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Spring 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SPRING 2025

Last year we consolidated our finances, but this didn't mean we hadn't supported various causes. Having supported the AllStars and Dynamo programmes for many years, we concentrated on matters closer to home. Namely, we continued with supporting the Seaxe Indoor Winter League for Girls, assisted with the refurbishment of the Finchley Indoor Cricket school and providing funds to cover some transport costs for an individual from the Pathway programme.

Communication with various branches of MCCC was poor last year, this was highlighted when I was told how disappointed they were that we hadn't supported the Softball Cricket programme for young women. My reply was "I know nothing about it, we were never approached to support it". I believe it was a classic case of left hand right hand and incorrect assumptions. My, how things have changed for this year. Angus Fraser and I, together with Josh Knappett are working closely on the Swyncombe Avenue project where the Pavilion needs to be brought up to date. The committee have agreed to make available the sum

of £2K to cover some of the basic requirements with a review later in the year. Our contribution will be recognised with a plaque situated in the foyer.

We have agreed to support the Softball programme to the tune of £875 as requested, for the purchase of their kit. We have agreed to assist with the running costs of the London Mavericks (a review in this issue) a possible name change has been muted to the Seaxe Mavericks (?).

We have been approached to invest in a couple of teams on the Borough pathways, namely Barnet & Enfield and East London. This has been agreed by way of shirt sponsorship.



So you see, the Seaxe Club is again fully involved in supporting cricket throughout the County of Middlesex, as is our raison d'etre.

For the coming season, we will be located once again in boxes C/D in the Tavern Stand. You are always welcome to pop in for a cuppa and a chat with your fellow members. I requested, and it has been confirmed, that we will have access to the box on August 10th for the 50 over match against Sussex. Brian will be delighted. I also asked if it was possible to have the box for the disability match against MCC XI on the 25th June, being played on the main square. Unfortunately this is not possible but I do urge you to come along and support Andy Hill and his very successful disability squad. They are very excited to be playing on the square at Lord's and it would be a shame if the stands were empty.

Our Annual Seaxe Awards Evening will be held on Friday April 4th in the Middlesex Room ½ hour after close of play. The response from the members nominating their Player of the Year was disappointing, but nevertheless enough were received to make a decision. The list of winners is shown within this issue. I am delighted to confirm that the following Middlesex legends will be attendance to help with the presentations. Clive Radley MBE, Angus Fraser MBE, Mike Gatting OBE, Mark Ramprakash MBE as well as our First XI and the coaches.

We will be having a Spring Social get together in the Argyll Arms – see the separate report within this issue for details. Our thanks to Gary Ford for arranging.

Finally, Middlesex CCC and the Seaxe Club recently lost a very good friend and supporter Geoff Norris. Such was his influence, there are two "Memories" of him from his close friends.

Glen Birkwood Chair Seaxe Club

Glen Birkwood

SEAXE CLUB ANNUAL REVIEW 2024 TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Chair's report details how we consolidated our finances over 2024 and concentrated on matters closer to home. The accounts for 2024 are included in this edition of the Seaxe News and show a surplus of $\mathfrak{L}2,459$ compared with a deficit of $\mathfrak{L}5,500$ last year. Last year's deficit was intended, in line with the Committee's decision to provide enhanced support in the immediate years post-Covid.

These accounts are currently undergoing an independent check by John O Gorman and we remain grateful to him for performing this role for the Club.

Our support over 2024 was more focussed, as set out in the Chair's report. Bursaries paid to the Seaxe Girls Indoor Cricket League, the Softball programme, Seaxe Mavericks and other smaller requests totalled $\mathfrak{L}4,625$. This compares with $\mathfrak{L}8,870$ in 2023 when we also sponsored places on the national All Stars and Dynamos programmes.

The overall position was also improved with generous donations from Members totalling £3,345 compared with £364 over 2023.

Late in 2024, the Club received a one-off donation of £20,000 from a Member for use in future projects. This has therefore been shown as deferred income in the accounts. The Committee has conveyed the Club's gratitude to the donor and will endeavour to make sure these funds are utilised appropriately over a number of years.

Another high note to finish on is to give thanks once again to Brian Cahill for his time and effort in running the Seaxe Box (and his constant marketing of the Seaxe Club to all those that he meets on match days at Lord's!) We raised the price of afternoon tea and cake to $\mathfrak{L}2$ for the 2024 season (still a bargain) and we thank those who have continued to support this Seaxe institution. As a result, sales of tea and cake in the box exceeded $\mathfrak{L}1,000$ for the first time, a considerable sum in the context of the Club's overall finances.

