

# BOUNDARY VIEW

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## 50 not out

THE TITLE TELLS THE STORY! The Society's jubilee will occur in 2022. Such an occasion deserves a special tribute and one in which all members are able and welcome to participate. To that end, it is planned to compile a collection of members' memories, which will convey a sense of the enjoyment over the past half-century!

Naturally, most thoughts will be of a recent nature. However, we are fortunate in having some members from the early days when annual dinners at the Old White Horse cost 25/- per head!

### Here are some ideas to get you thinking!

Past members need to be included – did you have a specific friend, no longer alive, who accompanied you and deserves to be remembered?

To jog memories some early members may be worthy to recall: Reg Barber, Ken Connop, Ernest Gittins, Les Hatton, Norman Ingley, Albert Lavender, Doctor Mitten, Roger Niblett, Family Tolley, Norman Whiting. Of course, we must not forget recent and present-day members! Please include some kind words in support of each nomination!

If you have any photographs of past or present members or Society activities (e.g. Terry's trips) please lend them for inclusion! There must be some choice memories!

Speakers are the backbone of the Society. Nominate your top five choices – and tell us why. Who was the surprise package? If so, tell us why it was so enjoyable.

We must not forget the ladies, members as well as guest speakers, among whom we have welcomed Rachael Heyhoe Flint, Cally Barlow, Izzy Duncan.

We shall also include a few words about the clubs that formed the orig-

## Introducing Carl Jordan

AS MEMBERS ALREADY KNOW, Terry Church has decided to stand down as Programme Secretary, after nineteen years of splendid service.

We are pleased to announce that Carl Jordan has been appointed as Programme Secretary from the start of the 2020/21 year.

Carl is a member of the Cricket Memorabilia Society, and the Midlands Cricket Society. He is a Warwickshire supporter, where he assists in the Museum.

Carl is also a keen supporter of both Alvechurch Cricket and Football Clubs.

We wish Carl every success.

## Subscription Renewals

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due on 1st October. In the event of no meetings being held in the current year, members are asked to nominate, on the form, if they wish their payment be carried over to next year, or donated to Society funds.

If you have mislaid your renewal form, a copy is included herewith.

inal 'district' in the Society's name - Amblecote, Lye, Mark & Moody, Oldswinford, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Stourbridge Social, Wollaston Methodists *et al.* If you belonged to any of the clubs, do say!

Any anecdotes about the Society will be most welcome, plus any other ideas and suggestions you may have.

It is hoped that members will respond enthusiastically to this appeal – after all, it is *your* Society!

**Send your contributions to:  
adcollis@blueyonder.co.uk  
as soon as possible.**

There is much work to be done!  
I look forward to your support.

## Chairman's View

It is never easy to call time or for anyone to change or step away from something that has worked extremely well over a period of time. We do, however, need to accept Terry Church's time as our excellent Fixture Secretary has come to an end and that TC has taken his sweater and will now as an honoured member of our Cricket Society view future proceedings from the pavilion.

Terry has been in post for 17 years and in that time span introduced so many interesting guests to our Society who have been willing to talk and answer questions on the greatest of all games. As Chairman I have attended many Council meetings with him, shared his anxiety upon late arrivals caused often by travel congestion etc. Terry's many phone calls, emails and frustrations have been off set by his calm, understanding and professional manner.

Terry has been a great ambassador and as he returns to the Pavillion, we as Committee who have worked alongside him and all our members applaud your outstanding performance.

The cricketing summer has been saved by an innovative approach by the ECB backed by the PCA to create a bubble at two major English Test Grounds to enable satellite viewing around the world. Well done from all genuine cricket lovers who recognise this great initiative. Let us hope the drastic planned employment cuts necessitated by Covid will not cause further anxiety amongst ECB staff.

Please stay safe and to all members let us hope our meetings can be resumed in the near future.

