

# COLOURED TROUSERS No 31

## BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**All at Bucks County Cricket Club have been shocked and saddened by the recent death of their long standing Secretary Kevin Beaumont. A full obituary can be found at the end of this Newsletter.**

Kevin's funeral will be held at the Chilterns Crematorium, Whielden Lane, Amersham HP7 0ND on Monday 19th May at 11:00am.

A reception will be held afterwards at Chesham Cricket Club, The Meadow, Amy Lane, Chesham HP5 1NE

If you own a pair of **colourful trousers**, please do wear them in honour of Kevin.

For those unable to attend the funeral in person, it will be streamed online via the details below.

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At the family's request, there are to be no flowers but if you would like to make a donation in Kevin's memory, please donate to the MCC Foundation.- see details at end of Newsletter.

After the anticipatory months of January, February and March, cricket finally got under way with a couple of pre season friendlies against Middlesex 2nds and Hertfordshire.

### **PRE SEASON Friendly v Middlesex Academy/Seconds**

Following the cancellation of the Intra Squad the previous week, there was a need for game time , so Bucks played 14, with 7 players batting twice. Bucks batted first scoring 286 off their allotted 50 overs .There were good knocks from the new boys, Danny Chapman 42, Aum Raykar 38 and Ed Horsley 29. In reply Middlesex could only muster 232 after 48.4 overs thus ensuring a Bucks victory by 54 runs. Pick of the Bucks bowlers were Connor Haddow 4-30, Ed Bragg 3-24 and Tom Weymes 3-46. Young Archie Dodds, on his first senior appearance, returned useful figures of 2-35.

### **PRE SEASON Friendly v Hertfordshire**

Bucks picked up a rain-affected victory over Hertfordshire on Easter Monday in their final pre-season fixture at West Herts CC.

**Tom Weymes** was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 4-53, and he was well supported from spinners **Conner Haddow** (3-24) and Max Uttley (2-42) as Bucks bowled out Hertfordshire for 251 in 49 overs. **Danny Chapman** and **Ross Richardson** opened the batting in pursuit of 252 runs, but the chase was interrupted after just 11 overs, which left Bucks at 44/1. With **Chapman** reaching 18\* and **Ed Horsley** 4\*, there was no further play, which meant Bucks earned a victory by 9 wickets (DLS method).

And then on to the serious stuff. The order for the 3 NCCA competitions has changed this year with the One Day KO Trophy starting the season off, rather than the T20 competition which up to now has always been first off. The T20 has moved to mid season with the 3 day County Championship competing the trio as usual.

## **National Counties One-Day K.O Trophy**

With one win and two losses from our first 3 games, our hopes of progressing to the knock out stages hang in the balance. For our final game in the group we host Oxfordshire at Tring Park this Sunday and in order to qualify for the next stage, we must beat Oxfordshire, improve our net run rate and hope that Berkshire beat Devon at Blundell's School.

### **DEVON v BUCKS at North Devon CC**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Bucks made a disappointing start to the group stage of the National Counties One-Day Trophy when they lost by six wickets away to Devon at Instow.

Put in to bat by their hosts, on a pitch that produced seam movement and bounce, Bucks were bowled out for 134 in 39.2 overs of their 50-over allocation.

Batting was not easy early on, but a series of poor shots by the top order left Bucks struggling.

Ed Bragg, with a battling 31, halted the slide before being caught off a full toss.

Bucks eventually struggled to 134, with the lively Joe Heywood taking 3-34 for the visitors.

Devon made a nightmare start to their reply, losing their first three wickets for four runs, as seamers Bragg and Tom Weymes brought Bucks right back into the game.

However, a steady unbeaten 49 by skipper James Horler held the innings together before a rapid 52 not out from 57 balls by Lawrence Walker eventually saw Devon to a six-wicket victory with 8.3 overs to spare, Bragg finishing with 3-32 from ten overs to spare.

Before the match, both teams lined up in front of the pavilion in a minute's silence for long-serving Bucks secretary Kevin Beaumont, who had died 48 hours earlier following a short illness.

### **BUCKS v CORNWALL at Tring Park C.C.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

A five-wicket-haul for Ed Bragg (5-22) saw Bucks Men's 1st XI bounce back with a five-wicket victory over Cornwall in the NCCA One Day Trophy match on Sunday.



After being asked to bowl first by the visitors, it was not until the ninth over when the first wicket fell, with Cam Parsons dismissing Max Tryfonos for a tentative 19 runs.

Bucks offered nothing but sheer consistency and economy with the ball in Powerplay 1, restricting Cornwall to just 30 runs in 10 overs, and that was the case throughout the innings.

Graham Wagg dug-in with a gritty 29 from 61 balls, but he was undone by Max Uttley, who trapped him LBW.

Ed Bragg was the pick of the bowlers with his five-wicket-haul, and important contributions from Conner Haddow (2-18) and Cam Parsons (2-30) meant that the away side were bowled out for 133 from 44.2 overs.

