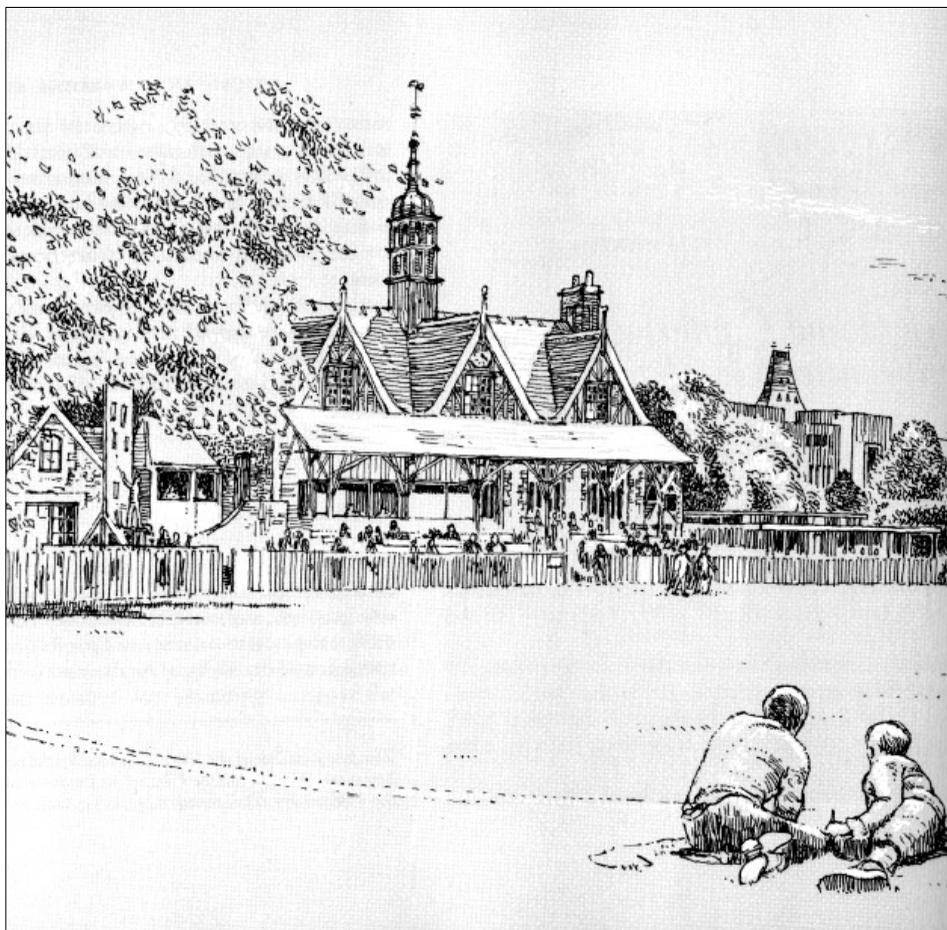


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## 2020-2021 Season



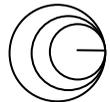
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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

*Cheltenham Cricket Society – founded 1983*



<b>Adult:</b>	£25	(£22.50 if renewed before July 1st)
<b>Joint:</b>	£44	(£39 if renewed before July 1st)
<b>Junior/Student:</b>	£15	

**Existing Members** should renew before July 1st either by BACS payment (Sort Code 20-20-15, a/c no 73074382, reference your name and initials) or by cheque made payable to “Cheltenham Cricket Society” sent to our Membership Secretary Malcolm Brown at 1 Zoons Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester, GL3 3NY. Please advise Malcolm of any change of details e.g. new e-mail address.

**New Members** may apply at any time. Please obtain an Application form from our website: [www.cheltcs.councilcricketsocieties.com](http://www.cheltcs.councilcricketsocieties.com) or by contact with our Membership Secretary Malcolm Brown (contact details on page 2).

**n.b. Membership available is limited to 200.**

**Guests.** At some meetings it is possible to accommodate a handful of Members' guests by prior arrangement with the Society Secretary, Ian Randall (07813 720303). There is a guest fee of £6.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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**Cally Barlow**

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### CCS SECRETARY

Earlier in the year our Secretary, Martin Renshaw, indicated that he wished to step down due to commitments with his other activities. We are very grateful for Martin's diligence and wisdom in Committee over the last 6 years. We are delighted that CCS Member Ian Randall, known to many of you, has offered to be his replacement. Ian comes with the Committee's backing. Normally he would have been elected at the AGM in good time for the first Speaker meeting in September. However because of the Covid-19 pandemic our May AGM was postponed and Ian has been co-opted to the position awaiting formal election by the Membership.

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### CRICKET SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION

Our Society along with other Cricket Societies is affiliated to the Cricket Societies' Association (formerly the Council of Cricket Societies). The Calendar page on its website gives details of events which you may like to attend.

