

PENN STREET circa 1905 . . . players will don Edwardian garb for their anniversary match this month.

Penn Street CC to mark 100 not out

PENN Street Cricket Club – the little club with the big heart – will be lifting a metaphorical bat in acknowledgement at reaching its centenary this season, writes Alan Bennett.

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100 YEARS

The club will be having its usual match for the Lord's Taverners on June 23 and will also have a Gentlemen versus Players match the next day after the summer ball. Players will be kitted out in the garb of 1905, following the detail of the wonderful picture of that time (above) and trying to replicate it as closely as possible.

Other events emphasising the club's commitment to youth cricket will also take place during the summer, while Penn Street will have the honour of playing Cross Arrows on the Nursery ground at Lord's on September 22.

While, as with so many clubs of this type, the ton has not been reached without the occasional play and miss outside the off stump, there have also been moments to compare with the beauty of a Barry Richards cover drive.

Penn has become known in recent years for its hard work in raising money for charity; £175,000 has been realised for Lord's Taverners since 1983, but the members have also been successful on the field of play despite not playing league cricket these days.

They enjoyed considerable fame in the Wycombe & District Cup, winning on numerous occasions – although only two are recorded on the trophy because a parsimonious treasurer objected to paying for the club name to be engraved on the trophy. If it was a case of paying per letter, perhaps it was just as well it wasn't Hawridge & Cholesbury.

Village pub

The club was actually formed in 1884 but closed down briefly and reformed in 1901. That makes 100 years to this year and if you take the time played under the earlier regime and subtract the war years, it also means 100 years of actual playing on the ground at Penn Street Park.

Like so many village clubs, the village pub, The Squirrel, has played its part over the years, with one particular couple, June and Patsy McGuinness, spoiling them with their generous support. They still enjoy considerable backing from the pub to this day.

Many famous cricketers have been seen at Penn Street over the years, such as former Lancashire and England batsman Cyril Washbrook, Lord Cowdrey, known universally as Colin, and the incomparable Sir Garfield Sobers.

Of their own 'stars', few made the impact of village blacksmith Pip Slade, who was a stalwart of the club for many years and who died on the field of play. Frank Hazelgrove, Dave Oxley, Dave Lander, Ronnie Miles and Rudy Walcott are others to have supported the club on and off the field for many years, while brothers Tim and Andy Coombes will never forget the day they made 251 for the first wicket against Ley Hill. Great times.

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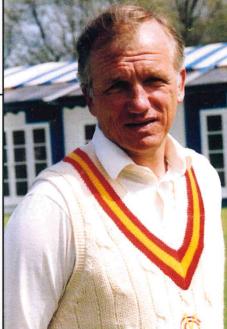
It is a privilege to be asked to write a foreword for the Penn Street CC centenary history.

I have been involved in a small way with the club for about 12 years and whilst their fund-raising for various charities (particularly The Lord's Taverners) are legendary, there are other things I remember about the club.

Wherever cricket is played, Asia, West Indies, Australia, Africa, people always reminisce or imagine what it is like playing on an English village green. Penn Street to me epitomises what village cricket is all about not just the beautiful green surrounded by the wood, pub, lovely little houses and village hall, but the spirit and camaraderie of the players within the club seems somewhat of a throwback from those halcyon days.

We hope it has been and will continue to be a successful centenary year and may cricket still be played in a similar way on the green in another hundred years.





PENN STREET CRICKET CLUB **100 YEARS**

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INTRODUCTION

tender age of 14 by one Jim Sunday. Meads. Jim was the captain of Essendon C.C. a small hamlet between Hatfield and Hertford. I was already playing cricket at school, but one Sunday Jim approached me to make up the side in a local game, and the die was cast. Before too long I was earning my place as a steady bat and a safe pair of hands in the field.

his passionate love for the great times during the summer. game. His philosophy mirrors our own, "Play each game to win! But win within the Laws and within the Spirit of the game".

occasionally Command, but

playing village cricket at the wherever possible, to play on a of his casual request, I hope you

On departing the R.A.F. in 1971 I left, for the first time, my In its 100 years of cricket this cricket behind me, until in 1984 Colin Parry suggested that I might enjoy an indoor net with his club Penn Street. One Sunday evening I went along should be played. I believe that and met the Dave's, Bonnett, those who helped to form Lander and Oxley, Ronnie P.S.C.C. all those years ago, the Brian Bate and Cliff Culbert. the Purseys and all who played For the next two seasons I gorged Very soon I had signed up for 100 years ago would be proud on playing for Essendon, and Jim the forthcoming season with a became my mentor showing me view to playing just a couple of

I did not realise it then, but contributed to this book. The there is something about the Dave's, again, Bonnett, Lander welcome at P.S.C.C. that draws and Oxley, ian Jones, Jim Dale, you in and envelopes you with Ron Langston, Roy Thompson, After those first two summers I friendship and a warmth, that and to George Harold who has left to join the Royal Air Force, is to say, the least special. I done a marvellous job in not far from Penn Street, at found my love of the game putting it all together. Halton, as an Airframe restored and spent five seasons Apprentice. For the next 13 thoroughly enjoying playing years I played cricket each for the club. During my years as Ken Pegden Saturday during the summers secretary, Dave Oxley, then our (Club Historian) for my station, and Chairman, asked me if I could investigate our history. The

I was introduced to the joy of always seeking out a village following volume is the result will enjoy its pages and that it will prove a good souvenir.

> little club has achieved much, it has shown that whilst it may be small it has a 'Big Heart' and it plays the game the way it Langston, John Rigelsford, Slades, the Laceys, the Howells, of what their club has become.

> > May I offer my heartfelt and sincere thanks to all who have

From The Chairman

Street Club.

such style is a tribute and testament to the commitment friends.

The standard that we have come to expect at Penn Street, for which we can thank Frank Squirrel Public House. It is and

Haselgrove (sadly missed) and always has been 'our home' David Oxley in particular. It is a whilst playing in Penn Street, This year has been a tribute to everyone involved momentous occasion for today, that those standards are owe a debt of gratitude to a everyone connected with Penn still maintained (for the most succession of 'Mine Hosts', Nan part!)

For such a small village club It is not just a Cricket Club, it is with limited resources, to a Social Club and a Family celebrate this Centenary Year in Club, and above all a very, very friendly Club.

and hard work put in by I feel privileged to have been everyone - the Players, Club part of that Club for the last 39 Officers, the president and years and hopefully for many Vice-Presidents and may, many years to come - I would like to say 'Thank You' to you all for making the Club what it is today.

has not been set this year or I could not finish these notes last, but a number of years ago, without a mention of The

and not only on match days. We & Bert Weedon, June and Patsy McGuinness, Fiona & Steven Price, and, of course, our current hosts, Fran & Graham Knapton. The 'Club' & the 'Pub' are inexorably linked and without that facility, the Club could not exist - thank you Fran & Graham, and thanks again to you all for your magnificent efforts.

