



## COLOURED TROUSERS N<sup>o</sup> 8

### BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Editor: Bill Scholes

Welcome to another edition of Coloured Trousers. - No 8 would you believe. It is happy anniversary time as the 1<sup>st</sup> edition came out last November and thanks go out to all those who have contributed reports, articles and help during the last 12 months, particularly in some trying times. We are now well into the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness, and we can look back at the season past, but importantly look forward to the new challenges that lie ahead. To this end, it is opportune that the NCCA have just released the fixtures for the forthcoming season – for the second season running ahead of the First Class Counties fixtures. Now that the fixtures are confirmed, work can begin on the allocation of venues. The season will follow the same format as 2021. In addition, the ECB's Showcase game (cancelled in 2020 and 2021) hopefully will again be played but at a weekend rather than midweek.

#### T20

Last year saw the T20 tournament cancelled due to Covid but it's back for next season, from late April with Finals Day on Sunday 22 May. The NCCA have kept the same groupings as for last years cancelled competition – again four groups of five, and games will again be played on a 'double header' basis. We will be at home to Oxfordshire and Wales NC and away to Bedfordshire and Berkshire

#### KO Trophy (50 overs)

Starts on 29 May with a final on 29 August. Again, five groups. Bucks will host Wiltshire and Staffordshire and our away days will at Wales NC and Dorset.

#### Championship - Eastern Division 2

Following the introduction of relegation and promotion last year, Bedfordshire have moved up to Division 1 and been replaced by Cambridgeshire who were relegated. Our home fixtures are with Cumbria and Cambridgeshire, whilst our away trips will be to Hertfordshire (not too far) and Northumberland. (much further)

#### NCCA T20 COMPETITION ( 2 MATCHES PER DAY )

Date	Opposition	Venue
April 24	Bedfordshire	Away
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Oxfordshire</b>	<b>HOME</b>
May 2	Berkshire	Away
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Wales NC</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>May 22/23</b>	<b>FINALS</b>	<b>TRING PARK</b>

### NCCA 50 OVERS ONE DAY TROPHY

Date	Opposition	Venue
May 29	Wales NC	Away
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>HOME</b>
June 12	Dorset	Away
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>HOME</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>Quarter-Finals</b>	
<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Semi-Finals</b>	
<b>Aug 28/29</b>	<b>FINAL</b>	<b>WORMSLEY</b>

### NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP

### EASTERN DIVISION TWO

Date	Opposition	Venue
July 10-12	Hertfordshire	Away
<b>July 24-26</b>	<b>Cumbria</b>	<b>HOME</b>
Aug 14-16	Northumberland	Away
<b>Aug 21-23</b>	<b>Cambridgeshire</b>	<b>HOME</b>

As we all look forward to a hopefully uninterrupted season, and plans begin to be formed for days out, away days or even weeks, it is a good time to perhaps reflect on seasons past and the following article, again by my favourite blog Yahoo Over Cow Corner, perfectly encapsulates these thoughts.

### Seasons Reflections: Time to look back

For county cricket supporters the winter months are, predictably, a mournful time. Six months without matches to think about, talk about, watch and respond to as the dark days and long nights drift into the distance. Yes, there are England winter tours and a litany of franchise T20 Leagues but they don't quite match up to the days watching the county circuit. Six months is a long time, even with the fixtures announcement in late November or early December, and the weeks can seem interminably long and gloomy.

Thus, it would seem rather churlish and bizarre for one to declare that supporters need to cherish county cricket's lengthy off-season. Surely it is a period to simply endure and ride out before the evenings noticeably lengthen and thoughts can turn to possible warm-up matches at the end of March.

All of which is very much the case but the near six month hiatus provides an opportunity not often afforded elsewhere. For instance, in other sports, particularly Football, barely a day has passed after the conclusion of one season than fixtures are released, clubs are promoting pre-season friendlies and the grand circus nature of it all begins again, lest anyone not have five minutes of their life filled with something from the great Football churn.

Such an endless circle dictates that there is never time to enjoy the season or tournament that has just finished, no time to think about the matches watched, the players skills that were enjoyed, the extraordinary feats accomplished, the places visited. Rather, just the next match, the next competition in modern day sports' consumer based ethos.

