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BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HERE COMES SUMMER

School is out, oh happy day

Here comes summer

I'm gonna grab my girl and run away

Here comes summer

We'll go swimmin' every day

Oh, let the sun shine bright on my happy summer home

Hands up all those who remember Jerry Keller's huge No 1 hit in the summer of 1959 – in fact hands up all those who can remember 1959! A whole summer of cricket, football and rock n roll to look forward to - not much has changed then , although cricket meant only the County Championship, football was played with a leather ball and you had proper studs in your football boots and rock n roll could only be listened to late at night on Radio Luxembourg under the covers. I suppose we did have rain back then, but over the last few years we seem to have had more of it, and at the wrong times ie, just as Spring has sprung and expectations for the new season are high. Pity the poor groundsmen who have been toiling tirelessly, often under grim conditions, to prepare for the start of the season, which does seem to start earlier and earlier, almost certainly due to the number of different competitions that have to be squeezed in. Many of us are now like kids at Christmas, waiting expectantly, not for Santa to pop down the chimney , but for the first ball to be bowled in anger. Our first competitive match is in the T20 competition, on Sunday 14th April at home to Bedfordshire , but before that we have the annual challenge match against Oxfordshire for the Nurton-York Cup which was set up four years ago to honour two Minor County greats – Mike Nurton from Oxfordshire and Stuart York from Buckinghamshire. Venue for this year's encounter is High Wycombe and will comprise two T20 matches.

Before we start on the T20 competition, there are two additional matches for your delectation. It all kicks off on Sunday April 7th at Wormsley where there will be a Bucks Intra Squad match – a chance to view all the likely contenders from the Ist XI and the Reserves. We then have two friendly T20 matches against Herefordshire and this will take place at Aston Rowant. This will be followed a week later by the aforementioned annual Nurton-York Cup match (two T20 matches) against Oxfordshire at High Wycombe.

NCCA T20 COMPETITION (2 matches per day) 2024

This season the NCCA have tweaked the way the T20 Cup will be played. This undoubtedly follows some grumblings about the way the four counties making it through to Finals day were determined. In previous years, there have been four groups of five, with just the winners of each section progressing to Finals day. However, this has now been altered for the 2024 campaign.

There will now be five groups of four, with the other three clubs in our T20 group being Bedfordshire, Berkshire and Hertfordshire. Obviously with only 4 teams per group, each club will only play on 3 occasions rather than 4, and we have two of the three at home . I'm guessing that will be switched around for next season.

We start our campaign with home matches against Bedfordshire, to be played at High Wycombe –no introduction needed – on 28th April, and the following week we are on the road to sunny Berkshire where we will to play at Falkland, a ground which has seen major renovations in the last 3 to 4 years. A brand new pavilion has sprung up (picture below) - now that is a make over, and the ground has hosted Southern Vipers in the last year.



The next day, Bank Holiday Monday, we are back home to play Hertfordshire at Beaconsfield, pictured below.



It is 19 years since we last played a competitive match at Wilton Park – in fact we played there twice in 2005 – a Minor Counties KO game against Wiltshire in June and a Championship match against Staffordshire in July. We did try to play the Nurton-York friendly there a couple of years ago, but unfortunately the weather won that contest.

The group winners, group runners-up and two best third-placed finishers will advance to a new Super 12s stage. Those 12 teams will be split into four groups of three, all playing each other on a scheduled day. (keep up at the back!) Obviously venues for these matches will not be known until all of the qualifiers have been decided.

The table-toppers in those sections will then make up the four counties who will contest Finals day, which has now been moved to Chester Boughton Hall.

BUCKS T20 FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	Venue
April 28	BEDFORDSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE
May 5	Berkshire	Falkland
May 6 (BH)	HERTFORDSHIRE	BEACONSFIELD
May 19	T20 Super 12's	????

