

## Shipton-u-Wychwood Cricket Club.

The story is so far – Shipton won the Oxfordshire section of the National Village Knockout Competition then travelled to beat the Gloucestershire winners at Dumbleton.

This brought them their first home game, entertaining the Welsh champions YNYSTAWE from Swansea, who won the trophy last September at Lords. Greedy to bat, the Welsh boys tore into the Shipton opening pace attack scoring 70 in that first 10 overs. With a clever change of tactics Shipton took the pace off the ball with accurate slower bowling from Garner and Hemmings backed up by tremendous fielding, great catching and at three direct hit run outs – “Glamorgan don’t always field as well as that” muttered the away supporters.

They had come in buses and cars to swell a large, noisy but very sporty crowd complete with bells, air klaxons and well-trained Valley voices. Not to be out-done the the Shipton 3rd XI provided a band of horns and drums – a capacity crowd, sunshine and great occasion.

Back to the match – YNYSTAWE (pronounced In-is-two-ee) and meaning Island of the river Tawe) were dismissed for 198 in the last over. Shipton made the worst possible start losing a wicket third ball – another at 40, but Jason Constable hit hard for 65, Skipper Paul Hemming batted through for 62 not out and with only 3 wickets and 10 balls left, Paul Snell came in to finish the game in Shipton’s favour with three lusty blows to win with just one over remaining.

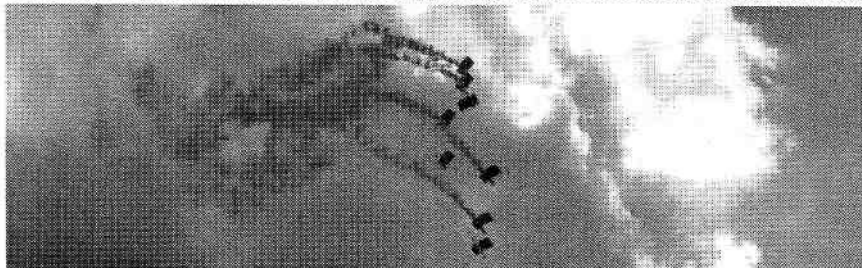
It was a memorable day with the ground packed – the bar, ice-cream stall and – thank you ladies, splendid Pimms tent, doing great business.

Many heroes, but these events don’t just happen on the field – a big thank-you to Chairman Geoff Miles and Secretary Mark Meredith.

And so now there are only eight teams remaining in the whole of the country out get to the semi-finals. We play the Cornish champions Werrington at Shipton on Sunday the 4th August – BE THERE EARLY!

PS For the couch potatoes who didn’t attend – Sky TV filmed and interviewed the ‘rustics’ for seven hours – Watch this ‘space’ (as in satellite?)

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The RAF Falcons forming up at Shipton Fete