


## Cricket report 2018

We had an early start this year due to the kick-off time of the England v Panama game in the “Coupe du Monde” or, more appropriately, the “Кубок мира”

A beautiful day, we had lunch on the way  : well, in the Dance Studio actually (burgers, sausages, chicken and all things barbecue splendidly provided by the splendid Jones the Food and his team) while we gloried in the humiliation of Panama by Saint Harry and others who escaped from being wrestled to the ground.

This interlude provided a welcome break from the heat and punctuated a great day's cricket. Our thanks to Ed Walker and Gill Kelly for cobbling together an invitation XI to make a fourth team alongside the trio of our friends from Binstead C C, the Sternians and the current college 1<sup>st</sup> XI. большое спасибо to Hodgson J who, having selected the team of former pupils, was unavailable on the day courtesy of a broken limb. Thanks also to Ali Cotton and his team for two superbly prepared playing surfaces, the four gentlemen 'umpirical' who officiated over proceedings and to Gill Kelly for representing the Sternians committee after a poor excuse from Huffam was blathering about a wedding anniversary or something...!

The biggest thanks go to Dave Beven who played the main instrumental part in arranging the day, the school team, the wide-screen, the request for wickets and lunch and pretty much everything actually!

Winning the toss and batting, the LWC team were soon racking up the runs. Harry Trussler was again a major contributor to the 142 the school posted, only some canny bowling from Tom Grimes restricting them towards the end. With 4 overs to go in their reply, the Sternians looked dead and buried after Grimes and Breddy had clearly dug in for a 3-day game, we had seen the back of two Arundels, George Sandford inter alia and, without the big guns of Andrew House, Robbie Heywood or Hugo Hammond, the game was petering out. However, a recovery led by Jordan Gomez made things slightly more interesting but the smart money was still on a College victory. Cometh the hour, cometh Toby “The Nipper” Salmon who smote all bowlers to all parts, was graciously dropped on the long on boundary and led his side home in Buttler-esque fashion.

Will the College have a better opportunity to secure the trophy in the coming years, we wonder? Mr Hicks, in his last term, presented the shield, albeit through much-clenched teeth.

In the post-Panamanian contests, the College prevailed against Binsted and the Sternians left with another triumph under their belt with victory over the Invitation XI.

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