



Welcome to the first edition of **Coloured Trousers**  
**BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER.**

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The aim of this Newsletter is to keep all members, supporters and indeed anyone interested in Bucks C.C.C. updated with the latest news and views on all things related to our county cricket club, particularly during these trying times. When I first started putting this missive together a few weeks ago, the future was beginning to look brighter, and although dampened slightly with the current lockdown, the most recent news regarding the potential vaccine breakthroughs have given hope that some form of normality may return in time for next season. Early days I know but hope springs eternal.

I realise that a large number of our readers interests do not stop at our County borders and I have therefore included cricketing related news and articles that I hope will be of interest to you. All, or indeed any, contributions are more than welcome and will help to decide the frequency with which future editions are issued.

The prime target of the Newsletter is Bucks members and you will receive this edition either electronically by email (so long as we have your email address) or (and it's a once in a lifetime offer!) in a printed copy through the post. Unfortunately, due to cost considerations, the club have decided that future editions can only go out by email. John Phillips, our Membership Secretary, informs me that he only has around one hundred email addresses of members, so if you are receiving this by post, and you have an email address, and you wish to continue receiving future editions, do please let John know ([john.phillips@bucksccc.org.uk](mailto:john.phillips@bucksccc.org.uk) or 01494 721244) in order that we can continue to keep you updated on all things Bucks.

At one time, earlier in the year, it looked as though we would not be able to partake of our favourite sport, neither playing nor watching, but thanks to the determined efforts of a few good people, a few "friendly" matches were arranged. Reports below. No sooner had our playing season started than it finished- it must be the shortest ever season on record. Back at the start of the new decade in January, pre-pandemic, anticipation was building for a new dawn as both the County Championship and the National Counties were restructuring their formats. Fast forward eleven months to November and the anticipation is still there as we eagerly await the fixture lists of both the First-Class Counties and the National Counties. Poring over fixture lists and imagining visits to much loved grounds helps to overcome the dark days and nights.

The ritual ordering of the new Wisden Almanack, the Playfair Annual and Cricketers Who's Who makes the summer seem closer, and once these three tomes thump onto the mat in early April, planning can begin in earnest. Next will come the welcome arrival of many a cricket watcher's bible, the excellent wallchart produced by The Cricketer which will be proudly pinned onto the wall. Each year it is becoming more and more colourful and next years will include The Hundred, for heaven's sake. By the time I have added the Bucks fixtures, there will be little room left on the A3 chart! Wouldn't it be great if all the National Counties fixtures could be added and it would then become very clear that to all those dyed-in-the-wool First-Class County members, who simply abhor the idea of the pyjama clad Biff, Bash, Boff One Hundred games that there is a much more palatable alternative.

### **NATIONAL COUNTIES CRICKET ASSOCIATION (NCCA)**

The National Counties Cricket Association formerly began operations in March 2020, replacing the old Minor Counties Cricket Association that was dissolved at their very last AGM in December 2019 after 125 years of service.

At the helm of the new limited company is Operations Manager Richard Logan, a former Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Hampshire and Surrey seamer. He is running the new company with Nick Archer (chairman), Chris Farmer (treasurer) and Phil Caley (director of cricket) plus four other interim directors, including our own Kevin Beaumont, who make up the Board until the annual general meeting next March 2021. The new formats for the 20 NCCA counties had already been decided by the time Logan took over. Before the pandemic, the number of 3-day matches had been reduced to four per county (c.f. six previously). Each of the two Regional Divisions are split into two divisions of five, based on merit. There would be a K.O. Trophy with four group games of 50 overs, a quarter final, semi-final, and final. There would also be T20 competition, again with 4 groups of five, the winners of each group competing at a finals day. Despite efforts to salvage at least one competition this season, all were cancelled at the end of July. Another disappointment was the cancellation of the "showcase home friendlies against a first-class county" scheduled for mid-July 2020. As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic we were unable to host Surrey CCC at High Wycombe CC. Oxfordshire CC's match against Sussex CCC and Berkshire CC's match against Middlesex CCC were also cancelled. The matches organised around the launch of the new ECB Hundred Competition were designed to help raise much needed revenue for the National Counties and increase awareness of the new NCCA brand. Although there has not been an official cricket season this year, Logan has not let the grass grow under his feet, taking a National Counties Roadshow around the country to Taunton, Wormsley and Headingley; launching the NCCA logo, website, Facebook and Instagram accounts. The aim being to make the NCCA relevant to a new younger audience and help to develop local young players.

