

## COLOURED TROUSERS NO 14



Queen Elizabeth II  
1926 - 2022

**Bucks County Cricket Club are deeply saddened  
by the death of Her Majesty The Queen.**

**At this time we remember the inspiration, leadership,  
commitment & dedication she had for our great country.**

**She leaves behind a great legacy  
which will never be forgotten.**

**Thank you, Your Majesty, may you rest in peace.**

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## **BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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### **BUMPER PROMOTION EDITION**

Back Row: Conner Haddow, Simon Stanway, Tom Weymes ,Mo Choudhry, Jason Harrison,  
Michael Wells, Cameron Parsons, Tom Hampton(Capt)



Front Row: Ed Bragg, AJ Woodland, Chris Marrow, Ross Richardson, Alex Kervezee, Michael Payne

The hills are alive ( well, the Aylesbury Vale anyway ) with the sound of champagne corks popping as we celebrated promotion to Division One following our comprehensive 299-run victory over nearest rivals Cambridgeshire at Tring Park last week.

In completing the clean sweep of four victories, which saw us win National Counties Championship Eastern Division 2 by 42 points to earn promotion to Division 1 next season, we dropped only two batting points, ending with 94 from a maximum possible total of 96. Just to whet your appetite for life in Division One, our opponents next year will be Lincolnshire, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Staffordshire, but most importantly, it means that we will once again be in a position to challenge for the overall NCCA county championship. It was 10 years ago that we last appeared in the Championship final, losing to Cornwall down at Truro, and it was a further three years back when we last tasted the champagne, beating Cheshire at Slough in the first ever 4 day final. So, no pressure lads!

We required only three points from this final game to secure promotion, and secured these on the first day when we scored 386 all out in 89.5 overs, after being put in to bat.

Star of the show was AJ Woodland, who scored his second Championship century of the summer, making 111 from 206 balls with 15 fours. He shared an opening stand of 129 with Michael Wells, who made 64. Other useful contributions came from Cameron Parsons (44), Alex Kervezee (40), Ed Bragg (32), Tom Hampton (31) and Chris Marrow (24).

In reply, Cambridgeshire could muster only 153, mainly thanks to a superb spell of slow left-arm bowling from Conner Haddow, whose figures were 20-2-6-40-6.

With the pitch beginning to show some signs of wear and in the knowledge that Cambridgeshire had four competent spinners, captain Tom Hampton declined to enforce the follow-on. Batting again, Woodland again led the way 83, with ten fours. His main support came from Michael Payne (72) and Ross Richardson (32\*) as they declared on 245-4.

This set Cambridgeshire a target of 479 for victory, with what turned out to be ten overs before the end of the second day's play. Ed Bragg bowled an excellent spell in this short period, picking up three wickets, and Haddow chipped in with one, leaving the visitors on 19-4 overnight.

Callum Guest and Lee Thomason batted with great application for a century partnership on the third morning, but after Guest was dismissed for a resolute 89, the innings fell away against spinners Payne (3-38) and Haddow (4-83), as Cambridgeshire were dismissed for 179 in mid-afternoon. Conner Haddow finished with an excellent ten-wicket match haul, his overall figures being 43-2-12-123-10.

NATIONAL COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP  
EASTERN DIVISION 2 FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Bat	Bwl	Pts
<b>Bucks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>94</b>
Cambridgeshire	4	2	0	2	5	15	52
Hertfordshire	4	1	2	1	12	15	51
Cumbria	4	1	1	2	6	16	42
*Northumberland	4	0	1	3	4	15	21 *Northumberland deducted 2 pts

A clear sign that our championship team performances have improved considerably over the last few years can be seen by looking at the individual notable performances. This season, 5 players scored centuries - AJ Woodland 2, and Alexei Kervezee, Ross Richardson and Mike Wells one apiece. There was just the one, by AJ, last season but the last time 5 were recorded was in 2018, when of course there were 6 matches compared to the 4 today. There were also 4 century partnerships this season, (AJ & Wells, Alexei& Aadi Sharma, Wells & Mike Payne and Ross Richardson & Cam Parsons) as against the one last season. The bowling unit were not to be left out, however, and can be seen from the stats as there were 3 fivefers this season – Conner Haddow 6-40, Ed Bragg 5-59 & Parsons 5-70- as against just the one last year.

## **OUR FIRST THREE MATCHES IN THE NCCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **Bucks v Hertfordshire @ Bishops Stortford**

Bucks opened their 2022 campaign with a victory over Hertfordshire by 10 wickets, in a game played in soaring temperatures. The visitors gave Championship debuts to Chris Marrow (Gerrards Cross), Tom Weymes (Tring Park) and 16 year-old Aadil Sharma (Great Brickhill & Northants Academy). Herts won the toss and invited Bucks to bat. Marrow (49) impressed opening the innings before vice skipper Alexei Kervezee was joined by Sharma. The pair proceeded to enforce Bucks control on the game. The exciting prospect Sharma benefitted from the experience of the former Worcestershire & Netherlands batsman as they shared a fourth-wicket stand of 145 runs, taking the score to 237 before Sharma was adjudged leg before just four runs short of his century. His 96 included eleven 4s and four 6s. Kervezee then reached his his first Championship hundred for the county, in just 115 balls, before departing for 107 runs. Ross Richardson continued to build on the platform and, together with Cameron Parsons, the pair added a valuable 123 for the seventh wicket. Parsons was out for 50, his fourth in Bucks colours, before Richardson reached his maiden championship hundred in 116 balls. Bucks closed their innings on 446 for 8 from their 90 overs. In reply, AJ Woodland had Arjun Patel (14) nick behind to Richardson and Haddow trapped Dom Chatfield (30) in front just before the close.

In the opening session on the second day, Haddow struck in his first over before AJ picked up two wickets in successive balls to leave Hertfordshire on 64 for 5. Scott dug in and proved a thorn in Bucks side as his 91 helped his side rebuild before they were finally dismissed for 236 all out. The High Wycombe duo of Woodland (three for 23 from ten overs) and Haddow (three for 54 from 28 overs) were the pick of the bowlers, plus there was a first Championship wicket for Weymes. Herts were asked to follow on, and Skipper Hampton (two for 22 from nine overs) and Parsons (two for 43 from 28 overs) halted the home side again before Scott (57) and Mo Rizvi (54) both made half centuries. Ed Bragg (three for 45 from 16 overs) came back and put Bucks close to victory as Herts edged into a lead of 25 before they were all out and Marrow and Woodland quickly knocked off the 26 runs required to give Bucks the best possible start to the new campaign.

### **Bucks v Cumbria @ Chesham**

Bucks made it two wins out of two after defeating Cumbria by 74 runs in three days of fluctuating fortunes at Chesham. The first day was dominated by Bucks, who, after winning the toss, made 237 all out, thanks almost entirely to opener AJ Woodland, with his second championship century, who was last out for 121. Cumbria bowling was dominated by spin, with left arm-spinner Matthew Siddall taking 8-88 in a marathon spell. IN reply, Cumbria slumped to 93-7 after an inspired spell by seamer Cameron Parsons, who captured their first five wickets.

The visitors recovered on the second day, thanks to a stunning innings by Sam Dutton who made a mammoth 167 sharing a record eighth-wicket partnership of 164 with wicket-keeper Finlay Richardson (76). They helped Cumbria recover to 308 all out - a first innings lead of 71. Cameron finished with 5-70 from 20 overs. Alexei Kervezee's 50 helped Bucks knock off the deficit but we finished the second day in a somewhat precarious position, with six wickets down and a lead of just over 150.

