



# SEAXE NEWS

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## **Winter 2023**

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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WINTER 2023**

Well, we tried. No need for analysis, we didn't bat well enough. Looking on Facebook, recriminations and blame abound, but, I get up in the morning and the world is still turning, and next season I'll still be able to watch the game I love, namely red ball county cricket! So, the end of the world is not nigh.

In line with the current need to reduce waste and lower costs etc., we've introduced a number of changes to how we communicate with you by cutting back on the amount of photocopying that has traditionally be the case at this time of the year.

This year there is no form for you to complete and post reference the Player of the Year. Just email me your nomination for the red ball player, your white ball player and any memorable moments you may have. [glen.birkwood@hotmail.com](mailto:glen.birkwood@hotmail.com). A reminder will be on the back page together with my home address if you would rather mail your nomination.

Furthermore, the Seaxe Christmas lunch menu is displayed within these pages, the order form will be posted to you which you will need to return to Steve Baldwin. This year there is no need to enclose a s.a.e. in order to receive your drinks voucher/s. Upon receipt of payment your name will added to the list, and upon arrival at the Tavern you will receive said voucher/s. As with most things, the cost of the luncheon has gone up, but I believe it still represents excellent value for a Christmas meal in a London pub that close to Christmas. As always this is on a first come first booked basis as we are limited by the numbers the Tavern can accommodate.

The Seaxe committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Cahill for his endeavours in the box, resulting in an income of just over £600 for the first time ever. This was certainly helped by the Sunday 50 over game. Also, our thanks to Marilyn Storer whose supply of cakes are the stuff of legend – thank you Marilyn.

Despite numerous reminders about our subscription increase to £20/annum, a surprising number of individuals have neglected to amend their standing order or

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even paid at all. Our Treasurer Stephen Lockwood has conducted a thorough examination of our membership accounts and it makes for depressing reading. A number of members will be receiving a letter asking for any outstanding payments to the Seaxe Club. If you no longer wish to be a member, please let us know in order that we can remove you from the mailing list. Naturally we hope you don't wish to resign because lost revenue reduces the amount of support we can give throughout the county of Middlesex.

On the subject of support, this year we paid for Tyrone's Academy programme with very positive results in his performances for Middlesex. We purchased two gazebos requested by the disability squad for use at William Perkins school enabling them to shelter from the weather. We continued our support of the All Stars and Dynamo programmes, also we have agreed to pay the venue charges and trophy costs for a new venture, the Seaxe Indoor Winter League for Girls. £1500 has been allocated for the refurbishment of Finchley Indoor Cricket School and a number of requests have been made re overseas trips next year. How much we can donate towards these ventures is dependent upon you, our members and the much-needed revenue you provide.

Check out our social section which has details of our end of season get together. We have in the past held this in the Middlesex Room with a free drink for the attendees. The response has been a little disappointing over the last couple of years, therefore we have changed to a popular venue based upon information received.

Our website [seaxeclub.org](http://seaxeclub.org) has our latest developments within its News section which can be read without the need to login.

With the development of the Allan and Tavern Stands, I've been asked if there will be a box available for the Seaxe Club during and after development. The answer is that unless the current agreement between MCC and MCCC changes, and there seems no reason why it should, then provision will be made for the Seaxe Club to have a box for home county games.

As you know the Seaxe Club holds an annual Awards Evening when we recognise the achievements of our youngsters and their individual performances; but what of the rest? How well are they performing on the Pathway and what have we as Middlesex supporters got to look forward to when they hopefully develop into senior players? Within these pages there is a full report on the Pathway and I think you'll be impressed with their performances. My thanks to Stewart Davison.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition; contributions always welcome. I look forward to your company over the coming months and here's to a successful season.

**Glen Birkwood - Seaxe Chairman**



*Glen Birkwood*

**2023 SEASON - ALAN COLEMAN**

The final day of the County Championship season saw everything that cricket fans love about the longest format of the domestic game.