MIKE TOMKINS

## Supporting Cricket is as Important as Playing Cricket!

Viscount Cobham (Patron) Dave Nicklin (President) Mike Tomkins (Chairman) Terry Church (Vice-Chairman / Programme Secretary)  
Anthony Collis (Secretary / Editor) Brian Lester (Heritage Projects) Kieron Weatherstone (Membership)  
Andy Webb (Treasurer) Hugh Clark (General)

## ALLSORTS CRICKET QUIZ #1 BY BRIAN LESTER

### Who, What, When, Where etc?

1. 2018 man of the match in 20/20 final at Edgbaston
2. Winning captain in 1992 World Cup
3. Scored 256 at Old Trafford 1964 England v Australia
4. England captain born in Milan
5. First batsman to be out in ODI on 99
6. July 29th 1981 scored a century before lunch at Stourbridge
7. Chittagong is a Test ground in which country
8. Cricket stadium with a seating capacity of 100,024
9. Took 183 wickets for Worcestershire in 1949
10. Who has the most successive hundreds in Test matches
11. Tim Curtis scored 10,260 runs in list A cricket for Worcestershire; only one other has scored more, name him
12. In the 'Tied Test' of 1960 who was run out off the last ball
13. This bowler took 67 five wicket hauls in his Test career
14. In the Australians first one-day game who scored 124 not out
15. Who took 5 -51 in the 3rd Test at Port Elizabeth 2020
16. In which year were 8-ball overs used in England
17. What was formed at the Queens Arms Hotel, Easy Row Birmingham 1888
18. Which two teams played in the ICC Trophy at Dudley CC, 1982
19. This Essex cricketer and captain won a FA Amateur Cup winners medal with Walthamstow Avenue 1952
20. On March 19th 2001 what was done by a bowler for the first time
21. Australian red ball overseas player for Worcestershire 2018
22. First England Test captain
23. Which Worcestershire bowler played 3 Tests for England taking 7-164 in the first and 40\* in his last?
24. Which two England players played in first international one day game v Australia 1971 and never played another
25. What was special about Geoff Boycott's 191 at Headingley 1977
26. Which England Test cricketer's grandfather was born in Panama and played for the West Indies. Name them both
27. Name the England cricket captain who had the initials FEC scrawled on his cricket coffin by his Cambridge team mates
28. What did FEC mean
29. Name the England Test cricketer who played for Suffolk, Northants and Stourbridge
30. During his first-class cricketing career he scored 21,800 runs, took 736 wickets and 594 catches. He played twice for England taking 7 catches. Won a Gillette Cup winners medal. Who?

[Answers on page 8]

### BRIAN'S BOSTIN' BLOG

In January 2020, Brian Lester and three of his Black Country pals flew south to watch the third Test between South Africa and England at Port Elizabeth. Equipped with his trusty camera, notebook and pen, Brian snapped and wrote about almost everything that moved on and off the field.

The 32-page, privately-published booklet contains a superb array of 35 full-colour photographs, which proves the point that a picture can be worth 1,000 words. Brian has never been shy of posing with prominent cricket personalities and has added five more to an already impressive portfolio. Brian is no slouch behind the camera as he has an eye for capturing the colourful sights and 'sounds', that are unlikely to be found in similar matches in the northern hemisphere. The 'sound' of the Barmy Army was matched by a local band who seemed to have an endless repertoire of popular hits at their command.

However, cricket was the main attraction and the Bostin' Foursome clearly enjoyed themselves Even if you were not there, Brian's Bostin' Blog is a fine example of how an enthusiastic approach can produce a splendid record of a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Available direct from the author - [b.lester@btinternet.com](mailto:b.lester@btinternet.com) – priced at £4 & £1 postage

#### The following 'local' first-class cricketers have died since the start of 2020

		<u>Died on</u>
<b>Eddie Legard</b>	(Warwickshire)	29 January
<b>Richard Hughes</b>	(Worcestershire)	5 March
<b>Roy Barker</b>	(Worcestershire)	20 April
<b>Roy Abell</b>	(Warwickshire)	30 June
<b>David Humphries</b>	(Worcestershire)	14 July

#### S&DCS illnesses

Despite the Society having not met since February 2020, we do hope that none of our members has suffered health-wise, through whatever cause. We shall be grateful to be informed about any member who may have been seriously affected. Please advise any member of the committee accordingly.

## In Conversation with Trevor Bailey

During the unofficial Test between South Africa and West Indies at the Wanderers in 1983/4, I contacted Trevor Bailey who kindly agreed to my request for an interview.

