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BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MID SUMMER , NO NOT MURDERS, EDITION

Here comes Summer sang Jerry Keller back in the 60's School is out, oh happy days, and they certainly were as we looked forward to 6 weeks of beach, pool and cricket – not always in that order. Certainly the last few weeks of hot weather have been reminiscent of those long hot summer days I spent sitting on the grass just behind the boundary rope at Hove watching my heroes. Perhaps I was looking through rose coloured glasses, watching matches every day of the week, but it is certainly not the case today as we only had 2 home county championship matches to watch. Both of those have already been played, but thanks to some very targeted promoting by a couple of our members, particularly on County Cricket Matters, the second match at Chesham did attract very good audiences over the 3 days. Many of these, coming to a NCCA match for the first time, were frustrated supporters from the First Class game with no games to watch, in this the peak holiday period. They were all extremely complimentary about the match, the hospitality offered and other facilities on offer, including the match programme and updated scorecards. Many promised to return.

We have just the one Championship match left now, against Cambridgeshire this upcoming weekend, and that promises to be a real cracker as victory is required to give us a good chance of finishing as Eastern Division champions, for the second season running. Our nearest rivals are Suffolk who currently top the table but they head to Staffordshire, who can also claim the title, on Sunday for their final match of the season. Most importantly of course, victory would mean that we qualified for the overall Final against the Western Division champions in early September, thereby giving us the chance to retain the Trophy that we won last year. At the time of going to press, Devon are leading the Western Division table, but Berkshire and Wiltshire are still in with a shout.

Make a note in your diaries, cancel any other appointments and if at all possible, get yourselves up to Peterborough to support the Bucks Boys.

MATCH REPORTS

NCCA CLUBERLY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP – Bucks v Staffordshire

At Chesham 12th -14th July

Bucks began the defence of their Championship title with a resounding 187-run win over Staffordshire in their Eastern Division 1 match at Chesham on Sunday/Monday/Tuesday.

A stellar all-round performance from Bertie Foreman and excellent bowling displays from skipper Conner Haddow plus seamers Tom Weymes and Ed Bragg saw Bucks home with more than three hours to spare in this three-day match.

It did not look good for Bucks on the first morning when they slipped to 36-4 after choosing to bat first. With the ball darting about on the green pitch, Bucks looked in trouble, but were rescued by Foreman with 51 and later support from George Harvey (31) and Bragg (44) and reached a respectable 211 from 53.1 overs.

The Staffordshire top order also struggled, slumping to 44-5 against inspired bowling from Weymes and Bragg. Dan Lincoln, whose brother was playing for Bucks (and whom he caught), led the resistance with a dogged 43 from 153 balls, but the tail collapsed and they were all out for 143 - a deficit of 68.

At the age of 35, Weymes (5-56) returned his first five-wicket haul for Bucks and was later awarded his county cap. Bragg collected 4-41 as the seamers dominated..

In their second innings, Bucks built on their lead with most batters passing 20. Foreman again led the way with 60 from 49 balls, while Matt Pardoe (47) and Josh Lincoln, whose 37 came off just 15 balls with a six and seven fours, helped Bucks to declare just before the close on 316-9.

This left Staffordshire all of the final day to reach their formidable target of 385. Skipper James Kettleborough gave them a good start with 55 and they passed 100 with only three wickets down. But it all went wrong after lunch as they lost four wickets for one run in 17 balls to the spin of Foreman and Haddow. Some lusty hitting from the tail extended the game but they were eventually out for 195 around 3pm. Haddow returned 5-45 in 21.2 overs, while Foreman took 4-54 off 11, as spinners ruled the roost on this excellent pitch.

Five players made their Championship debuts for Bucks, namely Matt Pardoe, Bertie Foreman, Josh Lincoln, Aum Raykar and new signing from Middlesex, Aaryan Sawant, who had a quiet game.

NCCA CLUBERLY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP – Northumberland v Bucks

At Benwell Hill 26th -28th July

Bucks men suffered their first defeat of the season in the Cluberly Championship when they went down by eight wickets to Northumberland in their Eastern Division 1 match at Benwell Hill on Tuesday. In a match of fluctuating fortunes the hosts eventually easily reached their victory target of 221 with nearly nine overs to spare.

