

# **The Quidnunc Cricket Club - Annual Newsletter 2009**

## **Introduction**

Welcome to the annual newsletter. This year we welcome a new President of CUCC as Professor David Buckingham retires from the role he has held for over 19 years. The new CUCC President is a Quidnunc, Roger Knight. We wish him all the best in his new role.

At the recent CUCC AGM, some time was put aside to discuss a closer working relationship between the CUCC and Quidnunc ccommittees, and the CUCC committee now includes 6 Quidnuncs, including the Quidnunc President and Secretary.

Please note in the sections below some key Quidnunc events for the coming season including 3 cricket games and the golf day. CUCC also have the 1 day Varsity Match at Lord's on July 4, the 4 day VM at Fenner's on July 7-10th and the 20:20 VM at Fenner's on June 10<sup>th</sup>. As well as the four day VM, other first class cricket at Fenner's in 2009 will see visits from Northants (April 11th-13th), Yorkshire (April 15-17) and Essex (June 11-13) to play the Cambridge MCC UCCE.

This 2020 VM will see CUCC defending the trophy it won at the inaugural 2020 VM last year at the Parks and is the first ever to be played at Fenner's. It is timed to coincide with the end of exams and is sponsored by Charles Russell and Nokia. Starting at 1500 hrs, it will be played immediately after the Cuppers' Final (start 1100 hrs) and before the Hawks' Event (start 2000 hrs), and promises to be quite a day. Tickets (£2.50) are available from the Quidnunc Secretary (email in footer) and there will of course be food and a bar available on the ground. Those Hawks who want to stay for the Hawks' event should talk directly to the Hawks' Club. Sleeping under the covers will not be allowed this year, as Essex are arriving early the next morning!

The current Quidnunc over 45 team retire unbeaten after their famous victory in the only over 45 fixture v the Harlequins over 45s in 2007. Both last and this year, over 45 Match Manager, David Littlewood and his rival Harlequin Match Manager have heard the dreaded phrase "I do not play any longer" far too often. Next year, there are moves afoot to start an over 40 fixture. It is rumoured that the 'Nunc attack will be well balanced with the likes of Pointer, Bush, Scott, Pyman and Buzza all back in the nets. We shall see!

We continue to update our address database and if you have a new address (postal but particularly email) or know of a 'Nunc who has, please pass it on.

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## **2009 Quidnunc Events**

### **2009 AGM – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

This year's AGM will be held at the Tavern pub outside the Grace Gates at Lord's cricket ground at 1830 hrs on the above date, the first day of the County Championship match between Middlesex and Glamorgan. Russell Cake and Rory Jenkins will stand down from the Committee and James Heywood and Ben Jacklin will stand for election. Anyone else who would like to join the Committee should please contact the Secretary (email in footer) before the AGM. A representative from the 1965-1975 era would be ideal. At present the Committee consists of the following.

Mike Griffith (President), Mike Barford (Treasurer), Garri Jones (Secretary), Rory Jenkins, David Littlewood, Russell Cake, Jim Freeth, Anush Newman, Tom Savill, Akbar Ansari (captain CUCC), Scott MacLennan (Hon. Sec CUCC)

The club's Vice Presidents are: Ted Dexter, Hubert Doggart, David Haywood, Peter Howland, Tony Lewis, Michael Melluish, Peter Mills and Dennis Silk.

## **2009 Fixtures**

### **Sunday May 3rd: Quidnunc CC v Harlequins CC @ Arundel Castle**

Match Mgrs: Jim Freeth (E: [Jim\\_freeth@hotmail.com](mailto:Jim_freeth@hotmail.com)) & James Heywood (E: [jjnh\\_2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jjnh_2@yahoo.co.uk))

### **Sunday June 28th: Quidnunc CC v CUCC @ Fenner's**

Match Mgrs: James Heywood (E: [jjnh\\_2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jjnh_2@yahoo.co.uk)) & Ben Jacklin (E: [ben.jacklin@cantab.net](mailto:ben.jacklin@cantab.net))

### **Sunday July 26th: Quidnunc CC v Free Foresters @ City of London Freeman's School, Ashtead**

Match Mgrs: Jim Freeth (E: [Jim\\_freeth@hotmail.com](mailto:Jim_freeth@hotmail.com)) & Anush Newman (E: [newman.anush@adlittle.com](mailto:newman.anush@adlittle.com))

If anyone would like to make himself available for any of the above games, please contact the match managers directly via email

## **The 18th Quidnunc Golf day - Worplesdon Friday July 31 2009.**

Please contact David Shufflebotham ([davidshufflebotham@gmail.com](mailto:davidshufflebotham@gmail.com)) if you would like to play in this year's golf day. The day will cost around £75 for two rounds of golf, bacon sandwiches in the morning, a long lunch and sandwiches at the close. Current student members will pay £50.

For any information please contact the Secretary, Garri Jones.  
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## 2008 in Review

### 2008 Quidnuncs

The committee would like to welcome the following new members, who were elected on the evening of the 2008 one day Varsity Match at Lord's.

