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price of Letraset!

The bulletin that makes your brain go fuzzy and your hair go curly -
SARAH SHARMA

MAY RESULTS

- FIXTURE No. 2 New Southgate Social v. Arkley at Brunswick Park on 7th May
Match Cancelled - Pitch Waterlogged.
- FIXTURE No. 3 Arkley v. Agricola at Barnet Playing Fields on 8th May
Match Cancelled - Pitch Waterlogged.
- FIXTURE No. 4 Manor Drive v. Arkley at Oakhill Park on 14th May
Match Cancelled - Pitch Waterlogged.
- FIXTURE No. 5 MATCH No. 2 played at Brunswick Park on 21st May
NORTHMET 166 (E.Johnson 49, P.Whiting 44, D.Bullimore 22, K.King 18n.o.,
N.Gilbert 10, P.TOWNSEND 5-39, P.Sharma 3-54)
ARKLEY 118-9 (P.Sharma 48, J.Griffiths 22, N.Gibbons 13, C.Townsend 11,
P.Brown 11, E.Johnson 4-11, D.Penny 2-19) MATCH DRAWN
- FIXTURE No. 6 MATCH No. 3 played at West Hendon P.F. on 22nd May
ROVING REPORTERS 108 (R.Jones 54, R.Hunt 11, R.Bennett 10, R.INGRAM 6-25)
ARKLEY 110-5 (B.Andrews 29n.o., D.Hughes 21n.o., P.Sharma 18, C.Townsend 11,
M.Symonds 2-9, J.Blackburn 2-17)
- FIXTURE No. 7 MATCH No. 4 played at Wrotham Park on 28th May
ARKLEY 174-8dec (C.TOWNSEND 92n.o., P.Sharma 22, P.Brown 14, J.Griffiths 11,
P.Halsey 3-26, R.Tyler 2-34)
BENTLEY HEATH II 57 (P.Halsey 14, P.TOWNSEND 6-12, P.Sharma 3-15)
- FIXTURE No. 8 MATCH No. 5 played at Upshire Hall on 29th May
ARKLEY 150-6dec (P.Brown 45, B.Andrews 42, P.Sharma 12, J.Griffiths 10,
J.Rymer 3-46, F.Ladbury 2-37)
WALTHAM ABBEY R.B.L. 96-6 (J.Rymer 38, M.Sanger 25, R.INGRAM 5-38)
MATCH DRAWN
- PLAYING RECORD TO END OF MONTH; P 5, W 2, D 2, L 0, Ab 1, Can 3, % 70.00.
- TOP OF BATTING AVERAGES TO END OF MAY; B.Andrews 107 runs @ 35.67
- TOP OF BOWLING AVERAGES TO END OF MAY; P.Townsend 13 wkts. @ 6.15
- TOP OF CATCHES TO END OF MAY; C.Townsend (W/K) 6, N.Gibbons 5

'MERIT TABLE' TO END OF MAY;

	P	W	D	L	Ab.	Can.	%
Northmet	2	1	1	0	0	0	75.00
Arkley	3	1	1	0	1	1	66.67
Roving Reporters	3	0	0	2	1	0	16.67
Manor Drive	0	-	-	-	-	1	-

Sharma bowled his 1000th recorded over v. Northmet. Brian Andrews took his 70th catch v. Roving Reporters. Peter Brown took his 75th wicket v. Roving Reporters. Bob Ingram played his 150th game v. Bentley Heath II. Peter Amass scored his 200th run v. Waltham Abbey R.B.L. Brian Andrews scored his 1500th run v. Waltham Abbey R.B.L. C.Townsend took his 70th catch v. Waltham Abbey R.B.L. Useless Information Department.

MAY REVIEW

With three cancellations at the beginning of the month spare a thought if you will for team secretary John Griffiths. He spent Monday and Tuesday each week phoning everybody telling them they were playing and then when the cancellations came through phoning everybody again telling them they weren't! Unfortunately the away game with New Southgate Social was not cancelled until everybody had arrived at the (waterlogged) ground, but perhaps it wasn't so unfortunate when Peter Brown realised as we were leaving that he had left the club kit bag at home! He had been on tour in Cornwall with Barclays Bank (including Peter Amass) the previous week so he had a valid excuse. Most of the Arkley players then went on to Oakhill Park to see Roving Reporters beat North Finchley in a low scoring game. The following day the match against Agricola was called off before anybody travelled as Peter Brown paid a mid morning visit to Barnet Playing Fields to discover that flippers would be the most suitable footwear if we were to play - we didn't! The 'clan McAndrews' who were to have done the teas for that match were eating stale bread a week later! The following week the match v. Manor Drive at Oakhill Park was also called off (on the Friday) and so the worlds' first aquatic cricket match was cancelled once again. The only reason Sundays' game was not cancelled was that we didn't have one! I think that's a record Sharma, I've just written 20 lines about games we didn't play!