Following a delayed start of nearly four hours due to rain on Sunday, Bucks initially struggled after choosing to bat first. Despite a forceful 79 from 147 balls from opener Billy Dodds, Bucks slipped to 156-8.

They were revived by a ninth-wicket stand of 76 by Ed Bragg, 4 with a Bucks career best of 57, and skipper Conner Haddow (42) which helped them reach 257 from 80.5 overs. The damage for Northumberland was inflicted by former Durham all-rounder Johnny Bushnell, who took 6-88 from 22 overs.

This total was good enough to give Bucks a first-innings lead of 45 as the hosts slipped from 86-1 to 212 all out, despite 57 from Ross Whitfield. Captain Conner was the best Bucks bowler with 3-43 from 20 overs.

Bucks failed to build on this advantage. Ewan Cox made a sprightly 51 off 56 balls with a six and nine fours, but he received little support as the visitors drifted to 175 all out just after lunch on the third day. Northumberland skipper and left-arm spinner Oliver McGee returned 4-25. With plenty of time to reach their target of 221, Northumberland were never troubled thanks to a splendid 106 not out from Sol Bell and support from Bushnell (57 not out) in an unbroken third wicket stand of 105 in 25 overs as they got home with eight wickets and 9.5 overs to spare.

NCCA CLUBBERLY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP – Bucks v Suffolk

At Chesham 2-4th August

Buckinghamshire kept alive their hopes of retaining their Championship title and qualifying for the Final with a nerve-jangling 16 runs victory over Suffolk at Chesham

On a pitch that batters were forced to work hard for their runs, despite the fast outfield, Bucks, who gained a first-innings lead of 32 were eventually able to set their visitors a target of 215 for victory. At 116-1, Suffolk looked strong favourites to secure their second victory. But with the pitch increasingly taking spin, Conner Haddow and Bertie Foreman took all the wickets as the visitors were dismissed for 198 just after lunch on the final day. Skipper Haddow claimed his 15th five-wicket haul in 25 Championship matches (a remarkable statistic) with 6-71 in 34 overs, while off-spinner Foreman returned 4-86 from 33.3 overs.

At lunch on the first day, Bucks looked in big trouble at 125-7 after choosing to bat first, despite a fluent half-century from Ewan Cox (66). After the interval Rhys Nicholas dug in and along with support from Ed Bragg and Haddow, helped Bucks reach a respectable 205 all out. An inspired spell by seamer Tom Weymes soon had Suffolk reeling at 58-6 in reply. At 125-9, they looked like conceding a sizeable first-innings lead, but some lusty hitting from No 10 Dan Shanks took them to 173 - a deficit of just 32. Weymes finished with 5-42 from 12 overs, his second five-for on the ground this season.

In the second innings, the Bucks top order failed again and slumped to 67-5 - a lead of just 99. Happily, Ewan Cox, with his second half-century of the match, and another resourceful knock by Rhys Nicholas (37) helped Bucks to recover to 182 all out. Suffolk left-arm spinner Jack Beaumont took 4-16 in 16 overs (including being hit for a six) in a remarkable spell. Set 215 to win, Suffolk finished the second day on 80-1.

The Eastern Division champions appeared to be heading for a second successive defeat when Suffolk were 116 for one on the third day in pursuit of a target of 215 but Buckinghamshire captain Conner Haddow and former Sussex off-spinner Bertie Foreman then expertly exploited a turning pitch. Slow left-armed Haddow made the important breakthrough when he had Ollie Burle LBW which broke a stubborn second wicket partnership of 62 with Darren Ironside. Foreman then removed Freddie Heldreich and Alex Oxley in quick succession and the game tilted decisively in Buckinghamshire's favour when Haddow accounted for Josh Cantrell, Jacob Marston, Tom Harper and Ironside. From 144 for four, Suffolk slipped to 171 for eight and although Dan Shanks kept them in the chase with an aggressive 23 from 18 balls, he was beaten by a quicker ball from Haddow and Foreman wrapped up a dramatic victory when he beat a defensive push from Chris Steele three balls later. Haddow finished with six for 71 and Foreman four for 86 with Buckinghamshire's 21 points haul taking them back to the top of the table. Haddow has now taken 117 wickets in his last 16 Championship matches in four seasons with 13 five wicket hauls.

