

Fixture Secretary Report 2023

This season we completed 32 games - seven less than last summer. A total of 11 matches were cancelled (mainly due to the weather) and two were abandoned (who could forget dodging the lightning as we sprinted to our cars over at Moreton).

The number of fixtures that we set out to play seems to be about right at present, and a similar amount of games will be on the calendar for next summer. A combination of bad weather and having a strong membership, who were available on a consistent basis, meant that we were all rested at times this summer. However, I do not believe it would be wise to increase our fixtures.

I have recently handed over the role of the Friendly Cup secretary, having recruited Appleton to replace Aldworth next year. Our fixtures see us play Appleton away on May the 19th, BCSCC at home on June the 9th and Aston Tirrold away on the 14th of July (on the same day as Jude Bellingham scores the winner in the Euros final). We will then be winning the final of the Friendly Cup in a home match on September the 1st.

Despite the poor weather, our tour to Weston-Super-Mare can be deemed a success. We took a healthy number of tourists and adapted well to the adverse weather conditions. We were most grateful to our hosts on the Sunday, who provided the best tea of the summer and did everything they could to ensure that a game took place, enabling us to all revel in Easty's reverse sweep/slog/tickle for one run.

Fixtures for next summer are coming together nicely. We are hoping to play 16 times at Queen's (this is currently being discussed with Danny), whilst approximately five other matches (mainly Sundays) will need to be hosted by SSJ (or maybe Freeland).

Next summer's tour is currently being looked at by Alex. I have left a gap in the calendar on July 27th and 28th.

The season is due to begin on Sunday the 21st of April at Islip.