Kind regards

David handel

CHAPTER ONE

EARLY DAYS

PENN STREET V HOLMER GREEN

THE FIRST EVER RECORDED MATCH IN 1884

	PENS STREET. V. HOLMER GREEN.
	The return Match between these Cricket Clubs, was played
	on Monday last at Holmer Green, and again resulted in an easy victory for the former. Despite the unfavourable
	weather which continued the whole day, a great number of
	persons attended to witness the game between the two clubs,
	which are considered great rivals, as each started into
	existence last year, and played two games which clearly
	showed the Holmer Green club to be much superior in the art
	of cricket. Two more matches have been played this season,
	in which the last year's victors have been easily defeated, the
	Penn Street clab thereby retrieving their lost honour. In
	this last match, Holmer Green first took the wickets, but with
6	the left-hand bowling of T. Wingrove and Alf. Hearn, no
8	stand could be made, and they were easily disposed of for 22
ě	runs, which closed the first innings. Penn Street followed,
	with W. Hazell and Howell handling the willow; the latter
	was soon bowled by W. James, when Wingrove joined Hazell,
	and these two made a long stand until Hazell was bowled by
	James, after a careful and well-played innings. Alf. Hearn
	now took the bat, and after a good long hit for 4 was badly
	run out, Wingrove having been bowled by James with a fault-
	less score of 15, the remainder, with some good play from
	Bovingdon, som closed the first innings with 66 runs.
	Holmer Green commenced their second innings with a total
	of 44 against them, and Tilbury began the uphill wock with
	3 twos, which rather raised their drooping spirits, but being
	bowled by Wingrove and 5 other wickets falling in quick
	succession, the interest in the game vanished until Tilbury
	and Bond were in company, these two put much animation in
	the game by their steady batting to the bowling of Wingrove
	and Hearn, but through the treachery of one of Hearn's
	steady balls. Bond put it into the bowler's hands, and closed a
	useful innings of 17. His partner Tilbury followed imme-
	diately from another ball from Hearn, the other wickets
	falling quickly, and closed the innings for 47, thus leaving 4
	runs to be played for by Penn Street, which with 4 balls from
	James, were obtained by Howell and Hazell. Appended is
	the full score
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PENN STREET CRICKET CLUB 1901 - 2001

in 1901.

It is this date that we are celebrating this season. As an addition, if you take the years from 1884 and deduct those years lost to two World Wars, they cancel each other out.

So we are also celebrating 100 years of playing the Great Game In Penn Street.

Division Championship on perilous business. four occasions. But our name only appears twice on the Cup.

when we were successful Maurice needed this, he life. for the third time in 1914 replied in the affirmative and the league committee stated was promptly bowled. Then P.S.C.C. has also become that the winning club when the game started, the locally famous for its cricket would in future be bowler did it again. Often academy, and commitment responsible for engraving games went to a second to introducing youngsters to costs. P.S.C.C. disagreed innings, and yes, when sent a bat and a ball. with this and would not do out to open the second so, a grievance that raged P.S.C.C. innings, his middle Often over 100 young even when we had our 4th stump was uprooted first cricketers can be seen on the success in 1928!

those days was Pip Slade, a Coleshill blacksmith. He qualified for P.S.C.C. under the two mile law, by a couple of yards. His powerful hitting was renowned, and as It has earned its name of the

P.S.C.C. was actually formed far as we know he is the only "Little Club With A Big great height.

> cricket pitch, in a Veterans and June McGuiness, the game in 1942. He had played then much loved Hosts of for P.S.C.C. since 1905.

One story from those early Since then it has grown to match. Not possible of Jones. course, well yes it was! The From 1906 we played in the wickets of yesteryear were In 1986 the Coombes

was allowed a "look at ball". As I recall I was due in at The reason for this is that When asked by the umpire if number 3 that day! Such is ball, for the third time.

> club has played social cricket and has been renowned for its competitive play and hospitality.

in 1884, but went into batsman to have cleared the Heart", raising well over decline at the end of the local pub, The Squirrel. A hit £150,000 for the Lord's century, and was reformed of some 100 yards, and of Taverners and local charities.

> The annual event was Pip actually died on the established in 1982 by Patsy "The Squirrel".

> days is of a Maurice Stevens, hold its own place in the who, in 1928 was given out Taverners Fixture List, first ball 3 times in one under the guidance of Ian

Wycombe and District not as good as they are today, brothers (Tim and Andy) League, winning the First and batting could be a created the clubs highest partnership of 251 for the first wicket. The rest of us Quite often the opening bat just had to stand and stare.

Common playing Kwik Cricket, and we owe much The local cricketing star of Since World War Two the to the Taverners who have noted this and presented junior kits to the club.

Some of the earliest known photographs of Penn Street C. C. and of its players.



All we know is that Pip Slade is in the dark cap, far left, front row.

Taken outside The Squirrel C 1918.

Left to right: F. Haselgrove, S. Hatt, J. Wright, G. Wright, W. Lawrence, F. Wingrove, W. Wright.

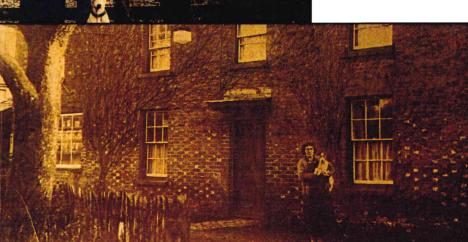


C 1910:

T. Parslow, F. Hearne, W. Hearne, W. Wright, W. Randall, J. Wright.

The Squirrel c 1910

We don't know who the lady is - but note the lean-to bakery to the left.



AN EXTRACT FROM THE BUCKS FREE PRESS (MAY 1901)

were elected:

PRESIDENT: **EARL HOWE** TREASURER: **REV. A. BROWNING SECRETARY:** E. HOWELL CAPTAIN: T. WINGROVE **DEPUTY CAPTAIN:** F. HOWELL

A committee was also formed consisting of Messrs J. Widdowson, A. Hearn, A. Elliot, H. Haselgrove, The first match of the

fortunate in securing a good and G. Key 5 in the first. stock of materials second hand from the defunct club On 1st June a match is Penn Street Club seems well established. Mr Parslow has kindly lent us a field where an enjoyable match was held The cricket match played at Widdowsons Team, resulting in a victory for the former.

G. Key, and J. Wright. season was played against Since then two or three Hazlemere on 11th May committee meetings have and resulted in a victory for been held at the Vicarage Penn Street by nine wickets -

The Penn Street Cricket Club to arrange matches and other a most successful start. has been revived this year. A matters. Twenty eight The scores were, Penn General Meeting was held at members have paid their Street 59 (to which A. Elliot the schools on 23rd April, subscriptions of half-crown, contributed 11 and H. Payne when the following officers and upwards of £3 in 8) and 14 for one wicket. donations have been Hazlemere 41 and 29. E. received including £1 from Howell took 10 wickets in the Earl Howe. We have been two innings of Hazlemere

> at Penn, and altogether the arranged at Holmer Green against Penn Street, which should prove interesting.

> on Whit Monday, between Holmer Green on 15th June the Club and Mr Peter between that club and Penn Street, resulted in an easy win for the latter, by an innings and 13 runs. In the return match played at Penn Street on 22nd June, Holmer Green had its revenge winning by 11 runs on the first innings.

ENN STREET IV. V. MR. P. WIDDOWSON'S IV.

Here are the score cards of the matches mentioned above.

We know cricket was played in the village from 1884 until 1900, no reason has been found as to why it floundered, needing it to be reformed in 1901.

BOLYER GREEN C.C.	v. PENN STREET C.C.
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CHAPTER TWO

THE WYCOMBE AND **DISTRICT CUP**

THE WYCOMBE AND DISTRICT **CRICKET CUP**

1902 - 1980

Penn Street Cricket Club first entered the league in 1906 in Division One. We quickly established ourselves, becoming Champions for the first time in 1908, losing only one match.

