



THE FROSTER

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AN OPENING WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

“We have enjoyed a particularly special Jubilee season celebrating our 50th anniversary with the sponsorship of Hugo Boss supporting our Jubilee activities. In May we hosted a Jubilee Golf Day at The Berkshire GC which was very well supported by guests and Members alike. On Friday 8th July we held the first inter-club cricket match for over 20 years with the President’s XI v the Chairman’s XI, which was supported by many members and made special with the inclusion of professional cricketer Jason Gallian. Jack Frost XI toured the Croatian island of Vis in September, following in the footsteps of the Royal Navy, who first played cricket on the island 200 years earlier. The touring party of 23 played 4 games of cricket whilst on tour, against local side Vis C.C. and North Weald C.C., who were also touring the island at the time. It was a great tour with Jack Frost XI winning all our matches, on a pitch surrounded by vineyards, sampling the Croatian culture and tasting the powerful wines produced on the island. Our President and founder hosted a garden party to celebrate the Jubilee year on 24th September at his care home with some of the early members of Jack Frost XI. Please join me and thank Alastair Crowhurst, Tim Martin and Dominic Bryan plus other Members for their hard work in making the Jubilee year such a fantastic series of events that I’m sure will be remembered long into the future. Let’s now look forward to the Jack Frost XI Jubilee 'Black Tie' Dinner in the Long Room at Lords on Friday 18th November 2011.”



PRESIDENT'S JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

Our President and Founder HCA Gill celebrated the Jubilee year by hosting a Garden Party for members and friends of Jack Frost XI on Saturday 24th September at St Paul's Care Home in St Leonards-on-Sea. Tony was resplendent in his Jack Frost XI bow tie & blazer enjoying the company of ten Frosters, wives and his family friends.

The party was able to toast Tony with pink champagne whilst The Chairman spoke about the essence of Jack Frost XI. Tony, in true 'Frost' fashion, enjoyed the occasion, whiskey in hand.



The President enjoys a toast

In recognition of Tony, Jack Frost XI presented him with a framed print of a painting of the Presidents v Chairman's match that was played earlier in the season along with a framed collection of photos from the day.

Tony also received a Jack Frost XI Jubilee playing shirt and was seen wearing it later that afternoon. Chris Horner presented Nurse Linda with a bouquet of flowers and then cut the cake with Roger Hunt, who played for Jack Frost XI in the inaugural match in 1961.

Thanks must go to David Lipop, Chris Horner, Nurse Linda, Tony's ex-wife Linda as well as the staff of the care home for all their work in making the day such a special event. It was great to see Tony enjoy the occasion, reminiscing over the past fifty years of Jack Frost XI cricket.



The Chairman and Gnome 1, with some of the longest serving Jack Frost XI members.

**50th ANNIVERSARY MATCH
PRESIDENT'S XI'S V
CHAIRMAN'S XI**

**Abinger Cricket Club
Friday 8th July 2011**

As befits only the second inter-club match by Jack Frost XI, it was a day of excess before the President's XI finally emerged victorious in a match which was always closer than the final margin of 50 runs suggests.



The Chairman and Tim Martin, Captain of the President's XI, finally get to toss

Sure, there was the expected excess of rain that left huge puddles on the pitch three hours after play had been due to start, there was the excessive amounts of beer before lunch and there was the professional BBQ to cook the litter of pigs and herd of sheep butchered for the occasion.

But, where it matters, there was also an excess of achievements on the pitch. Admittedly, in true Frost style, there were heroic levels of

failure to leaven the wonders shown by others. If cricket is a team game played out in a series of duels between bowler and batsman, then for every 36 hit off an over (Ames Saleem) there had to be a bowler (alas, Peter 'Frog' Evelyn - your maiden the over before is scant consolation Froggy); for every maiden ton hit (congratulations Harvey Jackson) there was the father (Cosmo) toiling away as bowler trying to avoid being decapitated by his sons' straight sixes; and for every Champions League cup celebration for taking a skier (Chairman Nigel 'Fox' Fowler) there is the unlucky fielder catching one while fielding for the opposition (James 'Mawse' Mawson).