**NATIONAL COUNTIES CLUBBERLY CHAMPIONSHIP
EASTERN DIVISION 1 TABLE as at 17th August**

	P					Pts
Suffolk	3					50
Northumberland	4					49
BUCKS	3					48
Staffordshire	3					37
Cambridgeshire	3					19

REMAINING BUCKS 1st X1 FIXTURES 2026

NCCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Date	Opposition	Venue
Aug 23-25	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough Town
Final Sept 6-9		West Bromwich Dartmouth

Tell Them About It and They Will Come

An excellent article from Andy Warboys, a long serving member and supporter of Bucks CCC, He does raise a number of very good points which hopefully can be borne in mind going forward.

Bucks recent victory over Suffolk at Chesham Cricket Club proved, once again, that the multi-day cricket format is still very popular with cricket fans. Yet again, Chesham as a venue has provided the best crowds of the summer to watch Bucks play cricket.

Spectators came from as far away as Croydon to watch the match. With little else to see (particularly on days two & three) people will travel miles to watch a match & Chesham with its excellent bus & tube transport links offers that opportunity.

Whether it be on Facebook's "County Cricket Matters", the local "Our Chesham" Facebook site or even local football club chatrooms, the word is getting around that NCCA 3-day cricket has a lot to offer. However, these efforts were only scratching the surface.

A well-coordinated plan, implemented from the start of the season, should be able to bring crowds of up to 500 per day to watch these matches. That in itself will bring the need for much more organisation & planning - something the county & local club will have to decide whether they want or not?

The key is making the matches into events that people will feel they've really missed out on if they don't go. Crowds of 500 people will prove more attractive to potential sponsors too, thus success breeds success. The visitors to the Suffolk game were very complimentary about the friendly atmosphere & ancillary things like a match programme, scoresheet & a raffle.

There are many different vehicles for promoting these matches but everyone must be on board to make it work. In recent seasons (in football) Long Crendon FC & Penn & Tylers Green FC have had remarkable, record crowds (1,900 & 1,200 respectively) for games that have been social media led. Cricket, especially NCCA, has a long way to go. You have to identify your potential audience then tailor your marketing / social media to that audience. They are out there - you just have to find them, invite them, then deliver an experience that will make them want to come back year after year."

Thanks Andy.....and to back it up, below are a few of the comments posted on County Cricket Matters , all related to the Chesham match dated 4th August.

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Philip's post

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All comments ▾



Ian Blacklidge · 1w · 🌟 All-star contributor

I've been here for all of it.
A great game of Cricket. Especially
the last day of it.
No music, pom-poms, dancers,
flame-jets, cheerleaders,
franchisees, mascots, pyrotechnics
or indeed any type of moronic
razzmatazz whatsoever.
Just great proper Cricket of a good
standard in a lovely setting.
Idyllic.
Hurrah!

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Write a comment...  



The Cricket Society also held one of their Cricket Days Out at Chesham during the Bucks v Suffolk match two weeks ago.

“ A terrific ‘Day out at the Cricket’ today with a good, tense & competitive game between Bucks and Suffolk at Chesham CC who were great hosts This was impressive cricket between two good sides. Lots of CS members there to enjoy the day.”

Snippets

Bucks skipper Conner Haddow was reunited with former Bucks skipper Alexei Kervezee when he trialed for Worcestershire 2nds last week. Report from Worcestershire website follows:- Worcestershire trialist, Conner Haddow, dominated proceedings at Newport Cricket Club, claiming impeccable figures of 5-51 and 7-38 in respective innings, as his side came out on top over three days away to Glamorgan. A Haddow fifer helped to restrict the home side to just 254, as George Ealham starred with the bat for the Pears, notching a scintillating 160 runs helping the visitors built a first innings lead of 94. It was then Worcestershire’s left-arm spinner who played protagonist once more, as Haddow staggeringly improved on his first innings haul, accounting for seven of Glamorgan’s second-innings scalps, as his side needed just 85 runs on day three to seal victory.

