

## **Pavenham & Felmersham Cricket Club – January/February 2010**

Hurrah!! The six month season which is Christmas has been and gone.

Credit Card companies are happy, retailers are pleased, the divorce rate is up and Tesco can at long last bring out their warehoused Easter eggs and give our next major religious festival all the deep consideration it truly deserves.

And in the little corner of North Beds where the cricket club is an all year activity we move effortlessly from Halloween to Valentine's Day (via the January Race Night) never letting Christmas become the googly of our relentless efforts to build the collection of **supreme athletes** that are Pavenham & Felmersham CC.

New Year's resolutions are there to be kept at PFCC – not for us the broken wickets of shattered promises. **Our boys know how to set expectations - and keep to them!** So I thought I'd share some with you. Keep them by your bedsides to revisit throughout the summer to see how we're doing.

1. We will do better in 2010 than in 2009 (Degree Of Difficulty = Easy. We can't do much worse)
2. Competition for the annual Duck Award will be intense (DOD = Obvious – it always is)
3. The February 14<sup>th</sup> Brunch will be a rip roaring success (DOD = Guaranteed)
4. The squad will work harder on their fitness than in 2009 (DOD = Easy. Last year The Cock was shut between March and June so there was nowhere to walk to)
5. The players' diet will improve (DOD = No Problem. The Tea Ladies have promised to supply an optional lettuce leaf with every pork pie/scotch egg)
6. We will bring the average age of the squad down **by at least 10 years** (DOD = Tough. Until Brian Howkins stops playing this will always be close to impossible)
7. We will maintain a strict 'Elf & Safety mentality and will maintain a 100% clean record – even in these days of snoopers round every corner (DOD = Simple. When they see the way our batters and bowlers play they'll realise we will never threaten anyone's health)
8. Our beloved Club Captain, Ian Outram, has promised to lead more from the front, especially at tea time (DOD = Medium. There are doubts about his day long stamina - especially in the pub when a round is due)
9. We will always have a laugh, welcome all new players, families, spectators and anyone else who enjoys real relaxation and a great social mix whatever the weather or event. (DOD = Absolute Doodle).

Here's to the approaching season and we look forward to seeing many of you at the home matches.

**Brunch tickets (Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>) may still be available from Neil on 01234 825868 or Mike on 01234 823388.**

Anyone wanting to join in **winter nets** please contact **Ian on 01234 822899**

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