

The weather gods produced another fine weekend and the good weather was reciprocated with some great cricket as it was super Saturday with all four teams bringing home wins.

The first team carried on their winning ways with a convincing win over newly promoted Saffron Walden.

It was Henry Shipley's day as he took four wickets, a run out and topped scored with 47*. The win still leaves us in third leaving us 37 points behind second place Frinton.

Next week the ones welcome Horsford to Friars Street where they will look to close the gap on Frinton.

The twos hosted Elmstead on Saturday in a 'must win game' for them as Elmstead are the team above them in the league so the gap needed to be closed.

Elmstead were particularly lively and chirpy in the field as Sudbury slumped to 70-5. But a 110-run partnership between Dom Crame and yours truly. We were able to get to a defendable score of 212 from our 45 overs.

In reply, Stuart Whitehart was much more fortunate this week than previous as he claimed the wicket of the opening batsman with just his fourth ball.

After this wicket however, Elmstead built a healthy partnership and looked to be cruising for the win. But, Andrew Simmons, had other ideas as he claimed seven wickets.

The win was not only good for the team but also good for captain Dale Brett who has had a tough time of late with poor availability.

Next week the twos take on East Bergholt away where they will look to continue the winning ways.

The threes took on Tendering away on Saturday, I have heard the pitch was nothing like those that have been prepared for the world cup and was a bowler friendly wicket.

Sudbury with stand in captain Chris Cook as normal captain Toby Butcher was out injured won the toss and opted to bat first.

The threes also had a strengthened batting line up as we had so many people available this week. Pete Siegert batted well and scored 54 giving him hope of being recalled to the second team next week when again we have more people missing.

We managed to get 183-6 and what seemed to be a very respectable score on a below average wicket.

In reply, Charlie Thomas, sweated away constantly beating the bat for a solid 15 overs. However, Lucy Amos, with her first ball got the batsman to snick off and removed him with a catch from Phil Halliday.

It is safe to say Charlie Thomas can claim an assist on that wicket.

Sudbury kept chipping away at Tendering's batsmen and finally managed to bowl them out for 147.

Next week the threes travel away to Colchester Cavaliers where they will look to get another win.

The fours turned out for another friendly this Saturday as they travelled away to local side Twinstead.

Twinstead were all out for 154 with the Fairs family claiming the majority of the wickets, Will Fairs took four wickets whilst sister Bella took three.

In reply, we were not really bothered by Twinstead's bowling as we chased the total down with 14 overs to go.

New player Usama Ashfaq looked a class above as he retired on 50 whilst Matthew Griffith also chipped in with 34*

On Friday we had two games, the first was the ladies' game where they hosted league leaders Mistley.

This game was always going to be hard for our girls, but we fought hard. Amy Collins was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2-24. Amy had a tough time with the ball last week, so it was good to see her get her confidence back. It just shows how much Henry Shipley has been helping our ladies this year.

In reply, Liz Spencer was the only one to score runs with the bat with 18. We were all out for 50 falling 55 runs short.

The ladies host Eight Ash Green on Friday at Gosfield School.

Also, Friday we played in the opening game of the Suffolk cup against Kesgrave. Darren Batch, Kenny Moulton-Day and Ben Reece all retired on 50 as we posted 216 in 20 overs.

In reply, Kesgrave managed to 97 from their 20 overs.

On Sunday, the club hosted its annual Junior Kwik-Cricket tournament. As always it was a real success with over 100 youngsters showing off their talent.

Don't forget on Friday the club are holding the Cricket World Cup themed laser shoot challenge with cash prizes for the winning teams.

Another social event to point out to you all is the annual cheese and wine night hosted by our very own Pete Siegert on Friday June 21st.