However determined batting on the final morning by Teddie Casterton (55), Ross Richardson (62) and Conner Haddow (55 not out) saw us eventually reach 350 all out at lunch, leaving Cumbria 281 to win from about 65 overs.

Up stepped seamer Ed Bragg to make the breakthrough for Bucks, taking four wickets as Cumbria slipped to 95-6. A stand of 81 by skipper Slack and Richardson gave them hope, but Conner Haddow took three late wickets to dismiss them for 206, with eight overs left. amid great celebrations from the home side. Bragg finished with Championship best figures of 5-59. But spare a thought for young Matt Siddall who bowled 81 overs in the match taking 14-208, only to finish on the losing side!

## Northumberland v Bucks @ Jesmond

A sparkling maiden championship century from young Buckingham opening batsman Michael Wells



inspired Bucks to a two-day victory over the hosts. Wells, who turned 20 the previous week, scored a spectacular 179 not out in only his second Championship outing to lead Bucks to a first innings score of 362-9 from their 90 overs after choosing to bat first. Bucks bowlers then followed his lead, dismissing the host county for 96 and 237 to secure a massive victory by an innings and 29 runs. Wells's score is one of the highest in Bucks's history, his unbeaten 179 coming from 241 balls and included two sixes and 24 fours. Other main contributors were Michael Payne (64), with whom Wells shared a fifth-wicket stand of 114, and Ed Bragg, who made 34.

After fielding in the heat on the first day, Northumberland slumped to 41-4 in reply by the close, Cameron Parsons and Bragg each taking two wickets. The hosts' first-innings decline continued on the second day, with skipper Tom Hampton taking two wickets, before AJ Woodland wrapped the innings with a stunning spell of 4-12 from seven overs as the home side were shot out for 96 in 39 overs. Bucks enforced the follow on and Northumberland batted better second time around, although no batsman reached fifty. After an opening stand of 52, wickets fell steadily, with Mo Choudhry taking 2-18 from 11 impressive overs. This time it was left-arm spinner Conner Haddow, who wrapped up the two-day victory with 4-81 from 19.3 overs as the hosts' second innings closed on 237 in 70.3 overs.

### BUCKS BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP AVERAGES - 2022

Name	Mch	Balls	Mdn	Wkts	Runs	Best	B Mch	Average
ZMK Choudhry	1	66	6	2	18	2--18	2--18	9.00
EWH Bragg	4	528	20	16	268	5--59	6--100	16.75
AJ Woodland	4	276	10	8	140	4--12	4—43	17.50
MJ Payne	4	277	6	7	130	3--28	3--28	18.57
CPW Haddow	4	914	41	22	440	6--40	10—123	20.00
TRG Hampton	4	331	9	8	181	2--22	3—39	22.63
CDR Parsons	4	612	28	10	238	5--70	5--104	23.80
TG Weymes	4	321	7	6	169	2--44	2--44	28.17
AN Kervezee	4	12	0	0	3	0--3	0--3	-----

## BUCKS BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP AVERAGES - 2022

Name	Mach	Inns	N O	Runs	Balls	H S	100s	50s	6s	4s	Av
A Sharma	1	1	0	<b>96</b>	113	96		1	4	11	<b>96.00</b>
MR Wells	3	5	1	<b>305</b>	484	179*	1	1	2	45	<b>76.25</b>
RAJ Richardson	3	5	2	<b>213</b>	308	105*	1	1	4	21	<b>71.00</b>
AJ Woodland	4	7	1	<b>365</b>	701	121	2	1		50	<b>60.83</b>
AN Kervezee	4	6	0	<b>260</b>	394	107	1	1	1	23	<b>43.33</b>
MJ Payne	4	6	1	<b>187</b>	317	72*		2		26	<b>37.40</b>
ETD Casterton	1	2	0	<b>55</b>	117	55		1		6	<b>27.50</b>
CDR Parsons	4	5	0	<b>132</b>	176	50		1		5	<b>26.40</b>
CJ Marrow	3	5	1	<b>180</b>	146	49		1		12	<b>23.25</b>
CPW Haddow	4	5	2	<b>190</b>	165	55*		2		7	<b>23.00</b>
EWH Bragg	4	5	0	<b>112</b>	171	32			5	9	<b>22.40</b>
ZMK Choudhry	1	1	0	<b>19</b>	46	19				3	<b>19.00</b>
TRG Hampton	4	5	1	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	31			4	6	<b>16.50</b>
TG Weymes	4	4	2	<b>36</b>	25	6*			1	1	<b>3.50</b>
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### SPORTS SHOTS INTERVIEW WITH THE VICTORIOUS BUCKS SKIPPER

**By Andy Bone**

Tom Hampton has reflected on Bucks' National Counties Cricket Association campaign and looked ahead to 2023. Hampton's side closed the season strongly with a 100% record in the Championship and the promise of Eastern Division 1 cricket next season.

**It was a really pleasing second half of the summer. I felt we started to build some momentum in the one-day competition with two decent performances at home, coupled with some scrappy performances on tough wickets away. We then took that into the 3-day competition and played some really good cricket throughout the four matches. To win the group and secure promotion into Division 1 was something we had targeted as a group, but to do it in the manner that we did only dropping 2 points was an amazing effort by all the guys.**

The skipper recognised the overall qualities that gave his side such a comprehensive title win.

**At the start of the competition, I asked the guys to bring energy and commitment to every session we played. Now I look back at the game against Herts, where we had two centuries and a 90 which put a big total on the board, and the way that the bowlers and fielders went out and stuck at it for the best part of 200 overs in a row in the field, on placid surface, to win the game showed the group what we could do as a side, plus brought everyone closer. We then carried that through the competition and the batters put runs on the board and all the bowlers stepped up at different times to take 20 wickets every game. It's easy to say**

**that the group was tight knit when you are winning but I really believe that the group is as close as I have seen whilst I have been involved with Bucks, and that definitely played a part in the success.**

With a number of players opting out of the commitments that National Counties cricket brings, Bucks created a rebuilding project with many young players coming in, plus the introduction of Alexei Kervezee, the experienced Worcestershire and Netherlands player. The unit of management, coaches and players have worked together in their approach for the project. Did it surprise Hampton how quickly it gathered momentum? And how much does it help having a good off-the-field team as a support?

**Over the past couple of years, we have had a slightly younger group, and there have been occasions where we have shown a lack of experience. But the players are more than good enough to do well at the level and that has shown over the season. I think we have a really good balance at the moment. The coaches work really well together and bounce off each other, and I think the players are enjoying the ideas, plans and energies that they bring. In terms of has it surprised me, no not really as we have always felt the qualities are there and knew that if we could get the finer details right then we would start enjoying some success. Having a good supportive team off the pitch and experienced pro (professional) is huge. They have to take a lot of credit for our success, Cub (Alexei Kervezee) especially is exceptional. The way he sets the standards for the group is something special and very important.**

Over the winter, the county appointed Jack Perham to the newly introduced role as Strength and Conditioning coach. The addition of this position was one Hampton felt had been hugely positive.

**Jack has been a brilliant addition to the team. We always felt it was an area we could improve on, but the trickiest part was finding the right person to come into the group. Jack has proved to be the right guy. He brings great energy and knowledge to the group, and I think there was a huge amount of proof of this in our performance. The fielding improved throughout the summer, and the lads were starting to take more responsibility for getting their bodies where they needed to be to perform. We definitely improved but are fully aware that we can get better as a group and that's the challenge this winter. We have seen the benefits so it's up to individuals to take it upon themselves to get even better and push the group forward.**

Taking time to reflect back to the white ball season, Hampton was realistic that the process would take time.