Further titles were to follow in 1909, when we retained the title again only losing once, each season in 1914 and 1928. Although we registered four Championship titles, the name of Penn Street only appears twice on the trophy. When we completed our third success the

league committee decreed that the cost of engraving should be borne by the victors. P.S.C.C. disagreed with this policy, which had not been resolved by the time we won for the fourth and last time in 1928!

In the years between 1909 and 1914 we were to finish runners up four times. So from our first success to our third, we were never out of the first two places. Our playing record for these years looked like this:

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POINTS				
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When the league was cancelled in 1940 our record was:									
	420	227	182	11	464				

However it was not all glory, 1923 saw us relegated to Division Two, and it took four frustrating seasons to regain First Division Status. Later as war clouds started to build up, we lost our Premier position in 1937.

When The League resumed after the war, Penn Street were not playing cricket. The Common had been used to house Polish servicemen, and required a great deal of restoration work. Following much negotiation with the MOD the club was restarted in 1952. Whilst work on the Common went on apace under the watchful eye of Ron Miles and Frank Haselgrove, our first season in 1952 saw us playing on a field kindly lent to us by the Parslow family at Mop End.

Penn Street would never again grace the Wycombe and District Cricket League.



PENN STREET C.C.CHAMPIONS WYCOMBE AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE 1908



Back row left - right:

G. Wright, W. Hearne, G. Slade, "Pip" Slade, Rev. A. Browning, A. N. other, F. Pursey, H. Adlam, B. Adlam, A. N. other.

Middle row left - right:

S. Pursey, H. Hancock, B. Lacey, F. Lacey, R. Read, W. Pursey, T. Pursey.

Front row left - right:

W. Wingrove, S. Keen (scorer), H. Payne, A. N. other, A. Pursey, F. Hancock.

George Wright was the host The Slades also opened a of The Squirrel, and ran a garage in Penn, which bakery in a lean-to on the carries their name to this side of the pub. From here day. he regularly delivered bread to local villages. He was known to have a kind heart, and often let those This photograph was who were hard up "pay kindly donated to the club him later". When he died, by Louise Spicer, daughter he was owed over £3000, a of George Wright. princely sum in those days.

Pip Slade was to become a stalwart of the club right up to the Second World War.

CHAMPIONS 1908 AND 1909

"PENN STREET IS NOT A VERY LARGE CITY"

1909.

included, the bowlers holding sway.

9s - 5d on the season, and many for promised change do they!

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Bucks Free Press in 1908 and large city", and that he annual supper held in The from such a place should be Squirrel following the clubs able to hold its own in the successful season when they manner they have done this emerged as Champions. The year, and after winning last season's averages are also year to again maintain their position at the top of the League".

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were During these early years presented, by the Rev. ED Shaw there was an annual match (League President) to Penn held at Wycombe's ground, Street. Again the averages show when that club challenged a that it was a bowlers game. Our Select Wycombe And District

Here are the end of season Note Rev. Shaws words League side. Pip Slade was reports that appeared in the "Penn Street is not a very the first Penn Street player to play in this match, which he thought it, "a most did on several occasions. A The 1908 report refers to the creditable thing that a team number followed him including E Lacey, W Pursey, and H Hancock.

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CHAMPIONS FOR THE THIRD TIME 1914

we reversed the placings.

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In heartily congratulating Penn Street on their success, and on the consistent form

This was the year that Penn they had shown throughout Street C.C. finally downed the season, the Mayor went on: Stokenchurch. For the previous "Whenever Stokenchurch or three years we had been Penn Street come to Wycombe runners up to them, but in 1914 they can generally reckon on witnessing a good game with a

The final Table shows P.S.C.C. "In Division One, Penn Street ending the season having won themselves 12 of their 14 league games.

the honour had fallen to Penn name of P.S.C.C. name did not Street, who had fought in a appear on the Champions

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CHAMPIONS 1928

previous year.

The team, as pictured below, is:

Back row left to right:

B. Miles, A. Hillier, M. Stevens, W. Lawrence,

Middle row left to right:

A. Slade, G. Wright, Pip Slade (Captain), Rev. F. J. Sibree, T. Wingrove (Vice Captain), F. Lawrence, F. Haselgrove.

Front row left to right:

J Wilkins (scorer), F. Wingrove, F. Payne, H. Tack (Hon Secretary).

several centuries, which on. seems highly likely, but no record can be found to Some years ago Maurice substantiate this.

Maurice famously clean-bowled, three times in one match. Maurice used to tell of matches against "The Ladies", when the men had to bat with such items as sticks of rhubarb

1928 saw Penn Street take the Note whilst it is impossible and walking sticks! The First Division Championship to prove, Pip Slade, may ladies usually won! In those for the fourth and last time, have played in all Penn days, having spent much of having been promoted the Street League matches since the morning travelling to we had joined the League in away matches ,it was 1906. He had hit several 50's, important to finish the game. and held the club record of Maurice recalled staging a 86. The press of the day match on a bridle-way as the stated that he had recorded ground was too wet to play

> kindly presented his Second Division medal from 1927, It was in this year that and his Championship Stevens was medal from 1929 to P.S.C.C.

This photograph is displayed in The Squirrel.



THE RESULTS AND A FAMILY DAY OUT

WYCOMBE ALEXANDRA	v. PENN STREET.
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TOKENCHURCH v. PENN STREET

Penn Street Villagers day out to Brighton. (c.1912)



"PIP" SLADE - CRICKET VETERAN

Penn Street's Cricket Veteran

"Pip" Slade's 29 Years In Village Sport

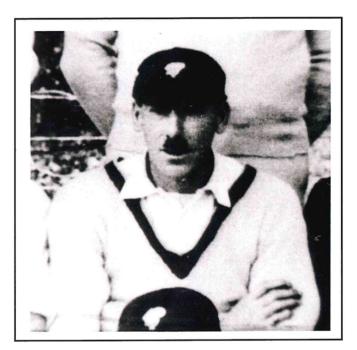
THERE is drama in village cricketdrama and comedy. It is the drama and comedy in the game which makes it so attractive a sport for a sunny summer Saturday afternoon, says "Pip" Slade, Penn Street's cricket veteran. And he should know.

He has been playing for Penn Street's village team in the Wycombe League for 29 years, and he's still going strong.

When cricket enthusiaets at Penn Street decided to enter a team in the Wycombe League competition, they were delighted that Slade was just eligible to play for them, as he lived at Coleshill, a village two miles away. Slade has played regularly ever since. and he has maintained remarkable consistency during his 29 years both as a bowler and as a batsman. In 1910, his best season, he won cups for heading both the bowling and bafting averages of the club. Although he has scored several centuries in other games, his highest score in league cricket is

"Pip" Slade can tell scores of stories about the drama and comedy of village cricket. In one match, against Tylers Green, Penn Street's opponents wanted only one run to tie and two to win, and they had three wickets to

The captain tossed the ball to "Pip" with the cryptic instructions, "Do your stuff, Pip." Renn Street's G.O.M. promptly did the hat-trick with his first three balls and won the game for his side!



On another occasion, when Slade was batting, he hit the ball high into the air and over the road. The players watched the flight of the ball, and also, with some alarm, a woman who was pushing a baby in a pram along the road. The ball fell down straight for the pram and the unsuspecting woman. The cricketers hoaved a deep sigh of relief when the ball hit the side of the pram, bounced off, and broke a window in a house nearby.

"Pip" Slade has played for the Wycombe League representative side on many occasions, and captained Penn Street for several years. He was formerly an enthusiastic footballer, playing for Coleshill, Winchmore Hill, Amersham and Tylers Green.