**AC:** Trevor, your only tour to South Africa was with MCC in 1956/57 under the captaincy of Peter May. Is this your first visit back here since that tour?

**TB:** I regret to say yes. It is something I have always intended to do, but I have never been able to get round to it.

**AC:** The MCC team was very strong – the only notable absentees were Graveney and Trueman. The first Test was the first to be played here at the new Wanderers. You had figures of five for 20 to dismiss South Africa for 72 and thus win the match by 131 runs. Do you recall those wickets?

**TB:** No, to be perfectly honest, I don't. It's a long time ago. Unlike South African or Australian Test players I've been playing cricket probably for 20 years – I don't remember individual matches – I remember incidents very clearly, but not so much the matches. Obviously, certain things stick in one's memory, but I think the thing that's most intriguing is that they gave me the ball after the match. It was mounted and looking at the ball, there is no seam on it – it is scuffed, it is cut – um, if you went and looked at a cricket ball today, after a full day at The Wanderers it would still seam all the time. That is one of the big changes in cricket, the ball has made a big difference – that, and the artificial fertiliser.

**AC:** An unusual incident occurred in the second Test at Cape Town. Russell Endean was adjudged out 'handled the ball' – the first such dismissal in Test cricket. Do you recall that?

**TB:** Yes, I do. It was off Johnny Wardle, if my memory serves me right, and it was dropping down and, I think I am right in saying, Endean was a hockey player and he reacted like a hockey player. We were all absolutely amazed; the appeal took a long time to come out. It was something none of us had seen before. He just caught the ball as it was dropping down, and pushed it on one side.

**AC:** Had he played the ball with his bat?

**TB:** If my memory serves me right, I think it probably hit his pad – it was going over his head and likely to drop on to the wicket and he plonked out his hand and sort of basically caught it.

**AC:** If I may so, Trevor, you were never renowned for scintillating batting, and saved your grittiest batting for the Australians. Nevertheless, I read that an Australian businessman put up £100 for the first man to hit a six in the series and was horrified to find that you were entitled to the reward! Did he pay up?

**TB:** Yes, he certainly did pay up! After I got back to my hotel, there was a 'phone call and a man said: "Can I come up and give you £100?" I replied, "Do come up" and I ordered some champagne. We had lost the Test but had a magnificent party! Well, you've always got to a hit the six at the right time and when there's £100 on it, obviously it's the right time!

**AC:** You still hold the record for the slowest fifty, but you were not alone, Jackie McGlew, Peter Richardson, Hanif Mohammed and the late 'Slasher' Mackay also batted themselves in the record books for slow scoring. Do you think today's batsmen have the necessary patience and technique for similar marathon efforts?

**TB:** Oh, undoubtedly! Boycott is doing it all the time, every time he goes into bat, I am worried that he is going to take one of the records away. However, there is no point being slow for the sake of being slow – it depends on the situation. I got grooved into it, in that I batted at number six for England. We had five batsmen, then me followed by a tail of five who could all bat a bit; I worked it out that if I stayed until the last man, two or three of them would get a few runs – which they normally did – we could put together a reasonable score. In general, that's the way it worked out, but not always!

**AC:** In your playing career, who do you regard as the most challenging bowlers that you faced?

**TB:** Fast bowler, definitely, Ray Lindwall; off-break bowler, Jim Laker; leg-break Bruce Dooland, slow left-arm, at his best, Johnny Wardle. Oh! I forgot fast-medium, Alec Bedser.

**AC:** And the batsman for whom you had the greatest respect?

**TB:** Oh, unquestionably, The Don! I only played against him when he was past his peak and he got three hundreds. I was rather glad I didn't bowl against him when he really could play!

**AC:** You performed the Double no fewer than eight times. In your career, you scored over 28,000 runs and took in excess of 2,000 wickets. Do you see the Double ever being performed again?

**TB:** No, it's highly unlikely as they don't play enough cricket now – they also play a lot more one-day cricket, but they don't play enough first-class cricket to make it possible. Some records will never go, but most of the Test records will go as so many more Tests are played.