**There was always going to be an element of the side learning with the age being much younger, but I think ultimately, we just didn't perform well enough for long enough periods during both white ball competitions. We came up against some strong sides and individual form plays a big part in one-day cricket. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough players in form to really compete consistently enough. I'd like to think we are always building but we didn't look at the start of the summer as a building year. We felt we have a side that could compete, but it didn't go that way. We have definitely learnt a lot during the white ball summer and I am sure we will come back better for it.**

So, what next for Hampton and Bucks?

**As mentioned before, we have asked the guys to work with Jack and really improve physically over the winter so that will be a focus for the side. We are going to look to do something a little bit different this winter from the cricket side, which will hopefully put us in a great position to start the summer next year. I'm not one to look too far ahead but I am**

**very excited to see what this group can achieve next year, especially in red ball cricket in Eastern Division 1.**

In closing, Hampton thanked everyone who supported his side.

**I would just like to thank all those who have come and supported the team throughout the summer, and to those on the committee who help make sure we can get out and play. Plus one big thank you to Sports Shots for their coverage. The support we receive from everyone really means a lot to all the guys.**

## **BUCKS DEFEAT SURREY IN SHOWCASE CHALLENGE MATCH**



### **Bucks led onto the field by captain for the day Alexei Kervezee**

Bucks cricketers celebrated an excellent victory over Surrey in their showpiece game against the first-class county at High Wycombe on Sunday. In doing so, they achieved Bucks's first victory over a first-class county since beating Somerset by seven runs in the NatWest Trophy on the same ground in 1987.

In front of several hundred spectators, Bucks secured a four-wicket win with six overs to spare against a young Surrey side managed by former England captain Alec Stewart.

Putting Surrey in to bat on a fast-scoring ground, Bucks got off to a great start when Ed Bragg dismissed Ryan Patel for a golden duck in the first over. But then Cameron Steel and Ben Geddes added 177 for the second wicket in 27 overs as Surrey appeared set for a total well over 300.

Off-spinner Michael Payne then dismissed both in quick succession - Steel for a splendid 114 off 102 balls and Geddes for 57 off 75. Bucks bowlers then took a grip on the game as the last nine Surrey wickets fell for just 99 runs as the visiting county, whose side contained several players with first-class and T20 experience, were dismissed for 268 in 49.3 overs. ( Nine of the Surrey side were in action shortly afterwards as they faced Sussex in the 50 over Royal London Cup .) Payne finished 2-43 in his ten overs, Bragg 2-51 in ten, while Cameron Parsons claimed 3-53 in nine. AJ Woodland kept it tight with 1-27 off eight.

This seemed an eminently gettable target for Bucks. A third-wicket stand of 103 between Woodland (47) and Alexei Kervezee, who struck three sixes and five fours in his 67 from 53 balls set up the run chase. Ross Richardson maintained his good form with a fluent 48 from 50 balls as the Surrey bowlers were unable to stem the tide. Chris Marrow (34) and Bragg (27 not out) saw Bucks home on 272-6 in 44 overs.

Credit goes to the High Wycombe club for staging this game and to groundsman Robin Baker for producing such an excellent pitch in the recent drought conditions.



## National Counties Championship Final

Berkshire won the National Counties Championship for the ninth time in their history by virtue of their first innings lead in a soggy drawn final against Lincolnshire at West Bromwich Dartmouth. With more than two-thirds of the match lost to rain, the title was decided on the first innings totals with Berkshire, who passed Lincolnshire's 176 on the third evening, eventually extending their lead to 134 before they were dismissed for 310 on the final morning. It was Berkshire's fifth Championship title in six seasons and their tenth National Counties silverware in the same period to go with four National Counties Trophy titles and the T20 competition in 2018.

### COUNTY CAPS AWARDED

During the final NCCA County Championship match against Cambridgeshire at Tring Park, Alex Woodland (AJ) and Cameron Parsons were awarded their County caps. As if to say thank you AJ scored 111 in the first innings and 83 in the second. The photos show the players being presented with their caps by captain, Tom Hampton and director of cricket Jason Harrison. Congratulations to AJ and Cam, both of whom have enjoyed an excellent championship campaign this season.

#### AJ Woodland



#### Cameron Parsons



## National Counties 50 over Trophy Final

Berkshire made it a hat-trick of wins over Cumbria in the National Counties Trophy final with an emphatic five wickets win at Wormsley. It gave Berkshire their ninth piece of silverware in six seasons and they have the opportunity to add a tenth when they face Lincolnshire in National Counties Championship final at West Bromwich Dartmouth from September 4 to 7. Scorecard: Cumbria 227-9, Berkshire 231-5. Berkshire won by five wickets.

### BUCKS CRICKETER'S WHO'S WHO

At the beginning of the season, I started a series of articles highlighting our very own Bucks cricketers, in order that our members could become more knowledgeable about the number of new younger players who were coming onto the scene. Questionnaires were issued to all squad members and I was very pleased and gratified to receive 20 interesting and informative replies. Unfortunately two have yet to respond. Below are three more to complete the 20.

#### NAME: **Ed Bragg**

1. Where and when were you born? – **08/10/2001 in Worcestershire.**
2. Which club do you currently play for? **Halesowen (Birmingham league)**
3. Have you played for any other clubs? **Started at Evesham and spent a lot of time at Dumbleton CC**
4. Are you associated with any other Clubs or Academies? **Not currently. I used to be on the Worcestershire academy**
4. How would you best describe yourself? – **All rounder , Batting - middle order , Bowling – right arm seam**
5. What first got you into cricket? **My family encouraging me to the local club sessions**
6. Are you still in education/college/ University(which) ? **I'm in full time work**
7. When and where did you make your debut for Bucks 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Was that Championship or T20/50 over KO? **Dunstable cc against Bedfordshire in a T20**
8. Have you played for any other Bucks Under Age groups? Which Ones? **I haven't but I have played 1 game for the Academy this year**
8. Who has been the biggest influence in your cricket career so far? **I probably couldn't give one there has been a lot of people help and influence me in lots of ways.**
9. Do you have any family ties with cricket? **My family just enjoy cricket.**
10. What has been your proudest moment in cricket so far- either for Bucks or for club, or both ? **My first fifer for Bucks as it helped us with the game against Cumbria.**
11. Which has been your favourite Bucks ground to play on....and why? **High Wycombe– always good to play on, offers for both bat and ball so suits my game perfectly.**
12. Which form of professional cricket do you prefer to watch. Hundred/T20/50 over KO/ County championship/ Test match ? **Test match**
13. What do you think of The Hundred ? **I think it's a great competition to make cricket appeal to everyone**
14. Do you have a nickname? **Braggy**
15. Outside of cricket, what are your interests and or hobbies ? **I enjoy a wide range of sports including tennis golf and football and I enjoy spending time on the family farm**
16. Any Guilty pleasures? **Takeaways**

17. Any surprising facts about yourself? **I didn't start bowling properly till I was in U17s**

18. General . Any other general facts about yourself - Awards/ Honours etc. that you think might be interesting to know. **I achieved Worcestershire academy player of the year in 2019**