Of all sports, cricket deserves better and county cricket ever more so. Thus, the six month winter break is time to think about those beautiful venues we have visited, time to take a look at the photographs taken at the time rather than leave them figuratively moth-balled in the deep recesses of mobile phones soon to be lost amid the next set of snaps once they have been uploaded to Instagram, Facebook or Twitter. Ponder over the enjoyable times, the brilliant centuries, the extraordinary bowling performances, the stunning catches, the conversations with fellow supporters, the journeys to grounds, the anticipation of a day at the cricket, the travails of the weather, the sultry sunny afternoons, the joy that the sport brought us for almost six months. Take time to think about what has happened rather than focusing on the following

season. Sport provides us with great moments to remember but in the consumer based world that we all now live too often we don't take the time to actually remember those enjoyable moments. Not just the landmark, standout performances but those often unappreciated, simple, understated times and passages which act as the wallpaper to one's season. Six months without the chance to spectate is a long time, but it is also an opportunity to reflect upon the previous six months with everything that passed, enjoyable and perhaps not so enjoyable.

## **ENGLAND FINALLY TRIUMPH AT A EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**No, it's not football, but cricket.....**



Readers of Coloured Trousers will be aware of the European Cricket Championships as it has been mentioned previously on a couple of occasions. It was played in Malaga, Spain, over a 4 week period (last 3 weeks of September and 1<sup>st</sup> week of October) and comprised of 15 European cricketing nations, who between them played a total of 96 T10 matches. The countries were Spain, Sweden, Belgium, Norway, Luxembourg, Netherlands X1, Austria, Romania, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Finland, Czech Republic and an England X1.

The England X1 was represented by a National Counties XI, and they triumphed in final of the Dream11 European Championship by beating Belgium by ten wickets at the Cartama Oval in Malaga, Spain in early October.

National Counties had earlier beaten Belgium by three wickets in a last ball thriller in the play-off match that secured their place in the final.

But there were no alarms in the final as openers Harrison Ward (Oxfordshire and Sussex) and skipper Dan Lincoln (Berkshire) saw National Counties to a target of 149 with seven balls to spare. Lincoln struck six sixes and six fours in his unbeaten 80 from 31 balls and Ward made 61 not out from 24 balls, an innings that also included six sixes. The opening partnership completed a productive tournament for Ward and Lincoln and ensured that National Counties completed a successful two weeks on the Costa del Sol having suffered only two defeats – against Italy and Belgium – in busy programme of 19 matches.

Belgium's total of 148 for six in the final was based on a third wicket partnership of 89 between Sherry Butt (54) and Ali Raza (43). Hertfordshire paceman Zaman Akhter broke the partnership when he bowled Raza and finished with three for 18 from his two overs.

Earlier in the day it was Richard Edwards(WalesNC) who proved National Counties' hero in the play-off match but in the unlikely role of a batsman. Edwards, a model of consistency as a new ball bowler throughout the tournament, walked out to bat for his first innings in the competition with National Counties needing 10 for victory with three balls remaining. Having failed to score off the first ball he faced, Edwards then thumped the next for a six and when bowler Raja overstepped off what should have been the last ball, the umpire signalled a no-ball. Edwards managed to take a single off that delivery and he and Arthur Godsal(Wiltshire) scrambled two off the final ball for victory.

As mentioned above, the England X1 were comprised entirely of National Counties players , all but 2 coming from the Western Division, and was as follows: **Berkshire** : Dan Lincoln, Andy Rishton, Euan Woods, Max Uttley, **Wales NC**: Richard Evans, Sam Pearce, Tom Bevan, **Dorset**: Luke Webb, **Herefordshire**: Alex Russell, **Oxfordshire**: Harrison Ward, , **Wiltshire**: Arthur Godsal, **Hertfordshire**: Zaman Ahktar, **Staffordshire**: Alex Mellor



Interview



**Below is an interview that Sports Shots conducted with Bucks skipper Tom Hampton for our last Match Day programme of the season. Given that only a small percentage of our members were able to attend the game, I thought it worth reproducing here for all to see.**

Buckinghamshire skipper Tom Hampton has reflected on the 2021 National Counties Cricket Association season. Sports Shots spoke to Hampton as his young side improved and learned from their campaign.