**AC:** How strong do you consider this West Indian touring team in South Africa?

**TB:** Well, it's obviously not as strong as the one in Australia. It has one very high-class bowler in Sylvester Clarke, an extremely good wicketkeeper, Murray; Kallicharran is still a very fine player and I think probably better than one or two of the younger players in the West Indies team. There is no Vivian Richards, they have nobody like him whatsoever. The rest of the bowling is sharp. Oh, I think probably I would have Collis King in any touring side. He hits the ball so hard and fast – plus he is a wonderful fielder and a great entertainer.

**AC:** Trevor, you have probably commented in almost every Test in the past decade or more – how do you regard the use of bouncers or short-pitched bowling in terms of effect, results and contribution to the game?

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**TB:** I think there are far too many bouncers, I don't think the umpires in general know the Laws or are able to interpret them, but I blame the captains most of all. It does seem a great pity that one is bowling bouncers at nine, ten, jack, who can't really play very well. I think the helmets have taken a certain amount of character out of the game. One used to be able to walk into a ground and recognise someone straight away; with a helmet on it's rather a different thing. Um! I'm not against helmets, but they do seem rather unnecessary at times. I think we've overdone the bouncer, but it does produce an awful lot of wickets, because people hook, and they don't hook very well. It's a dangerous shot to play unless it's played quite perfectly. I think some get false confidence from the helmet, whereas in the past they would have got out of the way to make darned sure they don't get hit on the head.

**AC:** My final question. Had you not played when you did, which era would you choose to have played in, and why?

**TB:** I really don't know. I have no complaints of when I did play, but from a financial angle, I would obviously like to be playing now. The money is around now – it certainly wasn't earlier. It's all down to sponsorship. No professional sport in the world would exist without sponsorship and television – the two are inseparable. I think I would like to have played – um! I think it might have been fun – in the years leading up to 1914, when W.G. was still there. I went to Australia by ship, but in those days it really took a long time for a journey of that nature. I think it might have been interesting!

**AC:** Trevor Bailey, thank you very much.

**TB:** It's been a pleasure!

**ANTHONY COLLIS**

[This article appeared in the *SA Cricketer* magazine: April 1984.]

My father gave me a copy of Trevor Bailey's coaching book, simply called 'Cricket', published in 1956.

Dad inscribed the book with the following words: 'He [T.B.] is worth emulating.'

Following our chat, I asked Trevor if he would sign the book. He duly did and added these words:

1984 - Times have changed, but the basics don't!!!

It is still a basically simple game.

Trevor Bailey

## CRICKET- MY GREAT LOVE by Brian Gittins

At the ripe old age of 84, I look back on my years of playing. My first bat had belonged to an uncle who had won it at a church fete. It was too big for me so my granddad took his saw to it, which annoyed my uncle!

The first time I ever played on a proper pitch was when I joined King Charles Grammar School in Kidderminster aged 11.

Somehow I didn't show any promise as a batsman, but I could bowl a decent ball. I never made any of the school teams which didn't surprise me.

I have played a tremendous amount of cricket but not at club level. My wicket-taking was not good enough for even approaching a club. They would have "laughed" me out of the ground.

Nevertheless I did play for some teams that were quite happy to give me a chance with the ball. I was quite surprised the balls had seams as the balls at school didn't.

Social cricket was my mainstay if I could find a team short of players. "Beer and skittles" as they say.

My most regular team in the 1960s was based at my local church, St John's, Kidderminster. The new vicar was the Reverend Anthony Balmforth. He was well known in the Midlands clerical cricketing world.

He was a good "Man of the church" but I did not think much of his "Brotherly Love" when we played against the Masters and Boys of his old school, Sebright, based in Wolverley.

We opted to bat and for some unknown reason I was told to open the batting. Who ever made that decision must have been crazy.

Now I had never owned a bat other than the one my grandfather had "manufactured for me so I picked up a bat that was resting against a seat. When I took guard the fielders must have thought, "Watch out, this bloke looks as if he might hit a few." I remember one of my "Social cricketing" mates saying, "When you walk to the wicket the opposition must think you have played at least County Cricket, but when the first ball is bowled, they think you have never played before."

The bowler was Tony Pullinger a coach at Sebright who bowled spin. He bowled me out first ball.

