bowled by Gerry Maguire. However, Stuart Mills came to the crease and dug in against the new

ball attack. Both Loft and Mills were quick to punish anything loose, and the runs soon began to flow. Mills though survived a caught and bowled chance, only to present another catch to gully the very next ball, which was well taken. James Hylton also got a good start, but fell to a catch behind from a good delivery from Brown. Jon Gale then joined Loft, and together, started to dominate the bowling, Gale starting his scoring with a superb straight-driven six. Loft too was punishing anything loose, and quickly reached his half century. Loft continue to accelerate, and Gale was approaching his half-century when falling to another good catch from Chris Webber. With good support from Stephen Warner, and Toby Briggs, Loft continued to accelerate the run rate, and reached his maiden league century for Priory with another four through extra cover. He went on to a career best 126 not out, and was able to declare the Priory innings after just 45 overs, with 243 on the board.

(Modesty from the writer of this piece fails to acknowledge that this was a faultless inning. Also, not a bad way to celebrate 13 years at the club - with a maiden league century. Top work Lofty - Ed.)

The Banstead run chase started badly, with Steve Warner proving to be too quick for opener Maguire, as he edged a sharp chance to Andrew Diggles which he gladly accepted at third slip. Warner was unlucky not to grab further chances, but the introduction of Jon Gale soon accounted for Philip Buckingham. After a break for rain, Gale returned to take a caught and bowled chance and further wickets were to follow for Toby Briggs, as just reward for a pacy and accurate spell. Phil Gale was putting up a spirited counter attack at the other end, but with further rain the chances of a positive result for Priory slipped away, and with the game abandoned, they had to be content with a winning draw.

3s vs Spencer...

Spencer	207 all out
Llamas	130 all out

Llamas lost by 77 runs

To the tune of 'When I'm Cleaning Windows' by George Formby

Now we went off to Spencer, for thirteen points to rob
Since we desire the championship we hoped to do the job

Well Hooky couldn't find the ground
His Sat-Nav wasn't worth a pound
It simply took us round and round
When we played at Spencer

We started late by forty-five
Owing to that lengthy drive
Our bowlers going at more than five
When we played at Spencer

For Reigate Priory, we'll play hard
And say we'll never stop
But when we're faced with someone stiff
We're liable to flop

Asad struck a timely blow
Then Brickers thought he'd have a go
Soon wickets five the scoreboard showed
When we played at Spencer

Roger bowled one with his first
But after drinks our bubble burst
We bowled much worse without the thirst
When we played at Spencer

Two young bucks shared seventy-five
They hit the rope with every drive
They made us wish we'd ne'er arrived
When we played at Spencer

For Reigate Priory, we'll play hard
And say we'll never stop
But when we're faced with someone stiff
We're liable to flop

Their tail was sent away by Kyle
Who teaches under-nines his guile
I hope he's not a paedophile
When we played at Spencer

We had to chase over two tons
And this year we've been short of runs
It's hard to think up all these puns
When you've played at Spencer

Sush and Hooky gave there all
But t'others couldn't hit the ball
Save Chucky, who at least stood tall
When we played at Spencer

For Reigate Priory, we'll play hard
And say we'll never stop
But when we're faced with someone stiff
We're liable to flop

A poor result for Reigate's Thirds
How can I use appropriate words?
When we played like a bunch of turds
When we played at Spencer

WHEN WE PLAYED AT SPENCER

4s vs Sheen Park...

Sheen Park	157 all out
Llamas	158 for 5

Llamas won by 5 wickets

I am starting to think that the big guy in the sky has no interest in Cricket. What is the deal with overcast rain swept Saturday's?? Very Village.

The mighty quatro's faced Sheen Park CC at St Albans road on Saturday and were keen to lead on

from their last win away at London Welsh. Another change to the starting line up brought back Lee Lee as stand in skipper and Bunny (even though his wife thought he was umpiring) as all round nice guy and swing demon. The total players fielded by the 4's in their 6 league matches now exceed 50!