An aggressive declaration; with this time roles reversed from the Lord's match against Nottinghamshire earlier in the year; a late afternoon flurry of wickets on a used and turning pitch, and a tail-ender from our opponents in his last home game for his boyhood club all unfolding on the pitch while keeping an eye on a game being played 190 miles away in Kent.

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for us, and we couldn't get over the final line despite a phenomenal effort from our players on the final day. But you get what you deserve in sport, and the league table rarely, if ever, lies. We have not played well enough, or consistently enough over the 56 days of County Championship cricket this summer to retain our Division 1 status for 2024.

We can all point to moments that we should have done better, or capitalised upon that might have put a different slant on the final outcome; the scores-level draw against Northamptonshire at Merchant Taylors', the loss of wickets before the rain storm that hit Lord's against Warwickshire, finishing just short of the Somerset total in both our batting innings meaning we gave up a point in the league table for overrate. In hindsight, there were too many "should have" and "might have" moments during 2023 - too many to not find ourselves in a relegation scrap in a very tough competition.

The landscape of division 1 cricket has shifted since we last played it in 2017. There seems to be an increasing emphasis on the recruitment of players, and teams where the majority of players are home-grown appear less frequently. If you look at the 'best XI's' of our opponents this year, 1/3 of the players have been recruited to these counties since 2019, and that is without the overseas signings made. Some teams operated with 6 different overseas players this summer, a far cry from the days of a player committing to season after season with the same county team.

We though, will continue on our path of producing a mainly home-grown team, with some smart recruitment to add to our ranks when we can. With the well documented financial position of the club, we have to find the most value for money that we possibly can, and in the current market that is for multi-format players who have come through our own system. We are now operating under an ECB enforced salary cap, a slight inaccuracy of phrase as it is not just the salaries of players that are included in this, but all associated costs that you might incur - pension contributions, national insurance, agency fees, flights, visa, accommodation as an example. So even if we do replace 1 overseas player with another on the same salary, each individuals' travel costs count towards our salary cap.

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It has been a tough year for the club, on and off the field. And though the off-field events clearly will have had an impact on the playing and coaching group, we cannot and will not use that as an excuse for not performing to the best of our collective abilities. We have been taught a lesson this season in the harsh realities of professional sport, and it is one we need to learn from quickly.

For 2024, our challenge is to develop a style of cricket that will consistently challenge in the top division when we return there. The headlines of this are that our batters will have to become more assertive and proactive, while our bowlers will need to increase their skills to be effective on every type of pitch we encounter. We hope to return to winning ways more regularly, and to give you all, cricket that is enjoyable to watch with a team that show the passion and fight that was evident on the final day at Trent Bridge.

As ever, thank you for your unwavering support of the club. Winter well and we look forward to seeing you at the Home of Cricket in early April 2024.

**Alan Coleman – Director of Cricket**



*Alan Coleman*

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## MY TESTIMONIAL YEAR - SIMMO

To be awarded a Testimonial year is a humbling experience.

The purpose is surely to thank a long-serving player for everything they have done for the club, on and off the field. In my experience, this past year, 2023, when I have been humbled to be awarded the testimonial... the reverse has also been true. I have massively enjoyed the opportunity to recognise all the hundreds of people - past and present teammates, coaches, staff, members, supporters - who have combined to make the past 16 seasons at Middlesex incredibly enjoyable for me.

Middlesex Cricket has not only been my home away from home since 2008. It has also been my family, an extension of my natural family, a place where I feel completely at ease with a group of people who have made me feel completely welcome.

Whatever the future holds for me, this club and this place and these people will always be special for me... in fact, the three Seaxes might as well be engraved on my heart, as that is exactly where they will also be.

I would like to thank William Frewen, who has been chairman of the Testimonial, and all the other committee members who have come up with ideas, organised and helped sell tables to the events. It is truly an arduous task, and I will always

be grateful to these friends and colleagues who have supported me.

The year began with a golf day and gala dinner, held at The Richmond Golf Club, brilliantly conceived and delivered by Richard Barlow and Craig Jones. Their attention to detail was extraordinary, and resulted in a brilliant occasion.