That is cricket, as in life. That the game was played at all is a miracle after heavy rain over the two preceding days, but kudos to the Abinger Hammer groundsman and Chairman (one and the same) for finding a way and moving the strip to the less underwater part of the square at this wonderful and picturesque ground.

In that spirit, after a liquid morning and early afternoon inside the club house, the President's XI – ably marshalled by Tim Martin – opened the batting with brothers Chris and

Julian Walker competing to see who could get to 50 first (Chris, 53, Julian 43).



A family affair

One of many sibling and inter-family battles during the match, their partnership of 90

in nine overs, in a match reduced to 30-over per side, set the platform for a large total. The middle order duly built on the platform, Mike Chase contributing 48 at better than a run-a-ball, before an astonishing 35-ball hundred from Ames Saleem, which was great to watch, (even better from the other side of the stream which marked the boundary, as it was easier to wait there to pick up the ball than to be on the field), before his retirement.

Despite Ames' heroics, steady Chairman's XI bowling kept the run-rate at around nine an over. Andy Klimcke had his brother Tim caught shortly after he had clipped him away for six, and whilst a few late-innings wickets massaged the bowlers' egos, with Ames' brother Harve finishing with four wickets, a total of 284-8 was a big ask for the Chairman's XI.

After the hurried turnaround, James Mawson (0) and Jon Hedges (10) provided a less sturdy platform for their skipper Chairman Fox. There was tight bowling by Philip Jones, picking up the two early wickets, before Harvey Jackson was joined at the crease by the

guest pro, Jason Gallian, both of whom made it look an easy game on a sticky wicket. Easily keeping up with the run-rate, Harvey barrelled along at twice the speed of the former England player, before his retirement after reaching his century.



Jason Gallian looking relaxed before facing the Frost bowlers

With the partnership broken, the President's men spied their opportunity and Ames, Tom Bell and Mike Chase slowed the rate down. The Chairman's XI was not helped by an unfortunate injury sustained 'in the deep' by David Mayo earlier in the day which resulted in his playing no further part in proceedings.



An accident waiting to happen

A steady drip of wickets ensued and once Gallian fell (stumped to Tim Martin) trying to keep up with the asking rate, there was little left in the locker. Harvey's eventual return after the ninth wicket had fallen was too late and the Fox was last-man out for his team, leaving them on 234 off 28.3 overs – on another day, a match-winning score, but not this day.

Still, as the flags were taken down and beers sipped in the warm, evening sun, the Chairman just seemed to be glad not to be in an Indian monsoon and we all probably felt that way, too.



'Time', gentlemen



The Jubilee Match held at Abinger CC

JUBILEE TOUR TO VIS ISLAND, CROATIA, SEPT 15 – 20 2011

A very early start saw 20 Frosters meet at Gatwick Airport and three others at Stansted to catch the 5am flight to Split, Croatia. However, an ark may have been more appropriate consider the touring party included a Fish, a Turkey, a Crow, a Fox and a Lamb. The rest of the squad could be described as neither fish nor fowl. Certain members had felt the best plan was to ‘push on through’ carrying the bat through the night and continued where they left off as soon as the in flight bar service commenced. This was to set the tone for the next five days.

The flight touched down in Split in good time where the squad were reunited with their Stansted counterparts and met with fantastic Adriatic weather, and by the transfer coach to take them to the ferry port.

There were a few hours to while away, some preferring to seek shade and cool beverages, whilst others explored the old town and enjoyed a fine local fish lunch.



Chasey approves of the local produce

On board the ferry a group of Englishmen wearing cricket touring shirts introduced themselves. North Weald CC were also on their way to Vis to play against the islanders and Jack Frost XI. Introductions were made and drinks exchanged with much eager anticipation for the forthcoming cricket contests.



Mayo keeps the travellers refreshed

The arrival into Vis port was truly spectacular. Vis lies some thirty miles off the Dalmatian

coast and for forty years following the WW2 it was a closed military base. Today the island's 4000 inhabitants try to strike a balance between their agricultural livelihoods and the pressures of tourism. The touring party tried to strike a balance between agricultural batting and the pressures of locally farmed wine.

Cricket was played on the island during the Napoleonic wars and the Vis team, led by the charismatic Oliver Roki, have tried to reignite interest on the island. Roki's cricketing claim to fame is he scored the first duck on Vis for 200 years, so we knew we were in good company. As a nod to the military past, the team's official name is Kriket Klub Sir William Hoste, their motto being "Remember Nelson".