The Toss was lost by Priory and East Sheen elected to bat. A fine bowling display by most of the bowlers and some ferocious fielding had East Sheen all out in 40 overs for 157. Not bad considering Ricky Pointing's twin brother came in at number 4. The returning student Sanj clean bowled him for 28 but some of us thought he actually choked on his chewing "gums".

Priory opened their innings with the young and the wise. Joel and Jamie played very well for a gutsy opening stand of 75 before Billy was castled for 29. On any other Saturday we could have seen the famous 4th team collapse but Andy Newbold strolled to the crease like a man on a mission and played some fine cricket for 25. Having taken the team through to 134 Jamie Dale was bowled by Patel for 53, but not before impressing with some fine straight hitting and aggressive shots. Shame about the handbag incident following a beamer!! Another good innings from A Moir (21 n/o) pushed Reigate to their target. Rambo went cheaply for 2 giving mid off catching practice and Irfan was trying to smash the world record for the highest shot. McCarthy finally made a contribution to the afternoon by crunching the winning runs and taking the 4's into the top half of the table. Next match is in 2 weeks time away at Peckham. More of the same please!

Development XI vs Sutton Dev XI...

No match report received

Cavaliers vs Parham Park...

Parham Park	138 all out
Cavaliers	140 for 5

Cavs won by 5 wickets

The Cavaliers travelled to the South Downs to visit the idyllic ground of Parham Park. Set in parkland overlooking an old manor house and lake, the surroundings were truly beautiful. Sadly most of us arrived in a furious haste and temper as finding the ground was a nightmare. The skipper arrived 10 minutes after the toss to various comments regarding his competency. Once we began the match, the only thing to stop the Cavs appreciating the gorgeous setting was the force 9 gale sweeping down from the hills.

Parham Park batted first and soon were in trouble. Ian Welsh's first over cost 13 but included a wicket and the big hitting opener was then caught very well by Andy Lewis off Steve Vickery. Parham recovered to 57 for 2 but the Cavs change bowlers Michael Ramsden and Steve Hearn struck in consecutive overs. Michael's accuracy soon brought further dividends as he took the next two wickets to fall to finish with the fantastic figures of 8/4/7/3. Lewis got it on the act soon after and Parham were nosediving at 79 for 7. In came Parham's celebrity player - Joe Mangold! From Neighbours apparently, Mark Little is his real name. He immediately entertained as he ran out his partner without facing. He then made hay against the emergency occasional bowling which the Cavs served up. Joel Miller and Andrew Hook bowled 4 overs each which were on the poor side of tripe. But enough was enough and Vickery was brought back on to wrap up the innings in 4 balls, finishing with 3 for 10.

Parham's total of 138 appeared far too small to defend but after tea the pitch began to seriously fall apart and the Cavs struggled. The openers Geoff

Chay and Azhar Bhatti put on 33. Geoff made 20, though it could not be said to be a great innings - 'pony' was how some described it. Andy Greenfield and Ian Welsh quickly fell foul of the variable bounce and at 50 for 3 the Cavs were wobbling. Azhar, however, was batting very sensibly, until once again his hamstring played up. Hooky came on as his runner and the Cavs benefited from some much quicker running between the wickets. Eventually though Joel ran out Azhar for 38 (some thought this a tactical move) and in came Hook, who was already there. Hooky then hit a typically quick 32 to hurry the Cavs to victory.

Old Farts Corner...

LASHINGS - SUNDAY JULY 6TH - TABLES FOR LUNCH AND TEA...

For anyone who has booked a table but not yet paid can I please have your money by return as numbers have been given to the caterers. We can increase numbers but not go down so if you are still "faffing" about taking a table or just 3 Or 4 places just ask the question and I will see what I can do.

The match programme will be going to press so we are closing in on just wanting loads of help immediately prior to and on the day and selling tickets in advance. We are also still looking for any auction or silent auction prizes. Come on guys and gals put your thinking caps on as to how you can help and step forward please.

