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SEASON
2013/2014



LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

FOUNDED
1st MAY, 1994

Our motto

“Floreat Salices”
 (“May the Willows flourish”)



Our objectives

- To encourage players in secondary school first elevens to play with and against experienced players, many of whom are present or past first-class cricketers.
- To offer quality cricket to cricket lovers in a country atmosphere, where families may come to watch and picnic.



Why was The Willows formed?

To act as a catalyst, whereby cricketers, and cricket supporters, past and present, who appreciate the traditions and ethos of the game, are able to contribute and impart their experience and talents to the development of youth involved in secondary schools cricket.



“Jaguar Oval”

*Home of The Willows Cricket Club
Loburn, New Zealand*



“The Willows”

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LOBURN, NORTH CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND

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W.A.Hadlee, CBE, OBE (1915–2006)

THE WILLOW CRICKETER

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R.J.Cowles
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P.C.Devlin
W.J.Mitchell
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Team Selection

B.J.K.Doody
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P.D.Rutledge

Match Secretaries

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MEMBERSHIP

The members roll at 31 March 2014 stood as follows:

Playing	294
Associate	249
Overseas	105
Honorary	62
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Total Membership	710

Playing Members (294)

Year of entry precedes name

03	Abbott, R.E.	13	Clarkson, J.A.	99	Ellis, A.M.
06	Agnew, W.T.	12	Close, E.M.	06	Farrant, M.D.
12	Allcock, M.J.	13	Coburn, B.C.	14	Findlay, B.
97	Allott, G.I.	06	Coffey, S.T.	13	Finnie, J.
03	Ambler, K.R.	99	Coll, J.P.	10	Fletcher, A.T.
14	Anderson, F.G.	10	Collins, M.	08	Franklin, B.M.
14	Archer, E.	14	Commons, E.	04	Frost, M.F.
10	Banks, R.J.	12	Cooke, H.R.I.	14	Fullerton-Smith, A.D.
07	Barringer, T.G.	14	Courtney, L.	00	Fulton, D.H.
07	Barry, J.V.	06	Cowlshaw, A.J.	95	Fulton, P.G.
05	Barry, V.E.	09	Croft, M.	09	Gale, A.J.
05	Bartholomeusz, C.G.	98	Cunliffe, J.J.	98	Galloway, G.N.
07	Bartholomeusz, L.D.	94	Cusack, D.R.	12	Gambles, A.
12	Bates, J.L.	11	Cutts, R.E.	94	Gardner, J.
11	Baxendine, S.	14	D'Arcy, J.A.C.	06	Garry, J.R.
05	Bayliss, R.T.	03	d'Auvergne, N.R.	94	Germon, L.K.
13	Bayly, R.	98	d'Auvergne, P.G.	10	Gordon, B.G.
08	Bellamy, B.D.	94	Davidson, A.F. <i>ONZM</i>	11	Gray, A.H.
06	Belliss, C.J.	98	Davidson, J.A.F.	12	Griffin, T.E.S.
94	Bennett, J.	12	Davidson, L.J.	96	Grocott, D.J.
13	Benton, J.A.T.	94	Davis, S.J.	09	Grocott, T.M.
95	Bisman, C.W.	13	Day, H.W.	12	Haig, A.D.
13	Blair, B.A.	08	Devine, P.B.	12	Hamel, M.J.
13	Bolderston, M.G.	94	Devlin, P.C.	11	Hamilton, R.J.V.
02	Bond, S.E.	13	Dickson, G.J.	08	Hammond, D.P.W.
08	Boock, J.W.E.	12	Dobbs, P.W.	09	Hampton-Matehe, T.
13	Boyle, J.C.T.	13	Doherty, B.P.	99	Hantz, J.L.
12	Braid, T.J.	95	Doody, B.J.K.	94	Harris, B.Z.
95	Brooks, G.N.	00	Doody, T.J.	94	Harris, C.Z.
11	Brown, S.J.A.	94	Dormer, B.L.	11	Harris, D.A.
94	Bull, C.L.	05	Dowds, D.P.	94	Harris, P.D.
94	Bull, J.C.	09	Duncan, J.D.	10	Harrison, T.
94	Burrell, A.E.	06	Duncan, P.M.	00	Hastilow, A.J.
94	Burrell, W.M.	97	Dunne, R.M.	01	Hawes, F.C.
94	Burson, R.D.	08	Earl, G.H.	11	Hayes, M.W.
01	Cameron, B.S.	11	Eastlake, M.G.	00	Hiini, B.C.
12	Cant, B.	01	Eddington, W.L.	14	Hill, C.
11	Carter, S.L.	12	Egyed, V.E.	13	Hill, N.H.
13	Chamberlain, H.J.	01	Ellis, A.M.	09	Hinton, C.R.

13	Hogan, M.R.	11	McGillivray, C.P.	10	Senior, G.H.
06	Horrell, A.H.	06	McGoldrick, C.P.	12	Sharples, D.J.
12	Howard, S.E.	09	McGoldrick, T.B.	13	Shipley, H.
95	Hudson, M.G.	14	McGuire, J.A.	09	Singleton, M.J.
06	Humphris, L.A.	98	McGuire, R.D.	09	Soper, B.E.
14	Hunt, J.E.M.	12	McHardy, S.	94	Sparks, L.C.
02	Hutchison, P.J.	08	McKeefry, D.J.P.	13	Stagg, S.
94	Inglis, G.D.	10	McLean, C.F.	13	Stanley, D.D.
13	Jeffrey, M.	01	McLeod, A.	05	Stevenson, J.W.
08	Johnston, L.H.	95	McRae, A.R.	09	Stewart, G.J.
01	Johnston, M.T.	13	Meyrick, J.M.	01	Stretch, G.B.
06	Johnston, N.M.	14	Mikaera, A.	13	Stretch, M.
06	Johnston, T.G.	95	Miller, G.A.	10	Stringleman, J.G.
01	Johnstone, A.F.	11	Mooney, P.J.K.	13	Stronach, B.S.
14	Jones, R.	05	Muir, T.R.	09	Sutton, T.G.
12	Keen, M.S.	09	Murray, F.D.J.	11	Tait, M.J.
11	Kelly, D.P.	00	Nathu, A.	09	Tapper, J.H.
11	Kelly, M.J.	11	Nation, T.C.G.	14	Taylor, B.D.
11	Kennedy, C.P.	08	Nicholls, H.	10	Taylor, R.J.
12	Knight, P.	06	Nicholson, A.J.	09	Teale, H.W.
97	Landon-Lane, M.E.	06	Noster, S.	11	Thompson, M.J.
05	Langrope, B.J.	94	Nuttall, A.J.	99	Thorn, L.D.A.
04	Langrope, S.L.	09	Nuttall, E.J.	00	Thornton, T.F.
07	Latham, M.T.	05	Nuttall, H.A.	99	Townrow, W.B.
94	Latham, R.T.	10	Nuttall, J.S.	04	Turner, T.J.H.
07	Latham, T.W.M.	09	O'Connell, C.P.	09	van Woerkom, T.F.
12	Laughton, B.L.	06	O'Gorman, J.P.D.	11	Vann, D.B.
01	Leggat, J.E.	08	Orton, B.R.	12	Vanner, J.R.
09	Lester, S.	94	Owens, M.B.	07	Vaughan, Dr J.T.C.
11	Lidstone, W.C.	13	Page, F.	12	Wakefield, D.J.
01	Loe, H.F.	13	Parker, M.	13	Walker, R.L.
04	Lonsdale, W.M.	98	Parr, M.J.	06	Walsh, W.P.J.
01	Lucas, B.J.	06	Patel, M.	10	Ward, B.R.
11	Mably, B.J.	94	Pawson, J.D.	95	Ward, J.
12	Mably, D.R.	95	Pitcher, A.C.	09	Ward, S.A.
94	MacDonald, M.B.	09	Pithey, R.J.	09	Watson, J.M.
11	MacFarlane, E.D.	09	Poole, J.	12	Watson, Z.D.
11	Macgregor, A.J.	10	Pope, C.D.	94	Weeds, M.G.
12	Marsh, D.	06	Pullar, C.G.	06	Wellington, B.
03	Marsh, J.D.	13	Rawson, D.P.G.	08	Wheeler, B.M.
10	Marsh, N.E.	00	Reardon, P.H.	10	Wightman, D.J.
00	Martin, S.G.D.	09	Reed, G.I.	14	Williams, B.J.
94	Masefield, R.V.	08	Reese, A.	12	Williams, M.L.
99	Masefield, T.J.	10	Reid, A.	10	Williams, W.S.A.
11	Mauger, A.J.D.	03	Rennell, C.P.	12	Wilson, J.M.
02	Maw, D.J.	11	Rennie, T.C.	10	Wilson, R.T.
98	Maw, P.A.C.	09	Richards, J.M.	09	Winter, M.J.C.
12	McCall, D.K.	95	Roberts, S.J.	10	Wiseman, P.J.
02	McCarthy, G.P.	04	Robertson, C.D.	01	Wolt, J.R.K.
95	McCarthy, P.B.	00	Robertson, I.A.	06	Wraight, S.J.
10	McClure, K.J.	06	Rowe, A.J.	13	Wright, E.T.Q.
12	McConnell, T.P.	09	Rowe, M.P.	99	Wright, H.G.
10	McCormick, S.A.	08	Rutherford, T.A.	08	Wright, H.H.A.
10	McCracken, A.J.	95	Rutledge, P.D.	08	Wright, H.J.
11	McDonald, J.M.	06	Ryan, P.D.	05	Wright, N.H.
08	McEwan, M.B.	99	Satterthwaite, M.F.	11	Wright, W.H.
94	McEwan, P.E.	11	Schulte, H.L.	00	Yock, B.A.
09	McEwan, R.P.	14	Scott, K.B.	06	Youngusband, P.F.
06	McFarlane, B.S.	13	Scott, T.T.B.	11	Yugaraja, A.