## **BUCKS PLAYER'S WHO'S WHO**

**NAME: Aadi Sharma**

1. Where and when were you born? – **I'm 16 years old, DOB 23/02/2006 .Born in Milton Keynes.**

2. Which club do you currently play for? **Great Brickhill Cricket Club .**

3. Have you played for any other club? **Yes , I have played for Uxbridge Cricket Club for U12's & U13's.**

4. Are you associated with any other Clubs or Academies **Yes please , I'm part of the Northants County Cricket Club Academy Team and setup.**

4 .How would you best describe yourself? –Batter- opening or top order, Bowler – seam or Spin ? **Top order batsman and Leg spin bowler.**

5. What first got you into cricket? **My father introduced me to the game as he use to play club cricket.**

6. Are you still in education/college/ University(which ) ? **I go Stowe School and in September 2022 I will be in lower sixth.**

7. When and where did you make your debut for Bucks 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Was that Championship or T20/50 over KO? **10<sup>th</sup> July , at Bishop Stortford against Hertfordshire CC in National County Championship.**

8. Have you played for any other Bucks Under Age groups? Which Ones?

**I have been part Bucks county setup since U-10's and played all age groups(10/11/12/13/14/15/18's) and was part of the EPP setup since U-10's and through out all the age groups. I have been part of Bucks Acadmey Since age of 14 years.**

8. Who has been the biggest influence in your cricket career so far? **All my Bucks junior pathway coaches , Jason Rance & Rich Hudson have played a pivotal role in my development .Plus at my school James Knott and Andy Connor who work with me through the year to improve my game .At Northants CCC Kevin Innes has been immensely supportive and encouraging in my continued development .**

9. Do you have any family ties with cricket? **No, my father just played club cricket .**

10. What has been your proudest moment in cricket so far- either for Bucks or for club, or both? **Debut for Bucks CCC First team .**

11. Which has been your favourite Bucks ground to play on....and why? **Campbell Park cricket ground , as I scored my highest score of 162 against Wiltshire cricket Board U-15's ECB cup.**

12. Which form of professional cricket do you prefer to watch. Hundred/T20/50 over KO/ County championship/ Test match ? **The hundred is an exciting format to watch.**

13. What do you think of The Hundred ? **I love it .**

14. Do you have a nickname? **No .**

15. Outside of cricket, what are your interests and or hobbies ? **Playing Xbox and going out with my friends.**

16. Any Guilty pleasures? **Deserts.**

17. Any surprising facts about yourself? **I enjoy watching Rugby more than watching cricket.**

18. General . Any other general facts about yourself - Awards/ Honours etc. that you think might be interesting to know. **I have won various awards through out my age group in school/club & county.**

- I have received the performance of the season award in U-10 category for Bucks county for scoring 34 ball century against Isle of Man U11's .
- At Milton Keynes preparatory school I have won outstanding Cricketer player award for 3 consecutive years. I have also received my cricket Colours at end of year 5.
- I won the best batsman award at the 6 side tournament organised by Berkhamsted school.
- I have received several awards through out the age groups for best batsman and best bowler awards for GBCC.
- I captained for U11's MKPS school team and I have captained numerous times Bucks county cricket.
- I have captained at stowe U-15's and U-17's.
- I was awarded sports scholarship at Stowe School.
- I have represented Bucks county In the south west team for the prestigious ECB Bunbury Festival in 2021.I scored 175 runs in the festival .
- I have represented Northants CCC in the midland team for ECB U-17's super 4's this year and scored a century (128) against London & East team.
- This year for Stowe school I have scored over 1000 runs and taken 40 wickets .
- I hit 122 off 55 balls in the T-20 competition this year against Oxford Cricket club.

## **BUCKS PLAYER'S WHO'S WHO**

**NAME: Tom Weymes**

- 1.Where and when were you born ? **Aylesbury – Royal Bucks Hospital**
- 2.Which club do you currently play for? **Tring Park**
- 3.Have you played for any other clubs? **Tiddington**
- 4.How would you best describe yourself – batsman, bowler or all rounder? **Right arm seam bowler**
- 5.What first got you into cricket? **The Cakes at Tea**
- 6.Are you still in education/college/ University(which ) or in employment? **Started life as a farmer, but retrained as an electrician to have more free time**
- 7.When and where did you make your debut for Bucks. **This year T20 v Berkshire**
- 8.Who has been the biggest influence in your cricket career so far? **Andrew Flintoff**
- 9.Do you have any family ties with cricket? **No**
- 10.What has been your proudest moment in cricket so far- either for Bucks or for club, or both? **Winning the 3 day championship with Bucks with this year.**
- 11,Which has been your favourite Bucks ground to play on....and why? **Tring , because it's my home ground.**
- 12.Which form of professional cricket do you prefer to watch. Hundred/T20/50 over KO/ County championship/ Test match ? **Test match**
13. What do you think of The Hundred or the 16.4 as it sometimes known? **Pointless**
- 14.Do you have a nickname? **Baldy Baldy, Doros, Rongo, Mr Miyaki and roll on.....anymore ?**
- 15.Outside of cricket, what are your interests and or hobbies ? **Farming**

16. Guilty pleasures? **Donuts**

17. Any surprising facts about yourself? **None**

18. What improvements would you make to the National Counties cricket programme if you were in charge? **Quicker pitches**

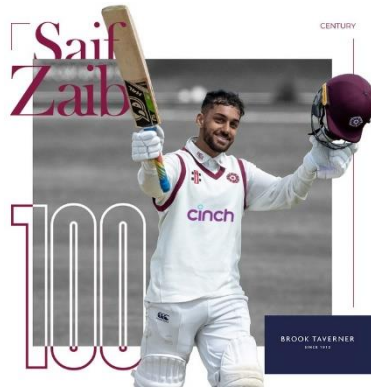
19. General . Any other general facts about yourself - Awards/ Honours etc. that you think might be interesting to know. **No**

## **Cricket's Forgotten People** **by Bucks life member Jonathan Lilley**

Over the decades many books and articles have been written on cricket but to the best of my knowledge nothing has been written on groundsmen. While many have the reputation of not wanting actual cricket played on their hallowed turf, in reality they are the unsung heroes of the noble art. All the average spectator sees is someone either brushing a pitch or marking out the lines of the crease. Many groundsmen are highly skilled in their trade being experts in the different types of soil, grasses, machinery and above all the British weather. The majority of groundsmen work independently with only occasional help, except of course at the major county grounds. They tend to be solitary figures who's prime aim in life is protect their beloved square. Woe betide if any human let alone if any animal should carelessly wander onto the precious square. If any one going to a cricket match for the first time the groundsman may be identified by their scruffy clothes and large boots. These days they tend to wander around the ground with a mobile in hand looking at a weather app while praying for rain. The majority of people do not appreciate that on most days especially on important match days the groundsman will be at the ground at the break of dawn and will not leave until darkness falls. So much planning and work goes on before the actual game and more importantly a season. On any ground there is a limited number of pitches available and once used can take up to three months to recover before being available to use again. In the closed season once a fixture list is published the groundsman will study it in deep detail to plan which pitch will be used for each game during the forthcoming season. In an ideal world the planning will include provision for some capacity in pitch allocation. While many grounds may have first class facilities in terms of a splendid pavilion, excellent bars and catering and a picturesque setting. All these facilities are to nothing but nought if the cricket table and outfield are of poor quality. The excellence of a pitch will determine the quality of a game. The ground staff are the key to any cricket match. In general they are undervalued, probably misunderstood and certainly underpaid. While the hours of work are many the rewards can be most gratifying. What is most concerning is that new people are not joining the industry in sufficient numbers to guarantee the future. So please next time you enjoy a cricket game either on the village green or at a test match spare a thought for the ground staff. Without them we will not enjoy our summer game. **Jonathan Lilley August 2022**

## BUCKS BOYS RULE IN NORTHANTS!

Northamptonshire's **Saif Zaib**, ex Bucks of course, treated a record Royal London Cup crowd at Wantage Road to a commanding 136, as Northamptonshire pulled off their highest ever successful run chase in one-day cricket to beat Essex in a thrilling Royal London Cup clash. It was a maiden List A century for Zaib, who was initially forced to retire hurt on 129 with Northamptonshire still needing 110. But he returned later to record his highest score in all forms of first team cricket before James Sales and Nathan Buck saw their side home by three wickets with two balls to spare.



