

Season's Greetings to All Members and Friends!

Shakib joins famous Test Double Duo

Bangladesh and former Worcestershire all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has become only the third player in history to take ten wickets and score a century in Test cricket.

He scored 137 and had match figures of ten for 124 which enabled his team to beat Zimbabwe and take a 2-0 lead in the three-match series. The match was played at Khulna in November 2014

His performance has been achieved only twice before. By a happy coincidence, each of the other achievers also have strong Worcestershire links.

The first man to complete the Test Double was Ian Botham (114; 6/58 & 7/48) v. India in 1979/80. He was followed by Imran Khan (117; 6/98 & 5/82) v. India in 1982/83.

Although Alan Davidson can claim to be the first man to complete the Test double, he did not actually score a century in the match. Playing at Brisbane, Davidson scored 44 & 80 and had figures of 5/135 & 6/87 v. India in 1960/61.

Shakib Al Hasan played nine matches for Worcestershire in 2010 and once in 2011. He scored 412 runs (av. 27.46); HS 90 v. Derbyshire. He took 42 wickets (av. 21.66). His best bowling to date is 7/32 against Middlesex. Both performances occurred in his first season with Worcestershire.

SCS member now on WCCC Board!

Tim Jones has been elected to the board of Worcestershire CCC.

As Chairman of the County Club's Heritage Group, Tim has played a leading role in creating the superb displays in the foyer of the Graham Hick Pavilion.

Tim is currently writing the biography of the legendary Don Kenyon; it is surprising that no such tribute has appeared before.

63 not out

Phil Hughes

1988-2014

R.I.P.

Who was the best?

By Ken Workman

Comparing the performances of players from different eras is problematic. The accepted criteria for assessing the quality of 'all-rounders' is the difference between their batting and bowling averages, subject to certain minimum achievements.

If we apply the formula to Worcestershire players who have completed their careers in first class cricket, assuming they have scored at least 4,000 runs and taken 200 wickets or more, the following table enables us to compare players from different eras.

	Bat	Ball	Difference
BL D'Oliveira	38.16	24.95	+13.21
G A Hick	52.23	44.43	+7.80
E G Arnold	31.34	23.73	+7.61
M J Horton	29.04	26.33	+2.71
R Howorth	20.22	21.36	-1.14
R Jenkins	21.88	23.72	-1.84
S Martin	26.36	29.16	-2.80
F Root	15.67	20.52	-4.85
D Slade	18.06	22.94	-4.88
F Pearson	24.43	29.70	-5.27

Members are encouraged to submit their views on the above.

Does anyone have any other method of comparison?

Chairman's View

With the annual Northern hemisphere of gloomy autumn turning into winter we in England need the vibrancy of Southern summers to keep alive our cricket passion.

Around the world countries are working together to promote our game, produce fine athletes and present cricket in the best possible way with some exciting Test and ODI's scheduled throughout our winter culminating in the ICC 2015 World Cup.

I wrote some time ago that in my opinion, and I have had no reason to change that view, Test Cricket is at a very high level around the world and for that reason is very watchable.

Where then I might ask are the West Indies? The missing piece in the jigsaw. The WICB are currently sitting on their hands doing nothing but destroying potentially the most untapped landmass of cricket talent in the world.

How on earth have the WICB been allowed to mismanage such potential? Why have they not built on, promoted and sold West Indian cricket around the globe? We are talking of rich areas of talent waiting for opportunity.

Islands which have produced so many cricket knights and many of the greatest fast bowlers of all time. Clive Lloyd put the West Indies at the forefront of World Cricket making them the most feared and formidable opponents of any world sporting arena. To then allow inferior minor American sport to infiltrate into West Indian schools is a crime. WICB choose to do nothing, they neither coach or market cricket with any degree of intent and, as a result, cricket is suffering.

