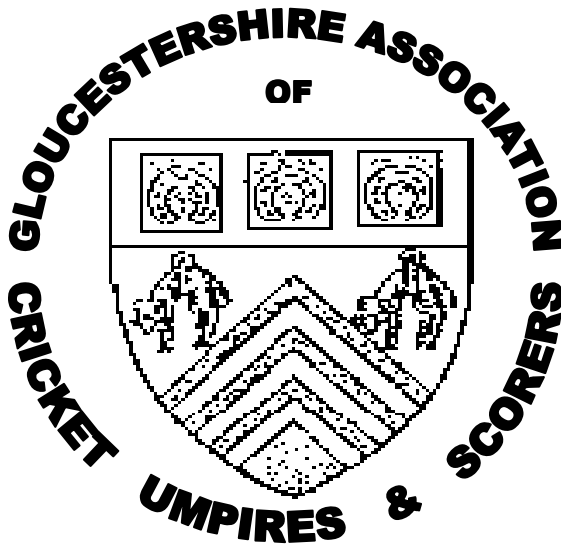


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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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## **Editorial**

As I return from another cold, rain interrupted day on the cricket field it's hard to remember the heat wave we had at the opening of the season. No wonder we English are obsessed with the weather, I think we are entitled to be with the mixture we get.

Our Chairman has been working hard to address some of the points raised at the AGM and pre-season seminar but it's a struggle to get us back to the centre ground we once held and he deserves our 100% support in his talks with the other official bodies. I commend his article on the inside pages to you.

Elsewhere we pay tribute to Harry Revall who left this mortal coil back in March. When active he was a familiar face on the cricket scene and took on various roles within our Association.

Congratulations to the England cricket team who returned from South Africa as Twenty20 World Champions. It is a timely boost for the big games coming up this winter. Lets hope our football team can emulate them!

There are one or two vacancies that need filling, details inside, and I urge you to seriously consider taking these on. The Assistant Appointments Officer is the most important and vital if we are to meet the demands being placed upon us.

Finally enjoy your season, the sun will shine again—honest and I look forward to meeting and standing with many of you on the circuit this summer.

*Trigger*

## **Message from our Chairman**

We are now well into the season and I hope all GACUS members are enjoying their cricket, whether officiating at matches, or sitting comfortably in their armchairs in front of the radio or TV!

Gloucestershire also seem to have shown some early season form, and long may that continue! So, without distracting too much from the field of play, I thought it might be helpful to provide you with a brief update on some of the important off-field issues, which we discussed at our AGM in March 2010.

In my view the most important of these was the strong feeling that GACUS should move beyond the recent hiatus in relationships with other organisations, and re-establish itself as a leader in the recruitment, training, development and support of umpires and scorers in the north of the County. Since the AGM, I have given considerable time and energy to this mission, with the strong support of the GACUS Committee. We are close to achieving this goal but some important work still needs to be done, and I want to share with you the process we have been through. To begin with, it is was my view that in the light of recent history, we needed to establish common purpose with other local cricketing bodies, some principles we all share about the development of cricket in Gloucestershire. So, what are these principles?

Firstly, I thought it very important that all the key bodies such as ourselves, GCB/GACO, the League Governing bodies and the Clubs committed us to working jointly and constructively together. A fundamental part of this is recognising and valuing the independence of umpires and scorers.

Secondly, as part of this, the GCB and the Governing bodies need to play an active role with us in the recruitment of new umpires. For example Leagues need to require Clubs to identify suitable individuals, and the GCB should be using its influence

with the clubs and other bodies to promote the importance of trained umpires and scorers in local cricket.

Thirdly, with such a strong and experienced training team, GACUS should become the preferred provider of umpire and scorer training in the north of the County. This would range from training to acquire the ECB's qualifications, through to a range of other non-qualification programmes such as refresher courses; the player-umpire courses successfully run by us in the past as well as working with cricket coaches.

So, how far have we got?

I have now thrashed out all these principles at a number of meetings under the Chairmanship of John Light (former Chairman of the GCCC) with Trevor Crouch (Chairman of GCB), Steve Silk (Cricket Development Manager) and Brian Hudson (Chairman of the County League). They have all expressed their wish to work with GACUS based on these principles.

So what happens next?

I have put all these ideas together into a document which I hope can be signed off by all those mentioned above by the end of June 2010 at the latest. The GCB, in consultation with GACUS, will then be finalising the dates and venues for the training programmes to be run in the next closed season, with the intention of publicising these before the end of this season. In the meanwhile, our training team will be working to finalise the programme content of the qualification, as well as the non-qualification courses we shall be providing in the north of the County. The GCB and the Governing bodies will also be playing the roles that we have jointly agreed, as indicated above.

One other important issue that I raised right at the start of these negotiations is the importance of recognising those umpires who have undertaken IICUS courses in an appropriate way.

The GCB and the governing bodies have indicated their strong support for this. I hope very much GACO will respond positively without much further delay.

To summarise, as a result of the extensive work over the last few months we now have the opportunity to become what our members wish GACUS to be, namely a leader in the field of recruitment, training, development and support of umpires and scorers in the north of the County. However, this will only happen if we in GACUS are prepared to grasp the opportunity before us and not let the recent past drag us outside the circle of influence again. I shall spare no effort to ensure this does not happen.

I shall keep you posted on developments. In the meanwhile, I would be very pleased to hear your views on any of the above, or any other matters you may wish to raise.

Jeff Chandra  
Chairman, GACUS

## **Finance**

It was reported at the last Committee meeting that around fifteen people had not renewed their subscriptions this year.

The Appointments Officer knows who they are so if you suddenly get no appointments you have only yourself to blame and also you are not covered by our insurance for any matches you might do.