**How was your preparation for 2021 compared to previous years? How did you adapt?**

At one stage it was looking like we were going to have to have really shortened preparations for this year with all the lockdowns. However when we found out that the 2020 competition was being cancelled for the year as frustrating as that was, it did allow for us to have a more extensive pre season of one day cricket playing 4 one day games before our first competitive game. So it was different to most years but by no means did we miss out in our preparations.

**How did the Trophy campaign go? Tough group/Individual games etc?**

The Trophy campaign was very frustrating, we just couldn't quite get ourselves firing. Against Wales we probably got done by the wicket a little and showed great fight to stay in the game and we were outplayed by Bedfordshire in all areas. Oxfordshire showed signs of what we could do as a side and then a rain effected final game against Berkshire. So all in all we had a bit of everything in our group, but ultimately we weren't the best side this year in what was a very strong group. On the plus points we had some good performances and I think Jas (Jason Harrison), Stan (Simon Stanway) and I have learnt quite lot about our 1 day cricket this summer.

**How did the Championship campaign go?**

I can not help but feel that we missed an opportunity of promotion this summer which is a little disappointing. We played some really good red ball cricket over the competition especially in the games against Beds, Herts and Northumberland. Cam (Parsons) was simply outstanding throughout and had a

remarkable season, I think it was as good a year as a bowling unit as we have had for a while. The batting showed glimpses and what was pleasing was that all the guys put in a knock at some stage during the competition, but we probably didn't bat well enough as a team for all 4 games. It was a younger side than we have put out for a while as well so it was really pleasing to see some of the youth coming through. One poor game up in Barrow and we missed our opportunity at promotion but I am convinced that the Championship side will be back in Division One very soon.

### **Positives to take from the season in white and red ball cricket?**

There were definitely positives to take from both forms of the game this summer, for me the biggest of those is that we were able to bring some fresh faces into the sides and play some competitive cricket and learn a lot about the depth in the squad.

### **Lessons learnt from the season?**

Yes definitely a few lessons learnt and Jas (Jason Harrison), Stan (Simon Stanway) and myself will look at catching up in the near future to put some plans in place to improve on those and be in a better place to start next summer.

### **Winter plans?**

As with most winters we will leave the guys to do what they want to pre-Christmas where hopefully they will start getting some of the physical work done. Then once we get into the new year we will start getting together as a side to start our cricket prep. We are looking into something a little new to finish the winter prep this season and just need to firm up a few things but that could be very exciting.

### **Any other points?**

A big thanks from all the guys to all the people who help make our season possible, plus to the people who come and support the side. The continued support means a lot to all the guys.



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Bucks County Cricket Club would like to offer their congratulations **to Saif Zaib**, who after a bumper year in 2021 for Northamptonshire, including his maiden century, has signed an extension to his contract. "Just really want to make my mark for Northamptonshire, that's the aim." - @zaib\_05

# **Bucks over 50 1<sup>st</sup> XI Season Report**

**By George Eykyn**

**ECB Group 5**

**Played 6, won 2, lost 4**

2021 was a mixed season for the over-50s 1sts, but ultimately we failed to challenge for a place in the knockout stages of the ECB competition.

We enjoyed a couple of memorable victories against Berks and Herts, but also let Sussex and Kent walk away with games we could have won. In some of the matches, we lacked top order batting.

Skipper Temoor Alam led the batting, with 271 runs at 45 and a top score of 106. Amir Abassi was the leading bowler, with 8 wickets at 13 runs.

We ought to have won our first match against Sussex at Slough CC. Sussex posted 203 in 35 overs, and Temoor led the reply with 70. However in the closing stages of the chase we offered too many catches to long off and long on, and fell just 13 short, Sussex scraping the win.

Middlesex arrived at Farnham Royal with a stronger team than in previous years. Bucks batted first and posted 229, dominated by 106 from Temoor. However, Middlesex were more than equal to the challenge, and chased the runs down for 4 wickets. Vengkatraghavan Madabushi bowled excellently for his 3-40. The vets' curse of hamstring, thigh and groin strains struck in the field, and we had to send Ian Pulsford to get his whites and field as a substitute.