#### **NCCA Update** from Bucks secretary **Kevin Beaumont**

I had hoped to be able by now to provide some meaningful information on what National Counties cricket we might expect to see next summer, but I am afraid that the picture remains unclear, on two counts.

The first is financial. Our competitions are funded by the ECB, which of course suffered very substantial losses as a result of the disruption to the professional game caused by the pandemic this summer. Their Chairman and Chief Executive have made it clear on several occasions that there will have to be substantial cutbacks in their expenditure, but we do not yet know what effect that will have on our funding for the next few years. Such indications as there have been so far have been encouraging and I am genuinely optimistic, but clearly we cannot make any detailed plans until we have the ECB's firm commitment on next year's funding. I understand that a decision is likely to be made at the end of this month and of course we shall give details on our website as soon as we have them.

The second unknown is the severity of the Covid-related restrictions which will be in force at the start of next season and, unfortunately, we are very unlikely to achieve clarity on that for some considerable time. In my letter to Members in August, I mentioned the problems

relating to travel and hotel accommodation which made competitive National Counties cricket unfeasible then and the imminent return to national lockdown makes it difficult to be confident that things will be much easier by next April. I am sorry to have to say that I cannot imagine that the Championship competition will be viable if things do not improve. However, I think that there is every chance that, given the time now available to plan, we should be able to organise the 50-over and T20 competitions, albeit on a much more regionalised basis than normal. Additionally, you will doubtless have read in the press that there appears to be growing support among First Counties for their 50-over competition to be enlarged to include some National Counties and this is, of course, an extremely encouraging development.

Please do not be unduly discouraged by the emphasis I have put on the limited-overs competitions. The vast majority of both players and administrators in National Counties cricket regard the three-day Championship as the pinnacle of our cricket and I am well aware that the majority of our followers feel likewise. There is a strong desire to play that competition next year, if the constraints imposed by the pandemic lessen to a point where we can do so without compromising its integrity.

### **STOP PRESS!**

As this newsletter was at the point of being issued, we heard that the ECB has formally confirmed that, subject to cricket being permissible next year, we shall receive the full amount of agreed funding. Accordingly, as mentioned above, the two limited-over competitions will proceed on the basis originally planned for this year (a first stage involving four groups of five counties, followed by a knockout stage) but with the groups heavily regionalised to reduce travel as much as possible; we are confident that this approach will prove viable even if last summer's Covid-induced constraints are unchanged.

It is intended that the Championship format, the composition of each division and the match schedule will essentially be as was planned for 2020. As I indicated above, its execution will be dependent upon a much-reduced level of restriction; however the recent news on the development of vaccines gives cause for real hope that this will be the case.

Work on the list of fixtures is well advanced and I hope that the results of that work will be available on our website before too long.

### **OXFORDSHIRE OVERCOME BUCKS TO WIN INAUGURAL NURTON-YORK CUP**

With all competitive National Counties cricket curtailed in the summer, Jason Harrison and John Finch of Oxfordshire put their heads together to arrange a 3-match competition for the Nurton–York Trophy, to be played at Aston Rowant on two Sundays in August. The Trophy was named in recognition of two former players: Michael Nurton of Oxfordshire and Stuart York of Bucks. It took the form of one 50 over match and two T20 matches. 3 points were awarded for the 50 over game and 2 points each for the T20s, thus making it possible for the losers of the first game to still lift the Trophy by winning the two T20s.

Well, that was the idea, but it didn't quite work out like that as Bucks somehow managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in all three matches. The 50 over match saw Bucks need 214 to win but they fell short by 13 runs. Oxfordshire had elected to bat first and their innings was dominated by 16-year-old James Coles, (son of ex-Bucks Team manager Jon Coles) who scored a superb 101 from 132 balls. How did he escape across the border! Tight bowling backed by some superb fielding including two run-outs restricted the hosts to 213 all out in 48.5 overs. Conner Haddow claimed 3-34 and Michael Payne took 2-30.