Gerry Carey put together a wonderful evening at Ramsbottom Cricket Club in Lancashire, where my father took me as a small child, where my love for cricket was first sparked, and it was wonderful to see so many old friends and teammates of my family. My mother helped with the organisation, and my father spoke at the end. You can take the boy out of Bury, but not Bury out of the boy!

The year continued with a City dinner at the M restaurant in Threadneedle Street, a nine iron from the Bank of England, and on this occasion it was John Dwen who stepped up to the plate to organise another hugely enjoyable evening.

Darren Stones has assisted in organising a series of third party events, and also helped selling testimonial caps and brochures at Middlesex matches, and the testimonial year will conclude with a black tie dinner in the Long Room at Lord's on Wednesday 15 November... it will be a special event.

It is impossible to thank everybody, but I want to recognise Angus Fraser, who has always been there for me, ever since I joined the club, and three players, who have shared almost the entirety of this journey with me - Sam Robson, Tim Murtagh and Toby Roland-Jones. I am privileged to have such friends.

To all Middlesex members and supporters, to all readers of this publication, thank you for everything - thank you for the support, thank you for the friendship, thank you for giving me a home and thank you for being my extended family. I hope you all winter well and look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes

**Simmo**

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## **EXTRACTS FROM**

### **“TURNING OVER THE PEBBLES”**

#### **WITH KIND PERMISSION OF THE AUTHOR MIKE BREARLEY**

“Now, as when I was a professional cricketer, I love seeing shots that I found hard to play, such as full-face straight drives against fast bowling, weight transferred with total balance, the ball placed preferably between the stumps and mid-on; or forcing back strokes past cover point's right hand (a skill I once saw in the young Geoff Boycott, who played it several times in an innings against Sussex and England fast bowler, John Snow, when representing Yorkshire against MCC).

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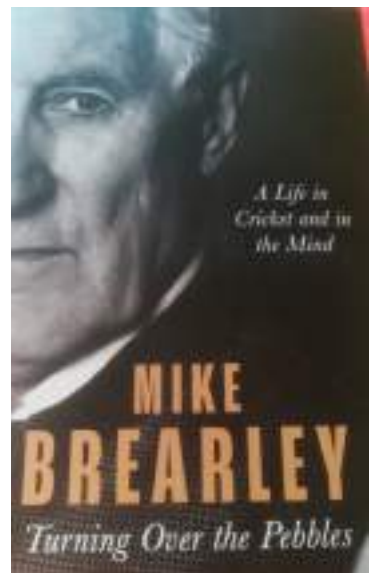
I love watching hard-fought contests between top bowler and top batter – Jimmy Anderson against Virat Kohli with a new-ish ball for instance, a period when maiden overs, the ball skilfully left several times, are more dramatic than slogged sixes. Everyone would know that the outcomes of these one-to-one contests were likely to be pivotal to the course of the match.

I loved playing in contests between old and respected rival teams. In county cricket, there was always a special *je ne sais quoi* about matches against Yorkshire, or local rivals Surrey; Kent too, though crowds at Canterbury were too purringly complacent when Colin Cowdrey was batting or when Kent were doing well, too quick to melt away when we were winning.

I like cricket best when the conditions slightly favour the bowling side, so that they are committed to attack while batters have to be skilful to survive, and have to make choices between attack as the best form of defence, and defence as the best form of defence.”

“I enjoyed a story told by Clive Radley, my team-mate at Middlesex for many years. The setting was the first three-day match of a D.H. Robins XI tour of South Africa, played at Port Elizabeth, which was captained by the redoubtable, tough, engaging, blunt and always-in-the-right Yorkshireman, Brian Close. Close was never in want of an excuse. Both sides had scored around 300 in their first innings. It was such an easy pitch that only the side batting last would have much chance of winning, so Close, announcing to his team-mates that we can’t give them any hope, set a target – ridiculous in those days – of 280 in less than three hours. The great Graeme Pollock played and caressed an elegant 160 or so in no time, and his team strolled home with several overs to spare. Close was livid; he slammed the dressing-room door shut before announcing, “we’re not having anybody in here till we have sat down and analysed what happened”. He continued “have any of you youngsters learned anything from that?” A young Lancastrian called John Lyon, reserve wicketkeeper to Farokh Engineer, the Indian test player, was sitting next to Radley. He hadn’t said a word on the trip. But he politely offered his opinion. “yes Mr Close, I’ve learned something. You declared too f.....g early, that’s what I’ve learned”. Close was rendered speechless.”