Danny Chapman and Cam Hemp opened the batting in pursuit of 134 runs, and Hemp wasted no time in striking two boundaries in as many overs to kick-start the innings.

Hemp fell for 17 from 29 balls, and George Harvey was also dismissed shortly after by Max Tryfonos, who ended his day with four wickets.

Captain Alexei Kervezee joined Chapman at the crease, and they took Bucks over the halfway mark before Chapman was dismissed for a patient 37 from 75 balls.

Debutant Ed Horsley provided a steady 20 runs, before himself and Parsons were both out caught in back-to-back deliveries from Tryfonos.

Ross Richardson then came to the middle and put his stamp on the match, striking three boundaries in his seven-ball innings.

The captain and keeper sealed the five-wicket victory, with Kervezee ending with a measured 40 not out from as many balls, and Richardson 14 not out.

Captain Alexei Kervezee shared this thoughts on the game

*A very good win, and it is really nice to bounce back with a comprehensive win today.*

*Firstly, I think Ed [Bragg] bowled brilliantly, but all of our bowlers bowled really well.*

*I cannot ask for any more from my bowlers, it was a very good performance from them.*

*[Danny] Chapman opening the batting, playing the way he did, he is a very good young player.*

*Ed [Horsley] on top of that as well, played nicely, so we have two young players who hopefully have a bright future ahead of them.*

### **BERKSHIRE v BUCKS at Falkland Sunday 11 May**

Bucks suffered their second defeat in the group stage of the National Counties Trophy when they lost by seven wickets to Berkshire in a high-scoring match at Falkland CC near Newbury on Sunday.

Choosing to bat first on a flat pitch with a fast outfield, Bucks made a poor start, slipping to 30-3 in ten overs.

However Berkshire were hampered when all-rounder Euan Woods broke a thumb while catching George Harvey and took no further part in the match.

Skipper Alexei Kervezee, with 63 off 87 balls, led the Bucks recovery with Ed Horsley (35) in a stand of 79 before Ross Richardson, batting at No 7, gave the innings a timely boost with 50 off 44 balls with six fours to lift the visitors to 247 all out from their 50 overs. Andy Rishton was Berkshire's most successful bowler with 4-49.

This total looked a little below par and Berkshire batsmen made light of the victory chase.

Opener Rhys Lewis led the way with 107 off 115 balls with 12 fours, while Charlie Dunnett (45) and Archie Carter (63no) saw them home with six overs to spare as Bucks bowlers toiled.

### **ELSEWHERE IN GROUP THREE**

**Sun 29 April-Oxfordshire** crashed to a 19 runs defeat against **Cornwall** at St Just after a spectacular collapse which saw them lose their last six wickets for 11 runs when victory was in sight with Cornwall seamer Scott Kellow taking a hat-trick. Kellow had Luke Hayes caught at mid-on from the last ball of one over and then bowled George Tait and had Tom Davis LBW from the first two balls of his next over as Oxfordshire imploded. Earlier Kellow had top-scored with 37 as Cornwall struggled to 113 all out in 29 overs, an innings that gained added significance later in the day..Oxfordshire appeared to be pacing their chase to perfection when they reached 83 for four but Kellow combined with the left-arm spin of Somerset's Lewis Goldsworthy to trigger the collapse. Kellow took four for 16 and Goldsworthy three for 13 to clinch an unlikely win for Cornwall and a disappointing start for Oxfordshire under their new white ball captain Harrison Ward, the Sussex left-hander.

**Mon 4 May - Berkshire** opened their Trophy campaign with an eight wickets victory over **Oxfordshire** at Wormsley in Group Three in their first competitive match under new Head Coach Bjorn Mordt. Oxfordshire's 159 owed much to Arjun Ramkumar's maiden half-century but Berkshire coasted home with more than 20 overs to spare after Johnny Connell and Rhys Lewis had opened with a partnership of 119 in 18 overs. Connell, who is trialling with Essex, continued where he left off after a prolific season last year with 65 and Lewis made 56.

**Mon 5 May - Berkshire** opener Johnny Connell was another man in form as he followed his 65 against Oxfordshire on Sunday with his first Trophy century in the 62 runs victory over **Cornwall** at Slough. Connell's 120 from 132 balls included 12 fours and two sixes with Rhys Lewis sharing an opening partnership of 83 with him. Will MacVicar and Graham Wagg shared six wickets to restrict Berkshire to 256 with Andy Rishton (22) the only other batter to reach 20. Rishton then reduced Cornwall to 19 for three from which they never fully recovered. Captain Paul Smith (42), Max Tryfonos (34) and Xavie Clarke (47) played defiant innings but Tommy Sturgess took three for 28 against his former county who were dismissed for 194 with five overs unused.