Associate Members (249)

06	Abbott, R.T.	94	Dolan, P.J.	08	Henry, M.J.
94	Aberhart, D.C.	94	Dormer, P.E.	99	Heslop, J.H.
94	Adams, B.C., <i>QSM</i>	94	Dowling, G.T., <i>OBÉ</i>	94	Hight, C.M.
94	Aldridge, B.L., <i>QSM</i>	94	Dowling, Br W.H.	03	Hilgendorf, D.C.
94	Anderson, C.J.	94	Durning, J.W.	94	Holderness,
08	Andrews, E.J.	05	Eaton, J.H.M.		His Honour Judge D.J.R.
94	Austin, G.K.	94	Ebert, R.J.	02	Hooper, W.P.
94	Baker, C.K.	97	Ellis, M.J.	95	Hudson, H.J.
09	Ballantyne, R.M., <i>CNZM</i>	05	Evans, G.R.	95	Hughes-Johnson, A.C., <i>QC</i>
06	Bannan, G.J.	10	Evans, K.W.	94	Ikram, Professor H.
03	Barnett, D.W.	01	Eveleigh, R.S.	11	Inglis, S.B.
94	Bateman, S.N.	04	Evennett, D.C.	94	Innes, R.T.J.
11	Baxendine, R.W.	94	Fairbairn, R.J.R.	12	Iqbal, M.
03	Beer, G.D.	94	Fairbairn, W.R.T.	95	Irvine, B.S.
07	Biddick, D.W.	14	Fairhall, J.	99	Irving, J.D.
94	Blair, K.R.	04	Felton, G.E., <i>QSM</i>	94	James, P.M.
00	Boock, S.L.	98	Fenton, W.R.	10	Johnstone, N.A.
94	Boyle, J.G.	97	Fenwick, C.R.	06	Jordan, P.H.
97	Bremner, M.C.	10	Finn, Professor J.N.	94	Joyce, Professor P.R.
94	Bromley, R.C.	94	Fisher, M.A.	98	Judson, R.E.
94	Brooke, H.D.E., <i>QSM</i>	98	Flanagan, C.W.	06	Kain, M.O.
95	Brownlee, E.T., <i>QSM</i>	94	Flanagan, S.P.	99	Kerr, L.H.
95	Bruce, D.B.	08	Fletcher, A.G.	10	King, R.H.
04	Buckenham, M.H.	04	Fogarty, The Hon. Justice J.G.	08	Kos, The Hon. Justice J.S.
08	Buist, G.T.	02	Forde, L.J.	94	Lancaster, M.J.
06	Bull, A.J.	06	Fowler, H.M.	94	Lancaster, T.E.
96	Bunt, L.R.H.	94	Fox, D.O.	01	Lawson, R.A.
94	Burrell, D.C.	98	Frahm, R.J.F., <i>QSM</i>	94	Loe, J.G.
03	Burrett, W.G.	97	Fuller, M.J.	94	MacDonald, Mrs D.
00	Burrows, D.L.	98	Fulton, G.H.	12	Mackenzie, D.C.C.
99	Calder, B.	06	Gargiulo, F.J.	10	Maguire, W.J.
00	Cameron, D.J.	02	Garland, S.P.	01	Malloch, B.E.
94	Cameron, F.J., <i>MBE</i>	09	Georgieff, R.	12	Marsh, P.
95	Campbell, A.I.	03	Goldstein, M.P.	01	Martin, S.D.
94	Campbell, Dr A.J.M.	06	Goodall, F.R., <i>ONZM, ED</i>	14	Matthews, Associate Judge J.G.
04	Carter, R.	06	Goodman, J.H.	94	McCallum, Dr A.B.
08	Cartwright, I.	10	Gould, G.C.	03	McClellan, L.R.
06	Chatfield, E.J., <i>MBE</i>	01	Gourdie, A.J.	05	McClellan, M.J.
00	Chisholm, Hon. Justice L., <i>CNZM</i>	06	Gray, E.J.	05	McClellan, T.M.
14	Clark, D.C.	14	Griffith, D.	05	McCone, R.J.
02	Clark, H.G.	04	Grigor, I.M.	94	McCourtie, Mrs R.
94	Clark, L.A.	96	Grocott, J.W.	94	McDonnell, K.M., <i>JP</i>
94	Clark, N.G.	09	Gubbins, D.R.W.	95	McFedries, B.G.
01	Coates, N.F.	94	Guthrey, P.C.	98	McFedries, S.E.M.
03	Colvin, G.G.	94	Hadlee, B.G.	06	McGoldrick, Mrs L.
98	Compton, M.R., <i>QSM</i>	94	Hadlee, D.R.	95	McHarg, R.L.
98	Cook, P.S.	94	Hadlee, M.J.	13	McInnes, Dr D.R.
94	Coop, T.A.	95	Hamilton, B.G.	94	McKechnie, B.J.
06	Cooper, The Hon. Justice M.L.S.	11	Hammond, J.D.	99	McKendry, D.J.
04	Cosgrove, C.J.	11	Harper, R.G.F.	98	McKinlay, S.
95	Crocker, L.M.	95	Harrison, R.J.	02	McRae, J.A.
94	Cunliffe, S.M.	94	Hastilow, J.W.	03	Miller, G.M.
95	Dalley, R.G., <i>QSM</i>	94	Hastings, B.F.	94	Mills, D.L.T.
94	Davidson, N.R.W., <i>QC</i>	95	Hastings, M.B.	12	Monk, G.B.
00	Dick, A.E.	04	Hayward, R.D.	05	Moore, G.R.
04	Dickey, G.E.	02	Hayward, R.E.	06	Morgan, R.
01	Dickson, I.B.	05	Healy, N.	12	Moses, K.R.

97	Murray, A.J.	04	Reid, D.W.	94	Stead, G.R.
09	Murray, D.N.	14	Ricketts, P.	95	Strack, D.J.
99	Nevin, J.H.	98	Robinson, L.M.C.	99	Taylor, B.J.
03	Newell, M.L.M.	14	Ross, J.L.	07	Teale, M.D.
11	Newman, P.A.	14	Ross, Mrs J.M.	94	Thiele, C.H.
03	Newton, B.I.P.	03	Rowberry, J.M.	99	Thompson, K.G.
10	Neynens, C.	09	Rowe, C.A.	94	Ussher, C.P.
98	Nielsen, T.S.	01	Rust, K.N.	07	Veale, J.H.
98	Nixon, B.M.	94	Savill, C.M.	94	Wait, E.P.
03	Noster, F.R.	06	Sawers, S.J.	00	Wake, R.W.
10	O'Brien, P.D., <i>ONZM</i>	09	Scanlon, T.M.	94	Wallace, P.E.
03	O'Donnell, P.M.	97	Scott, A.D.L.	10	Walsh, Mrs K.M.
95	Page, R.J.	95	Scott, D.W.G.	10	Walsh, P.M.J.
94	Parker, N.M.	01	Shackleton, D.A.	95	Watson, M.
94	Paton, G.C.J.	94	Shadbolt, C.H.	95	Wells, G.R.
94	Pawson, S.J.	95	Sharp, D.C.	14	Whata, The Hon. Justice C.
06	Penlington, The Hon. Justice P.	05	Sheard, A.J.	94	Whittington, Mrs J.A.
04	Pettet, C.M.	00	Shipley, A.J.B.	97	Wiffen, A.G.C.
94	Phillips, M.K.	00	Shrimpton, M.	94	Williams, P.R.
05	Pitcher, S.M.	95	Skipper, H.L.	95	Winnicott, A.G.
96	Polson, A.H.	95	Smith, G.B.	04	Wood, P.
97	Priest, M.W.	13	Smith, G.J.	13	Woodward, Mrs D.
09	Pulley, D.F.	94	Smith, M.J.	97	Wright, J.G.
95	Qusted, D.M.	02	Snedden, M.C., <i>CSNZ</i>	95	Wright, Dr M.J.
99	Raphael, S.H.E.	99	Sowden, R.J.S.	99	Wyllie, D.I.
01	Ratray, P.J.	12	Sparling, J.T.	94	Yardley, K.J.
		06	Spear, B.G.		

Overseas Members (105)

AUSTRALIA

02	Aitken, R., <i>AM</i>
05	Barrat, R.
06	Boully, P.C.
12	Boyte, M.R.
99	Chisholm, D.H.
98	Darke, M.
95	Davidson, A.K., <i>AM, MBE</i>
99	Deans, R.M.
05	Deans, S.J.M.
94	Douglass, W.B., <i>ASM</i>
94	Eastment, B.A.
05	Eddington, Sir Rod
94	Eldershaw, J.M.
02	Fairbairn, N.J.G
06	Fisher, H.M.L.
06	Havercroft, G.
00	Hensman, J.
06	Hodgson, T.L.P.
02	Holt, D.W.
94	Innes, J.T.
97	Jones, B.S.
06	Jones, R.D.M.
12	Katter, D.H.
03	Mackrell, G.L.
95	McFedries, A.G.
02	McQueen, D.

01	Neaves, T.C.
03	Peacock, M.D.
01	Richards, S.
96	Rixon, S.J.
01	Rose, G.L.
94	Runacres, A.M.
03	Salmon, K.
98	Silver, M.J.
95	Smith, R.
08	Spalding, S.
12	Sundarjee, M.
12	Sundarjee, P.
06	Walls, K.A.
94	Wiles, E.G.
11	Woolcott, E.B.
02	Zavos, S.B.

CHINA

08	Boyle, D.J.
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GERMANY

08	Werner, Dr H-J
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HONG KONG

01	Chandler, J.
11	Eames, M.
09	Keir, J.

00	Miles, R.
98	Stearns, N.
01	Walsh, M.

INDIA

01	Apte, A.
12	Dalmia, A.
11	Kheraj, N.
11	Kheraj, S.

IRELAND

01	Fisher, T.D.L.
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SINGAPORE

08	Horner, M.
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SOUTH AFRICA

04	Fox, P.J.
01	Fotheringham, B.

SRI LANKA

09	Fernando, M.
09	Fernando, D.
10	Hussain, S.
11	Ratnayake, R.J.

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THAILAND

- 07 de Vries, M.
- 08 Kader, M.A.
- 07 Leicester, J.
- 07 Malbari, F.A.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- 08 Archer, M.
- 94 Bisman, J.C.
- 10 Khan, M.

UNITED KINGDOM

- 95 Bazalgette, C.
- 06 Betteridge, J.
- 11 Blackett, H.
- 03 Blaikie, Dr D.J.O.
- 09 Brearley, J.M., *OBE*

- 98 Brierley, R.H.
- 03 Buckton, S.J.
- 08 Conyngham, J.
- 98 Cumbes, J.
- 98 Dodds, V.
- 08 Fearnley, C.D.
- 12 Fleming, C.W.
- 09 Gatting, M.W.
- 06 Goulding, M.
- 03 Hart, R.
- 94 Hatley, B.
- 94 Hutton, B.L.
- 94 Hutton, R.A.
- 94 Hutton, O.R.
- 03 Hyde, A.R.
- 06 Lander, C.
- 98 Lorimer, A.A.

- 94 Marsden, W.
- 99 McCarthy, H.R.M.
- 06 Mollitt, R.
- 94 Munn, R.G.
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- 10 Woutersz, J.
- 04 Wright, A.G.L.
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▲ Spectators and livestock at the Wanganui Collegiate School match in October 2013.



▲ ASB management with their families enjoying a barbecue at the match against the Country Schools XI.

“Willowers All”

The pitch and the outfield have been top dressed, the equipment oiled and greased, and the hedges trimmed. The Willows Jaguar oval settles into a winter slumber, anticipating another busy season.

While there are many matters I need to mention in my report, I want to give priority to the retirement of our caterers, Lionel and Liz Ford. They have been with us for many seasons, notwithstanding the particular trauma Liz experienced in February 2011. With amazing fortitude, she was back on deck within two weeks. We are truly grateful to Liz and Lionel for their service to the Club, their food and their happy demeanour. Can I add a personal note of thanks – it has been a pleasure to have their acquaintance.