Stephen Lockwood -Treasurer



Stephen Lockwood

THE SEAXE CLUB - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2024

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Income:			
Members' subscriptions		4,972	4,758
Lottery surplus	1	1,991	2,212
Teas in the Seaxe Box		1,001	605
Christmas lunch net income	2	11	30
Memorabilia sales		62	49
Interest received		289	208
Donations received		3,345	364
Transfer from Geoff Norris reserve	7	250	250
		11,921	8,476
General Expenses:			
Seaxe News (including associated postage)		2,054	2,150
Administration expenses	3	327	960
Social events		410	305
		2,791	3,415
Net Income After General Expenses:		9,130	5,061
Expenditure on awards and support:			
Medal and trophy costs		796	566
Awards	4	1,250	1,125
Middlesex Cricket Board - All Stars Cricket / Dynamos		0	4,500
Bursaries		4,625	4,370
		6,671	10,561
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year:		2,459	(5,500)

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 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

		<u>2024</u>	2023
		£	£
1	Lottery surplus		
	Subscriptions	3,046	3,412
	Prizes paid out (35%)	(1,055)	(1,200)
	Surplus	1,991	2,212
2	Christmas Lunch:		
	Income	1,635	1,880
	Expenditure	(1,624)	(1,850)
	Surplus	11	30

3	Administration Expenses:		
	Lottery Renewal Fee - Westminster Council	20	20
	Middlesex Cricket Board Subscription	9	9
	Postage and Stationery	0	267
	IT Expenses	298	664
		327	960
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	125
	John Piddington Award	125	125
	Richard Davis Award	125	125
	Rynhold Family Award	125	125
		1,250	1,125

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		<u>2024</u>	2023
NOTES T	O THE ACCOUNTS (continued)	£	£
5	Prepaid Expenses		
	Prepaid website hosting fees	31	150
		31	150
6	Accruals		
Ü	Membership Fees paid in advance	32	143
	Lottery Subscriptions paid in advance	348	384
	Deferred Income	20,000	0
	Accrued awards & bursary payments	3,480	2,225
		23,860	2,752
7	Geoff Norris Award Reserve:		
•	Opening balance	1,417	1,651
	Interest Received	22	16
	Awards during year	(250)	(250)
	Closing balance	1,189	1,417

GEOFF NORRIS

On a September Monday morning in 1964, Barclays Bank in its wisdom, transferred me to the Ruislip Branch of the bank. On that same day, another chap called Geoff Norris was also moved into the branch. Geoff's role was to be a 'security clerk' and mine 'supervisor' of the accounts team. Consequently, this was the start of a long friendship of 60 years.

Working alongside Geoff was certainly an experience. The social side took off through Geoff's leadership. We played 20 over cricket matches against our customers, also darts matches, not forgetting the regular Friday evening exodus to the British Legion Club or The Fox and Geese. The Christmas Parties also took a turn for the better! During that time we worked together, Geoff used his persuasive skills on me to transfer my cricketing allegiance to Barclays Bank Cricket



Club and I became a regular player in the first and second teams. Geoff was a good bowler who propelled the ball at a healthy medium pace but was always doing something off the pitch or in the air. He was a prolific wicket-taker, probably helped by the fact that his skills at picking the seam on the ball were second to none. As his wicket keeper he always insisted that I stood up to the wicket. He participated in 40 consecutive tours to South Devon, throwing a splendid party at the last one before his cricketing retirement, including cricket and golf. On one memorable tour to Gibraltar, he woke somewhat late in the morning, went out on to his balcony on high, saw us on the beach below, and started imitating a 'Papal' wave to us. All our efforts to stop him failed as we were trying to tell him that the Pope had died that morning.

His banking career was equally exciting. I recollect he held managerial positions at Harrow, Kingston, Kilburn and finally St John's Wood, where inevitably his experience of the cricketing world proved to be beneficial. For once the bank manged to get the `round peg into a round hole` in appointing him manager of the branch. He used his skills and personality to grow the business and generate a powerful reputation in and around Lords. He banked many of the well known names from the cricket world. He proposed me for membership of the MCC as well as ensuring my membership of Middlesex CCC and, latterly, the Seaxe Club. He cleverly twisted my arm so that I became the treasurer of Tim Murtagh's Benefit Year.