At this moment in time after nearly one month WICB have no idea how they are to meet the demands of the Indian Cricket Board BCCI in paying the £26.2m penalty for not completing the India tour. There has been intervention from several Prime Ministers around the Islands, but there is still no conclusion. ➔ Turn to page 2

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Mike Tomkins (Chairman); Craig Smith (Secretary); Ken Workman (Treasurer); Terry Church (Programme Secretary)

Glenn Turner back at New Road

Mike Tomkins recalls a memorable meeting

Glenn Turner and his wife Sukhi were visitors to New Road this summer during one of our county games having travelled from their home in New Zealand. Together with a couple more GMT fans, I was privileged to chat and listen while Glenn reflected on his playing career.

His passion for Worcestershire Cricket coupled with desire, dedication and sheer hard work, I thought gave him the platform to play internationally at such a consistently high level.

He made centuries in each innings of games at Gisborne, Dunedin, Stourbridge, Worcester, Edgbaston and Christchurch. I was, however, most interested to ask Glenn about his first innings score of 168 at Stourbridge in 1981 against Northants, who had a strong opening attack led by Kapil Dev. He said, "I remember the wonderfully hot three days, what a crowd and, of course, that reception walking to the pavilion on reaching my century before lunch – they must have enjoyed that – they were certainly entertained!"

He also mentioned the square cut at Wantage Road off Bishen Bedi to bring up 1,000 runs before the end of May 1973, whilst batting for New Zealand.

I prompted Glenn on his association with the Midlands, his grandfather having played football for the Albion. I asked also of his association with Billy Ibadulla and at the time the possibility of him signing for Warwickshire. From then on, Warwickshire always seemed to make headlines whenever confronted by GMT. "Ton again Turner slams Warwicks" and "Turner hits Warwicks yet again". Glenn's reply "That's how it happened"!

Some of Glenn's achievements are stunning and surpass most professional cricketers' achievements by some distance. I still find it remarkable that Worcestershire were fortunate enough to unearth such a magnificent overseas player and that some of us were lucky enough to witness those glorious innings during the 1970's.

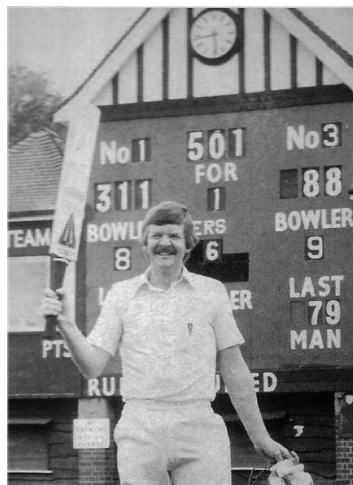
I must highlight, apart from Glenn's century of centuries, the 19th to achieve this feat, two of his records – Guyana 1972 with the touring New Zealanders, he scores 259 and then equals that same score during the Fourth Test v West Indies days later, taking him past 1,000 tour runs.

In 1977, Glenn astounded the cricket world by carrying his bat for 141 not out through Worcestershire's innings of 169 against Glamorgan at Swansea to set up a world record for the highest percentage total of 83.4%. Glenn smiled "It was for the team – crowds appreciate achievements!"

Thanking Glenn for his time and conscious of the many autograph hunters and well wishers gathering, I continued my journey around the ground thinking of many more record breaking achievements this wonderful cricketer had produced. Who knows, one day we may have the opportunity to find out more here at Stourbridge, where in 1981 whilst others watched the Royal Wedding of Charles and Diana, Glenn entertained the crowd!



A boyish-looking Kiwi prospect of 1966



The picture tells the story!

Glenn Turner stands in front of the scoreboard after he set a new record for the highest innings by a Worcestershire batsman in a first-class match, when he scored an undefeated 311 against Warwickshire on 29 May 1982.

Turner eclipsed Fred Bowley's record of 276 which stood for 68 years. Glenn's record was overtaken by Graeme Hick in 1988.



