

## **Collingbourne 1sts vs Melksham Town 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August Collingbourne CC sponsored by the Blue Lion Inn played host to Melksham Town for their final Wiltshire League Division 2 game. After having the two previous games called off due to bad weather Collingbourne were desperate to play especially as they needed a win to guarantee survival in Division 2. Collingbourne won the toss and elected to field first on a damp, yet good looking track. Collingbourne were a little slow to get going but still kept things tight in the opening overs. Tom Pike finally made the breakthrough for Collingbourne in the 7<sup>th</sup> over and took 2 more wickets by the 12<sup>th</sup> leaving Melksham reeling at 19 for 3 from 12 overs. Melksham started to rebuild and amassed a score of 42 for 3 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> over with a partnership of 20 between Wiltshire (13) and Helps. The change of bowling did the trick for Collingbourne as Ian Kiy accounted for Wiltshire soon after drinks. Collingbourne continued to persevere with some aggressive swing bowling and good fielding including catches from Graham Chandler, Geoff Rogers and Paul Isherwood. Another partnership involving Helps and number 9 batsman Hemmings (17) again looked to scupper Collingbourne's plans of taking all 10 wickets. But thanks to an excellent piece of fielding by Pike and wicket keeper James Grant, Helps was run out for a hard fought 36. Scott took the last wicket in the 42<sup>nd</sup> over ending the Melksham innings on 96 with all four Collingbourne pace bowlers contributing. Ole Scott 1 - 23 runs from 11 overs, John Aitken 2 - 21 runs from 9 overs, Ian Kiy 2 - 34 runs from 10 overs and Tom Pike 3 - 14 runs from 12 overs.

In reply Collingbourne openers Chandler and Scott wasted no time in finishing the game and made sure no other batsmen got a look in. By the 10<sup>th</sup> over Collingbourne were 25. By the 20<sup>th</sup> they were 99. Graham Chandler 36 not out and Ole Scott an excellent 53 not out. Melksham used 6 different bowlers in an attempt to make something happen but Scott and Chandler were in top form. This means that the worse position Collingbourne 1sts can now occupy in Division 2 is 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10. A fitting end to the season.