[http://cricketsocietiesassociation.com/?page\\_id=28](http://cricketsocietiesassociation.com/?page_id=28)

## **2020-2021 PROGRAMME**

(Planned 'face to face' meetings postponed due to Covid 19 regulation)

<b><i>Wednesday Oct 7th - ZOOM Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Will Brown</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Nov 4th (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>Malcolm Lorimer (about Neville Cardus)</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Dec 2nd (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>Vic Marks</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Jan 6th (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>Annual Quiz</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Jan 13th (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>Derek Pringle</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Jan 27th - ZOOM Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Stephen Chalke</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Mar 3rd (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>John Barclay with Stephen Chalke</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Mar 17th - ZOOM Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>David Payne</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday Apr 7th (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>Andy Murtagh (about Tony Greig)</i></b>
<b><i>Wednesday May 5th (Postponed)</i></b>	<b><i>AGM + Mark Rowe</i></b>

### ***Would you like to propose the Vote of Thanks at a Speaker meeting?***

Doing so also gives you the opportunity of dining with the Speaker beforehand.  
If interested please contact Robin Andrews (01242 524184).

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## **HOW TO FIND US**

### ***Meetings (subject to Covid-19 and Victory Club advice) are held in:***

The Victory Club, Burlington House, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2SY  
T - 01242 690351



### ***Directions:***

From the Montpellier Rotunda at the top of the Promenade: turn right at the roundabout towards Gloucester on the A40, then immediately left into Lypiatt Road. The Victory Club (Burlington House) is about 200 metres on the left. There is limited parking on site but plentiful parking in nearby streets.

## THE SOCIETY

Initially the Founder Members met together to plan in the autumn of 1983. Our greatest fortune has been in our three Presidents: first the late Peter West, eminent broadcaster and journalist; second the late Tom Graveney, extremely stylish England batsman, and former President of MCC; third - our current President Cally Barlow. All have/have had friends and contacts throughout and at all levels of the game, and it is to them that we owe our thanks for the continuing impressive quality of our guests, which will be evident in browsing our past speaker list later in this brochure.

Of the 6 Founder Members, 4 have sadly passed on, with 77 years of Committee service between them – George Beckley (1st Chairman), Peter Legge (1st Treasurer), Nigel Cooke (1st Secretary, then Chairman 1990-2005) and Arthur Bailey (Vice-chairman 1984-2018). The other 2 were Malcolm Brown (Treasurer and Membership Secretary since 1985) and Chris Coley. Others have joined the Committee - Paddy Murphy 1985 (Secretary 1990-2014, now runs our Library), Dave Powell 1989 (retired 2008), Chris Coleman 1995 (now Chairman), Ken Burney 2002 (now Programme Secretary), Pat Rose 2006 (Website and Brochure editor), John Grimsley 2010 (retired 2014 but sets questions with Paddy and Ken for the Annual Quiz and reviews '*Where Are They Now?*'), Martin Renshaw 2014-2020 (Secretary and Members' Guests contact) and Robin Andrews 2014 (Vote of Thanks rota and New Member contact). Cally Barlow and Stephen Chalke became Vice Presidents in 2016. Cally accepted our invitation to become President in 2017. Ian Randall joins us as Secretary in 2020.

The Society celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2008 with a very special meeting held at Cheltenham Racecourse that will live long in the memories of all present, with Sir Michael Parkinson as our esteemed guest. For our 30th Anniversary we were privileged to welcome Michael Holding to a special meeting in June 2013 and Jonathan Agnew graced our 35th year in July 2018.

Other than the inaugural meeting in February 1984, and the Silver Jubilee meeting in October 2008, every meeting of the Society has been held in the Victory Club, first in its former building in Trafalgar Street, and since 2001 in the present premises in Lypiatt Road. It has been a happy relationship, and we have been very grateful to the Club for its support.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month; there are seven speaker meetings between September and April, plus a quiz in January and the AGM (usually with a guest speaker) in May. We have occasional summer special guests which have recently included Mike Procter and Barry Richards. There is room for some new Members each year, though in many years the membership list has been full by the start of our season. Meetings start at 7:30pm, with Guests speaking for up to one hour, then, after a short break, taking questions from Members. At each meeting we have a raffle, library, and plenty of opportunities for autograph gathering. Refreshments in the form of bread, cheese and pickled onions bring the proceedings to an end.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Our Society year began so well in September 2019 with some great speakers which we all thoroughly enjoyed and we were so looking forward to the beginning of 2020 and not too long until the cricket season was upon us. Sadly now, to use the words of the Queen it looks as though it will be an “*annus horribilis*”.

Championship cricket has been possibly abandoned for the year: a decision too hard to contemplate for the purists but a glimmer of hope for others that the T20 Blast will take place and that tip and run, er sorry, ‘*The Hundred*,’ may not get off the starting blocks. Showing my allegiance here when I say “*Oh dear, what a shame!!*”

On the brighter side I have just bought a new little magazine called ‘*County Cricket Matters*’ and am itching to delve into it. I am also being entertained on Facebook by the man who marked out a very small cricket pitch, complete with scoreboard, in his back garden and runs up and down the wicket. There has also been a plethora of cricket stories, new books and interviews with cricketers which has kept me enthralled during self isolation and of course through social media and telephone calls we can always talk cricket to our fellow followers.

The main highlight of the season is, of course, the Cheltenham Cricket Festival. As I write, the announcement has just been made to cancel it - this is very sad news indeed. It would seem that all we can look forward to in 2020 is international cricket at “*biosecure*” venues; and perhaps county cricket at Bristol, if conditions permit.

We have had wonderful members come forward to offer help to our other members who cannot get to the shops and we are all doing our little bit, I am sure, to clap the NHS every Thursday to show our appreciation for the selfless way they carry on to aid the victims of Covid-19.