“I’m often asked how I remember incidents, passages of play, and sometimes scores from



individual cricket matches over my career. I might remember a match where I was out for nought but not one in which I scored a century; or a match when we lost but not ones that we won. And sometimes what I remember is a single incident or delivery, but nothing else about the match at all.

Recently I was surprised by being able to remember nothing of a particular match. In a WhatsApp group organised by Pat Pocock, who played for Surrey and England, Tim Lamb commented on a match he played in between Hampshire and Middlesex at Southampton in 1975. Barry Richards, he said, had played two wonderful innings of 59 and 70 not out on a spinner's pitch, against Fred Titmus and Phil Edmonds. 'Brears,' he added, 'will remember the match, which Middlesex won'. Being unable to recall ever playing at Southampton, let alone Richard's innings, I looked up the scorecard of the game. It turned out that I'd scored 70 and 114 not out in the match, and we had indeed won by 135 runs. Nothing was jogged by the scorecard either."

### **Turning Over the Pebbles – Mike Brearley**

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## **THE SENIOR WOMEN**

The senior women's team T20 campaign was hampered by rain, however come finals day the Middlesex 1<sup>st</sup> XI women were in it!

The team got through the group without too many scares. Winning 4 games, with 2 lost to the early season rain.

Beat Oxfordshire by 8 wickets 71/8 – Middlesex 72/2 – Amara Carr 29\*

Beat Oxfordshire by 5 wickets 69 AO – Middlesex 71/5 – Saskia Horley 33\*

Beat Surrey by 50 runs - Middlesex 128/5 – Surrey 78/9 – Saskia Horley 43\*, Mariko Hill 43, Kate Coppack 3/11, Riva Pindoria 3/13

Beat Surrey by 1 run – Middlesex 85/8 – Surrey 84/8 – Saskia Horley 36\*, Naomi Dattani 3/9, Anisha Dissanayake 3/12

Middlesex beat Oxfordshire in the semi-final of the T20 Group 6 by beating Oxfordshire by 6 runs in a rain affected game. Middlesex 110/5 – Oxfordshire 26/2 (5.3 overs). – Sonali Patel 39



*Kari Carswell*

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Saskia Horley finished the T20 season scored 112 runs at an average 112  
Both games v Kent were rained off.

In the 50 over competition the London Championship, the story of the season was slightly different! Hampered by availability issues Middlesex lost 3 50 over games with one being rained off.

The senior squad also played in the Sunrisers T20 festival at Felstead in August, a predominately young team performed admirably.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	No Result	Tie	Performances of Note - bat	Performance of note – bowl
Seniors	13	5	6		1	Issy – 307 runs @ 27.91 – highest score of 73	Riva 12 wickets @ave. 21.42
U18's	13	8	5			Poppy – 232 runs @ 21.09 highest score of 55	Lauren 18 wickets @ave. 14.78
U15's	21	14	6 (3 of which against Jersey Women's Team)			Dia – 367 runs @ 52.43 – highest score of 96 Amelia – 301 runs @ 33.44 – highest score of 52*	Zunaira 13 wickets @ 8.92
U13's	25	13	8			Frankie – 200 runs @ 25, highest score of 69	Anaya 22 wickets @ ave 4.82
U11's	13	6	6	1		Emily 180 runs @ 18 highest score of 61	Ellie 11 wickets @ ave 6.18  Emily 12 wickets @ 13.92
U10's	4		4				

**Kari Carswell**  
**Director of Participation**



**MIDDLESEX BOYS PATHWAY REPORT 2023**  
**STEWART DAVISON**

The summer has been challenging with regards to the weather, with all County age groups, Borough and Regional cricket losing considerable playing time as a result of the rain.