AJ Woodland (36) and our new ex-Worcestershire professional Alexei Kervezee (31) set Bucks on the path to victory. This was followed by a stand of 70 for the fourth wicket between Charlie Macdonell (46) and Dan Ogden (35) that strengthened our position. At 186-5 Bucks seemed well on the way, with plenty of time left. But a series of injudicious strokes and 4 wickets fell for 3 runs, crashing to 200 all out.

Given Bucks T20 performances in 2019, hopes were high that the loss of the 3 points could be overturned, but in a repeat of the 50-over game, Bucks again threw away winning positions as they suffered two narrow defeats in both matches.

In the first contest Oxfordshire, who batted first, were restricted to 122-6. Young spinners Conner Haddow (4 overs 3-22) and Uzair Amjaid (3 overs 2-19) did the damage.

A Bucks win seemed likely when they sped to 54-2 in the eighth over. But losing 3 wickets for 2 runs in seven balls was pivotal, and they were dismissed for 104 in 19.1 overs, despite Michael Payne's unbeaten 29.

With the Trophy now lost, Bucks had pride to play for in the second game but that unfortunately followed a similar pattern. Oxfordshire again chose to bat first and made 135-6, James Coles dominating with 73 not out. Michael Payne was the pick of the bowlers (4 overs 2-13).

Alexei Kervezee (38 from 41 balls.) again got Bucks off to a fine start and at 10 overs were 80-2. Unfortunately, after another collapse, when Bucks lost 3 wickets for 7 runs in 13 balls, they were not able to recover. Bucks finished 124-8, losing by 11 runs.

## **SPORTS SHOTS INTERVIEW WITH BUCKS CAPTAIN TOM HAMPTON**



Interview



In an interview conducted, on-line at the end of October, Bucks skipper Tom Hampton spoke of all things Bucks County Cricket Club, including 2020, the First team and Academy, plus plans for 2021.

### **How was 2020 as captain of a NCCA side compared to previous years? What considerations etc did you have to take into account?**

*There were definitely some different challenges this summer as a captain, not knowing what kind of a season we were going to get was frustrating and tricky to deal with as it felt, we had to be planning for every single eventuality all the time. So once we had the news that there was to be no NCCA competitions being run, it became clearer. The coaching staff and players were gutted at the news, but all understood the reasons why, it quickly became obvious to Jason (Harrison) and myself that the players only really wanted to play in competitive fixtures. So to be able to come up with the idea of two days of competitive cricket was brilliant. The only considerations we made this year were to ensure people were comfortable playing, also to make sure that as many of our squad got to play in either the 20/20 day or*

*the 50-over match. We felt this was important as it kept everyone involved and allowed us to try a couple of things.*

### **Thoughts on the Senior side's three games/season?**

*Our performances in the three matches were disappointing. We had opportunities to win all 3 and, frustratingly, kept making the same mistake. To keep losing batches of wickets in one day cricket, over and over again, is criminal, especially when we were ahead of the run-rate on all three occasions.*

*Credit to Oxfordshire who played well on all three occasions posting competitive scores and were able to take their chance once they got an opening in each game. As a bowling and fielding unit I felt we were pretty good and, in large parts, with the bat we showed what we can do. Looking back at it now I believe we were probably a little off where we needed to be, whether that was from a preparation point of view or just individually. All the cricket I played in seemed to have a strange feel and I think with everything going on it was tricky to really make it as competitive as it usually is. It was so pleasing to get some cricket this summer and even with the negative results we will be in a better place for playing when we get going next summer. Sometimes you need a setback to come back stronger and I am sure that the group will be desperate to make up for it next summer.*

### **How does the Senior/Academy side link? How do you develop that young talent?**

*The club have tried to ensure that the Captain of the 1st XI coaches the academy side. This way the captain gets to see the guys perform in person and learn about their cricketing abilities, but also allows the younger guys to have a familiar face when they enter the First team squad. This year Jason Rance became more involved in the Academy side, with a view to improve the link between our junior sides and the Academy and in time the First team. As Head of the pathway he gets to spend the most time with these players so to have him*