The next game was most satisfying, against our old rivals Berkshire at Finchampstead. We batted first, and the top order all fired. Bucks put on 139 for the first wicket, a great stand between Sajid Zaib (64) and Jonathan Pritchard (81). We closed on 250-7. After losing early wickets to Steve King -- including England's Gary Loveday, lbw first ball -- Berks recovered to chase hard and were cruising along when their key batsman O'Toole was run out for 95. We held Berks to 239-8 and took the victory, Steve King finishing with 3-45.

The rollercoaster then plummeted for our next fixture away to Kent at Maidstone. Bucks did well to hold Kent to a modest 186-9. Amir Abassi took 3-30 and his victims included India's Verinder Bhoombala, nicely stumped legside by George Eykyn. The Bucks reply was steady, Sajid Zaib top-scoring with 38. But we lacked top order strength and at 99-5, the middle and lower order had a lot to do. Gary Hales (37) and Eykyn (24) showed intent, but having reached 130-4 we then lost our last 6 wickets for just 3 runs, and were skittled, woefully leaving almost 6 full overs unused. We had let Kent off the hook.

Next on the rollercoaster came an uplifting win at Wycombe against Hertfordshire. Bucks batted first, and 50s from Gary Hales, Shebaz Ramzan and Amir Abassi saw us to a competitive 254-6. Herts lost wickets regularly through their innings. All the Bucks bowlers contributed, and Eykyn took four catches standing up to the stumps. Herts eventually folded for 207.

The final game, against Surrey took place at Banstead on one of the hottest days of the year. Surrey ran us ragged, and reached 264-4, their skipper Greatorex notching up a century. Again we were light on recognised top order batters, and at 31-4 had lost them all. The middle order waggled with Amir Abassi (25), Ali Baig (19) and a late flourish from George Eykyn (35), but we were all out for 142, a heavy defeat.

## Team photo v Surrey @ Banstead



Back row: Bob Lane (scorer), Ishtiaq Ahmed, Amir Abbasi, Ali Baig, Venkataraghavan Madabushi, Abdul Sattar, Glen Dickenson.

Front row: Sharath Jetty, Gary Hales, Temor Alam (captain), George Eykyn, Steve Jones

The team was disappointed not to finish higher in our ECB Group, but we all enjoyed the season and are hungry to do better in 2022. Grateful thanks to our scorers and umpires, and to Slough CC, High Wycombe CC and Farnham Royal CC for kindly offering us the use of their grounds.

### A SHORT QUIZ TO KEEP THE BRAIN TICKING OVER..... AND ITS ALL ABOUT THE T20 WORLD CUP

1. Who top scored for England v Australia in the 2010 T20 World Cup Final?
- 2 Chris Silverwood, England's head coach at the current World Cup Final, officially bowled England's second fastest delivery of the last century. What speed did he reach?
3. Which Indian batsman hit 6 sixes of a Stuart Broad over in the 2007 tournament?
4. Who top scored for the Netherlands against Pakistan at Lords in the 2009 World Cup tournament?
5. Which country did Scotland beat to win their first World Cup match in 2016?
6. Who was the first English player to score a century at a T20 World Cup match ?

Answers at end of the Newsletter

### THE 2022 FIRST CLASS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The LV= Insurance County Championship will return to two divisions next season following a majority vote by the chairs of the 18 First-Class Counties. Counties will play in two divisions, with 10 in Division One and 8 in Division Two with a two-up, two-down promotion-and-relegation system. Each county is due to play 14 Championship matches.

**Division One:** Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Somerset, Surrey, Warwickshire, Yorkshire

**Division Two:** Derbyshire, Durham, Glamorgan, Leicestershire, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Sussex, Worcestershire.

## **INTERVIEW WITH ALEXEI KERVEEXE**

There was I, idly skipping through Sky TV reruns of previous T20 World Cup matches, when I heard the name Kervezee, and looked up to see an orange shirt with the name Kervezee written on the back. Yep, it was our Alexei, albeit looking slightly younger, and I suddenly realised that he is the only Bucks player to have played in a World Cup finals tournament. What a great topic for an interview – I contacted Alexei and thankfully he agreed to be quizzed about his recollections of that time.



