

COLOURED TROUSERS No 18



BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor: Bill Scholes

What a difference a week or so can make in the weather.....out with the rain and in with the sun. Hopefully we can now state to enjoy our cricket watching without shivering in the cold and the wet. The rather damp and bedraggled T20 competition is now firmly in our rear view mirror and we can now turn our attention to the One Day K.O. Trophy , a competition that we have have not had the best of luck in over the last few years. Perhaps this will be the year that we fulfill our latent promise – we have the players to do it, and with the Final being played on our own turf at Wormsley, we have the incentive. Although named the K.O. Trophy, the first part of the competition, like the T20, is initially played in 4 groups, but, unlike the T20, the winners and runners up of each of the group then go into the knock out stages firstly the Quarter Finals, and then the Semi Finals, before reaching a conclusion at Wormsley. The group stages are not regionalised , and apart from Wales NC, we have 3 other different Counties to play – Wiltshire, Dorset and Staffordshire. First up on Bank Holiday Monday is an away fixture against Wiltshire, with the match being played at Marlborough College(below) for only the second time ever, the first being in 1990 for a championship match.



19 AJ Woodland (H Wycombe)
 E Cox (Buckingham)
 33 E Casterton (High Wycombe)
 42 A Kervezee (Halesowen)
 44 R Richardson (Blackheath) WK
 32 M Payne (Amersham)
 5 C Marrow (Gerrards Cross)
 H Ramanadanpulle (Buckingham)
 7 E Bragg (Halesowen)
 6 C Haddow (High Wycombe)
 24 T Weymes (Tring Park)
 8 T Hampton (H Wycombe) capt

11:00 Monday 29th May
 @ Marlborough College

We are back on home ground six days later when we play hosts to Dorset at Gerrards Cross,- match kindly sponsored by Chhokar & Co - before heading off northwards to the new T20 champions Staffordshire, the venue being Porthill Park,(below) a ground we have never visited before.



For our fourth and final match in the group, we will be returning to Slough, for the first time since 2012, where our visitors will be Wales NC.

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 T20 COMPETITION (April 16th to May 21st)

Bucks made a mixed start when they shared the honours with Oxfordshire in their opening National Counties T20 double-header at Wormsley. In two closely-fought contests on a slow hybrid pitch, Bucks won the first contest by ten runs but lost the second by four wickets.

In the first game, Bucks, put in to bat, made 145-5 from their 20 overs, thanks largely to former Worcestershire player Alexei Kervezee, who made 63 from 53 balls with one six and eight fours. Good support came late on from Ross Richardson with 27 not out.

Bucks chose to bat first in the second game and got off to a flying start when Northants all-rounder Saif Zaib and Kervezee put on 75 from the first seven overs. Zaib, who had made a duck in the first game, dominated with 50 off just 24 balls with two sixes and eight fours, while Kervezee made 24. However their later batsmen could make little headway against Samit Patel, who claimed 4-10 in his four overs and restricted Bucks to a disappointing 141-8.

Next came two losses in our double-header against a powerful Berkshire side at High Wycombe.. The first match was very one-sided. Bucks, put in to bat on a green-looking pitch after all the recent rain, were bowled out for 104 in 19.3 overs. Ross Richardson top-scored with 27, while seamer Andy Rishton, took 3-19. Berkshire knocked off these runs in just 11.3 overs, after an opening stand of 89 in 8.5 overs between Savin Perera, and Dan Lincoln.

Bucks also opened the proceedings in the second game and our batsmen did better this time, scoring 144-6 in their 20 overs. Buckingham's Ewan Cox top-scored 38, while Wycombe's Teddie Casterton boosted the total with a sparkling 32 not out off 16 balls. Rishton again picked up three wickets. but he completed a triumphant day with 62 not out, including five sixes, to see Berkshire home at 148-5 with 14 balls to spare.

Next up was a trip to Lisvane to play Wales NC but sadly both the two matches were washed out due to the very unfriendly weather that had dogged the whole competition so far, with large numbers of matches throughout all four groups being cancelled.

We completed our T20 campaign by sharing the honours with Bedfordshire in the double-header at High Wycombe, winning one and losing one but the two points gained were not enough to keep us from finishing bottom of the Group ,just behind Oxfordshire on nett run rate, in the weather-ravaged competition. Bucks got off to great start in the first game as AJ Woodland and Alexei Kervezee put on 127 for the first wicket in just 15.1 overs. Woodland, playing on his own club ground, scored the first 22 runs in the innings, making 64 off 51 balls with three pulled sixes and six fours. Vice captain Kervezee, scored 67 from 44 balls with three sixes and seven fours. A final flourish by Ross Richardson, hitting two sixes, helped Bucks reach an impressive 178-5 from their 20 overs. Bedfordshire were never in the hunt against a brilliant all-round bowling and fielding display and were restricted to 115-9, giving Bucks a handsome 63-run victory.

