

ANNIE CHAVE

We welcome back to Cheltenham Annie Chave who last visited us in December 2021 when she hosted our evening with Vic Marks. Annie is the fourth child of a cricket-obsessed professor and fell in love with the game at an early age whilst being taken to beautiful club grounds in Devon by him.

She is a cricket journalist and broadcaster whose cricketing CV is extensive, and it has mushroomed in print and in digital form during the pandemic. Annie has done live stream commentary, broadcast on the sport via Guerrilla cricket and written articles for various publications. There is even talk, in time, of a book.

It is though as a huge champion for County Championship cricket that Annie is perhaps best known. A frequent poster on Twitter, she started a quarterly magazine called County Cricket Matters in March 2020 (see details of website link at the end of this article). This publication aims to highlight the county game in all its forms with articles from established journalists and enthusiasts alike, and tries to address all elements of the first class game, especially the challenges that arise from the increasing prevalence of white ball cricket.

Alongside the magazine Annie also hosts County Cricket Natters – a regular podcast (weekly during the season) about county cricket with other broadcasters and regular guests to discuss topical events on and off the field.

Away from her computer, Annie is Secretary and Scorer for the Exeter based Erratics CC, whose fixture list is heavily weighted towards away friendlies in beautiful Devon villages. Her husband Duncan and son Fraser both play for the team.

Somerset, however, remains her first love. Her heroes are Sir Vivian Richards and Marcus Trescothick, with an honourable mention for Rahul Dravid even though his name was never in a Somerset XI. Annie will usually be found in the press room or commentary box at Taunton – a short drive from her Exeter home. Other favourite venues include Lord's and out grounds generally, especially Scarborough and Cheltenham. She will be especially welcome after her first visit.

Away from cricket (are there enough hours in the day?) Annie works for a theatre company in Exeter.

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