**In what year did you make your Netherlands debut, how old were you and was it ODI or First Class match? Where were you playing your cricket before you joined Worcestershire in 2006?**

**I made my debut for the Netherlands in late July 2005 vs Scotland. It was also my first class debut in what was then still called the intercontinental cup and I was 15 at the time. Before joining Worcestershire I played for a local club in The Hague, Netherlands called HBS(Haagse Braaf Stand). My dad, uncles and grandad all played football for them when they were younger. I was very fortunate as we lived what would have been a 15 min bicycle ride down the road. So I ended up spending a lot of time there after school playing cricket and football.**

**When did you hear you were in the 2009 T20 World Cup squad. Had you been in the squad regularly or was it a surprise to be picked. Obviously, I guess, you knew it was to be played in England, but when did you know the group you were in and where they would be played.**

**I was quite fortunate to be a relative permanent fixture from the moment I made my debut. We found out what the World Cup squad would be straight after our last game vs Kenya whilst on tour in Kenya where we played a handful of one day games and a 3 day intercontinental cup game. That would have been about 2 months before the actual World Cup. I'm fairly certain that we found out what group we were in about 2 weeks after that when squads had to be submitted for the World Cup. At that stage we didn't know we would be playing the opening game of the World Cup at Lords, that's something we found out later down the line.**

**You were making your T20 debut in the opening match against England at Lords...how did you feel? Were you the only debutant in the team, or were there others. Were you the youngest?**

**To be honest, quite nervous. I remember thinking whilst the teams were doing their national anthems that this absolutely unreal. I think everybody playing that day for the Netherlands, it would have been their international T20 debut. We had played numerous 20/20's before that but never an "official" T20 international. I was the youngest member of the team playing in that World Cup.**



Had you played at Lords before or was this first time. What was your impression/ feelings about the Lords pavilion, and the various paintings /honours boards etc.

**It was my first time playing at Lords and what an occasion. Everything about lords is iconic and simply walking through the pavilion was very humbling and motivational.**

When the day of the Lords match arrived, how did you feel? you were the obvious outsiders going into the game, did you really feel you had a chance?

**I think we had self belief within the squad that we could cause an upset if we played to our standards. I pretty much went through all those emotions at one stage or another.**

How did you feel, walking out to open the batting for your country at Lords....in the first match of the T20 World Cup??

**Walking out to bat, actually batting(not very long haha) and fielding were the calmest times for me. Actually watching the game from the dugout was the most nerve wracking thing.**

Did you feel England's total of 162 was achievable ? As you got closer to England's total, what was the mood in the dugout- optimistic, confident? And what was it like during the last over? with 1 ball left and 2 runs to win ? After Broad failed to hit the stumps and you got the overthrow, how ballistic did you all go? How long did it take to sink in, that you had beaten England...at Lords !!

**It was one of those things where we had a self belief within the team. We definitely looked at that total on a good wicket and felt we had a good chance. All the pressure was on England and not on us. They were expected to beat us.**

**It was quite funny actually, the more the game went on and the closer we got to the total, a lot of the England fans actually started willing us on. Going into the last over the stadium was rocking and couldn't hear a thing. The closer we got to the total there was obviously a sense of nerves but also a real feel of "we're going to do this".**

**As soon as the overthrow happened and we actually won the game, everyone launched themselves from the dugout and ran out onto the pitch. It was an evening I'll never forget.**



**And how did you celebrate afterwards ?**

Celebrations started in the changing room (“relatively” subdued). We then got escorted back to the hotel by security on the team bus - as was the protocol for all teams at the World Cup - then the party continued into the early hours of the morning at the hotel. Family and friends were invited back to the hotel to join in with the celebrations. Free bar for the players and the lads had a very good time. It was a very special evening for me... It was the first time my now wife came to watch a cricket game, my parents flew over from Holland to watch the game and it’s where my parents and wife first met each other.

I think the thing that will always stay with me is once everything calmed down after we ran onto the field when we realise what had happened and achieved. We walked off the field through the pavilion, long room and back to our changing to a standing ovation from the entire ground - fans, members, officials etc. I’ve never seen anything like it and probably never will. It was immensely humbling and it probably started sinking in at that point how big an achievement it was.

**And after all the excitement, what was the Pakistan match like?**

Pakistan were a very strong outfit and they outplayed us from start to finish. I remember the over to Saeed Ajmal... I ran down the wicket, he bowled me a doosra, I definitely didn’t pick it and got stumped. A few years later Saeed signed for Worcestershire as the overseas. When he walked into the changing room at New Road he walked over to everyone shaking their hands and greeting them. He came over to me and shook mine with a big grin on his face and I quote “ nice to see you again, you didn’t pick that doosra”. I just started laughing because I knew exactly what he meant.