In the second game Bucks chose to bat first and were given another good start as Woodland and Kervezee this time put on 69 for the first wicket in eight overs. Despite a brilliant 80 from Kervezee, who hit five sixes and five fours in his 80-ball stay, Bucks could not accelerate and finished on 147-4 from their 20 overs. Spurred on by Amrit Basra's 50 from just 25 balls, Beds won by five wickets on 149-5 with 16 balls to spare.

BUCKS T20 BATTING AVERAGES 2023

Name	Inn	N O	Runs	Balls	H S	50s	6s	4s	Av
RAJ Richardson	6	3	141	126	33		6	4	47.00
AN Kervezee	6	0	242	192	80	3	9	23	40.33
AJ Woodland	2	0	77	70	64	1	3	7	38.50
SA Zaib	4	0	74	48	50	1	3	11	18.50
ETD Casterton	5	2	55	53	32*		1	6	18.33
EAJ Cox	6	0	96	101	38		3	6	16.00
A Sharma	6	0	73	68	22		3	4	12.17
CPW Haddow	2	1	12	16	11			1	12.00
EWB Bragg	5	1	40	38	16*		1	2	10.00
TRG Hampton	2	0	4	3	1				0.50
JST Denning	2	1	6	4	0*				6.00
TG Weymes	1	1	1	4	1*				***

BUCKS T20 BOWLING AVERAGES 2023

Name	Overs	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	W	Best	Econ	S R	Av
AN Kervezee	5	0	3	24	2	2--21	4.80	10.00	8.00
MJ Payne	10.2	0	4	58		2--19	5.61	15.50	14.50
TRG Hampton	13.1	1	4	70	11	2--8	5.32	19.75	17.50
JST Denning	13	0	5	90	3	3--22	6.92	15.60	18.00
SA Zaib	11.4	0	4	91		2--26	7.80	17.50	22.75
EWB Bragg	13	0	5	118	1	3--28	9.08	15.60	23.60
CPW Haddow	20.3	0	5	164	5	2--29	8.00	24.60	32.80
TG Weymes	12	0	1	98	3	1--21	8.17	72.00	98.00
AJ Woodland	4	0	0	47		0--7	0--7	11.75	-----
JAG Rodnight	2	0	0	14	1	0--14	0--14	7.00	-----

FINAL GROUP 4 T20 TABLE

	P	W	L	Can	NRR	PTS
Berkshire	8	5	1	2	1.16	12
Wales NC	8	2	2	4	1.14	8
Bedfordshire	8	4	4	0	-1.24	8
Oxfordshire	8	3	5	0	0.14	6
Bucks	8	2	4	2	-0.4	6

T20 FINALS DAY – SUNDAY 21ST MAY at TRING PARK

Staffordshire were crowned NCCA Twenty20 Cup champions after a tense four-run victory in the Final over **Cornwall**. Cornwall needed 11 off the final over at Tring Park to overhaul Staffs' 119 all out – but Liam Hurt kept his cool to earn the county the first piece of NCCA silverware of the summer. The final may have been an attritional affair, but Staffordshire had powered their way into the afternoon showpiece thanks to a slice of history. Nils Priestley compiled a superb 147 not out as Staffs piled up 252-3 on their way to beating Berkshire by 68 runs. In the process Priestley became the first Staffordshire player to ever score a T20 hundred. Staffordshire, making their Finals debut, reached this stage by knocking out a **Berkshire** side who have enjoyed a trophy-laden few seasons. There was another surprise on the cards in the second semi-final as Cornwall, also debutants, knocked out previous winners **Hertfordshire** by 5 wickets

Bucks 1ST XI cricketers take to the air!

Great action pictures taken by Charlie Carter



BUCKS WOMEN



Back row: L to R – Natasha MacBean, Hannah Davis, Cara Duggan, Megs Woodward, Amelia Peck, Rosie Burton-Pye.
Front row: L to R – Alissa Shannon, Rosie Lloyd, Charlie Mailey, Tegan Stockdale, Caia Stockdale, Lucy Warren

BUCKS WOMEN'S RESULTS

ECB REGIONAL T20 COMPETITION (2 matches per day)

Date	Opposition	Venue
Apr 16	CANCELLED	Berkshire
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April 23	HAMPSHIRE	@ DINTON
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May 8	SUSSEX	@ DINTON
May 8	SUSSEX	@ DINTON
May 14	FINALS DAY	
May 14	Semi Final	Hampshire v Bucks
		Bucks lost by 116 runs



BUCKS WOMENS UPCOMING FIXTURES

50 OVERS ECB SOUTH CENTRAL CUP

15 A Whybrow (Durham Uni)
1 B James (Stony Stratford)
6 E Claridge (The Blaze) WK
30 C Hill (Southern Vipers) WK
8 C Duggan (Holmer Green) Capt
20 A Drewe (Ballinger Waggoners)
25 T Stockdale (The Lee)
55 R Lloyd (Dinton)
14 M Woodward (Bledlow Village)
21 N Macbean (Chesham)
13 C Mailey (Dinton)
11 A Shannon (Dinton)