This picture shows a present-day Glenn Turner, who is Chairman of NZ Selectors.

Christmas / New Year Quiz

Questions by Ken Workman

CONNECTIONS

1) **What connects the following places?**

Evesham, Bournville, Halesowen, Hereford.

What connects the following people?

2) Harold Bache, Christopher Collier, John Winnington, Bernard Nevile.

3) Louis Vorster, Damien D'Oliveira, Sid Martin, William Greenstock.

4) Ted Arnold, Dick Howorth, Fred Root, Martin Horton.

5) George Chesterton, Imran Khan, R.E. Foster, 'Barmy' Gilbert.

6) Maurice Nichol, David Banks, Charles Fiddian-Green, Collis King.

7) Doc Gibbons, Eddie Cooper, Ron Headley, Alan Ormrod.

8) **What connects the following scores?**
134, 101 not out, 140, 172 not out.

A bottle of something alcoholic to the highest scoring answer.

Entries on a postcard to Ken Workman to be received at the meeting on 15th January 2015

Chairman's View *[from page 1]*

Where is this all going? I cannot understand how the ICC can allow such muddling along ie: (bad management) without doing something about it.

We are talking about one of the most important cricket areas of the world. We do not want to loose the West Indies as a strong cricket nation, they are far too important for this to be allowed.

For the sake of cricket supporters worldwide let us hope and pray that the WICB can find a President who will totally rebuild West Indian cricket and restore it back to its former glory.

Second Cricket Fatality

An umpire at a cricket match in the Israel city of Ashdod has died after being hit by a cricket ball.

A batsman's shot struck Hillel Oscar in the neck, possibly after a ricochet from the stumps at his end of the pitch. It was later said that he was hit on the jaw.

The incident came two days after Australian batsman Phil Hughes died of a head injury caused by being struck by a ball in Sydney.



David Fulton (Kent)

Our first guest of the 2014/15 season was David Fulton who provided much enjoyment for the capacity audience.

Fulton played for Kent between 1992 and 2006 and became captain in 2003 after sharing the role with Kiwi Matthew Fleming during the previous season.

An astute leader on the field, Fulton impressed Aussie skipper Steve Waugh during his time as an overseas player in 2002. Fulton hilariously recalled how Waugh made his presence felt, without undermining the Kent skipper. Waugh allegedly was paid £30k for his five weeks with Kent. The fact that on his first appearance, Waugh attracted 3,000 extra spectators (at £10 a head) made the Club's Treasurer very happy.

Fulton played 199 matches for Kent and scored 12,008 runs (av. 36.40). He hit 28 centuries, the highest of which was 208 not out. He led M.C.C. against the Sri Lankans in 2002, which was the nearest he came to international recognition.

A year later, Fulton's career nearly ended prematurely when, facing a bowling machine in the pre-season nets, a ball hit him in his left eye. He had major surgery, seeing three specialists and was sidelined for eight weeks, but returned to skipper the county.

One of his claims to fame was that he caught Viv Richards in the final innings of his first-class career.

Wisden noted that in the 1995 B&H final v. Lancashire Fulton opened the batting, spurning a helmet for a sunhat as he faced Wasim Akram. He explained: "I wanted to be seen on the biggest day of my career and didn't want to be anonymous." He duly received an Akram bouncer on the shoulder for his cheek!

Kent decided not to renew his contract at the end of 2006. Fittingly, he went out with a bang, scoring 155 against Middlesex in his final innings for the County at Canterbury.

