

## Village cricket

### Match report Loxwood v's Lodsworth

Home team Loxwood batted first on a tricky two-paced pitch. At the top of the order Holmes scratched around for 47 and Lane notched up 41 before anyone had noticed. A middle order collapse was rectified by Jefferies (47) and Dudman (33) batting forcefully down the order. Lodsworth threatened to implode as catches went down and aerial shots landed between fielders, but deserve credit for some tidy bowling from Hall (3/41) and skipper Long with an accurate spell during the final half hour slog. Lodsworth set about chasing the Loxwood total of 205/8 but Brunning and Dean proved difficult to score off. Hickey (24\*) and Braithwaite (80) threatened with a rapid middle order partnership before Dudman and Jefferies once again came to the rescue for Loxwood and closed down the challenge with some accurate bowling. Earlier, extraordinary reflexes from wicket keeper Russell had saved a hatful of legside byes. Lodsworth finished on 174/6 to earn a hard fought draw in an enjoyable and entertaining match. Loxwood welcomes new players – call Adrian Dudman 07772079352.