**Mon 5 May - Oxfordshire** opened their account after two defeats with a 90 runs victory over **Devon** at Abingdon Vale, where they were hosting a match for the first time. Solid batting down the order, including half-centuries for Dylan Driscoll and Hayden Rossouw, took Oxfordshire to 264 with Ben Privett's competition-best figures of four 45 proving to be Devon's highlight. Captain James Horler held Devon's innings together with 60 but Matt Thompson (32) was the only other batter to reach 30. Leg-spinner Henry Welch unpicked the lower order as Devon came up well short, dismissed for 174 with more than ten overs unused.

**Sun 11 May. Devon** beat **Cornwall** by 96 runs in a rain-shortened 34 overs match at Redruth where half-centuries from Somerset staff man Fin Hill (82) and Sam Elstone (56) saw them to 214 for eight. Will MacVicar again underlined his value to Cornwall by taking four for 26 but his efforts proved in vain. Cornwall's Trophy campaign ended when they were dismissed for 118 inside 28 overs with Callum Harvey and Sam Read sharing six wickets.

**Group Three Table as at 11<sup>th</sup> May**

	P	W	L	NRR	PTS	
Berkshire	3	3	0	1.36	6	
Devon	3	2	1	0.34	4	
<b>Bucks</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>2</b>	
Oxfordshire	3	1	2	0	2	
Cornwall	4	1	3	-1.14	2	

## BUCKS FIXTURES 2025

### NCCA 50 OVERS KNOCKOUT

Date	Opposition	Venue	
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Devon</b>	<b>Instow</b>	<b>Lost by 6 wickets</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>CORNWALL</b>	<b>TRING PARK</b>	<b>Won by 5 wickets</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>	<b>Falkland</b>	<b>Lost by 7 wickets</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>OXFORDSHIRE</b>	<b>TRING PARK</b>	
<b>Quarter Finals</b>	<b>1st June</b>		
<b>Semi Finals</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		
<b>Final</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b>		

Oxfordshire have agreed that our home Trophy fixture against them would also be played for the Nurton/York Cup.

### NCCA T20 COMPETITION ( 2 matches per day )

The T20 reverts back to four groups of five, Bucks are again matched with Berkshire , with Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire, and Wales NC completing the group. The 'Super 12s' will follow - the top 12 clubs playing in four round robins around the country to determine the four finalists.

Date	Opposition	Venue
<b>June 8</b>	<b>BEDFORDSHIRE</b>	<b>CHESHAM</b>
June	Oxfordshire	Didcot
<b>June 29</b>	<b>BERKSHIRE</b>	<b>CHESHAM</b>
July 6	Wales NC	Ebbw Vale
Super 12's	3 August	
Finals Day	24 August	

### NCCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date	Opposition	Venue
July 20-22	Suffolk	Bury St Edmunds
<b>Aug 10-12</b>	<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE</b>	<b>CHESHAM</b>
Aug 17-19	Staffordshire	Stafford
<b>Aug 31- 2 Sep</b>	<b>LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	<b>HIGH WYCOMBE</b>

<b>SHOWCASE MATCH</b>		
Sunday 21st July -	Northamptonshire	The County Ground, Northants

### BUCKS 2<sup>nd</sup> XI FIXTURES

Date	Opposition	Venue
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>Sudbury CC</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>2 xT20</b>	<b>BERKSHIRE</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>2xT20</b>	<b>Berkshire</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>2 xT20</b>	<b>Northants Academy</b>
<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>2 xT20</b>	<b>OXFORDSHIRE</b>
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>50 over</b>	<b>LONDON SCHOOLS C A</b>

## WOMEN'S CRICKET and BUCKS WOMEN

The new Women's Domestic Cricket Structure - a 3-tiered county-based system.- got underway a couple of weeks ago . Tier 3 is made up of National Counties clubs split into a Division 1 & Division 2 in order to create a competitive matchplay programme. Buckinghamshire are in Division One for 2025 for both the 50 over and T20 formats.

**Tier 3 Division 1:** Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Devon, Hertfordshire Staffordshire, Wiltshire

Buckinghamshire Women will compete in all 3 of the new competitions in 2025:

- 1. Metro Bank One Day Cup – Women's League Three (Division 1)** The Metro Bank One Day Cup – Women's League Three will see all 8 Division 1
- 2. Vitality Blast – Women's League Three (Division 1 – South)**
- 3. Vitality T20 Women's County Cup**

This new system is designed to significantly expand opportunities for female cricketers across the country, providing a clear pathway for development and progression. And for the first time, the women's game is now closer to the structure of the men's game.

