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BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

EASTER EDITION

Editor: Bill Scholes

Well, the long wait is over and the cricket season has finally arrived, both at First Class level and at National Counties level. The squad have been training steadily since the start of the year – bats have been oiled, pads have been blancoed, jock straps have been steam cleaned and ironed and boxes disinfected...... OK, so perhaps I am a bit out of date but I'm sure you get the drift ! 24 players took to the verdant grass of High Wycombe last Sunday week in an Intra Squad warm up day, comprising two T20 matches between Team Stanway and Team Rance. The latter team won both games. The first friendly against county opposition took place on Easter Monday 18th April against Hertfordshire (2 x T20) and that was played at Slough CC – a return to this venue after a gap of several years. Group Four of the NCCA T20 campaign started the day before, with all four of our opponents in action, but we begin our quest for glory this coming Sunday 24th April against Bedfordshire at Dunstable Town CC. A full list of ALL NCCA fixtures are appended at the end of this Newsletter for all those who may be interested in visiting new or exciting venues**but not of course when Bucks are in action!**

STOP PRESS

After the other Group 4 matches took place on Easter Sunday, an early look at the table shows Oxfordshire top with 4 points after their two victories over Berkshire. The other match between Wales NC and Bedfordshire saw the honours being shared, Wales winning the first game and Bedfordshire the second. Both these two counties have 2 points, but Wales sit in second spot courtesy of a better run rate. A reminder that only one of the 5 counties in each Group qualifies for Finals day, so run rate could be vitally important.

An additional venue/date for you is that the Nurton/York 50 over Trophy match against Oxfordshire will be now be played at Beaconsfield, another ground we have not visited for some time, on Sunday 15th May.

NCCA FIXTURES

There will be the rare occurrence of two Championship matches taking place in the same county at the same time in August when Hertfordshire host Northumberland at Hertford while 30 miles across the county Bucks will host Cambridgeshire at Tring Park in the other Eastern Divi Two match.

Hertfordshire will make a belated start to the defence of their National Counties T20 title when they travel to Grantham to play Lincolnshire in their opening Group Three double-header on Sunday April 17. Hertfordshire lifted their first trophy in 29 years when beat Dorset in the 2019 final but because COVID-19 forced the 2020 and 2021 tournaments to be cancelled they but have had to wait three years to defend the title. The returning T20 competition will be followed by the 50 overs NCCA Trophy and the three-day National Counties Championship. T20 Finals Day will be at Tring Park in Hertfordshire on May 22. The National Counties Trophy will start on May 29 with the final again at Wormsley on August 28. Holders Berkshire begin their defence of the Trophy, with a Group Two match against Devon at Henley on May 29. The Championship season opens on July 3 with final at West Bromwich Dartmouth CC Oxfordshire, who denied Berkshire a record fifth straight Championship title last season, begin their attempt to retain the three-day crown with a trip to face Cheshire in their opening Division One West match from July 3 to 5.

There will be a number of new grounds being used this season. Wales NC will stage county cricket at Bangor and Llandysul. Bangor's Ty Newydd ground will host the T20 match against Bedfordshire, whilst Llandysul's Tir Dref ground will stage their Trophy match against Wiltshire. Northumberland will also break new ground by staging a match at Allendale's Riding Haugh ground near Hexham for the first time. Haileybury College near Hertford will also stage National Counties cricket for the first time when Hertfordshire host Norfolk on April 24 with Lincolnshire visiting for a Trophy match on June 5. Also Staffordshire will return to Porthill Park for the first time since 2004 for their T20 opener against Northumberland on April 17.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to our Chairman **Ian Hodgson** who recently added the role of Chair of the Bucks Cricket Board to his responsibilities, following the resignation of previous Chair Steve Ayres. Progress is currently underway of the unification of the County Club and the Cricket Board, and more details should be available in the near future. Congratulations also go out to **Susan Klyne** who became the new Membership secretary at the AGM. Su takes over the role from **John Phillips** who has stood down in order to concentrate all his efforts on his other role as Treasurer.

SNIPPETTS

Ex Bucks player **Tom Helm** was in the wickets I for Middlesex last weekend as he took 6, 3 in each innings, in their match at Lords against Derbyshire.