*working closely with the academy we should be able to make sure we are developing and giving opportunities to the players most ready to step up to the First team.*

### **Thoughts on the Academy side's 2020 season/games?**

*From a results point of view it wasn't our strongest showing this summer. The biggest positive was that we probably had the youngest average age for the Academy since I have been involved, coupled with that every game was competitive and each player put in performances during at least one of the games. We also had two of the Academy players make their way into the First Team squad for the first time this year in Ross Richardson and Jack Rodnight, which is another positive of the summer.*

### **Initial plans for the winter? Nets, meetings, strategy, initial plans for Spring 2021 & the 2021 season?**

We don't tend to do a huge amount as a squad until after Christmas, with the current climate this will be the same. We will be planning to get cracking in the new year with our net sessions and hopefully a seamless transition into a summer of cricket. Jason, Stan (Simon Stanway) and I will have a catch up before Christmas to start planning for the summer and outline our strategy for next season. We aren't too far down the line with our plans for next season, with things still slightly up in the air, so we are airing on the side of caution to over plan anything. We think we are in a great place as a squad and have a couple of ideas for next season that will hopefully allow us to have a successful summer

## BUCKS ACADEMY MATCHES – 2020 SEASON REVIEWED

Bucks Academy had a convincing win against the **Club Cricket Conference Under 25s XI** at Harefield CC. The CCC batted first and were all out in 40 overs for 166, Lawrence Snookes taking three wickets and Conner Haddow and Miles Dalby chipping in with two apiece. In reply Bucks reached their target for the loss of 6 wickets, wicketkeeper Ross Richardson the highest scorer with an unbeaten 55.

Bucks Academy played two T20s against **Northants U-21's** and will have gained much experience, despite losing both contests. In the first match Marcus Critchley top scored with 31 as Bucks were bowled out for 119. In reply Northants got home with one ball to spare for the loss of six wickets. Sikandar Rizwan picked up 4 wickets in his four overs and Lawrence Snook took 3. In the second match Northants batted first and were struggling at 60-5. But a solid 50 from Basra, well supported by Wells (22) enabled the home side to reach useful 159 in their 20 overs. Snookes chipped in with 3-22 and captain Connor Haddow took two. The Bucks reply was similar to Northants innings, with the visitor falling to 59-5. They recovered to 119-6 at the finish but never looked like winning. Aadi Sharma top scored with 23.

After their two defeats to Northants, Bucks Academy took on **Bedfordshire 2ndXI** at Southill Park CC. Bedfordshire started well and accrued 189-7 in their allotted 40 overs. Mohamad Choudhry taking 2-16, supported by Aizaz Ahmed with 2-34. The Bucks reply began slowly and was not helped by the run out of skipper AJ Woodland on 17. But a good stand between Adam King (57) and Marcus Critchley (40), put Bucks back on course. Unfortunately at the end they were still 12 short of their target.

Bucks Academy took on **Northants Academy** in a 45 over match at Northampton Saints and won in rather strange circumstances. Bucks batted first and were bowled out for 178 in 41.5 overs. But Northants allowed Bucks to continue batting for their full allotted 45 overs. They were then able to set a target of 213. The Bucks innings was held together by an unbeaten 81 from Mohamad Choudhry, well supported by Aadi Sharma (37). In reply Northants were bowled out in the 43 over for 187. Conner Haddow taking 4-54

Season stats are available at Bucks CCC [Playcricket.com/academy/statistics](http://Playcricket.com/academy/statistics).

### **Bucks 100 club – a short history**

By **John Phillips** Treasurer and Membership Secretary

The idea of a monthly draw to raise funds for the Cricket Club was the brainchild of John Turberville. He proposed this at a meeting in the summer of 2011 and it was immediately approved by the assembled committee. As Membership Secretary, I was asked to co-ordinate it alongside John. We had a couple of meetings face to face and quite a few telephone calls. It was agreed that each number would cost £5.00 and there would be no limit on the number each member could hold. Fifty percent of the income would be distributed in prizes and the remainder would go to the Club. Members could join at any time during a year. We also agreed that there would be monthly prizes plus two major draws, one at the Annual Dinner in March and another at the Golf Day in October. The first monthly winner was Ken Townsend who also won a further £250 in that year's October Golf Day draw. The two monthly prizes at that time were £40 and £15.