I wish to recognise those Willowers who have been honoured by the Queen in the last 12 months: the Hon Justice Lester Chisholm, John (JR) Reid and Richard Ballantyne.

We continued to receive outstanding reports from all the schools and colleges that play at the ground. It is this support and encouragement

that makes all the hard work worthwhile. In mid-October there was a dinner at St Andrew's gymnasium for 240 boys, headmasters and coaches. The guest speaker was Sir Graham Henry, with a question and answer session with Andy Ellis (All Black), Andrew Ellis and Matthew Bell, both New Zealand cricket representatives. As always, we are grateful to Malcolm Ellis for the Q and A and his services as MC.

The pre-Christmas game against Hawkswood Wanderers was again our pre-Christmas children's day. Police cars carried Father Christmas, there were fairies, ponies, donkeys, a bouncy castle, barbecue, ice creams, soft drinks and presents. The guests enjoying the Christmas festivities were joined by two notable rugby identities playing cricket that day, Robbie Deans and Kieran Read. Along with all the guests, we were pleased to welcome them to the ground.

I noted above The Willows Jaguar oval. We are grateful to Jaguar International and Archibald Motors in Christchurch for the support they are bringing to the Club. Special thanks to John Fairhall of Archibalds for his contribution. It was unfortunate that the formal part of the day announcing this initiative was interrupted by a violent thunderstorm, but this did not stop many

covetous eyes being cast on the two cars present, especially the convertible.

I am sure all members are aware of the activities of member Alex Reese in Sri Lanka and India. Alex's vision is to establish a number of cricket and life skills academies to assist and support poorer members of those societies. The first academy was established in an area 20 miles south of Colombo, with the very generous assistance of the Merrill Fernando Foundation. It is wonderful that our long-term association with the Fernando family and Dilmah Tea has led to the first step on what will be an exciting journey for Alex and The Willows. We keenly look forward to further updates from Alex.

Evan Gray, former New Zealand left arm spinner and dogged middle order batsman, is responsible for The Wanderers Cricket Club in Wellington. The Wanderers has similar ideals to The Willows, and they visited and played at our ground last season. This year Evan arranged a game against The Willows at the Basin Reserve. Our team was managed by Paul McEwan and Brad Doody, and the letters and photos we have received from boys taking part speak volumes. One should not underestimate the thrill of a schoolboy player seeing his or her name on the giant Don Neely scoreboard at the Basin.

With sadness, and condolences to his family, we mark the death of John Doig. John was a leading gynaecologist in New Zealand, and was always an ardent supporter of the Club. He will be truly missed.



▲ Alex Reese – making a difference in Sri Lanka.

There is always a long list of people to acknowledge, for it is their efforts that make The Willows run so smoothly. If I omit anyone, my apologies: Tony Campbell, David Brooke and Rod Abbott, who are our scorers; the Town and Country umpires Eddie Brownlee and Graeme Evans; Kaye and Wayne Miller, with their daughter-in-law, Tash, who are our after-match hosts and kings of the barbecue; the supervisor of our superb wicket, Peter Devlin, and our match manager, ground maintenance assistant and author of the newsletter, Jim Stringleman; our secretary and treasurer, Andrew McRae and Alistair Sheard; the outstanding work of Richard Cowles, who is in the process of completing his 20th Willows annual report; John Hammond has become our webmaster and advisor on promotional matters, and even the second groundsman is enjoying our dalliance with the digital world. Finally, Isabel and John McRae, who are our membership secretaries, and Paul Rutledge, Match Co-ordinator, who all do an outstanding job for the Club. I pay tribute to all of these people, because it is too easy to turn up on a Sunday for a game or to spectate and take things for granted.

This year I want to pay particular tribute to our photographer, Rex Hayward. All who have been to The Willows notice Rex taking photos from all positions of the field, many of which put him in personal danger. What many people will not know is that these photographs are downloaded on a memory stick to be given to the respective school's coach, to assist with coaching their teams. This is a great service, and I suspect we are the only club in New Zealand that provides it.



▲ Sponsorship from Jaguar/Archibald's was announced in February.

Once again, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Sir Hugh and Lady Anna Blackett of Matfen Hall in Durham. The Matfen Scholarship is keenly sought after by young New Zealand cricketers within The Willows watershed, which speaks volumes for the experience. It is a long and fruitful relationship made possible by the Blacketts' generosity and support.

We are fortunate to continue our excellent relationship with New Zealand Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket.

I just want to remind members that the Club exists to support the development of youth, both in cricket and in life. The sub is a modest \$30, which most pay promptly. However, there are some whom we have to chase for this small payment. I would be grateful if all members would think of our aims and what we achieve, and assist the Club by paying subs promptly. Also, any cricketers who have had a wonderful career in the game and are members, we look forward to you playing at least one or two games each season against the school teams at the ground. Again, this promotes our core activity of youth development.

Finally I want to acknowledge those Willows members who represented New Zealand or their provinces in the last season:

New Zealand Tests

Peter Fulton, Tom Latham.

New Zealand ODI

Andrew Ellis, Tom Latham, Matt Henry

New Zealand Under-19 World Cup

Jeremy Benton, Ken McClure, Leo Carter, Josh Finnie, Rakitha Weerasundara, Jack Hunter

Canterbury XI

Matt Henry, Henry Nichols, Tom Latham, Andrew Ellis, Peter Fulton, Ryan McCone, Matthew McEwan, Edward Nuttall

Central Districts XI

Ben Smith, Ben Wheeler

Otago XI

Ryan Duffy, Blair Soper

The Hon. Sir John Hansen, KNZM

President



▲ Sam Davis hands over the Walter Hadlee Trophy to Jeremy Benton, captain of the Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ Robbie Deans at the Children's Christmas Party during the match against Hawkswood Wanderers on 22nd December.

COLLEGE XIs



▲ The Waimea College 1st XI, winners of the '49ers Cup for 2013/14.



▲ The St Andrew's College 1st XI.



▲ The Christchurch Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Combined North West Schools XI.



▲ The Christ's College 1st XI.

COLLEGE XI's



▲ The Timaru Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Southland Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Otago Boys' High School 1st XI.



▲ The Mid-Canterbury Secondary Schools XI.



▲ The Nelson College 1st XI.



▲ The Marlborough Boys' College 1st XI.



▲ The St Thomas of Canterbury College 1st XI.



▲ The Wanganui Collegiate School 1st XI.

V CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

6th October 2013

Report by Sam Davis

Losing the toss, The Willows were inserted on a typical October track. While the weather was more like a February summers day, The Willows batting was definitely an early season display. Other than a well composed 43 from Robbie Dunne and an unbeaten 46 by James Tapper, The Willows failed to fire, losing wickets consistently throughout their innings.

CBHS bowled very well from the outset with a demanding line and length from their opening bowlers, backed up by some very tidy spin bowling during the middle and latter overs (M Ross 3/16 from ten overs). This was supported by some fine fielding including some superb catches. The Willows were restricted to 169, which was never going to be enough against the current national Gillette Cup champions.



▲ An elegant drive.



▲ Matt Parr, 1st XI coach in action.

CBHS batted as well as they bowled and fielded, and chased down The Willows total in the 43rd over, losing only five wickets. The star for CBHS was opener Daniel Stanley, who backed up his 2/37 with the ball, to score a very good 87, dismissed with 158 runs on the board.

While The Willows never gave up hope, wickets were hard to come by, and in retrospect a few more spinners would have been handy. Matt Parr as usual steamed in and took 2/29 from his ten overs, the other wickets shared by messieurs Hawes, McGuire and Nuttall.

All in all, the home team was convincingly outplayed in all facets of the game. We must be better prepared next year! It was great to see new CBHS Headmaster Nic Hill in attendance; perhaps next year he can be persuaded to bolster The Willows batting stocks!

The Willows lost by 5 wickets

The Willows 169/9

J. Tapper 46*, R. Dunne 43, M. Ross 3/16

Christchurch Boys' High School 175/5

D. Stanley 87, J. Schwass 29*, M. Parr 2/29

Umpires

B. Hamilton and P. Koppes

V MARLBOROUGH BOYS' COLLEGE 1ST XI

13th October 2013

Report by Greg Stretch

After last year's fixture against Marlborough Boys' College was rained off, both teams were keen to get underway this year. It didn't look very promising with heavy rain leading up to the game, however blue skies and sunshine greeted the teams.

Marlborough Boys' College won the toss, their captain Matthew Stretch had much pleasure asking his Dad and The Willows to bat first.

An excellent opening partnership between former Marlborough Boys' College Head Boy, Scott McHardy and Adam Hastilow put on 64. Ben Blair came to the crease at first drop and stroked the ball round the wicket and showed he hadn't lost any of his cricket skills while living in Wales, eventually scoring 52, the highest individual score of the game. Left arm seamer, Leo Adendorff bowled well for Marlborough Boys' picking up three wickets by keeping the ball full on a slow wicket.

The Willows were comfortable with the score at the end of the 50 overs but were aware they needed a top effort in the field.

Chris Pope opened up for The Willows with a great spell of 2/3 from six overs to put the brakes on the Boys innings and they never really got



▲ Eyes on the ball, lads.



▲ Former All Black Ben Blair playing with care.

underway from there. Adam Hastilow completed a good double with three wickets while Les Humphris finished the innings off with three wickets off four eventful overs. Top scorer for Marlborough Boys' was opener Fraser McIntosh. In the end, it was a reasonably comfortable win to The Willows.

Thanks again to everyone at The Willows who made such a wonderful day so special. It was a great privilege to be captain of The Willows against the team that I also coach.

The Willows won by 61 runs

The Willows 177/8

B. Blair 52, L. Adendorff 3/29

Marlborough Boys' College 116

L. Humphris 3/14, A. Hastilow 3/23

Umpires

B. Hamilton and G. Evans



▲ Opposing captains Greg and Matthew Stretch.

v OTAGO BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

20th October 2013

Report by Greg McCarthy

As we drove through the Walter Hadlee entrance we were once again treated to an absolute picture. The ground was looking immaculate and the OBHS 1st XI were gathered in blazers chatting with M Dormer on how the day might unfold. One thing was for sure the weather would be fantastic.

At the toss I lost and we were asked to have a bowl. The openers from OBHS applied themselves with maturity resulting in a solid start. A Gray and S Noster then applied the handbrake with OBHS going from 3 for 92 after 32 overs, to being 9 down for 140 after 50. Also very good spells from A Reese and H Day with regular wickets meant the runs dried up. Overall, a good batting performance considering what was to unfold in the second innings.

D Stanley was the pick of The Willows batsmen and he got us off to a good start. 140 was always going to be a tricky total to defend but Rhys and his men showed maturity and fight in their bowling and The Willows players were impressed with their temperament. After Daniel was out the bowlers took regular wickets and no batsmen got going. The boys' fielding was of a high standard also. The Willows were eventually bowled out for 114 being 27 runs short.

Very well played to OBHS – we look forward to this fixture next year as the match is always played in the right spirit of the game.