Another former Bucks player **Saif Zaib** was in the runs for Northants, scoring 65 in their second innings against Gloucestershire.

3 current Bucks players were in action at the end of March/early April during the pre season round of University matches against First Class counties. **Ross Richardson** was travelling the country playing for Durham UCCE against Durham CC and then down to Hove to play against Sussex CC- I did manage to catch Ross's innings on the Sussex live streaming site. **Adam King,** who is Vice Captain of Loughborough, was in action against Nottinghamshire, whilst **Conner Haddow** was in The Parks at Oxford, playing for Oxford UCCE against Worcestershire.

Aadil Sharma, Bucks U-16's and Northants Academy, was the star of the show as he blitzed 122 off 55 balls for his new club Great Brickhill against Oxford in the HCPL T20 competition last week.

Ex Bucks player **Masoor Khan (2017-2021)** has joined Bishops Stortford in the Hertfordshire Cricket league and has signed for Hertfordshire for the coming season. He scored 933 runs for Bucks in the championship, with a top score of 133, and best bowling figures of 6-36. We wish him well with his new county.

Oxfordshire will be playing 3 National Counties matches at Wormsley, which is of course in Bucks, this season. Both their T20 matches, against Wales NC and Bedfordshire will be played there, as will their Showcase match against Sussex. With Surrey visiting High Wycombe, this will be another rare occurrence of two Showcase matches being played at the same time in the same County.

Alexei Kervezee appointed Vice Captain for Bucks for new campaign



Sports Shots Interview 14th March 2022 by Andy Bone

Bucks have appointed Alexei Kervezee as their vice captain for the 2022 National Counties Cricket Association campaign. The former Netherlands international becomes Tom Hampton's deputy for the new season.

We asked the former Worcestershire batsman how the appointment came about.

It has been a rather smooth sort of transition into the role. I was doing bits and pieces of the role already and it came about when the question came up of "who'll take the reigns" if Tom leaves the field for whatever reason. From there I was asked if I would be happy to do it and I said "I'd love to".

Kervezee is happy to use his vast experienced in the role, whenever he can.

I will be looking to support Tom in whatever capacity he needs me, both on and off the field. Tom's a very good captain and leader and I'll act as a sounding board and another set of eyes. What I'd like to bring to the role is an amount professionalism both on and off the field, help develop younger players and be a vocal point if and when required.

The new season does not just hold new challenges at National Counties level. Kervezee enjoyed a successful season as skipper of Halesowen in the Birmingham Premier League last year.

2021 was a great year for Halesowen, we were crowned champions and gained promotion – without sounding arrogant in any shape or form, it was thoroughly deserved and the players and club deserve to be playing in the league we're now in.

Now in the top tier of the Birmingham Premier League, Kervezee is looking forward to the new campaign and tests to come.

2022 – I'm quietly confident in the ability of the team and individuals to perform very well in the Birmingham Premier League, Division 1. We've got a group of players who are very good cricketers who pretty much all have aspirations to or have played at higher levels. The dressing room is a very happy place and all the lads enjoy and want to play for the club. Fundamentally I believe in good cricketers but they also have to be good people. If you have a group of good cricketers but are also good people then you can achieve some amazing things together. In closing, Kervezee is pleased with the foundations that have been put in with the National Counties outfit.

I think Buckinghamshire have all the ingredients to be very successful for a long period of time. We have to play good cricket and work hard to achieve those goals but it's something we're very capable of. There are obviously no guarantees in sport and especially within a game like cricket. That being said Buckinghamshire are doing all the right things on and off the field to give ourselves the best possible chance to do well and succeed.

I think a lot of credit has to go to Jason Harrison, Simon Stanway, Tom Hampton and others for getting the fundamentals and pillars in place.

Skipper Tom Hampton enthused over the new appointment.

It was an obvious choice, not only his qualities as a player but his drive and hunger for success made it an easy decision.

Cub brings a huge amount of experience not just as a player but also leading sides. He's got a great temperament and is respected by the the guys. That mixed with his desire to be successful individually and as a side puts us in a great position.

It's also great having someone to lean on who sees it through the batters eyes.