Cally Barlow, May 2020

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## KIND OFFERS DURING COVID-19

We appreciate the Gloucestershire Exiles’ kind gesture of sharing the e-version of their Spring 2020 magazine with us ‘*to bring a taste of Gloucestershire cricket to fans*’. Its 28 pages contained many articles and pictures for us to enjoy plus a challenge ‘*150 years in 150 words: for the club’s anniversary year can you relive your favourite Gloucestershire cricketing memory in that word limit? We’d love you to have a go*’ - please send any replies to the Exiles Chairman Sarah Blowen (sarah.blowen@gmail.com). For those who do not know **The Gloucestershire Exiles**, founded in 1971, is a social/fundraising organisation to which several hundred GCCC supporters home and overseas belong. Events include an AGM at Lord’s, a day at the Cheltenham Festival, a ‘*Meet the Players*’ evening at a London match, and, in alternate years a Fundraising Dinner in the Lord’s Committee dining room. Its ‘*Outside-edge*’ magazine is published twice a year.

We also appreciate the kindness of CCS Members who offered practical help to other Members in self isolation, and, of Pitch Publishing and Rob Kelly (Norfolk CS) who invited us to join their Friday evening online ‘*Virtual Cricket Talks*’ series.

**Wednesday November 4th 2020 (POSTPONED, Spring 2021, date TBA)**

**REV. MALCOLM LORIMER**

Malcolm Lorimer was born in Haworth, West Yorkshire and has been a Methodist Minister for over 40 years. He has served in Stockton-on-Tees, Manchester, Heald Green, Moss Side and Sale. He is the chaplain to Lancashire C.C.C. and part of the Heritage Team.

Malcolm lives in Nantwich from where he runs his publishing company, Max Books, which mainly produces cricket books. He wrote a biography of Brian Statham, *'Glory Lightly Worn: A Tribute to Brian Statham'* and co-wrote a booklet cataloguing the career innings of Cyril Washbrook. Max Books published, in 2017, a biography of Farokh Engineer - *'Farokh: The Cricketing Cavalier'*.

Malcolm collects cricket books and memorabilia. He is a big fan of the great Sir Neville Cardus and Max Books has produced several books about Cardus. Malcolm runs an annual lunch at Emirates Old Trafford to keep alive the name of Cardus. Malcolm is a member of the Cricket Memorabilia Society, and also of the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians, of which he was Chairman from 1993-2002. He is also a member of the Lancashire and Cheshire Cricket Society which, like our society, is affiliated to the Cricket Societies' Association.

So, we welcome a true cricket lover, born in Yorkshire, who lives in Cheshire and has a strong affiliation to, and affection for, all things related to Lancashire C.C.C.!

Ken Burney

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**EXTRA 2019 SUMMER MEETING**



We were fortunate to welcome Gideon Haigh to our society in August 2019 during the Ashes series.

Gideon is an Anglo-Australian, born in London in 1965 who has lived most of his life in Melbourne. He is a gifted, award-winning journalist and author with an abiding love of *'The Ashes'*. Gideon has written about several English Ashes series in both the Australian press and *'The Times'*. He has also written or edited dozens of books, mostly on cricket.

Gideon gave us a wonderful and enthralling history of The Ashes which informed, educated and entertained all of us who were fortunate enough to be there.

Photo - Rob Wheatman

**Wednesday December 2nd 2020**

## **VIC MARKS**

Victor James Marks was born on 25 June 1955 in the quaintly named Middle Chinnock. He came from farming stock in Somerset and went to Blundell's School in Tiverton. He played for Oxford University (1975-78), Somerset (1975-89), Western Australia (1986/87) and England (1980-88).

He was principally a right-arm off-break bowler, taking 859 first-class wickets, but he was also a more than useful batsman who scored 5 first-class hundreds with a top score of 134 and an average of 30.29. His nicknames were Skid and Speedy - maybe he can tell us how he acquired those?!

Vic captained Oxford University in 1976 and 1977 and played alongside Imran Khan and Chris Tavare. At the time, Peter Roebuck captained Cambridge University and later skippered Marks at Somerset.

Vic played for Somerset from 1975 to 1989. It was a Golden Era for the county in which time they challenged hard for the County Championship, won the Gillette Cup and the Sunday League in 1979, lifted the Benson and Hedges Cup in both 1981 and 1982 and claimed the NatWest Trophy in 1983. It was a strong side which Marks played in and it included the likes of Ian Botham, Joel Garner and Viv Richards.

Matthew Engel, the former Wisden editor, described Marks as '*a mild, nervy, self-deprecating farm boy with an Oxford degree and no enemies*'. As such, he was an unlikely component of the explosive Somerset dressing room of the 1980s. Nevertheless, he was a key part of that successful side.

Vic played 6 Tests for England from 1982 (vs Pakistan at Leeds) to 1984 (vs Pakistan at Lahore) plus 34 ODIs from 1980 (vs West Indies at Lord's) to 1988 (vs Sri Lanka at The Oval). His skills were possibly more suited to ODIs rather than Tests. In those 34 ODIs he took 44 wickets at 25.79 with a best of 5/20 (vs New Zealand at Wellington in 1984) and an economy rate of 3.70 and a strike rate of 41.70.

Following his playing days, Vic became a perceptive and shrewd journalist working as Cricket Correspondent for '*The Observer*' and '*The Guardian*'. He has been a regular summariser on '*Test Match Special*' with much wit and knowledge.

