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Programme for 2005/6			
<u>20<sup>th</sup> October</u>	<b>DEREK RANDALL</b>	ex England &	
		Nottinghamshire C.C.C.	
<u>17<sup>th</sup> November</u>	TONY COTTEY	ex Glamorgan C.C.C.	
<u>8<sup>th</sup> December</u>	PAT MURPHY	Sports journalist	
<u>12<sup>th</sup> January</u>	MIKE VOCKINS	Former Worcestershire	
2006		C.C.C. Secretary.	
<u> 16<sup>th</sup> February</u>	MIKE SMITH	ex England &	
		Gloucestershire C.C.C.	
<u>16<sup>th</sup> March</u>	LANCE PIERSON	Cricket entertainer.	
<u>13<sup>th</sup> April</u>	JOHN STERN	Editor of Wisden Cricket	
		Monthly	

<u>20th April</u>A.G.M.Meetings take place in the Pavilion at Stourbridge Cricket Club on<br/>Thursdays commencing at 8pm.

#### A.G.M. 2005

This passed off peacefully!

The main resolution proposed and unanimously accepted was that membership fees should be increased by £1 to £7. This means that for an evening of cricket chat members have to pay £1. Surely this is much better value than any other live entertainment. The committee hopes that you will agree! Cricket season 2005

Whatever has happened at New Road? A promising start in both league competitions has fizzled out into a struggle for promotion in the Frizzel County Championship and possibly a forlorn battle against relegation in the totesport League. BUT compensation has come with a fantastic Test Series. Who could have envisaged such drama! At the time of writing the Ashes Series is still in the balance with England just holding the advantage.. Thankfully the TV coverage has been excellent for those unable to get to the games. What a pity that Test cricket next season will only be seen live on satellite broadcasts.

Did any of you see Isabel have her 3 minutes of fame at New Road?

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# Since our last Newsletter!

he speaker for the JANUARY meeting was <u>JOHN GREGORY THOMAS.</u>

Born in the valleys in 1960, Greg joined Glamorgan in 1979 from local league cricket. He made his debut against Sri Lanka. He was not a regular in the County side until 1984 after completing his studies and undergoing back surgery.

Greg's pace and hostility ( the fastest white man! ) won him a place on the tour to the West Indies in 1985/6. What a baptism! Richards, Greenidge, Haynes etc.

He left the Test scene with a sense of what might have been, being continually blighted by injury and ailments for the rest of his career.

The best spell of Greg's career was 1988 for Glamorgan and then with Northants until '91 before a bad pelvic injury forced him into retirement. He coached the young players at Northants and schools in the area for some years.

On his Test debut he was initially so proud to be the first Welsh speaking player to be selected, followed by the experience of mixing with and playing against arguably the best team overall that we have known since WWII. They had a never ending list of great players as most of them were century makers. Just for good measure a bowling attack of four lightening quicks was formidable; backed up by superb fielders.

Greg. said that he did not see the ball when he got a 'golden duck' in his first innings.

In his view Richards and Holding were the best.

Of course England were not without their own characters. His number 1 was Ian Botham – oozing confidence on and off the field.

When high spirits got out of hand it was left to the hard man to sort it out – Peter Willey.

Greg. went on to recall incidents of the tour! e.g. Cindy Davis (Miss Barbados) with Botham and Lamb and his own amusing (afterwards!) incident with a young lady in his room, until he discovered Willey and Co. providing an audience at the window!!

He recalled a story of 'Sir' Geoffrey trying to impress David Gower and Denis Compton with his career stats – 'and I scored 22 Test centuries' said Boycott, at which Denis Compton said, 'Thank God I only had to \*\*\*\*\* watch five of them!'

After the interval in the Q and A session Greg. felt that taking players away for Test squads was lowering the standards of County cricket for members to watch. While he thought Twenty20 cricket had its place to attract young followers and raise revenue it couldn't seriously be a foundation for Test cricket.

On the question of throwing and sledging: It had always been in the game but highlighted more, now that technology can zoom in on events.

Greg's wish was that every effort must be made to keep the game a spectacle. Slow over rates must be addressed with strict legislation if need be. Spectators are being asked to pay good money for cricket. They should get value for money.

Greg. didn't think it possible for Wales to follow Scotland as a separate cricket country to play international matches.