Bucks Women's Head Coach Ben Ungaretti has welcomed the changes, saying:

*The introduction of the new Women's Tier 3 cricket league is a promising step forward for the sport, creating more structured pathways for emerging talent and helping to bridge the gap between grassroots and elite levels. It's especially exciting as it gives young players the opportunity to compete at a higher level earlier in their careers, accelerating their development and preparing them for potential professional play. This league not only strengthens the overall depth of women's cricket but also highlights a growing commitment to investing in its long-term future.*

### **Bucks v Cambridgeshire at Wormsley April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**The first competitive match in the new Women's set up saw Bucks beat Cambridgeshire by 5 wickets ( DLS method) and Women's Lead Coach Ben Ungaretti was delighted with the efforts -** *A fantastic win which I feel we thoroughly deserved. I thought we began on a rusty note, struggling to find our usual rhythm in the early stages, and the opposition capitalised well, but our spinners turned the tide brilliantly, applying pressure through the middle overs and dragged us back into the contest with disciplined and intelligent bowling. Chasing a revised target due to the weather interruptions, the match ebbed and flowed with both sides having their moments, and it was a tense and closely fought battle right until the end. Our batting innings saw partnerships form and break under pressure, but in the crucial stage, our Captain (Cara Duggan) stood tall, guiding us with composure to see us over the line. It was a performance full of grit, character, and resilience from the entire team, and to come through such a challenging and unpredictable encounter with a win speaks volumes about our belief and unity. A proud result in tough conditions.*

### **Devon v Bucks at Budleigh Salterton April 29th**

**Bucks were defeated by 139 runs** after two impressive knocks from Ellie Bishop (83) and Elle Golsworthy (59) set up an impressive total for the hosts in the Metro Bank One Day Cup away at Budleigh Salterton After winning the toss and electing to field, Golsworthy and Bishop applied some scoreboard pressure onto Bucks with 142 runs between them. Vice Captain Natasha MacBean and Tegan Stockdale were the pick of the bowlers for Bucks as they both took three wickets each, MacBean 3-34 and Stockdale 3-30 from their overs. Bucks began to peg back the hosts by dismissing Georgia Read, Hollie Perkin and Ella Gill for just five runs between them, but an important lower-order cameo from Katie Donovan, who scored 23 runs from 17 balls, steered Devon to a total of 261/9 from their 50 overs. Faced with this imposing total to overcome, Bucks



struggled to put partnerships together and fell to 62-9 before a spirited 62-run partnership between Megs Woodward (30) and Flo Harry (25\*), which came to an end after Georgia Read took the catch to dismiss Woodward, leaving Bucks all out for 124 after 32.3 overs.

**After their 2 games, Bucks Women's sit 6th in the table of 8**

Following on from two League games, the attention turned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the **Vitality T20 Women's County Cup**, encompassing all Tier One, Tier Two and Tier Three counties.

**Sussex Sharks v Bucks at the 1st Central County Ground, Hove**

**Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

As an amateur footballer, your wildest dream would probably be to score a hat trick, including a goal in the first minute, in a game against a professional side in the FA Cup,

Well, **Natasha MacBean** achieved the cricketing equivalent of just that when she took 5 wickets for 17 runs in Bucks first round match against Sussex in the Vitality T20 Women's County Cup match at Hove. ....And there's more - not only did she take a wicket with the first ball of her first over, she repeated that feat with the first ball of her second over and then took her third wicket a few balls later! After winning the toss and electing to bowl, this sparked a dream start for Bucks, as the hosts were reduced to 8-3 after just 3.1 overs, courtesy of Natasha's testing left-arm spin. Sussex Sharks did not falter as they rebuilt impressively through Phoebe Wilkinson (27), Talitha Stanley (29\*) and Eve O'Neill (20) hitting gaps and earning vital boundaries.

Momentum swung in Sussex's favour as they quickly raced from 58-5 to 118-6, until the superb MacBean finished her spell in dramatic fashion. She claimed her 4<sup>th</sup> wicket when O'Neill was dismissed after a good catch from **Caia Stockdale** in the deep, and then claimed her fiver when she had Lottie Curling stumped off a wide delivery on the final ball, or so we thought, of the innings. But no, due to the wide ball, there was still one more remaining. Pandemonium followed as the next batsman was rushed, dressing as she ran, to the crease, only to be given out -timed out -by the standing umpire. More drama as Beth Harvey was then hurried out to the middle to face the final ball as Sussex Sharks finished 124-8 from their 20 overs.

In reply, it was not the start Bucks had hoped for as openers **Tilly Fellows** and **Annie Townsend** were both bowled for 0 runs by Lottie Curling and Chiara Green. Sussex Sharks applied pressure with economic bowling throughout, particularly Kali-Ann Docherty who conceded just 8 runs from her 4-over spell. With the required run rate rising by the over, shots needed to be played, and despite some good striking from **Tegan** (15) and **Caia Stockdale** (10), Bucks were bowled out in the final over for 78, falling to a 46-run defeat in Hove.

