

QUIDNUNC CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2011

Welcome to the 2011 Quidnunc Cricket Club Newsletter. As we herald a new English season, many of us will look back fondly on the recent Ashes success of 2010/2011. Unlike decades past, no Quidnuncs were present on the field of play in this historic 3-1 series win. However, one Quidnunc can claim to have had as great an influence on the outcome of the series as any non-player can possibly do so.

Richard Halsall, England's fielding coach, became a Quidnunc in 1999 and after becoming the first full-time fielding coach in the English county circuit was appointed England's fielding coach in 2009. Paul Collingwood's scintillating catch to dismiss Ricky Ponting at Perth, Jonathon Trott's run out of Simon Katich to precipitate Australia's Adelaide collapse – these key points and more can be attributed in no small part to the efforts of Richard since becoming part of the England set up. We wish him every continued success.

2010 has been a tremendously busy year for the rest of us also. One hundred and four of our number gathered together in the Long Room at Lord's for the Quinquennial Dinner. Ruel Brathwaite (2009) became the latest in a long line of Quidnuncs to enter into the professional game after he signed a two year contract at Durham. And, amongst a whole host of other things (of which more later), many Quidnuncs have donated most generously to help secure the short term financial future of CUCC through the 'Quidnunc Appeal'.

On the field, CUCC will be lead this year by Richard Timms, also a Quidnunc Committee member. There will be several opportunities to support CUCC this year in their Varsity Match programme and we hope that you will be able to attend at least one of the 6 days of Varsity cricket.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we should recognise the passing away of Trevor Bailey (1947). Trevor gave much to the game, both as a player and commentator and he has received several fitting tributes from members of the media, including fellow Quidnuncs:

<http://www.espncriinfo.com/england/content/current/story/500211.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/cricket/international/england/8317128/Trevor-Bailey-is-remembered-for-his-obdurate-batting-and-as-one-of-Englands-finest-all-rounders.html>

2011 events

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place in Cambridge (venue to be confirmed) on April 20th at 1700h and will precede the CUCC annual members pre-season dinner. Mike Griffiths will stand down after 5 years as our President. Phillip Hodson will stand as his successor. We would like to thank Mike for the work he has put in during his 5 years as our President.

David Littlewood will stand down from the Committee. Anyone who wishes to stand for election onto the Committee should contact the Secretary. The club would ideally like a representative of from 1975-1985.

The current members of the Committee are:

Mike Griffith (President), Mike Barford (Treasurer), James Heywood (Secretary), David Littlewood, Anush Newman, Tom Savill, Garri Jones, Ben Jacklin, Richard Timms (appointed member & captain of CUCC), Gus Kennedy (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.

Fixtures

2011 sees the addition of a new fixture – the inaugural Harlequins-Quidnuncs Twenty/20 match! Please contact the match manager AS SOON AS YOU CAN if you want to play.

- **Sunday 8th May: Cambridge University CC vs Quidnunc CC at Fenner's Cricket Ground, Cambridge**

Match manager: Ben Jacklin – Ben.Jacklin@cantab.net; 07855 337445

- **Sunday 22nd May: Harlequins CC vs Quidnunc CC at Arundel Castle Cricket Ground, Arundel, Sussex**

Match manager: Ben Jacklin – Ben.Jacklin@cantab.net; 07855 337445

- **Friday 24th June: Harlequins CC vs Quidnunc CC at Dulwich College Prep School, Dulwich**

Match managers: Tom Savill – tomsavill@hotmail.com, 07810 005853

Anush Newman – anushnewman@hotmail.com,

- **Sunday 17th July: Quidnunc CC vs Free Foresters CC at City London Freeman's School, Ashted, Surrey**

Match manager: James Heywood – jjnh_2@yahoo.co.uk, 07814 875097

The 20th Golf Day at Worplesdon Golf Club, Surrey. Friday 29th July.

As ever, the Golf Day will take place at Worplesdon Golf Club. 2011 marks the 20th Anniversary of the golf day and I hope you will support this excellent occasion. To register your interest, please contact the Golf Secretary, David Shufflebotham - davidshufflebotham@gmail.com.

Varsity Matches 2011

- **4th Charles Russell Twenty/20 – Friday 17th June**, Fenner's Cricket Ground
- **The C.B. Fry Trophy Varsity Match – Sunday 26th June**, Lord's Cricket Ground
- **167th Varsity Match – Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th July**, Fenner's Cricket Ground

Drinks Invitation

Phillip Hodson, invites Quidnuncs to attend a drinks party at Fenner's on **Friday 17th June at 15:30h**. Phillip hopes you will join him in his support for the Cambridge University XI in the 4th Charles Russell Twenty/20 Varsity Match. Please contact the Secretary if you wish to attend.