A pleasant evening concluded with applause to send Greg on his way back to the valleys. Many thanks to Brian Priest for this report.

New Season New Captain

By the banks of the river Seven The summer time is just like heaven Hope our men dressed in white Can put the opposition in full flight This season, will our captain be the key First season in the job for our Vikram Solanki

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From opening bat to number five He's the man to keep the innings alive -In the field he gets to grips Whether at fine leg or in the slips Now he has to motivate through the season To bring the Royals, trophies, that's the reason

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Winter spent out on tour Picking up tips that's for sure Now to do the job in hand Being the best team in the land Go then and do what you have to do Because the members are all there with you.

Thanks again to our 'Black Country' poet Doug Winterborn for this effort!! More next time.

**<u>DID YOU KNOW??</u>** Yet another set of historical facts gleaned by Norman Robins

Brian Luckhurst told a wonderful story of self deprecation. He received a letter at home with just "Brian Luckhurst, cricketer" on the envelope. He opened it and read the contents, "Dear Mr Luckhurst. If this letter reaches you, the Post Office thinks you're a better cricketer than I do."

#### FEBRUARY GUEST

The guest speaker for the February meeting was the former Warwickshire captain & England opening batsman <u>ANDY LLOYD.</u>

These observations come from Simon Writtle.

Andy hails from Shropshire and gave an insight to his early career in cricket. He began by playing for his local village side Whittington, he progressed with Whittington and was in the first team at the age of 15. The then captain Gary Wilkinson recognised Andy's talent and told him he needed to play at a higher level of cricket and recommended he went to Oswestry. This was met with much resentment from the people of Whittington.

At the age of 16 Andy had a trial with Warwickshire where he played against the Warwickshire Colts who were coached by Derief Taylor. He batted at No 5 and was out first ball to a delivery that was far quicker than anything he'd seen before and bowled 7 overs with a return of 0 - 48. None of the trialists were taken on as Derief Taylor considered them no better than the players they already had.

The opportunity to have a trial at Worcestershire arose when Andy was 18 years old, he went to New Road for a weekend of trial games. In the first game he scored 102 against Worcestershire's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, who included Ivan Johnson, Paul Pridgeon, Ravi Senghera and Gordon Wilcox. He then scored 86 in a Birmingham League game and in his final game he scored 77 against Warwickshire, again in the Birmingham League. He returned to play for Shropshire to await Worcester's reply. Although he had done well in the three matches he was surprised that Worcester made no further contact. During the lunch interval in a game for Shropshire against Bedfordshire he received a call from Alan Oakman asking him to go for a trial with Warwickshire, which he did, played well and was offered a contract.

He made his first class debut in 1977, and played in the side with some great cricketers; Dennis Amiss, Alvin Kallicharran, Rohan Kanhai and Derek Murray. Andy said he learnt a great deal from these players especially Kallicharran who was a left handed batsman like himself. He said in those days County cricket benefited because young players were playing with and against the best players in the world, picking up tips and learning from them. Nowadays this is no longer the case as the best players rarely play County cricket, Andy was in favour of reducing the number of overseas players to one per County as there are not enough quality overseas players available.

Andy spoke of his time as captain of Warwickshire in the late eighties and early nineties. Norman Gifford and Bob Willis had been the previous captains and both captained the side in an old school manner, if they were not going to win the game they made sure they didn't lose it. He changed the teams attitude and demanded they all gave 100%, enjoyed their cricket and said don't be afraid to lose. His teams had a fantastic team spirit and contained good young players in Alan Donald, Gladstone Small, Dermot Reeve, Tim Munton, Neil Smith and Keith Piper. With their bowling attack he always backed them to bowl sides out regardless of how many runs Warwickshire had made. The team ethic was one of the main reasons his sides were successful and all successful teams need a good figurehead. He gave examples of Martin Johnson and the England rugby team and how when Alan Border became captain of Australia the team moulded to his ethic.

The team ethic was a major part of Warwickshire's success and Andy discussed how the resurgence of the England Test side is due to the same. When he made his one brief Test appearance the captain was David Gower. At the team meeting the night before the game the captain stood up and said "if we play well, we can draw the game" not the most inspiring of team talks. At that time Andy described the England team as a team of individuals playing for themselves. This has now changed under Duncan Fletcher and initially Nasser Hussain and now Michael Vaughan. The coach gives all the team great belief and the captains have put a spine in the team, a good team ethic. It is always referred to as Team England, all pulling together, but he still thinks we only have a slim chance of winning the Ashes.