**Do have a team photo from the match.**

Unfortunately I haven’t got any photos of the evening other than the online available pictures as phones were confiscated from the moment we arrived at the ground to the point we left the ground - ICC regulations.

Coloured Trousers would like to thank Alexei for sparing the time to answer the questions and clearly he has many great memories of that particular time. He didn’t mention it , but I felt our readers should be aware that it needed the combined might of two of England’s greatest ever fast bowlers to bring about his dismissal at Lords !

the scorecards reads: Alexei Kervezee caught Stuart Broad bowled James Anderson



No apologies for including yet another blog from Yahoo Over Cow Corner, but I'm sure you will find it interesting .

### **Seasons Reflections: The Not-So-Forgotten Counties**

Almost five years ago this blogger released the first in a lengthy series of pieces entitled The Forgotten Counties. The series focused on the Minor Counties, now known as the National Counties, and explored their position in the domestic structure, the quality of the fare on offer and the glorious locations in which matches are played. At the time one felt that the twenty counties were somewhat out on a limb in the domestic structure, not quite in the direct pathway from club to academy to first class county. Naturally, the notion of the counties being forgotten included a liberal dose of hyperbole but the point remained: one couldn't help but feel that the competitions resided in a bit of a siding.

Cricket, akin to most sports, rarely stands still though. During that near five year period the landscape appears to have changed somewhat. First-class counties have forged links with surrounding National Counties equivalents as they cast their nets further afield in order to catch the best local talent available. Thus, recent seasons have witnessed links between Staffordshire and Warwickshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire and Somerset with Devon and Cornwall forged or strengthened. From such arrangements the likes of Dillon Pennington (Worcestershire), Liam Banks, Alex Thomson and Alex Mellor (all Warwickshire), Tom Lammonby and Lewis Goldsworthy (Somerset) progressed to first-class contracts whilst Somerset's T20 spin specialist Max Waller has appeared for Dorset in the equivalent competition for the last couple of seasons.

Arguably the most advanced of such arrangements is that between Middlesex and Berkshire though. The two counties officially signed an agreement in 2017 and the last three seasons has witnessed the likes of Ethan Bamber and Martin Andersson play first-class cricket for the latter whilst Jack Davies, Toby Greatwood and Luke Hollman have signed contracts with the London county. Similarly, players such as Archie Carter and Andy Rishton have played for Middlesex's Second XI whilst Dan Lincoln's short format prowess earned the Finchampstead captain a couple of T20 Blast outings during the 2019 campaign and a one-year rookie contract for the 2020 season. Meanwhile, Berkshire's erstwhile spin bowling spearhead Chris Peplow played for the North London county from 2003-2008.

The geographical links between the two historical counties are perhaps another obvious connection but the latest pairing to form a significant partnership are Sussex and Oxfordshire, separated from each other by at least two other counties and fifty to sixty miles at their two nearest borders. Nevertheless, the 2021 season has witnessed both Harrison Ward and James Coles make their debuts for the south coast county after coming through the academy partnership and earn rookie contracts courtesy of their performances. The partnership itself dates back to 2013 and is based at Magdalene College in Oxford. In between times, white ball star Delray Rawlins has also appeared for both counties. Unsurprisingly, the two counties were paired together for the first edition of the Showcase matches earlier this season.

Perhaps the most obvious link between a National County and a first-class equivalent is that of Glamorgan and the Welsh National Counties. Understandably, the latter has acted as a natural feeder for some time; the common Welsh denominator a natural corollary. Peruse the current Glamorgan first-team squad and the likes of Callum Taylor, Kiran Carlson, Andrew Salter, David Lloyd, Prem Sisodiya and Roman Walker have played for the Welsh National Counties whilst players such as Steve Reingold, Tegid Phillips, Lukas Carey and Sam Pearce have appeared for the parent county during the current campaign, further strengthening the symbiosis between Wales' only first-class county and the team tasked with providing representative cricket for the remainder of the country.