His is a family of footballers. A brother played for Watdord for seven years as a professional, another brother played for Wycombe and Chesham three or four years ago, and his son had two seasons with Chesham.

CHAPTER THREE MODERN TIMES

P.S.C.C. Best Bowling Figures
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MODERN TIMES 1952 TO 2001

When Penn Street Cricket Club was restarted in 1952, a temporary ground was used at Tommy Parslow's farm at Mop End, whilst the Common in the village was made ready. As the original area of the Common land was too small, a section of the neighbouring woodland was leased from The Cooks Trust. This necessitated a great deal of heavy work, removing tree stumps, levelling and resowing, mainly by hand. Much of this land had been used during and after world war two for army exercises and accommodation, followed by temporary buildings for Polish refugees. Beneath the surface lay many concrete pads, roadways and other debris.

Very little cash was available, so the finished ground was uneven. Nevertheless the clearing was an impressive effort by all who loved cricket under the guidance of Ron Miles and Frank Haselgrove. Most of the wickets remained a bowler's paradise. Consequently it was a regular occurrence to have a "beer match" where often all 11 players would get to bowl.

Since the war Club policy has been to play "friendly" cricket and the Club has no trouble in filling the fixture list.

The first Chairman In 1952 was Frank Haselgrove. He was former player who gave a great deal of time, energy and devotion to the Club. He formed the rules of P.S.C.C. which exist today. He lived next to The Hit And Miss and worked for Dancer and Hearne chair factory. Many players and supporters worked for D and H. (a good source of sawdust for wet weather).

With few resources and a limited playing strength at the outset

P.S.C.C. gradually developed and established a reputation as reliable and friendly opponents. Frank believed in fair play at all times, and led by example. When his playing career finished he became our umpire and regularly officiated for the next 20 years. Frank would be proud to see how the club has developed since his time. In particular the continuing sense of fair play and honest endeavour on the field. He would be delighted at the higher standard of play, the excellent condition of the playing surface and the ongoing youth coaching activities. Over the years, the wicket has improved due to constant hard work and much "tlc". From the occasional 50 in the early days (Alex Slade recorded the first post war half century, 56) the wicket is now a 200 one.

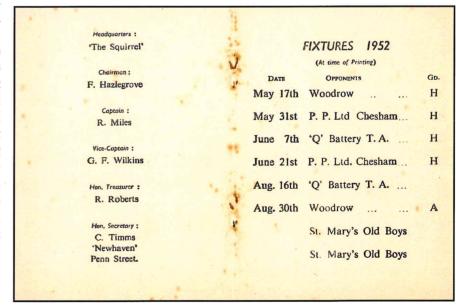
Years of youth development is paying dividends, and the standard of batting and fielding has improved greatly, though arguably bowling is little changed.

The Squirrel has been allied to the club ever since it started, but for many years teams were selected on the ground. In wet weather the selection committee used a shed next to the pub owned by the village cobbler, George Hatt.

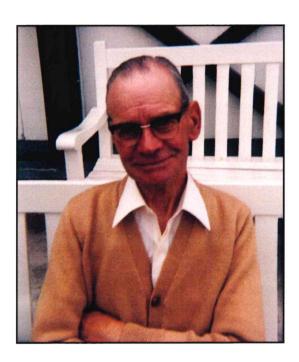
Team sheets were pinned up on he village hall notice board, and it was the duty of all to check. In the days before mobile phones, a dim view was taken if you failed to turn up when selected. As proof of the low scores we lost a match to Jordans in 1967, when we were all out for 9 (YES NINE!).

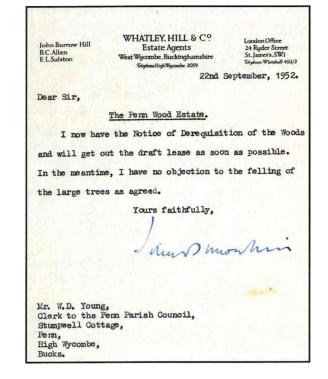
My thanks to Dave Oxley for these notes. Dave followed Frank as Chairman in 1983 and maintained and built on the standards set by him. Dave too has left an indelible mark on the club. This includes being a member of the side all out for 9! He still holds the club record for the most wickets 1050, his best figures being 9 -13 against Searls in 1961. Dave scored the first century of the post war period with 100 not out in 1970.

THE FIRST FIXTURE CARD OF 1952



FRANK HASELGROVE CLUB CHAIRMAN 1952 - 1983





PENN STREET CRICKET CLUB.

Penn Street, Nr. AMERSHAM, Bucks.

6th December 1951.

The Clerk, Penn Parish Council, PENN, Bucks.

Dear Sir,

As perhaps you are aware the Penn Street Cricket Club was re-formed at the end of last season as a result of a general request in the Village, and Mr. T.Parslow of Mop End kindly loaned us a field where we were able to make some preparatory arrangments in readiness for this season, although of course it meant a journey outside the village.

At that time of course it was impossible to prepare a pitch on Penn Street Common, but now that this is being cleared there is a unanimous desire to see cricket played once again on the Village Green which was once a popular venue for local cricket enthusiasts.

In view of the considerable increase in traffic on the road which runs elongeide the green, and having regard to the extremely limited space available, members of regard to the extremely limited space available, members of support and nesistance in connection with a proposal which we are making to extend the green for about 30 ft. into the wood. I am enclosing a plan for your guidance and my club will be very interested to know what assistance if any you may be able to give us in this direction.

Your sympathetic consideration of this matter will be very much appreciated and the favour of your reply is awaited with interest.

Yours faithfully,



loth July, 1952.

Dear Mr. Hassigrove,

I have now received the enclosed note from the War Office about The Penn Street Village Creen.

You will see that as this land has now been transferred to the Ministry of Works, my letter has been passed to that bepartment.

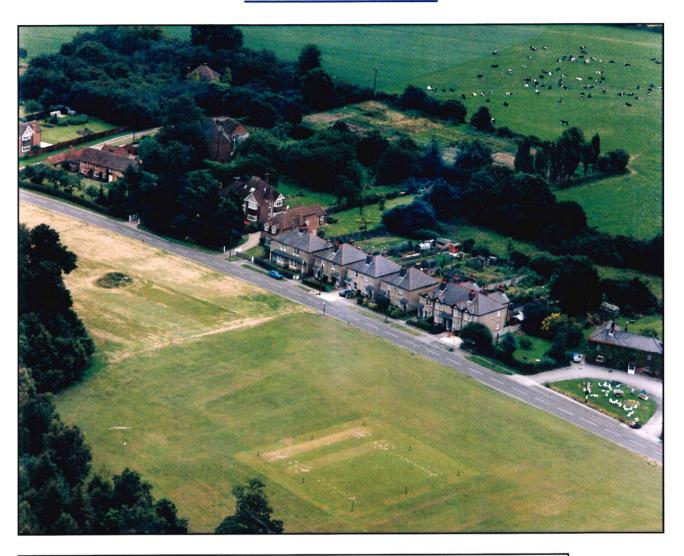
meedless to say I will write to you again as soon as I have any further news but I thought you might like to know this as it will explain any slight delay there may be in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Russel or Bell

F.H. Hazelgrove, Esq., Penn Street Cricket Club, Myrtle Villa, Penn Street, Nr. Amersham.