Merchant Taylors school has again been an excellent host, with almost all regional and county age group cricket played there, including hosting games last minute due to cup qualifications and other venues cancelling at short notice. They have relaid several pitches on the 1st XI square which will give us increased capacity to host games for U15s and U16s in years to come.

The U14s, U16s and U18s have all competed in their ECB national competitions. The U14s finished 3rd in their group, just outside of qualification. They won 5, tied one, and lost 2 of their group games. The U16s won the national competition for the 2nd year running, having beaten Yorkshire (the same finalists as last year). We beat Sussex twice, Kent twice, Essex, Norfolk, Devon and Wales to reach the final.

Key performances were:

James Isbell - 619 runs, 56.27 average, 2 x 50s, 3 x 100s. Leading run scorer in the competition.

Samarjeet Singh (Right arm off-spin) - 26 Wickets, average 13.65, economy 3.41. Leading wicket taker in the competition.

Nilesh Bhandari (Left arm leg-spin) - 24 Wickets, average 12.88, economy 3.66. 3rd leading wicket taker in the competition.

The U18s had a mixed season, performing well in patches but not consistently enough in any format. They finished 2nd in their 3-day championship division, drawing 3 games, 2 of which were rain affected, and beat Sussex and Essex. The T20 competition was frustrating, with the group in position to win 4 of their 5 group games (including against eventual national champions Surrey), but managed to lose in the last overs against Sussex and Surrey, ending 3rd in the group. The 50 over knockout competition finished in the quarter final against Essex at Chelmsford, having beaten Kent and Norfolk in previous rounds. We had scheduled pre-season fixtures for the U18s against Berkshire, Shepherds Bush, Crouch End and Richmond, as well as midweek T20s against Harrow school, Wellington College and Merchant Taylors School. Unfortunately many of these were lost to weather, but we feel they are very beneficial for our best young cricketers.

The U11 side have developed well under Hamzah Khan, who was appointed at the start of the summer. It has been pleasing to see the U12s challenged this summer, having gone unbeaten through their U11s year and until August this year! They enjoyed a week at Rugby School festival, beating Warwickshire and Staffordshire, and narrowly losing to Lancashire and Yorkshire in some fantastic games. The U13s saw 8 new players from regional cricket in their 15 man summer squad, many of whom we view as high potential - an indication of the quality and importance of the tiered Talent ID programme.

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Several EPG players have received recognition at U15-U19 level. Jack Nelson represented London and East at the ECB U15 Bunbury Festival. Ben Salter, Rhys Lewis and Aaryan Sawant were all part of the Super 4's U18 week. Rhys Lewis played for England young lions invitational XI against Ireland and Australia U19s. Nilesh Bhandari, Sebastian Morgan, Jack Nelson and James Isbell (unavailable due to 2nd XI cricket), were all invited to be part of the U16 best vs best ECB weekend (23rd & 24th September).

Garfield Struthers has been appointed as ACE development officer. Garfield will be working in a number of areas, promoting both the participation and performance of young Afro-Caribbean cricketers. This programme will grow and develop hugely over the coming years and is a key initiative within our pathway.

There is a long list of standout individual performances, with 18x100s and 8x5 wicket hauls across the pathway. Top performances included Sebastian Morgan and Rhys Lewis both scoring 200\*, and Aaryan Sawant scoring 188\*. James Isbell scored 6 x 100s for the county this summer, including at match-winning 115 in the final of the ECB U16 competition. James scored 1270 runs in 25 innings in the U16s and U18s. Aydin Sheikh returned remarkable figures in an U11 game against Oxfordshire, taking 6 wickets for 6 runs in 5 overs. A complete list can be seen below.

