

SHIPTON CRICKET CLUB

The Club is currently enjoying its best season since joining the Cherwell League in 1981 which contains top club sides from five counties. With half the fixtures played we are top of the table with six victories, one defeat and one rained off and hoping not to go off the boil in the second half.

Success has also been achieved in the Rothmans National Village K.O. competition when we won the area final in front of a large crowd under clear blue skies at Shipton on 27th June. Our next match is against the Hampshire winners and coach-loads of supporters are travelling down country for this game at Winchester on 11th July.** Given a successful result we are then only four games from the final at Lords - say it quick and keep all fingers crossed!

Successful results in the Oxfordshire and Witney Swifts knockout competitions together with all the usual 2nd eleven and friendly games are stretching our playing and administration resources for all the right reasons with our Secretaries, Groundsman, Bar Steward and Tea Ladies all showing their values to the full.

Despite the busy programme an enjoyable weeks tour was fitted in, thanks to skipper Jon Hartley, playing teams in Lancashire and Yorkshire with good results and everyone returning safely! Presidents Day was another sundrenched success and our thanks are due to Raymond and Joy Timms for providing us with a feast of runs and food. The ground has been exceptionally well used with teams from Tasmania and the Yorkshire Dales among the many extra mid-week visiting sides we have entertained. May the present superb weather and the sweet lingering scent of barbecues and success drift on - watch this space.

**Stop Press - Nearer O Lords to thee! We won by six wickets. We play the Gloucestershire winners on the 25th July, you may already know the result.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD EVERGREEN CLUB

We would like to thank all the people who gave items for our sale, and also to thank those who supported us on the day. In June Mr. H.Grant kindly stepped in with a slide show when our speaker was unavoidably absent, and once again we had a marvellous concert of mixed songs from the children of the Windrush Valley School. During August and September our programme is as follows:-

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| August 4 | Corn Dollies demonstration by Mrs. B.Willoughby,
and entertainment by "Stage Set" from Headington. |
| 18 | Outing to White Horse Hill and Newbury/Wantage area. |
| September 1 | Talk by P.C.Salmon - Policing in the Wychwoods. |
| 15 | Outing to Milletts Garden Centre. |
| 29 | Slides by Mr. & Mrs. M.Jackson. |

On August 4th the competition is for the best scented rose from your garden, whilst on September 1st it is for the heaviest potato, and on September 29th - your holiday snap.