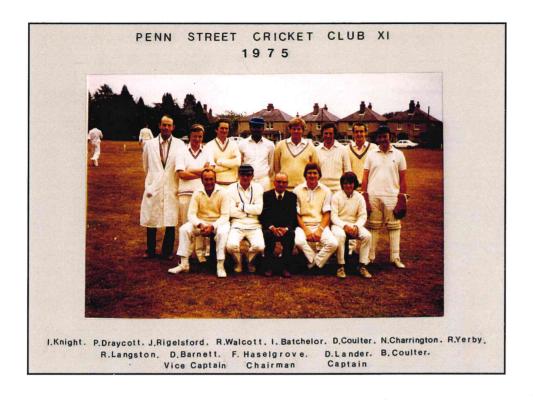
PENN STREET CRICKET GROUND AT ITS FINEST

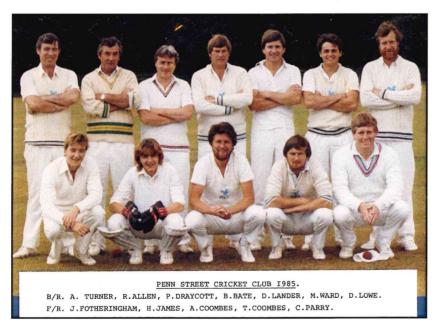


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CLUB TEAMS IN MODERN TIMES





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CHAPTER FOUR

TOURING AUSTRALIA AND WORCESTER

PENN STREET TOURS AUSTRALIA 1982

By: Ken Pegden, Dave Bonnett and Dave Lander.

In 1982 the club took the momentous decision to embark on a tour of Australia. The contact had been developed over a number of year's friendship with two Quantas pilots who, when on stopovers, stayed in the village and followed the cricket team. This love of cricket led to an invitation to visit "down under".

With help from a number of guest players, the following club members set out in February 1982.

Dave Oxley, Dave Lander, Brian Bate, Tim and Andy Coombes and John Wyman. Guests were: G. Blenkinsop R. Holmes, G. Wambeck, F. Crowe, M. Blayney and P. Collett.

Wives included Joan Oxley, Doreen Lander, Bridget Bate. Eric Hearne and June and Patsy McGuiness also joined the tour members.

In all, five games were played, resulting in 1 win, 3 draws and just 1 defeat, but the statistics don't tell the story "when a small club took on the Aussies"!

Memorable items of note include Tim Coombes-127 not out, and his 77 and a 55. Brian Bate contributed 47 not out. In the 5 matches, Tim averaged exactly 90. Not bad for a young one!

Match results went as follows:

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Adelaide	152 for 8 (Tin	Coombes :	3-29 Drawn)

In five matches, Tim Coombes scored 270 runs for an average of 90.00.

PENN STREET TOURS AUSTRALIA 1982







PENN STREET TOURS WORCESTER

P.S.C.C. On Tour

It started we think in 1976. I say "we think" because in 1997 we lst tour was in 1976, celebrated 20 years of touring and duration 2 days, then realised half way through our travel down on celebrations that we were a year Friday after lunch at out. By then it was too late so we carried on celebrating anyway!

The Squirrel, play Saturday & Sunday

To go to the same place (Worcester) and back Sunday for all this time and to have played one of our opponents, Kays CC, for twenty-five of those years is quite remarkable and of course has morning after resulted in a vast number of breakfast at Patsy's, incidents, victories and losses, via Broadway - light happiness and sadness, friendships lunch, and onto and acquaintances, tantrums and Fladbury tears, much drinking, many curries lunch) for the first of and kebabs, singing and songs, four matches. That such as you have never heard lst year - remember Severn Stoke -

Inevitably it grew to three days, and then to four. Now, there are those who stay on for a fifth day, but mainly for the purposes of Country Club with our hosts.

many memories of people and (Chairman David Oxley in his happenings, far too many for the motor launch, the rest of us in a space available here. There are only motley mixture of manually three of us who have been on every propelled river craft) Trying to single one of those tours, not for imagine what the 'alternatives' every day of every tour, but every were going to wear to dinner in the

Dave Bonnett



Tour Memories.

(more

before and probably never would 'All day I face the barren waste' want to again. Spoofing not for the fainthearted and of course, a fair amount of cricket in between!

Hot (remember those summers), inhospitable (the place, not the people) in the middle of Terry It started as a weekend affair. Biddlecombe's land - former

recuperation and fence mending!

The Talbot was our first watering

Remember some fixtures now long gone: Old Elizabethans - our first hole, Ray and Daphne Cross were Sunday fixture, Old Swinford our hosts. A perfect base for a (What ever happened to Julian?) cricket tour, being more pub than Hotel. When they retired it changed and so did we, to the Diglis House Hotel where we still find our base, though one wonders how long the Welcome will last at times.

Heenans & Froude (lovely pavilion)

Over twenty-five years there are so **Fond Memories:** The river trips year, and those are Patsy McGuinness, David Lander and myself. What a tribute to a strong stomach, cricketing prowess and stamina. There must be something special about P.S.C.C. on Tour.

were going to wear to diffier in the early years (it was my mistake in 1976 in saying to the lads -'Let's make an impression, we should dress for dinner' - The local Oxfam shop nearly sold out. Micky Ward's party trick at The Swan at Whittington Finding New Page 1 Whittington. Finding New Road,



home of Worcester C.C. - surely the loveliest county ground in the country. Our 10th Anniversary to Worcester, and Corals welcome for Pat McGuinness. Our 20th or 21st celebration (by this time we have lost count) - the marquee on the lawn at The Diglis House Hotel, 70+ guests, a magnificent party. Sincere thanks to Ray & Daphne Cross, our hosts at The Talbot Hotel for the first twelve years,

and to Julia Seymour for the last ?? years at The Diglis House Hotel. Personally over the 26 years, I have had a lot of fun, played a lot of cricket, making many firm friends along the way, both from Penn Street and from our various opposition. Our fixture list is now firmly established, Fladbury, Peopleton, Kays and Dominies & Guild. We are always made welcome at The Diglis House Hotel (one only wonders why sometimes), such a lovely setting on the banks of the River Severn, only minutes from Worcester city centre. I would certainly recommend a few days in and around Worcester, a very beautiful part of the country (not, of course, whilst we are on tour)

Such is the vast amount crammed into those four days, and, of course, at my age, a couple of extra days are now needed before returning to the daily 'grind'. So many individuals have contributed in so many ways to making each tour into a very special event. Long may that continue and long may I be part of those tours.

David Lander

PENN STREET TOURS WORCESTER



ON TOUR

Messrs: Langston, Pegden, Oxley

All in serious posing mode.

Heath, Ward and Howick

ON TOUR

Worcester Pavilion, home of KAYS C.C.

W.G.Grace stood here, so did Dave Oxley not together you understand!





ON TOUR

'The Lads' at play.

CHAPTER FIVE

LITTLE CLUB **BIG HEART**

Extract from The Bucks Examiner.

Penn Street reached a special target in their centenary year - they have seen a first Lord's Taverners minibus named after them. The 'Little Club with the Big Heart" achieved this honour after raising more than £120,000 for the charity over 10 years. Now they are aiming for the next one. Club spokesman Ken Pegden paid tribute to all those who have helped: "A lot of unsung heroes put in a lot of work behind the scenes, guided by chairman Dave Lander and Ian Jones," he said.



A WHEELY GOOD JOB ... Rob Fryer, Penn Street club captain and Tyler, age six, admire the new minibus for The Lord's Taverners with Ian Jones, who has liaised for the club with the charity.