The Willows lost by 27 runs

Otago Boys' High School 140/9

W. Kindley 33, D. Buttar-Scurr 32, H. Day 3/25

The Willows 114

D. Stanley 37, J. Finnie 3/16

Umpires

J. Henderson and R. Wyeth



▲ Andy McGregor from the duck pond end.



▲ Sam Noster – a shady fieldsman.



▲ Greg McCarthy with his prize duck.

WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1st XI

27th October 2013

Report by Aaron Johnstone

After missing the text that the game was to begin 30 minutes early and Paul Rutlidge being remiss in not telling me I was captain, things started pretty frantically. Brad Doody kindly filled in to toss the coin and after calling correctly asked Wanganui Collegiate to bat. Unfortunately he could not be persuaded to carry on from a successful coin toss and handed the reins back over!

The Willows started strongly with Fraser Sheat proving hard to play. He bowled extremely accurately taking 3 for 22 off his ten straight overs. At 50/4 the innings was in the balance but A Halbert and C Robson came together and played extremely well. Both timed the ball beautifully and when Halbert was out for 56 they had carried the score to 143. Robson then continued on in fine form finishing off the innings 83 not out and Wanganui Collegiate



▲ Charlie Robson, winning skipper and Matfen Scholar 2014.

posted a very defendable total of 219/6. Wickets were few and far between but Alex Reese and Ben Laughton proved very economical.

The Willows got off to a shaky start losing two quick wickets before Brad Doody (40) and Grant Dickson (34) in his first appearance for The Willows steadied the ship. At 98/2 the platform was well set before Brad and Grant fell in quick succession. This sparked a major collapse with the final eight wickets falling for 32 runs with some fantastic spin bowling by A Halbert with 5/22 completing a fine match double. It must be said the Wanganui Collegiate side were a very good all round side and very composed for a schoolboy team.

The Willows lost by 89 runs

Wanganui Collegiate School 219/6

C. Robson 83*, A. Halbert 56, F. Sheat 3/23

The Willows 130

B. Doody 40, G. Dickson 34, A. Halbert 5/22

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Rose



▲ Good catch – Grant Dickson on debut.

V PENINSULA CRAZ XI

3rd November 2013

Report by Bert Walker

On a lovely sunny day the Craz won the toss and elected to bat. This was a brave decision on this occasion, as recent rain had left the pitch with a definite greenish tinge and parts of the outfield were damp. But initially the decision appeared to be a good one, as after weathering some hostile opening bowling from Grant Stewart, the opening partnership progressed towards 40.

However misfortune then befell their opener Ben Prain, as he injured his shoulder in the course of smiting a mighty boundary and had to retire hurt. Mike Lay and Hamish Pavey then batted well to take the score up to 66/0, before the great Andrew Nuttall struck with two wickets in his second over. As he does so often at The Willows, Nutts bowled simply beautifully (certainly much better than he fielded on this occasion!). And this time he had a highly capable spin twin with him in offie David Kelly, and between them they combined for figures of 15-2-35-5 to strangle the Craz innings.

Our other bowlers also performed well including Brendon Wellington, who bounced back from two dropped catches in his first over to remove the well set Hamish Pavey in his second spell. While Ryan McEwan bowled an excellent spell after lunch, to remove dangermen Bob Masefield and Hugh Fraser. So after their good start the Craz were restricted to 139/9 off their 45 overs and with the pitch and outfield both speeding up, things looked promising for The Willows.

And so it proved, as after an early wicket Mike Singleton and Graeme Inglis got the score moving – although when Mike was third out at 60 for a very well compiled 35, the Craz sensed a chance. But at this stage Gareth Reed joined David Kelly and together they hit off the rest of the runs, putting together a top class partnership of 80*. Gareth finished with a very mature

innings of 37* while David played shots all round the wicket in his classy 55*, which together with his very good bowling spell made him an obvious choice for the man of the match award.

As always though the Craz were wonderful opposition, who play the game in the perfect spirit. They enjoy every moment of their cricket (not to mention the socialising afterwards!) and always enrich The Willows with their presence.

And as always at The Willows a great team works tirelessly behind the scenes, from the pitch preparation to the delicious catering, enabling the players to get the maximum enjoyment from the privilege of playing there.

Big thanks to all involved, including our excellent umpires on the day Howard and John and friendly scorer Rod, and of course Mr Cricket himself – the wonderfully enthusiastic, effervescent and irrepressible Mike Dormer!

The Willows won by 7 wickets

Peninsula Craz XI 139/9

M. Lay 30, H. Pavey 30, A. Nuttall 3/18

The Willows 142/3

D. Kelly 55*, G. Reed 37*, M. Singleton 35

Umpires

J. Farrell and H. Fowler



▲ John Masefield – plays and misses!

V MID-CANTERBURY YOUTH XI

10th November 2013

Report by Mario Williams

The Willows won the toss and they chose to have first use of a good wicket. Openers, Tim Harrison and Ben Mably, batted superbly and ended up putting on an opening partnership of 148 runs. The two left-handers worked the ball to all parts of the ground and ran well between the wickets. Tim batted patiently but still scored at better than a run a ball for his 105 not out. The Willows ended with a creditable 225 for 3 off their fifty overs.

The Mid-Canterbury Youth XI never really threatened to chase down the target. Several of their batsmen got a start but were not able to push on to a big score. J Meyrick top-scored with an aggressive 35. With the ball, for The Willows, Fraser Sheat stood out, as he bowled an immaculate line and length to finish with 3/19.

The Willows won by 89 runs

The Willows 225/3

T. Harrison 105*, B. Mably 79

Mid-Canterbury Secondary Schools 136

J. Meyrick 35, F. Sheat 3/19

Umpires

L. Kerr and D. McLraith



▲ Ben Mably sweet shot for four.



▲ Aggressive shot in idyllic rural setting with Salvation Army flag prominent.



▲ Mably family (Dennis and his two boys).



▲ Michael Johnston plays forward correctly against the Sri Lanka Tour XI.

v SRI LANKA TOUR XI

17th November 2013

Report by Michael Johnston

The Willows team elected to bat and set the scene with a solid 41 opening partnership between Mario Williams and Tim McConnell. Then came a demanding bowling spell from Daniel Stanley and Matthew Stretch which saw the loss of 3 quick wickets. But Greg Stretch showing all his class from yester year compiled a tidy 55 and was aided by a hard hitting innings of 29 from Matt Parr. Together they gave some respectability to the score card. We were finally dismissed for 193. Stanley was certainly the pick of the bowlers with 4/40.

Two quick wickets gave us some hope but Jack Boyle 78 and Talor Scott 53 batted with maturity and put away any bad balls adding a partnership of 148 before both were retired. Boyle showed his class with a display of shots all-round the wicket. Jeremy Benton 20 and Harry Chamberlain 25 polished off the remaining runs without too much trouble. Matt Parr was the only Willows bowler to trouble the youngsters and he did bowl with some heat and accuracy. Unfortunately all

the experience in The Willows XI was not enough to test the youthful talent that was on display. An excellent day out and look for some of these names in the future.

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 193

G. Stretch 55, D. Stanley 4/40

Sri Lankan Tour XI 194/3

J. Boyle 78rtd, T. Scott 53rtd

Umpires

G. Evans and L. Kerr



▲ Brad Doody ready at the non-striker's end.

V WAIMEA COLLEGE I ST XI

24th November 2013

Report by Chris O'Connell

Greeted by a lovely day of 28 degrees, The Willows XI won the toss and batted first. The brand new pitch had a green tinge to it with a little bit of moisture on top. The Waimea College bowlers had immediate success reducing The Willows to 11 for 3.

The Willows team then had Eddie Commons come to the wicket to join opening batsman Ryan Jones and they compiled a splendid partnership of 172 runs for the fourth wicket. This gave confidence to a fired-up Willows team as they passed the 250 mark which was the highest score from The Willows team since the start of the season.

Despite an early wicket from Chris O'Connell in the second over of the innings the Waimea boys put on an outstanding display, batting well in partnerships and applying themselves maturely. The fourth wicket partnership of 163 was a matchwinning one with Field (63 not out) and Weir (77 not out) both still at the crease when the winning runs were posted. Bowling and fielding were tough in the hot conditions and no bowler took more than one wicket.



▲ An elegant front foot shot.



▲ Young fellow playing in the 'V'.

Congratulations to the Waimea College boys on a very, very good victory in the heat in what turned out to be excellent batting conditions! They travelled after their Saturday fixture and arrived at their accommodation in Amberley late on Saturday night and played against The Willows and then straight back in the team bus for the trip home to Nelson. I bet the lads would have been extremely tired and quiet on the way home after this effort!

The Willows lost by 7 wickets

The Willows 254/7

R. Jones 100rtd, E. Commons 84,
B. Duncan 3/39

Waimea College 256/3

M. Weir 77*, S. Field 63*, S. Mori 50,
H. Drummond 31

Umpires

G. Evans and E. Brownlee



▲ Unbroken partnership steers Waimea home.

V COMBINED NORTH WEST SCHOOLS XI

1st December 2013

Report by Nigel Marsh

A good blend of 'youth and experience' can best describe the make-up of the days XI. The Willows were able to successfully negotiate the toss and it was up to the Youth to set us a target.

As lunch beckoned the two young Willowers, Hayden Day and Eddie Commons, who were scoring at will decided that they'd like to really enjoy the sumptuous lunch on offer and were dismissed within minutes of the lunchtime bell. After lunch it was Razz McEwan's turn to demonstrate some creative batting. Razz adopted the 'helicopter approach' and with one of his almighty swings he swung himself right off his feet and he ended up in a heap on top of the hapless wicket-keeper!

It was up to the 'experienced' members of The Willows XI to make inroads into the North West

reply. Grant Dickson answered the call and snared three middle order wickets. Razz made the parents on the boundary feel most welcome regaling them with stories of his past heroics.

John Mitchell delivered an extremely motivational after-match speech. Jamie Hunt won the player of the day award and also backed that up with the best-dressed award looking well polished in his burgundy blazer!

It was pleasing to see such a large group of appreciative parents. They enjoyed the day as much as the players. Thanks go to Graham and Fash for doing duty out in the middle and to Tony for driving the pencil so admirably in the scoring box.

The Willows won by 74 runs

The Willows 188/7

H. Day 73, E. Commons 35

Combined North West Schools 114

J. Hunt 33, G. Dickson 3/29

Umpires

G. Evans and M. Hardy



▲ Another 'twirlyman' at the point of delivery.

V CLARRIE ANDERSON'S XI

4th December 2013

Report by Peter Devine

The Willows played the Clarrie Anderson's XI in the annual fixture under fine and warm conditions.

After winning the toss, The Willows captain Peter Devine (foolishly) inserted the Clarrie Anderson selection. Wickets proved very hard to come by with the innings dominated by two fine centuries by Tim McConnell 103 retired and Kelvin Scott 101 retired. Both displayed a full array of shots; and while a couple of chances were given, both fully deserved to pass three figures. Tim and Kelvin were supported by strong knocks from D Ede with 64 and A McGuire with 36, leading to an imposing total of 324/2 off the 40 overs.