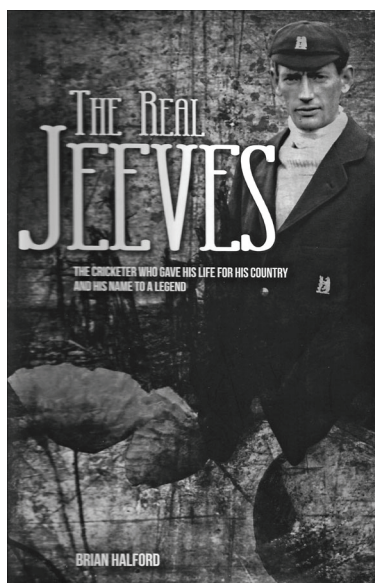
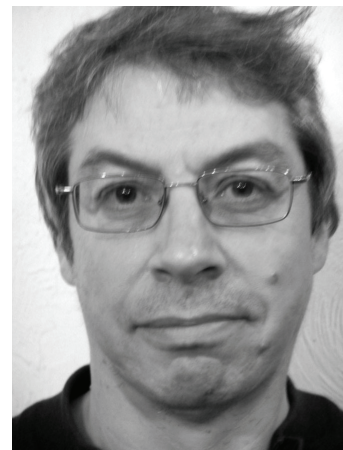
2015 Programme

15 January Alan Richardson
talks to Dave Bradley

19 February Alan Hill
Derbyshire CCC

19 March Isabelle Duncan
Author of *Skirting the Boundary*

16 April AGM @ 7pm followed by Andy Collier (Curator of Cotswold Cricket Museum)



Brian Halford (Author)

It was entirely fitting that *The Real Jeeves*, the biography of the Warwickshire cricketer, Percy Jeeves, should have been written by our November guest speaker, Brian Halford (top right) former cricket writer for the *Birmingham Post & Mail*.

Jeeves's Championship career with the Bears occupied just two seasons. Although his debut against Worcestershire at Dudley was uneventful, he turned in two highly impressive performances against them on his home turf. In 1913, he took 7/34 – his career-best figures – and, a year later, took 7/52. These were the only occasions when he took seven wickets in an innings.

Jeeves bowled right-arm at fast-medium pace and had the rare ability to hurry the best batsmen with balls that seemed to gather pace off the pitch. He was extremely accurate and balls destined to hit the stumps were often deflected by the batsman's knuckles.

During his two seasons as a professional cricketer, Jeeves obtained an aggregate of one fewer than 200 wickets (av. 20.03). He was a useful

lower-order batsman and scored four fifties in his tally of 1,204 runs (av. 16.05) with a highest score of 86 not out against the county of his birth, which had turned him down. Yorkshire's loss was definitely Warwickshire's gain.

Further honours were confidently predicted for Jeeves, but he had to be content with a single appearance for the Players in the traditional fixture against the Gentlemen at the Oval in 1914.

However it was in the previous season when Gloucestershire entertained Warwickshire at Cheltenham, that the name of Jeeves unwittingly was to find posthumous fame in a entirely different context. Attending the match that day, the writer P.G. Wodehouse was much impressed by the attire, conduct and demeanour of one of Warwickshire's bowlers. Three years later, Wodehouse conceived the idea of two new characters – a foppish aristocrat and his immaculate manservant – for a series of short stories.

All too soon, Jeeves had swapped his whites for khaki. The cricketer had become the soldier. The story does not have a happy ending. The horror of the war cannot be imagined. Contemporary accounts identified the enemy and chief danger as not just the Germans, but the filthy conditions caused by the mud of Flanders, in which men suffered trench-foot, frost-bite, rampant disease and shell shock.

On 22 July 1916, Private 611 Percy Jeeves of the 15th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment was reported missing; his body has never been found. He was the 225th of 461 cricketers to have been recorded as killed in 1916.

He gave his life for his country and his name to a legend.

* Signed copies of *The Real Jeeves* priced at £12 (including postage) are available to order. Please order via Terry Church (292170)

CCCS Autumn Meeting

Ken Workman reports:

On Saturday 1st November I went with Terry Church to the half yearly meeting of the Council of Cricket Societies at Derby - my first time.

It was interesting to learn how other societies are faring and to compare notes with other delegates. The general picture seems to be that most societies are finding it more and more difficult to maintain their membership numbers, albeit we are one of the smaller societies.