**Captain Cara Duggan was pleased with her team's efforts** - *We really showed them what we can do with the ball. It was brilliant, Natasha [MacBean] took a five-wicket-haul which is absolutely amazing, and she deserved it. We were brilliant in the field, brilliant intensity too, it was just a shame we could not back it up with the bat. The experience to be able to play in Hove is amazing for a few of the girls, as it is the first time at a first-class ground for some of them. Loads of positives to take into the next game, and we have got a few weeks between then, so hopefully we can come back stronger.*

**Lead Coach Ben Ungaretti had lots of positives to take from Hove** - *We took on a strong side and although the final result did not go our way, the team delivered a performance full of heart, skill, and resilience. Facing a well-drilled and experienced opponent, we knew we had a tough challenge ahead, but from the very first ball, our team rose to the occasion. With disciplined bowling and sharp fielding, we put the opposition under real pressure and had them on the ropes midway through their innings.*

*At one stage, we looked poised to take control of the game, with Tash [MacBean] taking 5 wickets being real highlight for me as she is showing that hard work really pays off. While their experience eventually saw them home, the margin of victory was far narrower than many would have expected, and we left the field with our heads held high. It was one of our most complete performances of the season, and a strong statement that we can compete at this level. This match proved that we are not far off, and if we continue to build on this performance, results will follow. A big thank you to the team for their effort, spirit and hard work.*

## BUCKS WOMEN - FIXTURES FOR 2025

### METRO BANK ONE DAY CUP - LEAGUE 3 DIVISION ONE- 50 OVERS

Date	Opposition	Venue
April 21	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	WORMSLEY Won by 5 wkts (DLS )
April 27	Devon	Budleigh Salterton Lost by 139 runs
June 1	Hertfordshire	CAMPBELL PARK
Aug 10	Wiltshire	Swindon
Aug 24	Cheshire	Warrington
Sept 7	STAFFORDSHIRE	STONY STRATFORD
Sept 14	Berkshire	Slough

### VITALITY BLAST – LEAGUE 3 NORTH T20 COMPETITION ( 2 per day )

Date	Opposition	Venue
June 15	CHESHIRE	Bledlow Village
June 29	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	HOLMER GREEN
July 13	Staffordshire	Milford Hall CC
July 27	Final : Winner of North Division v Winner of South Division	

### VITALITY T20 WOMENS COUNTY CUP

Date	Opposition	Venue
Mon May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sussex	Hove Lost by 46 runs



**Congratulations to Simon Parbery – Bucks County Umpire Development Officer**, on his selection to the ECB National Panel of Umpires 🍌 Only 3 were selected from the nationwide pool for this season, which is a testament to Simon's expertise and hard work, as well as a big feather in the cap of Bucks Cricket! 🏏 Simon's first National Counties appointment was last Sunday, standing in the match between Bedfordshire and Cumbria. Simon is on the left in picture below.



## UMPIRES CORNER

Over the last 2/3 years we have conducted a Bucks CCC Who's Who on our players ( don't worry there are more to come as the team has evolved) and on our scorers. It's now time to turn the spotlight on our Bucks umpires and where better to start than with Simon Parbery. More to follow in next Edition.

### **Bucks ACO Umpire – Simon Parber**



*Above: Simon preparing for action in his first National Panel appointment between South Asian Cricket Academy and Gloucestershire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI earlier this*

#### ***When, where and why did you start umpiring - how long have been doing it?***

I did some umpiring when I played at Beaconsfield and latterly for Hambleden as my playing career generally involved members of the batting team doing their 10 over stint in the middle. For the past 18 years, I have taken school cricket teams, so I started umpiring these games. In 2015, I took a school 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture and stood alongside an ACO colleague who was complimentary and suggested I take the course. I took his advice and did my Level 1 course at Lord's in 2016.

#### ***What League(s) do you currently officiate on?***

I progressed through the Thames Valley Cricket League to the Home Counties panel in 2020. Since 2022, I have umpired predominantly on the Home Counties Premier League and occasionally I still get the chance to stand on the TVL.

Following a selection day in February this year, I have attained M2 status, therefore I have started to officiate on the National Panel, which involves umpiring National Counties and professional county 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games.

#### ***Which are your favourite grounds to umpire on?***

A tough question. As I played at Beaconsfield CC, it is always enjoyable to have the opportunity to return there to umpire as it reminds me of my early years in cricket. In

terms of picturesque grounds, I would say that Campbell Park in Milton Keynes (the grass embankments) and Stowe School (the buildings and backdrop) would be near the top of my list.

***Apart from your elevation to the peerage(!) what the highlights so far.....and have you set yourself any objectives for the future?***