THE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH DURING THE 1990'S



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THE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH DURING THE 1990'S

LITTLE CLUB BIG HEART

Early in 1983 June and Patsy McGuiness, who had taken over the stewardship of The Squirrel, launched, with the Club, an Annual Charity Match. This was to aid the work done by the Lords Taverners and some local charities.

A side called The Old Swallows, organised by Trevor Fowke, became the regular opposition. Whilst the game proceeded, Club members helped to run

a village fete in front of The Squirrel. A Grand Raffle was held to top up proceed a lready raised by the sponsors, who took space in the match programme.

Often, as much as £4000 was given to The Taverners. Local charities to benefit from the work of P.S.C.C. included Guide Dogs For the Blind (2), Chiltern Dialaride, McMillan Nurses, and The Princess Marina Centre.

On two separate o c c a s i o n s Barbara Windsor opened the days events, bowling the first ball and bringing her her great sense of fun.

By Ken Pegden

During the 80's, the success of June's enthusiasm came to the notice more and more of those in high places within The Taverners. The late Lesley Crowther, then President of The Lords Taverners was so impressed when he visited us in 1988 that he persuaded the Club to raise its profile.

1990 saw Ian Jones guide the Charity Match to new heights. Many celebrities

have now played on the Common and helped to raise well over £150.000 for those less fortunate than ourselves.

All through the 1990's the Club held a revered position on The Taverners fixture list. To do this a sum of £8000 has to be guaranteed, a gigantic effort by a small cricket Club.

In return we have been the recipients of two sets of junior kit, and money to build the all weather net, from The Taverners.

The next pages show a collage of snapshots and paper clippings taken over the years of Penn Street's Charity Match.



PATSY AND JUNE MCGUINESS

Much loved hosts of The Squirrel And supporters of P.S.C.C.

THE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH DURING THE 1990'S

In 1991 the Club's committee decided to revitalise the annual Charity Cricket Match against The Lord's Taverners. Some of the highlights over the next ten years are summarised below. Many people have contributed to the success and fun of the Charity Match during this period but it would be remiss of me not to thank Dave Lander, our Chairman, Clive Radley, who has captained The Lord's Taverners team, and the various sponsors for their considerable support.

1991 First of all, we needed to find a captain for the Lord's Taverners celebrity team. One winter's evening, in a dark car park outside The Beacon School in Chesham after a coaching lesson, Andy Coombes and I invited Clive Radley, the former Middlesex and England cricketer, to skipper the team. Fortunately Clive said "yes". He has captained the team every year since. Huw James won the Player of the Match Cup.

1992 The late Leslie Crowther, President of the Lord's Taverners, came for the first time and took a strong personal interest in the stalls in front of The Squirrel, and all the other activities at the Charity Match. His visit to Penn Street is remembered with great affection. Vinnie Jones, now an international actor but then a mere Wimbledon footballer, also came. He took 2 wickets from The Squirrel end, bowling medium pace. The late Denis Compton was another guest, and when asked to



present a bottle of champagne at the close of play to Jan Brittin, the England Lady cricketer, for the champagne moment of the match (an excellent catch at square leg), Denis boldly said, after several whiskies - "I would now like to present this bottle of bubbly for the Brittin moment to Jan Champagne!" He then drove off in his maroon Jaguar back to Gerrards Cross, somewhere down the middle of the road.

1993 The tarmac in front of the Squirrel was re-done by our first ever sponsor, Greenalls Plc, and the Penn Street Cricket Club flag was hoisted for the first time, unfortunately upside down. Rob Andrew, the England rugby player, made his debut and Pauline Quirke, the T.V. actress, joined us. Dave Harrison won the Player of the Match Cup.

The late June McGuinness again sold an amazing number of raffle tickets. June has clearly been the inspiration behind the substantial charity fund-raising activities at Penn Street. The charities who have benefited from this excellent work have included the Princess Marina Centre in Seer Green, The Child Growth Foundation, Rushymead Hospice, Curzon School Society, Macmillan Cancer Relief, Amersham/Chesham and District Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Lord's Taverners. Several thousands of pounds have been raised over the years for charity. By any standards, this is an outstanding achievement for a village cricket club, but then Penn Street Cricket Club is a very special cricket club.

The Lord's Taverners have subsequently recognised the club's excellent charity fund raising over the years through the dedication of a presentation of a mini-bus to Kisharon School, a school for disabled children in North London, this month.

1994 The Penn Street Juniors, under the direction of Ken Pegden, received a terrific ovation from the crowd for the Kwik Cricket demonstration during the tea interval. Dave Bonnett, the Club's Treasurer, successfully launched his new career as a sports commentator. Sir Gary Sobers had the pleasure of meeting for the first time our great West Indian all rounder, Rudy Walcott. It was a wonderful moment. Sir Gary started the day drinking coke, but quickly moved on to rum and coke and then accelerated through the afternoon on rum and brandies. At the close of play, Gary made a very moving speech in front of The Squirrel and presumably with his mind on his next rum and brandy, toasted the future success of Penn Hill Cricket Club!

THE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH DURING THE 1990'S

1995 To advertise the Charity Cricket Match, Mark Gloyens and Tim Coombes admirably erected a banner over Beaconsfield High Street, which read Celebrity Cricket - Penn Street, but June was a windy month and occasionally when the wind was very strong, the banner started to fold and Celebrity Cricket read more like Celebrity Chicken, which created significantly more interest for the passing traffic. Steve Redgrave made his debut and Sir Colin Cowdrey graced us with his presence and was highly impressed with the excellent condition of both the pitch and the ground in general. The match attracted Sky TV coverage and, on a glorious afternoon, Matt Reavey won the Player of the Match Cup.

1996 AA signs were used on the key approach roads for the first time. Geoff Howarth, the former



New Zealand skipper, played and Rory Bremner made a quite brilliant speech in front of The Squirrel, where an auction again raised a considerable amount of money.

1997 David Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper, made his debut at Penn Street. He had just separated from his wife, who unfortunately would not let him into his house to pick up his cricket kit, so alternative kit was successfully found for him at very short notice. And Dot Cotton of

Eastenders starred on the autograph stall.

1998 Tony Brier and George Harold produced our first ever multi-coloured charity match programme, a magnificent effort. Our annual donation of chocolates again arrived from John Sunderland, the Chief Executive of Cadbury Schweppes Plc, and Nigel Winterburn of Arsenal was adjudicated the Player of the Match.

1999 Chris Tarrant gave the match considerable publicity on Capital Radio. He has been a great supporter of our charity match over the years. Peter Jupp won the Player of the Match Cup. The highlight was the haircut in front of The Squirrel at close of play. Bobbie Fryer demonstrated considerable generosity by agreeing to have his head shaved for charity and raised over £1,000, a magnificent effort!

2000 The match was again sponsored by Tony Isaac, the Chief Executive of the BOC Group Plc, and Hugh Morris of Glamorgan County Cricket Club won the Player of the Match Cup.

Some great work for charity and some wonderful memories. Little club, very big heart!