**Saif continued his rich vein of form with an** outstanding century - his second in the championship - against Surrey last week. He took just 186 balls to reach the landmark, including *8 fours*. The 24-year-old left-hander, restored to Championship duties for the first time since May, struck 124 in a 204-minute vigil.

Young 16 yr old **Aadi Sharma**, who made his Bucks debut with a sparkling 96 against Hertfordshire in July, went one better on his debut for Northants 2's last week against Notts 2's with a maiden century (104). In doing so, he took part in a 158 run 4<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership with, yes, you've guessed it, Saif Zaib, late of this parish, who scored 75. Between the pair of them, they contributed 179 runs of Northants eventual total of 297.

Not content with the above, **Aadi** went on to score 94 for the Young Lions (EDP- England Development Programme) B team against EDP A team at Loughborough last week.

**Aadi Sharma** was also one of four Bucks boys - the others were **George Weldon, Raphael Weatherall, and Aatish Anthati**, who were involved in Northants U-18 victory in the ECB U-18 Cup Final (50 over game) against Wales. They have all signed Northants Academy contracts having come through the Bucks EPP a year ago



From left: George, Raphael, Aatish, Aadi

## MORE SNIPPETS

**Ed Bragg**, fresh from helping Bucks to gain promotion, was in County 2<sup>nd</sup> XI action for Worcestershire 2's against Lancashire 2's last week, and is currently, as I write this, in action for Sussex 2's against Hampshire 2's.

### MORE BUCKS BOYS .....IN PAKISTAN

Congratulations to two ex Bucks players - **Tom Helm and Alex Hales** - who have just been selected for the England T20 squad to tour Pakistan shortly. Alex Hales is also back in the T20 squad for the World Cup tournament in Australia in mid October.

## Bucks spinner Conner Haddow goes down under for the winter



The Entrance District Cricket Club is pleased to announce the signing of County 2nd XI spinner Conner Haddow for its 2022/3 Central Coast Cricket Association campaign. Haddow is a quality spin bowling all-rounder from Buckinghamshire, England. Haddow is a very impressive left-arm finger spinner and more than handy middle-order batsman. The all-rounder has an impressive CV to date, having represented his county Buckinghamshire in the Minor County Championship a number of times, captained the Oxford MCCU side against County teams, and has also represented both Warwickshire CCC & Northamptonshire CCC at 2nd XI. The talented Englishman has excelled at club level in recent years for High Wycombe Cricket Club in the Home Counties Premier League and is eager to keep developing and hopefully earn a county contract. Haddow is also a fully qualified coach, and has experience working on the ground. He is eager to be part of a club's coaching structure when overseas. He is set to travel to Australia this winter having signed with The Entrance District Cricket Club for their 2022/23 Central Coast Cricket Association campaign

## OUTGROUND OVERTURES

**Another excellent blog from Yahoo Over Cow Corner extolling the virtues of the Showcase matches at outgrounds. This is a truncated version of the article which appeared in our Match Programme v Cambridgeshire**

County cricket faces many challenges in the current post COVID world. Some are of a financial nature, others of a more existential equivalent. One issue that is sure to engender much lament and disquiet is the gradual erosion of outground cricket from the calendar. Every season the number of days / matches seems to reduce a little further as counties attempt to cut their cloth accordingly; the financial outlay to up sticks and decamp elsewhere proving too rich for many. Thus, venues that were part of the county cricket tapestry have slowly drifted out of the fixture list.

Perhaps there is an alternative, albeit a little brief, to this scenario though. At the third attempt, due to the first two either being completely scuppered or part scuppered by COVID, the round of Showcase fixtures between the first class counties and their National Counties equivalents takes place during the 2022 season. Apart from one exception each of the twenty matches will take place at pleasant venues that more than meet the criteria for

outground cricket. (One match between Wiltshire and Gloucestershire will take place at Cheltenham as part of the famous festival) Gloriously enticing venues such as The Leaze in Wimborne, Wormsley's Sir Paul Getty Ground, Sedbergh School, Manor Park in Horsford, Saffron Walden Cricket Club, Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club, Shifnal Cricket Club, Gorse Lane in Grantham and Roseworth Terrace in Gosforth are all set to host matches and there are venues aplenty to enjoy the outground experience at one of the Showcase matches. Perhaps these round of matches could become a designated outground round and celebrated as such. There's plenty to enjoy at the various venues, most of which will feature that outground ambience that many supporters enjoy and cherish.

Every spectating sortie begins with the hope of good weather. Few cricket supporters rise with the intention of watching a match or a day's play with the desire for the meteorological elements to intervene. Even in the most extreme of circumstances one likely desires to see as much play as possible. Some occasions dictate this wish even more so than others. For the eighteen first-class counties losing a match due to inclement weather is taken in their stride; an inconvenience but something to be expected at some point during the long six month season. Similarly so for the twenty National Counties (formerly the Minor Counties). Most will expect to lose sections of play or even a full day during their Championship and Cups season. But this week is different. The professional and amateur domains of English domestic cricket collide and the influence of the weather has rarely felt so important. All twenty National Counties will play host to a first-class equivalent over a three day period and the prospect of interruptions, or even cancellations, is one that looms menacingly, figuratively and literally, on the horizon.

The chance to raise some much needed funds to help the shoe string budgets courtesy of the lure of the visiting first-class counties, the chance for counties and players to highlight the National Counties game and, for the latter, the opportunity to perhaps catch the eye. Thus, significant inclement weather would understandably not be welcome. Sunday dawns cloudy in most areas with possible rain, albeit improving throughout the day as the main course of matches is ready to be served. Eighteen contests from Boscawen Park in Truro to the northern suburbs of Newcastle will provide lovers of outground cricket a panoply of glorious examples. Indeed, the list of venues in between the aforementioned duo provides a sense of whimsy and a festival feel to the day; Copdock, Eastnor, Grantham, Knypersley, Shifnal and Saffron Walden, for instance. Will any witness an upset similar to those forged by Cornwall and the Wales National Counties last summer?

Thus, one has decamped to the outskirts of Wimborne in eastern Dorset, a short drive from the A31 thoroughfare, for the host county's contest against their neighbours from across the eastern boundary. Hopes of the Showcase matches becoming a de facto round of outground cricket have undoubtedly been strengthened by both proceedings around the country and at this particular contest in Wimborne. From one's seat there is the immediate view of golden fields recently harvested behind the River End sightscreen merging into mature dark green trees and a gentle rise in the land. Allotments line one boundary edge with a few proprietors meticulously tending to their produce in this most dry of summers. The single story pavilion hunkers into the trees of the bordering the neighbouring Model Village End whilst a modern equivalent of a beer tent keeps those in attendance refreshed. Next to the aforementioned pavilion, a slightly muffled public address speaker, providing a village fete ambience, proffers regular updates. Further along, a converted horse box sells teas and coffees whilst a barbecue is soon lit.