Over the years, Vic has written several cricket books. However, it was not until 2019 that he wrote a long overdue autobiography, published by Allen & Unwin, called '*Original Spin : Misadventures in Cricket*' which is well-written, authentic and self-deprecating.

It will be a real delight to listen to Vic recalling his cricketing life both as a player and, latterly, as a journalist and broadcaster.

Ken Burney

**Wednesday Jan 13th 2021 (RE-ARRANGED from Sept 2nd 2020)**

## **DEREK PRINGLE**

Derek Pringle was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya, where he first learnt to play cricket on matting pitches. His father Donald represented East Africa in the 1979 World Cup. He attended St Mary's School, Nairobi, then Felsted School in Essex, before reading Geography and Land Economy at Cambridge, where he captained the university at cricket and won three blues.

Whilst still an undergraduate he was selected – by Peter May - to play Test cricket for England in 1982, a feat achieved previously by Ted Dexter, 24 years earlier. He also appeared, briefly, in the Oscar-winning film *'Chariots of Fire'* as Cambridge's vice-captain of athletics.

Derek's earring grabbed a few headlines and some disapproving stares from the MCC members. According to Graeme Fowler, he was told to take his earring out in a Test because the chairman of selectors said it would affect his balance at the crease. Asked why he wore one earring he replied: "*Because I'd look silly with two.*"

Derek played 30 Tests and 44 one-day internationals for England, appearing in two World Cups, one as a losing finalist in 1992. He maintains that, without two controversial not out LBW decisions by Steve Bucknor when he was bowling to Javed Miandad, the result would have been different.

Derek's cricket career at Essex, which spanned 15 years, included six County Championship titles, three John Player League titles and a NatWest Trophy. He had a central role in the NatWest Trophy win, bowling the last over to Derek Randall of Notts. *'Rags'* had taken 16 off the first 5 balls when, needing 2 to win, he backed away to leg. Pringle followed him and he chipped the ball firmly to Paul Prichard at midwicket.

He was involved in controversy at the end of the 1991 season. He was Essex captain in the Sunday League match against Lancashire. A team-mate, Don Topley, alleged collusion between the two sides so that Lancashire could try to win the Sunday League and Essex the Championship. In 2001, following an investigation, the ECB decided to take no action.

His warm-up routine, which involved him lying on his back and appearing to wrestle with an invisible beast, made him a cult figure.

A second career, as a journalist, saw him appointed cricket correspondent for the Independent, then the Daily Telegraph, a role he fulfilled until 2014. He now works as a freelance writer. He has recently published a book called *'Pushing the Boundaries: Cricket in the Eighties'*. As one reviewer put it "*This is so chock-full of rip-roaring tales of drinking, womanising and general excess that it is a wonder how Pringle and company ever had enough energy to play cricket.*"

Martin Renshaw

## **ALAN WILKINS**

Alan Wilkins was born in Cardiff in 1953, so it was natural that he would play for Glamorgan as a lively medium pace left arm bowler. With typical self-deprecation he described himself as 'a journeyman county cricketer'. Alan's 9 year career (1975-84) began and ended in Glamorgan with a spell at Gloucestershire (1980-81) in between. Alan played for Glamorgan in the 1977 Gillette Cup Final losing to Middlesex. Overall he took 243 First Class wickets in 107 matches, with a career best of 8/57 for Gloucestershire v Lancashire at Old Trafford, before a debilitating shoulder injury forced him into early retirement from the game.

But it was to sports commentary that Alan would turn and find his niche - being described by a fellow broadcaster as '*the best TV sports presenter that Wales has ever produced*'. His new career began in 1984 working for SABC in South Africa commentating on cricket and rugby mainly but also including tennis and golf. He won three broadcasting awards for his work in this period to 1987. He then moved back to continue his broadcasting career in Wales for the BBC including presentation of the Welsh rugby programme '*Scrum V*' as well as covering Glamorgan home matches.

From 1994 his broadcasting career blossomed further - covering sport for SABC again, ESPN '*Star Sports*' in India, '*Supersport*' in South Africa - which included events like rugby and cricket tours as well as tennis and golf majors and latterly the IPL and PSL. Many Members will have heard Alan's TV commentary on the exciting ICC Women's World Cup Final in 2017 from Lord's.

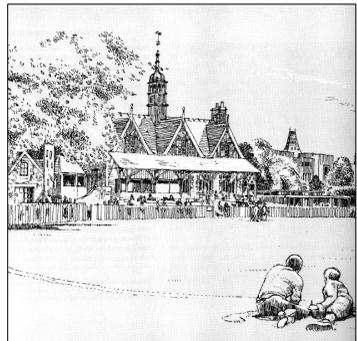
Alan endeared himself to his audience as a commentator with decency, humour and humility. In contrast to some of the bigger names who played Test cricket and now work as commentators, he is a professional broadcaster who happens to have played first-class cricket. In 2018 he published his memoir: '*Easier Said Than Done: A Life in Sport*'.

Chris Coleman

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## **COVER DRAWING**

The Society is again grateful to our long standing member Aylwin Sampson for his chosen cover illustration. This year's cover features The Parks, Oxford where spectators can watch first-class cricket free of charge. With the change in University cricket funding and ECB scheduling, it remains to be seen whether The Parks has hosted its last first-class match.