Support has grown and there are now 3 monthly prizes, which for the year 2020-21 will be:

**1<sup>st</sup> - £80.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - £60.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - £30.00**

The major draw at the Golf Day in October 2021 will be:

**1<sup>st</sup> - £250.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - £150.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - £100.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> - £50.00**

Due to Coronavirus there will not be a dinner in March.

At October 2020 the Bucks 100 had raised the magnificent sum of nearly £22,000 since its formation.

This fundraising initiative contributes a major part to the Cricket Club's finances.

Sadly, during this year one of the Club's major supporters died. He contributed a large sum each month which of course has now stopped.

**If you would like to support the Bucks 100 please contact [john.phillips@bucksccc.org.uk](mailto:john.phillips@bucksccc.org.uk) or via our website <https://bucksccc.org.uk/>**

After all £5 is only the cost of a pint of beer or a glass of wine!

## **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SENIORS – OVER 50's**

by **Roger Garrini**

The main ECB competition and the Home Counties Senior Competition for 2ndXIs were both cancelled due to the Covid but we played two 2ndXI matches against Herts.

## **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SENIORS – OVER 60's AND OVER 70's**

by **Ron Hedley**

The Over 60s and Over 70s 2020 season was curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic, as was all of cricket in 2020.

With the National Competition being cancelled for both age groups, Bucks O-60's joined a group of counties to play some competitive cricket in the few weeks we had available to play cricket. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs were both involved in the competition. With eight Counties involved the competition was spilt into two groups of four with each County playing the other three home and away. There was then a semi-final and final for the top two teams in each group and then a plate competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams.

The O-60's 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven were drawn at home to Norfolk in the plate competition as were the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. However, Norfolk decided not to travel for the semi-finals and both of our teams were through to a final and both had to play against Suffolk. It was agreed to play the first eleven match in Buckinghamshire and the second eleven match in Suffolk. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI match was played at High Wycombe CC and we thank them for their hospitality in such difficult times. Bucks 1<sup>st</sup> XI batted first and were soon in trouble as they lost John Rolfe and Keith Wallis for 2 and 11. John Potheary was joined by David Tossell, who was playing in his second match for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI having come of Over 60s age recently. John laid anchor as David set about the Suffolk bowling. John was out for 49 and David eventually fell for 58 off 61 balls with 9 fours. Further wickets fell quickly but the total was boosted by Kevin Woodhouse with 44 off 42 balls with 4 fours. Buckinghamshire closed on 186 for 7 off 45 overs.

Suffolk lost an opener for 0 and Bucks spirits were lifted for a short time. The Suffolk captain Simon Halliday then played a match winning innings of 83 no. This helped Suffolk to reach 187 for 3 off 42.5 overs and win the Covid 19 Trophy. Steve Greaves 2-27 and Jim Spooner 1-23 were the pick of the Bucks bowling. Bucks arranged for medals to be presented to both teams and what seemed a season which would never start had a sporting conclusion.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI also batted first against Suffolk 2nds and this match was agreed to be of 40 overs per side only. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were indebted to a patient 30 from Julian Coppock and a hard hitting 58 off 56 balls with 8 fours from John Gumbs. This helped Bucks to 181 for 8 off 40 overs. The match went down to the wire with Suffolk reaching 182 for 6 off the first ball of the final over. Their innings was anchored by Neil Hames a former Bucks CCC captain who batted well for 75. Khalid Kazim bowled 8 overs for 19 runs, Jonathan Seabrook 7.1 overs 1 for 24 and Roger Garrini took 3-42 off 8 overs. The County are grateful to Suffolk for providing the venue and organising the day. Thanks to Keith Hammond of Hertfordshire CCC who organised the Competition

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE WOMEN'S CRICKET

A very young side approached the prospect of getting cricket played with great enthusiasm. They were now taller and more comfortable in their cricketing techniques.