During his first class career from 1977 to 1992, Andy made 17211 runs at an average of 34.28, scoring 29 centuries and 87 fifties, with a highest score of 208 not out.

With his bowling he took 23 wickets at 73.13.

He also played one Test match against West Indies scoring 10 not out and played three one day internationals scoring 101 runs at an average of 33.66 with a top score of 49. In the question and answer session he was asked who was the best bowler he had ever faced? He said Malcolm Marshall, Richard Hadlee, Michael Holding and Imran Khan stood out, but the best was Derek Underwood who never seemed to bowl a bad ball.

When asked about how good a bowler Alan Donald was, he said he was probably the last of the great overseas fast bowlers (along with Courtney Walsh) to play County cricket. He was a captain's dream and never questioned anything Andy asked him to do.

He also thought Kevin Pietersen must play against Australia this summer after his recent performances. Regarding the wicket keepers he thought Chris Read has been unlucky to lose his place because he is a very good keeper, but does not bat well enough and you need to be a front line batsman to fit in the current England team which Geraint Jones is, although he is not as good a keeper as Read.

When asked about the future of County cricket he replied that he thought County cricket was a dying

duck with not many spectators and will struggle to survive financially, also staff numbers need to be reduced. He thought there should be no charge for spectators for the County game, they should only charge for one day games as they are the games which attract spectators. He believed the Twenty20 competition is the best thing to happen to cricket for years even though he was uncertain about it when the concept was first announced.

The final question was about his one and only Test match. He opened the batting with Graeme Fowler who faced the first over which was a maiden. His first ball faced was off Joel Garner and off the fourth ball of that over Andy got a run and that was the only time England were ahead in the series! His Test match experience came to an abrupt end with the first ball of the seventh over when he was hit on the head by Malcolm Marshall. Andy said he is probably best remembered as the only Test player who has opened an innings and never been dismissed. He did say that the greatest experience any cricketer can have is to play for his country.

# That concluded a very enjoyable evening with a speaker who was forthright with his comments.

Norman Robins says .....

On June 28 1862 Joseph Wells playing for Kent against Surrey became the first bowler to take four wickets in four balls, in a county cricket match. Wells' son also made a name for himself — he was H.G.Wells.

The speaker at our March meeting was <u>RICHARD BEVAN</u> about whom Nasser Hussain said "If it wasn't for him the last two years would have been a nightmare. He's been an absolute Godsend" and about whom he himself said "Strength and determination are my greatest assets. I'm like a terrier. I will not let go until the job is done."

Richard is Chief Executive of the Professional Cricketers Association and also a main Board member of FICA (Federation of International Cricket Associations). He joined PCA in 1994 becoming CEO in 2002 and considers himself to be fortunate to work in sport, which he had always wanted to do. PCA are responsible for 450 professional cricketers in UK and have a turnover that has grown from €47000 in 1997 to €3million. Richard outlined the plight of former West Indian fast bowler Winston Davis who is very severely disabled and is being helped through the PCA Benevolent Fund. Richard said that it was a very humbling experience to be in the presence of Winston - a very positive person in spite of his extreme difficulties. Outlining the difficulties 'super heroes' such as Shane Warne experienced he praised Shane's

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and had been falsely accused of assault. Comparing the volume of cricket played now he felt that the players of 20 or 30 years ago would never have thought of mental tiredness.

The problems experienced by England's players in Zimbabwe were not exaggerated and there were genuine fears for the safety of their families at home in England.

The power of the World game appears to come out of India with ICC being controlled by the Indian Cricket Board.

Match fixing does exist- Hanse Cronje had admitted he had done wrong and it had been alleged that an Umpire had been paid a considerable sum of money for making three erroneous decisions against England in one game in the last World Cup. Governments were reputed to be involved in the spread betting problem in Asia. There were examples of bets being placed on such diverse matters as how many run outs in an innings to how many players wore sun glasses.

As a former player with Wroxeter he was saddened that the club had folded. Having been promoted to The Birmingham League, although virtually a village club, they had found it impossible to continue due to regulations insisting that they fielded three sides and the loss of players who were unwilling to travel up to two hours to a game.