Playing again! on 21st May Derek Penny won the toss for Northmet and elected to bat but 3 balls later he himself was on the way back to the pavilion, bowled Ingram for 0. Ernie Johnson & Paul Whiting then put on 95 for the 2nd wicket during which time Norman Gibbons tore his new flannels climbing over the fence to retrieve a 6 which nearly hit 2 passing cars. Northmet went on to make 162 with Paul Townsend taking career best figures of 5-39. Peter Brown took a wicket with his first ball of the season and then took himself off after 1 over, playing for his average already? Norman Gibbons took 2 more catches to take his total to 5 in 2 games and 'Nosedive' Ned Spiegel also took 2 catches. In reply Arkley were always behind the clock and having reached 93-3 with 25 minutes left slumped and had to hang on at 118-9 with No. 11 Paul Townsend, 'Mr. Cool', having to play out the last two balls for the draw. Sharma was unfortunately 2 short of his 50 when falling LBW, John Griffiths hit his first 6 of the season in his 22 & Norman Gibbons 3 fours in his 13 (taking him over 300 Arkley runs) including an all run four with Arthur Johnson! Four ducks in the innings, including 'goldens' by Brian Andrews and Colin Johnson (top of batting averages last year!) helped club funds & Ned Spiegel paid an annual sub too! Thanks to Joan Johnson who did the teas with help from Nanny Johnson and Kim 'Karen Jacqueline' Hughes whilst Karen Johnson was at home watching the Cup Final. Bill Radwell and Colin Brown both took turns at umpiring when they arrived and after the game it was off to the 'Cavalier' where Sharma, after going home, arrived at 10.30pm.

The following day we played Roving Reporters in an extra game arranged when Barnet M.O. pulled out of their home game with R.R's due to lack of numbers but offered their pitch to R.R's if they could find some opposition. Probably anticipating another victory R.R's asked Arkley if they wanted an extra game. Peter Brown lost the toss for the third time in three and Arkley had to field first again. R.R's were restricted to 2 runs in 15 minutes when Keith 'Muppett' Pike played on to Bob 'Sweetums' Ingram. With Roger Jones dominant R.R's moved on to 81-3 before Jones having reached 54 was first hit in the 'painfuls' and two balls later walked for a catch at the wicket! Roving Reporters then capitulated (they can't touch you for it!) to 108 all out with Bob Ingram taking 6-25 and Peter Brown taking a wicket in his first over again but this time staying on for a further 2 overs! All the Arkley bowlers bowled well with Paul Townsend, Colin Brown and Sharma also taking a wicket with Colin Johnson conceding just 10 runs from his 6 overs (a 6 and a 4!). A sharp one handed slip catch by Sharma too. In reply Arkley lost Clive Townsend at 22 and Peter Brown for 0 at 25. Peter paid his annual sub. immediately after this game, to keep his place? Against accurate bowling the Arkley score slowly progressed to 60 when Sharma was bowled by Dick Bennett. Two wickets fell with the score at 70

MAY REVIEW (Cont'd)

with the unbelievable Mart Symonds taking wickets with his first and second deliveries. This brought David 'Henry' Hughes, on loan to Arkley from R.R's, to the wicket and in 30 minutes he and Brian Andrews added 40 runs to take Arkley to victory by 5 wickets with 2 overs remaining. David Hughes hitting a 6 and a 4 off the seventeenth over of the last hour to secure this victory, our first over R.R's since 23rd June 1974 and only our third victory against them. David Hughes' match winning innings of 21n.o. also redressing the balance for Bob Ingram's 9-9 when on loan to Roving Reporters against Arkley in 1973. With 2 not outs in 3 innings Brian Andrews' average stood at 63.00 after this game although during his innings the ball after brushing pads hit the stumps without dislodging the bails. Back to the 'Prince of Wales', East Barnet for a sherbert after such a warm afternoon at West Hendon Playing Fields, despite a 'Force 10' gale blowing off the Welsh Harp. Bob Ingram spilled most of his Guinness over the scorebook however! Peter Amass was away at a wedding in Salop this weekend - He was not missed!

