

Sternians Cricket 2016

At last a day uninterrupted by rain! Indeed, the sun shone on us all as the returning Sternians once again defended the T20 trophy against the current school XI. Despite some testing school bowling (it was good to see new 4th form recruit, Sam Gilley, take a couple of wickets), George Breddy and Andrew House opened with a stand of 113 thus establishing a foundation for the Sternians to post an imposing 190. To score at over 7 an over was more than creditable for the college but their 142 eventually left them 48 adrift.

The previous captains on parade on Sunday were Hugo Hammond, Alex Hammond, John Hodgson, Robbie Heywood and Andrew House. Robbie had played at Lord's for Oxford in their win over Cambridge on the previous Friday. We were also delighted to welcome back Ben Read, George Breddy, George Emery, Toby Ward, Tim Salmon and George Sandford.

On the School House pitch, Dave Beven's Invitational XI won their opener against Binstead C C. A mixture of staff (teaching, grounds, estate, some from Ventnor C C, etc) chased down 120 with the headmaster, Adam Williams, looking particularly impressive. Without him and James Hine a weakened squad were never likely to worry the Sternians in a play-off. Much gratitude can be given to Hugo and his team for engineering a total worth chasing. Hugo himself along with Ben Read made sure of a comfortable victory here. The boys beat Binstead in the remaining game.

A big thanks as ever to Dave 'Bev' Beven for arranging the whole day (the whole season in fact!), to Gill Kelly for overseeing all the Sternian arrangements (as ever!), to Chris Jones and his team for lunch, tea, barbecue, etc. (as ever!), to Ali Cotton and his men for providing brilliant wickets (as ever!) and to Hugo Hammond for mustering the Old Boys together.