2010 in review

New members: The following new members were elected to the club on July 4th 2010.

- ❖ Daniel Goodwin – Dulwich & St John's
- ❖ James Greenwood – Bristol University & Hughes Hall
- ❖ Richard Hesketh – Perse & Christ's
- ❖ Charlie Hopkins – Bourne Grammar School & Jesus

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- ❖ Philip Hughes – Romsey School & Downing
- ❖ Augustus Kennedy – Magdalen College School, Oxford & Corpus Christi
- ❖ George Reynolds – Eton & Corpus Christi
- ❖ Marc Rosenberg – Kearnsey College, S.A. & Hughes Hall
- ❖ Michael Taylor – Ballymena Academy & Gonville & Caius

CRICKET

Quidnuncs v Harlequins, May 9th 2010 at Arundel Castle Cricket Ground

In these times of current social and political uncertainty, it was refreshing to see a display of absolute dominance as the Quidnuncs lined up against the Harlequins at Arundel. Whilst the Quidnunc effort did not quite hit the lows of the BNP in this recent election (they did at least take some wickets and score a few runs), the performance was a poor one. Chasing 229 for victory on a typically good Arundel wicket, the coming and going of Quidnunc batsmen certainly did not resemble the situation outside many a polling station at 21:50h on May 6th, in that the flow of personnel was frequent and regular. Harlequins' Amit Suman, Paul McMahon and James McAdam all took 3 wickets as the 'Nuncs were skittled for 70.

Earlier, the Harlequins were twice pegged back by the accurate and at times hostile swing bowling of Guest, Matt Friedlander (5-56); initially finding themselves at 40-5 and again at 168-8 – Neil Millar (73) and Paul McMahon (28) putting on 84 for the 5th wicket. A late onslaught of 53* by Amit Suman took the Harlequins to their respectable total.

Overall, The Harlequin's performance was a thorough and savage one – resembling something of the competition between the invading ladybird beetle of the same name and its British relatives.

Thanks must go to our new match sponsor, 'SportsPages' for making the day a possibility.

James Heywood, July 2010

Quidnuncs vs CUCC, June 27th 2010 at Fenner's Cricket Ground

The 2010 Blues completed their 50 over format preparation against the Quidnuncs at Fenner's as they thoroughly demonstrated how dusting off the pads once a year is no substitute for regular practice and matches.

The 'Nuncs started admirably however with the new ball pairing of Probert and Jacklin, the latter once again doing a fair impression of a burly Northern seamer, and together had the Blues at 86-4.

Once Marc Rosenberg and Frankie Brown got together, the tables turned considerably and the Old Blues were given the run around as the two put on 145. The back-up bowling did not always live up to the new ball bowlers' high standards and the fielders were ragged at times. Whittington had Rosenberg stumped by Heywood, making this the 9th consecutive season that an unfortunate batsman has been dismissed in that fashion at Fenner's. New wicket keeper Kennedy however soon showed the old stager how late innings batting was done as he and Frankie Brown put on a further 76 to take CUCC up to 307, and helped the latter to a well crafted 106*. Only the bowling of Jacklin stood out for the Nuncs, taking 1-33 off his 10.

In reply, the Nuncs struggled at all times to keep up with the rate and with the dismissal of Scott MacLennan with the score at 100-5 things looked very tricky indeed. Rory Jenkins saved the collective Nuncs' face by quite literally smashing 72 before being run out as the last wicket to fall. Wickets were shared by all CUCC bowlers but Hopkins was the pick of the seamers with 2-25.

James Heywood, July 2010

Quidnuncs vs Free Foresters, July 25th 2010 at The City of London Freeman's School, Ashted

The Quidnuncs chased down a target of 236 in the last over to defeat the Free Foresters in a close game at City of London Freeman's School.

The 'Nuncs began the day in a professional fashion; with the comparatively senior captain/match manager partnership of Timms/Heywood in charge, an early '90s lap, static stretch and 3 point close in fielding drill began the day. Timms lost the

toss on a worn and dry deck much to the disgust of the troops. The disgust turned to rage as news filtered through that the FF had packed their side full of spinners (though whether this is more of a reflection of the FF membership base as opposed to cunning strategy could be debated).