NATIONAL COUNTIES CRICKET ASSOCIATION SHOWS OFF EMERGING TALENT AT ENGLAND CRICKET CENTRE

On Thursday 3rd March the NCCA held their annual player ID day at the ECB National Performance Centre in Loughborough. Player ID days have been created to give the first class counties an opportunity to see some of the top talent from across the NCCA county sides. The NCCA were joined by representatives from 9 first class counties: Derbyshire, Northants, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Hampshire, Essex, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire. Not only was this a fantastic opportunity for the NCCA players to train at a world-leading facility, but it is also a great initiative that supports the talent pathway into the first-class game.

A county scout commented "This is a really positive concept for an annual event which will support another pathway of opportunity for the National Counties players." Players were nominated from each of the 20 National Counties Cricket sides, leading to 20 promising young players taking part in this experience. Below is a list of those that attended:

Matt Taylor (Bedfordshire) Savin Perera, Jack Winterbottom, Rhodri Lewis, Mungo Russell (Berkshire) **Conner Haddow (Buckinghamshire)** Ben Seabrook (Cambridgeshire) Tommy Sturgess (Cornwall) Tom Dennis (Devon) Bradley Currie (Dorset) Zain Ul Hassain (Herefordshire) Tom Keast (Lincolnshire) Solomon Bell (Northumberland) Freddie Smith, George Tait (Oxfordshire) Sam Ellis (Shropshire) Sam Wiesnieski (Staffordshire) Sam Pearce, Steven Reingold, Connor Brown (Wales NC)

BUCKS CRICKETERS WHO'S WHO......continued NAME: Stephen Russell Croft

1. Where and when were you born? Beverley Westwood Hospital, East Yorkshire 18th April 1997

2. Which club do you currently play for? Harefield CC

3. Have you played for any other clubs? Copdock (East Anglian Premier League), Sheriff Hutton Bridge (Yorkshire League North), Fenner CC, Hornsea CC & Londesborough Park CC (all Yorkshire clubs). I have also played for Western Suburbs in Sydney and Toronto in Newcastle, NSW.

4.How would you best describe yourself – Leg spinning bowling all-rounder.....

5.What first got you into cricket? My dad played Saturday cricket all throughout my childhood and has actually restarted playing again last summer

6.Are you still in education/college/ University(which) or in employment? I am currently in my 2nd year of University but do some part time coaching as well

7.When and where did you make your debut for Bucks. Was that Championship or T20/50 over KO? It was a championship game against Hertfordshire at Tring Park at the end of the 2018 season

8. Who has been the biggest influence in your cricket career so far? It would have to be my dad and Shane Warne. As I said my dad played when growing up so Saturdays in the summer have always been cricket. Shane Warne is the reason I carried on bowling leg spin after watching him, as I write this he has sadly passed away and it has reminded me of how inspiring he was.

9.Do you have any family ties with cricket? My father and my great uncle also played cricket as well as sport in the village I grew up in (Beeford).

10.What has been your proudest moment in cricket so far- either for Bucks or for club, or both? My proudest moment has to be the 8fer I took on my Bucks debut in the second innings.

11, Which has been your favourite Bucks ground to play on....and why? I do like GX, the enclosed ground is nice and the pitch usually spins plus its only 5 minutes down the road!

12.Which form of professional cricket do you prefer to watch. Hundred/T20/50 over KO/ County championship/ Test match ? Test Match cricket

13. What do you think of The Hundred or the 16.4 as it sometimes known? The one positive is the amount of players on the fringes of the professional game are getting a go in list A cricket whilst the 100 is on. The impact it has had on the women's can I think will also be positive in the long term.

14.Do you have a nickmame? Crofty

15.Outside of cricket, what are your interests and or hobbies ? I study environmental science so I do take a keen interest in sustainability and conservation, as well as this I am generally a massive sports badger but do try and follow the Tigers (Hull City) whenever I can.

16. Guilty pleasures? Boring but chocolate

17. Any surprising facts about yourself? Nothing that I can think of

18.What improvements would you make to the National Counties cricket programme if you were in charge? Scrap any of the age rules currently in place as you should be allowed to select your best players

not matter what age, secondly introduce semi finals or playoffs to the 3 day calendar so that you get an extra 3 day fixture.