11:00 Friday 2nd June
@ Uxbridge CC

Date	Opposition	Venue
Fri 2 June	HAMPSHIRE	UXBRIDGE
Wed 26 July	Dorset	Kilmington & Stourton CC
Fri 4 Aug	Sussex	Away
Fri 11 Aug	OXFORDSHIRE	MARLOW
Thur 17 Aug	Berkshire	Wormsley
Wed 23 Aug	Friendly	MCC XI
		CHESHAM



Eyes on the prize – the slip cordon warming up at Dinton

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BUCKS U-18 GIRLS in action at Ascott Park, Wing



Bucks Boys U-14's

Bucks Boys U14s beat Northants in the magnificent setting of Stowe School by 28 runs in a 45 over friendly. Skipper Teddy Purushothaman, (below holding match ball) claimed 5-22 off 9 overs



Congratulations to Bucks U-14's Matthew Pannett who scored 105 against Worcestershire U-14 at Barnards Green last week.



BUCKS MENS SECOND ELEVEN FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	Venue
June 29	Berkshire	Cookham
July 4, 5, & 6	SUFFOLK	HIGH WYCOMBE
July 12	BERKSHIRE	MARLOW
July 17, 18 & 19	Northamptonshire	Away
August 19	OXFORDSHIRE	AMERSHAM
August 23	Benyon Cup	Bishops Stortford
August 29, 30 & 31	Suffolk	Away

CHANGES TO BUCKS PLAYER PATHWAY COACHING TEAM

Congratulations to both Simon Stanway and Bella James who have joined the pathway coaching team for the 2023 season.

Simon is the Bucks Men's 1st XI Assistant Coach and is immensely experienced in the game, having also played 16 years of NCCA cricket for Bucks - he will be coaching at Boys' U15-18 games this summer. Bella is back at Stony Stratford CC as their Women's overseas player - and also goes straight into the Bucks Women's team this Sunday for their T20 Semi Final vs Hampshire. Bella plays for Otago in New Zealand and made a century in the NZ Women's one-day competition earlier this year - she will be coaching at Girls' U15-U18 games this summer.

James Savory has been appointed Player Pathway Manager U11-U18 for the 2023 season. James has worked for Bucks Cricket since 2017, firstly as Schools Cricket Manager and more recently as Junior Pathway Manager. Before that, James worked for the Cumbria Cricket Board. James will be the liaison for team managers, coaches and for our Boys' EPP players this summer, as well as managing the fixtures, nominations and trials schedules.

PATHWAY PLAYER PROGRESSION

Despite being a National County at Men's level, there is no obstacle to a boy or girl from Buckinghamshire going onto a professional career in cricket.

Players progress through the Bucks Cricket Pathway until they are signed onto a professional team's Academy – usually at aged 16-18. On the men's side, we are partnered with Northants CCC and on the women's pathway with the Southern Vipers.

We have our own Emerging Players Programmes (aged 14-18) for our highest potential and performing boys and girls. These programmes then link directly into Northants CCC and Southern Vipers, with coaches from both teams coming into Bucks to coach on our EPPs alongside Bucks Cricket coaches.

Although Northants CCC and Southern Vipers are our partner professional teams, there will be times when another pro team is the right option for a talented young cricketer, and Bucks Cricket

staff will utilise our links with ECB Talent Managers and across the Academies to provide the opportunities for our players to progress.

In the Male Pathway, there is no difference to being in a 'First-Class' or 'National County' pathway, until at least the age of 17. Up until U13s all counties play friendlies. At U14 and U16 all counties are in regionalised ECB Cup groups alongside counties from both first-class and national county (U15 is friendlies). At U18, boys' national county teams compete against first-class counties in the 50 over cup, but there are separate 3-day and 50-over competition (sometimes national county, i.e. Bucks, players are dual registered for these to access both first-class and national county teams competitions).

For players of high potential at U18 who have not progressed into the pro game, the best progress is into Bucks Men's teams, where we have a 1st XI in the NCCA 3-day, 50-over and T20 competitions and a 2nd XI that feeds into that.

In the Female Pathway, there is no difference between counties at any stage of the pathway, including Women's Cricket. For example, in both Women's ECB T20 and South Central 50-over competitions in 2023, Bucks compete against Hampshire, Sussex and Berkshire, while also playing Oxfordshire and Dorset in the South Central Cup. There are ECB competitions at U15 and U18 with geographically based groups. When a player is selected into regional cricket (e.g. Southern Vipers) they will continue to play County Cricket for both the age groups and Women's teams.

New changes in ECB regulations now allow current professional players to come back and represent their pathway County when their commitments allow. For example, Saif Zaib played for Bucks men in the 2023 NCCA T20 when not in the Northants CCC County Championship team, and Ella Claridge played for Bucks women in 2022 in the ECB T20 before securing a contract in The Hundred for Trent Rockets.