Work still needs to be done though. During the Glamorgan-Wales National Counties showcase match the commentators on the live stream seemed, at times, to be a little perplexed regarding how some of the National County players were those who had appeared for Glamorgan earlier in the season, failing to grasp that there is a sinuous relationship between the two. In a season where the crossover between the first-class counties and the national equivalents has been increased due to the ongoing influence of COVID and increased county personnel requirements as a result of squad members playing in the Hundred, so the link between particular first-class counties and a de facto national feeder county has become ever more important. Hence, the National Counties are perhaps not quite forgotten anymore and their value is becoming more evident. Hopefully such progress continues and further links between counties can be forged along with the current ones maintained.

**Quiz Answers:** 1.Craig Kieswetter 2 . 92.96mph 3.Yuvraj Singh 4.Alexei Kervezee 5.Hong Kong 6. Alex Hales

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

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### **Ron Hedley's Prostate Cancer Walks**



AS I'm sur you all know. Ron has been supporting Sky Sports TV Jeff Stelling's MARCH THE MONTH campaign raising money to support the Prostate Cancer charity and organised a series of 3 mile walks from all home grounds he has played on this season. The walks all took place between the end of Sepember and late October and were centered around the following cricket clubs.- Wembley, Princes Risborough, Littleworth Common, Cheersley, Bledlow Ridge, Little Missenden and Hawridge & Cholsey. Between 10-15 people, not including dogs, put one foot in front of the other to take part in each walk and they were a tremendous success.

**At the last count the total Fundraising stood at £5557.25, including Gift Aid. Ron recently received a certificate from Just Giving congratulating him and the Buckinghamshire Over 60's and Over 70's on their excellent performance.**



## You're a top fundraiser, Ronald

Your Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60s/Over 70s September Walks page was one of the most successful JustGiving pages last month. Out of thousands of fundraisers, you were in the top 1%. Congrats on raising so much for PROSTATE CANCER UK - you're an absolute hero.



Ron says it should not be his name on the certificate but the names of all the people who have joined a Prostate Cancer walk from Buckinghamshire CCC, Middlesex CCC and Berkshire CCC over 60s and over 70s. Plus those who have joined in with us, including dogs. Listed here in all their glory are all those who took part.

Ron Hedley(7) David Lander (4) C.Lowe, John Potheary (2) Mahmood Akhtar, F Braganza (3) David Brooker, Roger Garrini, Graham Keens, Steve Greaves, Peter Langford, Trevor Spindler, Andrew Connolly (2) Gerard Holmes, Chris Tucker (2) Peter Spinks, Dawn Spinks, Chris Johnson, Peter Redfern, Jim Spooner(2) Jon Gumbs (2) Edward Hedley, John Rolfe, Mike Salmon, George Nelson, Larry Warr, Brian Shipley (2) Steve Shore, Nick Zala, David Tossell, Bob Floyd, Simon Hennell, Keith Wallis, Jonathan Seabrook, Patrick Walsh, Richard Vasey, Brian Ralphs, Martin Keen, Steve White, Neil Jones, Steve Drane, Julian Coppock and John Moffit

On our Wembley CC walk 7 players from Middlesex CCC joined us

On the Littleworth Common walk 5 players from Berkshire CCC Over 70s joined us.

On our Princes Risborough CC walk David and Helen Oddy (Bedfordshire) joined us. Glynis Langford joined us for lunch

On our Bledlow Ridge walk two friends of John Rolfe, Brian and Bridget, joined us and Pam Rolfe joined us for lunch.

Andy Gurdial of Middlesex CCC has joined in 4 walks.

More importantly it is about everyone who has made a donation to a magnificent cause.

If you have joined a walk and have still to donate please do as soon as possible.

There is still plenty of time to guide family and friends to our Just Giving page to see the photos from all of the walks we have done so far. Here are a few of those photos.



If you missed/ couldn't make any of the walks, panic not as Ron has arranged another 3 for April next year. They will be at Eastcote CC, Kimble CC and Beaconsfield CC followed by a celebration lunch at High Wycombe Cricket Club.

**Ron has also foolishly agreed ( his words, not mine ) to enter a Prostate Cancer UK decorated Christmas Tree in the Holy Trinity Church, Penn, Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of 27th/28th November. He is not artistic , he says! If anyone wants to donate the link is**

**<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ronald-hedley1>**