When I got back to the pavilion my clerical team-mate asked, "Brian, is that my bat?" I replied, "I am sorry Tony, I should have asked." His loving reply was, "Well you don't appear to have done it much harm."

Greater love hath no man!

Not the most unpleasant verbal attack I have ever had in my cricketing life. We used to take a team to Chaddesley CC to play a friendly "beer & skittles" game that ended in a nice social evening. My great friend Norman Broadfield, the Kidderminster CC President, announced to the gathered assembly, "Gittins, you must be the worst batsman I have ever played with."

## Members' News & Views

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### The Zoom Experience

The lexicographers and the wordsmiths will no doubt be working hard on new dictionary definitions and Thesaurus entries and updating books of well-known phrases and sayings to incorporate a new vocabulary that have become so familiar during the virus-self isolation, social distancing: the 'R' number, claps for carers, flatten the curve and not forgetting "You're on mute Mike!" If you're a "Zoom" user, you'll know what I'm talking about. If not there's a clue later.

So, what about "Zoom" and also "Microsoft Teams"? To many, they are invaluable computer applications which have enabled us to keep in touch with work, family and friends. And for those of us starved of cricket, the opportunity to see and listen to some really interesting and entertaining speakers.

Chris and Fabian Cowdrey have used "Zoom" to entertain old and new customers to their "Cow Corner" business by offering free access to celebrity guests, the most recent being Robert Key.

Several county clubs have also produced online forums for their members and friends. Just last week I was able to listen to a Justin Langer podcast via the Somerset web site (because I'd signed up for Somerset emails at some time in the past) and my Warwickshire membership has allowed me access to Q and A sessions with club legends including Trevor Penney from Canada, Shaun Pollock from South Africa, Nick Knight from Suffolk and a double act of Tim Munton (from not far away) and Andy Moles (also from South Africa.)

The national Cricket Society is planning two sessions in July using "Zoom" - Stephen Chalke will be interviewing Johnny Barclay and the Society's Chairman, Nigel Hancock, will be in conversation with Vic Marks.

"Pitch Publishing" were quick off the blocks using "Zoom" to promote their recent publications by offering members of cricket societies the opportunity to listen to an eclectic mix of authors including Ian "Gunner" Gould, all the way from his front room in Brighton and

Colin Shindler, the author of "Barbed Wire and Cucumber Sandwiches" about the campaign led by Peter Hain in 1970 to stop the South African Tour. It's a fascinating, extremely well written, piece covering an important period of not just cricket and sporting history but British social history too. If there's one cricket book you should get this year, this is the one.

But I digress and should stick to my brief, which is to say how easy was it to log on, how did it go generally and is it something to think about for the future? The quick answers are very easy, very well and possibly.

On balance my preference is "Zoom" rather than "Microsoft Teams", but both work well. So, talking about "Zoom" once you've downloaded the app, it's straightforward to join a meeting by either inputting the code and password or clicking on the diary invite if you get one. You can then either participate with just audio or audio and video and there are some simple conventions to get used to. If the "host" hasn't muted you, mute yourself if you are not speaking. Use the "raise hand" facility if you want to speak and don't forget to un-mute yourself to avoid looking like a goldfish and someone uttering: "You're on mute, Mike!"

As I say it has provided the opportunity to hear some interesting guests, some from across the world, who you would never get the chance to see and hear otherwise and it's provided what the marcomms experts would probably describe as "great content".

Is it an alternative, when we're back to something like normal, to meeting your mates face to face, over a pint or a coffee in the Stourbridge pavilion? For most, I guess probably not.

But it's perhaps something to think about for those cold dark winter nights in January and February when the weather forces the cancellation of a meeting, or staying home in front of the fire seems a better option than venturing out.

**MIKE WILLIAMS**  
[SDCS member and  
Chairman of Cricket Society - Midlands]

### PITCH PUBLISHING CRICKET TALKS

Last night's talk was excellent. I look forward to the rest of the programme. I managed to sort out ZOOM, if I can do it, anyone can!

**Dick Evans - Stourbridge**

### MEMORIES

More memories please - keep them coming!

**Chris Bryant - Halesowen**

### CRICKET TWINS

I am researching the instances of twins who have played first-class cricket and will appreciate being informed of any candidates not included in the following list.