After retiring from the bank, he served on the Middlesex Committee becoming Treasurer and, later, I believe, the only other President of Middlesex CCC, after

Ron Gerard who had not been a professional cricketer. He gave great service to the county, the bank and Barclays cricket. There have been many amusing anecdotes, some can be told and some not. Life was never dull around Geoff and my good friend David Killick had an expression that 'you never had a cheap time out with Geoff, but it was always good value'.

Not a bad epitaph, RIP our good friend.

Peter Jackson

WITH GEOFF NORRIS AT MIDDLESEX CRICKET

For 15 or so years I had the pleasure of travelling to away matches with Geoff. We took turns to do the driving.

The best day away, was one when Geoff did the driving. On 26th July 2008 we left early from Geoff's home in Chorleywood, waved off by Geoff's wife Jean, to Southampton for Twenty20 Finals Day. Middlesex won the Semi-Final beating Durham easily but the Final against Kent was tense to say the least, Middlesex winning by three runs.

The best day when we were together at Lord's was - of course - 23rd September 2016. It was the last day of the season. Middlesex set a generous declaration at Tea Time and bowled out Yorkshire to win the County Championship. Toby Roland-Jones took the last three wickets with a hat-trick.

Geoff was one of the earliest members of the Seaxe Club and did so much for it over the years. Just a few years back he was still coming to Seaxe committee meetings on wintry evenings and helping with the stuffing of envelopes for our mailings.

Geoff loved Lord's, knew so many people and enjoyed cricket conversation. He gave a lot to the county club as a diligent Treasurer and a friendly President (2011-12). His final visit was in May 2022 when Clive Radley was able to drive Geoff and Jean to Lord's for a day in the Committee Room. Geoff was taken

through the Long Room in a wheelchair. A great fuss was made and Middlesex coaches and players came down to the Committee Room when they heard Geoff was there.

Geoffrey Walter Norris. A long life, 5th September 1932 - 27th November 2024, supporting Middlesex CCC, the Seaxe Club and Queen's Park Rangers all the way.

Alvan Seth-Smith, President, Seaxe Club



Alvan Seth-Smith, Harry Latchman, Geoff Norris

OVERVIEW OF PATHWAY 24 SEASON

As another cricket season finishes, we have had time to reflect on a year filled with remarkable accomplishments, pride, and excitement for the future of our exceptionally talented pathway. This season, our pathway program has continued to grow and thrive, with young players at various age levels showcasing their skill, resilience, and potential. The program's success is evident in both individual and team achievements, with each player gaining invaluable experience and insights that will undoubtedly shape their future cricketing careers. This year has seen our teams progress to advanced stages in highly competitive tournaments, receive international honours, and further establish the strength of our development system.

The Under-14s delivered an outstanding campaign, reaching the semi-finals of the ECB competition. Their journey to the semis was a testament to both their skill and perseverance, as they faced strong opponents and challenging situations with confidence and composure. Throughout the summer, individual players from the Under-14 squad made exceptional contributions that demonstrated their readiness for the next stages of their development. These standout performances not only provided thrilling moments for supporters but also laid a strong foundation for the players' future successes. With each match, the Under-14s showed significant progress in both technical skills and game strategy, and their efforts culminated in a memorable semi-final appearance. This impressive run has set high expectations and excitement for the seasons to come, as these young players are well-positioned to continue developing their talents and contributing to the pathway's success.

Our Under-16s also impressed this season, progressing through the group stages of their ECB competition and advancing to the quarterfinals. Competing at this higher age group level, the Under-16s showcased their potential and adaptability, proving themselves capable of rising to the demands of an increasingly challenging field. Their journey through the competition involved both highs and lows, with each game pushing them to enhance their skill set and refine their approach. Reaching the quarterfinals is a significant achievement, as it reflects both individual talent and the strength of our team structure. This season's performance by the Under-16 squad emphasizes the depth of our pathway and the commitment of our players and coaches to continuous growth and success.

