

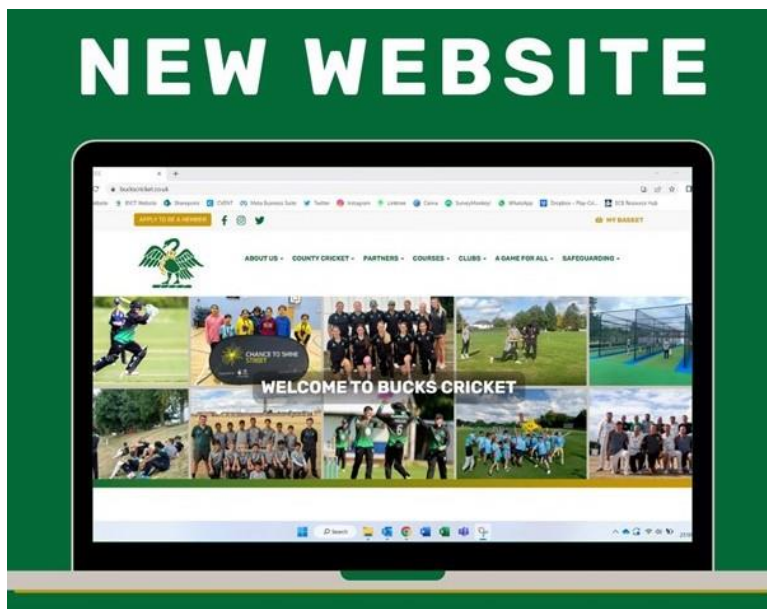
COLOURED TROUSERS No 16



BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor: Bill Scholes

Welcome to another edition of Coloured Trousers – No 16 – doesn't time fly when you're having fun. I think we had better start with the most important news. If you have logged on to the Bucks CCC website recently, you may have been faced with the unfamiliar front page shown below and wondered what is happening. Well, it is actually the new website for Bucks Cricket



[WWW.BUCKSCRICKET.CO.UK](http://www.buckscricket.co.uk)

Bucks Cricket is the name for the new umbrella organization, which is a result of the upcoming merger between Bucks CCC and the Bucks Cricket Board. Further details will be announced at the AGM on March 28th but in the meantime Bucks CCC chairman Ian Hodgson, has kindly provided a brief resume of the upcoming changes.

Bucks Cricket

Bucks Cricket (est 2023) is a charitable incorporated organisation and, subject to the approval by their respective members, will be the merged entity of Buckinghamshire County Cricket Club (est. 1891) and Bucks Cricket Board Ltd (est. 1998). The intention is for the merger to go ahead on 1 November this year after the end of our financial year.

This new organisation, Bucks Cricket, will be responsible for all Buckinghamshire's representative teams and the development of cricket at all levels across the county. There will be three operational departments:

1. County Cricket: Men's 1st and 2nd XIs, Women's 1st XI, Boys and Girls Under 11-U18, Men's Over 50, 60s and 70s. As one of 20 national counties we partner with first-class/pro clubs for Bucks' Player Pathway to provide a clear route to the professional game: Northants CCC (boys/men) and Southern Vipers women/girls).

2. Club Cricket: Supporting our 100 affiliated Clubs to thrive through practices, programmes and support including: Safeguarding, Clubmark, ECB National Programmes, Bucks Cricket Junior Competitions, School links & competitions, Facility Development, Coaching Courses and CPD Workshops, Grounds Management.

3. Community Cricket: Primary Schools coaching & competitions (through Chance to Shine), Secondary Schools with a focus on Milton Keynes and Girls' Cricket, Street Cricket projects, Disability Super 1s Hubs and other initiatives to take the game to people and places which would not otherwise be able to access the game.