T20 Finals Day 26/27 May Chester Boughton Hall, Cheshire

OTHER ADDITIONAL FIXTURES

Mon July22 LEICESTERSHIRE Showcase Match 50 overs Grace Road, Leicester

Sun Sept 8th Milton Keynes Showcase Day at Campbell Park
10.30 Bucks Women v Southern Vipers Academy 100 ball match
2.30 Bucks 1st XI v Milton Keynes XI 100 ball match

NCCA 50 OVERS KNOCKOUT TROPHY

Date	Opposition	Venue
May 12	Oxfordshire	Wormsley
June 9	DEVON	HIGH WYCOMBE
June 16	Cornwall	Redruth
June 23	BERKSHIRE	CHESHAM
June 30	Quarter Finals	
Aug 4	Semi Finals	

Final Aug 25/26 Wormsley

NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP - EASTERN DIVISION ONE

Date	Opposition	Venue
July 7-9	Lincolnshire	Sleaford
July 14-16	SUFFOLK	TRING PARK
Aug 11-13	Bedfordshire	Flitwick
Aug 18-20	STAFFORDSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE

Championship Final Sept 1-4 West Bromwich Dartmouth

2024 NCCA: Tom Hampton talks Bucks Cricket Men's 2024 - preparation & forthcoming season



Skipper Tom Hampton has spoken about his Bucks Cricket Men's side; preparation, plans and structure for 2024.

The current red ball title holders for the National Counties returned to prepare for the forthcoming campaign under a new dynamic. With Bucks Cricket having merged all the different facets under one umbrella, the county can now facilitate an improvement in their professional approach. The way Bucks Cricket has changed in the time Hampton has been captain typifies this. As he approaches his seventh year in charge, he explained what had been happening behind the scenes.

"We had a slightly different winter this year, with Jason (Harrison) now being full time with the County. This allowed us to run an extended winter training programme with sessions running from the middle of January, through until our outdoor pre-season which is starting Easter weekend. This has been a nice change and has allowed a few of the younger guys an opportunity to get involved with the squad. We have also had some guys who have been overseas, and done well, which is pleasing."

With the squad's 2024 season curtain-raiser planned at Wormsley for 7th April, Hampton knows his side are looking forward to getting back out in the middle.

"We are just about to get into pre-season, which everyone is excited for. It's always nice getting outside playing on grass and getting the whole squad together. With the season being pushed back a little, that has also allowed us to get three fixtures in place, which will hopefully be another benefit in trying to hit the ground running."

The winter has seen Bucks strengthen their squad, with Hampton explaining the circumstances behind the signings.

"Yes we have a couple of new additions in Billy Mead and Cameron Hemp, who are both really exciting players and we are looking forward to seeing them represent the county."

Mead made an unbeaten 106 for Kent on debut against a Sri Lanka Development XI in May 2022, while Hemp was part of the England XI side who won the 2023 European Cricket title.

"It was two different sets of circumstances."

Billy contacted Jason (Harrison) to explore the possibility of being one of our outside players and, after a couple of positive meetings, made the decision to join us.

Cameron will be playing for High Wycombe this summer so is eligible to play for the county. He made the decision to join us and leave Wales with the travel being too much of a commitment.

So, we didn't do too much but we are really pleased with the outcome. To add two players of quality to the squad is a huge positive, and one that can only improve us as a county."

As the NCCA T20 starts on 28th April, we asked the Bucks Cricket Men's XI skipper what the pre-season friendlies were, and what were they looking to get out of these encounters.

"We have an Intra-Squad game, which is great as we get to see the wider squad play, including all the guys from the 2nd team. This is followed by two lots of T20s versus Oxfordshire and Herefordshire. Like every year pre-season is really important for individuals to get themselves up to speed and ready for that first competitive match, as well as guys on the fringes to really push their case to be in that first match day eleven. It will be a case of getting as many guys as possible as much cricket as we can, as well as trying a few different combinations to give us the best idea on selection for that first game. The way the fixtures work, our group games are played over an eight-day period, so it's going to be hugely important to start well."

There is a new era for Bucks Cricket in the men's game. We asked how does the link between the 1st XI, 2nd XI and U18s work in 2024 and what plans are in place for continuing to bring

players through the system? Also what values do you look to instil in these young players so they fit the culture and environment when they step up?

"Over the past couple of years alongside the merger, this link has improved and strengthened immensely. Jason (Harrison - Head of Performance) now oversees both 1st and 2nd teams and is heavily involved with the U18's. Stan (Simon Stanway) is involved with both the 1st and 2nd team, as well as being a permanent fixture with the 18's, alongside Malcolm Roberts. This has helped create a direct pathway from the 18s to the first team, and we have seen a number of examples of players taking that over the last year or so.

I think as a group our message has always been quite simple, we want players to go out and express themselves, enjoy the game and be willing to learn and improve to give themselves and the county the best chance of being successful. I really believe that now you have such a consistent coaching/management team throughout the top end it really helps to keep things simple and consistent. I think the players are reacting to that and have identified there are opportunities for those who work hard and perform."