Bucks Cricket can confirm that Bertie Foreman has re-joined Kent Cricket for the remainder of the 2026 Rothesay County Championship. The all-rounder joined Bucks at the start of the season and has since scored three half-centuries and taken 30 wickets in a Bucks Men's shirt. Everybody at Bucks Cricket wishes Bertie the very best of luck.

“Bertie has been amazing since he has come back into the fold - showing the levels of a first class cricketer in both talent and attitude - we are all delighted with his news.”

— Jason Harrison, Head of Performance

BUCKS WOMEN – 2026 REPORTS and FIXTURES

Once again under the leadership of Head Coach Ben Ungaretti and Captain Cara Duggan, Bucks made a good start to this years campaigns, winning 3 out of 6 matches in the T20 Vitality Blast competition and winning 2 of their Vitality County T20 cup matches . Unfortunately the 3rd Round was a step too far as they lost to one of the biggest clubs in the Competition, the holders of the Trophy Lancashire Lightning.

The attention then turned to the slightly longer form of the game - The 50 Over One Day Cup

METRO BANK ONE DAY CUP - LEAGUE 3

Bucks Women fell to an eight-wicket defeat in their opening game against Devon at Budleigh Salterton CC

Bucks won the toss and elected to bat. Openers Molly Carter (34) and Afra Rose Mohamed (21) made a strong start, but Abbie Lockett (2-16) broke the partnership for the home side in the eighth over, dismissing Mohamed with her first ball.

With pressure created through tight bowling and regular wickets, Bucks struggled to build meaningful partnerships. They passed the 150 mark before the final wicket fell, setting Devon a target of 154.

Bucks made the perfect start with the ball as Cara Duggan trapped Jemima Vereker LBW in the first over. However, Devon's Elle Golsworthy (86*) and Ellie Bishop (49) put together a formidable 152-run partnership and took control of the chase. Bishop fell just short of her half-century, but Devon sealed victory shortly afterwards, reaching their target in 26.3 overs.

Bucks v Shropshire @ High Wycombe Sunday 12th July

Before the match, skipper Cara Duggan was presented with a Commemorative cap by Bucks Cricket CEO Rich Hudson to mark her 100th appearance for Bucks Women.



Rich said during the presentation: ***"This marks a special piece of Bucks history as Cara becomes the first player to reach 100 appearances for Bucks Women. It is a fantastic achievement. She has played around 20 more games than the next highest appearance-maker, which really highlights her incredible longevity and commitment, having first represented Bucks at just 13 years old."***

"To have a leader who has come all the way through our pathway, who is so passionate about representing Bucks, supporting the group and welcoming new players, has been outstanding. The maturity, leadership and dedication Cara has shown over the years embody everything we want Bucks Women to represent."

"Seeing players go on to compete at the highest level is always special, but having someone demonstrate this level of commitment and quality for Bucks is just as important. Congratulations to Cara on reaching 100 appearances. It is a truly remarkable milestone."

Women's Lead Coach Ben Ungaretti could not be prouder of Duggan: ***"Congratulations to Cara on reaching the incredible milestone of 100 caps."***

"Working with Cara for the past three years, it has been a privilege to see first-hand the commitment, passion and professionalism she brings to the team. She is a leader both on and off the field and consistently sets the highest standards for everyone involved within the Women's squad."

"Her dedication to improving herself and helping those around her has been clear throughout my time with the team. Over the last three years, I have seen significant growth in both her game and her captaincy, and she has played a huge role in driving the standards and culture of the squad."

"Reaching 100 caps is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the hard work and commitment she has shown over many years. I am looking forward to seeing Cara continue to develop and remain a key part of Buckinghamshire Women for many years to come."

"Congratulations, Cara, on a truly deserved milestone."

On to the match action as Bucks secured their first Metro Bank One Day Cup victory of the season by 5 wickets in 44.2 overs.