Current professional players from Bucks who have come through the Bucks Cricket Pathway:

Men: Alex Hales (Notts), Tom Helm (Middx), Saif Zaib (Northants), Dom Goodman (Gloucs), Harry Petrie (Hants), George Weldon (Northants)

Women: Chloe Hill (Vipers), Ella Claridge (Blaze), Bethan Miles (Stars)

Bucks Cricket also have 4 boys currently signed on the Northants CCC Academy – they will all represent Bucks in the ECB U18 50-over Cup as well as other games depending on their schedules. One of these U-18's, Sai Boorghu, claimed a hat-trick for Northants 2nd XI Vs Warwickshire 2nd XI last week in a T20. Sai signed onto the Northants CCC Academy from the Bucks EPP earlier this year

Ex Bucks Pathway Player - Saif Zaib

A magnificent 113 not out by Saif Zaib guided Northamptonshire to a convincing 7 wicket win against London Schools Cricket Association in the first of two T20s at Wantage Road. Saif came into bat at number 4 and went straight to work on the London Schools bowling attack. Zaib and Justin Broad quickly put on a partnership of 88 from 56 balls and after Broad departed Saif continued his attack, demonstrating remarkable power hitting around the ground, ending up with 11 fours and 8 sixes on his way to an outstanding 113 off just 47 deliveries, completing the victory with a towering final 6. Saif was then called into Northants 1st XI for their match last week against Hampshire at The Rose Bowl. In a generally woeful performance from Northants, Saif's batting stood out like a shining beacon – he top scored in their first innings with 27- the only player to reach double figures, and also top scored in their second innings, remaining unbeaten on 59.

INTERVIEW WITH BUCKS BOWLING COACH SIMON STANWAY

In an interview with [Sports Shots Andy Bone](#), Simon Stanway reflects on a successful career with Bucks Cricket and looks ahead to the new era for the county.



Stanway made his county debut for Buckinghamshire in the 1989 Minor Counties Championship against Wales Minor Counties. He proceeded to play Minor counties cricket for sixteen years from 1989 to 2015, which includes 132 Minor Counties Championship matches and 53 MCCA Knockout Trophy matches.

In 1997, he made his List A debut against Essex in the NatWest Trophy. He played 11 further List A matches for Buckinghamshire, the last coming against Lancashire in the 2005 Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy. In his 12 List A matches, he took 9 wickets at a bowling average of 37.11, with best figures of 2/30. After hanging up his bowling boots, Bucks soon utilised Stanway's vast experience as he was appointed as Bowling coach in the management structure.

With honours shared against the T20 Champions Oxfordshire on Sunday, Stanway was positive about the performances.

As a coach you always want to win every game but that isn't going to happen, but overall it was a good day, especially after all the pre season games being washed out. We have some lessons to learn as we left with a win and a loss but we move on to Sunday.

Next up for the Bucks Cricket Men's 1st XI awaits yet another test, something Stanway is aware of.

Over the last few years Berkshire have been one of the best white ball sides in Minor counties cricket, so it will be a great test for us to see where we are, but we are looking forward to the challenge.

Sports Shots took the opportunity to ask Stanway to highlight his Bowling coach role, and how it differs from winter to summer.

So in pre season I have been working with the seam bowlers from the 1st team squad, plus the lads on the pathway, on all aspects of seam bowling. It has been mainly white ball skills and tactics as we only play white ball for the first two months of the season.

Game day's I work with the batters first thing, helping them prepare for the game. I then run one of the fielding warm up stations, and spend time with the bowlers as they do their bowl throughs. After that I am then just available for any of the players who want to do any extra prep before the game starts.

The introduction of a Strength and Conditioning Coach at the end of 2021 was another step towards adding professionalism to the team.

Having Jack (Perham) around has massively helped the bowling group. It has helped them to understand how their bodies work when bowling and what they need to do to recover to then go again either in another spell or the next day.

It is an interesting insight to hear how Stanway talks of the changing face of the NCCA.

Minor Counties cricket has changed significantly over the 30 or so years I have been involved. It always felt a step up from club cricket, but on game days it was still run by the captain or a player coach, but never as structured as it is now with non playing coaches, specialist fitness coaches etc. It is a much more professional approach.

That approach will only benefit the county pathway, with Stanway very positive about the future of a county he feels passionately about.

The new era of Bucks Cricket is extremely exciting for the pathway, for both boys and girls, to not only play for Bucks sides but, if good enough, to move on to play professional cricket.

And if anyone should know, the highly respected Stanners definitely should.

The above interview was conducted after the opening T20 matches v Oxfordshire.