The Willows attack toiled with minimal success, and despite the flurry of runs didn't concede a single wide or no ball – some small consolation. The pick of the bowlers was Jacob Wolt.

In reply The Willows faltered badly chasing such an imposing target against a strong attack – finally being dismissed in the 38th over for 81. The pick of the batsmen being Jeremy Wilson with 33 runs. The Clarrie Anderson team shared the wickets around, with the best figures being Kelvin Scott's 2/8 off 6 overs.

The Willows lost by 243 runs with the captain's contract immediately under review!

The Willows lost by 243 runs

Clarrie Anderson's XI 324/2

T. McConnell 103rtd, K. Scott 101rtd,
D. Ede 64, A. McGuire 36*

The Willows 81

J. Wilson 33

Umpires

G. Fowler and J. Rose



▲ Kelvin Scott on his way to a hundred.



▲ Peter Devine in despair.



▲ Max Dormer learning about eyes on the ball.

v KING'S HIGH SCHOOL 1st XI

8th December 2013

Report by Mario Williams

The toss was won by The Willows, who chose to bat first. Ben Blair batted with patience and hit the ball to all corners of the ground for his 82. He shared in a second wicket partnership of 57 runs with skipper Mario Williams. The Willows then lost regular wickets and could only muster 216 runs after 50 overs. A valuable contribution at the top of the order came from Tim McConnell's 38 runs off 40 balls.

In their turn to bat, King's High School were at 81 for 3 after 22 overs when the heavens opened up and the teams could not return to the playing field – the game was abandoned. I want to thank umpire A Hawkins for coming over from Melbourne and spending time with the ever loyal Eddie Brownlee at The Willows.

Match drawn

The Willows 216/9

B. Blair 82, T. McConnell 38, B. Thompson 4/44

King's High School 81/3

Umpires

E. Brownlee and A. Hawkins



▲ A young King's bowler in action.



▲ Tim McConnell on the drive.



▲ The relaxed batting style of Ben Blair.



▲ Combined LNZCC and Willows teams.

v LONDON NZ CRICKET CLUB XI

15th December 2013

Report by Richard McGuire

The London New Zealand fixture is eagerly anticipated by both sides. We were delighted to arrive to a warm summer's day and The Willows ground beautifully prepared for the contest ahead.

LNZCC elected to bat first and their team included plenty of firepower in the batting department with the likes of McConnell and Scott and bowling strength with former Black Cap, Aaron "Windy" Gale.

The Willows captain was provided with a strong side by the selectors; in particular, a youngish bloke with a lilt to his voice who turned out to be the opening bowler for the Scottish international team. Gordon Goudie was here in New Zealand in preparation for the World Cup qualifying tournament. The opening spell from Goudie was all class and with a good deal of pace. However McConnell (76) and Scott (83) for LNZCC saw off the Scottish quick with superb technique and then unleashed some fine shots to build an impressive innings.

The Willows secret weapon turned out to be David Kelly who came on when Kelvin Scott was

well and truly set and starting to hit the ball over the boundary. Kelly bowled with great control and guile removing Scott and turned the innings with a superb spell of 4 for 10. (A word of advice here to other Willows captains, throw Dave the ball earlier in the innings). Other contributors at the bowling crease were Courtney with 2 for 33 and Goudie with 1 for 22. The London side ended with 207 for 8 with two retired hurt. Hamstrings not bouncers.

The Willows run chase started solidly with Alex Reese making a stylish 31 and David Kelly 22. The class innings for The Willows came from Brad Doody with 53 powerfully struck runs. Despite further contributions from Murray with 33 and Goudie with 22, tight bowling from Stephen Lester (3 for 33) saw The Willows fall just short finishing 200 for 8. Mention should also be made of the sub fielders provided from Willows supporters, McGuire and Blake with young George Blake taking a stunning outfield catch for LNZCC.

The Willows lost by 7 runs

London NZ Cricket Club 207/8

T. McConnell 76, K. Scott 83, D. Kelly 4/10

The Willows 200/8

B. Doody 53, A. Reese 31, J. Murray 33,
S. Lester 3/33

Umpire

J. Stringleman



▲ All Black Kieran Read on debut.



▲ James Hantz – attacked by a Hawkswood bowler.



▲ Chris Harris in fine form.

v HAWKSWOOD WANDERERS XI

22nd December 2013

Report by Ryan Burson

I got the call up to captain late the night before the game ... clearly this game is an important one for The Willows and no one else wanted the responsibility! Luckily I was presented with a talented side that saw The Willows through to a victory, sparing me from any wrath.

We chose to bat first on a fresh wicket that did a bit all day. Openers James Hantz and Brad Doody did well, however a flutter was sent through the camp when Hawkswood speedster Peter Rainer hit Hantz in the head and his ear nearly fell off. After some patchwork he returned as Navjot Singh Sidhu and completed a gutsy innings. Former AB Ben Blair showed his cricket talent scoring a classy 43, and current AB Kieran Read was looking quite comfortable too until an unfortunate run out. Chris Harris did his usual thing near the end of the innings but when Harry got out we stumbled in the last few overs to end 20 or 30 short of what we thought was a decent total. Andrew Nuttall had much to do with this, with a typically miserly spell.

In reply, Hawkswood never really got started thanks to excellent opening spells from Sam Davis and Grant Stewart. They took two wickets each in reducing Hawkswood to 21/4, including the key wicket of Dave Kelly – out first ball. Then Carlos McGillivray backed up the openers taking three more cheap wickets and leaving Hawkswood at one stage 46/7. Peter Rainer backed his impressive bowling with a quality innings to see Hawkswood past 100 and he was the last out to Kieran Read's off spin for 46.

So a convincing victory in the end to The Willows; however this day was more about what happened around the ground than on it. My thanks and congratulations to Mike and his team of helpers, including a trim Santa, for putting together such an awesome family day, especially for those children less fortunate that deserve a day of fun such as this. Merry Christmas!

The Willows won by 96 runs

The Willows 201/8

B. Blair 43, C. Harris 37, P. Rainer 3/36

Hawkswood Wanderers XI 105

P. Rainer 46, C. McGillivray 3/12

Umpires

D. Pulley and R. Kandula

v SUBURBAN XI

5th January 2014

Report by Brendon Wellington

Having had more losses than wins in matches with the Suburban Invitation XI, The Willows on this occasion opted to bat first on another quality pitch. The aim was to set a good target for the visitors to chase. But things never got going for us. It wasn't long before opening bowler Ben Cochrane started chipping out our top order and we were reeling at 54/5 off 18 overs. A good captain's knock was needed and Brendon Wellington with the help of Eugene MacFarlane started to repair the innings. Their partnership was the only one of note and Eugene went on to score 44, after Brendon was run out by a good fielding effort from Dan Vann. The innings finished at 158 which was never enough on the wicket provided.

Coming out to field, things were compounded by an intensified howling northerly wind. Luke Courtney snared the only wicket for The Willows as the visitors easily knocked off the runs. Matt House (86 not out) batted with aggression and Ben Williams (39 not out) guided the Suburban XI home with 18 overs to spare.

A big thank you to everyone's efforts, in particular to M Hill and E Sanders for umpiring and Tony for doing another fine job on the book.

The Willows lost by 9 wickets

The Willows 158

E. MacFarlane 44, B. Wellington 40,
B. Cochrane 4/19, J. Percasky 3/34

Suburban XI 159/1

M. House 86*, B. Williams 39*

Umpires

M. Hill and E. Sanders



▲ Veteran Tony Gray, wily off-spinner.



▲ The winning Suburban Invitation XI.



▲ Tim Harrison in good form behind the stumps.

v CHRIST'S COLLEGE 1ST XI

12th January 2014

Report by Jonathan Davidson

Twenty years on from the first ever Willows fixture (vs Christ's College 1st XI), a new College team took on a Willows team full of old-boys (both young and old) and one ex-teacher by the name of Joe Bennett aka "the swallow of death".

The day was fine but windy with the large College family contingent having to batten down the sun umbrellas in the afternoon session.

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat on a good looking pitch. After losing an early wicket, Ed Wright (46) and James O'Gorman (102 retired) put on 118 for the second wicket. This provided The Willows team with the platform for a solid total. O'Gorman played a measured innings mixed with some outstanding stroke play. Once he retired the College boys pulled it back well restricting The Willows to 242 for 6 off 50 overs.

In the second innings The Willows lacked a pace attack so decided to open with spin in the form of Hamish Robertson. He bowled a superb spell of 10 overs 3-16. At tea the College team was 4-24 off 16 overs and were in deep trouble. After a stern talking to by the coach the College boys came out after tea and batted well managing to get through to 163 all out in the 48th over. J Kerr (44) and D Freeman-Green (60) batted extremely well to resurrect the College innings. Eight bowlers were used by The Willows to get the job done.

Another success for The Willows in its 20th year of matches against Christ's College. Man of the match went to James O'Gorman.

The Willows won by 79 runs

The Willows 242/6

J. O'Gorman 102rtd, E. Wright 46

Christ's College 163

D. Freeman-Green 60, J Kerr 44,
H. Robertson 3/16

Umpires

B. Hamilton and A. Scott



▲ A determined Christ's College bowler.



▲ James O'Gorman on his way to a century.



▲ The Sacred Heart XI with Sir Anand and Lady Satyanand and coach Phillip Berrill.



▲ Clean out! O'Connell bowled by Butler.



▲ Chris O'Connell a relieved skipper, home by 1 run.



▲ Chris Mugford took 2/39 after scoring 85.

VS SACRED HEART COLLEGE 1ST XI

19th January 2014
Report by David Kelly

I'm always a big fan of batting first when it's howling nor'west and there is rain in the forecast.

We were delighted to have our Cricketer Sir Anand Satyanand and his wife Lady Susan with us for the match against his old school and in some inspiring words to us, he reminded the lads it felt like an institution he has never really left.

Some early spirited bowling by Sacred Heart had The Willows interestingly poised at 50 for 3. Then Chris Mugford came to the rescue in compiling 85 runs with shots all around the ground. Chris was unlucky not to go on and score a century and thereby gain honour board status.

There is nothing like an early wicket to start the rot or a couple for that matter. But at 116 for 3 and some of the visiting batsmen looking set for high scores, we needed some magic. The leg spin of Dave Wakefield was to turn the game; after four overs into the wind he had 3 for 12 and our tails were rising. But D Philips with a powerful and poised 65 had the game heading back to Sacred Heart at 189 for 6. Fortunately, in his second spell it was Chris O'Connell who blasted out the tail and finished with 4 for 13, taking the Willows to a 1 run victory.

The Willows won by 1 run

The Willows 220/6

C. Mugford 85, M. Butler 2/33, B. Casey 2/24

Sacred Heart College 219

D. Philips 65, J. Mackinnon 38, H. Fletcher 32*, C. O'Connell 4/36, D. Wakefield 3/43

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler

v ST BEDE'S COLLEGE | ST XI

26th January 2014

Report by Hamish Teale

The annual St Bede's game always brings out a sizeable crowd and this day wasn't any different. The toss was won by the St Bede's skipper Tim Hanrahan who chose to bat. The openers H Kennett and J Watts saw off the new ball attack of Doherty and Cox with good control and an excellent display of running between the wickets. The partnership was finally broken in the 22nd over with the score on 74.