SUPPORTERS/VPS LUNCH...

Just to confirm that the VPs and supporters' lunch will be taking place now on the 26th July and the price will be £16 a head. Letters and notification in a more formal way will be going out but writing all this stuff, preparation for Lashings and playing golf are delaying the formal process so if you wish to e-mail me on andrew.packham1@ntlworld.com or phone me on 01737

217372 and ask for a place to be reserved please do so.

CRICKET WEEK...

A reminder that the availability chart is up on the club notice board, naturally with hardly a name on it, after a week, and below we repeat the fixtures and the team captains, but I expect they have everything well in hand.

Monday July 21st - Mote - Captain Jon Gale
Tuesday July 22nd - President's XI - Captain Chris Bates
Wednesday July 23rd - MCC - Captain Alex Richards
Thursday July 24th - Stoics - Stuart Mills
Friday July 25th - Mogador Wanderers - Toby Briggs

This year cricket week is going to be a week to remember - let's hope it's for all the right reasons.

PEN PICTURES OF PRIORY LEGENDS...

M.E. Waugh Mark Edward Waugh was born in Sydney in 1965 and I'm sure nobody really needs to be told that he is the twin brother of Steve, the first born. He was always an incredibly talented ball player and added tremendous style to his natural talent. He was elegant and gifted as a strokemaker and this often made him appear casual and disdainful. His debut for New South Wales came in the 1985/6 season and he built a great reputation for himself in the latter part of the 1980s before being introduced into the Aussie one day side against Pakistan in late 1988. Unfortunately for Mark he didn't get a bat or a bowl as Australia won by 9 wickets. He played in many more ODIs before his test call came quite a bit later against England in Adelaide in 1991 and ironically his brother Steve was dropped to include Mark. A score of 138 in his first innings pretty well cemented his place in the side and he went on to play 128 test matches until his retirement from the test arena in 2002. During that time he scored 8029 runs at the surprisingly modest average of 41.81 and with a highest score of 153*, with 20 centuries. He bowled tidy medium pace/off spin and could always be relied upon to "do a job" and took 59

wickets at 41.1 and in addition was a fantastic fielder who took 181 catches, many quite spectacular ones in the slips. His ODI record was even more impressive with 244 caps and 8500 runs at 39.4 with 85 wickets at 34.5 and a best of 5-24. His top score was 173 and three successive centuries came in the 1996 world cup. The low point of his career came in 1998 when he and Shane Warne were found guilty of accepting money from an Indian bookmaker 4 years earlier, although there was no suggestion of trying to influence the result of a test. He was a Wisden cricketer of the year in 1991 and together with Steve he set a world record 5th wicket partnership of 464 in the same year for New South Wales against Western Australia. Somehow or other he managed to play a game for Ireland against Zimbabwe in 2000, played county cricket for Essex and continued his first class career with New South Wales after his test days were over and retirement eventually came in 2004. He had amassed 26855 runs at 52 and taken 208 wickets at 41 each. That summer he started playing for Lashings and it was with them that he visited Priory and if memory serves me correctly Toby Briggs clean bowled him for 40 odd. His picture is in the club as part of that team by the club notice board.

C.J. Richards Clifton James (Jack) Richards was born in Penzance in 1958 and it was here that he developed his cricketing skills. He moved to Surrey in the mid 70s and made his first class debut in 1976. He was a neat and efficient wicket keeper and a tidy middle order batsman and his first international honours came in 1981/2 when he went on England's winter tour to India and Sri Lanka as Bob Taylor's deputy. He failed to win a test place, although he made his ODI debut against India at Ahmedabad. He continued to turn in solid performances for Surrey and after scoring 1000 runs in the 1986 season was selected as Bruce French's understudy for the 1986/7 Ashes series down under. His superior batting earned him the nod over French for the 1st