Cricket Pavilions

by Jonathan Lilley

The game of cricket has many charming facets to it including pavilions. While it may be incorrect to suggest that every cricket ground in Britain has a pavilion the vast majority certainly do. These range from the magnificent creation of Thomas Verity in the building of the Lord's pavilion in the late nineteenth century through to a modern building containing a public cafe, accommodation for a local charity together with modern requirements of club cricketers. This is in Chorleywood in Hertfordshire. This pavilion has been opened in 2023.

It is important to recognize that each pavilion is unique and strives to serve the needs of its club. From the smallest ground to the famous test grounds the pavilion is the center of a cricket ground. It is there to provide facilities for the players, officials, scorers and the spectators. While some buildings are of notable architecture note such as Lord's and Old Trafford through to a fairly ordinary brick built building for Durham cc (not the county club) in the middle of the city of Durham. Of course some original pavilions have been added to and altered due to the changing demands of the modern game. To my mind this has happened to the pavilion at the Oval (the same architect designed the pavilion at Old Trafford)which has from the outside been ruined by the thoughtless expansion of it to accommodate even more spectators. The Old Trafford pavilion has also been altered but this has been carried out thoughtfully and in keeping with the original design.

Those pavilions which are of architectural note and worth a visit are Lord's, Old Trafford, Sydney, Taunton, Canterbury and Trent Bridge. As for non first class grounds I would recommend Tring Park, Radlett, the Grange in Edinburgh, Aigburth in Liverpool, Shardeloes in Amersham and Chenies. While the reader may not agree with my choices and no doubt have many of their favourites, I hope they would agree that without our ancient and modern styles of pavilions all cricket grounds are richly enhanced by them.

May 2023

Jonathan is a life member of Middlesex and Bucks cricket.

The views above are purely those of the author.

ADVANCE NOTICE

BUCKS C.C.C. ANNUAL GOLF DAY & DINNER

Thursday 27th September 2023

Burnham Beeches Golf Club



Bucks County Cricket Club

Marketing / Sponsorship Opportunities in 2023

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Pre match refreshments, luncheon with wine, and tea for 2 people per day

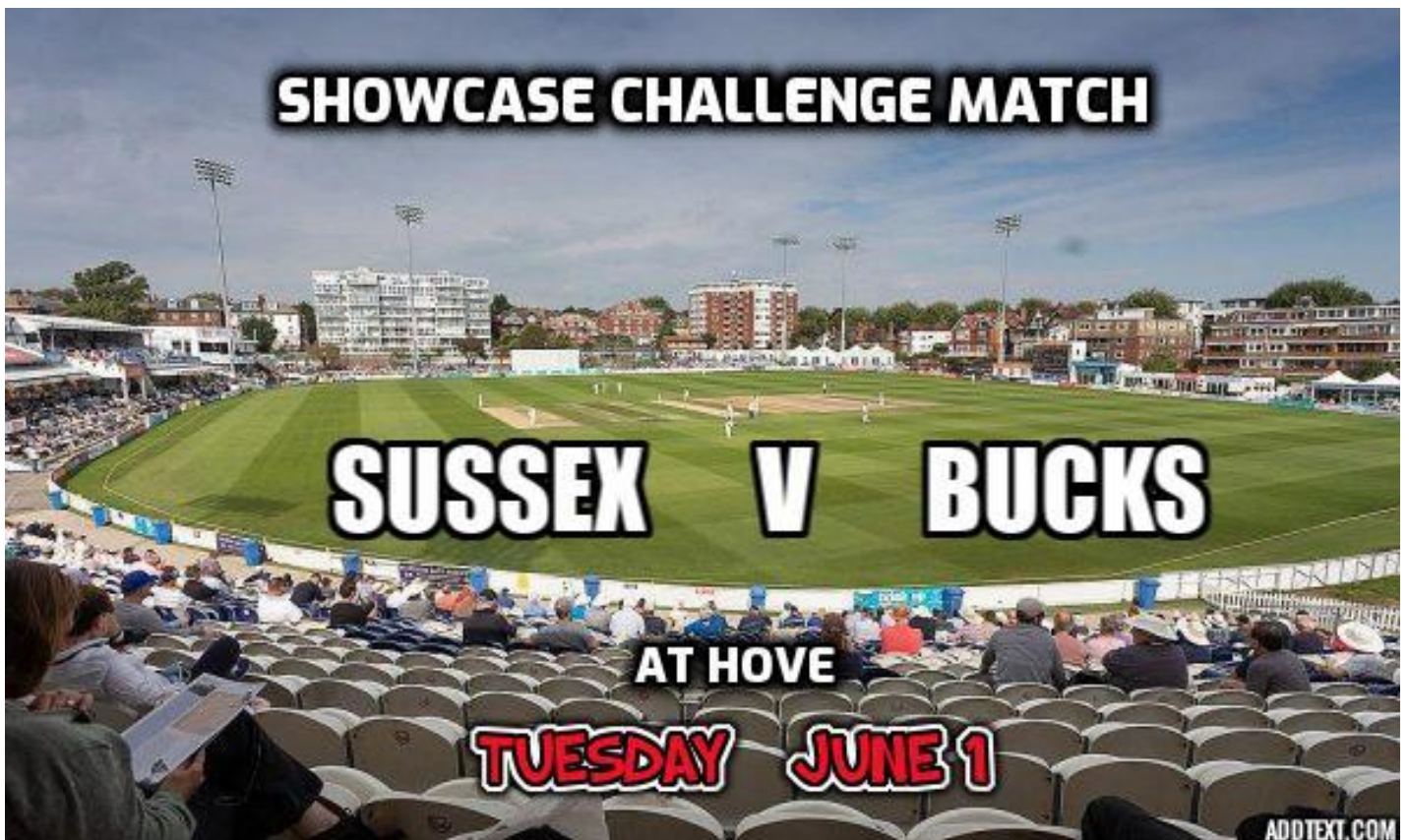
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- 2 Match day programmes per day
- Sponsor status acknowledged on cover of Matchday programme.,
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ONE DAY MATCH SPONSORSHIP(KO Trophy) **at £300 per match**

