

SHIPTON CRICKET CLUB

Whilst realising the rain is more important than the cricket, it would be helpful if that great umpire in the sky would pay more attention to our fixture card with regard to timing - Saturdays have become a popular dropping day and we have good cause to be grateful for our recent expensive investment in ground drainage and wicket covers. With the season half over, we are beginning our, hopefully, traditional late surge in the league tables, weather permitting. At least superb conditions were enjoyed on the club's two tours in May / June. In Corfu, the Shipton Sunday XI were much fêted by a very strong Greek club to the extent of appearing on national TV - however, opening batsmen father and son Tony and James Collins were not mistaken for Gooch & Co. In Lancashire we also faced strong 'local' opposition; one team included eight Australians over here to improve their cricket, who hit 365 runs off 40 overs, which we just failed to get by a matter of 160! However at Mosely Ashfield we broke the ground record, scoring 340 for 6, and winning by 60 runs.

Enjoyable fund raising events on the ground have included a sports quiz, race night and a Karaoke together with appetising Barbecues, giving the evening air that special scent. Our thanks are due to Chris Panter, Gerry Senior and Robert Gorton for their efforts, and especially to the ladies of the club who support us (i.e. work) so well on these occasions. Our President Raymond Timms and his family gave us an excellent day when we entertained the Vice-Presidents to a sherry party on the 21st June, after an excellent game when the club scored 245 and the President's XI replied with 244 for 6 wkts.

County cricket returns to Shipton this month with Oxon under 25s playing the Cricket Club Conference, possibly a forerunner to full two-day Minor County cricket resuming at Shipton. However this would involve us in various expenses, the biggest of which being a new scoreboard - are there any sponsors out there who would like to be involved? I should be pleased to hear from you on 0993 703357.

Brian Gorton.

THE WYCHWOOD SINGERS

After another enjoyable year under their conductor Michael Broadway, the Singers look forward to the Autumn term which commences on Thursday September 17th. Practices are held in the Wychwood School every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. New members are very welcome - there is no audition, so why not come along one evening and enjoy the music.

Proceeds from concerts given to charity were as follows:-

July 1991.....	to Milton Church.....	£200
November 1991.....	to Shipton Church.....	£150
December 1991.....	to Milton Church.....	£220
June 1992.....	to Action Research	£640