

Well here it is, our cricket week has finally arrived.

The marquee was first opened last Saturday for the comedy night which was running alongside the annual Daisy Brooks auction.

It's always a great night and to have so many people show their support for such a great charity is such a testament to our club.

A huge thanks must go to Chairman Louis Brooks and his wife Anna who organised the event. These two really do a lot for our club, most goes unnoticed but the club wouldn't be in the position it is without Louis and the support Anna gives him.

The first team won their game last Saturday against bottom of the table side Vauxhall Mallards.

The forecasted rain halted play for nearly three hours in North Norfolk.

Mallards managed 113-6 from 38 before the rain cut their innings short. Henry Shipley the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3-10.

In reply, Sudbury chased down the target in only 14.5 overs. Tom Huggins (54*) was back in the team and he took some inspiration from Essex's Cameron Delpont who blitz a hundred against Surrey in the T20 earlier last week as Huggins hit one of the biggest sixes off Mallard's best bowler.

Every game is a must win game now for the first team if they want to stay in with a chance of winning the EAPL for a third consecutive year.

They look to get another win when the host Burwell and Exning this Saturday.

The two's hosted top of the table Braintree on Saturday.

Braintree are always a tough team to play and are probably the best batting side in the league.

We Batted first and Dom Crame scored his first hundred for the club and I must say I don't think it will be his last. Dom really is a real asset to our team and is a class act with the bat.

Some late hitting from captain Dale Brett (44) and Stuart Whitehart (41*) helped us reached an impressive 279-6.

Braintree got off to a good start and we were never really able to claw it back.

Braintree chased down the total with two overs to spare. It was a real shame for us not to be able to defend such a big score but there were some good bowling performances especially from young Morgan Waldock as he stepped up as the frontline spinner and claimed three crucial wickets.

This week the twos travel to second in the league Frinton. Let's hope they can come back with some more points and get out of the relegation battle.

The three's were also away last weekend as they travelled away to Saxmundham.

It seemed to be the only thing the three's got right on Saturday was call at the toss as stand-in skipper Phil Halliday called right and opted to bat first.

We scored 168-6 off our 45 overs with Chris Miller top scoring with 44.

Miller is in some fine form this season. I hope he can continue it so the thirds don't get into a relegation battle.

It wasn't our day in the field as Saxmundham chased down the total in the 28th over and without losing a wicket. Captain Halliday decided to use the juniors to bowl the overs. I know I say it a lot but it is really good to see how many juniors we have playing senior cricket at our club as it really will help them as they get older.

On Sunday, the cricket week matches were officially started with the six-a-side tournament.

It was so good to see so many local clubs participating and supporting our cricket week.

The tournament is run with two mini leagues of fiver over matches and the winner of each league progressed straight into the final.

The final was between the Gents of Suffolk and the Sudbury U19's (my team). The Gents of Suffolk won the match off the last ball of the game, but it really was a good final. Some have said it was up there with the World Cup Final...

So congratulations to the Gents of Suffolk but also thank you to everyone who participated, there really was some great cricket on show.

The biggest thanks must go to Ted Clarkson who organised the day and Charlie Thomas and John Mallett who scored the whole day (and had to put up with Guy Robbins in the scorebox all day too).

Even if you haven't booked a ticket for Cricket week still please do come down as there is always great cricket on show (and the bar will be open.)