Individual sponsorship opportunities available for Slough

Pre match refreshments and luncheon with wine,for 2 people.

- 2 County Handbooks and 2 Match day programmes
- Sponsor status acknowledged in Matchday programme.,
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NEWS FROM BUCKS CRICKET CLUBS

Great Brickhill C.C.

New Head of Senior Cricket James Clark previews the new season

3rd May 2023 by **Andy Bone** Sports Shots

Great Brickhill CC's preparation for the 2023 season started very early given the successes of 2022, which saw the club achieve its highest ever league position of 4th in the Home Counties League Division Two. Incoming Head of Senior Cricket James Clark said that 'it was quite clear that some of our key performers would be pursued by other clubs, so we had to move swiftly and decisively in laying the foundations for another campaign by securing their commitment to the club'. The standout performers last year were Sri Lankan left arm spinner Naveen Kavikara, who was the leading wicket taker in the Home Counties League and Oxfordshire's wicket-keeper batter Jonny Cater, who contributed 656 runs and 28 dismissals. The team will be led by the talismanic all-rounder Garth Davson with Marcus Critchley stepping up to become vice-captain. The club has been boosted by the news that Aadi Sharma will continue to play his senior cricket at Great Brickhill. After his breakthrough season last year where he went onto represent Bucks and Northants 2nd XI, he will be available once his season at Stowe School is completed. Off the pitch, Great Brickhill CC are delighted to be able to announce a new main club sponsor with Fine Homes

Property, who have signed a four-year deal. Their name will be emblazoned across the playing shirts of the senior teams.

Cricket at Tobruk in World War 2

The following article was sent to Kevin Beaumont by Bill Ruse, to whom we send thanks, an umpiring colleague he met whilst on the recent England 0-70's tour of Australia. It is an extract from a book by Greg Growden entitled *Cricketers at War*. I guess he thought it might be useful to Kevin whilst umpiring back in Blighty, particularly the bit about searching for concealed weapons!

Even during the darkest days of Tobruk, cricket was played. One semi-serious inter-service match in July 1941 between the 20th Australian Infantry Brigade and 107th Royal Horse Artillery at the Tobruk (Tobruk) Cricket Ground included the stipulations that 'play will NOT cease during shell fire', 'All players will supply own Beer. Rum issue, before and after match, is being arranged by Manager', 'Umpires will wear with coats (if available) and will carry loaded rifle with fixed bayonet', 'Tin hat to be used (on head only) by wicket-keeper, if desired', 'Remarks to umpires on receipt of adverse decisions to be confined to those words used during dive-bombing attacks', 'all players will be searched for concealed weapons before start of play', 'all weapons found, other than ST grenades, Mills bombs and revolvers will be confiscated (this does NOT apply to umpires)' and 'any other rules may be added or deleted as a majority of players, umpires or onlookers think fit'.



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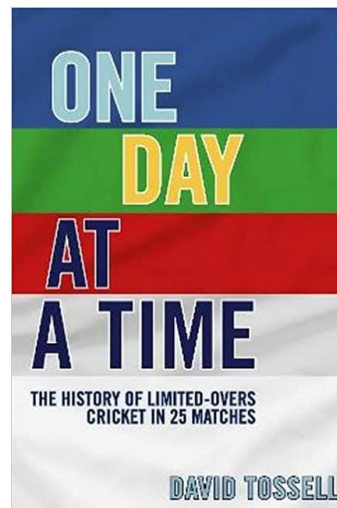
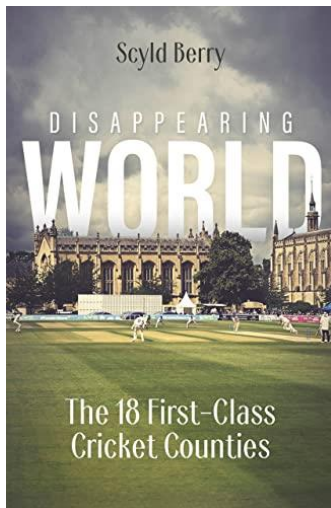
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Book Reviews

Not really reviews, as others are infinitely more qualified to do so than me, but just more in the line of honourable mentions. Both have recently hit the bookstalls, *Disappearing World* came out in April and *One Day At A Time* appeared just last week.



