



SEAXE NEWS

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Spring 2026

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SPRING 2026



Caleb Falconer

Well here we are dear member, looking forward to another season and hopefully promotion. I feel we were beaten by the weather last year when we were in a strong position against the opposition. I believe we have a strong squad with some first class youngsters coming through the ranks. Seb Morgan and Caleb Falconer performed well for the England U19's with Caleb scoring 115 off 67 balls in the final. Our U14's winning the ECB championship. Something we should be proud of and that augers well for the future.

Talking of the future, I'm not going to dwell on the politics of MCCC, I am hopeful that all will become a lot clearer at their AGM and the continuing, and I believe, impractical saga of sourcing an out ground will be addressed.

We have introduced some Seaxe merchandise, shirts and caps. Details on how to order are within this edition. Here's a taster of the shirts.

With the demolition of the Middlesex Room, where to hold our Annual Awards Evening became a problem. I am very pleased to say, that thanks to the efforts of Grace West in the MCCC office, we will be holding the event in the Father Time Bar located in the Grandstand. This will be held on



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Friday April 10th commencing half an hour after close of play. It is always an enjoyable evening that both the winners, together with their friends and family are welcomed and congratulated.

Our AGM is scheduled for April 22nd but as yet we are unable to confirm venue or starting time, but you will of course be notified as soon as we know.

We have a number of bursaries already in the pipeline for this year, namely: £750 to the Old Camderians CC who have started a girls only junior section. The funds will go towards joining the Dynamos Girls only programme; coaching and equipment in the spring and summer months. It is hoped that this will lead to more girls playing cricket in North London together with an increased profile for the Seaxe Club.

£500 towards the travelling costs for Roman Razik a very talented young Afghan boy who actually played in our successful U14's squad. He's a left arm quickie.

£400 towards the travelling costs of a young girl from Sunbury CC who shows great promise.

It'd easy to forget how these costs add up and the last thing we want is for somebody to miss training or even a match because they can't afford to get there. Their parents, whilst being extremely supportive, aren't always able to take them. Their situation is constantly reviewed throughout the year.

Also we mustn't forget the £5000 now cleared, towards the Disability squads training tour of Dubai.

May I take this opportunity to personally thank all those who donate to the Seaxe Club, I hope you can see it is put to good use.

Another date for your diary – Sunday March 1st for the Pre-Season Lunch in the Argyll Arms. Full details within this issue.

My thanks to Ollie in the MCCC office for keeping the websites up to date. If there is anything you would like to include in the websites, please let me know and I'll make sure it is done.

I hope to meet as many of you as possible throughout the season, but I appreciate that with the building work going on, reaching the Seaxe Box can be a bit of a trek but we'd love to see you.

Thank you

Glen Birkwood
Chair Seaxe Club



Glen Birkwood

TREASURER`S REPORT SPRING 2026:

The draft accounts for 2025 are included in this edition of the Seaxe News.

By the time of the AGM, they will have been scrutinised by our Independent Checker, John O Gorman, and we remain grateful to him for performing this important role.

As a result of his review of the 2024 accounts, the eagle-eyed amongst you will note that the accounts have been restated to show the donation of £20,000 received over the year as income instead of deferred income.

It makes no difference to the overall funds available for future use; it's just an accounting 'thing'!

The Chair's report details the support we have given to various initiatives over the year, and we remain in a good position to continue this over the coming years.

Subscription income fell slightly (3.5%) over 2025 despite a number of new Members joining over the season. There could be many reasons for this but the reduction in red ball cricket at Lord's over the peak summer months probably doesn't help!

Lottery income is also down for the second year in a row and is 20% lower than it was in 2023. There are currently 57 numbers available which would generate around £400 for support such as travel costs for potential future Middlesex stars. It would also increase the prize fund!

But, as a Club, we are in a healthy position and I join the Chair in thanking all our Members for their ongoing financial support via subs, lottery, donations and, of course, purchasing teas in the Seaxe Box!