Bucks displayed a brilliant run chase after a tough 50 overs toiling away in the heat, and came out comfortable victors over Shropshire in the Metro Bank One Day Cup.

Shropshire won the toss and elected to bat. Openers Libby Thomas (15) and Shriya Sastry (36) started quickly, reaching 35 in just 4 overs before Thomas was caught behind.

Just 2 overs later, Bucks claimed the wicket of Olivia Smith (4), with MacBean pegging back the travelling side to 41/2.

Shropshire weren't pegged back for long, as Millie Parry and Sastry put together a 54-run partnership in just 8 overs, bringing them just shy of 100 inside 16 overs.

Hannah Davis was next to make the breakthrough for Bucks, trapping Parry (14) lbw. The wicket proved to be a turning point as 2 more wickets fell shortly after in the 19th and 20th overs, Hannah Taylor-Yeates this time with the lbw of Sastry who was well set on 36, and Libby Snowdon (3) bowled by Davis - Shropshire found themselves 99/5 after 20 overs.

With Bucks creating some strong pressure, Shropshire showed resilience, and built another strong partnership through Lara Jones and Alex Hale.

The partnership was worth 59 before Davis was once again in the wickets column with another lbw - Alex Hale dismissed for a well-made 21 from 45 balls.

Despite the wickets, runs continued to flow for Shropshire, and Jones was smashing boundaries alongside Harriet Shuker (23).

With only a few overs remaining, Tegan Stockdale's over saw 2 wickets fall in 1 over, but with Captain Jones batting until the end, finishing on 63 not out and taking Shropshire to 268 from their 50 overs.

In return, Bucks were superb. Molly Carter (41) and Chloe Hill made an opening partnership of 112 which set up the run chase nicely. Hill (76) with an excellent knock featuring 13 boundaries

was partnered nicely with Amelie Bishop (34) and Tilly Fellows (23) before Duggan capped her 100th appearance with yet another half-century.

It was fitting to see Duggan take her team over the line, and doing so with plenty of boundaries of her own.

Bucks v Wiltshire @ High Wycombe Sunday 26th June

Zaynah Wani starred with an incredible six-wicket haul for Bucks Women as they successfully defended 152 against Wiltshire in their 3rd match in the One Day Trophy

Wiltshire won the toss and elected to bowl. Afra Rose Mohamed and Molly Carter opened the batting, but Carter (1) was undone by Sophie Granger, bringing Megs Woodward to the crease for her first Bucks outing of the season. Woodward played nicely, punishing the bad balls, and made her way to 21 before finding mid-on with a lofted shot, leaving Bucks Women 46/2 after 10 overs. Mohamed pushed on alongside Cara Duggan, and the pair took Bucks past three figures before Duggan and Carys Gerber both fell in the 20th over, leaving the hosts 104/4. Mohamed was bowled shortly afterwards for a brilliant 63 from 73 balls, and Bucks looked to be in big trouble as they collapsed from 113/4 to 124/9 in a matter of overs. With their backs against the wall, Charlie Mailey and Tash MacBean dug in and put together what proved to be a match-defining 10th-wicket partnership of 28. MacBean (8) was the final wicket to fall for Bucks, while Mailey finished 13 not out to take her side to 152 all out from 37 overs.

With a relatively low target to defend, the bowling effort had to be special, and special it was from Wani. Katie Dolman (5) and Isla Thomson (6) were both dismissed by debutant Katie Wolfe, but opener Emma Godman guided her side to the halfway mark in the run chase. That was until Wani beat Godman's bat and dismissed the opener for 35. From there, a flurry of wickets from spinners Wani, Eva Lewis and MacBean reduced Wiltshire to 119/8, leaving the visitors needing another 34 runs to win.

Jemima Carroll played brilliantly for 23 and brought the travelling side within 18 runs before MacBean claimed a caught and bowled. With 17 runs still needed, Wani wrapped up her stellar bowling performance with her sixth and final wicket, sealing a fantastic win for Bucks Women.