Through the middle of the innings The Willows bowlers really came into their own with James Richards(2/42) and Hayden Day (4/41) bowling their ten overs unchanged. This halted the St Bede's innings and they were restricted to a score of 209/9.

The start of the second innings saw a change in the weather with rain becoming a factor. The plan for The Willows batsmen was to try and knock off the runs as quickly as possible. Hamish Teale and Hayden Day started the innings scoring at 'fives' throughout the first ten overs. The introduction of spin stopped the momentum with the off spin of A Hamilton picking up both openers with the score on 97 in the 17th over. Jones and Commons steadied the ship with 29 a piece but in the end the rain had the final say and play was abandoned in the 39th over with our score on 168/7.

Match drawn

St Bede's College 209/9

H. Kennett 46, J. Watts 41, H. Day 4/41

The Willows 168/7

H. Teale 58, A. Hamilton 3/21

Umpires

D. Pulley and J. Rose



▲ The St Bede's College 1st XI.



▲ Good technique comes from good coaching.



▲ Harrison Cox opening the bowling for The Willows.



▲ David Wakefield on the drive.



▲ Matthew Hay – reminiscent of the Cossacks.



▲ Fraser Sheat – all concentration.

∨ TIMARU BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

2nd February 2014

Report by Maulik Patel

The annual fixture between Timaru Boys' High School and The Willows XI consisting of many past Timaru players, was played out in great spirits again this year. Although TBHS ended on the losing side, there were many highlights for the young team during the day. In the field they were able to pick up wickets consistently throughout their 50 overs and eventually bowl The Willows out for 264. The pick of the bowlers was C Hogan who picked up 4/54 from his ten overs and was ably supported by J Coupland with 2/32. The Willows total was built around an excellent knock from David Wakefield with a well compiled 82 but the total didn't seem competitive enough until a crucial contribution

from Andrew McRae with a classy 66 with the lower order in company.

TBHS in reply got off to a steady start with the opener M Otley making 34 and C Hogan once again starring for his team with a patient 49. Unfortunately the inexperienced Timaru side wasn't able to keep up with the required run rate and was eventually bowled out for 168 with wickets being shared around all the bowlers. While it's always a tough outing for school teams to play against such an experienced XI, I feel the boys would have learned valuable lessons about the subtle aspects of the game.

The Willows won by 96 runs

The Willows 264

D. Wakefield 82, A. McRae 66, C. Hogan 4/54

Timaru Boys' High School 168

C. Hogan 49, M. Otley 34

Umpires

G. Evans and J. Farrell

V NELSON COLLEGE I ST XI

9th February 2014

Report by Andrew Nuttall

A beautiful sunny Sunday greeted the arrival of all players to The Willows and it was nice to see Nelson College's Coach, Gary McDonald, back on Canterbury soil.

The Willows 'won' the toss and the Nelson players elected to bowl first. All the Nelson bowlers were steady and restricted The Willows to 219 on a fast outfield. F Murray was the most economical of the Nelson bowlers with 1/22 off 9 overs and Mike Allcock, who opened the batting, produced a well compiled 44 off 84 balls. The experienced Paul Knight, making his debut for The Willows, scored a handy 43 off 57 balls.

In reply, the Nelson batsmen were restricted to 3½ runs per over for the first 40 overs with Paul

Knight bowling 6 overs for 10 runs and Mitchell Ross bowling 7 overs for 9. The best batting of the day however, came from J Walker-Bowell (68) and J Clarkson (67 off 80 balls). Despite these good innings, Nelson College were always a little behind the chase and were finally dismissed in the 49th over, 18 runs short.

Thanks once again to the umpires, E Brownlee and A Scott for their faultless contribution and Tony Campbell for his excellent work in the scoreboard.

The Willows won by 18 runs

The Willows 219/6

M. Allcock 44, P. Knight 43, G. Dickson 32

Nelson College 201

J. Walker-Bowell 68, J. Clarkson 67,
A. Nuttall 4/26

Umpires

E. Brownlee and A. Scott



▲ Mike Allcock – on its way to the point boundary.



▲ Grant Dickson practising for Covent Garden.



▲ Paul Knight through midwicket.

V ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE I ST XI

12th February 2014

Report by Tom Agnew

The Willows and St Thomas of Canterbury College teams first contested the Brother Bill Dowling Trophy in 2005. I was fortunate enough to be involved in that fixture, and have played in every contest since! Although I look forward to every game I play at The Willows, the St Thomas fixture always holds a special significance for me, so I was thrilled to have my first outing as Willows captain in this year's game. On arrival I noted The Willows boasted one of the strongest batting line ups I've ever seen; so it was going to be another tough day for the opposition.

Perhaps the best thing about playing in the mid-week, forty over fixtures is being able to fill yourself with a huge lunch, before sending the school boys into the field for a long afternoon of chasing leather. Lunch completed, the strong Willows batting line up turned themselves towards amassing an imposing total.

Led by current teacher of the College and former first XI captain Paul McCarthy and hard hitting Tim McConnell, our openers got us off to a great start. When Paul departed for 17, we were well poised at 51/1 to make a large score. Matt Parr joined Tim to take the score through to 129 before Tim was removed 11 runs short of a Willows century. Unlike Tim, Ben Laughton, ex-Willows Matfen scholar and also a former first XI captain, went on to convert his good start and score his first Willows century. He duly retired after a brilliantly compiled 105*. Brad Doody and Matt made sure our good start didn't go to waste, posting scores of 52 and 76 respectively. The St Thomas boys were unfortunately without one of their star pace bowlers Will Brown, who was out with injury, and the rest of the bowlers made a valiant effort to stem the flow of runs.

Unfortunately some dropped catches and questionable fielding let them down, as The Willows posted a huge 356 in their 40 overs.



▲ Keith Yardley, first dux at St Thomas's, presents Player of the Day.

As the St Thomas openers made their way to the middle, there was a sea of black clouds making their way towards the ground from the Southern End. The Willows knew a victory would only be possible following some early wickets! Fortunately, Grant Stewart responded. The swing and movement off the greenish pitch was too much for the young fellas, and they got themselves into trouble early, being 3 for 11 off the first 6 overs. From here there was no coming back, as The Willows spin attack of promising young Daniel Rawson and Dave Kelly tied things up nicely. Unfortunately for The Willows, the bad weather hit Jaguar Oval, and the umpires deemed no more play was possible. The St Thomas lads finished on 78 for 8 after 30 overs. Despite significant protest from The Willows players, no Duckworth-Lewis calculations were completed, and the match was declared a draw.

Again, it was another thoroughly enjoyable afternoon against the St Thomas side, who despite being behind for large parts of the game on the scoreboard, played in high spirits and as a team throughout.

Match drawn

The Willows 356/3

B. Laughton 105*, T. McConnell 89, M. Parr 76, B. Doody 52*

St Thomas of Canterbury College 78/8

Umpires

B. Hamilton and J. Rose



▲ Southland batsman – eye on the ball.



▲ Liz and Lionel Ford, our professional caterers.



▲ The Combined North West Schools XI post-match.

V SOUTHLAND BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL 1ST XI

16th February 2014

Report by Phil Harris

Having driven down from Tauranga I was looking forward to an enjoyable day at The Willows. When I was nominated as Willows skipper for the day, I had plenty to do.

After winning the toss and electing to bat I found I had plenty of volunteers to fill the top of the order and settled on Tim Harrison and Callum Hill to open. These two put on a 68 run stand with Tim top scoring for the game with a patient and well constructed 54 runs before being run out. Callum scored 27 and apart from Graeme Inglis with 29 and Brad Doody with a very quick 15, all other batsmen struggled against a very good Southland Boys' bowling attack. The young men stuck to their task throughout the innings and never let The Willows truly dominate with the bat. All six bowlers used were economical and B Andrews especially was the pick, with well deserved figures of 4-37 off nine.

So 193 was 20-30 shy of where I would have liked, but I had plenty of bowling depth to call on. After an early wicket both J Ng and J Diach batted well and at 77/2 I thought Southland Boys' were in with a real chance, however we had a happy knack all day of picking up wickets at crucial times. A Tait with a hard hitting 34 gave us a scare but we eventually had Southland Boys' all out for 163. Frank Noster (3/37) was our star bowler, well supported by Fraser Hawes, Fraser Sheat and James D'Arcy, each with 2 wickets.

At the conclusion of the game Geoff Allott and Brad Doody chatted to the boys for 30 minutes and I am sure that both the experience of the game and that talk will have been a great learning opportunity for all the boys.

The Willows won by 30 runs

The Willows 193

T. Harrison 54, G. Inglis 29, C. Hill 27, B. Andrews 4/37

Southland Boys' High School 163

A. Tait 34, J. Diach 32, F. Noster 3/37

Umpires

G. Evans and H. Fowler

v BRADLEY NUTTALL XI

19th February 2014

Report by Bert Walker

On a fine day but with some early moisture in the air, The Willows won the toss and inserted the Bradley Nuttall XI. Whereupon Nutts as skipper of the Bradley Nuttall XI produced his first masterstroke, promoting Sam Davis to open. Sam responded with a very well batted 44 and with George Harper (43) the score reached a promising 113/3. They faced some accurate and economical bowling from John Masefield and Tony Gray.

However change bowler Ryan Cutts got two wickets in his first over, the second being a great catch by Anup Nathu to dismiss the dangerous Tim McConnell second ball. Our opening bowlers Luke Courtney and Hamish Wright returned to both bowl beautifully and take the last 5 wickets for just nine runs.

The Willows got off to a steady start, but the ever dangerous Nutts picked up two quick wickets to reduce us to 38/3. In his second spell he removed Anup for 39. Thankfully, then Ross Bayliss and Jeremy Wilson combined well to add 41 runs and take us to the brink of victory – with two overs left we needed only 14 runs, and had five wickets in store.

And things looked even better for us, as Nutts had another problem – all his main bowlers had bowled out. Then followed his second masterstroke, when he threw the ball to Jim Stringleman. Jim's previous two overs had gone for 20 runs, but he rose magnificently to the occasion. After only three singles off his first four balls, both Ross and Jeremy holed out. So Jim now has a new name, Jim Strangleman!

Brad Doody bowled the final over and he too stepped up, getting new batsman Hamish Wright to hole out first ball. And he followed this with a tight over, only allowing two runs off it. So we somehow contrived to fall short by eight runs, a most unlikely result from only two overs earlier!

But it was an exciting finish, and with 21 players batting and 15 players bowling everyone fully participated in the match. The Willows organisation was as always friendly and flawless, contributing to a most enjoyable day.