Peter Brown lost the toss for a fourth time the following Saturday against Bentley Heath II at Wrotham Park - site of a proposed pop concert in July and mentioned in the Daily Telegraph the previous week. However Bentley Heath elected to field despite it being another warm afternoon. By 50/c Arkley had made 174-8dec with Clive Townsend scoring a magnificent 92n.o.. On a wicket of slightly unpredictable bounce Clive's painstaking 50 came up in 123 minutes equalling the longest recorded Arkley 50 by Sharma v. Manor Drive at Kenton in 1975. But then in the remaining 20 minutes Clive added a further 42 runs just missing out on a ton as we declared at tea. So ferocious was Clive's hitting (10 fours) that the match ball had to be changed. Sharma made 22, Peter Brown 14, Brian Andrews 2 and John Griffiths 11 before being out LBW for only the third time in his Arkley career (151 innings). Peter Amass playing his first Arkley innings of the season was out first ball and Colin Johnson opened his seasons account with 1. The later batsmen, Arthur Johnson, Paul Townsend & Bob Ingram all kept Clive Townsend company while 23, 31 & 28* were added in rapid time for the last 3 wickets. Sid 'Fingers' Pendleton the Bentley Heath umpire gave 2 out of 4 LBW appeals and a stumping (me!). In reply Bentley Heath II reached 30-1 (Colin Johnson took that wicket!) when Paul Townsend came on and after his first over they were 30-4 (.W.WW.) with a fine one handed leg side catch and smart stumping by Clive Townsend and a catch by 'Art' Johnson. At 43 Sharma had P.Halsey brilliantly/luckily* (*delete as necessary) caught in the deep by Colin Johnson (he took another brilliant/lucky catch here last year) and Paul Townsend made it 43-6 by bowling P.Poole. At 46 Paul struck again, Peter Brown taking the catch, and at 53 when John Griffiths took a fine one handed catch on the run (it's catching!). Sharma made it 53-9 by hitting timber and after 4 runs from R.Tyler Sharma bowled him too for Bentley Heath II to be all out for 57. Paul Townsend for the second week running took career best figures, this time 6-12 and Sharma finished with 3-15. This was our 7th win in 10 recorded games with Bentley Heath II. Bentley Heath's new ploy of making us walk over a ploughed field to get to the pitch to tire us out thus did not work! However the double journey over the aforementioned field was well worth it as the Bentley Heath tea is still one of the best on the circuit. Off to the Alexandria in Wood Street for drinks and we monopolised the seats in the garden after confusing the bar maid with an order for 8 assorted packets of crisps. The stentorian publican then saw fit to tell us why his taps weren't working properly but assured us they would be all right tomorrow - I doubt we'll go there again until next year!

At Upshire Hall the next day Peter Brown won the toss (Hoorah!) and elected to bat although Waltham Abbey R.B.L. would have put us in had they won the toss to see how the wicket played as this was the first game on the ground since last July due to last years drought and this years early rain. At 20-2 another low score on this infamous ground could be envisaged but then a stand of 74 in 49 minutes by Peter Brown and Brian Andrews dispelled any such thoughts. With the departure of the latter

Peter Brown continued to dominate until he was sixth out for 45 at 142 and Arkley declared at tea with 150-6. Peter Brown had promised to take girlfriend Brenda Burton, who was spectating, out for a meal if he made 50 so getting out for 45 was quite timely! In reply Waltham Abbey R.B.L. lost A.Cornwall to the first ball of the innings, caught by Peter Brown in the covers off Bob Ingram. 51 were then added for the second wicket and soon after the fall of the second wicket the last 20 overs began. The Waltham Abbey R.B.L. run rate did not improve at all however and at the close they had made just 96-6 with Bob Ingram taking 5-38 and Paul Townsend again taking a wicket with his first ball. Clive Townsend took his 70th Arkley catch and there was also a good catch round the corner for Colin Brown. Peter Amass won 20 cigarettes in the customary raffle (with customary prizes) but he doesn't smoke anymore, however if anybody knows of a way to smoke whilst actually batting let Waltham Abbey R.B.L. know as I'm sure they'd be interested as they smoked in the 2 minute drinks interval and when a 6 was being retrieved. Arkley's unbeaten run was thus stretched to 6 games as we go into June.

In the press

Score in brief

Reports: 54; R. Arkley. - 118; Andrews 20; n.o.; M. Blackburn. - 163; P. Whittington 22; P. Sharpe 2; P. Sharpe 118; J. Grimshaw 4 for 19.