Bucks V Cheshire @ High Wycombe Sunday 2 August

Bucks Women fought hard to secure a tie in a sensational match against Cheshire, which saw nearly 700 runs scored in the Metro Bank One Day Cup match

Cheshire won the toss and elected to bat, and Leicestershire loanee Lucy Western was the standout performer for the visitors. She came to the crease in just the fifth over and finished her innings unbeaten on 193.

On a flat Wycombe wicket, with the heat beating down on the outfield, Bucks Women were up against it throughout the full 50-over allocation after being asked to bowl first.

Tash MacBean was the pick of the bowlers. Her 10-over spell went for just 29 runs and she claimed two wickets, helping to keep the score from surpassing 350.

Partnerships came and went for Cheshire throughout the innings, but Western never let up during her 137-ball knock, smashing her side to a formidable 339 with 31 boundaries.

With Bucks facing a daunting target, openers Molly Carter and Annie Townsend provided the perfect counter-attack as they put on a brilliant 87-run first-wicket partnership. Amelie Bishop then contributed a fantastic 63 from just 39 balls after Townsend fell just five runs short of what would have been a well-deserved half-century.

Bishop's innings, which included 11 boundaries, came to an end and brought captain Cara Duggan to the crease, who continued to press on alongside Carter. The pair steered their side to 249 before Duggan became the next batter to fall for 26, with 13 overs still remaining.

Carter sadly fell short of her maiden Bucks Women century after she was dismissed for a brilliant 91 from 135 balls, finding the boundary on 13 occasions



Photo: Luke Stafford Sports Shots

After a quick flurry of wickets, Bucks' hopes of victory rested with Carys Gerber, whose gritty knock of 36 from 35 balls was superb. With the support of MacBean, the pair scored 23 runs from the final three overs but fell just one run short of victory, with two needed from the last ball. It was a fantastic game and a superb advert for women's cricket, with the match fittingly ending in a tie.

Staffordshire v Bucks @ Little Stoke on Sun 16th August

This match has been recorded as Abandoned on the PlayCricket website, with both sides receiving two points, although the scores would suggest that Staffordshire had just edged home! No match report and no further information.

Friendly: Bucks V MCC Women @ Wormsley on Wed 19th August

Bucks scored a convincing victory over a representative MCC team in the lovely surroundings of Wormsley Estate. In a 50 over match, Bucks won the toss, asked the MCC to bat first and restricted them to 149 all out in 38.2 overs. Pick of the Bucks bowlers were Evie Dixon with 4-22, Sky Springett 2- 3-22, and skipper for the day Tilly Fellows who chipped in with 2-26. Opener Molly Carter led the Bucks reply with an unbeaten 65, aided by Fellows who was also left unbeaten as reached their target with 152-3 from 36.

ONE DAY CUP – LEAGUE 3 Table to date

19 th August	P.	W	L	T	N RR	PTS
Devon	6	6	0		2.7	29
Berkshire	6	5	1	1A	1.03	25
Staffordshire	6	3	2		0.5	16
Cheshire	6	2	3	1	-0.27	12
BUCKS	5	2	1	1 1A	-0.39	12
Shropshire	6	2	4		-0.39	9
Cambridgeshire	5	1	4		-1.98	4
Wiltshire	6	0	6		-1.46	0

REMAINING BUCKS WOMENS FIXTURES

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

Date	Opposition	Venue
Aug 30	Berkshire	Finchampsted
Sept 6	Cambridgeshire	Fenners

FRIENDLY

Date	Opposition	Venue
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National Counties Cricket Association {NCCA} By long time Bucks life member Jonathan Lilley

A few years ago I wrote an article regarding the NCCA. I felt that it was time to review the progress or otherwise of the new association.

While it was probably time for the Minor Counties Cricket Association {MCCA} to be rebranded I would suggest the overall situation is now worse than it was before. Some of the strong points of the MCCA were;-

- * It produced an excellent almanack providing extensive information on each county.
- * Individual MCCA membership was available at a reasonable cost.
- * Match reports and scores were available in certain parts of the national press.
- * The general cricket supporter seemed to be aware of Minor Counties.