The early matches were the longer format of 45 overs. For such a young side having less playing experience than their opponents, they showed great maturity and took them down to the wire. Unfortunately coming second each time, whilst parents had bitten their fingers to the quick sitting on the edge of their seats!

September weekends brought the T20 days and some glorious weather. With Great team spirit the girls really supported each other in the field putting pressure on their opponents with some sharp fielding.

Having two matches in a day, meant we could give some of the less experienced players from the U15's a go and they seemed to fit in very well.

Our spin attack of Miles, Harris, Davis and Woodward, and depth of seamers proved too much for most oppositions. Along with our power hitters of Duggan, Claridge and Francis, put with the lovely drives of Mason, Wilson and Bates we managed 5 victories out of 6, the last day being played in what seemed like arctic conditions and down 5 of our more experienced players who decided to go off to Uni. so an even younger side, making Jan pace the boundary even more, but ending with the T20 trophy 🏆.

A huge well done to the girls, such a great team to coach. A short but very sweet season!

## CRYPTIC CRICKET QUIZ

In response to hundreds of requests (a few anyway), here is an out of season cricket quiz to keep your brain in gear. Answers later in this newsletter. With grateful thanks to Graham Irwin, the Sussex 1<sup>ST</sup> XI scorer.

**Name the 11 England Test players from the cryptic clues below.**

1	Recent Tory leadership candidate	7	Strictly hero
2	Jumbo's first user	8	Petula Clark's greatest (almost)
3	Frankie's boy	9	A crisp in a tube
4	Swimming superstar	10	Queen's birds
5	Rhino crusader	11	Too many?
6	Strictly hero		

I would like to thank Andy and Lorna Bone of Sports Shots for their excellent coverage, both written and photographic, of Bucks. matches. I know Andy spent longer than most in lockdown and was champing at the bit to get out and about again with his trusty long lens. He certainly did that with his coverage of the recent 50 over match v Oxfordshire and most of the Academy games. There are many photographs from both to be found on the Sports Shots website. Sports Shots is a sport-based news and images service run by a dedicated team: Andy Bone, Lorna Bone, Dale James, Gemma James and Luke Stafford, with support from friends in the sporting community, focusing in and around Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Andy and Lorna came up with the idea to raise money for [Macmillan Cancer Support](#) and [Vasculitis UK](#) while following a love of local sport. Sports Shots is not a charity. All donations are made to Macmillan Cancer Support and Vasculitis UK; every effort is made to distribute money raised equally between the two charities. No personal gain is made from Sports Shots.



## **A VIEW OF THE WORLD CUP FINAL FROM THE SCOREBOX** by **S.C. Klyne**

Amongst the well-heeled middle-aged chaps sporting MCC ties at Beaconsfield station early in the morning of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019, there was an air of anticipation. At first glance, I seemed out of place. The eagle-eyed may have noticed the small lapel pins on my blazer: MCC Official, ECB ACO.

A quick flash of my ID to the familiar grinning -faced steward opened the Grace Gates and I was through the melee assembling in the drizzle outside. This was a special game. The usual access all areas pass did not apply.

The form filling for accreditation had started in January. Today my huge World Cup pass was scanned and checked (pewh!); bags searched (no coloured pens today) and body patted down (no comment). The scorebox was already a hive of activity. The team assembling that day included three women with previous experience of a World Cup Final at Lord's: that had gone well for us, and England.

My job was to help provide the electronic data that would be output to the main scoreboards. Downstairs the manual scoreboard was to be in operation, with experienced scorers who would be able to continue to keep and display the score in the event of a power cut.

The early morning rain in London delayed the toss and start by 15 mins. The names of the players in both squads including all their initials and shirt numbers, were put into the computers and match types set up and checked.

The official scorers for the match were appointed by the Association of County Cricket Scorers. They were David Kendix, and Tony Choat the Essex 1<sup>st</sup> XI scorer. We had the best seats in a full house at Lord's. All assembled on the pitch ready for the toss, and afterwards we received the text informing us of the outcome and teams, as the parachutists began to fall from the skies trailing red smoke.

We all stood for the National Anthems. A chance to compose ourselves, and to remember absent friends (RIP DL Burden). Someone said, "Have a good game" and we were off.