ENGLAND: **Bedser** (Surrey), **Denton** (N'hants), **Ede** (Hampshire), **Garthwaite**, (Army/Oxford U.), **Overton** (Somerset), **Parkinson** (Lancs v Leics - on opposing sides), **Payne** (Oxford U.), **Phipps** (MCC / Southgate), **Pigg** (Cambridge U.), **Rippon** (Somerset), **Stephens** (Warwickshire), **Taylor** (Notts/Hants & Surrey / Somerset) **Varey** (Oxford v Cambridge Varsity match 1982 - on opposing sides), **Westley** (Oxford U.)

AUSTRALIA: **Blackwell**, (Australia Women), **Coyte** (bro & sis), **Nagel** (Victoria), **Shevill** (sisters), **Waugh** (NSW)  
NEW ZEALAND: **Marshall**, **Signal** (N.Z. Women)

PAKISTAN: **Rana** WEST INDIES: **Knight** (W.I. Women), Mohammed (W.I. Women) HONG KONG: **Waqas Khan**

IRELAND: **Joyce** NETHERLANDS: **Jonkman**

ZIMBABWE: **Matambanadzo**, **Murphy**

**Anthony Collis - Oldswinford**

## CRICKETEER 2019

By Andy Webb

AS THE RAIN teems down after the unbelievable spell of hot weather and there is no cricket due to Covid-19, my thoughts return to 2019 and the Cricket World Cup, and in particular my involvement.

Having retired from work in 2018, and having time to spare, I saw an advert online for volunteers for the ICC World Cup - Cricketeers - I thought that the opportunity seemed appealing. The online application was completed and submitted and then there was then a hiatus, no further communication for some time. Then a flurry of activity. I was called for interview at Edgbaston and asked about previous experiences. My voluntary roles in cricket and hockey, over some 40 years, were outlined and my lengthy career in local authority sport was mentioned, not least my role in the 2012 Olympic Torch Relay in the Black Country. I was recruited.

Training as a Cricketeer took place at Edgbaston, as did uniform fittings. Sizes of items of kit were odd to say the least and swapping any number of items was necessary to get a comfortable set of royal blue and lime green uniform plus a lime green baseball cap, a rucksack and New Balance training shoes. The kit had to be worn in full, no other brands were allowed.

What would I be doing? Would I see some World Cup cricket? It was an exciting wait to find out what role I would be allocated.

I was detailed to join the Transport Team. Chauffeuring between Edgbaston and Birmingham City Centre. On non-match days between 8.00am and 2.00pm while match day requirements were 6.00am to 2.00pm. I was allocated two non-match days and one match day.

In advance all members of the Transport Team were called into Edgbaston to test drive the team vehicles - Nissan Qashqai, with no miles on the clock. Brand new. Top of the range. All singing and dancing. Having been familiarized with the team vehicles we were ready to go.

During the first shift, non-match day, I was asked to return one of the umpires back to the city centre. Umpires are invited to the ground on the pre-match day to be informed who will be officiating on field and who will take on supporting roles. I arrived at the pick-up point, hoping to collect a famous face, only to find that all of the umpires had walked to the nearby Edgbaston Priory Club to watch the Nature Valley Classic tennis. Returned to base.

The other non-match day was quite similar with very limited calls on the Transport Team. With the team based in the old Press Box which had its windows virtually covered it was a question of all sitting at one end of the room to watch practice, or to view another match on TV.

On match day arrival at 5.30am was necessary to find a parking space in advance of lockdown in the locality. 6.00am start and off the team set for collections at Birmingham New Street Station. Wait for 20 minutes in the short stay car park, leave for 20 minutes and then repeat. Round and round Birmingham went the Transport Team as all the time Edgbaston filled up with supporters of Pakistan and a few New Zealanders. No transfers.

Then I received a job. Collection in Edgbaston. Off I set, destination in the SatNav. Arriving at an elderly people's residential complex I called base and asked who I was collecting. The supervisor, a genial Scot with a great sense of humour, asked me to confirm

where I was. I explained and he advised that he hadn't sent any tasks out to any drivers. I returned to New Street to find a colleague had a similar job. It turned out that our frequency was being interrupted by Uber.