19. General . Any other general facts about yourself - Awards/ Honours etc. that you think might be interesting to know. I won the club cricket conference spin bowling competition in 2016 which meant I got to spend a week training in Mumbai.

Stats: Chship: P10, R 211, HS 57 KO: P3, R 16, HS 11, W 5, BB 3-43 T20: P1, BB 1-22

New Appointment for Bucks C.C.C.

5th March 2022 by Andy Bone – Sports Shots

Bucks C.C.C. have appointed Jack Perham to a new Strength & Conditioning role for their men's first team. Perham started with the National Counties Cricket Association outfit at their indoor sessions as they prepare for the 2022 campaign. Sports Shots guru Andy Bone caught up with Perham and discussed his new position, background and aims for the squad. Perham, who is Head of Cricket at Cranford House, and the Lead of Strength and Conditioning

at The National Fast Bowling Academy (NFBA), discussed his appointment. *I look forward to working with Bucks having relocated from East London (Forest School Ho Cricket/Athletic Development) to Oxfordshire, having worked as Head of Cricket at Forest School, the National Fast Bowling Academy and Essex County Cricket Club.*

The new role sees Bucks looking to improve in an area that is growing within the game at National Counties Cricket Association standard. It is something Perham aims to develop using his experience.

I want to implement a long-term athletic development model and minimum fitness standards, gradually creating a positive culture around Strength and Conditioning and physical preparedness. The overall aim for the 1st XI is to prepare them individually for the demands of the modern games multiple formats within their congested summer schedules.

So where does Perham believe the key indicators for improvement will be displayed. **The best indicator for success of the program will be keeping players on the field, injury free. Objective assessments will be taken at key points throughout the off/pre and in-season, these include:**

- 20m Sprint Linear Speed
- 44 yard sprint (Run a 2) Change of Direction Speed
- CMJ Lower limb vertical power
- Broad Jump Lower limb horizontal power
- 2km Time Trail Aerobic Capacity

Cricket being a running based sport, their ability to cover a given distance at a given speed is an important indicator of health and performance, assessments will be taken in-season during windows of opportunity (low playing volume).

The game is changing fast! 3 day games are asking players to cover on average 18-24km in total, with 30+ max accelerations, with fast bowlers being clocked at 2-3km of sprinting throughout a game. While the shorter format demands less total volume, the intensity is higher at (6km in total running volume), with more total max velocity sprints and higher running speeds. With batting and bowling skill sets improving year on year and the standards at the top are very similar, a players physical qualities and capabilities are now often seen as the 'point of difference'. Talking on the addition of Perham to the management team, Bucks Head Coach Jason Harrison told Sports Shots.

Jack's appointment as Strength and Conditioning coach will further the off the field support for Tom, Alexei and the rest of the players within our set up. He comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge, which in the short time he has been with us has shown through.

QUICK QUIZABOUT THE RECENT ASHES IN AUSTRALIA

How much can you remember about the recent series.....or are you trying desperately to forget all about it?

1.Who was the leading run scorer in the series?
 2.What was the highest individual score ?
 3.Which Australian had the best batting average ?
 4.Which Englishman had the best batting average?
 5. Who was the leading wicket taker in the series?
 6. And who took the most wickets for England?
 7, Who had the best bowling performance?
 8.And what was the best English bowling performance?
 9.Who took the most catches – a) for Australia
 b) for England

EUROPEAN CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

The European Cricket Championship 2022 will again take in Malaga, Spain and the groups for this year's competition have just been announced.. Reigning champions England (represented by the National Counties XI) automatically qualify for Championship Finals Week 10-14th October. Two new entries for this year are Scotland and Ireland.



SHOWCASE MATCH: BUCKS v SURREY Our 50 over match will be played on Sunday 31st July at High Wycombe CC Further details about tickets/ parking etc will be announced shortly

BUCKS ANNUAL GOLF DAY AND ANNUAL DINNER

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2022



Following the disappointment of last years cancellation, we are pleased to announce that this year's annual Golf Day will be held **at Burnham Beeches Golf Club** and will be followed by the Annual Dinner. The main speaker will be Simon Hughes.