BOOTH SHIN

Clive Townsend dominated with 117. Bentley hit an unbeaten 174 for 8. Paul Heath 6 for 1 to 57. -174 for 8. Head 82. P. Halpern 2 for 2. -57. P. Halpern 12, P. Halpern 15; R. Ingram 5

BOWLING

Head, E. Orange. Broad, II. Hea, St. Hea, Hen. Arkley. Broad. J. Keble. MH II. Hea, VII. II. Hea, Barnet. Hea, VIII. II. Hea, O. Brood. Hea, E. Hea, St. Hea, MH. Hea, E. Hea, Arkley. Flach....

Hendon Times

Barnet Press

PLAYERS

Evening News

revolutionary... Jumbo-shaped... the drive... along the blade... too, has... the hat... heavier than... has been... distributed... is perfect... as easy... blade.

Batsman in the big test

AGE crick... won the... Appeal... playing... sizes... court... against a... matches... steps... the... of the... Lint... arnapfield... ax... garden... Miller... da claimed... shattered... roof... nning, Ma... menting... had been... round for... planning... not hav... he built...

Nuisance Value

A historic judgment in the Appeal Court last week was greeted with a delight which may yet need to be qualified. The case, previously reported on by Inside Track, concerned the Lintz Cricket Club of County Durham, whose six hits had caused a nuisance to seek and been an obstruction which effectively stopped cricket being played. Under the law, the club was bound to stop for the legal words of Nuisance.

The club, backed by the National Cricket Association and the Cricket Council, appealed against the decision of the Appeal Court. In granting the appeal (with one of the three Lords dissenting) seemed to suggest that the public interest in preserving playing fields and sending our youth to enjoy outdoor games outweighs the private interest of preserving hedge and garden from intrusion. But one of the three dissenting seemed to be with the cricket ground had been there first for 70 years, had cost "money, labour and time" in the process, and the houses were recently built - on what had previously been a field - on the very edge.

Lord Denning quoted from Bacon's Axioms, 1651, that "if cricket cannot be played on a ground without creating a nuisance, it should not be allowed there at all." He followed this by saying: "I would give the houses the ground first."

Without a doubt many other hedge-riders, bordering on other cricket grounds, have been following the spirit of the law in the hope of an appeal if they feel they were unfairly treated by the law. They were encouraged by Lord Denning's words.

Sunday Times * ▲

◀ Daily Mail

* I was not drunk when I stuck this article in at such a strange angle. Ed. NIC!

ARKLEY WHO'S WHO

PART FOUR.

A NEW CUT OUT AND DISPOSE SERIES.

Ernest (Ernie) Harry Andrews. Age 23.....x2.....and the rest.....
Gibbons Road Elementary School, Neasden.(Honest!). Ernie has played 10
games for Arkley and not scored a single duck - talk about stingey. Made
debut for Arkley in May 1971 after long spells with Willesden Green and
Old Creightonians (struth). 10(1) Apps. 0 Ducks.

Anthony (Tony) Thomas Booth. Age 23. Finchley County Grammar School.
Made debut in August 1969 and made first duck on same day. W.G.Grace
impersonations a speciality, is now living near Gloucestershire County
Cricket Ground in Bristol to add to effect. 22(15) Apps. 5 Ducks.

Arthur George Brown. Aged. White Hart Lane School.(I'm not making these
up you know!) Arthur along with Ted Lloyd re-established Arkley C.C. circa
1946. Regular 'first teamer' until end of 1975 season when he announced
his retirement but has made occasional appearances since. Insomiac on tour
and he can't sleep either. 142(9) Apps. 13 Ducks.

Geoffrey G. Coppola. Age 23+. Barnet College (as lecturer!).
Only inhabitant of Arkley in the squad, is also senior pro. Played his last
game for club on day Mark Cripps (and Roger Jones) made debut - was he
trying to tell us something. Holds world record journey time between
London and Cornwall by car. 51(1) Recorded Apps. 12 Ducks.

Colin Cummings. Age 23. Finchley County Grammar School.
Made debut in June 1974 and played most of his games at very short notice.
Indeed his debut game against Potters Bar Crusaders was at 1 hours notice
and he got food poisoning for his troubles! Now lives in Bristol so needs
at least 4 hours notice despite H.S.T. services. 8(1) Apps. 1 Duck.

Keith Herbert Paul (Henry) Hawes. Age 21. Salvatorian College.
Made 2 appearances in 1975 and troubled the scorers on both occasions. Now
works for D.H.S.S. so could be useful member of regular squad. Lives in
Ruislip but we all have our faults! 2(0) Apps. 0 Ducks.