Lining the Town End are a row of handsome houses, each with expansive gardens that tempt some of the owners to peer over the low level fences. One chats amiably with the half a dozen spectators sat in front, highlighting the sense of intimacy that is always prevalent at outgrounds. Kids pretend to be Ben Stokes or Jofra Archer in the pair of nets near the pavilion. There is no concrete in sight as the ground blends beautifully with the land and the natural world. Fold out chairs abound and families enjoy picnics on the straw coloured grass whilst members of the host club wander around the boundary in club kit, quietly proud of what has been achieved for this contest.

In the immediate hours and days after the round of Showcase Matches cricket Twitter featured a number of tweets from counties (including first-class) and supporters who had clearly enjoyed the eighteen matches and the beautiful surroundings in which many were played. Many a first class county seemed to enjoy their day away from the headquarters dominated scene; perhaps enlivened by the novelty of the venture, perhaps enjoying something a little different. It would be easy for the first-class counties to have viewed these matches as just another game on the general treadmill and almost something of an inconvenience. But once the matches were played the intrinsic value of them and the festival atmosphere at the grounds seemed to generate a gentle, understated feelgood factor. In an age when outground cricket seems to be decreasing year on year perhaps the Showcase matches can fill the vacancy with their own equivalents. Cricket needs variation and one hopes that Hampshire's journey down the A31 to the market town ambience of provincial Wimborne, The Leaze's humble pavilion and the warm, appreciative welcome from all those involved with the host county offered a nice change from the vast swathes of the Ageas Bowl. Ditto for the other fifteen counties that would have hopefully enjoyed a similar experience.



## SPORTS SHOTS INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL WELLS

by Andy Bone

Buckinghamshire batsman Michael Wells has opened up about his season with the National Counties side. The top order batter, who plies his trade at Buckingham Town, spoke about his experiences for the 2022 campaign.

***Stepping up to the next level is always a challenge. Last year stepping up from pretty average club level to the Home Counties top division and also Bucks men's cricket was a huge difference. However, I felt more comfortable at this level. I've never felt out of my depth and with a strong team around me, especially in the NCCA, it takes some pressure off because you know even on the bad days the team will still do well and get a good result.***

Wells made an unbeaten 179 for the Bucks Men's 1st XI against Cumbria away after making the long trek north to Jesmond on the Saturday evening.

***It wasn't ideal preparation to be honest. We didn't arrive at the hotel until 1 am, but we enjoyed a lovely hotel breakfast in the morning so can't complain too much.***

***It's been a difficult season, so going into this game I felt I had nothing to lose, the pressure was off, and I could just enjoy the game. At the start of the innings, I didn't feel in the best of touch, then once I got around the 50-mark I felt more in control. I took my time getting to 100 as I felt that was my best opportunity of the year to get this score and I didn't want to miss out. Once past my hundred, which was a huge relief, I had other targets. I wanted to beat my Dad's top score of the season of 109 and then my previous personal best of 122. Then I wanted to see how high I could go to get my CB (career best), although I had a period of batting with Ed Bragg where I thought even the 200 was possible, but unfortunately my body just wouldn't allow it.***

After a season of working hard, the icing on the cake was Bucks winning the NCCA Championship, Eastern Division 2.

***It's great to win. It always feels good topping leagues and gaining promotions when you've all been working for it all season. I find it helps me to feel much more motivated and excited about cricket and I'm looking forward to the new challenge next season.***

So what does the winter hold for the Bucks opener.

***I'm looking to focus my training sessions on more specific skills as they come up, with the overall aim of having a more consistent 2023 season. My biggest challenge is always fitness, so I hope to improve it over the winter too.***

In closing, Wells wanted to thank people for believing in his undoubted ability.

***Just a big thank you to Jason (Harrison), Tom (Hampton) and the team for sticking with me, and believing in me, through what has been a difficult season. My performances outside of Bucks may not have warranted my place, but they still believed in me which, without that, I wouldn't have been able to have that big innings or more importantly get back to really enjoying the sport.***

## Anything you can do.....

**Bucks Women had an excellent win over MCC Women at Chesham on 24<sup>th</sup> August** – the margin of victory being 6 wickets. MCC batted first and were restricted to 122-9 in their 40 overs – Molly Carter being the pick of the Bucks bowlers returning figures of 5-17. In reply Bucks rattled up 124-4 in 22 overs, with Chloe Hill leading way with 57no.



## BUCKS GIRLS U18



### Recent results

- v Essex U-18's won by 4 runs
- v Surrey U-18's won by 65 runs
- v Middlesex U-18's lost by 10 wickets
- v Kent U-18's lost by 50 runs

## BUCKS BOYS U-18 v DEVON



Bucks Boys U18s final game of the season was v Devon, resulting in a draw.

Highlights: Rhys Nicholas 105 Archie Dodds 52\* Ben Wells 52 Teddy Fleming 3-36

## It's back again, and this time it's under lights

The European Cricket Network is excited to announce that the European Cricket Championship 2022 (ECC22) will now be played at prime time, under lights, in a day/night format, from Cartama Oval, Malaga, Spain.

It's lights, cameras, action, for the second edition of the European Cricket Championship, the T10 "Euros" of cricket.

From 12 September to 14 October, the Cartama Oval stage will be lit, day and night, for matches to be played under lights **as we see if England XI (represented by the National Counties) can defend their crown as T10 Champions of Europe**, against 20 national teams from all over Europe.

Match times have been shifted to suit the European and Indian evening "prime time" time zone, so that the European Cricket Network can help promote and grow the game in Europe like never before.



## BUCKS SENIORS – RECENT REPORTS

**Bucks over 50 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

**ECB Group 5**

**Played 7, won 1, lost 6**

2022 was a disappointing season for the over-50s 1sts. The highlight was a victory by 12 runs against Surrey in May: the Bucks total of 204-4 in 37 overs was dominated by a thrilling unbeaten century from Obaid Sarwar. Alas the points were later docked from us over ECB age regulations. Obaid will be back next year.

We came up against some strong sides, notably Essex and Middlesex who both swept through the national knock-out stages to face each other in the final of the competition on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Essex posted a massive 351-6 against us, with one of their batters, Charlie Knightley, registering 171 before he was finally stumped. We replied with 167-8, Graham Rance leading the charge with an unbeaten half century.

Against Middlesex, Bucks were dismissed for just 90, largely succumbing to ultra-slow bowling on a very slow wicket. Middlesex passed the total for the loss of one wicket.

We played Sussex at the beautiful Horsham CC, posting 212-5 on a track which was rock hard but rather lifeless and low, as many wickets seemed to be in the extreme heat of this summer. With two England players at the top of their order, Sussex knocked the runs off without giving a single chance.

Some of the other games were closer. Against Berkshire, Temoor Alam set us up well with 85, and we posted 183. It felt a tight finish as Berks got to the total with 7 wickets down; some tight line calls near the end didn't go our way, which could have made it a real nail biter.

If Bucks are to do well in this group, it's a given that we need to beat our fellow smaller counties, like Berks and Herts. Against Herts we kept them to 210 but our reply never really had the momentum needed, despite Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan, who top-scored with 44 and was last man out as we succumbed for 152.

The season ended against Kent, who beat us at Farnham Royal CC by 101 runs. Temoor made 50 and Preet Singh held the innings together with 43\*, but the rest of the team failed to reach double figures.