Further information can be obtained on our website – <u>www.bucksccc.org</u>.

SUPPORT BUCKS CRICKET

By joining Bucks County Cricket Club

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

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

The Annual Subscription is : -

£25 for individuals

£35 for partners living at the same address

£10 for juniors (aged under 18)

£15 for students in full time education ((aged under 24)

Life membership is also available

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

April 2022

Information Just received from membership secretary Su Klyne re possible funding for cricket pitch improvement, which may be of interest to a number of our cricket clubs

Subject: Football Foundation Grass pitch Improvement Grant

Funding is available through the Football Foundation for grass football pitch improvement. Any cricket clubs where football is played on their cricket pitches may be able to access this grant indirectly through the football club. The football foundation website currently says that applicants for funding should have done a Pitchpower inspection. Pitchpower is currently being upgraded and will re-open again after 20th April.

If interested in this please check out: <u>https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding</u>

ON THE ROAD WITH THE BUCKS BOYS

The NCCA T20 competition started on Sunday 17th April, but we begin a week later on Sunday 24th. We have 8 Group matches (2 per day). Both home fixtures are at High Wycombe, but the two away fixtures are relatively close, so why not take the opportunity to get out in the countryside and support the Bucks boys on their travels.

Sunday 24th April v Bedfordshire at Dunstable Town CC Dunstable Town C.C. Lancot Park, Dunstable Road, Totternhoe, Beds LU6 1QP Tel: 01582 663735



Monday 2nd May v Berkshire at Wargrave C.C. Wargrave C.C., Recreation Road, Wargrave, Reading, Berkshire RG10 8BG Tel: 01189402436





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Can't get to a game – do not despair, help is at hand. Don't miss a moment Website: bucksccc.org.uk Twitter : @bucksccc Facebook:/ www. facebook.com/Bucks County Cricket Club Instagram: buckscountycricket

Well, that's about all for now – still waiting replies from a few players to the Meet The Players interviews – the annual Bucks Handbook should be with you in the very near future, containing all the up to date information from the recent AGM and the changes emanating from that. Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to this Newsletter, particularly Kevin Beaumont, Andy Bone, Ron Hedley, Su Klyne, Mike Knox , and of course all the players who have contributed their answers. All, or any, contributions gratefully received, as of course are comments – good or bad.

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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Answers to Quiz: 1.Travis Head, 2.Travis Head, 3.Usman Khawaja, 4.Jonny Bairstow, 5.Pat Cummins, 6. Mark Wood, 7.Scott Boland, 8.Mark Wood, 9a.Steve Smith, 9b. Zak Crawley



Bucks County Cricket Club

Match Sponsorship Opportunities in 2022

NCCA T20 Match sponsorship (2 matches per day)

Bucks v Oxfordshire @ High Wycombe Sun 1st May £300

Bucks v Wales NC @ High Wycombe Sun 8 May £300

Includes lunch, with wine, for 2, name on front cover of match day programme and on all media releases, advertisement in match day programme ,acknowledgement on club website, photo opportunity with players

NCCA 3 day County Championship Match sponsorship

Bucks v Cambridgeshire @ Tring Park 21st -23rd August £600

Includes lunch, with wine, and tea for 2 on all 3 days, name on front cover of match day programme and on all media releases, acknowledgement on club website, advertisement in matchday programme, photo opportunity with players

Sponsor the Bucks Match Day Programme

Name/Brand / Logo on front cover Free Advert inside

KO Trophy and T20 matches	£ 35
3 day Championship matches	£ 50

For more information please Contact Bill Scholes 01420 560290

National Counties Fixtures 2022 National Counties T20

April 17

Group One. **Oxton**: Cheshire v Shropshire, **Porthill Park**: Staffordshire v Northumberland. Group Two. **Bashley Rydal CC** : Dorset v Wiltshire, **Brockhampton**: Herefordshire v Cornwall. Group Three. **Wisbech**: Cambridgeshire v Suffolk, **Grantham**: Lincolnshire v Hertfordshire. **Group Four: Falkland CC: Berkshire v Oxfordshire, Bangor: Wales NC v Bedfordshire**

April 24

Group One. South Northumberland CC: Northumberland v Cumbria, Whitchurch: Shropshire v Staffordshire. Group Two. Werrington: Cornwall v Devon, South Wilts CC: Wiltshire v Herefordshire. Group Three. Haileybury College: Hertfordshire v Norfolk. Ipswich School: Suffolk v Lincolnshire. Group Four. Dunstable Town CC: Bedfordshire v Buckinghamshire. Wormsley: Oxfordshire v Wales NC.