DISAPPEARING WORLD - The 18 First Class Counties

Award-winning cricket writer Scyld Berry brings us a heartfelt celebration of what county cricket has been for more than a hundred years – an integral part of English life.

Drawing on 60 years' experience of watching county cricket, the author provides an in-depth profile of each of the 18 first-class counties, delving into the past to explore how the game took off, in no small part thanks to the legendary W.G. Grace. With change and possible existential threat looming in the shape of The Hundred franchise, and the proliferation of T20 tournaments around the world, the England and Wales Cricket Board is looking to cut the County Championship to just ten games per season. There's never been a more pertinent time to unpick the workings of this centuries-old institution and examine why its survival is so important.

ONE DAY AT A TIME - The History of Limited Overs cricket in 25 matches

One Day At A Time uses selected matches from the past 60 years to tell the story of limited-overs cricket. One-day cricket arrived as a formalised part of the calendar in 1963 with the launch of the Gillette Cup in England. The development of the limited-overs game is at the heart of the sport's evolution, from the introduction of multi-national competition to the 21st-century phenomenon of franchise-based 20-over leagues. 'One-day internationals' found their way into the sport's lexicon from 1971 and the first men's World Cup was staged in 1975, while India's surprise success in the 1983 edition was responsible for changing the landscape of the world's most cricket-mad country and the global game's balance of power. The need for an even more abbreviated version of the sport saw Twenty20 cricket introduced in England in 2003. Once again, it was Indian success on the world stage that sparked a game-changing revolution that resulted in the Indian Premier League and a year-round series of franchise-led competitions in all parts of the world. The matches featured in One Day

At A Time include the first Lord's final; the 'underarm' outrage in Australia; extraordinary innings by Richards, Tendulkar and Gayle; tales of match-fixing; the greatest day in the women's game; and, of course, England's elusive first 50-over triumph.

The Author David Tossell lives in Buckinghamshire, whom he is proud to represent in over-60s cricket. He has been writing about sport for more than four decades and is the author of 18 previous books. He has been short-listed seven times in the British Sports Book Awards – and twice for MCC/Cricket Society Book of the Year, for Grovel! (2008) and Following On (2011). He was the long-time head of European public affairs for the NFL and previously executive sports editor of the Today newspaper.

Signed copies of David's book are available to all Bucks members at a reduced cost of £15
Please let Ron Hedley or David know if you would like to purchase a copy. There will be a small donation to Prostate Cancer Research from any sales.

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Firstly a great big thank you to all individuals/ companies who sponsored a player last season.....and seasons before.

We are continuing with our very successful Sponsor-A_ Player initiative, which raises much need funds for the club. Hopefully last season's sponsors will return this season, but currently only included are those I am definitely aware of.

If you do wish to continue, please let Susan Klyne or myself know asap. Contact details below.

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For details on how to Sponsor a Player, please contact

Bill Scholes (01420 560290) or

Susan Klyne (susanklyne@bucksccc.org.uk)

UPDATE ON RON HEDLEY'S WALKS FOR PROSTATE CANCER CHARITY

The following Headline taken from www.bobwillisfund.org/ronsmarch

THE INCREDIBLE RON HEDLEY HAS NOW RAISED OVER £13,000 (NOW UP TO £15,000) COMPLETING A FANTASTIC FOUR WALKS IN FOUR WEEKS ACROSS BERKSHIRE, ESSEX, SURREY AND HERTFORDSHIRE. RON IS DETERMINED TO ATTEMPT TO WALK 33 MARCHES, ONE IN EVERY COUNTY PLAYING OVER 60S CRICKET. IT IS A TWO-YEAR PLAN.

Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60s and Over 70s Chairman Ron Hedley has been raising funds for prostate cancer research since taking part in a Jeff Stelling "March for Men" in 2017. Unfortunately for Ron he was diagnosed with prostate and bone cancer in 2018. His latest fund raising venture is asking all of the Counties who play County Over 60s cricket to arrange a walk and raise funds for this amazing cause. There are 32 English Counties and Wales who could arrange a walk. So far Ron and his wife Pat have joined eight walks across the country.



