

## **Nortonthorpe A v Denby Grange A (21/09/08)**

The final match of the season took place last Saturday in some of the nicest weather of the whole season, but unfortunately neither Nortonthorpe CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI nor Denby Grange A had anything to play for, having both already secured promotion from Section B of the Arrow Central Cricket League, and with Denby Grange already champions. Nortonthorpe Industrial Park Ltd. Once again kindly sponsored the match ball for the game.

Nortonthorpe elected to bat first, but the innings was not unlike several in the second half of the season, with nobody at all getting in and making a decent score. George Parkes started well with a couple of boundaries to take him to 400 runs for the season but he then played on off a bottom edge, and was closely followed by Parton again the victim of a bottom edge but this time caught behind. After that it was a bit of a procession back to the pavilion as Nortonthorpe were bowled out for just 64, with Simon Haigh top scoring with 15, and S.Wood having taken 4-5 for the visitors.

Denby Grange started aggressively in reply, although they could have been stopped in their tracks had Steve Swap not stood and watched as a very catchable ball flew over his shoulder for 4. Nevertheless Nortonthorpe stuck to their task well and made Denby Grange bat for 24 overs to reach the required total for the loss of 4 wickets, including an unlikely wicket for Swap.