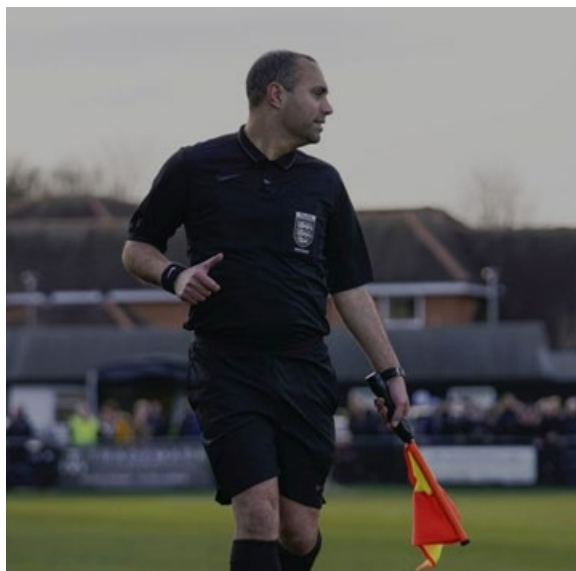
My philosophy is to enjoy every game and prepare for each fixture in a professional manner to give myself the best opportunity of making the correct decisions under pressure. Therefore, I try not to set long-term targets, but it would be nice to get another opportunity to officiate at a first class ground. At the end of last season, I was appointed to umpire the National Men's Club T20 at Derby but unfortunately the weather defeated everyone.

***Apart from actually standing in the middle, what other roles do you hold in the umpire fraternity?***

I am the Bucks ACO Development Officer, so my main role is to oversee the development of umpires within Bucks, supporting those in the pathway as well as more generally raising the standards and increasing opportunities available for umpires within the county.

***I know you are a referee as well, when did that start and where are you now?***

I qualified as a referee in 2004 and moved into the semi-professional game in 2011, officiating on the Hellenic, Southern and Isthmian Leagues. In 2020, I elected to become a specialist assistant referee and, a year later, I was promoted to run the line on the National League South and North Divisions as well as the Professional Development League (Football League U21).



***Do you believe the two roles complement each other, or do they require totally separate approaches?***

The seasons dovetail quite neatly even though the football season seems to get longer each year. I prioritise cricket from April through to the start of September. I think that my background in refereeing gave me many tools to use in the player management side of umpiring. The main difference in umpiring is that the captain is the first port of call for most game management issues, whereas formal communication with the captain in football is reserved for particular points in the game.

***Do you have a preference for one or the other?***

I enjoy officiating both sports. Whilst cricket is my first sporting passion, I also enjoy the drama and the emotion associated with football. In the past three seasons I have been fortunate to officiate in front of a number of large crowds and at some Football League stadia, which was beyond my wildest dreams when I started. From a cricket perspective, I really enjoy the twists and turns in a game and I find that I can develop more of a rapport with the players throughout the game (and afterwards) than is the case in football.

***What roles do you have outside officiating?***

I have been teaching History and Politics at secondary level for 19 years, which includes 9 years as a pastoral leader. I also lead the cricket at John Hampden Grammar School (in High Wycombe), which has enabled me to work closely with many promising cricketers (some of whom have worn the Bucks shirt!).

# 2025 Home Counties Premier League

## Cameron Parsons Named The New 1st XI Captain Of High Wycombe



**Article by ETDC Digital Media and Sports Shots**

High Wycombe's 1st XI are preparing for a new chapter in 2025 with a new-look side following three key players moving on from the team. At the centre of their prep, is Cam Parsons who admits the call-up came as a surprise.

"It was something I didn't massively expect," he says. "Sketch gave me a bell around October or November and we had a bit of a chat. I've been at the club since I was 12, so to be able to say I'm captaining the first team is a really nice feeling."

Parsons has a sense of pride in being a homegrown player who has developed his skills as a bowler since his early beginnings, becoming arguably one of the most consistent in the league. With a calm confidence, he has a belief in doing things the right way, nurturing a positive environment now that he's at the helm.

"I'm pretty relaxed," he says. "I like to think I'm approachable. I let the cricket do the talking."

The departure of key figures like Marles, Callis and Woodland means the team will look and feel very different this year. But that hasn't changed their approach to the season. In fact, it's given added incentive for some of the younger lads in the side to step up.

"We've lost three big players, no doubt," he admits. "But it's also a chance for younger lads to come into the side and stake their claim. And for the older heads like myself, it's a chance to keep putting our stamp on things."

High Wycombe have brought in three signings who bring a mix of energy and experience.

Aadi Sharma, a batter from Great Brickhill who's just signed his first contract at Northamptonshire, who Parsons described as "young, fresh, wants to perform well, wants to work hard."

Alongside him comes Dan Lincoln – the vastly experienced Berkshire CCC skipper who has moved over from Wargrave.

“He brings a wealth of experience—not just on the pitch but off it too. For someone like me, I’ll definitely be leaning on him.”

All-rounder Josh Lincoln completes the triad of signings, whose opportunities with the ball have been limited elsewhere. “He’ll get those chances with us. We know what he can do with the bat—he’s explosive in that middle order. But we’re really looking forward to seeing what he can offer with the ball too.”

It’s a new-look side where Parsons wants to keep a blend between youth and experience. “It’s massive,” he says. “The senior lads are there to take pressure off the younger ones. It’s hard coming into the first team—it’s a big step. Hopefully we can help make that transition a bit easier.

High Wycombe have continued to strengthen their first team squad with the signing of **Harrison Ward** — an aggressive top-order batter with professional experience and a reputation for taking the game on. Last season Ward was at Datchet and has been appointed as Oxfordshire’s white ball captain for this season.