Vis

The first evening saw all three teams being hosted by Toni Lipanovic in his wine making cave. The evening was convivial when the white wine was flowing, however, things turned more lively when the

red was opened, with some, including our Tour Manager aka TJH Martin, only realising by the time it was too late that the ABV was an eye-watering 15.6%.



Lamb and Crow over train in Toni's wine cave

With headaches guaranteed, the opening match was scheduled to start the following day.....

Vis Island CC v Jack Frost XI

Richie Benaud once described a cricket ground as "a flat piece of earth with some buildings around it", he has clearly not played cricket in Vis. As we arrived at the ground for the first game of the tour, no-one was quite sure what to expect and whilst the wicket was a perfectly rendered concrete strip covered in bright green matting, the outfield was a little on the uneven side and as for buildings around it, there were none. The changing facilities consisted of one walnut tree on the boundary, which also provided some shade for the 'crowd' and a convenient flag pole from which to fly the Frost standard.



The Pavilion at Vis CC

A 35 over per side match was agreed and with the temperature over 30 degrees for probably the first time for a Frost's fixture this year, Vis unsurprisingly opted to bat first on winning the toss. Being a weekday, a lot of the Vis team were working, so their side consisted of a mixture of the local side, plus a handful of Frosters and a few players from the other touring team visiting the island, North Weald CC.

Vis got off to a flying start bringing up 50 in the 6th over as our fielders got used to the idea that bouncing the ball in on the throw when fielding was a bad idea on the rough outfield – bobbling overthrows were a plenty early on! Julian Walker grabbed the breakthrough wicket though and Harve Saleem picked up two wickets in his opening over to put Frost in command at 57-3, but not out at the other end was Craig Wear, Vis Island's one Croatian international player. Whilst wickets continued to fall, Craig stood firm, frequently inviting the

Frost team to explore the adjacent vineyard to retrieve the ball as he cut and drove quite beautifully for 94. However, he reckoned without the wiles of Norman Gray, whose flighted deliveries bounced awkwardly on the hard surface and 214 for 6 soon became 230 all out as Gray tore through the lower order taking 4 for 31 in a 3.4 over spell.

Frost set off in pursuit of the total at a good pace with Julian Walker and Harve Saleem putting on 101 for the first wicket in 13 overs before Julian was lbw for 24, but Ian 'Lamb' Thomson took up the challenge getting off the mark with a six and rapidly progressing to 18. A brief flurry of three wickets including Harve for a well made 109, left Frost four down for 172, but Graham 'Turkey' Fowler and Chris Walker saw the visitors home without further alarm for a six wicket win.

Vis – 230 all out

Jack Frost XI – 234 for 4

In the evening some of the winning Frosters decided to dine at Villa Kaliopa, reputedly one of the best restaurants in Croatia, run by the effervescent Goran Pecarevic: "The menu is fish or meat. If you don't like it don't pay". Needless to say the meal was delicious and the Frosters were replenished with

energy for the Twenty20 Tournament the next day, Saturday.

Jack Frost XI v North Weald CC

Saturday on tour was T20 day with a triangular tournament organised to run throughout the day. The first concerns were that after the tour committee had cunningly negotiated to play the first and last game of the day, (thus avoiding playing 2 games in a row in the searing heat), were we going to get full attendance from the selected XI after the first night's wine tasting exploits?! To my astonishment we were, and the better news was that our opponents, North Weald had gone down the, "we're all young and can drink all night" route which was a good sign. Perhaps we had learnt this lesson from touring in Thailand 9 years earlier?!!

Having won the toss and deciding to field before the heat of the day kicked in, Frost set about trying to restrict our Essex rivals to a total we were comfortable in chasing.

Unfortunately, North Weald hadn't read that script and proceeded to employ the tactic of smashing the middle of the 3 balls they could see, to various parts of the Island!!

Various bowling changes to try and mix things up had little effect and Weald ploughed on

at 10+ an over for most of the innings. Worried? Just a tad! At the 10 over drinks break Weald were 107 for 0!! What to do? Ah, of course, the answer was glaringly obvious.....Stormin Norm!! Weald hadn't reckoned for this, 4 overs and 3 wickets of F & G later and Weald had been restricted to a very useful, but chase-able target of 185. Skip was a lot happier.....