<b>SCORE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>MATCH</b>
200 *	Sebastian Morgan	Essex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
200 *	Rhys D Lewis	Surrey Cricket - Under 18 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 18
188 *	Aaryan Sawant	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 18 Vs Essex Cricket Board - Under 18
158	James Isbell	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Surrey Cricket - Under 16
148	Pansilu Wijesinghe	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 18 Vs The ACE Programme - 1st XI
147	Nathan Fernandes	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 18 Vs Sussex Cricket Board - Under 18
126	James Isbell	Essex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
117	James Isbell	Sussex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
115	James Isbell	Yorkshire CCC - Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
112	Jack Nelson	Kent Cricket - Boys Under 15 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 15
110 *	Isaac Humphrey	Surrey Cricket - Under 15 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 15
107	Thomas Verwey	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 12 Vs Staffordshire Cricket - Under 12

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107	Ben Salter	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 18 Vs Kent Cricket - Boys Under 18
105	Tasin Iqbal	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 14 Vs Hertfordshire Cricket Board - Under 14
104	Tyrone Visvakula	Hampshire Cricket Board - Under 15 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 15
101	Neil Naik	Oxfordshire Cricket Board - Under 11 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 11
100 *	James Isbell	Essex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
100	James Isbell	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Essex Cricket Board - Under 16

WICKET	NAME	MATCH
8/72	Harry Seagrave	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 18 Vs Essex Cricket Board - Under 18
6/6	Aydin Sheikh	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 11 Vs Oxfordshire Cricket Board - Under 11
5/15	Will Wright	Cricket East - Huntingdonshire Boys U14 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 14
5/16	Arnav Tyagi	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 11 Vs Berkshire CCC - Under 11
5/24	Tom Burgess	Kent Cricket - Boys Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
5/30	Nilesh Bhandari	Surrey Cricket - Under 16 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16
5/31	Ved Patel	Hampshire Cricket Board - Under 15 Vs Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 15
5/70	Samarjeet Singh	Middlesex Cricket Board - Under 16 Vs Surrey Cricket - Under 16

12 players have made appearances in the 2nd XI, with some a regular feature in T20 and 2nd XI championship games. A full list can be seen below.

Oli Winterbottom (U18)	Rhys Lewis (U18)	Matthew McGowan (U18)
Harry Seagrave (U18)	Noah Cornwell (U18)	Aaryan Sawant (U17)
Ben Salter (U17)	Naavya Sharma (U17)	Dylan Rawal (U17)
Pansilu Wijesinghe (U16)	James Isbell (U16)	Sebastian Morgan (U16)

### ALL STARS AND DYNAMO'S 2023

The findings of the ICEC report will no doubt reverberate around the corridors of cricket for some time to come. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June, the game that we all love dearly and that has given us so much was branded as suffering from widespread racism, elitism, sexism and classism.

As you all know, we as Middlesex Cricket along with every other county and the ECB have accepted the findings of the report and we must do better. Regardless, if

you add in the fact that we are currently still in the 'cost of living crisis' then it becomes easy to jump to conclusions about why people may not see cricket as a 'game for them'. London, if it wasn't before, has become the most expensive city in the UK and therefore, it's vital that we continue to work with yourselves, club sponsors, charities and local authorities to ensure that participation in cricket still, despite all odds, continues to grow across the board.

However, for a long time now, firstly with All Stars and now too with Dynamos Cricket, the Middlesex Cricket Participation Team have continued to work incredibly hard to ensure that everyone who wants to give cricket a try, is welcomed to the game with open arms.

The support we have received, once again, from the Seaxe Club is very generous and needed for us to continue to give we as many people as we can the opportunity to have a great first experience of cricket.

Your support again in 2023 has meant that we are able to provide free places to the following number of children:

**All Stars Cricket – 140 places**

**Dynamos Cricket – 96 places**

This year we have run programmes in schools prior to the start of the holidays, public parks during the holidays and even now, as we enter October, we have programmes that will be starting within the next couple of weeks that run into November, thanks to your continued support.