## **Training**

There was a poor response to the scorers training courses this winter. The WEPL mandate for scorers in the Glos. Division had been shelved once again but it was expected to be on the agenda again for next season. The County League had a development plan that could include similar regulations. Sue Drinkwater has produced a flyer for circulation to all clubs. This had been forwarded to all active umpires in the hope that they could get them put up on club notice boards as they went around the circuit. Only three members have responded to requests to take up scorer appointments at representative matches so there was plenty of scope if people wanted to score other than their own club matches.

## **CRB**

Some delays have occurred this Spring in the processing of CRB renewals and Ron Birch our Membership Secretary has been investigating.

TMG the Company handling CRB applications aims to complete 90% within 28 days but do not guarantee when they might be completed by. The Police are given a ten-day service level in which to complete their checks but frequently take much longer especially when an application goes to more than one Police Force.

An application cannot be queried with the police until 60 days have elapsed and if the application is referred back for more information this time limit is started all over again. This rule is set by CRB, which is an Executive Agency of the Home Office but they seem to have little power to exert on Police Forces who do not comply. As TMG admits some of the checking is out of their control but really there are only a very small number that are affected in this way.

## **Obituary**

**Harry Reville**

**1921-2010**

Sadly Harry died on 1<sup>st</sup> March. He had been in poor health for some time and confined to a wheel chair. He was a popular umpire around the County having been on the Three Counties League panel until the West of England Leagues were formed and then he stood in those games. He also stood in the Cheltenham evening competitions and youth and school matches. He was an active member of GACUS until his retirement and was made a Life Member of our Association. After he retired he became a steward at Cheltenham Town Football Club.

Harry was born and brought up in Blackburn and joined the RAF when the second world war started, seeing service in Malta maintaining fighter aircraft. After the war he came to Cheltenham and worked in the aircraft industry. In 1954 he was involved with the building of the famous speedboat Bluebird.

He was well known around the town as an entertainer playing the spoons and the bones, taking part in talent contests and appearing in pubs where he became known as 'Mr Bones'. Harry also entertained GACUS at a social evening at Hatherley & Reddings Cricket Club when he gave us an unforgettable imitation of Tina Turner. Our Association were also the recipient of several poems that Harry wrote, all of which appeared in Not-Out and we reprint one of his poems here in his Memory, and as a fitting tribute to a great character on and off the field.

### **Umpire calls time.**

I've had a good old innings  
And stood with some of the best,  
MCC and County Seconds  
But never had a Test.

Enjoyed the hours out on the field  
and drinks back in the bar,  
made many friends, upset a few  
As I umpired near and far.

My trigger finger's wilted  
My counters put away  
My white coat's slightly faded  
And my marker's had its day.

So goodbye to the cricket scene  
I'll miss you all so much  
retire my guide dog,  
and burn the white stick

Just call TIME and GO.

### **Bone me its Harry!!**



The irrepressible Harry Revill playing the bones in a talent competition in 1998 and making into the Final.

Known also as 'The Great Revaldo' he was a great favourite around the folk clubs and pubs locally

He was a great character on and off the field and was laid to rest on 25<sup>th</sup> March when several members who knew him well attended the funeral.

## **WEPL**

I am sorry to have published misleading information in the last Newsletter regarding WEPL regulations. Apparently it was a discussion document and carried no authority, but that's not how it came across at the time. However we move on and the only bit to affect us outside Premier one and two is the interpretation of the wide ball, which now restricts all leg side bowling as any ball passing outside the line of the batsman or leg stump despite the batsman's movement should be called a wide.

There are no 'wide ball' regulations in the County League.

GACUS now have eight members out of a total of thirty-four on the Premier panel as two came off and one new one has gone on for the current season.

## **Vacancies**

We still have a vacancy for a photographer to visit cricket grounds and take photo's of teams, officials and any interesting subject material for publication on our website.

The post of Assistant Appointments Officer also needs to be filled as Les Stenner has it all to do at the moment. This truly is a huge task and if you could share some of the load give Les a ring and talk it through with him, he needs as much help as he can get to satisfy the ever increasing demands that we are getting for umpires in a variety of matches in North Gloucestershire.

## **Cliff Mitchell and Derek Hibbs Awards**

The winner of the Cliff Mitchell umpiring award went to Ian Anderson for the second year running, Alan Jennings was in second place.

Sue Drinkwater won the Derek Hibbs Scorers award with Andy Marson in second place.

Thanks to all those people who voted in both contests.

## **A Record Low**

The match between Gloucestershire and Northants in June 1907 was remarkable for its low scoring. The game was badly affected by the weather and Jessop on winning the toss chose to bat first and after many interruptions play ended for the day with the County on 20 for 4.

There was a full day's play on the second day but no-one was prepared for what happened next.

Gloucestershire were all out for 60 then bowled Northants out for 12. George Dennett bowling slow left arm took 8 for 9 while Jessop took the other two for 3 runs. When Gloucestershire batted again they were bowled out for 88 and then got amongst the Northamptonshire wickets, the day closing with them 40 for 7. Thus 33 wickets had fallen in a day for 180 runs with Dennett taking 15 out of the 17 Northants wickets to fall. He also managed to bag a pair of noughts when he batted!

The third and final day was a wash out and the game went into the record books as a draw.

*Editors note. Can someone tell me whether this is still the record for a low score in County cricket?*

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## **Dates for your Diary.....**

Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010    GACUS Committee  
Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> July            Mid-season social  
Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010    GACUS Committee  
Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2010    End of season Seminar  
Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010    GACUS Committee

All meetings take place at the Victory Club, Lypiatt Road, Cheltenham and commence at 7.30pm

No details are to hand as we go to press regarding the proposed mid-season social event.

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