The good news was that we did have plenty of batting and so it was Julian Walker and Tim Roberts who set about the run chase in fine fashion keeping up with the run rate and accelerating ahead of it until Julian fell for a rapid 54. Tim was joined at the wicket by his league team partner and roomy, Jonny Hedges and they kept the momentum going until Tim departed for 51. With the run rate required now firmly under control, Mike "No Need" Chase joined Jonny at the crease and they steered Frost to victory with nearly 3 overs to spare, Jonny finishing on 38no and Mike 27no.

So a fine victory for Frost with MOM awards to P Bard of North Weald finishing on 88no and to Norman Gray for his 3 wicket haul to restrict North Weald to a chase-able total.

North Weald 185 -3

Jack Frost XI 188 -2

The second game of the day was Vis v North Weald, with Vis coming out victors.

Vis Island CC v Jack Frost XI

The third game into the tour could have proved to be a banana skin fixture for Frost. With temperatures soaring above 30 degrees this was to be our second fixture of the day. This was further compounded by news that due to fading light the game would need to be reduced to 16 overs a side. What was worse though was in the previous fixture, between Vis and North Weald, we were treated to watching Craig Wear, who smashed 193 not out in that 20 over match! No, that is not a typo!

Small boundaries, a flat wicket and an outfield that was to all intense and purposes un-fieldable on, this was still a fine effort and there was trepidation in the ranks of the Frost XI of a repeat of this fine performance.

In true Frost spirit we offered to field first so that Vis could avoid 36 overs back to back in the field. As a result we were expecting a big chase in fading light. As the openers for Vis headed out to the middle there was no immediate sign of Craig coming into bat, he was stood at square leg with the umpires coat on, so Frost set about their work in economical style

with no bowler going for more than 18 runs in their 3 overs. A fine effort considering 10 an over was par on the Vis oval!



The Vis 'Oval'

The pressure soon told and wickets fell regularly with Lack, Karim, Billing, Crowhurst, Walker and Roberts all picking up a wicket a piece. However, despite wickets tumbling it was soon evident that Craig had no intention to bat in this game, instead letting his young team enjoy the experience of playing in the middle and coaching from the side lines. Whilst this dampened the game as a spectacle it proved a valuable insight into the development of cricket in Croatia and the work individuals like Craig do in developing the talent that there undoubtedly is in Vis.

Chasing only 85 spirits were high under the Frost half of the tree until the centurion from the previous day, Harve, chipped the third ball of the innings to midwicket for a duck. How the mighty fall! All credit must go to the Vis bowlers, their opener, Lenko

bowling 3/0/7/1 but without a large total on the board Hedges and G. Fowler, struggling badly with an inflamed ankle, were able to bide their time. Hedges retired on 50, gaining some redemption from his second ball duck the day before, leaving C. Walker and G. Fowler to see the team home in the 12th over.

Jack Frost XI skipper, Jonathan Hedges said, 'It was a pleasure to skipper my first game for Jack Frost XI and ensure we maintained a perfect record on tour heading into the last game. In 16 overs 6 people bowled and 4 batted so most of the team was given a game and everyone stood up with an important contribution. All credit to Vis for their fine efforts in the field, they made it a real challenge in chasing 85 and there is some real potential in their team for the future. Thanks must also go to Vis for their fine hospitality throughout the day and the tour as a whole.'

Vis Island CC 89 – 7

Jack Frost XI 90 -1

Tour Dinner

That evening saw the three teams congregate at Oliver Roki's restaurant to enjoy the official Tour Dinner. A fine meal was served along with copious amounts of Roki's

wine. It was a fantastic affair, befitting the great spirit between the three teams on and off the field. Our Chairman delivered a lengthy speech and his awards and nominations went well beyond the first bottle of scotch!