Richard thought that the Twenty20 format was a fantastic idea and would bring to cricket a new audience both in the grounds and the armchair viewer.

He anticipated that the loan system to be introduced during the coming season would be a positive move.

PCA were pushing for English captains for all Counties and visited all Counties prior to the commencement of each season in an attempt to pre-empt problems. That the Code of Conduct was followed was vital for the well being of the game and this had not been the case in the dispute between Clive Lloyd and Michael Vaughan where Michael appeared to have been harshly judged. Suff ice it to say that the fine imposed had not been paid.

Richard felt that Benefits would cease within ten years and he favoured the Australian system where an amount was credited to each individual for each appearance whether for State or Country.

Very articulate, Richard delivered his talk in a manner which felt as though he was having an individual conversation and was able to convey to members the problems and positives of the world game from his influential position within the power base of the modern game. A superb evening aptly summed up by one member who was heard to say'' do you know I could have listened to Richard for hours !''

Thanks to Justin Church for these interesting comments.

<u>Society day out in Nottingham:</u> The observations of Ray Edwards, that well known Wolves supporter!

Our trip to Nottingham was arranged with his usual military precision by the inimitable Michael Taylor Esq. As is normal in the middle of March we were blessed with bright sunshine. Mike arranged this as he had previously done at Old Trafford, Manchester United and Lords. Yes, I know that it rained on the London Eye but, after all Mike is not 'Superman' is he? On arrival at the County Ground we were deposited outside the Trent Bridge Inn where we were greeted by John Ellison our guide for the morning. We were shown the indoor schools in the roof space of the main stand where the bowling machines were being set up ready for the morning's practice. Descending many flights of stairs we toured the Board Room and some of the hospitality boxes which also served, at times, as hotel rooms. Crossing the field we visited the Long Room where the most outstanding feature was the display of many old bats mounted over the bar. Moving on to the Library we were introduced to Peter Wynne-Thomas who was hard at work indexing the current issue of the Wisden Cricketer. He broke off this for a time whilst we had an interesting discussion.

We were now left to our own devices for an informal lunch. Most members appear to have opted for a liquid one!

On arrival at the City Ground of Nottingham Forest F.C. Mike had arranged for us to see Gary Megson. However, on sighting the approaching figure of our Chairman the erstwhile manager of WBA jumped into his Mercedes and departed at high speed!!!

A young lady guide met us and showed us the Board Room and the Trophy Room. A large glass cabinet here appeared to contain mainly ancient relics!!

On viewing the playing area we saw groundsmen replacing turf in one penalty area.

We were told that usually they dug up the pitch at the end of the season and replaced it by seeding. Apparently most football clubs replace the playing surface by turf.

Sitting in the main stand it was pointed out that the charge for the boundary advertising boards opposite in the Brian Clough stand used to be more expensive than those on our side of the ground as they were covered by the television pictures. It has since been realised that as the hospitality boxes are in the Clough stand the wealthy occupants can see the boards in front of the main stand and consequently charges for these have been revised.

Moving into the security box we were shown the CCTV controls and were surprised at the quality of the pictures. They are much better than the hazy pictures in most of our shopping malls and city centres. It was possible to zoom into a single seat and identify the occupant. This was proved by a shot of our driver sleeping in his coach on the far side of the car park. Still pictures could be printed immediately and handed to the police who could easily identify and apprehend offenders. Well done Mike. Please now apply for the job of Wolves' Manager. I am sure with you in charge we could be promoted next season. (Ed: wishful thinking!)

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#### APRIL GUEST

**S**TEVE RHODES was the final visitor to the Society during the 2004/05 season. Steve was a wicket-keeper/batsmen who retired at the end of the 2004 season, and has now been appointed as a coach to Worcestershire.

He played in 440 first class matches, scoring 14839 first class runs at an average of 32.82, including 12 centuries with a highest score of 124 against Nottinghamshire in 2002. He was eighth in the all time list of wicket-keepers with 1363 victims,1139 catches

and stumping 124. He represented England in 11 Tests and 9 One Day Internationals and was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1995. He was awarded his county cap in 1986 and received a benefit from Worcestershire in 1996. His father Bill Rhodes represented Nottinghamshire from 1961 to 1964.

