

Match report

July 12th 2009

C & H Cricket Club v Westbourne.

Sunday's game versus Westbourne opened up interesting possibilities, introducing new faces.

With 8 enforced changes Chidham and Hambrook still managed to field eleven, showing the demand for a cricket ground in the parish!

The only thing holding back development of this new and flourishing club, being the lack of facilities e.g. a pitch-a ground called 'home', needed to continue its growth and involvement of local cricketers.

We must follow up any possible leads helping us ground ourselves in Chidham or Hambrook.

Today's game was played out at Westbourne on a drying wicket which turned out to be slow and needed extremely accurate bowling. Our bowling toiled in the afternoon sun, against good batting, and Clive, Dungar and Paul Andrews bowled their hearts out despite not playing for a few years. Matt Chesshire offered genuine pace and bowled with great accuracy. Wickets were evenly spread with Norman Stafford's wily medium pace offering him 2. Still Westbourne despatched the slightly short and leg side with aplomb, finishing with a total of 202-7.

It was obvious we had to score at pace with 6-7 less overs, in this strange form of cricket that ends up really offering a draw or less (local rules-Ed). What's wrong with 40 a piece I say! Still they bowled very tight and quick to begin with and soon had us chasing. Neil Phillips (18) and Peter Daley (24) kept hopes alive but with these losses and further good bowling, it was only a matter of time, close fielders, 3 slips pegging many back with occasional flourishes. 88 all out!

Slightly out played, but all the new faces played with heart, lets hope we can provide enough cricket for them and any future local cricketers.

Thanks to Swampy at Pinewood nursing home, we do have a net in the parish and run out at 5.30 most Sundays.