Akbar Ansari	Trinity Hall	Matt Cook	Girton,
Michael James	Sidney Sussex	Nick Whittinton	Trinity Hall

### 2008 Results

#### **QCC v Harlequins CC, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ Arundel Castle,**

Tom Savill and Anshu Newman note ... "a beautiful day at Arundel was matched by a good game of cricket fought by the old adversaries. Unfortunately the 'Nuncs were on the wrong end of the result, losing by seven wickets, but only the most one eyed 'Quin would have denied that all results were possible up until the last few overs. The day started with the 'Nuncs being inserted and openers Howitt & MCC YC guest Mark Thompsett setting about the 'Quins bowling attack as if the game was being played at the Parks. The cold sweats the Oxford team normally suffer in anticipation of bowling to the 'Nuncs was replaced by hot ones as the steamy Sussex day showed no signs of letting up & both openers rattled up half centuries. Sportingly both retired gracefully to the pavilion as Danson & captain R Jones continued feasting on the fare that was being served up, with latterly Jenkins & Parthsatharti continuing the fun.

Having declared at half time on 273 for 6 the game was finely poised with the Quins having to score around 5 an over to win. Pitcher and the other MCC YC guest, Hodnett, opened the bowling and soon had the Quins struggling at 60 for 2 and this was soon 69 for 3 when Howitt removed Hawinkels. Surely only one winner? Unfortunately not, as some shoddy fielding by the Nuncs (five catches dropped) and some inspired batting by the 'Quins (putting on 197 for the fourth wicket) led to a dark blue victory by 3 wickets. The earlier mentioned shoddy fielding included one of the champagne moments of the day when David Noble, under a high catch at deep mid-wicket, managed to forget to use his hands and managed to take the ball flush on the head – fortunately Nobler was fine but his indignity was magnified by the ball flying 15 yards off his head for 4 runs!"

#### **QCC v CUCC, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ Fenner's, QCC lost badly.**

The match report was lost in the latter party of Suicide Sunday as the Quidnunc team attempted to drink the fixture back

#### **QCC v Free Foresters, July 27 @ City of Freeman's School, QCC won narrowly**

In an outstanding game of cricket the Quidnuncs chased down over 300 runs to win with an over and a couple of wickets to spare.

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### Quidnunc Membership List

A substantial effort has been made to update the Quidnunc Membership List (there are approximately 370 living Quidnuncs). The committee is particularly keen to ensure it has the correct addresses (postal and/or email) of all Quidnuncs. If at any time you change your address details please let the Secretary know (contact details at the foot of this page). If you have received this newsletter by post and have an email address, then please email the secretary. Email saves the club money. Below is a list of all Quidnuncs for whom we do not have a correct email address (listed in date order, left to right column). If you know their email, please contact the Secretary.

CR Spencer	DRW Silk	RW Cutler	NC Crawford
A Clarke	Rev RV Turner	REJ Chambers	R Gowar
RH Palmer	G Goonesena	D Aers	DW Varey
DM Parry	NSD Estcourt	IM McLachlan	G Pathmanathan
AEG Baring	Dr MN Morgan	RK Paull	TS Curtis
HR Cox	DJ Smith	PG Carling	SGP Hewitt
JH Pawle	PD Croft	AN Bhatia	CR Andrew
JR Thompson	S Singh	MRS Nevin	ID Burnley
Dr JA Dew	RW Barber	JI McDowall	MN Breddy
PJ Dickinson	PI Pieris	HJC Taylor	PL Garlick
GM Shuttleworth	CB Howland	H Pearman	PGP Roebuck
Lord WH Griffiths	A Hurd	RC Short	JE Davidson
DG Lacy-Scott	D Kirby	JR Spencer	DJ Fell
BMW Trapnell	DJ Green	JRA Cragg	DW Browne
JM Mills	MJL Willard	RJ Hadley	AK Golding
BS Hobson	NSK Reddy	PH Edmonds	PAC Bail
NM Mischler	AG Atkins	N Draffan	AD Brown
DJ Insole	AJG Pearson	CP Seager	MR Middleton
TE Bailey	PD Brodrick	RK Baker	SO Noyes
PB Datta	EJ Craig	RI Smyth	SD Heath
Sir O Popplewell	HJB Weedon	CJ Aworth	RM Pearson
JJ Warr	CJ Saunders	BR Martin	FJ Cooke
PJ Hall	AR Windows	SE Wright	PS Jones
RJ Morris	AF Benke	MN Field	MW Dawson
WID Hayward	RA Hutton	PJ Hayes	J Lowe
KPA Mathews	RC White	RCJ Fleming	R Hallsall
R Subba-Row	ME Miller	GH Moses	SM Sheikh
JA Cockett	PD Briggs	PM Roebuck	Jo Hartley
BJP Woods	MH Rose	CS Bannister	Alex Simcox
MH Bushby	RC Kerslake	CN Boyns	Dan Mcgrath
FCM Alexander	GC Pritchard	MEW Brooker	Vikram Banerjee
LK Lewis	AA McLachlan	ACD Moylan	Matt Austin
RG Marlar	RR Roopnarine	A Mubarak	
VR Lumsden	M Whittaker	Dr PR Cottrell	
Rev Cannon AEH Rutter	G Hughes	NH Cooper	
	PA Close	BWP Bennett	

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### **Quidnuncs on the Web!** <http://www.cucc.net/pages/Quidnuncs>

The Quidnuncs are in the process of integrating their website with the CUCC website. If you have access to the Internet, please bookmark the URL above. The latest details on matches, meetings and tours can be found on the website.