Stephen Lockwood -Treasurer



Stephen Lockwood

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THE SEAXE CLUB - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
Income:			
Members' subscriptions		4,800	4,972
Lottery surplus	1	1,800	1,991
Teas in the Seaxe Box		924	1,001
Christmas lunch net income	2	48	11
Memorabilia sales		19	62
Interest received		522	289
Donations received		2,351	23,345
Transfer from Geoff Norris reserve	7	250	250
		<u>10,714</u>	<u>31,921</u>
General Expenses:			
Seaxe News (including associated postage)		1,842	2,054
Administration expenses	3	230	327
Social events		115	410
		<u>2,187</u>	<u>2,791</u>
Net Income After General Expenses:		<u>8,527</u>	<u>29,130</u>
Expenditure on awards and support:			
Medal and trophy costs		788	796
Awards	4	1,250	1,250
Bursaries		8,000	4,625
		<u>10,038</u>	<u>6,671</u>
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year:		<u>(1,511)</u>	<u>22,459</u>

Basis of Accounting:

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on a basis consistent with previous years.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2025

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
Current Assets:			
Bank - Geoff Norris Award Account	7	955	1,189
Bank - High Interest Account		40,380	40,078
Bank - No 1 Account		1,251	1,930
Bank - Lottery Account		<u>2,061</u>	<u>241</u>
		44,647	43,438
Prepayments:			
Prepaid Expenses	5	0	31
Total Assets:		<u>44,647</u>	<u>43,469</u>
Current Liabilities:			
Accruals	6	<u>(6,783)</u>	<u>(3,860)</u>
Net Assets:		<u>37,864</u>	<u>39,609</u>
Represented by:			
Accumulated fund brought forward		38,420	15,961
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year:		<u>(1,511)</u>	<u>22,459</u>
Accumulated fund carried forward		36,909	38,420
Geoff Norris Award Reserve	7	<u>955</u>	<u>1,189</u>
Total reserves		<u>37,864</u>	<u>39,609</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
1 Lottery surplus		
Subscriptions	2,770	3,046
Prizes paid out (35%)	<u>(970)</u>	<u>(1,055)</u>
Surplus	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,991</u>
2 Christmas Lunch:		
Income	2,255	1,635
Expenditure	<u>(2,207)</u>	<u>(1,624)</u>
Surplus	<u>48</u>	<u>11</u>

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3 Administration Expenses:		
Lottery Renewal Fee - Westminster Council	20	20
Middlesex Cricket Board Subscription	0	9
IT Expenses	210	298
	<u>230</u>	<u>327</u>
4 Awards		
Geoff Norris Award	250	250
Elaine Knight Award	125	125
David Newton Award	125	125
Gerry Lillee Award	125	125
Jack Robertson Award	250	250
John Piddington Award	125	125
Richard Davis Award	125	125
Rynhold Family Award	125	125
	<u>1,250</u>	<u>1,250</u>

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)	£	£
5 Prepaid Expenses		
Prepaid website hosting fees	0	31
	<u>0</u>	<u>31</u>
6 Accruals		
Membership Fees paid in advance	52	32
Lottery Subscriptions paid in advance	336	348
Pre-orders for club merchandise	270	0
Accrued awards & bursary payments	6,125	3,480
	<u>6,783</u>	<u>3,860</u>
7 Geoff Norris Award Reserve:		
Opening balance	1,189	1,417
Interest Received	16	22
Awards during year	(250)	(250)
Closing balance	<u>955</u>	<u>1,189</u>

WINTER PLAYERS

As you know a number of our players venture to pastures sunny during the winter period and I'm delighted to say that thanks to Pete Hollman we have a few photos of some of the boys in Australia. Let's hope they have their thermals ready to face our summer.



Henry Brookes



Luke Hollman giving instructions



Luke at mid-off, Henry Brookes bowling



Luke, Henry and Nathan

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE SEAXE BOX

Special Players

Whilst sorting out a thick jumper and scarf for our first match of the season, so early this year - April 3rd - my thoughts turned to those cricketers whose skills and performances linger in the memory.

All Seaxe readers will have their recollections. These are some of mine, in no particular order.

Toby Roland-Jones - so often turning a match with five or more wickets in an innings. And that hat trick which clinched the County Championship in 2016.

Mike Gatting - a captain who set the tone with his forthright batting. He would return from a Test Match and still be at his best for Middlesex. No ECB Central Contracts in those days.

Graham Barlow and Roland Butcher - brilliant fielders who saved so many runs, when most of the fielding was far inferior to what we see now.

Mark Ramprakash - so correct and stylish as a batsman.

John Price - a wholehearted opening bowler, who started his run up at a 90 degree angle. This was the legacy of a restriction on the length of the run up brought in to speed up county cricket.

Clive Radley - so reliable in the Lord's Cup Finals. Man of the Match in three of them!

Sam Robson - when set, often makes a really big score. Best of all his 253 at Hove in 2021.

Fred Titmus, Phil Edmonds, John Emburey, Phil Tufnell - I was lucky to see much of these illustrious spinners.