Clearly there is a lot of activity going on behind the scenes but it's not very long to go now before the important on field activity and the new season all kick off and the anticipation and excitement is beginning to mount. The usual annual cricketing bibles – Wisden, Playfair and Cricketers Who's Who have been /are being ordered and after the upbeat and uplifting end to last season, I'm sure everyone is looking forward avidly to an exciting 5/6 months of cricket. Certainly it's great to be back in the top flight of the County Championship after promotion last season and we look forward to renewing our acquaintance with grounds that we have not been to for some time as well as renewing both old friendships and old rivalries.

However, before we get to the championship matches, we have the two white ball competitions to entertain us. First up is the T20 competition, and whilst regionalisation, probably quite rightly, still exists, we will be playing the usual suspects in the group stages, although we will be breaking new ground (no pun intended) on both our two away matches.

First we are popping just over the border to Oxfordshire where the venue will be Thame CC.



We have visited the town of Thame before – back in 1898 for a 2 day championship match against Oxfordshire at the School, but we have not been to the cricket club.

We have a much longer journey for our second away match, all the way across the Severn Bridge and the border to Wales where the venue for the match against Wales NC



is Lisvane, just outside Cardiff. Another new ground for us I believe.

Both of our home matches in the group, against Berkshire and Bedfordshire, will be played at High Wycombe.

Moving on to the 50 over KO Trophy, we are away against Wiltshire, visiting Marlborough College (below) for only the second time ever, the last being in 1990 for a championship match



whilst Porthill Park will be the venue for our visit to play Staffordshire -another venue not visited before.



As you can see the locals are clearly avid readers of Coloured Trousers !

On the home front, Gerrards Cross will play host to Dorset whilst Slough will return to our roster for the first time since 2012 when they host Wales NC.

NCCA T20 COMPETITION (2 matches per day)

Date	Opposition	Venue
Apr 16	Oxfordshire	Thame
April 23	BERKSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE
April 30	Wales NC	Lisvane
May 7	BEDFORDSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE

T20 Finals Day 21/22 May

NCCA 50 OVERS KNOCKOUT

Date	Opposition	Venue
May 29 (Mon)	Wiltshire	Marlborough College
June 4	DORSET	GERRARDS CROSS
June 18	Staffordshire	Porthill Park
June 25	WALES NC	SLOUGH
July 2	Quarter Finals	
July 16	Semi Finals	

Final Aug 27/28 Wormsley?

NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP - EASTERN DIVISION ONE

Date	Opposition	Venue
July 9-11	NORFOLK	TRING PARK
July 23-25	Staffordshire	West Bromwich Dartmouth
Aug 6-8	LINCOLNSHIRE	CHESHAM
Aug 20-22	Suffolk	Copdock & O.I.

Championship Final Sept 3-6 West Bromwich Dartmouth

OTHER ADDITIONAL FIXTURES

April 2	Intra Squad match	2 x T20	High Wycombe
April 9	Friendly v Hertfordshire	2 x T20	Slough
Aug 1	Sussex Showcase Match	50 overs	Hove

Bucks to face Sussex at Hove in Showcase fixture

After hosting Surrey last season, this year we have been paired with Sussex for our Showcase match, and they have very kindly offered to host the game at their headquarters in Hove. The opportunity to strut our stuff on a First Class County ground was too good to turn down. We have met Sussex twice before in K.O. cup matches – the first being in 1992 at Beaconsfield in the 60 over Nat West Trophy, a match that Sussex won by 21 runs. Ten years later, in 2002, Sussex again returned to Beaconsfield, this time in the 50 over Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy with their winning margin being slightly greater at 125 runs. Being a life long Sussex supporter I confess I was at both of these matches playing hookey from work!

It seems a life time ago now, but back in the 1980's and 90's the major one day KO competition, under various sponsorships, still offered an opportunity for the Minor Counties to play against First Class county sides. Apart from our very memorable, and well documented victory over Somerset at High Wycombe in the Nat West Trophy in 1987, less well remembered is the visit of Essex 10 years later in 1997, again to Beaconsfield.



