

*Hammer Bottom Butsers CC vs. Gentlemen of Bedales CC
Sunday 21st June 2015
Lurgashall Village Green*

The Gentlemen of Bedales took on the Hammer Bottoms Butsers XI in the quintessentially English setting of Lurgashall last Sunday for their annual fixture. Over the years this has proved a very popular game partly due to the affable and evenly matched opposition and the close proximity of the Noah's Ark public house adjoining the ground.



The Gentlemen batted first and racked up an impressive 214 for 9 declared thanks in large part to a truly excellent century (114) by George Perry. The innings included 5 enormous sixes, one of which cleared the cottage at long off, and 14 fours. George was ably supported by Nic Savage who scored 27 quick runs and young Oscar Amis who contributed a stylish 14. Mike Truss opened the innings and chipped in with a lively 20.

After a sumptuous tea, the Gentlemen took to the field, and, notwithstanding some early resistance from the opposition's top order batsmen, cut through the batting order with regular wickets falling, thanks to Nic Savage who took 3 for 37 with fast accurate bowling and George Perry who followed up his century with a fine spell of bowling which earned him figures of 4 for 34 off 8 overs. The younger players then took over with Theo Truss claiming 2 for 42 with his well flighted and deceptive leg breaks and Oscar Amis bowling superbly accurate left-arm off spin at the end. Overall, this was the Gentlemen's best fielding performance of the season so far with all 11 players making a great effort. Max Chancellor pulled a hamstring while fielding in the deep and we wish him a full and speedy recovery. The Hammer Bottoms finished on 197 for 9 and the game ended in a well matched draw.

A final word on our ever-youthful wicket-keeper, Murray Chancellor, who performed sterling work behind the stumps, diving to left and right to keep the runs down. Being a wicket keeper is the hardest fielding position on the field and Murray deserves much praise for his effort and execution.

Next game – a T20 game v Churcher's College Staff XI on 25th June.