Back at Edgbaston still not having had a single passenger in my car I was immediately dispatched to the Crown Plaza to collect tickets to a future match for ICC officials. Delivery was to be to the main reception at Edgbaston and the tickets had to be handed personally to David Richardson, former Chief Executive of ICC. I was given his mobile phone number and I had to text him when I had collected the tickets and again when I arrived in reception. Finally I would meet a prominent figure in the cricket world.

Upon arrival I sent the text and waited. And waited. And waited. Across reception a young woman had appeared. Eventually she approached me and explained that she was David Richardson's P.A. and she would take the tickets. So much for meeting a prominent figure in world cricket.

The experience was quite bizarre in some ways as there wasn't a vast amount for the Transport Team to do and the cricket lovers didn't really see any cricket, apart from on TV. The Cricketeers uniform of blue and lime green isn't likely to be used again and now hangs in my wardrobe.

I do have a framed certificate of appreciation for my contribution and a replica Coin Toss Medallion which have pride of place next to my bureau, along with my volunteer accreditation

ANDY WEBB

[I suggest you wear the Blue & Lime uniform at one of the meetings! Ed.]

### TEATIME TEASERS [ANSWERS ON PAGE 8]

1. It's where you might sit when you're out or before you're in. [Countdown - 4 May 2020]
- 2 Who was the first England player to appear in 100 Tests?
3. What was unusual about the Worcestershire team that hosted Lancashire in 1938?
4. Who was the first prime minister to have played first-class cricket?
5. What was remarkable about Mervyn Hughes' hat-trick for Australia v West Indies in 1988/89?

## A CRICKET CONUNDRUM SUBMITTED BY DAVE NICKLIN

### WORCESTERSHIRE ALL STARS vs STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT CRICKET SOCIETY

#### WORCESTERSHIRE ALL STARS

Kenyon (capt.)	6
Turner	8
Headley	6
Hick	6
Ali	5
D'Oliveira	4
Rhodes (wkt.)	7
Gifford	11
Newport	6
Jenkins	0
Flavell	1
Extras	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

#### STOURBRIDGE & DISTRICT C.S.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tomkins	12.1	2	14	8
Church	6	0	15	1
Collis	7	5	31	1

#### Facts

The total score is composed of SINGLES and FOURS.

There are NO catches NOR no balls.

Church and Collis each had one bowling spell.

Tomkins bowled the 1<sup>st</sup> over.

Kenyon faced the 1<sup>st</sup> ball.

Church was the other opening bowler.

#### The questions are:

- 1) Who did Church and Collis dismiss?
- 2) What was the score at the fall of each wicket?
- 3) Who was 'not out'?

*Answers in the next edition of Boundary View!*

## TOO GOOD FOR THE TIP!

I have a number of magazines that I am offering for FREE\* to members.

However, the successful applicant/s will need to collect them!

All copies are in good to very good condition.

#### *THE CRICKETER*

**COMPLETE RUNS: 1976, 1977, 1979** (Individual years will not be separated)

**SHORT RUNS:** (Missing months shown)

**1975** (Jan, Mar.) **1978** (Jul, Aug.), **1982** (Sep, Nov, Dec.), **1988** (May), **1990** (Apr.)

#### *WISDEN CRICKET MONTHLY*

**COMPLETE RUNS: 1983, 1988, 1989, 1990** (Individual years will not be separated)

**SHORT RUNS:** (Missing months shown)

**1983** (May), **1984** (June), **1985** (Jan, Jul.), **1986** (Jan, Mar, Sept.), **1987** (Feb),

**1991** (Jan), **1992** (Aug), **1993** (May).

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## IT MUST BE TRUE ... I read it in Wisden!