Walk number nine was arranged by Peter Robbins on behalf of Hertfordshire CCC Over 60s and Over 70s on Friday 12th May 2023. The walkers met at The Red Lion PH, in Preston, nr Hitchin for a walk around the Hertfordshire Countryside. Fourteen hardy souls, after being provided with a Ron's March T shirt and a Bob Willis Fund baseball cap, set off with local village resident Steve as our guide. Unfortunately, due to the recent rains the terrain was wet and muddy and for the first time on our walks the rain decided to join in. Fortunately, the rain did not hamper the walkers enjoying pleasant company and the lovely countryside. I know Peter was disappointed by the small number supporting the walk but it did not detract from the enjoyment or the cause.

We now have a rest from walking until June. Maybe if it stops raining, we might even get to play some cricket. Our walks now move on to the following venues;

Lincolnshire Over 60s and Over 70s walk at Louth on either the first or last Sunday in June.

Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire Over 60s and Over 70s walk at Wormsley Cricket Ground, Ibstone on Wednesday 28th June 2023.

Cornwall Over 60s and Over 70s walk at Truro CC on Friday 28th July 2023. The walk will be in the morning of the match between Cornwall Over 60s and the touring Australian Over 60s

Derbyshire CCC Charitable Foundation have decided to join up with our walks for their Charitable Walkathon which is taking place on Friday 30th June 2023.

Letter from Ron and Pat Hedley.- 23May

Pat and I met representatives of Derbyshire County Cricket Club, Charitable Foundation at The Incora Ground yesterday, along with members of Derbyshire CCC Over 60s, Prostate Cancer UK and The Bob Willis Fund. If you click on the following link dcfcricket.com/projects/t20-walkathon you will find out all about the day and how to register to walk and then watch the evening T20 match between Derbyshire CCC and Leicestershire CCC. It will be great if some of you would like to join us. It is all part of England Cricket Seniors and Ron's target of 33 marches to raise funds for prostate cancer research. You need to register to walk and donate the fee to walk. If you wish to donate more than the requested fee you can donate extra at <http://www.bobwillisfund.org/ronsMarch> and mention Derbyshire CCC. There is a Travelodge which overlooks the ground. We hope some of you will join us for the day.
Kind Regards Pat and Ron The Link. dcfcricket.com/projects/t20-walkathon

.Letter from Ron Hedley 25 May

I am delighted to confirm that the family of Sir Paul Getty have invited us to walk at The Wormsley Estate, on Wednesday 28th June 2023. The Sir Paul Getty XI will be playing an all day match against Crusaders, a touring side from Australia. Sir Michael Parkinson is their President. The touring side is close to Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60s as the late John Goodman was their travelling scorer and a great friend of The Crusaders. Walkers will be invited to watch the match after the walk. If you are not aware Wormsley is one of the most beautiful cricket grounds. Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60s / Over 70s and Oxfordshire CCC Over 60s are making this a joint walk. We will be walking within the Estate and I am delighted to say we have been invited to visit the famous "Walled Garden". As a member at Wormsley it is not a delight you get to experience very often. Some of the walk is up steep climbs, I am told, although the final route is to be discussed and confirmed. We will look to meet at 10.30 am and walk from 11.00am. Details of where to park will be confirmed soon. At the moment I am trying to get a local firm to provide a cricket type tea, sandwiches and cakes at a small cost to each walker. There will not be any food or drink outlets on the day at the ground. We may look to visit a local public house on the walk for tea/coffee, I will keep you informed. After the match the players and officials will be retiring to The Mowchak Indian Restaurant in Stokenchurch. Walkers are invited to join the players if they wish. Due to limited numbers this will be on a first come first served basis. Obviously you will have to pay for the meal. **A note of how to donate is attached. Please mention the Buckinghamshire CCC/ Oxfordshire CCC walk when asked to comment.**

Please confirm the following asap;

1. If you would like to join the walk and how many people will walk with you?
2. If you would like to join the players at The Mowchak after the match and how many people.

It should be a great day so please look to join us, family and friends are welcome. So far 8 walks have raised an amazing £15000, beyond our wildest dreams, lets hope Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire will show great support for this walk.

A reminder that coverage of the Edgbaston Walk and after walk interviews will be broadcast by SKY TV during The Ashes Test Match at Edgbaston commencing on the 16th June. I am told, by someone who has seen some of the editing the interviews are great.

We are delighted to have added more walks to our goal of walking in all of the 32 English Counties and Wales who play Over 60s County Cricket.

To join a walk contact Ron Hedley at rjhatters1@yahoo.co.uk 01494 812645 or 07710 987 950 and to find out more go to www.bobwillisfund.org/ronsmarch or www.6070cc.co.uk and click on prostate cancer

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 Please note the new social media addresses below as the old ones have been disabled and merged with these.

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This season all of Bucks 1st XI games will be shown live on our YouTube channel



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The Annual Subscription is : -

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£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

April 2022

Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers particularly Kevin Beaumont, Andy Bone. Ron Hedley, Su Klyne, Mike Knox, Rachel Hudson, Jonathan Lilley, County Cricket Matters and Yahoo Over Cow Corner. All contributions gratefully received of course - why not write an article- join our happy band of literary contributors.

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

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