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December 2011

Umpiring duo returned in December

Bodenham and Bainton provide their usual Christmas cheer!



Martin Bodenham and Neil Bainton joined us once again at Guildford Cricket Club on Tuesday December 13th, taking us on a rollercoaster ride through their 2011 season. As always, it was a fascinating and often hilarious trip through their experiences around the county and international circuit.

November 2011

Gongs galore at the ECB ACO 2011 conference

More Awards for West Surrey members



At the October 2011 ECB ACO Conference Graham Cooper and David Edwards were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the ECB ACO "in recognition of their outstanding contribution to officiating over many years". Trevor Woodage was awarded the Shepherd-Frindall Award in the "Behind the Scenes" Category for all his work in the training field, to put alongside the Surrey OSCA he won in August. But the mystery remained: who nominated him? Nobody at West Surrey ACU&S seemed in this particular loop!

November 2011

An outstanding career in English cricket

Trevor Jesty visited West Surrey in November



Trevor Jesty joined us on Tuesday November 8th, and outlined an amazing career in cricket, both as a player and as an umpire. Entering the game at the age of nine, Trevor enjoyed great success as a First Class cricketing all-rounder, scoring 35 centuries and 110 fifties, and taking 585 wickets, in a playing career spanning 25 years with Hampshire, Surrey and Lancashire. He also won ten one-day international caps for England. He recently umpired in what he termed "the biggest game of my career", the 2011 Clydesdale Bank 40 Final between Somerset and Surrey.

October 2011

Representation at Lord's function

Trevor Woodage attends National OSCA ceremony



Having won the Surrey OSCA for Cricket Officials back in August, Trevor Woodage's name was put forward for the national award in the same category in a ceremony at Lord's on 17th October. Alas, he did not make the final shortlist in the face of "so many deserving recipients", to use Trevor's own words. Nonetheless, our Training Officer says he was "proud to represent Surrey Cricket Umpires/Scorers in general and WSACU&S in particular" in the company of Test players and senior administrators and personalities across the English game.

October 2011

Fascinating insights

Chris Harrison proposes umpires train with players



Chris Harrison, professional Level 3 coach at Hampton School and Walton-on-Thames CC, spoke to the Association on Tuesday October 11th. In addition to attempting to convince the membership that surely sometimes he was not out LBW when given, he proposed that umpires might usefully hone their skills prior to the start of the cricket season by training with players in the nets, taking advantage of video camera technology.

September 2011

West Surrey veteran remembered

David Le Shirley passes away

It is with deep regret that the Association announced the sad news that David Le Shirley died on Tuesday, 27 September 2011, aged 90. David was one of our oldest and most respected members: a fantastic supporter of Youth Cricket in Surrey, maintaining his enthusiasm long after his active umpiring days were over. He will be sadly missed by his colleagues. David's funeral was held at Cranleigh Parish Church on Monday, 10th October, at 11am.

August 2011

Put your skills to the test

West Surrey ACU&S to visit Hawkeye



The Association is promoting a subsidised training session, at Lord's, with Hawkeye. Whilst primarily aimed at our Level 1 and Level 1A students, participation is potentially available to all our members, providing we can acquire sufficient access to the facilities at Lord's. Each session can accommodate ten people. If you are interested, please let the [Secretary](#) know ... but unfortunately we cannot offer this opportunity to anyone who is not a fully paid-up member of West Surrey ACU&S.

August 2011

Competition time

Fancy International Cricket in 2012?



Over the course of our winter meetings in 2011-2012, one free entry to a Draw will be received by each member for every meeting attended. The prizes? Two pairs of tickets, probably one for Lord's and the other for The Oval, depending upon availability. So there are seats to be had at all the action as the world's current Number One Team takes on South Africa, Australia and West Indies next season!

August 2011

Due recognition

Trevor Woodage wins 2011 Surrey Officiating OSCA



In early August West Surrey's Training Officer, Trevor Woodage, was a successful nomination for a Surrey 'Outstanding Service to Cricket Award' (OSCA). Colin Wilson, at Croydon, and Stuart Croucher, at Farnham, were also nominated. As a consequence, Trevor has been put forward for a National OSCA. The selections will occur at Lord's during October. Please join the committee in congratulating Trevor on this deserved recognition.

May 2011

West Surrey umpire hits new heights

Vernon Fallows makes his county 2nd XI debut



Congratulations to Vernon Fallows as he made his well deserved debut as a County 2nd XI Umpire at Reigate Priory CC in the Surrey v Gloucs match on 4, 5 and 6 May 2011. His colleague was Gregory Braithwaite, an Exchange Umpire, from the West Indies' First Class List. A memorable match for both and more than a few tough lbw calls but excellent decisions from both umpires.