One of the major highlights of our season was the performance of our Emerging Players Group (EPG). These young athletes took their competition by storm and advanced to the final, showcasing remarkable talent and resilience throughout the season. Despite falling short to a strong Yorkshire side in the final match, the EPG displayed commendable determination and teamwork. This runner-up

finish is a noteworthy accomplishment, underscoring the program's ability to prepare players for high-level competition and provide them with opportunities to excel against formidable opponents. Their journey through the competition, culminating in a challenging final, serves as an inspiring example for younger players in the pathway, illustrating what can be achieved through dedication, and hard work.

The season also brought exceptional honours on an international stage, with five players from our Emerging Players Group earning selection to represent England's Under-19 team. This remarkable achievement reflects the talent and potential within our pathway. Out of the five selected players, three had been chosen to tour South Africa last November, marking a significant milestone in their cricketing careers. This international recognition is a source of pride for the entire pathway program.

As the summer holidays began, we held our highly anticipated two-week regional cricket event, which brought together over 170 young cricketers ranging in age from Under-11 to Under-15. This annual event is an integral part of our County Age Group (CAG) pathway, providing players with the opportunity to participate in an intensive assessment process for selection. The event saw young cricketers from all corners of the county and representing a wide variety of clubs come together to demonstrate their skills and dedication. Watching these players compete was a powerful reminder of the passion and diversity within our cricketing community. This diversity is something we take great pride in, as it strengthens our program and provides players with the chance to learn from one another in a supportive, challenging environment.

The level of performance at this year's regional cricket event was notably high, making the selection process particularly challenging for our coaches and selectors. Each player brought unique skills and perspectives to the field, and the high standards displayed by so many young cricketers made narrowing down the selections a difficult task. However, this challenge is a positive indicator of the depth of talent we have within our county. It is always inspiring to see the commitment and enthusiasm that these young players bring to the game, and their efforts are a testament to the strength of our pathway and the support they receive from their families, clubs, and coaches.

Reflecting on this season, we are immensely proud of the accomplishments and progress made by our players at every level. The successes of our Under-14s, Under-16s, and Emerging Players Group highlight the program's effectiveness in nurturing talent and preparing players for competitive cricket. The selection of five of our players to represent England's Under-19 team is a particularly proud achievement, as it underscores the international potential within our ranks. These accomplishments are the result of dedicated coaching, hard work,

and a shared commitment to excellence that defines our pathway program.

As we look to the future, we are excited to continue supporting these young athletes on their journeys, providing them with the experiences and resources they need to reach their full potential. This season's Mark Lane



achievements reflect not only the skill and passion of our players but also the strength of a system designed to nurture growth and inspire a love for the game.

Mark Lane Player Pathway Head Coach

MIDDLESEX IN THE COMMUNITY

Club cricket is the pinnacle of the work that we do at Middlesex in the Community (MITC), With over 400 clubs, 20 leagues, countless social teams, and a real appetite for the game, we aim to support, develop, sustain and grow these institutions, no matter their size or history. We continue to do this through extensive research (internet trawling) to find out as much as we can about them, getting them affiliated to MITC, having club development meetings, offering a range of courses, and supporting them in obtaining their Clubmark status. The list of what we do to help clubs develop is impressive.

Our priority over the last six months has been to forge strong connections with our clubs. through our development officers. At the heart of it all are volunteers who give up remarkable amounts of time to provide their members with the best experience possible, and we hope to support those volunteers as best we can to allow cricket in Middlesex to continue to grow and thrive. Since the beginning of the New Year, we



London Mavericks

have relaunched men's competitive and social indoor cricket competitions, with a diverse range of clubs battling it out to reach the regional finals.

Seaxe's generous sponsorship of the Indoor Winter League for Girls has further re-ignited the county's interest in indoor cricket, which has been a great way for teammates to connect a few months before the season starts, keep fit and retain their appetite for the sport.

Our ambition before the season gets underway is to engage with every club in the county and find out how we can support them best, whilst simultaneously trying to increase participation across our communities in Middlesex, ensuring that cricket in the county continues to grow and thrive for years to come.

Jack Davis

Assistant Partnership Manager (Clubs, Leagues and Cricket Collective)

SOCIAL REPORT SPRING 2025

Let us start with our Winter Social held at the Clarence, Dover St.. This venue has always proved popular hence the return visit. Such is its popularity; we had to close the book after 32 applicants, having been informed this was the maximum that could be seated. The number of diners exceeded our usual number, so a visit to the Clarence for confirmation of table plan was called for. We were assured that 32 could be sat comfortably in the upstairs bar area and we informed that the other section upstairs would not trouble us as there were only a few diners using it.