**Wednesday Mar 3rd 2021**

## **JOHN BARCLAY with STEPHEN CHALKE**

Our Society is delighted to welcome back John Barclay and Stephen Chalke for an evening of cricket conversation.

Stephen has run Fairfield Books, a specialist cricket publisher, for over 20 years producing over 40 titles and having won several awards. Stephen wrote and published '*Through The Remembered Gate*' in 2019 - a book covering the inside story and the ups and downs of Fairfield Books.

Stephen will be chatting with the inimitable John Robert Troutbeck Barclay, known in cricketing circles as '*Trout*'.

John Barclay was born in Bonn (West Germany as was) on 22 January 1954 where his father was serving at the time. However, the family moved to Sussex in 1956, when John was aged two, and he has lived there ever since. John captained his prep school XI and was '*capped*' for Eton College aged 14 before becoming captain of the XI in 1970 and 1971. He was an outstanding schoolboy cricketer who made his first-class debut for Sussex, aged 16, in 1970.

John played from 1970 to 1986 for Sussex. He was capped in 1976 and was captain from 1981 to 1986, the year in which he received his benefit. He made 274 first-class appearances. John was a right-handed opening batsman and off-spin bowler who was just short of Test selection. Nevertheless, he scored around 10,000 first-class runs with 9 centuries and 46 fifties. He also took over 300 wickets at around 30, bagging 5 wickets in an innings 9 times. John's best was 6/61 and he took 10 wickets in a match once. A series of injuries, particularly one to a finger, forced his premature retirement in 1986, aged 32.

In 1981, aged 27, John succeeded Arnold Long as Sussex's captain. In his first season in charge, Sussex narrowly failed to win the County Championship, finishing second, by a mere two points, behind Notts. These two teams played each other at Trent Bridge in August 1981. A crucial lbw decision went against Imran Khan and Sussex and the Notts final pair survived to scratch a draw. In 2002, Fairfield Books published John's well-received book, '*The Appeal of the Championship: Sussex in the Summer of 1981*'.

In 2008, Fairfield Books published John's highly-acclaimed memoirs, '*Life Beyond the Airing Cupboard*'. The book covers the ups and downs of John's life and there is both laughter and sadness - thankfully more of the former.

As long-standing friends, and great ambassadors for cricket, I'm certain that Stephen and John will give us an evening to treasure.

Ken Burney

**Wednesday Mar 31st 2021 (RE-ARRANGED from October 7th 2020)**

## **DENNIS AMISS M.B.E.**

Dennis Amiss, born 7 April 1943 in Harborne, Birmingham, went to Warwickshire, aged 15, and was coached by the likes of Tiger Smith, Tom Dollery and Derief Taylor.

A right-handed batsman for Warwickshire (1960-87), Dennis was capped in 1965, had a benefit in 1975 and a testimonial in 1985. He scored the all-time most runs (35,146) and most centuries (78) for his county. Twenty times he scored 1,000 runs in a season, and he scored at least one century against every other first-class county. Unsurprisingly - he is a member of Warwickshire's elite Hall of Fame. Dennis played 658 first-class matches, amassing 43,423 runs (12th all time highest) at 42.86 with 102 centuries (only 25 players have made 100 centuries) and 212 fifties.

In August 1966, aged 23, Dennis scored a maiden first-class hundred against the West Indies. He was picked against them in the fifth Test and made 17. In 1968, he bagged a pair against Australia in the first Test at Old Trafford. In his first 12 Test matches (1966-1972) he seemed unable to translate his talent and ability from the county stage to the Test one scoring just 348 runs in 19 completed innings at 18.32. Then, despite being ill, Dennis scored his first Test ton (112) in his 13th Test match vs Pakistan at Lahore in March 1973. In his next 20 Test matches (1972-1974) Dennis scored 2,140 runs, with 8 centuries in 30 completed innings, at 71.33! In February 1974, he played a great, match-saving Test innings vs West Indies at Sabina Park. Facing a first innings deficit of 230, Dennis began the last day on 123\* and finished it on 262\* out of England's total of 432/9. At the end of that innings Tony Greig remarked that Amiss looked like a sack of spuds - hence his nickname Sacker!

1972 was a pivotal year for Dennis. In and out of a very powerful Warwickshire batting line up Dennis considered leaving the county. Luckily his gamble of opening alongside John Jameson paid off. He scored 151\* vs Middx, 156\* vs Worcs, 192 vs Lancs (in a 3hr second wicket stand of 318, with Rohan Kanhai) and a match-winning, blistering 121\* vs Kent. Warwickshire won the County Championship with Dennis topping his county's batting averages with 1,129 runs at 66.41.

In the calendar year 1974, Dennis scored 1,379 runs in 13 Tests at 68.95!! He had 22 innings with 2 not outs and 5 centuries. This record stood until 2002 when Michael Vaughan scored 1,481 (at 61.70) in 14 Tests and 26 innings. In 50 Tests, Dennis scored 3,612 runs (11 hundreds, 8 exceeding 150 and 11 fifties at 46.30, top score 262\*). Dennis also made the first-ever ODI hundred on debut vs Australia in 1972 (103 in 134 balls). In 18 ODIs he scored 859 runs, at 47.72, with a top score of 137.