May 1

Group One. Netherfield: Cumbria v Shropshire, Leek: Staffordshire v Cheshire. Group Two. Exmouth: Devon v Wiltshire, Colwall: Herefordshire v Dorset. Group Three. Grantham: Lincolnshire v Cambridgeshire, Manor Park: Norfolk v Suffolk. Group Four. High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire v Oxfordshire. Newport: Wales NC v Berkshire.

May 2

Group One. **Toft**: Cheshire v Cumbria, **Whitchurch**: Shropshire v Northumberland. Group Two. **North Perrott**: Dorset v Devon, **South Wilts CC**: Wiltshire v Cornwall. Group Three. **Wisbech**: Cambridgeshire v Norfolk, **Copdock**: Suffolk v Hertfordshire. **Group Four. Wargrave: Berkshire v Buckinghamshire. Wormsley: Oxfordshire v Bedfordshire.**

May 8

Group One. **Carlisle**: Cumbria v Staffordshire, **South Northumberland CC**: Northumberland v Cheshire. Group Two. **Wadebridge**: Cornwall v Dorset, **North Devon CC**: Devon v Herefordshire. Group Three. **Welwyn Garden City**: Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire, **Manor Park**: Norfolk v Lincolnshire. **Group Four. Ampthill: Bedfordshire v Berkshire. High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire v Wales NC.**

Finals Day: May 22 at Tring Park CC: (reserve day May 23).

National Counties Trophy

May 29

Group One. **Eastnor**: Herefordshire v Oxfordshire, **Scunthorpe**: Lincolnshire v Cumbria. Group Two. **Bedford School**: Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire, **Henley**: Berkshire v Devon. Group Three. **Exning**: Cambridgeshire v Cheshire, **Mildenhall**: Suffolk v Norfolk. **Group Four. Port Talbot: Wales NC v Buckinghamshire, Marlborough College: Wiltshire v Dorset.**

June 5

Group One. **Cockermouth**: Cumbria v Herefordshire, **Allendale CC**: Northumberland v Lincolnshire. Group Two. **Exeter**: Devon v Bedfordshire, **Truro**: Cornwall v Berkshire. Group Three. **Manor Park**: Norfolk v Cambridgeshire, **Oswestry**: Shropshire v Suffolk. **Group Four. High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire v Wiltshire, Himley: Staffordshire v Wales NC.**

June 12

Group One. Brockhampton: Herefordshire v Northumberland, Banbury: Oxfordshire v Cumbria.

Group Two. **Southill Park**: Bedfordshire v Cornwall, **Hertford**: Hertfordshire v Devon. Group Three. **Exning**: Cambridgeshire v Cornwall, **Chester Boughton Hall**: Cheshire v Norfolk. **Group Four. Dorchester: Dorset v Buckinghamshire, Warminster: Wiltshire v Staffordshire.**

June 19

Group One. Jesmond: Northumberland v Oxfordshire, Bracebridge Heath: Lincolnshire v Herefordshire.
Group Two. Redruth: Cornwall v Hertfordshire, Wargrave: Berkshire v Bedfordshire.
Group Three. Wem: Shropshire v Cheshire, Sudbury: Suffolk v Cambridgeshire.
Group Four. West Bromwich Dartmouth CC: Staffordshire v Dorset, Llandysul: Wales NC v Wiltshire.

June 26

Group One. Keswick: Cumbria v Northumberland, Aston Rowant: Oxfordshire v Lincolnshire. Group Two. Sidmouth: Devon v Cornwall, North Mymms: Hertfordshire v Berkshire. Group Three. Manor Park: Norfolk v Shropshire, Didsbury: Cheshire v Suffolk. Group Four. Gerrards Cross: Buckinghamshire v Staffordshire, Wimborne: Dorset v Wales NC.