So what are the aims for white and red ball cricket in 2024?

"The ultimate aim in any competition is to win and be successful, but I think we are at two different points in the different formats. In white ball cricket it's really about finding a way to be more consistent with our performances. Then red ball is about building on the success of the last two years. There will be a target on our back, so we will have to raise our game."

One negative over the winter has been the loss of the highly-rated Jack Perham, the Strength and Conditioning Coach.

"There is no denying it's a big loss as Jack added a huge amount of expertise and energy to the role. He came in at a time when we needed to implement some change. He did a great job and can be very proud of the part he had in our success. It's now on the squad and management group to ensure that we don't let standards drop and continue to improve. The county is looking to appoint a new Strength & Conditioning Coach for match days, which will be very helpful in the continued development of that side of things."

In closing, what is Hampton's message to Bucks Cricket supporters for the new campaign?

"The squad's in a great place, with a couple of exciting additions, and we can't wait to get going this summer. As always, we really appreciated all the support last year and it was really great to see so many supporters up in West Brom to enjoy the championship win. We will do all we can to try to emulate that success again this summer."



Bucks Cricket is proud to support the inaugural

Over 70's Cricket World Cup

Sunday 28th July – Sunday 11th August 2024

Countries taking part include [Australia, Canada, England, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Wales](#)

England seniors cricket will play host to the inaugural 70s World Cup in a two week tournament starting on July 28th this summer with the final to be held at Wormsley on Sunday 11th August starting at 11.30 am. Other round robin matches, which commence at 12.00 noon, will be played at senior club grounds within an hour or so drive of Slough where most of the participating countries will be based. Bucks grounds included to date are Marlow, Beaconsfield, Amersham, and Farnham Royal.

Seven countries will be participating in what are 45 overs a side matches they are, England, current holders of the Silver Ashes, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, and Wales. Everything gets underway with a launch and registration event on the 27th July to be held at Eton Rowing Lake, previously home to the 2012 Olympic rowing events.

Matches (1pm start) will be played across Bucks at

Amersham C.C. Beaconsfield C.C. Farnham Royal C.C. and Marlow C. C.

The full schedule for the competition, including all dates and venues, can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

FINAL

Sunday 11th August 2024 Game starts 11.30am

Wormsley Cricket Ground

Music, bar, refreshments, light snacks.

THERE ARE DOWNSIDES TO PLAYING CRICKET !

Sussex dentist Rob Hemingway, playing for St Peters against Horstead Keynes in April, became perhaps the first batsman of 1999 to hit a six through his own car windscreen . “ it was quite nice to connect with the ball so early in the season” he said, but then I heard the crack and thought, oops whose car is that?” (1999)

Sharon Scott of Kington, Herefordshire, was taken to hospital for observation after being hit on the head by a six struck by her husband, Clive while she was wheeling her baby round the boundary. “ She probably cost me a century” Clive said “I went into my shell after that” (1994)

BUCKS CRICKET ANNUAL DINNER and PRESENTATIONS

The first Bucks Cricket dinner since the merger of Bucks Cricket Board and Bucks CCC to form Bucks Cricket, under which all cricket in the county will be administered., took place on 1st March at the Holiday Inn, Aston Clinton..

There were short speeches from Bucks Cricket chairman Ian Hodgson and chief executive Rich Hudson as well as Director of Cricket Jason Harrison. Jason presented members of the successful NCCA winning side with a personal Championship pennant, a team photograph



and a scorecard of the final in which they beat Devon by a record 550 runs last September. ***Pictured above , are members of the winning squad, with their pennants and trophy.*** Jason Harrison.who made the awards, paid a special tribute to the team captain Tom Hampton.



Also attending the dinner were the Bucks boys under 18 team, who also won their three-day Championship and received pennants and trophies. **Picture above shows Jason Harrison with award winners, George Harvey, player of the year, and Danny Chapman, batsman of the year. Also pictured are Bucks chairman Ian Hodgson and CEO Rich Hudson. Teddy Fleming, won the bowler of the year award, but was absent, playing cricket in Australia.**

Other presentations saw Alexei Kervezee receive the White Ball Player of the Year award, whilst Conner Haddow received the same accolade for Red Ball Player of the Year



WOMENS CRICKET – THE FUTURE

Women's cricket is now facing its third major structural reorganization in 8 years. The current women's domestic set-up consists of 8 regions: South East Stars, Sunrisers, North West Thunder, Central Sparks, Western Storm, The Blaze, Northern Diamonds and Southern Vipers, all currently owned and funded by the ECB. However, in 2025, these teams will be no more, and they will be replaced by County sides.

