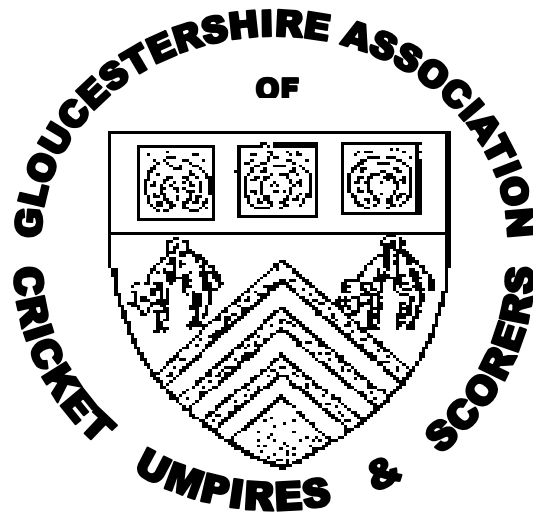


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## Editorial

The Past is history, the Future is a mystery, Today is a gift, that why its called the Present.

This is the time of year for all of these things; reviews, aspirations, good intentions etc. so its sad to reflect on the winding up of the Cirencester & District Umpires and Scorers Association but at the same time look towards being members of a County body that itself has to address the changes that are necessary to deal with the governing bodies so that the well-being and futures of players and officials is assured.

The ongoing production of Not-Out has been under pinned by the continued sponsorship from C & G Cladding and Ian Anderson whom we warmly thank for their support. Thanks are also due the GCB who took on the administration of the new Indoor Cricket League to the obvious enjoyment of those taking part.

Elsewhere we are looking for an official photographer to visit the various grounds, recording the action and scenery in beautiful Gloucestershire. Offers to use your new Christmas present would be welcomed by the Committee.

Take time to look at our alternative quiz, an extra double brandy will aid the thought processes, and enjoy a Happy and Joyous Christmas into a New Year

*Trigger*



## **Training**

A major recruitment campaign is being undertaken by the GCB for both scorers and umpires. Level One courses will be run next February/March with WEPL and the County League involved. If you know of any likely candidates please forward their names to Training Administrator Simon Todd.

There will also be scorer-training courses in the Spring. It was hoped to build on the successful courses from last year together with ACO requirements and a qualification at the end of the course. More details as they become known.



## **WEPL**

Following the initial season of the Premier panel there will be winter meetings to review the need for any changes to the panel and how it operates. There were concerns that information was being disseminated through the Bristol & District Website and that WEPL should establish its own site and communicate with officials direct.

Captains were unhappy about the application of leg-side wides and wanted everything outside leg stump declared wide. This has implications regarding the position of the striker and the Management Committee are being urged to clarify detail and publish it in the handbook for next season.

A spin off from the introduction of the panel is that panel umpires stand with colleagues from other Associations bringing the ability to vote on the Cliff Mitchell Award into doubt. The GACUS Committee will need to address this early in the New Year to allow the award to be made.



## **Indoor Cricket**

Thanks to Cheltenham Borough Council the cricket Hall was refurbished in time for the start of the Indoor Cricket League on 1<sup>st</sup> October, taken over and run by GCB and enabling us to once again participate in the national competition. The same format as before with most of the old clubs plus a few new ones. The new facilities are superb and welcomed by everyone. The scorers and umpires seemed to have enjoyed themselves too! Officials could make more use of this competition as it sharpens the mind and awareness of what's going on around you making for accurate and instant decision-making. Make a mental note to try it next winter and talk to your colleagues about during the summer. Details of all the results are available on our website

## **He who pays the Piper**

## **Sue Drinkwater**

For 2 days at the end of July, I scored at Hove for the Bangladesh U19s against the England U19s. As usual in these sorts of games, I had a brilliant time with the second one played under floodlights and ending in a very exciting finish. Both games were live on satellite TV and although this was not my first scoring experience of a televised game, this time the third umpire was situated in the scoreboard, so I could see at first hand just how much the TV company controlled the game.