Steve told some amusing tales about fast bowlers. Representing England A against West Indies A at Trinidad he was batting with Ian Salisbury against a fast bowler named Lyndon Joseph. Ian Salisbury just could not put bat on ball, when eventually close fielder Clayton Lambert threw his helmet and said that this guy would miss his own funeral!

He mentioned a Hampshire/Gloucestershire game, when Hampshire captain Mark Nicholas came in to the changing rooms to see if he might borrow a mobile phone. This was in the very early days of mobile phones, and when he obtained a negative response, he said mobile phones probably had not reached Bristol yet. This upset the Gloucester players, particularly Courtney Walsh, who briefly said "Who he?"

When Nicholas came into bat, Walsh who was bowling, enquired "Is this he?" then proceeded to bounce Nicholas, hitting him on the helmet. With Nicholas on the floor in a daze and surrounded by fielders Walsh proceeded to amble down the wicket to the batsmen and said "ring, ring it's for you".

He always wanted to play for Yorkshire and England but enjoyed the move to Worcester where it was a quieter life. Yorkshire was a very political club, although he later appreciated that there were more troubleshooters in the dressing room than in the committee room!

David Humphries was his rival when he arrived for the wicket-keeper position, but he was selected for the first game and then retained his place in the team.

He was very optimistic for the 2005 season, Shoaib Akhtar was a top pace bowler, Chaminda Vaas was one of the best one-day players in the world and Zander De Bruyn was highly recommended by Shaun Pollock.

He finished the session by saying that although there had been many changes in the game and it was more professional, cricket was basically the same game.

During the second half Steve answered numerous questions and dealt with them as competently as if he was keeping wicket.

He thought the combined batting/keeping ability of Geraint Jones gave him the selection edge ahead of Chris Read. As for his own replacement Steve was not sure. James Pipe had worked extremely hard this winter and was a 20% better player, whilst Steve Davies was a natural, a good batsmen and had a wonderful future. Steve's own excellent fitness record, was put down to hard work and being prepared to play with injuries. Apart from Steve Davies he did not think any new young Worcester players would emerge in 2005.

He thought one overseas player was ideal and was a fan of home grown talent but EU/Kolpak players hurt him, although Matt Mason and Ray Price were great guys in the dressing room.

He thought second XI cricket should remain. It was an excellent education and should be run with the addition of the academy players. He became coach because he had tried marketing and thought that was not for him. When playing in the West Indies recently for an Old England XI, he found that Derek Underwood, aged 56, was the best spinner he had ever kept to whilst Glen McGrath was the best fast bowler he had kept to.

His two best innings he thought were a century he scored in the Refuge final at Old Trafford, and 56 against South Africa in a ODI again at Old Trafford. The two most

difficult bowlers he faced were Shane Warne (Australia) and Saqlain Mushtaq (Pakistan). Steve said that Patrick Patterson was the fastest bowler he had faced.

Tim Curtis was a brave, gutsy opening batsman with a big heart, who is the batsman he would pick to bat for his life but the most outstanding innings he had seen was Graeme Hick's 405 at Taunton in 1995.

The best Worcester captain he played under was Tom Moody, who was a natural leader, and tactically good whereas Phil Neale was a captain of few words who controlled the difficult player's well.

He listed a number of favourite grounds which included Canterbury, Lord's (eventually), Old Trafford, Trent Bridge, Kandy, Newlands and Sydney.

Ben Smith, a great guy and family man, relinquished the captaincy because he found it difficult at times and lost a little enjoyment of the game.

Promotion and Relegation was a big plus, although it should be two up and two down especially as everyone wanted to play in Division I and the Twenty20 was bringing in the crowds.

The Benefit System should remain, although there would probably be less, and he did not think loyalty was as strong from some of the players now.

Kadeer Ali was right to move to Gloucestershire, because he would have more opportunities, and was pleased for Phil Weston for his excellent knock against Worcester in last year's Cup Final. He thought Kevin Pieterson would get an early opportunity for England, although he had a few technical problems he had a wonderful eye, and appeared to like the limelight.

The county cap system could be run in conjunction with county colours, which gave everyone a good knowledge of the former players of the club. Martin Horton remembered that he was number 275!

The best Worcester team he has played with including himself would be, Curtis, Hick, Smith, Moody, Botham, Rhodes, Newport, Dilley and McGrath with either Illingworth or Batty as the spinner. He thought Stephen Moore would eventually be the other strongest opener.

