

Well that's that. Another cricket week been and gone, but what a week it was. The whole club would like to give their thanks to Chairman Louis Brooks and President Ted Clarkson who organised the whole event and made the occasion even better than last years.

On Monday, the Presidents XI played against the old Grammarians. The game ended in a draw but some good hitting from Sudbury's Usama Ashfaq as he hit 135.

Tuesday we welcomed our Chairman's work cricket team Symantec 'old boys'.

I think it is safe to say the toss was already decided at the end of last year's game that we would bat first and get a quick total and give Symantec a few overs to chase the total down.

I must admit that I did play for the opposition and Symantec won with eight overs to go. The game as always was played in high spirits and we can't wait to have the boys back next year.

On Wednesday James Poulson brought his Cambridge MCCU Alumni team which did include our very own Paddy Sadler and of course Poulson himself.

We managed to bowl them out for 127 which at first we thought was going to be a breeze to chase down.

But we did it the Sudbury way and made it hard work as we finally chased down the target with seven wickets down.

Ben Reece was the man of the match as he took 3-27 and finished 27* as he dragged us over the line.

The Olicanian Striders visited again on Thursday. It was good to see them come back down again this year as they missed last year's cricket week due to a wedding.

Kenny Moulton-Day topped scored for us with 89 and Ryan Vickery scored a quick 58.

It wasn't our day in the field as the visitors won in the final over. But, a few dropped chances on our behalf which could of changed the course of the innings.

It was such a good game and it really did entertain the crowd. Me being a second teamer I have never played with such a big crowd.

Friday, we welcomed Twinstead and Acton in a round robin 16 over tournament.

We were able to retain our title as we beat both teams but the highlight of the day had to be Acton's Jason Harvey taking six wickets in seven balls against Twinstead. It really was great to see.

I would also like to thank the ground staff for preparing all the wickets for cricket week.

On Saturday, every game was affected by the rain as both the twos and threes were called off without a ball being bowled.

But the first team hosted Burwell and Exning at Friars Street.

With the rain delaying the start of play we finally got underway at 3pm.

Burwell winning the toss and elected to bowl first in bowler friendly conditions.

Keelan Waldock (30) got us off to a good start and set up Ben Reece (30*) and James Poulson (21*) for some late hitting at the end of the innings.

Before rain stopped play completely Burwell and Exning were steaming on at 94-0 after 14 overs and did look like favourites to win. So the rain came at a good time for us.

Next week it's probably the biggest game of the season for the first team as it will either make or break their title hopes as they travel away to top of the league Frinton CC.

The second team also have their biggest game of the season this week as they host Great Dunmow CC at Friars Street. Dunmow are one of the two teams beneath us so a win is needed to keep our survival hopes alive.

Please do come down to show your support for the Talbots it really would be appreciated.

The threes travel away to Chappel and Walkes Colne this Saturday.

On Sunday, we suffered our first defeat in the North Essex Cricket League to mid table side Eight Ash Green.

Hats off to Eight Ash Green who did their best to get the game on but understandably the wicket was not at its best.

Morgan Waldock and Macca both took three wickets as Eight Ash Green posted a modest 178 all out.

In reply, we were all out for 101 with Macca also being the pick of the batsman as he topped scored with 27.

In the best way possible I think it done us good to lose one game as it will teach the juniors and seniors a good lesson that no game will be a push over and we need to give 100% in every game.