The woes continued for the Quidnuncs as keeper Heywood rejected an offering in the form of an outside edge from the bowling of Noble. Shortly afterwards however, the FF were in serious trouble at 14-2, with Thomas Probert taking the wickets. Throughout the day, the combination of very attacking fields (at times 3 short covers, 2 slips and 2 catching mid wickets to the left arm spin of Frankie Brown) allowed plenty of scoring opportunities for the FF. Meanwhile, the 'Nuncs kept chipping away and after 56.5 overs, the FF declared on 239-9. Probert was the pick of the seamers with 3-22 and Richard Timms came on at the very end to snatch (or steal, burgal, pilfer etc) 2-20.

In a throwback to late 2000's Blues' Varsity matches, keeper Heywood was given the opportunity to open the batting in an attempt to protect him from the FF spin battery. Alas, the plan failed as a waft outside of stump off the first ball of the innings was gratefully accepted at slip. Whilst it was the worst possible start, it perhaps only accelerated the inevitable by 6 deliveries as the FF were to bring on a slow bowler from the other end. New 'Nunc Phil Hughes batted promisingly for 18 but the highlight of the pre-tea session surely came from James Greenwood. Promoted to 3, he bludgeoned 4 fours on his way to 22 before succumbing to the 6'7" seamer Buckland.

After tea (which incidentally was of a very high standard), Timms (31) and Carson (47) put on 74 in a partnership containing both nous and aggression in equal measure. A quick flurry of wickets brought the great Lunar explorer Anand Ashok (60*), last year's FF destroyer to the crease. He, along with Archie Reynolds (41* - brother of George, to whom the Nunc's are incredibly grateful for bringing his brother along to help our cause), put on an unbeaten partnership of 102 to win the match with 5 balls to spare.

A most gratifying end to the Nunc's fixture list for 2010, particularly as it followed two crushing defeats at the hands of the Harlequins and CUCC.

James Heywood, July 2010

GOLF

19th Quidnunc CC Golf Day, Worplesdon Golf Club

Charles Kenny Cup

Over early morning bacon rolls a number of Nuncs confided that they had been using visualisation exercises to prepare for collecting the Kenny Cup at the 19th Nuncs' golf day. Such modern training methods were once again shown to be useless when it became apparent that the holder, Tony Murley, had failed to bring the Cup along at all !

In glorious weather at the home of Nuncs' golf three Nuncs ended up well clear of the field of 23. **Russel Heap** (gross level par round of 71) and **Chilton Taylor** scooped up 41 points and put in tremendous efforts off the white boxes at Worplesdon. But they could not match **Ben Collins** (and his Caddie "Sky") who plundered 42 points off 12.

Well done to all three but especially Ben who becomes a two time winner of the Kenny Cup. **Peter Howland** took Cap'n Filth's wooden spoon with a glorious 24 points - you'll be pleased to hear that it didn't put him off his lunch.

Quidsomes

The rest of us put it all down to experience and concentrated on our own lunches and then the afternoon Quidsomes - in that order. The handsome winners ended up as **Shufflebotham** and, the debutant, **Timms** with 39 points. Another combination of youth and experience **Howland** and **Heywood** tied with **Kendall** and **Bush** (a pairing that defies description) for second place on 35 points.

Extras

Other notable performances came from Stuart Block who arrived on his tandem with Charlie Pimlott providing back seat support.

All is well that ends well on the trophy front as Murley is providing a suitable pair of gongs for the Quidsomes at next year's golf day.

Our role of honour for the Quidsomes nears completion despite the golf sec's best attempts to not remember a thing after lunch each golf day. Aside from 1992 and 1993 the only query we now have is over 2006 - can Mills and Cosh confirm or deny the rumours of a bountiful partnership?

David Shufflebotham, August 2010

QUINQUENNIAL DINNER – THE LONG ROOM, LORD’S

One hundred and four Quidnuncs gathered together for their 5 yearly dinner in the Long Room at Lords. Quidnuncs ranged in age from 19 to 78, with the youngest living Quidnunc, Gus Kennedy opening the formalities with grace. Before dinner commenced, Treasurer Mike Barford gave a frank assessment of the current state of Cambridge University Cricket Club and a plea to members to contribute to the Quidnunc Appeal. After the final course, The President gave his closing speech and left all those present to ponder the question, as he had been invited to do so several years before in the slips cordon at Fenner’s, “Does a biscuit have a soul?”.