The media tell the umpires when they can start play and on several occasions held up the flow of the game while they were on an advert break. They were in constant contact via walkie-talkies and phone to the third umpire, whose duty it was to relay their instructions to the on-field umpires. Any interruptions such as drinks breaks and intervals had to be planned to the minute and if they were taken at a more convenient time for the cricket match (i.e. when a wicket fell) then the media staff complained bitterly and demanded to know exactly why things had changed.

The most noticeable hold ups were for the powerplay signals, as these involved many communications. The on-field umpires informed the third umpire (by walkie-talkies) that a powerplay was requested, he informed the media, who got themselves ready and confirmed that the signal could now be given. The third umpire then advised the on-field umpires to make the signal and finally, the umpire signalled to the scorer!!

I was genuinely shocked at just how much the TV company ran the show and at how little control the on-field umpires were allowed to have of the game. It just goes to show that he who pays the piper, really does call the tune.



## **Finance**

You are reminded that all Annual Subs are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> next. When forwarding your cheque for £8 to our Treasurer please fill in and attach a membership form so that the Membership Register can be kept up to date, this is essential when appointments are being made and for the smooth running of the system throughout next season.

District members paying through their District Association should also complete a membership form as it is for members paying by Direct Debit. Forms can be downloaded from the website or from John Harper.

### **It wasn't you was it?**

The forthcoming match was a must win game for the home side so in the week the Captain gave one of his team a Twenty Pound note and said go buy a new ball or anything that will win us the match. When play began on the Saturday the Captain could see no return for his money so said to the individual what did you do with the money?

Well you said anything to help us win so I gave to the umpire!



### **Striker's End Umpire 'No Balls'**

This is an area which one does not see very often in the outdoor but happens all the time in the Indoor game. The striker's end umpire calls and signals 'no ball' immediately a ball is bowled for the benefit of on field players, batsmen, fielders, and bowlers end umpire.

When the ball is dead the umpire at the bowlers end will repeat the 'no ball' signal to the scorer along with any other signals necessary following that delivery allowing the message to get to the scorer and allowing them to acknowledge multi-signals as they are made. Indoors it is vital that the procedure is carried out, as the cricket hall is generally noisy and a call can be missed, also the scorer only acts on the instruction (or call) of the bowlers end umpire.



### **How many grounds have you officiated at?**

It was interesting to read the August issue (No. 2) of the ACO Newsletter of the same question being asked and for contributions to be sent in. Our Not-Out asked this question a couple of years ago and the replies came to two, one scorer and one umpire both of whom had totalled over the 100 mark in the service of local cricket. Has the position changed and are there any more centurions out there? Remember all types of matches' count whether you were asked to go on tour with a local club or suddenly asked to travel far for an important cup match so press the recall memory button, trawl through old records and let have your findings which will be published in a future edition.

## The Great British Tour

*Starting and ending at Southampton, can you identify the 100 British towns and cities on our circular cricket tour? Unfortunately there are no prizes but stick with it and have fun during the Christmas break.*

- 1 Jesus' chapel
- 2 Thomas Hardy's Casterbridge
- 3 Chop the monk's church to get a carpet
- 4 The dock on the hill
- 5 Hades weight leads to a floral dance
- 6 On our way, we met a man with seven wives.
- 7 Two ways of crossing the river
- 8 Unwell Polish priest does his hair
- 9 What you do with a television
- 10 Shoot out over a fine horse
- 11 All shipshape in this fashion
- 12 Sounds like the dog would bank here
- 13 Mix the shiny paint
- 14 Helmet halfway down the leg
- 15 Eat the cheese diligently
- 16 The church of St.Elli glows a bright red
- 17 Sanctified Mr.Essex's.
- 18 Protector of the battered
- 19 Something that Granny might knit
- 20 Disciple follows one of the flock
- 21 Ivor's at home with the slate
- 22 Girl in a mixed school
- 23 Squashed a can
- 24 Strike a light
- 25 Sounds as if it ruins bacon
- 26 Powering the boat race
- 27 It's cut price time in the shops
- 28 Aged gammon
- 29 Kept going by the sound of it
- 30 Would you find the navy in this forest?
- 31 Ernie's mate
- 32 A minty treat awaits you here
- 33 Where Peyton stopped and Hadrian started
- 34 Not as stupid or as cold as it sounds
- 35 Inhale it here
- 36 City of St.Mungo
- 37 Nothing barred here
- 38 The conqueror's castle
- 39 Sainsbury's? Not Here!
- 40 Don't stick it out, it's rude
- 41 A short weekday leads to nothing
- 42 One can find many tips on candle lighting here
- 43 Who's there?
- 44 A ringing on the room divider