We enjoyed the cricket this season, but our batting was rather brittle; and we didn't generate enough chances with the ball, especially against high quality opposition. Temoor was the top run-scorer with 220 runs; Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan claimed with most scalps, with 8 wickets. Bright spots included the promise of Obaid Sarwar's aggressive batting against Surrey, and the bowling of Pete Clifford, who would have played a fuller role had he not been injured in the Essex game (just after bowling the England star batsman, Giles Ecclestone).

Temoor Alam, who has skippered the over-50s 1sts for six years, decided he would step down as captain, but he intends to continue playing for Bucks. Our thanks to him for leading us over those six seasons: the most successful was probably 2018, when we won 4 of our 7 matches and our 16 points brought us close to reaching the ECB knock-out stages.

Grateful thanks to our scorers and umpires, and to Farnham Common CC, Chearsley CC and Farnham Royal CC for kindly offering us the use of their grounds.

**George Eykyn**

## **BUCKS SENIORS - OVER 60s/OVER 70s - from Ron Hedley** *Matches updated to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022*

### **Over 60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August Lost to Durham/Northumberland by 79 runs**

*Durham/Northumberland 277 for 7 (45)*

*Buckinghamshire 198 all out (39.5)*

*Patel 57, Wallis 37, Peshavaria 33*

### **Over 60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

**12<sup>th</sup> August Lost to Devon by 143 runs**

*Devon 290 for 6 (45)*

*Buckinghamshire 147 all out (*

*Woodhouse 34 and 3/43 (9) Tucker 36 A Johnson 33*

### **Over 60s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

***Match v Hertfordshire void***

### **Over 60s 4<sup>th</sup> XI**

**16<sup>th</sup> August lost to Kent by 8 wkts**

*Bucks/Middlesex 153 for 8 (30) Kent 154 for 2 (28.1)*

*Taylor 70 Dattani 33*

**30<sup>th</sup> August lost to Sussex by 8 wkts**

*Bucks/Middlesex 208 for 5 (40) Sussex 210 for 2 (32.2)*

*Taylor 91 Dattani 61*

### **Berks/Bucks Over 70s 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

***Lost to Suffolk***

## **Bucks/Middlesex Over 70s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

*4<sup>th</sup> August Beat Essex by 7 wkts*

*Essex 213 for 4 (40) Bucks/ Middlesex 214 for 3*

*Taylor 91 Braganza 63*

*1<sup>st</sup> September Lost to Surrey by 58 runs*

*Surrey 237 for 5 (40) Buckinghamshire/Middlesex 179 for 8 (40)*

*Francis Braganza 46 Keens 44 no*

*Middlesex players in blue*

### **YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN ----- RON'S AT IT AGAIN !**

Having been challenged to do one more walk for Prostate Cancer UK by the CEO Laura Kerby, the Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60s and Over 70s Chairman, Ron Hedley, has gone totally mad by taking on another 33 walks over the next two years. I am sure he was heard to say he would not be doing anymore walks after the last one completed in April 2022.

His latest idea is for every County playing Over 60s cricket to organise a walk, raise money and Ron will join every walk. This means walking in 32 English Counties and in Wales, a total of 33 walks.

It does rely on the Counties taking on the challenge. As of July 2022 several Counties have agreed to walk for this great cause. Ron knows of four cricketers diagnosed with prostate cancer in the past two weeks.

On announcing his intentions to the other Counties he has been offered a walk from New Road, Worcester by Worcestershire County Cricket Club and it may well be able to take place during the 4 day match v Middlesex CCC at the end of September 2022.

On top of that talks are on going for walks from Edgbaston, Birmingham and from the County grounds of Derbyshire, Essex and Kent, Ron will keep you updated as walks are arranged.

The idea is for the last walk to be on the 15th September 2024, which is Ron's 75th Birthday.

## **HOME COUNTIES PREMIER LEAGUE**

5th September 2022 by **Andy Bone**

Aston Rowant have been crowned the 2022 Home Counties Premier League, Division 1 Champions! Karl Penhale's side held their nerve to defeat High Wycombe by 25 runs and become the seventh club in Home Counties history to win the division. Rowant had a fantastic campaign, leading the table for eight weeks of the eighteen, never dropping out of the top half. In runners up spot were Banbury, just ahead of Henley. Dropping out of Division One, will be Buckingham Town and Oxford CC, both teams finishing well adrift of the others.

Promoted are Harefield who are the 2022 Division 2 Champions. Bucks leg spinner Stephen Croft's side were confirmed as the title winners in the Home Counties Premier League's second tier after defeating Horspath by 45 runs. Karanpreet Singh's half century helped Horspath to 184 for 9 before Jordan McLeod's three for 34 and Matthew Ogden's four for 18 ensured top-flight cricket next season. Runners up Wargrave were also promoted.

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# **BUCKS CCC**

# **ANNUAL GOLF DAY**



**AND ANNUAL DINNER**  
Guest Speaker Simon Hughes

**At BURNHAM BEECHES GOLF CLUB**

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or Susan Klyne [susanklyne@bucksccc.org.uk](mailto:susanklyne@bucksccc.org.uk)

Further information on website [www.bucksccc.org.uk](http://www.bucksccc.org.uk)

# Annual Golf Day & Dinner - 7 October

## Burnham Beeches Golf Club

The following email has gone out to all Bucks members

Dear member,

### Annual Dinner and Golf Day

Friday 7th October 2022

At Burnham Beeches Golf Club

Green Lane, Burnham, Slough SL1 8EG Telephone: 01628 66L448

The golf will be played in teams of FOUR. You may apply individually or make up a team.

The programme of the day is as follows:

11:45 am - Meet at the Club for coffee and sandwiches

12:30 pm (approx.) - First match tees off

7:00 pm - Non Golfers who are attending the dinner arrive

**7:30 pm - Dinner with guest speaker Simon Hughes (ex-Middlesex and Durham cricketer, journalist and commentator)**

Three course meal menu will be circulated in due course.

11:00 pm (approx.) – finish

**Ticket price: Golf and dinner £90.00 pp Dinner only £35.00 pp Golf only £55.00 pp**

As this is the first event since 2019, the committee has kept the prices as low as possible to encourage as many members to attend.

Please sign up at: <https://bucksccc.org.uk/events/annual-dinner-and-golf-day>

and either pay online, or if you prefer you can pay on the day via cheque or cash. Either way make sure you checkout at the end of the process. (Admin wise we would prefer if you paid before the event).

Regards

John Phillips

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mail to: [susanklyne@bucksccc.org.uk](mailto:susanklyne@bucksccc.org.uk)

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Many thanks to all of the Players sponsors for your very kind sponsorship over the season. It is much appreciated by all of the players, and by the Club itself of course, as it does help to raise much needed funds.

For more information, please contact Bill Scholes 01420 560290

## **John Turberville R.I.P.**

It is with great sadness that Bucks C.C.C. have to report the passing of John Turberville on Thursday 30th June. John was well known to members having served on the Club Committee for many years. He established a very successful Insurance business which enabled him to be a very generous benefactor to the Club. He sponsored many of our matches and the teams' clothing. It was at his suggestion that the BuCks 100 scheme was instituted, which has raised many thousands of pounds for the benefit of the Club. In his younger days he was a fine footballer and single figure golfer, but his abiding passion was cricket. As those who had the privilege of speaking to him know, he was knowledgeable and sometimes incorrigible but everything he said, however argumentative, was always said with a twinkle of the eye and more than a grain of truth. He had been ill for some time and will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. The funeral was on Tuesday 2nd August at 11.30 am at Amersham Crematorium, and in line with the family's wishes coloured clothing was the order of the day.