The 18 first-class counties plus MCC have been given until March 10 to submit bids to own, govern and operate one of eight Tier One professional teams who will play in T20 and 50 over competitions. Underneath them will sit Tiers Two and Three, also connected to counties or National Counties, which will be amateur. There will be no promotion or relegation from any of the tiers until at least 2029.

Latest Update: As we go to press, it has been revealed that the vast majority of first class counties have submitted bids for a Tier One team – only Worcestershire and Derbyshire have not and the MCC have not submitted a bid either.

BUCKS WOMEN – 2024 FIXTURES

Programme	Date	Format	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
Friendly Fixture - External	14/04/24	50 Overs	Oxfordshire	Bucks Womens	
Fixture - League	21/04/24	50 Overs	Berkshire	Bucks Womens	
Fixture - League	06/05/24	50 Overs	Bucks Womens	Hertfordshire	Dinton CC
Fixture - League	26/05/24	X2 T20s	Sussex & Berkshire	Bucks Womens	
Fixture - League	16/06/24	X2 T20s	Bucks Womens	Hertfordshire & Suffolk	High Wycombe CC
Fixture - League	30/06/24	50 Overs	Bucks Womens	Suffolk	Holmer Green CC
Fixture - League	14/07/24	50 Overs	Norfolk	Bucks Womens	
Fixture - League	28/07/24	X2 T20s	Kent & Middlesex	Bucks Womens	
Fixture - League	11/08/24	X2 T20s	Essex & Surrey	Bucks Womens	
Friendly Fixture - External	21/08/24	40 Overs	Bucks Womens	MCC Women	Chesham CC

Cameron Hemp joins Home Counties Champions High Wycombe

Home Counties Premier League reigning Champions High Wycombe have announced the signing of England XI's Cameron Hemp. Thanks to Teddie Casterton and ETDC Digital Media for the following interview

High Wycombe Cricket Club are pleased to announce the signing of opening left-handed batter, Cameron Hemp. After Wycombe had won the HCPCL 2023 undefeated, the success story travelled borders as Hemp was eyeing up the possibility of playing cricket in England rather than in Wales for further opportunities within the professional game.

“AJ reached out at the start of the year. I’ve heard great things about the club and the success they’ve had over the last few years.”

AJ Woodland and Cameron Hemp have regularly competed against one another in the NCCA competition for Bucks and Wales respectively. Hemp was additionally selected to be a part of the winning England XI T10 squad who travelled to the Malaga Oval, Spain this year alongside Wycombe off-spinner Conner Haddow.

“It’s one of my proudest moments,” Hemp added in an interview with ETDC Digital Media. Hemp had an impressive year for Swansea CC in 2023, accumulating 739 runs and a top score of 125 against Cardiff. That was just shy of his previous best in 2022 of 152* against Clevedon CC.

“I’m really looking forward to winning lots of games and hopefully picking up some silverware,” Hemp said.

Hemp is one of two new signings for the High Wycombe 1st XI this year, Max Uttley – another England XI player – having joined earlier this year.

Captain AJ Woodland commented: **“Really excited to have Cam Hemp onboard for this year. He brings a lot of quality with bat, a very dynamic player who will add a different skill set to our batting line up. We look forward to seeing him have a successful year in a Wycombe shirt”.**



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Sports Shots interview with Harefield skipper Stephen Croft ahead of the upcoming 2024 HCPCL campaign. :Croft talks Harefield as Solia joins as overseas for upcoming campaign

14th March 2024 by **Andy Bone**

Sports Shots Andy Bone talks to Harefield skipper Stephen Croft

Harefield skipper Stephen Croft has talked about his side’s upcoming campaign as Sean Solia has joined as their overseas player.

The 2024 season sees Croft take charge of The Hares for his third campaign having got them promoted as Division Two Champions in 2022, but returning back following relegation in 2023.

Croft, who has a young side who have stuck together the past few years, believes the club are making positive steps.