45 "Lead on ....."  
46 Young Mr.Pan is the boss  
47 A hard harbour  
48 Sounds like a distant quartet  
49 A greyish Mr.Simon or Miss Kiki  
50 The sound of a contented lispng pussycat  
51 The home of British currency  
52 Rest here awhile on Arthur's seat  
53 Two different parts of the head  
54 Has changed hands 13 times  
55 Stroll on the promenade  
56 Noel Coward's ghost is leading the Spartan's  
57 Modern fortress on the river  
58 It's below the country  
59 Judith of the The Seekers  
60 It's where the "Fly Fishing" author does his swimming  
61 Chancellor's century  
62 Not quite a colourless insect?  
63 My Fair Lady's colonel  
64 10,000 men found here  
65 Out in front  
66 Not in Jamaica, but on a ship  
67 An insect from a fairytale  
68 Buy a dried grape at the races  
69 Would you look for the Blue Boy here  
70 The cook is in the meadow  
71 It sounds like the meat is tied up  
72 Mr. Piggot I presume?  
73 It's a tough battle without Chelsea's bridge  
74 The monarch's Miss Redgrave  
75 Neither irritation  
76 Intern a holy man  
77 A modern place for stall holders  
78 A yellow forest in Germany  
79 Seat of light blue learning  
80 A visit to the cinema with Jean  
81 The herb is fully cooked  
82 A light, open, two-wheeled carriage  
83 Mad?  
84 Fine looking lady at the home of cricket  
85 Visit here in the meantime  
86 Coffin's terminus  
87 Jane Eyre's employer and suitor  
88 Wide steps  
89 Cucumber, tuna or egg mayonnaise  
90 500 have crossed  
91 Is the car raised from the remains of the fire?  
92 One in the eye for Harold  
93 Mr.Hamilton's at home here.  
94 Home of the shining pavilion

- 95 What have you just scored Rodney?  
96 Sir Francis?  
97 Sounds as though you trade an ocean here.  
98 Did Napoleon meet his match in the French town?  
99 The fortified wine has an oral cavity.  
100 Four legged fielders



### **The lap of Luxury**

St. Peter was surprised to see a cat knocking at Heaven's door. Please sir said the cat I am worn out from being turned out and chased and I need somewhere peaceful and quiet to spend the rest of my days. Come with me said St. Peter and took the cat to a luxurious purple velvet cushion; it is yours for as long as you need it said the Saint. Several days later another knock came at the Door and St. Peter was greeted by a dozen mice who pleaded with the Saint to let them in saying their little legs were worn out through constant scurrying about and they could travel no further. We aim to please replied the Saint, took them in and provided them all with mini roller skates. There he said you can roam around Heaven and you will never be tired.

A week or so later while on his rounds the Saint came across the cat stretched out on the velvet cushion. Is everything to your liking asked the kindly Saint? Yes thank you replied the cat I have never more quiet or comfortable in all my life and I must say the meals on wheels service is superb !!

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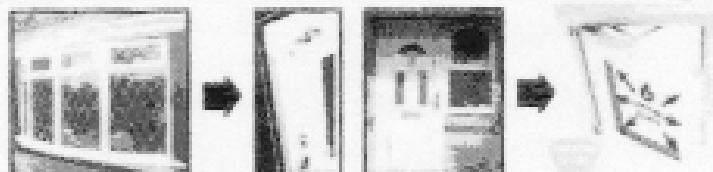
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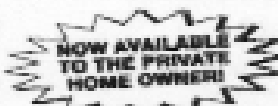
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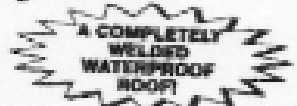
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## Dates for your Diaries

All GACUS meetings take place at the Victory Club Lypiatt Rd. Cheltenham

Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2010	Committee Meeting	7.30 pm
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	AGM	7.30 pm
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2010	Pre-Season Seminar	7.30pm

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