Ian Jones September 2001

CHARITY MATCH 1986

Back Row

I. Knight (Umpire), D. Bonnett, D. Bannister, K. Pegden, B. Bate, C. Parry, G. Crombie (Umpire).

Front Row

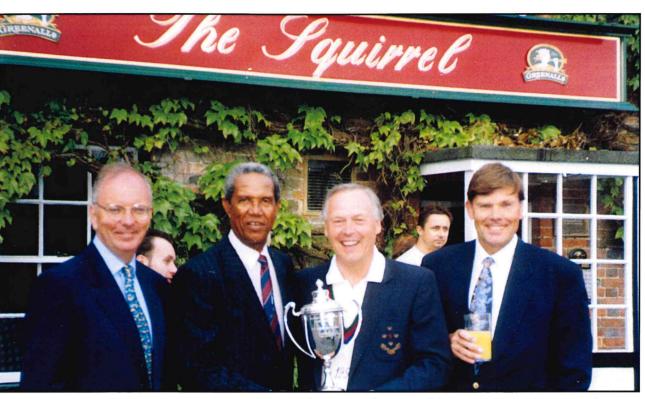
T. Coombes, T. Howick,

D. Lander (Capt), Barbara Windsor,

- I. Turner, Patsy McGuiness,
- P. Draycott, V. Ferrigno.



THE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH DURING THE 1990'S



Ian Jones, Sir Gary Sobers, Roy Virgin (Man of the Match), Tony Isaac (Sponsor).





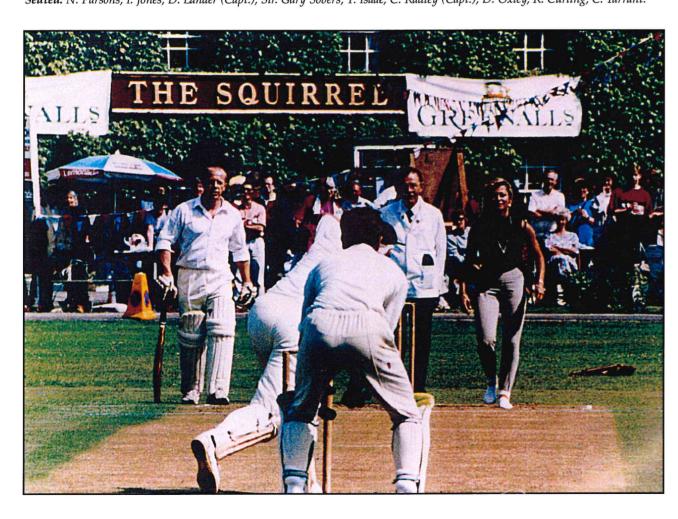
at Penn Street last Sunday

THE CHARITY CRICKET MATCH DURING THE 1990'S



Standing: A. Nickless (Umpire), D. Steele, A. Mills, D. Seaman, E. (The Eagle) Edwards, I. Gould, J. Ball, J. Price, S. Redgrave, M. O'Neill, B. Frindall, I. Knight (Umpire).

Seated: N. Parsons, I. Jones, D. Lander (Capt.), Sir. Gary Sobers, T. Isaac, C. Radley (Capt.), D. Oxley, R. Curling, C. Tarrant.



CHAPTER SIX

THE FUTURE



THE FUTURE

By Ken Pegden, Jim Dale and Roy Thompson.

In 1989 the club took a decision to start a junior M.C.C. section based on a small group of youngsters from Curzon school who were showing some promise working with Ian Knight. Ian had expressed his wish to spend more time working on our wicket, so Dave Lander recruited Ken Pegden to formally open a junior group.

It was set up in two parts: First, 6-10 year olds playing Kwik

Cricket, purely to introduce them to a bat and a ball and spend a couple of hours in a cricketing environment.



Penn Street U10's - Winners - Farnham Common C.C. 6 a-side tournament Aug 2001. Left to Right: Matthew Exton, Simon Dale (capt.) Chris Major, Jack Andrews, Alex Tilbury, and Rory Wilson.

Second, formal coaching by age group, from under 11's up to under 17's. Over the years teams have represented P.S.C.C. in the South Bucks leagues with some success.

To improve the techniques of our youngsters we held weekly sessions in the indoor nets at the Royal Grammar, High Wycombe. These evenings were run by Dave Oxley who, for the next 7 years passed on his knowledge and love of cricket to those who readily attended. Individual age groups were organised by club members willing to give up their time, energy and expertise. In those early years

the Penn Street "taxi service".

could be seen whisking teams all over our region so that the guys could play cricket.



The idea for Kwik the Cricketers was built around fun, but it did not stop there, competitive matches were held being against other clubs, and we finished Champions at the inaugural

Wooburn Park Under 10's Kwik Cricket tournament in 1994, winning it again two years later. One moment to remember came when we formed part of a Sky TV programme on the Lords Taverners and Junior cricket in 1995. In 1996 a group of our 'Kwiks' held an all day 'Crickethon' raising £300 for TV s Children In Need. In 1992 a group played Kwik Cricket at Lord's.

Particular thanks must go to Graham and Fran Knapton, hosts at The Squirrel, who from the start in '89 sponsored the end of season medals and the Junior Cricketer of

the Year trophy.
As the strength grew so did our numbers, and we decided, with Colin Parry at the helm, to set up an improvers group for the 9 and 10 year olds. This proved a successful stepping stone to the older group.

With teams being run by Andy Coombes, Ian Jones, Dave Lander, Dave Bonnett and Huw James, it was not too long before our under 13's recorded our first real success in winning The Leigh Ledeker Trophy under Dave Bonnett. More importantly, as the decade drew to its close, youngsters were beginning to take their places in the senior teams.



The venture had been seen to be successful!

THE FUTURE (continued)

1999 saw Ken Pegden and Dave Oxley stand down (Dave Lander assuming responsibility for indoor nets and overall control), and the recruitment of

two new names Jim Dale and Roy Thompson. Jim took on the under 10's & 11's and revitalised the format. From Kens "come and have fun" a slightly more serious ethos of "lets make us some cricketers" was introduced. Roy Thompson

took control of the under 11's.

In Jim's words, we were still "way off beam" when it came to competitive cricket. Both the coaching team and the players lacked experience, knowledge, and the craft of winning matches.

These obvious r handicaps came to the fore when Beaconsfield gave us a thrashing. In hindsight, lessons were learned, and that season ended with the under 11's winning all their remaining games (supplemented by 5 under 10's) finishing runners up to Beaconsfield. The under 10's

(with 8's and 9 year olds) also won all their remaining friendlies, including a +100 run win, without loosing a wicket.

Success led to success, the U10's won the Farnham C.C. Orange Ball Tourney playing some majestic and faultless cricket. A visit to Bledlow Ridge saw us reach the final, where we just failed to win a trophy almost as big as the F A Cup.

Finally, and I feel the best games of all

to Jim, saw our U10's beat Beaconsfield by 34 runs and, the following day, gain our revenge at U10 level, winning by 48

> Of Ian Knights first group, most are now playing senior cricket for Street Penn and showing their worth by winning many of the cups awarded annually.

The adventure

Penn Street continue to run a flourishing colts section, in which bovs from age 11 to 16 can have weekly coaching and practice at the ground as

well as the Roya 1 Grammar School nets.

In recent years, Penn Colt's Street have teams performed with great credit in the Bucks League and in Cup Competitions, winning most of their matches.

In the 2001 Season the under 13's side played 12 matches against different local clubs, winning nine times and having very close games in the others.

Penn Street Colts enjoy their cricket, and as many games are played as possible during the season to give every boy the opportunity to develop and learn the game. When boys grow into their mid-teens they can progress into the senior side.



continues and our future is secure.

CHAPTER SEVEN

P.S.C.C. RECENT CAPTAINS, **HONOURS AND MODERN DAY RECORDS**

HONOURS

Wycombe and District Cricket Cup

Division One

1908, 1909, 1924, 1928. Winners: Runners Up: 1910, 1911, 1912.

Division Two

Winners: 1927

Bucks Indoor Champions 1987/88. South Bucks Indoor Champions: 1997/98.