The picture above shows West Indian Keith Arthurton on his way out for Bucks against Essex at Beaconsfield in the Nat West Trophy in 1997. In those days, Minor Counties sides were allowed to use non English-qualified players in the NatWest Trophy should they wish, although not in any Minor Counties competitions. Tim Scriven, the Buckinghamshire captain, explained that Arthurton's selection was influenced by the nonavailability of several key players, notably Malcolm Roberts, their prolific opening batsman. Bucks were also without Neil Mallender, who was the umpiring at the Devon v Leicestershire tie!

Scriven said: "All the players who helped us get into the NatWest Trophy were given the chance to play. But Keith Arthurton was turning out locally for High Wycombe. He

was keen to be involved and he's a potential match winner." Essex, helped by top scorer Nasser Hussain with 78, won by 89 runs. Although Arthurton only made 18 runs, he was in the wickets, taking 4-53. Arthurton was not the first Test player to play for Bucks, Ben Barnett, the old Australia wicket keeper did so after the second world war. **For further information on the game, ask Stanners – he played**

In the late 90's we did meet the Sussex Cricket Board on two occasions – In 98 it was in the 60 over MCC Trophy, the game being played at Campbell Park, Milton Keynes (remember those days) where we won by 4 wickets and a year later in 99 we travelled down to the lovely ground of Horsham in the 50 over ECB 38 County Cup - the Board gained their revenge with a 29 run victory.

NCCA SHOWCASE MATCHES 2023

Listed below is the full list of all the National Counties Showcase matches, and as you can see they are being played at a variety of interesting and delightful grounds, some being used for NCCA matches for the first time, as Counties seek to showcase their wares to as wider an audience as possible.

Sunday 30th July

Gloucestershire v Wiltshire (Cheltenham)
Bedfordshire v Essex (Dunstable)
Berkshire v Middlesex (Falkland)
Cambridgeshire v Northamptonshire (Peterborough Town)
Cheshire v Yorkshire (Nantwich),
Cumbria v Lancashire (Sedbergh)
Devon v Somerset (Bovey Tracey)
Dorset v Hampshire (Wimborne)
Hertfordshire v Kent (West Herts)
Herefordshire v Glamorgan (Eastnor CC)
Lincolnshire v Derbyshire (Lindum CC)
Norfolk v Nottinghamshire (Horsford)
Northumberland v Durham (Jesmond)
Oxfordshire v Sussex (TBC)
Shropshire v Worcestershire (Shrewsbury CC)
Staffordshire v Leicestershire (Knypersley)
Suffolk v Surrey (Woolpit CC)
Wales v Warwickshire (Sudbrook)

Tuesday, August 1:

Cornwall v Somerset (Truro)
Sussex v Buckinghamshire (Hove)

NATIONAL COUNTIES CRICKET UPDATES

OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire skipper Jonny Cater has stood down from NCCA Championship cricket to focus on their white ball campaigns. Cater has represented Oxfordshire for the last 12 seasons, 6 of those as captain across all three formats of the game. He led Oxfordshire to the NCCA Championship in 2021 and revealed that he was now retiring from the red ball championship format. After twelve years representing Oxfordshire and six seasons' as captain across all three formats, Jonny Cater has confirmed that he will end his playing career within NCCA Championship Cricket and step down as captain in the red ball format. He will now focus solely on T20 and 50 over cricket and remain as captain across both white ball formats from 2023.

Jonny actually made his Minor Counties debut for Buckinghamshire in 2006, keeping wicket against Hertfordshire at North Mymms. He took one catch and made one stumping but did not bat in Bucks' 5 wicket victory. Incidentally Alex Hales also made his Bucks debut on that day and top scored with 55.