Dennis was made a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1975 alongside Mike Denness, Norman Gifford, Tony Greig and Andy Roberts. He was awarded an M.B.E. in 1987, became C.E.O. of Warwickshire from 1994 (when Warwickshire did the treble) to 2006 and served as ECB Deputy Chairman for two terms of office.

Ken Burney

**Wednesday Apr 7th 2021**

## **ANDY MURTAGH**

Andrew Joseph Murtagh was born in Dublin, Ireland on 06 May 1949. He has had 3 careers - one as a professional cricketer, one as a housemaster at Malvern College where he taught English (and became Head of Cricket) and his latest as an author. He is an English graduate of Southampton University.

Andy played for Hampshire from 1973-1977 and for Eastern Province in 1973-74 as a right-handed batsman and right-arm medium bowler. In his first season, 1973, Hampshire won the County Championship for only the second time with Murtagh having made his first-class debut against Gloucestershire. The side was astutely captained by the experienced Richard Gilliat and boasted players such as Barry Richards, Gordon Greenidge, and Trevor Jesty with Andy Roberts soon to spearhead the attack. Murtagh's nephews, Tim and Chris, have both played professional cricket with the former having played for Ireland.

Andy's highest first-class score of 65 (the top score in Hampshire's first innings) was made against Gloucestershire in July 1975 at Bournemouth. Those runs were made against an attack made up of Davey, Shackleton, Knight, Brown and Graveney. Hampshire won the match by 174 runs.

Andy was a Sunday League winner in 1975. He had an A List bowling average of 19.73 and a strike rate of 24.7! His best one day figures of 5/33, off 6.3 overs, were achieved against Yorkshire in May 1977 at Huddersfield in the John Player League. His wickets included those of Boycott and Bairstow in a crushing win by 129 runs.

In 2012 Andy wrote his first biography, that of George Chesterton MBE, a fellow master at Malvern College and an ex cricketer. The book was called '*A Remarkable Man : The Story of George Chesterton*'. It was well-received and was shortlisted for the Cricket Society/ M.C.C. Book of the Year Award for 2013. Subsequently, Andy has written biographies of Tom Graveney, Barry Richards, John Holder and Colin Cowdrey. All of these books have also been well regarded.

In 2020, Andy has written his latest biography. This is called '*If Not Me, Who? The Story of Tony Greig, the Reluctant Rebel*', published by Pitch Publishing in July 2020.

Andy will be talking to us about Tony Greig, about whom opinions seem to have softened since his death in 2012.

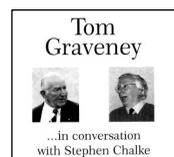
Ken Burney

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## **EXTRA SPECIALS**

- *CCS, Red/White, golf-style, Umbrellas (£12.50)*
- *Tom Graveney in Conversation with Stephen Chalke CD (£7)*
- *Society Tie (£5)*

Contact our Treasurer, Malcolm Brown for further information.



**Wednesday May 5th 2021**

## **AGM + MARK ROWE**

Mark Rowe is a history graduate from Bristol (he obtained a first in 1989) and a keen cricket lover. He has been on the committee of The Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians since 2014 to the present. He has worked as a journalist, as a sub-editor, and as a magazine editor.

He has written several books including four on cricket - *'The Victory Tests: England v Australia 1945'* (2010), *'The Summer Field: A History of English Cricket Since 1840'* (2016), *'Brian Sellers: Yorkshire Tyrant'* (2017) and *'Young Bradman'* (2018).

Mark, who had a one year working holiday in Australia in 1998, will be talking to us about his *'Young Bradman'* book. How did Donald Bradman do it? If an uncoached small lad from a small town with no more than a keen family background in sport could do it, why hasn't anyone else?

This should be a fascinating talk during which we may find out some of the answers, from Bradman's early life, as to how he went on to become such a phenomenal batsman.

Ken Burney

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## **ANNUAL QUIZ**

Each year, in early January we have our Annual Quiz fun evening with quizmasters Ken, Paddy and John. Entry is free and teams (4 people max, none of whom need to be CCS Members) can be entered on the night. Prizes are there to be won. Why not come along this time on January 6th 2021? - if you are alone we can match you up with others or you can just sit and observe.



### **Typical questions based on last Season's CCS Events and Brochure**

- Fred Rumsey's test debut in 1964 was famous for an innings of 311 by which opposition batsman?
- Devon Malcolm played for 3 first class counties in his career. Which was the second of these?
- Bill Athey's best series in his England Test time came on tour, with whom as captain?
- Jim Troughton's post-playing career job for Warwickshire was in what capacity?
- John Holder took on an innovative role as an umpire in the mid-80's. What was it?
- Aside from Chris Broad's spell with G.C.C.C. what was his particular connection with Cheltenham?