Ward currently plays white-ball cricket for Sussex, where he’s built a name for himself as an aggressive left-hander who attacks in the powerplay. He’s also featured for the Challengers — a side that looks to give opportunities to players against professional teams — in a supportive role for those without professional experience.

His arrival adds serious dominance to Wycombe’s batting group, as they look to rebuild their side after Marles, Woodland and Callis left at the end of the 2024 season. Ward joins a group already strengthened by the arrivals of **Aadi Sharma**, **Dan Lincoln**, and **Josh Lincoln** — a trio Together, they form a strong foundation for a new-look High Wycombe side that’s looking to hit the ground running.

**Written by EDTC Digital Media**



## An Ode to National Counties Cricket \_ Part Two

I found an interesting article in The Cricket Paper last Sunday about an expanded County Cricket Day for 2025. County Cricket Day is a fan led initiative encouraging cricket fans to celebrate all that is good about county cricket. It had a very successful start last season seeing widespread support and bumper attendances. This year an extra day has been added to support the fast growing womens game. Interestingly, this year the campaign will be supported by the ECB. The co-organiser of County Cricket Day Alex Wilson , " We were overwhelmed by the support for last years County Cricket Day" and he went to say " **People are hungry for a sports experience that's accessible, affordable, and rooted in local communities, County Cricket provides that in spades, and is a great excuse to make some noise around this brilliant form of the game"**

**These words are equally applicable to an experience of National Counties Cricket,- it's certainly accessible, it's definitely affordable (entrance to most matches is normally free !) and a day at an often delightful National Counties ground is invariably enjoyable.**

**So come on NCCA, why not organise a .....**

## NATIONAL COUNTIES CRICKET DAY

and paraphrasing the words of Alex Wilson above, "it's a great excuse to make some noise about this brilliant form of the game". All involved in National Counties cricket know what a great and enjoyable game it is, but there are many more First Class County supporters who are not aware of it. Anyone involved in any way in the advertising business knows that product awareness is key to a product's success. If they don't know about it , they can't buy it. The quote from Field of Dreams again springs to mind – "Build it and they will come"! Advertise it, promote it, particularly in those barren periods where there are no First Class Championship matches, and attendances may well increase . You never know, they may actually enjoy the experience ( I'm sure they will, ) and come back again and even become members.

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The County Club and Bucks Cricket are working actively to promote and develop cricket at all levels and ages throughout the county at a home match. You can support these efforts by joining the Bucks County Cricket Club.

As a Bucks member, you will receive:

- Free access to a new enlarged on line copy of the Bucks Cricket Handbook encompassing all aspects of the organization
- A Hard copy of a reduced content Bucks CCC Handbook on application to the Membership Secretary
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The Annual Subscription is : -

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# **Bucks County Cricket Club**

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#### **Sponsorship opportunities available for Chesham & High Wycombe**

Pre match refreshments, luncheon with wine, and tea for 2 people per day

- 2 County Handbooks.
- 2 Match day programmes per day
- Sponsor status acknowledged on cover of Matchday programme.,
- Sponsor status acknowledged on all social media releases.
- Free Advert in the Annual Club Handbook
- Advertising banner at ground(supplied by sponsor)
- Bucks CCC website coverage and direct link to company website
- .Photo opportunity with team
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- Free Advert in the Annual Club Handbook
- Advertising banner at ground(supplied by sponsor)

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## CAN'T GET TO A GAME

### KEEP UP TO DATE WITH BUCKS C.C.C. ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Please note the new social media addresses below as the old ones have been disabled and merged with these.

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**All of Bucks 1st XI games will be streamed live on our YouTube channel, and from this season all clubs will be required to have a camera at both ends of the ground, so that the view will always be from behind the bowlers arm.**

## RON HEDLEY'S SPONSORED CHARITY WALKS

Attached; Planned walks as at 23.03.2025

Walks to County grounds include a free match ticket.

Anyone wishing to join any of these walks must let me know in advance, to book match tickets, and must make a donation to Ron's March.

On the Essex walk we are hoping to be joined by Graham Gooch and on the walk to Lords by some former Middlesex players.

On June 6th 2025 the local joint Beaconsfield/High Wycombe Rock Choir will be staging a concert to raise funds for our Prostate Awareness Tour to Rome. The concert is at Holy Trinity Church, Penn. Details below



On 30th October 2025, 37 people will be travelling to Rome as part of an invitation to take a cricket team to play against Vatican CC (St Peters). The tour is being used by the Catholic Church, in Rome, to spread the word of prostate cancer awareness and testing across the Catholic World.

We play Capannelle CC on the Friday, Vatican CC (St Peters) on the Saturday and are hoping to play the President of Italian Cricket XI on the Sunday.

It is hoped that we will be invited to be part of Holy Mass in St Peters Basilica and be taken on a tour of the tunnels under St Peters.