The Willows lost by 8 runs

Bradley Nuttall XI 156

S. Davis 44, G. Harper 43, H. Wright 3/19,
L. Courtney 3/27

The Willows 148/8

A. Nathu 39, J. Masefield 30, A. Nuttall 3/5

Umpires

Player umpires



▲ Willowers crowd the bat during the Nelson College match.

v ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE | ST XI

23rd February 2014

Report by Mark Weeds

Christchurch awoke to a morning downpour but players were welcomed by warm sunshine at the newly named Jaguar Oval for the annual fixture against St Andrew's College.

The Willows won the toss and were sent in. A positive opening stand of 91 between Ben Ward and Mark Weeds established a good platform for The Willows, with Ben Ward in particular full of intent and stroke play. His fine innings continued after lunch before retiring on a classy, run-a-ball 100. The rest of The Willows top order contributed to useful partnerships with Ben and a good total of 263/6 was achieved after 50 overs. The STAC bowlers pulled it back well during the middle of the innings, backed by some excellent fielding and catching. Ollie Bragg's 2/35 off 10 overs was a highlight.

The STAC run chase began aggressively and the scoreboard read 42/1 after just six overs before heavy thunderstorms arrived just before tea. Robbie Selbie played some delightful strokes through the off-side. When play resumed an hour later, The Willows nabbed a couple of quick wickets to slow down proceedings. An afternoon of spin bowling ensued from Messrs Nuttall, Lonsdale and Reese, backed up by good over rates from Paul McEwan and Mike Johnston.



▲ Another nice St Andrew's shot. Note the excellent position of 'keeper Ward.



▲ Centurion Ben Ward ready to receive.

At the blink of an eye, 50 overs had been bowled and STAC had reached 230/8. Matt Parker batted impressively for 76 and shared in an excellent 6th wicket partnership with Alistair Burnett who finished unbeaten on 41. Despite having a Jaguar XK convertible on display during the tea break, the real star of the afternoon was Tom Agnew whose left arm medium pacers returned 5/23.

Well done to Henry Shipley and the St Andrew's side who played the game in a good competitive spirit and were terrific ambassadors for the school.

The Willows won by 33 runs

The Willows 263/6

B. Ward 100rtd, R. McEwan 33, M. Weeds 31

St Andrew's College 230/8

M. Parker 76, A. Burnett 41*, T. Agnew 5/23

Umpires

B. Hamilton and K. Cotton



▲ And the Player of the Day award goes to...

V COMBINED COUNTRY SCHOOLS XI

2nd March 2014

Report by Mario Williams

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat.

In very hot conditions, David Kelly batted with patience and hit the ball to all corners of the ground for his tally of 100 (retired). He started very cautiously and was hit a few times in the first couple of overs. As the wicket got easier to bat on, he batted beautifully for another century at The Willows. Tim McConnell in contrast, smashed his way to 104 (retired) off 63 balls. Ryan Banks added 59 and The Willows amassed a big total of 354 in 50 overs.

In their turn to bat, Canterbury Country Schools were 139 for 7 when a hundred run partnership for the 8th wicket pair got them up to 238. They

were eventually on a commendable 253 at the end of the 50th over. L Bragan scored 55 opening the batting. William Hamilton batted soundly for 42 and Hayden Vallance scored a terrific 93 not out batting at number 8.

I want to thank the umpires for their time and also the parents for supporting their sons. A thank you also to Tony Campbell for his time scoring. We thank you for all your contributions at The Willows.

The Willows won by 101 runs

The Willows 354/6

T. McConnell 104rtd, D. Kelly 100rtd, R. Banks 59

Combined Country Schools XI 253/8

H. Vallance 93*, L. Bragan 55, W. Hamilton 42, D. Kelly 3/34

Umpires

H. Fowler and D. McIlraith



▲ The Combined Country Schools XI.



▲ Dave (left) and brother Martin Kelly opening.



▲ Hayden Vallance finished not out on 93.



▲ Great to see a leggie in action.

v WAITAKI BHS / ST KEVIN'S XI

9th March 2014

Report by Trevor Thornton

Rain during the week greened the wicket block but the opposition skipper decided to bat as the Waitaki boys were fresh from a convincing 8 wicket victory over Otago Boys' High School. Bowling first The Willows fast bowlers seamed the ball around on the green track. Wickets fell steadily with Luke Courtney taking out the middle stump (with a beautiful seaming delivery) of professional cricket coach Stefan Grobler. Todd Sutton and Ryan McEwan chimed in with two wickets each. The Willows scholarship player Mitchell Ross, who was leaving the following week to play a season at Maften, bowled 10 overs of his left arm spinners and took 4 for 31.

Waitaki/St Kevin's were all out for 148 with Nathan Smith their top scorer with 26. The Willows got off to a tidy start and at the tea break were 3 for 59 with Grant Dickson 19 not out. Ryley Wilson was out just before tea for 21. All three wickets had been taken by Francois Mostert, another South African professional



▲ Francois Mostert took 3/9 before the rain, including the dismissal below.



cricket coach with Oamaru Cricket Club who are celebrating 150 years of cricket in North Otago this year.

Rain intervened at tea and the match was abandoned. One of the delights in this match was the Principal of Christchurch Boys' High School, Nic Hill playing for The Willows against Waitaki where he until June last year had been Deputy Principal. Nic's six overs went for twenty runs with no Waitaki batsmen surrendering their wicket to their former school master.

Match drawn

Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI 148

N. Smith 26, M. Ross 4/31, T. Sutton 2/20,
R. McEwan 2/33

The Willows 59/3 (18 overs)

G. Dickson 19*, R. Wilson 21, F. Mostert 3/19

Umpires

L. Kerr and J. Rose



▲ Captain Thornton saved by the rain.

v THE GLIMMER XI (AUCKLAND)

23rd March 2014

Report by Jacob Wolt

The Auckland Glimmer XI won the toss and decided to field first. This decision was well vindicated with The Willows team being bowled out for a paltry 115 in 42 overs.

Accurate swing and seam bowling easily put paid to The Willows much vaunted batting line up. The only real resistance came from our middle order with Martin Kelly, James D'Arcy and Ryan McEwan making well over half of The Willows total runs.

Neil Ronaldson bowled magnificently collecting four wickets for one run including three bowled.



▲ **Mario Williams in anticipation.**



▲ **Good attempt at a stumping.**



▲ **The Shadbolt-Monk Trophy leaves The Willows in the company of Ben Stevens.**

The Glimmer XI opening batsmen saw none of the dangers in the wicket that our batsmen had imagined and quickly raced to 40 without loss. Bringing Dave Kelly on to bowl did bring The Willows back into the game for a period of time. His excellent control created difficulty for all batsmen and he was well rewarded collecting six wickets from his 10 over spell.

Unfortunately The Willows total was never enough and the Glimmer XI celebrated victory seven down and in 25 overs. A Canterbury 'ring in', Carl Frauenstein, scored a run a ball 46 and he was well supported by Andy Bullock with 25.

An early finish was followed by a most enjoyable barbeque with prime steak supplied by the Glimmer team.

As this was our final match for the season it was a fitting opportunity to thank all involved in making The Willows the wonderful venue and experience for so many cricketers, supporters and lovers of the game.

The Willows lost by 3 wickets

The Willows 115

J. D'Arcy 24, N. Ronaldson 4/1

Glimmer XI (Auckland) 119/7

C. Frauenstein 46, D. Kelly 6/36

Umpires

E. Brownlee and B. Hamilton

Past highlights

*Now after twenty seasons of play at The Willows it is appropriate to look back to memorable games and occasions in Club history. **John Mitchell**, former President of The Willows, presents this new section; a retrospective article on the cricket and associated formalities of our opening match back in 1994.*

Glorious warm sunshine blessed the Opening Day for The Willows Cricket Club on Sunday 23 October 1994. The first match was played against Christ's College 1st XI. It attracted a sizeable crowd. First rites included the coin toss of the opposing captains which happened to be a father and son (Richard and Guy Bromley) affair.

More significant was the official opening of the Club held at an extended afternoon tea. Proceedings began with:

- A Prayer of Blessing on Opening Day by Rev Bob Tremewan, Vicar, Parish of Rangiora.
- A Dedication to Cricket by Reverend Father Brian Cumming SM, Rector of St Bede's College at the time (and soon after promptly appointed Honorary Chaplain, due to his wicket-keeping skills displayed at St Patrick's College, Wellington).

This was followed by some brief and eloquent speeches by:

- The two captains and our Founder
- The late Trevor Campbell OBE, who in 1951 founded the London New Zealand Cricket Club and after whom the pavilion at The Willows was named.
- Our Patron in Perpetuity, the late Walter Hadlee CBE and OBE, who appropriately cut the ceremonial ribbon and officially declared the Club "open".

Playing elevens

The Willows

P.E. McEwan
C.J. O'Malley
W.J. Mitchell
C.D. McMillan
D.R. Hadlee
J.J. Thomson
J. Bennett
A.J. Nuttall
P.E. Dormer
W.R.T. Fairbairn
R.C. Bromley (c)

Christ's College 1st XI

B.L. Dormer
J.T. Innes
B.W.F. Jones
B.H. Cottrell
G.R. Bromley (c)
H.R. Wilson
J.A.F. Davidson
R.J. Cowles
D.H.P. Clouston
T.S. Blakely
M.R. Field-Dodgson

The Willows team selection for the first match was an interesting one. Three of the side were masters at Christ's College (Richard Bromley – appointed in 1973 and Deputy Headmaster 1995 – 2004, John Thomson, History Master 1971 – 2012, and our very own *I Spy* and raconteur Joe Bennett, English Master 1987 - 1998) plus the coach of the 1st XI at the time, Chris O'Malley; and five other ex or current First Class cricketers (three of whom Paul McEwan, Dayle Hadlee and two years later Craig McMillan all represented New Zealand at test level). The final two players (Peter Dormer and Willie Fairbairn), both from the Christ's College alumni, were Founding Members of The Willows Cricket Club. In all, the line-up proved far too strong for the schoolboys.



▲ The final shot of season 2013/14, marking the completion of 20 seasons at The Willows.

Interestingly, in the opposition, were another two Founders (Ben Dormer and our Annual Report supremo since, Richard Cowles) with another Jonathan Davidson, co-opted in recent years to serve on the Management Committee of the Club. Sadly, from that 1994 Christ' College 1st X1 one member is now deceased; Ben Cottrell as the result of a tragic accident.

The match

The Willows won the toss and elected to bat. The team amassed a formidable 260/8 in the allotted 40 overs. In fact, only three batsmen were dismissed, with five retiring to allow others the chance to grace the middle. Milestones came with the first half-centuries from a Willower, with a belligerent 78 retired from Craig McMillan in an innings which included four sixes and nine fours; and for College, a patient 52 from opening bat Ben Dormer. Paul McEwan featured as both the first Willower to lose his wicket and then to gain three wickets with the ball. In reply to The Willows score the youngsters could only muster 121 all out.

