



# SEAXE NEWS

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**Summer 2025**

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**Dear member,**

May I introduce you to the latest member of the Seaxe Committee, Jack Davis. You will see from his Bio that he is actively involved with cricket throughout the County and he has already proved to be of benefit to us with his contacts and enthusiasm, I am confident he will help us improve our levels of support within Middlesex County where it is most needed.



I am 23 years old and joined MITC straight after university in July 2024. I studied Law with French Law, including a year studying in Paris, but throughout my degree I found that I got a lot more enjoyment from running my University Cricket Club, and also the only cricket club in Paris!

My Middlesex history stems back to being an 8 year old, sat in the Grandstand with my Dad watching T20 matches. I have played all of my cricket in Hertfordshire and the West Midlands, most notably with Josh de Caires and Noah Cornwell at Radlett CC in the Junior Section. I now play my cricket for Old

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Haberdashers CC on a Saturday, London Maccabi Vale on a Sunday, and am the head of Juniors at Totteridge Millhillians CC

I'm delighted to be able join the Seaxe committee and contribute towards the fantastic work that the Seaxe Club does to support cricket in Middlesex. This aligns entirely with what I do for my job with Middlesex in the Community.



*East London Borough U15's*

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### **Seaxe Club AGM - Wednesday 16th April:**

Minutes of the Seaxe Club's 56th Annual General Meeting held in the Lord's Tavern on Wednesday, 16th April 2025, at 6pm.

Introduction: the Chair, Glen Birkwood, opened the meeting by welcoming the Members present and thanked them for attending. There were many apologies, but that showed the reminder email had been noticed.

1. Apologies for Absence: apologies were received from Peter Jackson, Ian Sands, Marilyn Storer, Nick Storer, John Fletcher, Louise Fletcher, Nigel Chapman, Jane Orr, Norman Hopper, Huw Nathan, Les Rowland, Keith Macrae, Howard Willis and Rowena Seth-Smith.

2. Approval of minutes of the 55th Annual General meeting held on 3rd April 2024: The minutes were approved unanimously. Approval had been proposed (by Bob Baxter) and seconded (by Keith Manning), as were all other resolutions and nominations listed on the agenda, as they were put in turn to the meeting.

3. Matters Arising: None

#### 4. **Chair's Address**

- GB thanked all present for attending the meeting; he noted that MCC have not relented on charges hence the meeting is in the Lord's Tavern.
- GB extended a thank you to Charlie and his staff for organising the facility for the Seaxe Club.
- GB remarked on the newsletter; e-mail is a cost-effective format, however how many people are reading it? He wondered whether we could remove content, or incorporate aspects into the MCCC website (for which a meeting is being arranged by JDS with Steve Fletcher). GB also touched on the Seaxe Website, which is currently in a dormant state and something the committee are considering.
- Social Gatherings - GB thanked GF for his work organising socials, both in the Clarence and more recently the Argyll Arms (which was successful). A further social will be held there in due course.
- Communication from MCCC / MITC has not been great in the past, however it has improved now, with multiple projects funded over the past year (including the upcoming Disability Tour, which will be considered by the committee).
- GB promoted the MITC Patrons Club that has been sent out by MITC, and noted that the Seaxe Club will be offered a patronship for the first year.
- GB mentioned that the Seaxe Club are turning 60 in 2028, so there may be some ways to mark this occasion!

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report**

- SJL reported that the independent checker recently signed off the accounts (Monday 14th April) and extended thanks to him.
- SJL updated on movements to income lines, for instance subs going up slightly, but the lottery going down by a few hundred pounds with 30-40 squares left to sell.

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- Some very generous donations from last year have given the club a greater reserve “war chest” which will be utilised responsibly - this increased level of funding has allowed more bursaries to be awarded to do more good for cricket within Middlesex.
- The report / accounts were accepted, proposed by Barbara Buxton and seconded by Brian Cahill.

### 6. Election of Officers

- The following were proposed and seconded for election and approved unanimously.
  - o President: Alvan Seth-Smith
  - o Vice Presidents: Alan Ashton, Mike Brearley, Peter Jackson, David Killick, Les Rowland, Dorothy Rynhold and Jane Saxton
  - o Chair: Glen Birkwood
  - o Treasurer: Stephen Lockwood
  - o Secretary: Johan de Silva
  - o Committee Members: Bob Baxter, Barbara Buxton, Gary Ford, Les Rowland
  - o Honorary Members: Contracted Players, MCCC Chief Executive (who GB noted is also a paid up member), Permanent Office Staff, Coach and Scorer
  - o Independent Checker of the Accounts: John O’Gorman

### 7. AOB

- Brian Cahill raised a question regarding pens/ties which Keith Macrae held, which he would like if possible - GB will liaise with Keith to get these to Brian.
- Brian also asked about the date of the Box Reception, which GB gave some background on and mentioned that further information will come ASAP.
- Gary Ford asked whether there were still announcements on tannoy regarding Seaxe Club, to which ASS replied, yes.
- Gary Ford asked for the cut-off date for the next edition of the Seaxe News, which is 6th June, and mentioned he is speaking to Leus du Plooy for this.
- Kate Woodruff asked whether members could start voting for the player of the season earlier (e.g. in the last home game of the season).
- Keith Manning asked whether the closure of the Middlesex Room could be used as a Seaxe Club membership drive, which will be considered.

- It was suggested that the club look into a hand-held PA system for meetings such as this, to help members hear the content of the meeting.
  - The chair introduced Josh Knappett and Johan de Silva from MITC to talk about some of the great projects that Seaxe Club have funded over the last year. Josh in particular discussed the Swyncombe Avenue project and thanked the club for their generous donations.
8. The meeting closed at 18.52 hours.
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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SUMMER 2025

Hopefully will have noticed that we have a new member of the Seaxe Committee, Jack Davis. A young man with the much needed enthusiasm of youth. Jack is already proving to be asset, along with Johan, his contacts are proving to be invaluable. He is also confident that he will be able to resolve the website issue. Like London buses when we wanted help with the website, two offers come along at once. Our thanks to Mark Chapman for his offer of help.