test at Brisbane but despite a comfortable England win he scored a duck in his only innings of the match. His finest hour came in the 2nd test at Perth however when he scored an impressive 133 and ended the series, which England won in some style, with a most respectable average of 37.7. His form deteriorated after the tour however and he lost his place to French, toured New Zealand the following winter but his two home tests against West Indies in 1988 were his last and his 8 test career was over within two years. In total he scored 285 runs at 21.92 and had 21 victims behind the stumps. His 22-test ODI career also finished in 1988 and his batting average in this form of cricket was a very modest 11.8 with a top score of 50. In point of fact his whole cricket career finished in 1988 after a very successful benefit year with Surrey. There had been rumblings of unrest with the county and after a 1st class career of 8012 runs at 28.2 and a highest score of 182* and 676 catches and stumpings he was released, was unable to find another county and retired, aged just 30. He now lives in Belgium and runs a successful business in Holland. His appearance at the Priory was in and for his Benefit year of 1988 and the photo of the match, in which both Michael Holding and Bill Wyman of the Rolling stones played, is by the club notice board. You may recall last week's newsletter featured Bill Wyman's recollections of this game.

Kallicharan A.I Alvin Isaac Kallicharan was born in Berbice in British Guiana in 1949 and became a superb batsman, right up there with the best of any generation. He was a small but stylish left hander who hit a cricket ball with tremendous power. He also bowled tidy off breaks. His talent came to the fore early and his first class debut for Guyana came when only 17 in 1966. It took 5 more years before his test call up against New Zealand in Georgetown and he got off to a dream start with an undefeated 100 in his first knock in a high scoring draw, as Glen Turner scored 251 for New Zealand. Alvin became a fixture

in the West Indian side for the next 9 years as they built themselves into the finest side in the world. He played in 66 tests, scored 4399 runs at 44.4 with a highest score of 187 and 12 centuries. His occasional test bowling brought him just 4 wickets. ODIs were only in their infancy in those days and he played in just 31, scoring 826 runs at 34.4 and taking 3 wickets. During the peak of his career he enjoyed a lengthy spell with Warwickshire and this helped him amass 32,650 first class runs at 43.6 with 87 centuries, a supremely impressive record. It was during this period, in 1975 to be precise, that he came up against your President when the Denis Amis Benefit XI, thinly disguised as Warwickshire, with 6 current test players, took on the Old Edwardians. Naturally we won and the aforementioned President smashed an unbeaten 50 in taking the Old Eds to victory. You will not be surprised to hear that I still have the press cutting from the local rag with the headline of "Packham outguns the Special Ks" (Kanhai and Kallicharan). Signed copies are available on request but the winning 4 was struck off Eddie Hemmings, over mid wicket if I recall correctly. Alvin was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1983 and after spells with Orange Free State, Transvaal and Queensland Alvin retired from first class cricket in 1990. He still plays regularly and now manages the Lashings XI and it was in this capacity that he played at the club in 2006 and will almost certainly be with us again in a week or so's time.

Team of the Week...

Top performances from only 10 Llamas this week!
Come on guys, lets see more 50s/100s and 5fers!!!

1. Lofty - 126* (2s vs Banstead)
2. Morgs - 60 & 4-42 (Dev XI vs Sutton)
3. Wiggers - 55 (Dev XI vs Sutton)
4. Jamie D - 52 (4s vs Sheen Park)
5. Galer - 42 (2s vs Banstead)
6. Sushil - 42 (3s vs Spencer)
7. Azhar - 38 (Cavs vs Parham Park)
8. Kyle - 4-25 (3s vs Spencer)
9. Michael R - 3-7 (Cavs vs Parham Park)
10. Steve V - 3-10 (Cavs vs Parham Park)

2008 Stats / Play Cricket...

Lofty's 126* at the weekend has jumped him straight up the run scoring charts to first with 277 runs this year, Stuey D has 271 and Joel's on 267.

On the league front, Lofty's century have pushed him to 273 @ 91, Robbo's still there with 262 runs @ 131 and Hewey has an average of 44.2 whilst scoring 221 runs.