Paddy Murphy

## PAST GUESTS

<b>1983-84</b>	-Peter West -David Graveney -Andy Stovold -Barry Dudleston	<b>1990-91</b>	-Don Kenyon -Nico Craven -Godfrey Evans -Arthur Milton -Peter Edward -Philip August	<b>1997-98</b>	-Gladstone Small -Jack Simmons -Bill Frindall -Mike Vockins -Nick Cook -John Barclay
<b>1984-85</b>	-Tom Graveney -Brian Close -Alec Bedser -Aylwin Sampson -Peter Baxter -Phil Bainbridge	<b>1991-92</b>	-Sir Colin Cowdrey -Graham Burgess -Chris Old -John Jameson -Derek Randall -Peter Walker	<b>1998-99</b>	-Robin Smith -Alastair Hignell -Peter Parfitt -Jim Parkes -Steve Watkin -Rachael -Heyhoe Flint -Scyld Berry
<b>1985-86</b>	-David Allen -Peter Walker -Dennis Amiss -Ken Biddulph -Brian Langford -Bryan Lobb -Nick Hunter -Peter Roebuck	<b>1992-93</b>	-Derek Underwood -Geoffrey Howard -Peter Willey -David Graveney -Tim Tremlett -Jack Bannister	<b>1999-00</b>	-Dickie Bird -Don Shepherd -Jack Birkenshaw -Keith Fletcher -Alan Lee -Brian Luckhurst
<b>1986-87</b>	-Basil D'Oliveira -'Bomber' Wells -Wilf Wooller -Phil Neale -Patrick Eagar -Tony Brown	<b>1993-94</b>	-David Shepherd -Alan Oakman -Geoff Miller -John Childs -John Mortimore -Steven Rhodes -Micky Stewart	<b>2000-01</b>	-David Steele -Basharat Hassan -John Major -Mike Gatting -Tom Cartwright -Graham Gooch -Donald Woods -Colin Sextone
<b>1987-88</b>	-Ian Oakman -Robert Crampsey -Colin Milburn -Trevor Bailey -Jack Bannister -Christopher -Martin-Jenkins	<b>1994-95</b>	-Frank Keating -Roger Knight -Tony Lewis -Alan Knott -Tim Curtis -Matthew Engel	<b>2001-02</b>	-Jonathan Agnew -Chris Cowdrey -Sir Tim Rice -Matthew Maynard -Angus Fraser -Bill Pertwee
<b>1988-89</b>	-Norman Gifford -Andy Wilson -'Bomber' Wells -Bob Willis -John Hampshire -David Acfield -John Barclay	<b>1995-96</b>	-David Frith -Chris Broad -Tony Wright -Brian Bolus -Michael Smith -Alan Smith	<b>2002-03</b>	-Alan Butcher -Farokh Engineer -Mark Alleyne -Steve James -Robin Marlar -Mark Nicholas
<b>1989-90</b>	-Tony Smith -Roly Jenkins -Reg Simpson -Sir Len Hutton -Pat Pocock -Murray Hedgcock -Bob Taylor	<b>1996-97</b>	-John Emburey -Hugh Morris -John Edrich -Eddie Hemmings -Lord Howell -Richard Ellison	<b>2003-04</b>	-David Graveney -Nick Owen -James Whitaker -Robert Croft -Tom Moody

<b>2004-05</b>	-Dennis Amiss -Chris White -John Holder -Jack Russell -Graeme Hick -Roger Knight -Pat Murphy -Alan Fordham -Tony Wright	<b>2010-11</b>	-Frank Duckworth -Murray Hedgcock -Simon Mann -John Barclay -Alastair Hignell -Peter Bowler -Mike Denness -Cally Barlow -John Light	<b>2015-16</b>	-Stephen Chalke -Brian Scovell -Christopher and Peter Pyemont -Richard Tomlinson -Geoff Humpage -Isabelle Duncan -David Smith
<b>2005-06</b>	-Simon Hughes -Geoff Miller -David Shepherd -Mike Smith -Vic Marks	<b>2011-12</b>	-Tom Graveney -Edward Gillespie -Vikram Solanki -Paul Jarvis -Leo McKinstry -Alex Gidman -John Shepherd -Malcolm Ashton	<b>2016-17</b>	-John Emburey -Geoff Miller OBE -Roger Knight OBE -Simon Lister -Steve Kirby -Richard Dawson -Neil Burns -Alan Butcher -Barry Richards
<b>2006-07</b>	-Lord MacLaurin -Jim Cumbes -Jeremy Lloyds -David Lawrence -David Green -David Collier -Tom Richardson	<b>2012-13</b>	-Ed Smith -Duncan Hamilton -Clive Radley -Brian Viner -Dennis Amiss -David Frith -Andy Collier -Michael Holding	<b>2017-18</b>	-Phil DeFreitas -David Frith -Pat Murphy -David Steele -Alan Fordham -Derek Randall -Mick Newell -Tim Jones
<b>2007-08</b>	-Stephen Chalke -Henry Olonga -Dougie Brown -Nick Knight -Peter Parfitt -Henry Blofeld -Craig Spearman	<b>2013-14</b>	-Micky Stewart and Stephen Chalke -Angus Fraser -Alan Lee -MJK Smith and Douglas Miller -Charlotte Edwards -Jeremy Coney -Grahame Lloyd and John Parkin	<b>2018-19</b>	-Jonathan Agnew -Farokh Engineer -Paul Smith -David Leatherdale -Geoff Cope -Chris Lewis -Patrick Eagar -Scyld Berry -Will Brown -Gideon Haigh
<b>2008-09</b>	-Peter Baxter -Sir Michael Parkinson -Clare Connor -Kevin Emery -David Rayvern Allen -Geoff Cook -David East -John Grimsley	<b>2014-15</b>	-Mike Procter -Andy Murtagh -John Lever -Vic Marks -Richard Blakey -Derek Brewer -Matthew Engel -David Frith -Tim Jones -David Fulton	<b>2019-20</b>	-Pat Murphy -Fred Rumsey -Devon Malcolm -Bill Athey -Jim Troughton -John Holder <i>-Season ended early (Covid-19)</i>
<b>2009-10</b>	-Tony Cottey -Mark Newton -Keith Bradshaw -Mike Selvey -David Graveney -Grahame Lloyd -Roger Davis				