Cricket was a good occupation, particularly if you made it to the highest level.

The evening ended at 10.00 p.m. in what was the most in depth Question and Answer session I had attended at The Society.

Steve came across, as Richard Bevan had said at our March meeting, as a really nice guy, whose knowledge of the game matched his ability.

Congratulations to the society on arranging another outstanding winter's programme for its members.

The Editor's thanks to Stuart Richardson for this report

# ou may recall the item in the last Newsletter about Tom Graveney. Here are some comparative statistics for his career with Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. Who gained the most?

	Tests	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	100's	<u>50's</u>
Gloucs	48	76	10	2590	258	39.24	4	11
Worcs	31	47	3	2292	165	52.09	7	9
Total	79	123	13	4882	258	44.38	11	20
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Cla</u>	ss Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg	100's	<u>50's</u>
	Match	es						
Gloucs	296	506	<b>48</b>	19705	222	43.02	50	97
Worcs	208	347	62	13160	166	46.17	27	<b>79</b>

#### **Easter Egg Quiz Answers**

1. Hadlee	2. Illingworth	3. Arlott	4. Tyson	5. Bligh
6. Yorkshire	7. Lyttleton	8. Gunn	9. Oakham	10. Chappell
11. Thomson	12. Umrigar	13. Arundel	14. Antigua	15. Oldfield
16. Woodfull.	17. Genders	18. Neale		
Two answers :-	<b>CHITTAGONG and I</b>	BULAWAYO		

WINNER :- Congratulations to Gil Thomas.

#### Crossword No. 8 Answers

Across 1./10 Defeat the Australians and regain the Ashes. 13. Fraser 15. Wall. 16. Toshack 17. Yallop 20. AER 21. Moss 24. Bairstow 25. JM 29. GTS 31. Not a chance cobber 33. Silverwood 34. Brearley 35. Andrews 37. Lock 38. Lowson 44. Nel 46. Giddins 48. Midwinter 49. Levett 50. Yardley 51. Rae.

<u>Down</u> 2. Emburey 3. Evans 4. Tudor 5. Alabaster 6. Sandham 7. APE 8. Insole 9. Needham 11. East 12. Hawke 14. Ellison 18. Amiss 19. Proctor 21. Mitchell 22. Subba Row 23. Murray 24. Bag 26. McCabe 27. McCool 28. Maddocks 30. Tyson 32. Clark 35. Arnold 36. Whitty 39. O'Neill 40. Slater 41. Nourse 42. Edgar 43. Qadir 45. Love 47. NTVL 48. May.

WINNER :- Congratulations to Ken Worton.

### More from Norman Robins .....

Elisha Fawcett was a missionary who taught cricket to the natives of the Admiralty Islands. After he died, he was buried with his artificial leg used as a headstone. They say it took root and the islanders made bats out of the resulting tree for generations.

Britain are the reigning Olympic champions at cricket. It only featured once, in 1900, when Britain took the gold by beating France. No other teams entered!!

Frederick Louis, eldest son of George II, is the only Prince of Wales to have been killed

by a cricket ball, He was fatally struck on the head in 1751.

In 1796 a team of one-legged cricketers defeated a team of one armed players by 103 runs at Greenwich.

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Here is Ray Edwards' latest attempt at humour!! Is it time to bring in the men in white coats?!\*?!\*

# **A WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL XI**

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1. Ida Batt	Captain (Ivor's sister)
2. Carrie Derbatt	Often bats right through the innings
3. Honor Pair	Normally a prolific bat but in the middle of a bad run
4. Ava Go-Ya-Mutt	Girl the Aussies shout at
5. Lara Runs	West Indian high scorer
6. Manol Kuvva	Pakistani with her own box
7. Cindy Rella	Great wicket keeper. Always gets to the ball
8. May Denova	Good at closing up one end
9. Dot Ball	Works well with May Denova
10. Lillian Thomson	Aussie pace ace
11. Senta Snorta	West Indian quickie

Umpire :Miss I.N.G. LeggDoesn't give many LBW's.

# .....

Don't forget – if it's Second Hand Cricket Books that you want – Ken Workman usually has a supply at our meetings and they are very reasonably priced!!

Also, if Ken hasn't got what you want call in at BOOKS UNLIMITED. Lower High Street, Stourbridge. Mention that you are a Society member and you will probably get a discount!

# **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

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