**Dan Reynolds**



*From the left – Peter Jackson Seaxe President / Glen Birkwood Seaxe Chair / Dan Reynolds Participation Manager*



*Two young  
Middlesex members  
honing their skills.*



*Even when the  
sun went down.*

### **SOCIAL REPORT WINTER 2023**

Please find herewith a copy of the Christmas lunch menu being held in the Tavern on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The booking form to reserve your place is in with this edition. This year there is no need to send a s.a.e. in order to receive your drinks voucher, these will be collected upon arrival at the Tavern.

Our annual season end get together is now being held in the Clarence pub, 4 Dover Street instead of the Middlesex Room where attendance was disappointingly low. As you can see, it is imperative that Steve Baldwin be notified of your intention to attend.



**THE SEAXE CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT LORD'S  
TAVERN**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**Members £40**

**Guests £45**

*Includes*

**Glass of sparkling wine on arrival  
choice of main course and choice of dessert  
complimentary tea/coffee and mince pie**

**DRINKS FROM MIDDAY – MEAL SERVED APPROXIMATELY 1-30 – 2.00pm**

**MAIN COURSE**

**ACCOMPANIED BY HONEY ROASTED CARROTS, PARSNIPS, ROAST POTATOES AND BRUSSEL  
SPROUTS**

**ROAST NORFOLK STUFFED TURKEY BREAST & PIGS IN BLANKETS**

CONFIT LEG OF TURKEY AND MUSTARD JUS

**HERBED LAMB RUMP**

GRILLED BABY GEM, SHALLOT PUREE, GARDEN PEAS AND MINT JUS

**SEARED SEABASS FILLET**

MUSSELS, ROASTED SQUASH AND SAFFRON CREAM SAUCE

**STUFFED GNOCCHI WITH RICOTTA (V OR VG)**

GRILLED ASPARAGUS, SPINACH & CREAMY TOMATO SAUCE

**DESSERT**

**CHRISTMAS PUDDING**

HOMEMADE CUSTARD

**CHOCOLATE AND ORANGE BAKED CHEESECAKE**

WITH WILD BERRY COMPOTE

**APPLE, CRANBERRIES AND MIXED SPICE CRUMBLE**

VANILLA ICE CREAM (VG)

**OR: A SELECTION OF ENGLISH CHEESES**

GRAPES, CRACKERS, CELERY & HOMEMADE TOMATO CHUTNEY



# SEAXE CLUB SOCIAL AFTERNOON

**5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**  
Mid-day onwards

**"The Clarence"**  
**4 Dover Street**  
**W15 4LB**  
**(off Piccadilly)**  
(nearest tube - Green Park)  
Lines: Piccadilly : Jubilee : Victoria

**Complimentary drink for each Member and guest (Redeemable up to  
1.30pm)**

**Cash bar for further drinks and lunch from the pub's Sunday Roast Menu**

**Each table will settle their own account**

**Booking for this event is essential but all Members and guests are welcome**

**Further details and bookings**  
**Steve Baldwin**  
**07956 439807**

## **SEAXE NEWS**

### **FINAL PAGE WINTER 2023 PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2023**

Dear member, it's time for your nominations for the Seaxe red ball Player of the Year; the Seaxe white ball Player of the Year and any memorable moments you may have of the season.

To save wastage and unnecessary expense, there is no form to fill in and return this year, just email your nominations or by post if you prefer. My details are listed below.

The names of the winners will posted in the next edition and they will receive their award at the next Seaxe Awards evening alongside the junior winners.

All correspondence either by email: [glen.birkwood@hotmail.com](mailto:glen.birkwood@hotmail.com) or by post to: Glen Birkwood, 86 Edgell Road, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 2EL.

If you have yet to do so, could you please forward your email address, or any changes made to your email address, to Les Rowland – [leslie.rowland@ntlworld.com](mailto:leslie.rowland@ntlworld.com)

Requests to have the Seaxe News via email should also be directed to Les.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Middlesex CCC office staff for their support and help throughout the year.

I look forward to your company throughout the coming season, both home and away.

**Glen Birkwood**  
**Editor Seaxe News**