Oliver (Olly) Clarke will succeed Jonny Cater as captain in championship cricket following his six years at the helm, with Oxfordshire moving towards a split captaincy approach. Cater will remain as captain in both T20 and 50 over cricket and will be supported by Clarke in his appointment as vice captain in white ball cricket. Clarke has been a key member of the red ball team in recent years and he will be aiming to build upon the success of the Championship side that finished second in the NCCA Western Division 1 in 2022 and who won the NCCA Championship in 2021.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Staffordshire have continued their squad strengthening with the recruitment of prolific left-arm spinner Tom Brett. The 33-year-old has made the move to Staffs after a long spell with Bedfordshire, where he picked up more than 200 wickets in all NCCA competitions. He joins fellow ex Bedfordshire colleague who has also joined Staffordshire for the new season. Brett's arrival adds experience to the Staffordshire spin-bowling ranks following the retirement of fellow slow left-armer Paul Byrne. Byrne called time on his Staffs career at the end of last season - and Staffordshire have been looking for potential replacements to bolster their attack. Head coach Andy Carr said: "Byrney is going to be a big miss. He was inspirational for us and his stats were very good. "He also had that experience, which is what Tom will bring to us as well. Both Paul and Tom are match-winners, which is what you need, especially in red-ball cricket. "It's a terrific signing and we now have a good balance of experience and youth in the bowling attack. "We're now well covered in the spin department. There's Tom who is left-arm, along with Nils Priestley, two off-spinners in James Cronie and Jack Redman, plus a leggie in Zen Malik. "That is it now for us and it's about developing what we have. As coach, it's getting that uniformity and bond to create that match-winning experience.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE WOMEN- 2023 FIXTURES

The Bucks Cricket Women’s side have released their 2023 fixture list. The side will compete in the ECB T20 Cup and South Central Cup competitions in the forthcoming campaign. Under the merger between the Buckinghamshire County Cricket Club and Board, the team will benefit from the vast experience of former Middlesex batter and current Bucks Men’s 1st XI coach, Jason Harrison, who will coach the squad.

ECB T20 Cup		South Central Cup	
16th April	Berkshire vs Bucks	2nd June	Bucks vs Hampshire
23rd April	Bucks vs Hampshire	26th July	Dorset vs Bucks
8th May	Bucks vs Sussex	4th August	Sussex vs Bucks
14th May	ECB T20 Finals Day	11th August	Bucks vs Oxfordshire
		17th August	Berkshire vs Bucks
		1st September	Vipers Best V Best

Friendlies	
10th April	Oxfordshire vs Bucks
23rd August	Bucks vs MCC



News from our Northants CCC Pathway partners

Saif Zaib, Northants all-rounder, has signed a new two-year extension to his contract which still had a year to run and will remain at Northamptonshire until at least the end of 2025 “It’s a nice feeling that the club have shown that faith to lock me in for an extra couple of years.” Zaib said. “I feel really honoured to represent Northamptonshire and privileged every time I get to step out on the field as a Steelback.”

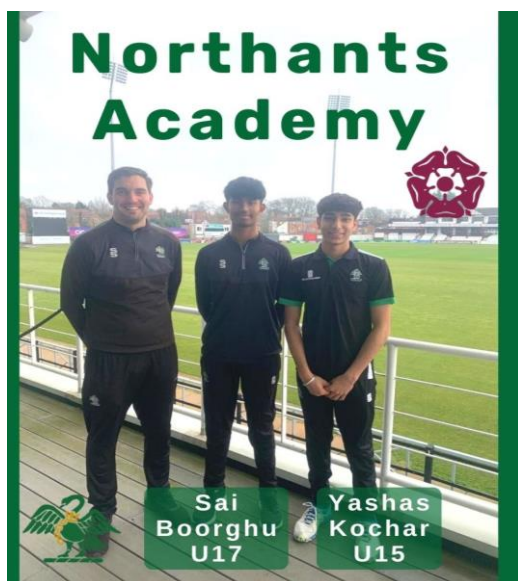
Aadi Sharma has topped an outstanding 2022 season with the Northants CCC Academy Player-of-the-Year award. The award capped an incredible season of development for the Great Brickhill and Buckinghamshire pathway batsman. Aadi received his honour, the Dorothy Radd Shield, at the 2022 Northants 1st XI End of Season Awards Dinner at the County Ground.