July 17 Quarter-finals. August 7 Semi-finals. August 28. Finals Day Wormsley(reserve day August 29).

National Counties 3 Day Championship

July 3-5

Eastern Division One. **Dunstable Town**: Bedfordshire v Staffordshire, **Bury St Edmunds**: Suffolk v Lincolnshire. **Eastern Division Two. March: Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire, Tynemouth: Northumberland v Cumbria**. Western Division One. **Alderley Edge**: Cheshire v Oxfordshire, **Eastnor**: Herefordshire v Dorset. Western Division Two. **Abergavenny**: Wales NC v Devon, **Corsham**: Wiltshire v Shropshire.

July 10-12

Eastern Division One. **Cleethorpes**: Lincolnshire v Staffordshire, **Woolpit**: Suffolk v Norfolk. **Eastern Division Two. Barrow: Cumbria v Cambridgeshire, Bishop's Stortford: Hertfordshire v Buckinghamshire**. Western Division One. **Wimborne**: Dorset v Berkshire, **Thame**: Oxfordshire v Herefordshire. Western Division Two. **Sandford:** Devon v Cornwall, **Oswestry**: Shropshire v Wales NC.

July 24-26

Eastern Division One. Longton: Staffordshire v Norfolk, Grantham: Lincolnshire v Bedfordshire. Eastern Division Two. Chesham: Buckinghamshire v Cumbria, Peterborough: Cambridgeshire v Northumberland. Western Division One. Finchampstead: Berkshire v Oxfordshire, Brockhampton: Herefordshire v Cheshire. Western Division Two: St Austell: Cornwall v Shropshire, Usk: Wales NC v Wiltshire.

August 14-16

Eastern Division One. Manor Park: Norfolk v Bedfordshire, Checkley: Staffordshire v Suffolk. Eastern Division Two. Furness CC: Cumbria v Hertfordshire, Jesmond: Northumberland v Buckinghamshire. Western Division One. Nantwich: Cheshire v Berkshire, Banbury: Oxfordshire v Dorset. Western Division Two. Bridgnorth: Shropshire v Devon, South Wilts CC: Wiltshire v Cornwall.

August 21-23

Eastern Division One. Flitwick: Bedfordshire v Suffolk, Manor Park: Norfolk v Lincolnshire. Eastern Division Two. Tring Park: Buckinghamshire v Cambridgeshire, Hertford: Hertfordshire v Northumberland. Western Division One. Falkland CC: Berkshire v Herefordshire, Wimborne: Dorset v Cheshire. Western Division Two. Truro: Cornwall v Wales NC, Sidmouth: Devon v Wiltshire.

September 4-7. West Bromwich Dartmouth CC: Final.

PROSTATE CANCER WALKS 2022

Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60's/Over 70's Fundraising Walks 2021/2022

We are delighted to announce that The Waterside Inn at Bray near Maidenhead have kindly donated a voucher for dinner for two^{*}, with selected wines, at their Michelin Star restaurant. We thank Alain Roux for his kind generosity.



Michael Parkinson has kindly signed a book about George Best and David Tossell has put together a bundle of 10 of his books for the draw. We will add other prizes nearer the time.

The draw will take place at the High Wycombe CC walk and lunch on Friday 29th April 2022 and we hope Allan Lamb will be able to draw out the winners for us.

Tickets will be **£10** each and you can buy as many as you like.

Please send this email to family, friends and clubmates so they can also buy tickets and help us raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

To purchase a ticket(s), please make payment to the account below or pay Ron Hedley in cash.

Please ensure you make clear the name and contact number of the person purchasing the ticket.

Account: Ronald Hedley; Nat West Bank Sort Code: 60 11 01 Account No. 15742652

Online purchase of tickets will end at midnight on Wednesday 27th April 2022.

You will still be able to purchase tickets until 12 noon on Friday 29th April, by cash payment, if you are attending the walk and lunch.

The voucher has a value of approximately £400 We reserve the right to cancel the draw if less than 40 tickets are sold.