Overall, for the club it was positive, the 2s and 3s were one win away from promotion, the Sunday XI, which had lots of juniors, got promoted in their league, and of the 3 junior teams, 2 won their divisions, which is great. Unfortunately, the 1s went down, but playing in the top league was good experience.

Having had a taste of the top level, both Croft and his team are keen to bounce back straight away and have been working hard over the winter to make this happen.

The preparation has been similar as for most years, we have had weekly nets for both senior and junior teams every week since the end of January. Several guys having been playing abroad which is great experience for them.

The club were keen to replace Nic Kelly, their 2023 overseas, with a player of a similar calibre. Kelly has spent the summer in the southern hemisphere captaining Wellington in New Zealand.

The Hares, under Croft, director of Cricket Doug King and their committee, have been proactive in using their contacts on the other side of the world.

Croft told Sports Shots.

Just one signing confirmed so far this winter and that's the overseas signing of Sean Solia. Sean is an excellent all-round cricketer with a good first-class record. We are very fortunate to have good connections in New Zealand which enabled us to sign a player of this quality.

Solia has represented Samoa internationally and has been playing domestic cricket for Auckland since 2016. As a left-handed batsman and right-arm medium bowler, Solia made his first-class debut for Auckland against Canterbury in November 2016 during the 2016–17 Plunket Shield season. He also made his Twenty20 debut in December 2016 and his List A debut in January 2017, where he scored an impressive 152 runs. Solia's international career includes being part of Samoa's squad for the 2018–19 ICC World Twenty20 East Asia-Pacific Qualifier tournament. In Samoa's opening match of the qualifier against Papua New Guinea, he was the top scorer for his team with 39 runs and ended up as the joint-leading wicket-taker in the tournament.

The new Hare caught the eye of selectors, who picked him when New Zealand 'A' hosted the touring West Indian side in November 2020. In 2022, Solia was Datchet's overseas for their Home Counties Premier League, Division One campaign.

Croft will be looking for his younger players to learn from their experienced incoming Kiwi. ***Ollie Stalder has been in the 1s for the last 4 years, he is still only 19/20 and has lots of potential. He has been working hard this winter and I think he will see this rewarded with some consistent performances. Another player who has improved a lot of the last year with the bat is Qasim Khan. He mainly played in the 3s last year but if he keeps on developing with the bat as he has done, he won't be far from playing the 1s.***

The Hares skipper is looking for his side to be challenging to go straight back up.

As a 1st team we will be looking to compete at the top end of the table. We have the same core group of players that got us promoted in 2022, plus the addition of Sean should help balance the side out.

Ex Bucks pathway player Dominic Goodman signs one-year extension to 2025 at Gloucestershire

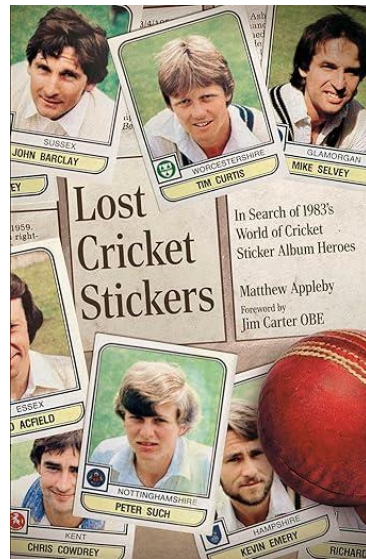
As a young cricketer Dom played and captained throughout the Buckinghamshire County age groups. He played his club cricket in the Home Counties Premier League at Chesham CC before moving to play in the West of England Premier League at Bedminster CC in 2019.

23-year-old 6'6" seamer Dom Goodman has signed a one-year contract extension at Gloucestershire through to 2025. Dom made his debut for the Club at Taunton in April 2021, taking three wickets as Gloucestershire cruised to an eight-wicket win against Somerset. His debut scalps of Josh Davey, James Hildreth and George Bartlett were the first of fourteen first-class wickets, including eight wickets in the 2023 season. A career-best of 4-73 came against Division Two champions Durham, with Goodman impressing at the Seat Unique Riverside.

Speaking about his one-year extension, Goodman said: "I feel really privileged to have the opportunity to extend my time with Gloucestershire until 2025, and thankful to the club for their continued belief in me."