I may return to this theme, if the Editor allows. Maybe Seaxe Members could offer their own memories to Seaxe News. (Approved – Ed)

Names at Lord's

None of the Middlesex players above have anything named after them at Lord's. Nor does Hendren, Brearley, Fraser or Strauss. A few miles away at The Oval Micky Stewart and his son Alec are both celebrated by the naming, respectively, of the Pavilion and the gate at the Vauxhall End. The tributes occurred in their lifetime. Similarly the achievements of Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad have recently been recognised at Old Trafford and Trent Bridge. As stands and other features at Lord's are redeveloped, let us hope MCC can mark the achievements and careers of some of the recent Middlesex heroes who graced the Lord's turf.

A Different Season Ahead

In 2026 Middlesex does not have the fixture list at Lord's we would have wished. With three Test matches and several games in the Women's T20 World Cup taking place at Lord's, it is no surprise that Middlesex has fewer fixtures there than last year. We have been assured that in 2027 we will be back to the previous fixture pattern at Lord's.

For many though, the relaxed atmosphere at our outgrounds is attractive. Merchant Taylors' School and Radlett will feature again. This year we return to Richmond after several years' gap. I expect to be at most of the outground matches and I hope Seaxe Members will come up to me and other members of the Seaxe Club Committee for a chat. At Lord's, of course, there is the Seaxe Box with cake, tea and heating (!) for Championship matches. So come up to see us there too.

The important thing is to cheer on the team, home and away; and I know the players really appreciate the support given by Seaxe Members at our games.

Alvan Seth-Smith
President, Seaxe Club



Alvan Seth-Smith



Views from the Seaxe Box



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SOCIAL REPORT SPRING 2026

On Sunday the 7th of December last year we held our Annual Christmas Lunch at The Tavern which was attended by just short of 50 Members and their guests on a relatively pleasant day, considering the time of year. Everyone got into the pre-Christmas Spirit with a complimentary drink before we sat down to eat a very nice 2 course meal which was very well received and again impressively put together by Charlie Court and his staff. Allowing us to have the venue to ourselves definitely helped with the overall experience.

We were delighted to welcome our Guest's of Honour Steven and Lorraine Fletcher whose help over the years with numerous requests to assist The Seaxe Club have been invaluable. We thanked them for all of their help and wished them well going forward in their respective fields. The welcome they received from all present was exceptional and well deserved.

After lunch we held a Lottery draw, which as usual was met with much light hearted "re-draw", "who?" etc.. The final recipient was Peter Jackson who announced that he could now afford to get home! The full list of the winners is on the back page; our congratulation to them.

I was sporting our new Seaxe Club Cap which should be available for our next Social which will be back at The Argyll Arms W1 on Sunday the 1st of March 2026 and will also be available in the Box during the forthcoming season.

Many stayed on after the lunch chatting with friends and discussing the forthcoming season's cricket. We reflected on and remembered the Seaxe Members we had sadly lost during the course of the year. I made a point of thanking our Chairman Glen Birkwood on the day for his unwavering support since being asked to be on The Committee and that of my fellow committee members, this has always been very much appreciated by myself and I look forward to the new season with great anticipation and seeing many of you there.

Gary Ford
Seaxe Club Committee/Social Secretary



Gary Ford



A happy table



Fred Belsham's group

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A good crowd



Loz drawing lottery number

Happy ladies





Geoff and the ladies

Gary's speech



General view

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Alvan and the ladies



A good natter



Fletch and Loz, guests of honour

SEAXE MERCHANDISE

Dear member, please find herewith photos and size ranges of the Seaxe shirts, together with the caps.

Shirts: Prices are: Adults- £35 - Junior £25, £4.99 postage or free collection from Harrow store.

Price includes printing of any additional names / numbers etc you may wish to add. i.e. your name on the back.

To order please contact glen.birkwood@hotmail.com

Payment to: Barclays Bank - The Seaxe Club - A/C No: 70831921
Sort Code 20 74 63 - Ref: shirts

Caps are to be ordered via Gary Ford on: jfkwhu@hotmail.co.uk and cost £20 each. Payment as above, ref: caps. These can be collected from the Seaxe Box throughout the season.

**Thank you
Glen Birkwood**



CLOTHING SIZE GUIDE

JUNIOR SIZE GUIDE										
Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Height	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195
Weight	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Foot Length (cm)	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEAGIR SIZE GUIDE										
Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Height	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195
Weight	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Foot Length (cm)	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

WOMEN'S SIZE GUIDE										
Age	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Height	150	155	160	165	170	175	180	185	190	195
Weight	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
Foot Length (cm)	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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2025 SEASON AWARD WINNERS

RED BALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Leus du Plooy

A few names were in the hat for this award but Leus came out ahead because of his leadership qualities, number of runs scored and wickets taken. Overall, his all round performance.