David Charles! (Ned) Spiegel. Age 25. Tollington Grammar School.
Knickname 'Rent-a-Drunk', is a versatile player who can bat anywhere as
long as it is at number 11. Played most of his games for Arkley at Upshire
Hall so it is surprising he has scored just the one duck - on his debut.
WARNING: May be coming to Wales this year. 8(1) Apps. 1 Duck.

Paul Stephen Stiles. Age 23. Tollington Grammar School.
Made debut in May last year but after 3 games, including 2 all day games,
is still duckless. Regular outdoor ~~netter~~ netter with Arkley last season.
Middlesex C.C.C. supporter too. 3(0) Apps. 0 Ducks.

Adrian Charles Stuart Swan. Age 21. Bromley Mixed Infants.
Works at Barclays' Hatton Garden Branch with Peter Amass and made 2 Arkley
appearances last year. Has same middle initials as Dennis Compton by design
and same first initial as Arthur Johnson - probably not by design. Lives in
Bromley and supports Kent C.C.C! 2(0) Apps. 0 Ducks.

Roger Jones, Martin Watts and Roy Watts. Roving Reporters mercenaries who
between them haven't scored an Arkley duck between them in 10 appearances -
can't understand it, they get plenty for R.R'S, The last mentioned is not
available on Wednesdays as he collects his pension then. Mart Symonds, also
of Roving Reporters made 4 appearances in 1974 but no ducks!

Figures correct to end of 1976 Season. Name underlined denotes name most
commonly used. Figures in parentheses denote 12th Man Appearances.

WITH APOLOGIES. This concludes this series but it may be revised anon!

NEWS IN BRIEF

- *The away game with Essendon has been switched from Saturday 9th July to Sunday 10th July.
- *Meinciau will play a team called Kingfisher (Enfield) on the Saturday of their tour to London. The full itinerary will thus be, Fri 26th Aug, v. Northmet, Sat 27th v. Kingfisher, Sun 28th v. Arkley.
- *In the Haig match between Meinciau and Laugharne, as reported in last months bulletin, Meinciau won with 77-5 to beat Laugharne's 76-5 off 40 overs. However to achieve this victory Meinciau had to recover from 17-5 at one stage!
- *There is to be a G. Wilkinson XI v. K. King XI match at Woodcroft on Tuesday 7th June, Jubilee Day. Red, white and blue stumps mayhap. Several Arkley players will be involved.
- *Clive Townsend played for Roving Reporters against Pretenders at King George V Playing Fields, Potters Bar on Sunday 15th May. I'm not telling you how many he got but it's a good job R.R's don't have a duck club!
- *Chix Chox in Barnet High Street now open on Sundays.
- *Joan Johnson has offered to do our teas for as many Saturdays throughout the season as she is available. Thanks Joan.
- *Ken King won this years Northmet Single Wicket Competition.
- *Keith Hawes who played two games for Arkley in 1975 was in the winning Eastcote side who beat Burleigh Athletic 1-0 in the final of the West Middlesex Combination Premier Cup.
- *Birthdays in June are celebrated by, John Griffiths (6th), Peter Brown (13th) and Parmodh Sharma (27th).
- *There are plans to hold a circus in Oakhill Park sometime this Summer.
- *It would appear that all our games at Barnet Playing Fields this year will be on the central pitch as all the other pitches are fully booked!
- *The only change in the laws this year would appear to be that catches must be completed within the boundary again.
- *As reported last month Peter Brown and Peter Amass travelled on the Barclays Bank (London Northern) Tour of Cornwall. Based in Newquay, staying at a hotel not far from the golf course where we used to play the 'Arkley Open', they played against other Barclays Bank touring teams as follows;
Monday at Helston, London Northern 107 (Brown 10), Reading 77.
Tuesday at Penryn, Rained Off v. Brighton.
Wednesday at Wadebridge, Penzance 243-3dec, London Northern 101-9
(Brown 14, Amass 4)
Thursday at Gorran, Cardiff 171, London Northern 157-8 (Brown 3, Amass 0*)
Five of the Penzance players were also Cornwall players and it would appear that they didn't appreciate Peter Browns 14 in 90 minutes! Peter Brown claims that the game against Cardiff District at Gorran was played in the coldest weather he has ever known for a cricket match. Our two intrepid heroes did manage to pay a visit to St. Mawgan but as it was about midnight were not able to call on Mrs. Trebilcock. They also visited Padstow but did not see the famous fish and ^{chip} shop but they did stop at Kay's Cottage for lunch on the return trip.
Since returning both Peters along with Adrian Swan played for London Northern against Queen Elizabeth School at Ealing. Peter Amass & Adrian Swan made ducks and opener Peter Brown was seventh out for 9 but London Northern recovered from 34-9 to 55 all out. Queen Elizabeth still won!