Hot off the press from Hector Capelletti (aka Yahoo Over Cow Corner) and I could not resist sharing it with you. As with *Here Comes Summer*, I'm sure it will stir a lot of memories

Lost Cricket Stickers Book Review



Some cricket books are inevitable; the conclusion of an Ashes series will provoke the expected autopsies and general chewing of the collective fat regarding what went right and what went wrong. Some cricket books are predictable; each calendar year will see the publication of the latest Wisden, the latest Playfair Annual and the latest Who's Who Guide. Some cricket books are banal and tedious; modern autobiographies seem to spend as much time bloodletting and airing of grudges as providing enlightenment and great insight.

Occasionally a cricket book will focus on a subject matter that arrives fresh from the hackneyed leftfield and grabs one's attention. And, in truth, Pitch Publishing are experts in producing titles that their publishing peers would probably not be willing to countenance. Thus, one's regular browse of the 'Upcoming Titles' section on the Pitch website highlighted the title *Lost Cricket Stickers* by Matt Appleby. Tracing the lives of a selection of players from the 1983 county cricket season, the book proves a most intriguing subject matter.

From a personal perspective, one cannot remember the 1983 cricket summer but some of the players featured played a part in the formative years of one's love affair with the game. Indeed, the pictures of John Emburey and Tim Curtis on the front cover bring back memories of the 1989 Ashes series, the first full summer of cricket one can remember, whilst Chris Cowdrey unearths some distant memory of England's disastrous 1988 series against the West Indies.

Curiously, 1983 was one of only two years that a Panini sticker book was produced for county cricket, perhaps adding a sense of poignancy to Appleby's book, whilst the combination of cricket and Panini stickers also provides a sense of nostalgia; back to a time and decade when the collection craze was arguably at its zenith. An introductory chapter provides a more than useful overview of what was contained in the sticker book as well as a fabulous use of the term 'blootering,' one that surely needs to be added to the general cricket lexicon. One or two players are featured from each of the seventeen first-class counties (in a pre-Durham as a first-class county era) in providing insight and individual perspective on the sport at the juncture of the 1983 summer. Appleby concludes each chapter with a brief biography of each county's main protagonists, providing an interesting insight into what has happened to each individual since the 1983 season, both cricketing and post retirement from the sport.

Understandably, it is the stories and the titbits of information and amusing stories that are the most intriguing, such as David Acfield's balancing act of fencing for Great Britain and playing county cricket or Hampshire's Kevin Emery enjoying the opposition batters becoming distracted by matters in the nearby harbour at Portsmouth in the summer of 1982. Similarly, Graeme Fowler's comments about everyone wanting to coach him when he was called up to

play for England; a theory that has been expounded by some regarding recent England teams.

One particularly pleasing aspect is that Appleby has not solely interviewed the well-known players of the time but mixes in a number of stalwart pros that provide nice colour, perspective and context whilst the conclusion of each county chapter features pen pictures of the main dramatis personae, including their secular lives after retiring from professional cricket. Some of these prove particularly interesting, such as Kent's Derek Aslett who became an antiques dealer in Australia or Eddie Hemmings who ran a village shop. Somerset's Peter Denning became a grain merchant, former England wicketkeeper Jack Richards moved to Belgium with his Dutch wife and ran a Dutch shipping company whilst Warwickshire's Andy Lloyd became a stud farm manager.

Somewhat pertinently, the book also provides a beautiful insight into a time when cricket was a sport rather than a business as well as highlighting the controversies of the day and how attitudes have changed; some for better, some for worse, in the forty years since. For instance, it proves interesting how the players seemed fairly positive about the relentless schedule, in comparison to the modern equivalent, despite not quite knowing how they managed to play so much. Others commented how they just enjoyed playing; a quality seemingly lacking amongst too many in the modern game, whilst there seems a general fondness for county cricket in the 1980's. One almost universal theme was how each county had two world class overseas players and that international players played for their counties more than they do in the present day, increasing the general standard of the county game. Many an interviewee also talk about how the county scene was more sociable and that there was a greater camaraderie between many, even between those from different teams. Indeed, it is rather remarkable how much detail the various players can remember about their seasons despite proceedings happening forty years in the past.

Perhaps one of the most complimentary remarks one can proffer for *Lost Cricket Stickers* is that once one has begun reading the chapters on each county the book seems to draw one in to the point where one mentally longs to read just one more chapter. Much credit goes to the interviewees who seem genuinely engaging and offer insight aplenty in providing a snapshot of the domestic game in the early 80's. In an era when cricket books are in danger of becoming rather staid and predictable, *Lost Cricket Stickers* is a gloriously different and intriguing equivalent. Without wishing to engage any hyperbole, one concludes that this is one of the best books on cricket that one has read in recent times.