The three Chairmen, Nigel Fowler, Oliver Roki and El Presidente

Special thanks were given that need to be reiterated here:- Russell Jones of North Weald for his organisation; Craig Wear from Vis for his exceptional batting talents and work behind the scenes; El Presidente from North Weald CC; John Croysdill for his scoring duties and keeping the troops entertained with his anecdotes; the three Dutchman (Dave Salmon, Paul Piper, Jim Jeffries) for their unwavering support and sartorial elegance; Rob Dumancic for the work he does in promoting Croatian cricket, and finally, Oliver Roki (and of course Piko) for his heartfelt hospitality throughout the trip.



The Support cast

Norman Gray was bowler of the series for his 12 wickets and Harve Saleem batsmen for his two aggressive centuries (and one duck!).

Rest Day

Sore heads welcomed most Frosters on the tour rest day, (Sunday), and the odd alarm call was missed for pre-organised trips. Some Frosters enjoyed a boat tour of the island, whilst others took the time to explore the history and interior of the island.



Frosters all at sea on the rest day

For others, it was the opportunity to recharge the batteries on the beach or explore the interiors of the local bars.



Dorothy grabs the opportunity to unwind...again.

Jack Frost XI v North Weald CC

The final game of the tour saw a change in the weather, along with a change in the opposition's determination! They were out to win and you could feel the competitive edge in the air.

It fell to Mike Chase, captain of the day, along with the tour selectors to work out how to keep 17 players happy with only 11 places available. Sadly, some had to miss out.

Mike won the toss and elected to bat in this 40 over contest. The batting order was somewhat reversed to ensure that everyone on the tour had at least one innings.

David "Dot" Dandridge was set to open, but with the umpires, opposition and one Jack Frost XI batsman out in the middle Dot still had his pantyhose round his ankles and was clearly not going to make the starting gun. Already padded up Paul Lack was first to put his hand up so out he went, along

with David Mayo, to start the innings.

North Weald did well restricting Frost to 180 for 6 off 28 overs, which included a solid 50 from Lack, a quick fire 40 to bring us back into contention from Neil Billing and a nice 6 hitting cameo from “Ten Pin” Crowhurst. However, with the demise of these in came Harve at number 8 and the captain at 9. The next 30 minutes can only be described as complete carnage. North Weald went from being very chirpy to heads down as they realized the game was slipping rapidly away from them. In 12 overs Frost put on nearly 200 runs for the loss of no wickets – with 124 runs coming off the last 6 overs. Saleem ending up on 114 no and Chase on 69 no.

So in came North Weald with the chips down, and Chase opened with the unlikely pairing of Walker J and Norman Gray. No luck for Walker, but Gray ripped through the top order as expected leaving North Weald in tatters. However a great rally from Monks at No 4 who put on 92 gave some mid innings hope for South Weald and some jitters for Frost. This was swiftly put to an end by a quick near-hat trick from “Ten Pin” Crowhurst followed by Gray

who finished off the tail and saw an end to their resistance. Gray ended up with 5 wickets in the match and 12 on tour whilst Frost ended undefeated in their 4 games, finishing worthy victors in the final match by 102 runs.

Jack Frost XI 386 – 7

North Weald 284 all out



Awards and ‘thank yous’ after the final match

Final Note

I’d like to thank all the tourists for making this a wonderful and enjoyable trip. We have made many new friends and hope to return in due course. Cricket is in its infancy on Vis, but thanks to the efforts of the locals it shows exciting promise. For more information on Vis and its cricketing history, I’d recommend reading “The Ascent of Mount Hum”, by Stephen Haslemere, published by Signal Books.

The return journey was a very wet one with the weather having turned to torrential

downpours on the last day. Wet and tired, but very content, we arrived back in London, said our goodbyes with a promise to reunite at Lords and reminisce on a fantastic trip.

Tim Martin.



Happy days



On Tour



RESULTS FOR 2011

With the playing season now over we are pleased to announce the results of the 2011 season. Including tour matches and the Jubilee match, there were 27 fixtures in the calendar, and the XI was unbeaten until late June. The

two new fixtures against Hartley Wintney CC and Odiham and Greywell CC proved successful with the XI winning the former and losing the latter – both comfortably!

It must be noted that there are still incidences of players committing to matches then

crying off last minute. The objective of the XI is to field a full team at each fixture, so the Committee requests that you contact the relevant Match Managers well in advance of those fixtures you wish to be selected for, and stick to your agreed participation.

