

The rain claimed two games on Saturday but the first team won a thriller at Friars street.

But before I go on to talk about the cricket I start with some sad news. Former Sudbury player Arthur Nears has passed away aged 88.

Nears, was a true gentleman and known for his fast bowling and held a unique record in the history of the club. In what was possibly the finest ever individual bowling performance for Sudbury, he registered two-hat-tricks in a spell which demolished the highly-rated Braintree for 20 in 1952.

For anyone wanting to pay their respects to Arthur, his funeral will be held at Three Counties Crematorium on Thursday June 20 at 12:30pm.

The first team, made tough work of chasing the low score of 127 which was set by Horsford.

After the rain finally cleared the first team which was led by Darren Batch in place of normal captain Adam Mansfield who was away with other commitments bowled tight lines and fielded well with some great catches taken.

Ben Reece saw the ones home in the last over with 10 coming from it, the match was an EAPL classic and just proves that you don't need to have big scores to have good games.

Too many matches are called off too early nowadays and Saturday was a perfect example of how the spirit of "get the game on" should be applied.

We could have gone for the draw on Saturday but with the two teams at the top of the table Swardeston and Frinton on Sea CC drawing in their game the win saw us close the gap even more.

This weekend the first team take on top of the league Swardeston away, let's hope for a result in our favour so we can keep squeezing that gap.

The second team travelled away to East Bergholt where the only cricket they saw was the England Bangladesh World Cup game on the TV.

It was a little bit odd because the umpires called the game off as the rain was stopping and when it was starting clear.

If we had done what the first team had done and persisted we probably could have got a game in.

However, the second team hope for better weather on Saturday as they host promoted side Kesgrave.

If the twos want to be successful in division two then more players need to be available week in and week out so that we can perform against other stronger teams.

The third's game was also called off on Saturday against Colchester Cavaliers. There was a bit of confusion between the players if the game was actually on or off but once the captain finally took control of his team it was understood that the game was off.

On Friday the ladies game was cancelled due to the bad weather. However, also on Friday the club hosted the World Cup themed laser shoot contest which was a real hit, the bad weather didn't stop play and it was great to see many new faces down the club.

The winning group from the laser shoot out was a group from a local shooting club so the other groups didn't stand a chance.

Phil Halliday was the collector of the wooden spoon as he failed to hit a single clay pigeon from two attempts.

On Sunday, the first team hosted Chippenham for a friendly at Friars Street. Keelan Waldock won the toss and opted to bat on a used wicket.

Waldock (102) scored another hundred for the season and Andy Hollness (15) had to retire hurt but hopefully everything is okay and he'll be fully fit for next weekend.

We set Chippenham 263 to chase in 40 overs.

In reply, the wickets were all shared around; Morgan Waldock (3-29), Will Faires (2-29) and Alex Ray (1-5).

Chippenham were all out for 176. The game was played in good spirits as any friendly should be.

A few social events to remind you about that are happening at the club. Firstly, we have a cheese and wine night hosted by our very own Peter Siegert and his wife Sarah on June 21. Last year the night was a real hit and is one you will definitely not want to miss. The event is set to start at 7pm.

Also, we have Cricket Week again this year commencing July 20. This is always a great week with some great cricket on show, this year we are hosting the Cambridge MCCU Alumni team which apparently is going to be filled with some good cricketers.

If either of these events interest you then please email Louis Brooks on louis_brooks1787@yahoo.co.uk.