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By joining Bucks County Cricket Club

The County Club and Bucks Cricket 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

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Life membership is also available

Membership forms are available from John Phillips .

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Firstly a great big thank you to all those members/ supporters or companies who sponsored a player over the past seasonand indeed seasons before that. I am pleased to report that we will be continuing with the sponsorship initiative for the new season. A couple of sponsors came late to the party last year and their sponsorship will be carried over to the new season. Sponsors in red below have already committed to this season. If you wish you to join them and continue last season's sponsorship, or for more information

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THREE DAY MATCH SPONSORSHIP at £600 per match

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

- 2 County Handbooks.
- 2 Match day programmes per day
- Sponsor status acknowledged on cover of Matchday programme.,
- Sponsor status acknowledged on all social media releases.
- Free Advert in the Annual Club Handbook
- Advertising banner at ground(supplied by sponsor)
- Bucks CCC website coverage and direct link to company website
- .Photo opportunity with team
-

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

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WEAR YOUR COLOURS WTH PRIDE

Bucks Cricket, together with G&P, our team wear clothing partners, are launching a Casual Clothing range available to supporters/family and for players/officials to wear away from Bucks matches or on festival tours. This range comes with the new modern Bucks Cricket logo that differentiates from the official one worn by players and officials. Click on the link below to view the items on the G&P on line shop.

[Bucks Cricket Supporters/Casual Archives - Gentlemen and Players \(gentlemenplayers.com\)](https://gentlemenplayers.com)

LATEST UPDATE ON FROM RON HEDLEY ON HIS CHARITY CANCER WALKS

12th February & 18th March 2024

England Cricket Seniors, Ron's March, The Bob Willis Fund, Prostate Cancer

So far to date, Ron's Charity walks around the Counties have raised an incredible £32,273.00 plus £4,000 in Gift Aid.

I am delighted to let you know of the following arranged walks as part of England Cricket Seniors, Ron's March, Bob Willis Fund for prostate cancer awareness and fund raising.

Friday 5th April 2024 Kent Seniors Walk.

The Spitfire Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury CT1 3NZ.

The walk takes place during the first day of the County Championship match v Somerset CCC.

The first 40 people to apply to walk will receive a free ticket to watch the days play.

We are delighted to announce that Rob Key will be joining the walk and SKY T.V Cricket will be filming the walk and interviewing some of the walkers. The film will be broadcast on the SKY T.V Cricket channel during Bob Willis Blue Day at Edgbaston Cricket Ground on Saturday 27th July 2024.

Tuesday 9th April 2024 Gloucestershire Seniors Walk.

Meet near the Old Lodge Public House and Minchinhampton Old Course Golf Club at 10am for a 10.30am walk. Walkers will be able to lunch at The Old Lodge Public House, Cirencester Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud GL6 9AQ. Tel 01453 832047.

Friday 12th April 2024 Edgbaston Cricket Ground

We are delighted to have been invited to walk, again, at Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Edgbaston Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7QU. All walkers will be invited to watch the days play during the County Championships match against Durham CCC. We will be joined by Nick Owen BM, BBC News Anchor for BBC Midlands News.

Saturday 20th April 2024 Devon Seniors Walk

We are walking from South Devon CC to Bovey Tracey CC on Saturday morning, which will include walking through Newton Abbot, along a canal cycle path and an old railway line for just over 5 miles. It is hoped that a local company will supply pasties for lunch. There will be a match on during the afternoon against a Blackheath CC XI. Meet is at 10.30am. Full details to follow.

Monday 22nd April 2024

We have just heard that Surrey Seniors will be hosting a second walk. It will be at Horsley and Send CC, 10.15 am meet for 10.30 am walk, full details to follow.

Friday 17th May 2024 Essex Seniors Walk

Essex Seniors are arranging a second walk in aid of Ron's March we thank them so much.

The walk will be from Central Park Café, Chelmsford CM1 1LQ to the The Cloud County Ground, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford CM2 0PQ on Friday 17th May 2024. Walkers will be given a ticket to attend the days play. Walkers will be invited to walk around the outfield during the lunch interval to publicise our campaign.

