

Shamley Green v Chadwick, Sunday 26 April 2009
Match Drawn: Shamely Green 298-5 dec. Chadwick 140-9

A warm and sunny day greeted the teams for the season's opening match.

Tom Kimmins and Jon Gumpel opened the batting - both scored excellent centuries. Tom hitting 12 x 4's and 4 x 6's in a chanceless 101, Jon 'retiring hurt' after scoring a more patient 107 consisting of 15 x 4's and 2 x 6's. Charlie Kimmins, batting at no.5, added a quick fire 43 not out enabling Shamely Green to declare at 4.45pm.

Shamley Green's four-pronged pace attack of Phil Newell (10-2-26-0), Charlie Kimmins (4-0-13-1), Tom Kimmins (7-0-24-1) and Josh Cummings (7-0-30-1) all bowled with pace and accuracy restricting Chadwick to 100-2 after 30 overs.

Chadwick's stubborn resistance was finally broken when their stylish left-hand opening batsman fell for 70 to a fine catch by Grant Silvester.

Seven wickets in eight overs took Shamley Green to the brink of victory, however Chadwick's last pair successfully survived the best attempts of Benson Beard (10-2-26-2) and Mark Tanous (4-1-8-4) to hold on for an exciting draw.

Men of the Match: Tom Kimmins and Jon Gumpel.

Shamley Green v Phene Philanderers, Sunday 3 May 2009
Win: Shamely Green 260-3 dec. Phene Philanders 127 all out.

A large contingent of family and friends from the village were rewarded with fine weather and finer cricket.

Batting first, Shamley Green was reduced to 50-3 before a double hundred run partnership between Tom Kimmins and Stuart Elliott restored the advantage. Tom followed on from where he left off last week - this week's century even better: a stylish 124 not out consisting of 18 x 4's and 4 x 6's. Stuart finished on 102 not out with 8 x 4's and 5 x 6's as Shamley Green posted their second successive 250+ score.

Injury prevented wily spinner Benson Beard from taking up residence at the Red Lion end yet Shamley Green could still call upon seven bowlers. The pick of the attack was Andy Dodds (10-2-33-2) and Stuart Elliott (4-2-16-3), with Josh Cummings, Tom Richardson, Tom Kimmins and Mark Tanous taking a wicket apiece. David Ward bowled with guile but without luck.

The Philanderers middle order must have had other things on their mind as wickets fell at regular intervals - a stunning one handed catch by Andy Dodds the pick of Shamley Green's fielding. A crafty slower ball by Tom Kimmins finally got the better of the last man with a little over three overs of the last 20 remaining.

Men of the Match: Tom Kimmins and Stuart Elliott.