WHITE BALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Luke Hollman

A fairly clear winner in this category although Ben Geddes ran him close. Luke's runs, wickets and 100% commitment gave him the winning votes.

2ND XI PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Josh de Caires

Josh scored 1257 runs at an average of 104.75 and hit 5 hundreds

WOMEN'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Saskia Horley

All round excellence and composure under pressure played a vital role in the team's success. Averaging 71 in the 50 over format and 49 in the 20 over campaign when she also finished the team's leading wicket taker.

DISABILITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Fraser Church

His commitment to the team is impressive and he has performed well in the 1's and 2's. Constantly learning and adapting. He is a credit to the team.

GEOFF NORRIS AWARD: Sulayman Tahir

Sulayman joined the Pathway last winter having been released from the Essex Pathway. Scoring 874 runs in 18 innings at an ave of 54.63. He has proved to be a great asset.

JACK ROBERTSON AWARD: Sulayman Tahir

This award is for the highest score and goes to Sulayman who scored a brilliant 192 against our old enemy Surrey.

DAVID NEWTON AWARD: Jack Nelson

This is a batting award and it goes to Jack Nelson who scored 994 runs across all formats. This included 3 x 100's and 4 x 50's. His highlight being 183 no in 126 balls against Kent comprising 18 x 4's and 9 x 6's

JOHN PIDDLINGTON AWARD: Lana Gandhi

Lana has had an exceptional year across all disciplines with the bat, ball and behind the stumps. A top score of 110. With the ball, taking an impressive 30 wickets from U14's to U18's. Behind the stumps and in the field, she contributed 12 catches and 6 run outs. An excellent all round performance.

GERRY LILLEE AWARD: Roman Razik

Roman wins this award as a very skilful left arm seamer. Roman took 37 wickets at an average of 9.57 including 3 x 5 wicket hauls.

Roman was also part of the successful U14 squad that won the ECB U14 National Competition

RYHOLD FAMILY AWARD: Rishane Wijeratne

This award is for a special moment and on this occasion it is a team effort. The U14's winning the ECB National Competition. Everyone contributed and a special mention should go to squad manager Mark Allum and their coach Dan Housego. To collect this award on behalf of the team is Rishane their Captain.

RICHARD DAVIS AWARD: Riva Pindoria

Riva demonstrated her excellence in the field, taking a brilliant catch in the final to set up the win. A match defining direct hit from the boundary, Riva was involved in 6 run outs, constantly putting the batters under pressure.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS:

It would seem that a lot of you had an enjoyable season looking at the moments that gave you pleasure. My thanks go to those of you who contributed with your choices. Top of the list with quite a number of you commenting, was Sebastian Morgan in his debut season, confident, stylish and a great prospect.

Last gasp win at Old Trafford

Kane Williamson batting for Middlesex

Sharma and Cornwall bowling v Leics

Joe Cracknell just being Joe and entertaining.

Luke Hollman v Warwick at Rugby School

**Glen Birkwood
Chair Seaxe Club**



SEAXE CLUB PRE-SEASON LUNCH

Sunday 1st March 2026

12 – 4pm

The Argyll Arms

18 Argyll Street

W1F 7TP

(nearest tube – Oxford Circus – exit via gate 8)

**Lunch from the pub's Sunday Menu
Each table will settle their own account**

**Booking for this event is essential but all
Members and guests are welcome. Last date
for bookings – Friday 20th February.**

**Please pre-order your food from the menu and
forward to:**

Gary Ford

07502 616376 email: jfkwhu@hotmail.co.uk



SMALL PLATES & STARTERS

KING PRAWN & SMOKED SCOTTISH SALMON COCKTAIL*	9.75	LIGHTLY DUSTED CALAMARI	9.00
With toasted ciabatta, little gem lettuce and a bloody Marie Rose sauce. (334kcal)		Mango & sweet chilli salsa. (206kcal)	
PULLED BEEF RIB CROQUETTES*	10.00	HAND-CUT NACHOS TO SHARE (V)	13.00
With Gochujang mayo, watercress & pickled pink onion salad. (303kcal)		Hand-cut tortilla chips, cheese sauce, guacamole, salsa, sour cream and jalapeños. (964kcal) Add Pulled beef brisket 3.00 (1549kcal)	
ROASTED GARLIC MUSHROOMS ON RUSTIC TOAST (VE)	8.25	TOMATO & BASIL SOUP (V)	6.75
In a creamy garlic & spinach sauce. On toasted rustic ciabatta. (450kcal)		With double cream, basil pesto, and toasted rustic ciabatta. (287kcal)	
		Vegan alternative available.	

TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROASTS

We proudly serve our Sunday Roasts until 6pm.

All our Sunday roasts are served with roast potatoes, glazed parsnips, thyme roasted carrots, long-stem broccoli, a Yorkshire pudding and gravy.

ROAST BEEF	22.50	SIDES
Hand-carved roast rump of beef. (1421kcal)		
ROAST CHICKEN	21.50	
Succulent roasted chicken breast with sage & onion stuffing. (1234kcal)		Cauliflower Cheese (V) (212kcal) 4.50
NUT & ROOT VEGETABLE ROAST (V)	20.50	Pigs in Blankets (353kcal) 5.00
Walnut, almond & hazelnut roast, with onion gravy. (973kcal)		Extra Yorkshire Puddings (V) (285kcal) 2.00
Vegan alternative available.		Roast Potatoes (VE) (249kcal) 3.50

OUR PIE COLLECTION

We pride ourselves on serving the very best traditional pies.

Our pies are served with buttery mashed potato, thyme roasted carrots and a rich gravy.

BRITISH STEAK & NICHOLSON'S PALE ALE PIE	20.00	MUSHROOM & SPINACH SUET PIE (V)	18.00
AWARDED GOLD AT THE BRITISH PIE AWARDS		In a rich red wine and tarragon sauce. (1123kcal)	
Blade of beef in Nicholson's Pale Ale gravy in a thyme pastry pie. (1260kcal)		Vegan alternative available.	
CHICKEN, LEEK & TARRAGON PIE	20.00		
Tender chicken and leek in a creamy white wine and tarragon sauce. Topped with golden puff pastry. (1183kcal)		Add Long-Stem Broccoli (VE) to any pie (69kcal) 3.50	

MAINS

NICHOLSON'S FISH & CHIPS	21.00	PAN-ROASTED SALMON FILLET	22.50
Hand-battered haddock in Nicholson's Pale Ale. Chunky chips, mushy peas and tartare sauce. (911kcal) Large 23.00 (1030kcal)		Crushed baby potatoes, long-stem broccoli and a Scottish mussels & white wine butter sauce. (817kcal)	
Add curry sauce 2.00 (43kcal)		NOURISH BOWL SALAD* (VE)	14.00
OCEAN FISH & CHIPS	23.50	Kale, brown rice & quinoa salad, with cherry tomatoes and mango, long-stem broccoli and pumpkin seeds. (399kcal)	
Hand-battered* haddock & breaded wholetail Scottish scampi. Chunky chips, mushy peas and tartare sauce. (1113kcal)		Add Smoked Salmon (193kcal) 3.50 Halloumi (VE) (394kcal) 2.50 Chicken (123kcal) 3.00	
Add curry sauce 2.00 (43kcal)		CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	17.00
GARLIC CHICKEN SCHNITZEL	18.50	With crisp lettuce, cherry tomatoes, smoked bacon, Parmesan, croutons, and a classic Caesar dressing. (742kcal)	
Schnitzel smothered in garlic butter, skin-on-fries, watercress and pickled red onion salad. (1238kcal)			

Adults need around 2000kcal a day

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OPINIONS / IDEAS ALWAYS WELCOME

I would be delighted to receive your comments (good or bad), any articles etc., for inclusion in the Seaxe News and possibly for placing on the Seaxe / MCCC websites.

All correspondence either by email: glen.birkwood@hotmail.com - or by post to: 86 Edgell Road, Staines, Middx. TW18 2EL

Thank you.

If you have yet to do so, could you please forward your email address to Barbara Buxton- see below. This makes communication so much easier and efficient.

Enquiries about membership should be addressed to Barbara Buxton, 1 Croft Court, Chelmsford, CM1 6UQ - email: buxtonb@hotmail.com

If you would prefer to receive Seaxe News by email, please send your email address to buxtonb@hotmail.com Thank you

Lottery result: December 7th 2025

Prize	Name
1st £120	Mark Parker
2nd £80	Paul Blake
3rd £70	Jenny Webley
4th £50	Jenny Webley
5th £25	Marilyn Storer
6 th £25	Peter Jackson

Congratulations to them all.

Lottery tickets cost £12 ea. and are valid for the year. Numerous tickets may be purchased via;

Barclays Bank - Ref: The Seaxe 100 Club - A/C No: 60831956 - Sort: 20 74 63

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Lord's next season, and hopefully at a number of our away games.

Thank you for your support.

Enjoy your cricket.

Glen Birkwood
Editor Seaxe News
Chair Seaxe Club