Aadi make his National Counties championship debut for Bucks against Hertfordshire at Bishop’s Stortford where he shared a fourth wicket stand of 145 with Alexei Kervezee , sadly departing just four runs short of his century.

He played for Northants 2nd XI game against Notts 2nd XI at the Notts Sports Club, coming in at number five and proceeded to score a debut century. He was finally dismissed for 104 runs having shared a fourth wicket stand of 158 with Saif Zaib. He also played in an England Young Lions trial game at the ECB Performance Centre, where he scored 94.

MORE SUCCESS FOR OUR YOUNG BUCKS

Well done to Sai Boorghu & Yashas Kochar who have joined **Northamptonshire County Cricket Club** Academy for the 2023 season. They join Aadi Sharma, Anthati Anthati, & Raphy Weatherall, making it 5 Bucks players this year!



SUPPORT BUCKS CRICKET

By joining Bucks County Cricket Club

The County Club and the Bucks Cricket Board are working actively to promote and develop cricket at all levels and ages throughout the county

You can support these efforts by joining the Bucks County Cricket Club

The Annual Subscription is : -

£25 for individuals

£35 for partners living at the same address

£10 for juniors (aged under 18)

£15 for students in full time education ((aged

under 24)

Life membership is also available

Membership forms are available from the membership secretary Susan Klyne
mail to: susanklyne@bucksccc.org.uk

England Cricket Seniors 70+ Tour of Australia 202

ENGLAND OVER 70S RETAINED THE 'GREY ASHES' WITH A MEMORABLE VICTORY

The England tourists triumphed 2-1 in the three-match One Day International series after losing the opening clash. England only lost one match on their ten-match tour, but will soon begin preparing their defence of the Grey Ashes as Australia will be heading to the UK this summer. Bucks Over 70's can claim some small part in the triumph as the manager of the touring side was Chris Lowe (Berks & Bucks.) There were two players from Berks & Bucks O-70's included in the squad – Brian Shipley and Trevor Spindler – congratulations to both. **Congratulations however must also go to our very own Secretary Kevin Beaumont who officiated as one of the umpires throughout the tour.**



Game 10: Thursday 19/2/23 Victoria Chairman's XI v England 70+
And of course, Mr Beaumont was wearing different Coloured Trousers to everyone else

For those who may be interested, below is the itinerary for the Australia 70+ Tour of England this summer. Chance to visit some new and different grounds.

Game		Date	Opposition	Venue
1	Friday	28/07/2023	Surrey	Chipstead CC
2	Sunday	30/07/2023	Kent	Kent County Cricket Ground, Beckenham
3	Tuesday	01/08/2023	Suffolk	Copdock CC
4	Friday	04/08/2023	Hertfordshire	Hertford CC
5	Sunday	06/08/2023	England 1st ODI	Colchester & East Essex CC
6	Tuesday	08/08/2023	Lincs / Ridings	Harrogate CC
7	Friday	11/08/2023	Cheshire	Chester Boughton Hall CC
8	Sunday	13/08/2023	England 2nd ODI	Wellington CC
9	Wednesday	16/08/2023	Wales ODI	Newport CC
10	Friday	18/08/2023	Berks / Bucks	Taplow CC
11	Sunday	20/08/2023	England 3rd ODI	Maidenhead & Bray CC

Update on Ron Hedley's Prostate Cancer walks

England Cricket Seniors Arranged Walks for the next three months

17th March 2023 Norfolk Walk The Gamekeeper Old Buckenham Norfolk
 22nd March 2023 Warwickshire Walk Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Edgbaston, Birmingham
 4th April 2023 Berkshire Walk The White Horse Wokingham Berkshire
 12th April 2023 Essex Walk Old Chelmsfordians CC, Chelmsford, Essex
 17th April 2023 Surrey Walk Horsley & Send CC, West Horsley, Surrey
 26th April 2023 Wales Walk Abergavenny CC, Abergavenny, Wales
 12th May 2023 Hertfordshire Walk, The Red Lion, Preston, Hertfordshire

The Warwickshire walk is at Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7QU on Wednesday 22nd March 2023.