Many societies have to pay for the use of the premises where they meet. How fortunate are we to be welcome at Stourbridge Cricket Club free of charge!

Most societies depend on the income from raffles to subsidise their subscriptions, as do we, and our subscriptions are somewhere in the middle range compared with other groups.

We seem to be the only group who do not charge non-members for attending a meeting as we assume they will buy a raffle ticket and join as a member if they enjoy the experience.

I came away feeling I was one of the younger delegates, which maybe explains why most societies seem to have problems recruiting members from a younger age group.

A number of societies offer food in some form at their regular meetings and quizzes seem to figure in most programmes in one form or another. We used to hold an annual quiz at our January meeting each season, but this was poorly supported and dropped.

Members' ideas and suggestions for something different will be welcomed. Please discuss with Terry, me or any of our committee officers. We want to hear from *you!*

Terry adds:

After lunch, we listened to a most excellent talk by Wasim Khan, the newly-elected CEO of Leicestershire CCC.

The 2015 Society Trip will be on Thursday 26 March.

Terry Church reports:

During the morning we shall be visiting ECB's National Academy at Loughborough with a conducted tour of the base given by Ray Baker who played for Surrey for several seasons during the 1970's.

Our visit will coincide with the England Ladies team being present but I cannot confirm whether we will have the opportunity to observe them!

In the afternoon we will travel to St George's Park, Burton on Trent for a conducted tour of The Football Association's National Football Centre.

The cost of the trip will be £26 (cheaper than the estimate that I announced at the meeting!). This does **not** include lunch. Neither is coffee included, but can be purchased at Loughborough.

I will be taking names for the trip at the Society's November meeting but if you would like to book your place before then please let me know by email, phone or text.

Payment will need to be made no later than our meeting on Thursday 15 January. Cheques preferred, please, made out to Stourbridge and District Cricket Society.

I will advise definite times a little nearer the date of the trip but I would anticipate that we will depart from Stourbridge CC at approximately 8.30am and arrive "home" early evening although that will depend on traffic conditions.

Have you met any first-class cricketers?

Please tell us about any chats or meetings that you may have had with county cricketers.

Although preference may be given to Worcestershire players, we welcome news of players from other counties - or countries!

We don't need facts, figures or photos; we just want your recollections of any cricketer who was special to you.

Please share your memories

Phil Colesby (1935-2014)

An appreciation by Terry Johnson

Phil Colesby was a long time member of the Stourbridge Cricket Society. Cricket was his life (he was a Worcs CCC member), football (he held a season ticket holder at WBA) and golf, which he played at Chesterton Golf Club

His passion however was Dudley St Johns CC whom he served loyally both as a player and as fixture secretary for over 40 years. On leaving school, he joined his beloved St Johns and quickly earned the reputation of an above average club cricketer. He was an opening bowler who preferred to bowl left-arm round the wicket, but he could never explain why! In his prime he would average 65 wickets a season with his steady medium-paced in-swingers.

His limited batting opportunities included several fifties of which he was rightly proud.

Following a short illness, Phil died on the day before his eightieth birthday.

Quick Singles *By Ken Workman*

The late RAY EDWARDS left his extensive collection of cricket books and memorabilia, including a set of 40 *Wisdens*, to the Supporters' Association at New Road.

Having been involved in the removal of the contents of his library to New Road, a preliminary valuation suggests the collection will raise more than £2,000 for the Association. Thanks Ray.

Raffle Prizes

We continue to depend on the generosity of individual members in supporting our monthly raffles, which enable us to met the increasing cost of speakers and hold our subscriptions at a reasonable level as compared with other societies. This only works if members are willing to donate prizes rather than our having to buy them. So if you can donate a prize for an upcoming meeting please see me.

P.S. Last year our raffle raised £166.45, which was donated to Mary Stevens Hospice.

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