An amazing experience for us all.

## Prostate Cancer Walks

Ron's March with The Bob Willis Fund and Prostate Cancer UK

Friday 16th May 2025 Middlesex Walk (v Leicestershire) Lords Cricket Ground

Monday 23rd June 2025 Edgbaston- Warwickshire Walk (v Somerset) Edgbaston Cricket Ground

Monday 30th June 2025 Sussex Walk (v Warwickshire) Hove Cricket Ground

Sunday 17th August 2025 Worcestershire Walk (Gloucestershire) New Road, Worcester

Friday 26th September 2025 Hampshire Walk (v Surrey) Utilita Bowl, Southampton

Thursday 30th October to Tuesday 3rd November 2025

Prostate Cancer Awareness XI tour to play St. Peters CC- Vatican

On Saturday 1st November 2025 we shall be in Rome to play St. Peters CC - Vatican Cricket Team, at their invitation, to support our Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign.

We have matches against two local Clubs one on the Friday and one on the Sunday, whilst in Rome. (An honour and a privilege)

The walks in Surrey, Essex, Middlesex, Edgbaston and Worcester have been confirmed, further details to follow on all walks.

Buckinghamshire CCC are arranging to walk in Malta during the Over 60s Tournament there, as above. Other Counties taking part in the Tournament will be invited to join us.

It is hoped we can arrange another walk at The Eric Morecambe Centre in Harpenden, Hertfordshire late in September.

We are hoping that Counties who have not arranged a walk, so far, will be able to in 2025, so by the end of the year all Counties will have supported this amazing campaign.

The total raised now stands at £55000 plus £7000 Gift Aid.

## **KEVIN BEAUMONT BEM R I P**

**With the sudden death following a short illness of Kevin Beaumont on 25th April 2025 the County of Bucks and the wider umpiring community has lost one of its most loyal and dedicated members. By the age of nine Kevin was scoring for his local club, Amersham-on-the-Hill; while still a 16 year-old pupil at Dr Challoner's Grammar school, he was standing as club umpire. Always claiming he was bereft of playing ability, it was as an umpire that he moved up the ladder to Chesham, and such was his talent that by the age of 25 he was on the Minor Counties list.**

**Bowing to the demands of family life as the father of two children, Christopher and Alexandra, Kevin stood in the last of his 54 championship matches shortly after his 36th birthday, but he never forsook umpiring. As the new season opened he was still expecting to be officiating in the top echelons of club and age group cricket. In 2017 he travelled as umpire for MCC women's tour of Hong Kong, and in 2023 he accompanied the England Over 70 team on their tour of Australia. A return match that followed the Hong Kong tour was one of several occasions he was appointed to non-first-class matches at Lord's. 'You take the Nursery End where you can see the pavilion,' he would typically say when standing with a first-timer.**

**An offer of early retirement from the Bank of England at the age of 50 gave Kevin time to expand his service to the game that dominated his life. After serving as assistant secretary, he was elected secretary of Bucks County Cricket Club in 1998, a post he held until his death. No county match would be complete without Kevin in his Bucks blazer and one of his pairs of colourful trousers, with his devoted wife Helen, raffle tickets in hand, patrolling the boundary to engage with members and casual spectators alike. Yet, for all the bonhomie, he was still watching every ball and would report back with authority on the cut and thrust of the match.**

**Bucks' reputation as good hosts to the officials of visiting counties owed much to Kevin's thoughtful planning. As befitted one who took the Daily Telegraph crossword in his stride, his written communications to members bore witness to his erudition as a wordsmith. One of his other great interests was fine wine and he had an excellent cellar. Few can have matched Kevin's 28 years' unbroken service as a county secretary and one whose patience and attention to detail helped enable a smooth amalgamation with the County Board. The richly deserved award of the British Empire Medal in 2019 brought great pleasure to a wide circle of friends who will have recalled his hospitality and unfailing generosity of spirit.**

**Kevin receiving his BEM from Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire**



Kevin Allan Beaumont. Born Amersham June 7 1947; died High Wycombe April 25 2025

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Apologies but due to time pressures , some articles including the return of Bucks players Who's Who and more Umpires Corner, have been held over until the next edition which hopefully will be after the KO Trophy has finished and the T20 competition begins.

Once again, many thanks for all your support and to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers over the past year, particularly Andy Bone and Sports Shots, Mike Knox, Kevin Beaumont, Ron Hedley, Jonathan Lilley, Annie Chave, County Cricket Matters, Yahoo Over Cow Corner, Steve Peart, Paul Dean, Rich Hudson, Rachel Hudson, Trevor Taylor, Tom Hampton, Alexei Kervezee, Carla Duggan and Ben Ungaretti. We are of course obviously very grateful to all our sponsors and especially to Sports Shots for their excellent media coverage as well as to Charlie Carter for all his excellent photographs. All contributions have been gratefully received of course – why not pass the time by writing an article or two and join our happy band of literary contributors.

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