MODERN DAY RECORDS:

Batting:

Most runs: Most Centuries:

Highest Individual Score:

Record Partnership: Most Runs In A Season:

Most Times Not Out: Best Career Average:

Most Sixes In A Season:

T. Coombes - 15277 T. Coombes - 36

T. Coombes - 206*(v. Kays C.C.1983)

T. & A. Coombes - 251(v. Ley Hill C.C. 1988)

T. Coombes - 1312 (ave 57.04) 1983

R. Walcott - 106 D. Harrison - 58.11 27 - T. Coombes - 1988 I. Matthews - 1990

D. Oxley - 1050 (ave 11.46) R. Walcott - 806 (ave 14.92)

M. Vyyer- 90 (ave 2.82) 1952

D. Bonnett - 80 (ave 9.86) 1982

D. Oxley: 9 - 13 v Searls 1962

D. Bonnett: 9 - 14 v Graveney 1982

T. Coombes: 9 - 16 v Welden 1987

Bowling:

Most Wickets:

Most wickets In A Season:

9 Wickets In An Innings:

Most Maidens:

Fielding

Most Catches:

Most Catches In A Season: Most Catches In A Match:

D. Lander - 294 B. Bate - 28

I. Wilkins: 9 - 4

R. Walcott - 806

B. Bate - 6 v Chalfont Saints 1986

P.S.C.C. CAPTAINS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



RECENT P.S.C.C. CAPTAINS

Toby Howick

Dave Lander

RON MILES 1952-54 1955 DON BRACKLEY 1956-58 **RON MILES** 1959 DON BRACKLEY 1960 LEN BRYAN 1961 DON BRACKLEY 1962 LEN BRYAN 1963-67 **DAVE OXLEY**

1968 LEN BRYAN 1969-74 **DAVE OXLEY** 1975-88 **DAVE LANDER** 1989 DAVE BONNETT

1990-94 1995 1996-97

1998-

DAVE LANDER TOBY HOWICK

ROB FRYER

JON MATTHEWS

Rob Fryer

P.S.C.C. CAPTAINS AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Ron Langston





Knight

RON LANGSTON - WORK AT GROUND LEVEL

In my early days with the club, I would be at Penn Street at around 5pm on a Thursday evening. Behind the village hall we kept a triple set of secondhand gang mowers. The mower would splutter around the outfield and the job was usually done.

When the gang mower started to 'give-up-theghost' and became too expensive to maintain, it was decided the outfield cutting should be put out to contract.

I took over looking after the pitch from Ron Miles. The Webb 24" mower I used for the square at this time (30 odd years ago) was great. I believe the club still has this machine.

Just before the start of the season I would treat the pitch with Fisons Evergreen Extra and various



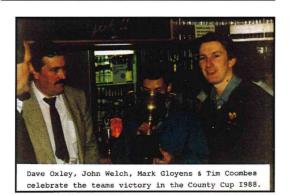
After the matches had been played, I would get grass seed and soil to spread on the bowlers run-up and generally over the strip ready for use again, possibly about three weeks later. This operation would be repeated regularly throughout the season.

At the end of the season the whole square would be raked and forked fairly deeply by hand. (Fortunately, machines are now used for this purpose!) Following this, the square would be treated with Fisons Autumn Lawn Food, then fine soil would be spread over the whole pitch to be ready for the following year. Although I always wanted to put as much back into the game as I had taken out, I did begin, some years later, to ease back on the ground work.

Around this period Ian Knight came along and took over pitch and strip work. He did a

superb job for the club until he was forced to stop due to poor health, but it must be said that he left the ground in excellent condition.

As for myself I still keep my hand in after my retirement by helping in repairing strips, spot weeding, treating the pitch in Spring and Autumn with the necessary fertilisers etc. along with other members who continue the good work to keep the ground in excellent condition.



P.S.C.C. CAPTAINS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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BRIAN BATE RECIEVES THE FREE PRESS BAT IN 1979 FOR HIS 168 NOT OUT V ST. ANDREWS.



Dave Oxley Joined P.S.C.C. in 1958. Club Captain 63 -

67 and again 69 - 74. An all rounder, he scored 11,505 runs (top score 105), at an average of 22.47, including 2 centuries and 47 fifties. With the ball he took 1050 wickets (still the club record) at 11.26 apiece. Best figures are 9 - 13 v Searles in 1961. He held on to 190 catches.

Dave took over as Chairman in 1983 and became our President in 1998.

A dedicated cricketer, his regard for the spirit of the game has benefited P.S.C.C. for over 40 years.





CHAPTER EIGHT AND FINALLY! - LORDS 2001



enn Street CC's flag flutters above Lord's

Penn Street fly
flag with pride
Penn Street Cricket
Club rounded off a
memorable centenary
year with a sundrenched game against
Cross Arrows at the

Nursery End ground at Lord's.

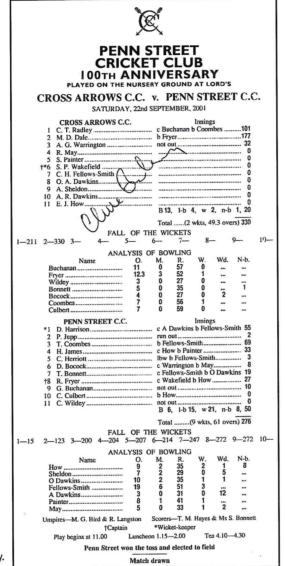
The game was as good as the weather, with Penn Street chasing a huge score and ending up with an honourable draw. Rob Fryer won the toss and asked Cross Arrows to bat, as is the custom. They made a daunting 332-2 declared, former Middlesex and England batsman Clive Radley showing he still has plenty of ability with 101, his 50th ton at Lord's 28 on the main arena and 22 on the Nursery. Fellow opener Dale hit a massive 177, and the opening stand realised 201 with the second wicket partnership more than a hundred.

In reply, Penn Street made a good fist of things, with Dave Harrison scoring 55 opening the batting and adding 108 for the second wicket with Tim Coombes, who scored 69. Huw James made 33 and the skipper 27 batting at eight, which enabled Penn Street to close on 276-9 and their heads held high after a memorable day and indeed, a memorable year.

A good band of followers turned up from Penn Street and the day could hardly have been better.

Standing: M. Bird (Umpire), D. Bocock, T. Bonnett, P. Jupp, S. Thompson, T. Coombes, S. Bonnett, R. Langston (Umpire).

Seated: G. Buchanan, C. Herriott, R. Fryer, D. Harrison, H. James, C. Wildy.







Penn Street put on the style

PENN STREET Cricket Club turned the clock back in style during their centenary celebrations at the weekend, with their Gentlemen versus Players match on Saturday played in Edwardian garb, the idea of replicating an old club photograph dating from 1905 clearly catching everyone's imagination.

Posing sternly for our photographer before the game, are: back row from the left: Graham Knapton (publican of The Squirrel), Tim Bonnett, Dave Lander (Chairman), Steve Exton, Rev Nigel Stowe, Paul Goodchild, Neil Buchanan, Ian Robertson, Mick Andrews and Dave Bonnett.

Middle Row: Jim Dale, Chris Bantock, Chris Loftus, Paul Hallford, Graham Buchanan, Rob Fryer (club captain), and Peter Jupp.

Front Row: Matt Reavey, David Boyd (non playing captain of the Gentlemen), Peter Lofty, Cliff Culbert, Nick Collison and Chris Wildey.

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