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - Our Guests of 1993-94

The summer of 1993 had seen Australia continue their stranglehold on English cricket. They won the Test series 4-1. Graham Gooch had been replaced by Mike Atherton as England captain and from the series was born one of the great quiz questions. *'Who was our leading wicket taker'?* The answer was Peter Such! England's poor form continued on their winter tour of West Indies losing both the Test and One day series. On the domestic front Middlesex were the County Champions. Our guests that winter included

### David Shepherd

It seems remarkable that the night "*Shep*" joined us he was still to don his white cap for three consecutive World Cup Finals. Retiring from Gloucestershire in 1979 he began umpiring in 1981 and within two years was on the panel for the 1983 World Cup. He umpired his first Test, partnering Dickie Bird, at Old Trafford, in the 1985 Ashes series. He was to stand in 92 Tests, the most by an English umpire and his fairness to all, his man management skills and the ability to be firm when required gave him a rare accolade. That is to be both loved and respected. It is a little known fact that the ICC wanted him to umpire his final Test in an Ashes battle at Lords. "*Shep*" refused saying he did not want to compromise the neutral umpires rule. He retired to his beloved North Devon where he could be often seen in his brother's Post Office in Instow. He died of cancer in October 2009. He was 68.

### Alan Oakman

One of cricket's true gentlemen, Alan was best remembered for his five catches in the Jim Laker Test of 1956. He had also made the headlines in 1973. At the England versus West Indies Test at Edgbaston that summer umpire Arthur Fagg refused to take the field because of the attitude of the fielding West Indies the day before. An emergency umpire was required and it was Alan who donned the white coat. After 22 seasons with Sussex he had joined Warwickshire which was his home when he spoke to us. He had coached the 1972 Championship winning side before becoming a popular administrator at the county. In later life he coached and managed the Warwickshire over 40s and 50s sides and was active in several off field roles until shortly before his death. Sussex Cricket Society also owe him a debt. The founding of the Society was his idea. Alan passed away two years ago. He was 88.

### Geoff Miller

The Derbyshire, Essex and England spinner was described by Simon Hughes as *"the last remaining player to unflinchingly visit the opposition dressing room after the close of play and the last to field at slip with a whoopee cushion up his jumper."* It neatly summed up Geoff Miller's attitude towards the game of cricket. It was to be enjoyed. He had retired in 1990 returning to Derbyshire from Essex for his final season. He joined the England selection panel under David Graveney in 2000 and was elected national selector in 2008 until retiring in 2013. He also ran a sports shop with the Chesterfield footballer Ernie Moss. Geoff is still a much sought after and hilarious after dinner speaker. His tales of room sharing with one IT Botham have become

legendary. He was awarded the OBE for services to cricket following his retirement as National Selector.

### **John Childs**

John could have been known as “*The one that got away*” having spent ten seasons at Gloucestershire before joining Essex. As our guest he was aged forty four yet only the previous season had been in the England squad to face Pakistan at Headingley. This was four years after being the oldest player to make his England debut since 1947. He played two Tests against the West Indies in 1988. Still under the wing of his coach Fred Titmus he continued to wile away his left arm spin until playing his last first class game at the end of the 1996 season. He had taken over 1,000 first class wickets at an average of under 30. He remained with his adopted county running their Cricket Academy until taking partial retirement in 2016. He is now the County’s Chief Scout.

### **Steve Rhodes**

When Steve joined us in 1994 he was still to make his Test debut. He was to win his first cap a couple of months later against New Zealand. The same year he was also a Wisden Cricketer of the Year. He went on to win eleven Test caps and toured Australia in 1994-95. He had joined Worcestershire in 1985 and on his playing retirement was appointed coach when Tom Moody left the club twenty years later. He spent eleven years as Director of Cricket before becoming Head Coach for Bangladesh. Despite winning both a one day and a T20 series in the West Indies, a disappointing World Cup last year saw him leave the post by mutual consent. His son George was with Worcestershire until joining Leicestershire for the 2020 season.

John Grimsley

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## **WHILE AT OUR MEETINGS look out for ...**

**The Library** run by Paddy Murphy. Its cricket books, many donated by Members, are available to borrow free of charge between meetings. Any questions regarding the Library should be made to Paddy (01242 519466).

**The Journal** initiated by our previous Chairman, the late Nigel Cooke, and updated for many years by CCS Member John Buswell, to whom we are indebted. Its three volumes contain photographic records of our Guests. Updating is now done by our photographer Rob Wheatman. Members are welcome to browse through the pages to recall when Speakers came to visit us, or to look at forgotten faces.

### **The Autograph Books**

**Book 1** contains signatures of all our Speakers since 1993 (sadly not before). It is available for interest and inspection at all of our Speaker Meetings.

**Book 2** (to be handled with care!) kindly presented to us by former CCS Member Clive Small, contains autographs from the 1930 Australians, 1925 & 1935 South Africans and many other luminaries.