### **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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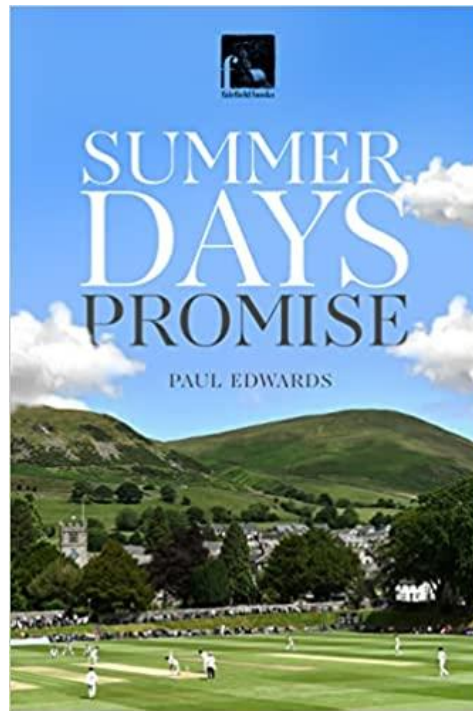
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Well, that's about all for now – Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to this Newsletter, particularly Kevin Beaumont, Andy Bone, Lorna Bone, Susan Klyne, Ron Hedley, George Eykyn, Mike Knox , Paul Dean, Jonathan Lilley, Charlie Carter Photography, and of course all the players who have contributed to the Bucks Who's Who. All, or any, contributions will continue to be gratefully received, as of course are comments – good or bad.

Well, nearly – see below

**And finally , as the cricket season draws to it's close, I thought you might be interested in the recent book publication - see below - to help tide you over the dog days until the new season's fixtures are published ( hopefully not as late as this season!), maps are perused and outings to grounds old and new are planned.**

The review below is by my favourite blogger Yahoo Over Cow Corner.



Great cricket writing should possess two dominant qualities: 1) to tell a story of what has taken place in front of one's eyes in order to 2) provoke the reader's mind's eye to picture the scenes painted by the words so that one imagines that they are indeed actually sat at the contest, passage of play or moment that is being described. Great cricket writing should be more than just numbers, statistics, facts and a recounting of a day's play. Rather, it should mentally transport one away from their present location to one being written about courtesy of beautiful prose and the artistic abilities of description.

All of these qualities are present in the book *Summer Days Promise* by Paul Edwards; a collection of Edwards' finest works from over a decade on reporting the county game. Reading through old match day reports could prove a rather dull, dry affair but Edwards' quality of writing transforms the experience into pleasing, intriguing excerpts courtesy of his beautiful wordsmithery to the point where one enjoys the sense of reading whilst not being able to remember the match in question; the date, months or years in the past almost irrelevant.

The first portion of the book focuses on Edwards' reportage from the COVID years and he brilliantly captures the mood of what cricket meant during those times and how it, and sport in general, was proved so futile by everything that unfolded but also was proven as to why it matters so much. His joy at watching a seemingly nondescript club match on that first Saturday in July after cricket at large resumed mirrored one's unabashed delight at heading to Longparish in northern Hampshire for a similar experience.

Venturing back before the remarkable days of the pandemic, the tome features a clutch of pieces extolling the magnificence and glory of outground cricket via outings to his home club in Southport and a week at the sadly demised Tunbridge Wells festival, albeit the latter amid the great sadness in the immediate aftermath of the Manchester bombing. Nevertheless Edwards' descriptions of both venues the import of outground cricket to both venues and the personal individual moments and characteristics of both offer the reader an insight that proves enlightening and informative but also stokes one's imagination, particularly if one has not visited either venue personally. Indeed, the interweaving of a handful of selected matches provides the reader the opportunity to enjoy that most relaxing of pursuits: perusing an old scorecard that tells the story of the previous few days.

The book offers more than just match reports though. During the early weeks of the pandemic Edwards penned a number of pieces on individuals and players that have interested him during his time following the game. Thus, there are a fine selection of writings on a great range of names and talents from cricket's rich history, each telling stories and providing insight into individuals and the game at large. Of those included, one's personal favourites are those on the spinner Charlie Parker and his brief dalliance playing for England, the humility of VVS

Laxman whilst appearing for Lancashire, umpire Frank Chester's career after losing his arm in the First World War and scorer Alan West and his passion for Lancashire that never wandered into the realms of bigotry. Perhaps the best compliment one can pay to these pieces is that ordinarily one would not pay any attention to them in isolation but, after reading them, one is pleased to have done so and feels a little more enriched on the history of the sport.

Edwards returns to the cherished theme of outgrounds in the passages on a selection of well known venues. Arundel, Cheltenham and Eastbourne are all to the fore with the author's fulsome descriptions particularly prominent in the latter two; the chapter on the latter Sussex venue brilliantly underlining the glory of outground cricket alongside its tightrope existence. Of personal interest is the piece on the opening day of Hampshire's sortie across the Solent to the Isle of Wight in 2019, a day's play in which one was personally in attendance. Edwards also includes brief details on the story of Newclose and how it came into existence so that Hampshire returned to play first class cricket on the island for over half a century. And later in the tome the outground theme returns again with the chapter on Lancashire's inaugural trip to Sedbergh School. Perhaps what makes this chapter special is the passion and sheer, unabashed joy contained within Edwards writing; the location provoking such glorious descriptions and emotions that one is able to picture oneself at the match; that mark of quality writing as highlighted earlier. And also the use of the term 'stramash,' one to add to one's lexicon. Similarly, one also enjoys the section on books due to a personal love of reading and cricket literature. Of particular personal interest are the pieces on Stephen Chalke's County Championship tome *Summer's Crown*, Chris Arnot's offerings on domestic cricket's lost festivals grounds and Christian Ryan's book on the esteemed photographer Patrick Eagar and the ocular delights that are to be enjoyed from a selection of photographs taken by a master practitioner. And then, much like the season itself, the end hoves into view. As the reader begins to reach full chat so the pages pass and one reaches the final section. Somewhat aptly, said section features pieces on September matches; those games that feature a sense of melancholy and introspection and the impending influences of autumn and winter. Edwards describes these senses adeptly, particularly when discussing the batting of Darryl Mitchell and the final day of the 2016 Championship down at Taunton.

Thankfully, there is one last offering from the genesis of the current season and an interesting few paragraphs on how Edwards became a writer; the former highlighting that the cricket season isn't too far away, even in winter, the latter the prelude to another of those brilliant writers who tell us the stories and transport us to beautiful places.

NB: on a most tangible level one is pleased to see that a book of this stature and lustre has been produced in hardback, providing a particular gravitas to the tome whilst the cover itself, under the jacket including a beautiful picture of cricket at Sedbergh, is a most gorgeous turquoise colour that would stand out itself in any bookcase

**Ed: I have a copy, have started reading it– it brings back many happy memories – and now CT14 is done and dusted, I look forward to completing it.**

**AS you may possibly have gathered from reading this edition, some of the dates mentioned may look a bit odd. That is because a large part of the Newsletter was written shortly after we completed the victory over Cambridgeshire, thus securing the vital promotion slot. However, given the sad news of the passing of our beloved Queen Elizabeth, I felt it would be more in keeping with the mood of the nation to hold off publication until the funeral was over. I trust you agree.**

**Finally I would like to repeat the reminder that the views expressed in this Newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of Bucks County Cricket Club.**

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