### **Quidnunc Finances**

These are in the safe hands of our Treasurer, Mike Barford, and will be presented at the AGM. If anyone would like a copy of the finances please contact the Secretary (contact details at the foot of this page)

### **Messages from CUCC** <http://www.cucc.net/>

#### **From CUCC Senior Treasurer's Notes for Members, CUCC AGM March 2009**

“This year's Annual General Meeting will mark the end of an era. Professor David Buckingham has indicated that he does not wish to stand for re-election as President of the Club, an office he has held with great enthusiasm and commitment for 19 years. He is also of course a very distinguished academic, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1975, and awarded the CBE for services to science in 1997.

David's connection with CUCC began in 1955 when, as a postgraduate student at Corpus, he played for the University (having previously represented the University of Sydney in his native Australia). In a squad captained by Dennis Silk and including Michael Melliush, Bob Barber, Colin Stansfield-Smith and Gammy Goonesena (who topped both the batting and bowling averages) David did not win a Blue, but he played four first class matches and totaled 155 runs with a highest score of 52\*. The Cricinfo player archive records that David's first class career in fact ran from 1955-1960, and that in 10 matches he scored 349 runs at an average of 18.4, and bowled 9 overs (off-breaks, we think) without taking any wickets. However, not all those games were for CUCC. After just one season at Fenner's he moved to Oxford, where he became a Fellow of Christ Church, and he was Senior Treasurer of OUCC from 1958-1964. He played occasional first class matches for the Free Foresters, delighting especially in returning to Fenner's in 1957 to play against his old university in a Foresters side captained by F.G. Mann. On that occasion David enjoyed a century opening partnership with Ian Craig, former captain of Australia, and made his highest first class score of 61, no mean feat considering the Cambridge attack included his former teammates Colin Stansfield-Smith and Gammy Goonesena, now supplemented by Ossie Wheatley and Ted Dexter! Foresters went on to win an exciting game by 15 runs. Overall however 1957 was a good year for Cambridge cricket. Two weeks after losing to the Foresters the Blues beat Lancashire by an innings at Liverpool, a famous match in which G.W. Cook and C.S. Smith enjoyed a University record 9th wicket stand of 200. Later on their tour the Blues had another innings win over Gloucestershire, and at Lord's

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they beat Oxford by an innings and 186 runs, Goonesena setting another University record with a score of 211. Great days!!

By 1969, after a short spell at Bristol University, David was back in Cambridge, this time to stay, as Professor of Chemistry and Fellow of Pembroke College. Jack Davies was quick to get him onto the CUCC committee, and he succeeded Jack as Senior Treasurer in 1977, becoming (we believe) the only person to hold that office for both CUCC and OUCC. In 1990, he succeeded John Butterfield as President of CUCC. His term of office has seen major changes in Cambridge cricket, largely in response to external pressures and certainly beyond the Club's control, reflecting both the development of the professional game and the declining profile of all university sport. However, David has guided the Club through these rough waters with wisdom and good humour, and has overseen many developments that have helped maintain Cambridge's place at the forefront of University cricket as it is played today. We have a thriving University Centre of Cricketing Excellence, a superb indoor school, we still play first class cricket at Fenner's, and our annual encounters with Oxford remain the highlights of our season. Indeed we now have three such encounters, the one-day Varsity Match at Lord's and both 4-day and 20/20 matches at Fenner's or The Parks.....

.....Regular readers of the Club's Notes for Members will be aware that club finances are an ongoing preoccupation. This year it might be best to draw a veil over the deficit of approx £16,000 for the 2008 season. Unfortunately, although we have kept expenditure under control, income has fallen away very badly over the last couple of years. We again failed to secure a major club sponsor last year, and the fixture against the Lashings all-star international XI was not the money-spinner it had been in 2007 (although Cambridge did record a memorable victory). Without a substantial and reliable source of additional income the club faces real difficulty very soon. Needless to say the committee is urgently addressing this critical financial situation, with strong support from Quidnuncs, and there is optimism that new sponsorship will be forthcoming in 2009.

But I should end on a happier note. With a hint of spring in the air as I am writing these notes, it is easy enough for thoughts to turn to the coming season. Captain of CUCC in 2009 will be Akbar Ansari, who had an outstanding summer with the bat in 2008. As one of only three Blues still in residence, Akbar will be looking to a strong intake of freshers to take up the challenge, and will be heartened to have West Indian fast bowler Ruel Braithwaite to spearhead the opening attack. We wish the team all the very best, and hope to see many members at Fenner's to support them.”