

## **MARK PEEL**

Mark comes to us from Edinburgh, where he taught History and Politics at Fettes College for 24 years. Educated at Harrow, he read History at Edinburgh University before his time at Fettes.

A keen biographer, his first cricket book, "England Expects: A Biography of Ken Barrington" was published in 1992 and won the Cricket Society Literary Award the following year.

It established Mark as a cricket author of high pedigree and other titles have bolstered that reputation, including:

Cricketing Falstaff: A Biography of Colin Milburn published in 1998.

Ambassadors of Goodwill: M.C.C. Tours 1946/47 – 1970/71 published in 2018. This was short-listed for the M.C.C./Cricket Society Book of the Year for 2018.

Playing the Game? Cricket's Tarnished Ideals from Bodyline to the Present published in 2018. This was short-listed for the Daily Telegraph Cricket Book of the Year for 2018.

Cricketing Caesar: A Biography of Mike Brearley published in 2020.

The Hollow Crown: England Cricket Captains from 1945 to the Present published in 2020.

Never Surrender: The Life of Douglas Jardine published by Pitch Publishing in 2021.

I listened to Mark being interviewed about his book on Jardine, via Zoom, in October 2021 as I have always been intrigued by the Bodyline series of 1932/33. Peel had discovered much new information about Jardine and, maybe, we should all think about Jardine in a different light.

We are pleased that Mark has agreed to come to Cheltenham and talk about one of cricket's most famous names. I am certain that many of us will have our perceptions of Jardine challenged by Mark's talk.

***Ken Burney***