Despite the antics on the field there is usually a calm professionalism in the scorebox. Good communication being as essential as ever. David Kendix received communication from the off-field umpire via radio when necessary but the only direct communication with the on-field umpires was to acknowledge signals with a flashing light. With his work on the ICC Cricket Committee, David was involved in writing the match regulations and well placed to advise on procedure in the event of a tie: something that proved useful on the day.

We had each received a free copy of the glossy World Cup Final Brochure but could not find a mention of the scorers. Fortunately, someone found an article about the scorebox team in "Playing the Game" and a mutiny was averted!

During the interval pre-ordered food was brought to the scorebox but there was only just time for a dash to the ladies, with the unusual queues creating a potentially dangerous delay. The Duckworth Lewis Stern sheets were produced and collected for distribution to the on-field umpires; the scoreboard was set up for the second innings; and it was all systems go again, just in time.

The atmosphere in the ground was fabulous. There was a nervousness inside Lord's at times, but the Barmy Army were brilliant, with songs for each of the England players.

The busiest time was when the match was tied. We had to quickly set up for the super-over before play resumed, despite receiving a few queries regarding the regulations. There was also a boundary count to make, in preparation for the unlikely possibility of a tied super-over. Finally, a huge sigh of relief for a job well done, followed by a cup of tea and a piece of cake, as the trophy was paraded below us. It all turned out to be a fantastic advert for cricket with the drama of the tie, the super-over and boundary countback all adding to a very memorable day.

## **BUCKS C.C.C. PLAYER SPONSORSHIP 2020 /21**

### **Sponsor a Bucks player - for just £50**

Bucks. have been running this "Sponsor a Bucks Player" scheme since 2017 and it has raised in the region of £3,500 to date, bringing a smile to our Treasurers face. We would like to thank all those companies and individuals who have very generously sponsored players over this time. The table below shows where we were before this season had even started, and of course we all now know that it never really did, apart from the two Sundays in August for the Nurton-York Trophy. All funds generated from sponsorship for 2020 will be carried over and cover the 2021 season. The table of sponsors is included in every Bucks home match day programme, as well as appearing in the annual Bucks Handbook.

Sponsorships are still available. If you are interested in sponsoring one of the lovely players without a sponsor below, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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Alexei Kervesee	<b>Jonathan Lilley</b>
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Charlie Macdonell	<b>Bill Scholes</b>
AJ Woodland	<b>Michael Knox</b>
Saif Zaib	
Masoor Khan	<b>Ian Hodgson</b>
Shelvin Gumbs	<b>Willo Cricket</b>
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or Su Klyne (07914 251530)**

**CRICKET LETTER TO THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1990

SIR- Can anyone explain why none of our Test cricketers uses a handkerchief when mopping his brow? They use collars and wristbands, but never a handkerchief. Can I ask their wives, girlfriends and mothers to keep them supplied with handkerchiefs?  
J.M. Carter Guildford

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**Cryptic Quiz Answers**

1 Recent Tory leadership candidate – Stewart. 2 Jumbo's first user – Gooch 3 Frankie's boy – Vaughan 4 Swimming superstar – Thorpe 5 Rhino crusader – Pietersen  
6 Strictly hero – Ramprakash / Gough 7 Petula Clark's greatest (almost) – Downton 8 A crisp in a tube - Pringle 9 Queen's birds – Swann 10 Arnie's offspring – Sidebottom 11 Too many – Allott

Finally Bucks CCC would like to congratulate Tom Helm on his call up as a reserve to the England squad to tour South Africa. We would also like to congratulate 16 yr old Jamie Coles ( son of Jon ) on his recent Sussex debut. Although not strictly a Bucks player, he could qualify under the grandmother rule.

Thank you to all who contributed, particularly Kevin Beaumont, John Phillips, Susan Klyne, Paul Dean, Mike Knox, Ron Hedley, Frank Russell, Tom Hampton and Sports Shots

Mr J M Carter of Guildford shall not be contributing in the future. His wife has found somewhere to put his handkerchief.

Well, that's about it for now. Thank you for reading this first effort - hope you have enjoyed the read, and please let me know if you have any contributions, news or articles that you would like to see included.

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