We are also talking to Northamptonshire Seniors and Staffordshire Seniors re them organising a walk. We hope more Counties will organise a walk this year. **If your County has not as yet, please get in touch. We know we are making a difference.**

Middlesex CCC Seniors will be walking along the Regents Canal to Lords Cricket Ground on either May 3rd or 24th followed by watching a County Championships match. Details to be confirmed.

14 June Derbyshire @ Racecourse Ground, Derby

23 June Cheshire @ Warrington CC, Warrington

14 July Lincolnshire @ Sleaford CC TBC

As reported in the last Edition of Coloured Trousers, Bucks Over 60's were seeking to escape the wet and windy conditions here at home in March and here they are in sunny Malta, plus a couple of ringers! Unfortunately the touring side have lost both matches so far, but both were lost on the last ball of the match, so very close but not close enough. Francis had a hospital visit after splitting his ear, trying to take a caught and bowled.



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

Can't get to a game – do not despair, help is at hand. Don't miss a moment
Please note the new social media addresses below as the old ones have been disabled and merged with these.

Website: bucks cricket.co.uk

Twitter : @BucksCricket

Facebook: [https:// www. facebook.com/BucksCricket](https://www.facebook.com/BucksCricket)

Instagram: [bucks cricket.official](https://www.instagram.com/bucks cricket.official)

All of Bucks 1st XI games will be streamed live on our YouTube channel

Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers over the past year, particularly Kevin Beaumont, Ron Hedley, Su Klyne, Mike Knox, Rachel Hudson, Jonathan Lilley, County Cricket Matters, Yahoo Over Cow Corner, Steve Peart, Trevor Taylor, Tom Hampton and Andy Bone and Sports Shots. We are of course obviously very grateful to all our sponsors and to Sports Shots for their excellent media coverage as well as to Charlie Carter for all his excellent photographs and to Roger Byrne for his photographs from the Final. All contributions gratefully received of course - relieve the boredom of the potential weather postponed matches by writing an article- and join our happy band of literary contributors. All that remains is to wish you all a very happy Easter – enjoy your eggs.

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Over 70's Cricket World Cup Fixtures

MATCH DAY:		1	28-Jul	Venue	Post C
	FREE	Canada			
1.1	England	vs	Sri Lanka	High Wycombe	HP11 1DE
1.2	N Zealand	vs	India	Amersham	HP7 ORN
1.3	Australia	vs	Wales	Finchampstead	RG40 4JR
MATCH DAY:		2	30-Jul		
	FREE	Wales			
2.1	N Zealand	vs	Sri Lanka	Beaconsfield	HP9 2HZ
2.2	India	vs	England	Slough	SL3 7LT
2.3	Australia	vs	Canada	Teddington	TW11 0EP
MATCH DAY:		3	01-Aug		
	FREE	Australia			
3.1	N Zealand	vs	England	Marlow	SL7 2AE
3.2	Sri Lanka	vs	India	Farnham Royal	SL2 3AW
3.3	Wales	vs	Canada	Bishops Stortford	CM23 2TD
MATCH DAY:		4	04-Aug		
	FREE	England			
4.1	N Zealand	vs	Australia	Farnham Royal	SL2 3AW
4.2	India	vs	Wales	Marlow	SL7 2AE

4.3	Sri Lanka	vs	Canada	High Wycombe	HP11 1DE
MATCH DAY:		5	06-Aug		
	FREE	Sri Lanka			
5.1	N Zealand	vs	Wales	Bishops Stortford	CM23 2TD
5.2	India	vs	Canada	Cookham Dean	SL6 9LF
5.3	Australia	vs	England	Beaconsfield	HP9 2HZ
MATCH DAY:		6	08-Aug		
	FREE	India			
6.1	Canada	vs	New Zealand	Marlow	SL7 2AE
6.2	Australia	vs	Sri Lanka	Royal Ascot	SL5 7LQ
6.3	Wales	vs	England	Bishops Stortford	CM23 2TD
MATCH DAY:		7	09-Aug		
	FREE	New Zealand			
7.1	India	vs	Australia	Royal Ascot	SL5 7LQ
7.2	Wales	vs	Sri Lanka	High Wycombe	HP11 1DE
7.3	England	vs	Canada	Wargrave	RG10 8BG
FINALS DAY:		8	11-Aug		
	TBA	vs	TBA	Wormsley	HP14 3YE

Why not get yourselves down to a game or two and support our brave lads as they attempt to retain the Silver Ashes.