TREASURY

Figures to the end of May

INCOME

	£ - p
Balance from 1976	177-76
Nets	61-40
Donations	2-35
Interest on Deposit Acc.	4-47
Annual Subs.	49-00
Hon. Members Sub/Donation	12-00
Jumble Sale Receipts	96-38
Match Fees	26-40
Duck Club	40
Teas (from other clubs)	3-30
TOTAL	433-46

ANNUAL SUB = £4-00
MATCH FEE = 60p (inc. tea)
DUCK CLUB = 5p per duck

EXPENDITURE

	£ - p
Indoor Nets Fee	48-60
Embassy Cup Fee/A.M.C.C.	1-00
Admin Expenses	7-17
Hire of Pitch	62-80
Purchase of Kit	82-35
Jumble Sale Expenditure	9-90
C.C.C. Membership	4-08
N.C.A. Membership	2-25
Insurance	8-00
Match Balls	76-19
Fixture Cards	4-00
Teas (to other clubs)	6-35
Teas (to our tea ladies)	4-20
Extra Pitches	33-25
TOTAL	350-14
BALANCE	83-32

Annual Subs. to the end of May have been paid by, Colin Brown, Brian Andrews, Norman Gibbons, Clive Townsend, Paul Townsend, Arthur Johnson, Parmodh Sharma, Ned Spiegel, Peter Brown, Peter Amass, John Griffiths & Bob Ingram whilst 'Sub. Donations' have been made by Peter Tait, Arthur Brown, Ernie Andrews and Geoff Coppola.



"It's not that I mind facing Wayne Daniel it's just so damned expensive in bats....."

"This is taking sponsorship TOO far."

From 'The Funnier Side of Cricket' a collection of cricket cartoons by Mike Watkins in aid of the Hampshire C.C.C. Fighting Fund.

If you see any cartoons you think might be suitable for these pages let me know - or I'll send the boys round.

SILLY PAGE!

I print below a poem by DON TUCKER who has the misfortune to sit behind me at work. As you will gather he is 'not too keen' on cricket (I didn't know there were such people!) and he watches amused at the amount of time I spend on scorebooks, scoresheets, statistics etc.,etc.,etc.

I think that cricket is really a vice,
Though the players may all seem quite nice
They wallop their balls
Over far distant walls -
And they'll pull out their stumps in a trice!

They call it a gentleman's game
And to some it may appear rather tame,
Some go out for a duck
But if they have no luck -
It's cucumber sarnies again!

I find that commentaries bore me to tears
Each summer it's all anyone hears
They all say "What's the score?"
- What a terrible bore!
And each test seems to last for five years.

So cricketers spare us a thought,
Though in schools it's the only game taught
We don't all worship your game
And you're all partly to blame
If lots of us much prefer sport.

Thankyou Mr. Tucker, don't call us.....



Did you know that Barnet Playing Fields is a resort - the last!

Did you know that Helen Ingram called her horse Bill because he arrived at the end of the month?

Did you know an atom bomb fell on Barnet Playing Fields and caused 2/- (10p) worth of damage?

Did you know that Fran Eamer is now in a glass case outside the fun house at Blackpool?

Did you know that Colin Johnson turned down a chance to join Kerry Packer's latest scheme? Kim Karen Jacqueline then told him that he were half a man he would have joined the cricket circus, to which he replied if he were half a man he would join Billy Smart's Circus!

Did you know that on arriving at Cape Town air hostesses announce we are now approaching South Africa, kindly put your watches back 100 years?

Did you know that in his younger days Gerald Wilkinson used to model for the picture on the front of the fruit gums box?

Did you know that I've got this far into the bulletin without mentioning Gordon Trebilcock?

Did you know that when placing his field in a recent game Peter Brown asked a fielder to be more backward than (umpire) Roger Jones. I didn't know it was possible?

Did you know that you can sponsor any Arkley player per run this season? *This offer does not apply for Colin Brown.

And finally an apology to Roger Jones as he got a blank page in his last bulletin. Although I shouldn't mention that or you'll all want one.

This 'Silly Page' was written on a train between Finchley Central and Barnet - but the guard made me wipe it off!

New readers start here.