Since the inception of the NCCA the following changes have been made;

- * Individual membership has been abandoned.
- * The Annual handbook has been scrapped.
- * No reports, articles, or scorecards are ever published in the monthly Wisden Cricketer.
- * The Wisden Almanack hardly mentions the National Counties.

The improvements I should like to see to the NCCA are:

- * An improved and publicised web site.
- * Individual membership be reinstated.
- * An Annual hand book be reinstated funded by commercial companies.
- * Negotiate with the Wisden Cricketer for magazine space for reports etc on National Counties matches.
- * The annual games against the first class counties to have a real purpose, ie the winners then proceed to the 50 over competition.
- * The quality press be encouraged to report at least NCCA scores.
- * All cricket followers be encouraged to take an interest in their local National County,

In conclusion the NCCA has much work to do its and on the image of National Counties cricket.

I should however like to acknowledge that Bucks cricket web sites and those of other National Counties are usually up to date and provide good and relevant information.

Jonathan Lilley July 2026

Thanks for the article, Jonathan, .I know from comments I have received from a number of our members that they, as do I , really miss the Annual Handbook. Certainly for my role, it has been a big loss as I used to rely on it for background information

Bucks County Cricket Club



Annual Golf Day and Dinner

We are delighted to invite you to the **Bucks CCC Annual Golf Day and Dinner**, taking place on **Monday 21st September 2026**, at **Moor Park Golf Club** (WD3 1QL).

The Programme of the day is as follows:

12:00 pm – Meet at the Club in the Carris Bar

1:00 pm – First match tees off

7:00 pm – Two-course dinner, followed by the prize-giving

There will be the usual individual prize plus a team prize. This will be played in 4's with the best two Stableford scores to count. You may apply individually or make up a team. You are welcome to bring guests to this event.

Ticket price Golf and Dinner **£110pp.**

Please contact John Phillips for further details

- john.phillips@bucksccc.org.uk

If you wish to attend the dinner only please contact John, the cost of the meal is **£40pp.**

Part of the Whole



Some people are joiners. Provide an opportunity to become part of a club, an organisation, a society or an equivalent and there is a stirring of the internal waters to become part of something that might constitute what one would nominally call a community. Individuals with a greater understanding would likely be able to describe the reasons why but one imagines that there is something metaphysical about it all.

Cricket is blessed with many opportunities to fulfil such a desire. One such opportunity had presented itself on a handful of occasions over the last year or two, courtesy of the organisation known as the Cricket Society. Cricket Societies are commonplace

throughout the land; a collection of organisations where individuals of like mind and interests in the game can gather together and exchange opinions, discuss matters and generally cogitate and deliberate on a wide range of cricketing subjects, contretemps and cause celebres.

The Cricket Society is a nationwide organisation of a similar ilk that aims to promote ‘cricket in all its spheres – listening, reading, watching and playing.’ As an avid spectator and blogger this mission statement appealed greatly. Now in its 81st year, the society organises a number of events throughout the year but also fields its own XI that plays a full range of fixtures across the season, mainly based in the south-eastern counties of England.

One of the furthest to take place from the capital is at Warnford in north-eastern Hampshire where the Society XI take on the Hampshire Hogs’ Over 40’s team. Little more than half an hour’s drive from one’s personal abode, this seemed an ideal opportunity to watch the Society XI at one of Hampshire’s most beautiful venues set amongst the rolling folds of the Meon Valley with red kites flying in the sky and a neighbouring farmhouse along the far boundary.

Under cornflower skies the Society’s captain du jour Stuart Cosstick wins the toss and elects to bat first. Cosstick and fellow opener Rob Humphreys begin sprightly with a handful of boundaries, although there is a brief lull in scoring during the period immediately before the first drinks break.

Post a couple of wickets, Sam Collyer provides impetus after the resumption, combines well with Cosstick, the latter seemingly growing in confidence, from an attacking perspective, with Collyer at the crease. Cosstick falls half a dozen runs shy of a half century but Collyer completes his and provides further impetus with Raj Shanmuganathan as the Hogs bowling and fielding appears to tire a little in the heat. Paddy Evans returns and reins in the scoring a little, prompting a flurry of wickets but the Society set the hosts a target close to a run a ball.