#### WISDEN CRICKET MONTHLY

An Australian batsman, Jason Taylor, playing club cricket for Bewdley & Wolverley Social was the final victim in a hat-trick on consecutive days. [WCA 2003 p. 1607]

#### DAILY TELEGRAPH

Ron Headley, coach to Aston Unity, had to play when the team was one short for the game against Halesowen. Ron scored 2 as Unity were put out for 57. [Ibid. p.1608]

#### WORCESTER NEWS

Mark Mansell of Kidderminster Victoria in the Birmingham League had figures of 11-11-0-3 v. Coventry & North Warwickshire. [WCA 2008. p.1534]

#### SOUTH WALES ECHO

Glamorgan batsman Mike Powell buried one of his ribs – removed during an operation – beneath the turf at the club's headquarters. "I am glad that part of me will be at Sophia Gardens for ever," he said. [Ibid. p. 1538]

## S&DCS MEETINGS' PROGRAMME for 2020/21

All meetings start at 7.30pm (unless stated otherwise) Programme subject to change  
If in doubt, for example, due to severe weather, phone 01384 292170

**This is a provisional list, subject to confirmation. Meetings will held in accordance with current social-distancing restrictions and any other relevant government policy**

The committee has taken the decision to cancel the first three meetings of the current season.

The speakers have been informed and have agreed to defer their bookings until 2021.

Naturally, we are disappointed but the decision to cancel has been taken in the best interests of all concerned. We sincerely hope that the meetings below scheduled for 2021 will take place as arranged.

<b>21 Jan. 2pm</b>	<b>Chris O'Brien</b> Author	Today's guest has unearthed some fascinating information about the enigmatic Neville Cardus, who was never one to be certain of dates and details. O'Brien reveals Cardus's approach in his writings to The Truth, the Untruth and the Higher Truth.
<b>18 Feb 2pm</b>	<b>Derek Pringle</b> Essex & England	After making 30 Test appearances and 15 years playing for Essex, Nairobi-born Derek Pringle became a respected cricket correspondent with the Independent and later with the Daily Telegraph.
<b>18 March 7.30</b>	<b>John Emburey</b> Middx & England	John Emburey appeared in 64 Tests for England and played for Middlesex, Northants and Western Province. His participation in the 'rebel' tour South Africa cost him dearly.
<b>April 7.00</b>	<b>AGM and Monthly meeting</b>	Details of the monthly meeting, which will follow the AGM, have yet to be announced.

### Brian's Allsorts Quiz—Answers

1. Ben Cox	2. Imran Khan	11. Graeme Hick	12. Ian Meckiff	21. Travis Head/Martin Guptil
3. Ken Barrington	4. Ted Dexter	13. M. Muralitharan		22. James Lillywhite
5. Geoff Boycott	6. Glenn Turner	14. Peter Burge	15. Dom Bess	23. Phil Newport
7. Bangladesh	8. Melbourne.	16. 1939	17. Birmingham League	24. Colin Cowdrey/Ken Shuttleworth
9. Roly Jenkins		18. East Africa / West Africa		25. 100 <sup>th</sup> hundred
10. Everton Weekes		19. Trevor Bailey		26. George and Dean Headley
		20. Take 500 Test wickets		27. Mike Atherton
				28. Future England Captain
				29. David Larner
				30. Alan Oakman

### TEATIME TEASERS

#### Answers to teasers on page 6

- 1 The Pavilion      2 M.C. Cowdrey  
3. This was WCCC's first all professional eleven (no amateurs).  
4 Rt Hon. Sir Francis HD Bell served as prime minister of New Zealand for sixteen days in 1925. As a youth in the 1870s, he played two first-class cricket matches for Wellington against Nelson.  
5 Mervyn Hughes achieved the hat-trick with balls from three separate overs. The wickets fell as follows:  
Ambrose (last ball of his 35th over of the 1st innings)  
Patterson (first ball of his 37th over and last wicket of the 1st innings)  
Greenidge (first ball of his 1st over of the 2nd innings)

### STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Colwall CC who defeated Redbourne CC at Lord's in the final of the Village Cup competition on 19 September. They won by six runs.

It was disappointing that no supporters of either side were allowed to attend the match due to Covid-19 restrictions.

### BBC Howler

In the above story, BBC stated the match was played at **Lords**. No apostrophe!

### Question of Sport

News has been announced that BBC's long-running sports quiz programme is due for a radical change. Out will go chairman Sue Barker together with both captains, Matt Dawson and Phil Tuffnell. Mooted replacements are former England women's footballer, Alex Scott as Barker's successor and Jermaine Jenas as one of the skippers.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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