So, seating 32? – NO. A few diners next door? – NO. It was overflowing and noisy. We had the embarrassment of having some of our members having to sit downstairs in order to eat. Suffice to say we were not at all happy and received little by way of apology (Ed – I felt sorry for Gary as it was his first assignment as Social Secretary, and was not at fault).

Onto our Annual Seaxe Christmas lunch, held once again in the Tavern with the price being held from last year. It was enjoyed by all with no shortage of food. The Chairman requested a moment of silence in memory of Geoff Norris who had recently passed away. Service was good, crackers were pulled, prosecco

flowed and conversation filled the room. You will see from the photos that we held the final lottery of the year and the list of lucky winners can be found at the back of this issue. The first number was drawn by our guest of honour Angus Fraser who was there with his lovely wife Denise. I'd like to thank the Chairman for his assistance in organising the event. I now know what to do next year – delegate!!



Pre lunch chat



Steve's motley crew

Ladies at lunch



Chairman's speech



Drawing the lottery



Top table



So, onto our next gathering. We are having a spring social scheduled for lunchtime on March 9th at the Argyll Arms, Argyll Street. This is right next to Oxford Circus tube station, exit via gate 8. Having visited the venue and seen the upstairs dining room, I'm happy they can seat 42 diners. Providing we achieve a turnout of at least 30, we will have exclusivity of the room. There is a bar in the dining room and the toilets are nearby. Once again it is on a first come first served basis. On this occasion the venue has asked that anybody wishing to dine should pre-order their meal (return your choices to me please), our deadline for booking and menu choices is February 28th. Details and their Sunday menu are within this issue. We look forward to seeing you there.

Gary Ford Seaxe Club Social Secretary

SEAXE AWARD WINNERS:

Red Ball Player of the Year: Only 2 names were in the frame, and the winner, because of the late season burst of wickets to win games and by the smallest of margins - Toby Roland-Jones



Toby Roland-Jones

White ball Player of the Year: Whilst we again had 2 names in the frame there was a clear winner - Luke Hollman. An excellent all round performance

Luke Hollman

Women's Player of the Year: Scoring 341 runs with an average of 42.63 and a highest score of 108 * -Saskia Horley

2nd XI Player of the Year: There were a number of contenders but with important match winning contributions, the winner is: Josh de Caires



Saskia Horley





Disability Player of the Year: **Moazzam Rashid** - his bowling performance have made a difference to the squads success.

Moazzam Rashid

Geoff Norris Award: Caleb Falconer

Jack Robertson Award: Pansilu Wijesinghe

David Newton Award: Caleb Falconer

John Piddlington Award: Dia Nair

Gerry Lillee Award: Eddie Campion

Rynhold Family Award: Saskia Horley

Richard Davis Award: Issy Routledge

These winners are the future of Middlesex cricket, they have benefitted from the excellent coaching they receive on the Pathway, and our coaches should be thanked for that.

The number of young cricketers who have gone on from this stage to represent Middlesex and indeed the Country, is impressive.

The Seaxe Club is proud and delighted to acknowledge and reward this group of young players, and we look forward to following their progress.

Ed.



SEAXE CLUB SOCIAL AFTERNOON

9TH MARCH 2025 Mid-day onwards

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 – February 28th.

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

Gary Ford - 07502 616376 email: jfkwhu@hotmail.co.uk



SMALL PLATES & STARTERS

SMOKED SCOTTISH SALMON* On countly train, clabute with horsemalist crosses &	9.50	LIGHTLY DUNTED CALAMARI Mago B seer (fill) site (fillin)	4.00
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GARLIC MUSBROOMS ON RUSTIC TOAST (VE) Round endroom will great or named ratio clabers. (SCh.		SOUP OF THE DAY (V) Bigs conic level and laster (Ultical) Eigen array available.	8.00

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BRITISH STEAK & NICHOLSON'S PALE ALE PIE

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18.00 NOURISH BOWL SALAD! (TE)

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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.

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Lottery result DECEMBER 8TH

Prize	Name
1st £150	Geoff Dawson
2nd £100	Dr Hilary Spencer
3rd £80	Alan V Jones
4th £60	Ian Murray
5th £40	David Wilson
6 th £25	Peter Jackson

Congratulations to them all.

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.

Enjoy your cricket.

Glen Birkwood Editor Seaxe News