On the bowling front, young Matthew Packham is only 3 wickets ahead of his nearest rivals, with a total of 23 wickets at 10.87. Behind him on 20 wickets is Michael Ramsden (Av - 15.5) and Wrighty is on 18 (Av - 11.11).

On the League wickets - Wrighty is still on top with his 18 wickets, with Humey is on 16 @ 11.67, Kinger on 15 @ 22 and Kyle and Michael both on 13 at 15.3 and 14.31 respectively.

U14s vs Addiscombe...

Addiscombe 63 for 7 (20 overs)
 Cria 64 for 8 (19 overs)

Cria won by 2 wickets

The tension began as soon as the coin was tossed. Having lost the toss for the first time this season, Priory was put into field as Addiscombe's two strong openers took to the crease. They batted well together until Packham clean bowled one of them in the seventh over. A beautiful ball that span and completely sold the batsman. The wicket was taken after some excellent tight bowling from both the Oli's (Hartley and Lester) Hartley only taking eight runs off his four overs. Wickets started falling when Baker and Organ entered the bowling scene. Organ, however after shaky a start, managed eventually to force the batsman into hitting the ball straight into the hands of Gregson. Not content with just the one catch, Gregson took yet another catch in similar style to his earlier one. Baker bowled very economically, conceding only eight runs also off his four overs. A true spinning master class! As the innings came to a close with Smith bowling well, taking one wicket, on came Hartley and Lester to bowl their fourth and last of the innings. Hartley clean bowled one of their stronger batsmen as did Lester, leaving them both with excellent figures! Addiscombe ended up on a respectable score of sixty-three, a good performance on a wicket that seemed to have a mind of its own.

After a tea of mini-quiches and rice krispie cakes supplied by Granny Packs, Priory sent out Daldas and Nicholson to open the batting. Daldas was caught behind for a golden duck after the pitch bounced a little more than expected. Appleyard came in at three, knocking about singles with Nicholson nicely until a surprisingly bouncy ball came down forcing him

too attempt the pull shot and failing, ending up being caught. Nicholson was out exactly the same way a few balls later. As wickets were falling fast, the pressure was mounting. Priory were relying on Packham for a while to keep the runs ticking along. He did this nicely until he too was caught out. Haydon was next in who managed to hit two boundaries which meant Priory only needed six off the last three overs. Organ and Haydon managed to stick with it until the end (a few lucky escapes on the way!!) and win the game for Priory. A great game of cricket all round between the top two teams of the league and which may well have been the decider!

U12s vs Capel...

Capel 106 for 6 (20 overs)
 Cria 107 for 4 (18.5 overs)

Cria won by 6 wickets

In a thrilling encounter at Capel, the home side chose to bat first and, with opener Fergus Belfrage-Bordoli in commanding form with an unbeaten 25, and James Cottis adding 23 n.o., they posted a challenging total of 106 for 6 from their allotted 20 overs. All the Reigate bowlers contributed, with Danny Besley (1 for 10), Jack Haydon (2 for 15) and Sam Grayston (1 for 9) the most incisive, and Joe Harrington picking up two valuable wickets with good catches from Grayston and Winter. Jamie Hannigan, Dan Bowden and Shane Dayman each bowled economical spells and, with some sharp fielding from Doug Brown and colleagues, and a good game behind the stumps from Will Appleyard, the Capel total remained within reach.

Priory needed a good start to their reply, and they got just that with a superb partnership between openers Besley (29 retired) and Michael Stephen (25 ret'd) and, with Hannigan (9) taking the score on, Reigate had reached 78 before they lost their first wicket. A middle order wobble, courtesy of an inspired spell of bowling from Jerry Foster (2 for 9) saw two batsmen

dismissed without scoring, the run-rate slowed and Capel started to believe they could hold on. However, captain Oli Winter and Joe Harrington picked up the rate again with some positive running to take some quick singles and, with a flurry of boundaries Winter (21 n.o.) guided his side home with just 7 balls to spare.