PLAYED	27
WON	12
LOST	6
DRAW	4
CANCELLED	4
JUBILEE	PRESIDENT'S XI

Match reports, scores and individual performances can be found on www.jackfrostdi.org

NEW MEMBERS FOR 2011

The XI is delighted to welcome eight new members to the club this season and the Committee wishes them many happy years of Frosting.

Mark Lane – classy opening batsmen and useful seam bowler

Danny Buckland – agile, energetic ‘gloveman’ and solid lower order bat

John Allen - flamboyant fast bowler and swashbuckling tail ender

Pete “Shaggy” Daw – hard hitting south paw opening bat and part time ‘keeper.

Sumeet Manchanda – canny slow /medium bowler and calamitous batsmen

Paul Piper- social Member and professional tourist

Gareth Harrison - social/golf Member who qualified at the Weehales Golf Match

Richard Winter- retired express pace bowler joins the XI as a social/golf Member

CLOTHING ORDERS

Dominic Bryan will be placing orders for new clothing stock in the close season and so if there are any specific items that you require from our range which are advertised on the website www.jackfrostdi.org and in the fixture card, then please email at dominicbryan@thinkpositive.co.uk with your requirements and sizes. Also, if there are any clothing items that we DON'T currently stock that you think we should as you would buy it if it was available please let Dom know as if there is enough interest we can look at sourcing these also. If you have place an order and are awaiting delivery could you ALSO email Dominic with the details so that he can ensure that you receive them before the season starts.

Finally, the club will be ordering some new club blazers as we have several members wishing to purchase these fine items that you may have seen Dominic, Alastair, David Lipop and Chris Horner wearing at the President’s V Chairman’s match or at the Gnomes Dinners etc. The guide

price for these very high quality blazers is approx. £250. The exact cost for the new weave is to be confirmed but if you wish to purchase one please send Dom a cheque or pay online a deposit of £150 with your required chest size and arm length to secure your order by 1st December as these will be ordered before Christmas.

AND FINALLY....to LORDS!

I am delighted to report that with only 5/6 weeks to go before this event, the finale to our Jubilee year, most of you have replied confirming your intention to attend, with many Members booking a place for themselves and their partner/guests.

For those of you who have already confirmed your place a formal invitation will come out either by post or email in the next couple of weeks, outlining timings for the evening.

If it is helpful to know now, we envisage a start time of around 5.45pm/6pm depending on whether you intend to take advantage of the complimentary guided tour of Lords and free bar prior to dinner. We expect ‘carriages’ to be at 11/11.30pm.

We currently have over 100 attendees all ‘paid up’ with an expected ideal maximum of 125 +/-people, so if you are keen to attend but have not confirmed your intention to do so, **this is your last chance!**

A taster of some of the arrangements already in place for our Black Tie evening are as follows:-

A complimentary formal guided tour of Lords for early arrivals

*Our guest speaker will be CMJ - **Christopher Martin-Jenkins MBE and President of MCC.***

Our dinner will be in the Long Room at Lords NW8 (pictured)

'Steel band' live music to welcome us

A reception in the Long Room bar with unlimited house wine, beer and soft drinks

Three Course Dinner

Half a Bottle of house wine and half a bottle of mineral water pp

So **YOU CAN STILL COME** if you respond **now** and make arrangements to pay the full balance of £145pp **immediately** 'on line' - or send a cheque as below.

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Jack Frost XI: Natwest Bank
Sort Code: 52-41-12
Account No: 60647922

For bank transfers, please use your name and the word 'Lords' as your reference, so we know who has sent what.

Cheques should be made payable to:

'Jack Frost XI' and sent to:

Mr A Crowhurst
Woodland Villa, Cricket Green Lane, Hartley Wintney, Hook, Hampshire RG27 8PH

Please email or write to Alastair by 31/10/11 to confirm you have taken the appropriate action re payment.

alastair@crowhurstandco.co.uk

Date for the diary:-

The AGM will be held at approximately 5.30pm on March 23rd 2012, prior to the Annual Dinner, at the RAF Club in Piccadilly, London W1.



It remains for The Committee to wish all Jack Frost XI Members all the best for the winter. We look forward to seeing most of you at Lords on Friday November 18th 2011.

Jack Frost XI Jubilee Year Events - in association with Hugo Boss

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