There may be some concern that with two committee members connected with MITC that we will become a subsidiary. This is not the case as it has been made quite clear that we are independent and will plough our own furrow.

The spring social at the Argyll Arms, organised by Gary Ford was a successful occasion, so much so that we will revisit this venue for our winter social on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our thanks to Gary.



*Spring social*

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Our AGM was held once again in the Lord's Tavern, our thanks to Charlie and the team. It is not an ideal venue and we will certainly be seeking an alternative for next year, unless MCC relent on their charges, in which case we will be back within Lord's.

Our annual Awards Evening was held in the Middlesex Room after close of play on our first home game. It was well attended by friends and family of the winners as well as our first team. My thanks go to all who attended and especially those who assisted in the presentations – Angus Fraser, Mike Gating, Clive Radley. Photos are within this edition.

First team results getting you down? Can I suggest you watch our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. I've seen a few of their games and very enjoyable they are too. Especially the one down at Horsham against Sussex. With 5 overs left we needed 12 an over. Then 8 needed off the final over, then 1 off the last ball. Having brought their fielders in close to stop the single, the final ball was majestically struck to the boundary! They always appreciate the support, and in many cases you are looking at future players for MCCC.

We still have a number of members paying the old subscription of £12.50, please look at your standing order and adjust.

A number of members have yet to pay this year, please look at your standing order and adjust.

Thank you.

**Glen Birkwood**  
**Chair Seaxe Club**



*Glen Birkwood*

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## SEAXE CLUB AWARDS EVENING 2025

The awards evening was well attended with families and friends of the recipients together with the senior squad and the coaches.

My thanks to Stephen Lockwood and Gary Ford for their assistance in setting out the awards and the packing up afterwards.

All those I spoke with enjoyed the occasion and were delighted to see Mike Gating, Angus Fraser and Clive Radley in attendance to help with the presentations.

**Glen Birkwood**





*Seaxe Player of the Year Toby Roland-Jones*



*Mike Gatting Award Luke Hollman*



*Saskia Horley Women's Player of the Year*

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*2nd XI Player of the Year Josh de Caires*



*Moazzam Rashid Disability Player of the Year*



*Geoff Norris Award Caleb Falconer*





*John Piddington Award Dia Nair*



*Jack Robertson Award Pansilu  
Wijesinghe*



*Gerry Lillee Award Eddie Campion*



*Richard Davis Award Saskia receiving on behalf  
of Issy Routledge*

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Leus du Plooy Champagne maiden century



*Champagne moments 2 x 10 wicket hauls  
Toby Roland-Jones*



*Dia and Saskia Enjoying the moment.*

**SEAXE INDOOR WINTER LEAGUE FOR GIRLS - REPORT:**

The MJCA Girls Area, thanks to the Seaxe Club's generous support for a second year, were able to put on an exciting Winter League of cricket, to provide more playing opportunities for girls year-round. A record number of teams entered, and it was pleasing to see so many entries at the U13 age group in particular, testament to the hard work of many clubs to develop grassroots girls cricket in the 2024 Summer.

League fixtures were held in a round robin format across multiple sites - William Perkin School in Greenford, and Middlesex Indoor Cricket School in Finchley, with the finals taking place at MICS.



*U13 finalists*

The U13 final was held at MICS between Highgate and Shepherds Bush - played in a fantastic spirit throughout. Shepherds Bush fielded first and restricted Highgate's first two pairs to 45 runs, however Highgate's last pair motored away and led to a final score of 89. Bush chased with great spirit however fell 30 runs short despite a valiant effort from their final pair.

The U15 competition was played in a round-robin format between four teams (Highgate, North Middlesex, Primrose Hill and Richmond) with the overall winner based on points at the end of the block, with Highgate taking the title.

The U17 final was held at MICS between Highgate and Richmond. A close encounter produced an enthralling game of cricket. Richmond batted first and made 74 - a very defendable target given the cup final nature of the competition. Highgate's second pair with the bat brought the game very close, finishing on 69, and their third pair made sure of the result in the final over to remain ahead of the target. A fantastic game which demonstrates how far the Indoor Girls game in Middlesex has come.



*Highgate U17 winning side*

A massive thank you to Laura de Silva, MJCA Girls Area Chair, for organising the competition, Briony Brock for her work to support this as MJCA Girls Area Treasurer, Ashish Lakhani for umpiring, and co-ordinating all other umpires for the competition (thanks to them all too), MITC for providing hall space at both William Perkin and MICS, and last but not least to the Seaxe Club for their generous support. We look forward to this competition continuing for years to come.

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#### OPINIONS / IDEAS ALWAYS WELCOME

I would be delighted to receive your comments (good or bad).

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Thank you.

If you have yet to do so, could you please forward your email address.

Enquiries about membership should be addressed to Barbara Buxton,  
email: [buxtonb@hotmail.com](mailto:buxtonb@hotmail.com)

#### Lottery result June 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

Prize	Name
1st £120	John Hegarty
2nd £80	Brian Livingston
3rd £50	Rowena Seth-Smith
4th £25	Dr Hilary Spencer
5th £25	Alan V Jones

Congratulations to them all.

There are still 50 tickets available to purchase for our lottery. The more we sell, the bigger the prizes.

Please use the following bank details:

A/C Seaxe 100 Club

Sort Code: 20 74 63

A/C No: 60831956

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**  
**Chair Seaxe Club**



*When the sun shone*