The Hogs begin steadily in their response as the hot afternoon air begins to cool an iota and the shadows of the sentinel trees encroach onto the outfield. Caspar Hill and Robert Stent provide the hosts with a fine foundation but are dismissed in quick succession, allowing the Society to attack the Hogs middle order. First change bowlers Sree Pathmarajah and Paul Fielding claim a pair of quick wickets but Paul Whittle and Charlie Parkinson, four wickets in the Society innings, offer strong resistance. Gareth Mort traps Parkinson leg-before whilst Whittle is castled by Pathmarajah and the Society are able to work their way through the Hogs lower order. Pathmarajah and Fielding claim a trio of wickets apiece in contributing to a comfortable Society victory.

Membership of any organisation generates particular feelings and sentiments.

Membership of a sporting organisation ordinarily generates a different experience than to a non-sporting equivalent. Perhaps the sense of belonging is a little stronger. Membership of the Cricket Society is undoubtedly different to being a member of a county, for instance, but there is still a sense of being part of something bigger and watching a representative team provokes some sort of sense of watching one's team, even if it will likely be the only time this summer. Such is the nature of joining something.

And whilst on the subject of joining a Society or a Club, if not already a member, why not join.....

SUPPORT BUCKS CRICKET



The County Club and Bucks Cricket are working actively to promote and develop cricket at all levels and ages throughout the county . You can support these efforts by either by joining Bucks County Cricket Club or becoming a Patron of Bucks. Becoming a Patron automatically qualifies you to become a member of Bucks CCC. Essentially we are encouraging people to become patrons going forward and provide gift aid through that means as a benefit to both the CIO and the patron. Clearly for all existing members nothing changes.

Players are treated slightly differently currently as they have to be members for the benefit of the insurance cover so we are leaving them at the £25 per annum level.

As a Bucks member, you will be entitled to :-

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

Free entry to all Bucks home matches including the Showcase game

A regular bi monthly on line newsletter with up to date results/fixtures/ news and information

The Annual Subscription is : -

£25 for individuals

£35 for partners living at the same address

£10 for juniors (aged under 18)

£15 for students in full time education ((aged under 24)

Life membership is also available

Membership forms are available from Rachel Hudson Email: (admin@bucksccricket.co.uk)

Portugal Cricket Team

Congratulations to the latest Bucks team member Teddy (Ronaldo?) Fleming to gain international honours, representing Portugal in the ICC T20 competition.

“I didn't know he was Portuguese”, I hear you cryhe's not, but his grandmother is! Apparently none of the players speak Portuguese which is embarrassing when they win and have to thank people. And they do win, so far they have beaten Finland and Sweden !!



As reported in The Cricket Paper on Sunday, Portugal have now signed Moises Henriques, the 39 yr old, veteran of 4 Tests, 16 ODI's and 24 T20 internationals for Australia who has switched his allegiance to Portugal, the country of his birth.

More in the next edition of Coloured Trousers,(not too far away) hopefully including an interview with Teddy Fleming.

BUCKS CRICKET HEADLINE SPONOR 2026

A big thank you to Bloom Health Hospitals for becoming Bucks Cricket new Headline Sponsor for the current 2026 season,



SPONSOR A BUCKS PLAYER

A great big thank you to all those members/ supporters or companies who have sponsored a Bucks player over the past 8/9 seasons. Going forward, the administration of this initiative will in future be administered by Bucks Cricket. The two ads below have already been appearing on Bucks social media channels, so if you would like to, or continue to, sponsor a player, please use the contact details below.

For further information please contact (admin@bucksccricket.co.uk)



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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

Ron's March with England Cricket Seniors Walks 2026

On the March and on the TV. On Friday 7th August we took part in another first walk, this time with Leicestershire CCC Seniors. The Essex walk was broadcast on Songs of Praise on Sunday 9th August and is available on the BBC i player. A very moving programme.

Our other walks to County Grounds are to a County Championships first day of four. The Leicestershire walk is for their One Day match against Warwickshire CCC. We will forward details as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Ron

07710 987 950



Tickets available from Ron Hedley 07710 987 950

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