The meet is 10.30am for a walk commencing at 11.00am. Details of parking at the ground will be sent asap to those wishing to join the walk.

All walkers will be presented with a Ron's March T shirt, a Limited Edition Bob Willis Fund Ashes Cap, badges and booklets from Prostate Cancer UK.

At the moment we have Nick Owen, BBC News Presenter, Mick Harford, England footballer, Tony Coton, Man City and Watford, amongst other clubs. Ian Bell, England cricketer, Micky Arthur, leading International cricket coach and Lauren Clark, Bob Willis widow joining our walk.

Sky Sports TV Cricket are to film the walk and carry out interviews. The film will be broadcast on Saturday 17th June 2023 during the Saturday of The Ashes Test at Edgbaston which is the dedicated Bob Willis Fund Day.

If you wish to join this walk, please let me know asap

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How to donate to support "Ron's March" in aid of The Bob Willis Fund and Prostate Cancer UK

Sports Shots celebrated it's 12th birthday in January



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Sports Shots raises money for Macmillan Cancer Support & Vasculitis UK
No personal gain is made

The image shows a cricket player in a green jersey and black protective gear, captured in a batting stance on a green field. In the background, there are blue banners and a white fence. The logo for Sports Shots is overlaid on the left side of the image, featuring the text '@SPORTSSHOTSNEWS', 'Sports Shots' in a stylized font, and the website 'WWW.SPORTSSHOTS.ORG.UK'. Below the logo, a list of services is provided, and at the bottom, a statement about fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support & Vasculitis UK is included.

Sports Shots celebrated it's 12th birthday on Sunday 29th January. Started back in 2011, Sports Shots has grown and has become a trusted source of news for followers of local cricket and football. And, as of today, has over 7.7k followers across social media, with thousands of views on a daily basis. Sports Shots is indebted to the continued hard work and high standard of content delivered by Dale James and Luke Stafford. The hours spent preparing, travelling, photographing/videoing and editing is unseen, but hugely appreciated. The website would not have been possible without the many, many people who have supported us over the last 12 years. Sports Shots would also like to thank every business and individual who has kindly sponsored us, insuring we can continue to support our clubs, players and their members. To date, Sports Shots has raised £13,105.75 for Macmillan Cancer Support and Vasculitis UK and is grateful to everyone who has donated.

Here at Bucks CCC, we have been particularly grateful to Andy, Lorna, Luke and the rest of the team for their incredible coverage of Bucks matches, both in terms of some amazing photos and very insightful interviews with players and management alike. Andy and Lorna happily became members of Bucks CCC a few years ago as well as sponsoring a Bucks player over that time. Suddenly we were having pre season Press days, with mug shots of all our players, resulting in a definite widening of coverage and raising of the Club's profile. Going forward, I understand that there are moves to extend this coverage to the new extended Bucks cricketing family – great news for all.

Here's to the next 12 years!

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH BUCKS C.C.C. ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Can't get to a game – do not despair, help is at hand. Don't miss a moment

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Twitter : @bucksccc

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Instagram: [buckscountycricket](https://www.instagram.com/buckscountycricket)

BUCKS C.C.C. Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the 2023 Bucks CCC AGM will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 7.45 pm at Wendover Cricket Club.

Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers over the past year particularly Kevin Beaumont, Andy Bone. Ron Hedley, Steve White, Su Klyne, Mike Knox , Jonathan Lilley, Andy Warboys, County Cricket Matters and Yahoo Over Cow Corner. All contributions gratefully received of course - why don't YOU make a New Year's resolution to write an article- join our happy band of literary contributors.

All that remains is to wish you all

.....and hope to see, either in a deck chair or wandering around the boundary somewhere in the coming season.

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