QUIDNUNC APPEAL

Many of you will be familiar by now with the Quidnunc Appeal for CUCC and the reasons for it. The most recent developments include two very generous donations which together with all others stand at providing CUCC with £17,000 per year for the next three years, certainly securing the short term financial security of the club. A word of thanks from Ken Siddle, CUCC Senior Treasurer:

“On behalf of current CUCC players and committee, can I say how enormously grateful we are for the extraordinarily generous response of so many old Blues to the recent appeal, and of course to Mike Barford for orchestrating this. We are well aware that old Blues retain a strong interest in, and affection for, CUCC, and this has always meant a great deal to us. We are fortunate that Cambridge cricket is well supported by the University (who employ the Fenner’s groundstaff and maintain the ground) and the MCC (whose grant pays for our head coach and shared infrastructure as well as the MCCU playing programme). But that still leaves CUCC needing to find around £30k pa to fund the Blues, Crusaders and Women’s playing programmes and associated overheads. Our regular income is only around £20k pa, and we have relied on sponsorship to fill the funding gap. However, in several recent years that crop has failed, requiring us to draw on our reserves to a point of near exhaustion.

“The funds pledged by Quidnuncs have thrown us a lifeline while we develop new ideas to provide additional regular income and rebuild our reserves. The current players will be digging deeper into their own pockets, and the committee (guided by several wise ‘Nuncs) is working to build the image of Cambridge cricket and to attract regular sponsorship. Buoyed by the support it has received, the Club is in good heart with a strong squad as it faces up to the new season. We hope to see plenty of Quidnuncs at Fenner’s in 2011”

Ken Siddle, January 2011

QUIDNUNCS ON THE WEB

The CUCC website has undergone something of a revamp in the last few months, and we hope that you will pay it a visit to keep up with Quidnunc fixtures and results, not to mention the progress of the 2011 Varsity campaign.

<http://www.cucc.net/pages/Quidnuncs>

The joining of forces on the CUCC website is complete, with the final touches being put on the development of the CUCC membership database. Numerous Quidnuncs have been working hard in developing and updating the site, with Lynden Spencer-Allen (2004) and Richard Timms (2005) being the architects-in-chief.

QUIDNUNC MEMBERSHIP CONTACTS

We do not have emails or up to date addresses for the following Quidnuncs: Please contact the Secretary if you have any information on anyone in the list below, or indeed if your own personal information changes; we do all we can to keep in touch with you. Names are listed in order of election to the club.

A E G, Baring; J H, Pawle; G M, Shuttleworth; N M, Mischler; J M, Mills; B S, Hobson; W H, Griffiths; D G, Lacy-Scott; B M W, Trapnell; P B, Datta; D J, Insole; A G J, Rimell; J J, Warr; R J, Morris; P J, Hall; W I D, Hayward; J A, Cockett; R, Subba-Row; K P A, Mathews; F C M, Alexander; M H, Bushby; G G, Tordoff; V R, Lumsden; L K, Lewis; A E H, Rutter; J F, Pretlove; M N, Morgan; N S D, Estcourt; G, Goonesena; R V, Turner; S, Singh; D J, Smith; PD, Croft; R W, Barber; I M, McLachlan; P I, Pieris; A, Hurd; D, Kirby; H C, Blofeld; D J, Green; M J L, Willard; A G, Atkins; E J, Craig; R I, Jefferson; P D, Brodrick; A J G, Pearson; R A, Hutton; C J, Saunders; A F, Benke; R C, White; H J B, Weedon; M H, Rose; R C, Kerslake; P D, Briggs; M E, Miller; A A, McLachlan; G C, Pritchard; M, Whittaker; R R, Roopnarine; G, Hughes; R W, Cutler; P A, Close; A B, Palfreyman; D, Aers; R K, Paull; J F, Fitzgerald; AN, Bhatia; F E, Collyer; R L, Short; H, Pearman; H J C, Taylor; M R S, Nevin; J I, McDowall; J R A, Cragg; C L A, Wilkin; N, Draffan; C P, Seager; B R, Martin; S E, Wright; R I, Smyth; C J, Aworth; R K, Baker; P J, Hayes; G H, Moses; R C J, Fleming; S P, Coverdale; M N, Field; P M, Roebuck; CN, Boyns; M E W, Brooker; C S, Bannister; A C D, Moylan; D, Macvicar; A M, Mubarak; N H C, Cooper; P R, Cottrell; N C, Crawford; B W P, Bennett; R J, Boyd-Moss; A, Odendaal; R J A, Huxter; R, Gowar; D W, Varey; TS, Curtis; G, Pathmanathan; S G P, Hewitt; I D, Burnley; P L, Garlick; P G P, Roebuck; J E, Davidson; DW, Browne; P A C, Bail; M R, Middleton; J N, Perry; S D, Heath; R M, Pearson; F J, Cooke; A N, Janisch; R W, Tennent; P S, Jones; M W, Dawson; J P, Lowe; S, Sheik; R, Sajdeh; J A, Cliffe; A D, Simcox; J, Hartley; J R, Moyes; B D, Smith;