Short scoreboard

The Willows 260 for 8 wickets (C McMillan 78 ret., D Hadlee 46 ret., P McEwan 30, C O'Malley 28 ret) beat Christ's College 1st X1 121 all out (B Dormer 52, T. Blakely 21*, P McEwan 3/20)

Conclusion

Although described as "not an exciting match" by the successful captain Richard Bromley it was a memorable day. Importantly, the high standards set by the College 1st XI that day are replicated each Sunday from all our visiting Secondary Schools.

Following, this our inaugural match, we were thrilled to receive a letter of appreciation from Trevor Campbell, who reiterated the significance of Opening Day. To acknowledge the enjoyment gained by those in attendance, Trevor wrote:

Cricket is a generous game and manners are a great part of it. It is played in God's good fresh air abound with fun and friendship. I will always remember the glorious peacefulness of The Willows ground far from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Today, twenty seasons have elapsed and it is good to reflect and treasure these wise words from a man who gave so much to the sport he loved.

Sadly, Trevor died within a month of writing the above words, but at least he will be pleased with the legacy established and maintained since that first game back in October 1994.

Future makers – a generation of New Zealanders with a world vision

By **Chris Clarke**
CEO World Vision NZ

We've all tried and, if you are like me, probably failed at explaining the game of cricket to visitors from nations who don't play the sport. Most understand 'caught and bowled' but the eyes inevitably glaze over when I start explaining the lbw rules and that 5 days and no result is often a great result.

It's similar trying to explain the work of World Vision. The heart of what we do is quite simple. We work with children in some of the most disadvantaged communities in the world to achieve their full potential. How do we do it? That's when it gets harder to explain. It is, as another leader in World Vision often says, "rocket science". At its simplest we walk alongside the communities we serve, equipping them to lead their own development. It's not a hand-out, rather we develop local leaders, assisting them with technical support and resources. We bring to these conversations 60 years' experience in the fields of food, water, sanitation and hygiene, economic development, health care and education. But like the cricket coach our job is not to play the game but rather to inspire, educate, observe and build resilience. And we commit to staying the course. Typically we work with communities for up to 15 years to ensure that when we leave, the community is self-sufficient and resilient.

So that is what we do internationally, what about what we do locally?

Overall, despite growing inequalities, New Zealand remains a very blessed nation and New

Zealanders have a lot to offer the world in terms of the quality of our people, their curiosity and pragmatism. At World Vision we also want New Zealand to be known as a generous nation with a big heart. Like "The Willows", we see engaging young New Zealanders as essential.

As I write we are entering a very busy time of the year for our organisation. Unlike many of the 90 plus countries World Vision works in, the annual 40hr famine is self-imposed. This year we are celebrating the 40th year of the 40 hour famine and we are hopeful approximately 1,000 New Zealand Schools and 130,000 children will take part in what has become a Kiwi rite of passage. At one level it is about fundraising, and I would like to thank Wheelde for their generous sponsorship this year. As important as the fundraising, however, is the opportunity it affords us to build leaders and advocates for a better world.

In each of those 1,000 schools will be a team of students who, with varying levels of assistance from teachers, will run the famine. With the top schools, and not necessarily the biggest, raising over \$25,000 each, this is serious fundraising and needs strong leadership.

The organising students and teachers have the opportunity to attend a Global Leadership Convention (GLC) held in 5 cities, and this year over twelve hundred students attended. Only part of the day is given over to the famine as the aim of GLC is to build-up general awareness of the issues and responses to poverty and injustice. It is a call to action, which many of the young people embrace with enthusiasm.

At GLC the students are inspired by people just a few years older than themselves who are making the world a better place. This year, Alex Reese, an alumni of "The Willows", spoke about the charity he has started – Cricket Live. The students listened intently as Alex told how his own call to action came when a Mumbai taxi driver from the slums asked how his two sons



▲ Another cultured off-drive from a Sacred Heart College batsman.



▲ The King's High School cordon in anticipation.

could get cricket coaching. Alex knew that in his 'kit bag' he had a good education, and a gift as a cricketer and coach. These skills, coupled with his passion, more than made up for any lack of experience he had. He has since gone on to make a profound difference in the lives of disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka, not only in cricket, but also in their level of education and overall wellbeing.

Alex, and other examples of young men and women like him, are a statement to young people that they can make a difference and is a challenge to adults to nurture these aspirations. In Alex's case "The Willows" has certainly responded to this challenge, although he still faces, like World Vision, the need to raise funds to continue doing the work and to expand.

In addition to GLC we look to develop leaders through our Youth Ambassador programme (sponsored by Sanitarium), our annual senior

scholarship week, plus short and long term internships.

In addition this year we are launching 'Future Makers' a new leadership programme that we have created with assistance from the New Zealand Leadership Institute. Future Makers will support and encourage young New Zealanders with a 'world vision'. An initial cohort of 50 between the ages 20 to 25 will take part in a year long programme with various forms of engagement such as a five day workshop, mentoring sessions, networking opportunities, and an online discussion forum.

I am always asked "what work you do in New Zealand?" Inspiring, developing and equipping a generation of New Zealanders with a world vision and assisting them with the leadership skills and experiences seems to me a pretty good place to start. It will make for a better world and a better New Zealand.

Growing the game

This is the fourth in a series of articles by principals of the schools that play at The Willows.

By Warwick Maguire

Principal, Burnside High School



The suggestion by the big three in cricket, India, India and India (sorry I mean, India, Australia and England) that they should have more control of the game, would surely put a chill through the hearts of most New Zealand supporters. Even

now, New Zealand seems to struggle to get full test series against the stronger nations and the worry is that the current proposal would see us relegated to playing the also-rans more often with just the occasional top test, and chance to join the big boys, in World Cup events. I assume the logic from the point of view of the three most powerful nations is to generate more income and grow the game. From this side of the world it seems that this may mean grow the game in their backyard, while we pick up the scraps. Some may argue however, that this is not significantly different from what we have now?

The meeting to discuss all of this was to be held in late January and by the time anyone reads this comment the goal posts (or wickets) will no doubt have moved. The underlying theme is the same as it has been for some time; more for the rich, with apparently more short sighted, money driven, decision making, focussed on feeding the appetite of the media and the coffers of the powerful Triumvirate. We must accept that the relatively small audience a test match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka generates does little to excite paying television viewers across the world, while the Ashes for example generates

millions. But is there a duty of care on the lead nations to protect “the game” and the countries that play it beyond their own shores? Don't those countries who generate hundreds of millions of dollars out of cricket actually owe something to the game worldwide - not just New Zealand, but Ireland, Kenya, the Netherlands etc? From our point of view the answer is obviously yes they do. Narrowing the game and reducing those shown playing it via the International media to just the top few nations will have great benefit for them for a time, but will the short term gain lead to long term pain? Surely the world will get sick of the same diet, just as the rugby public seem to be getting tired of seeing us play South Africa and Australia far too many times each season. Rare tours by the “Lions” on the other hand, hold real appeal and interest.

So before we get our noses too far out of joint, perhaps we need to acknowledge that the All Blacks are a little similar in their approach. We play Australia and South Africa repeatedly, in various locations, as much for the income it generates as for the love of first-rate competition. The Northern Hemisphere is visited every November with a selected few tests to kick start their season and fill their (and to a lesser extent our) coffers. Teams that tour here often send weak teams and the lesser nations, such as those from the Pacific, rarely get a test at all. If they do, then only at the whim of 'the big boys' and at a time when nothing much else is on our calendar. The proposal of India, England and Australia in cricket is almost exactly what we do with rugby.

Are we seeing a similar problem in secondary school cricket? Are the schools with strong sides and long traditions seeking to expand the local and national game by giving lesser teams access to a higher level of cricket. The answer is no they are not. They are more likely to target talented players from lesser teams for enrolment, with a view to building their own talent pool. An approach by the way that always makes me feel

sorry for the boy or girl who is being replaced and who has been loyal to their school from an early age.

But why should strong teams play “the rest”? Games against weak opposition which result in little interest for spectators, no challenge for the strong and embarrassment for the weak, don’t ‘grow the game’, they discourage players and may, in fact, erode the game.

So what are our options? It may be necessary to either earn our place at the big table by winning the opportunities that are put in front of us, or accept that we must play with our mates in the second tier. A third and apparently current option, is to get in early, vote for the proposal and reap the rewards of friendship by gaining some of the media dollars and at least some sort of fixtures programme over the next ten years.

I don’t envy the administrators and decision makers of New Zealand Cricket at any level. They know that the game like most International sport demands big money and that consequently the media thirst must be quenched. At the same time, we all want boys and girls (and men and women) of all abilities to learn and play and enjoy the game. Where to allocate our scarce resources to achieve this, and how to respond to the demands of the leading nations must be proving a major headache.

Even more reason to say thank goodness for The Willows, dedicated to showing our cricketers first hand, the traditional values associated with cricket. Playing for the love of the game, and growing cricket by having more play it rather than make more money from it.

Congratulations to an honorary member

Major Campbell Roberts (pictured with wife Major Gay Roberts) was last year admitted to the Order of the Founder by the international leader of The Salvation Army General Andre Cox at the Salvation Army Congress in Auckland. The Order of the Founder is The Salvation Army’s highest international honour. It is for those whose dedication is such that they would have received a commendation from Salvation Army Founder William Booth himself. General Cox emphasised this award is not given lightly.

The citation reads: ‘In recognition of the contribution of Major Campbell Roberts to New Zealand society, particularly his tireless advocacy and support for vulnerable New Zealanders. Major Campbell Roberts has demonstrated a wide knowledge of social justice issues and has become one of New Zealand’s leading advocates for the poor.’

The Order of the Founder was instituted by General Bramwell Booth on 20th August 1917 and awarded for distinguished service. General Booth inaugurated the Order of the Founder “to mark outstanding service” such as would in spirit



or achievement been specially commended by the Founder William Booth. Since its inception 159 Officers have been admitted to the order internationally and 93 lay Salvationists internationally. Every nomination is carefully scrutinised by a panel of senior leaders at the International Headquarters of The Salvation Army in London.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Although falling short by half the required runs, the Hawkswood Wanderers want to thank you for our special annual game at The Willows. This fixture is the highlight of our year and is made memorable by your attention to every detail.

May we suggest to any visiting teams to be wary of all L.B.W. decisions! We had five in our game.

Your efforts are much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Roger Macfarlane



Dear Editor,

I draw your attention to the top left photograph on page 24 of The Willows 19th Annual Report.

There is clearly a breach of the high standards aspired within The Willows ethos.

Here we have a Club wicket-keeper adorned with silver neckwear, or is it a choker? Whatever, the wearing of such excessive ornamentation is a serious transgression of the dress code expectation of the Club.

I hope this is not “the thin end of the wedge” towards a liberalisation of standards. Heaven forbid, if it leads to more Willows cricketers bedecked in sparkling “bling” akin to that worn by IPL cricketers from the West Indies and India. The slide to coloured playing gear is a natural progression, if a strong stance is not taken now.

I look to you, sir, to uphold the traditional values, which are indeed the cornerstone of our fine Club.

Yours in trepidation,
Concerned Club Member



▲ The Wanganui Collegiate School 1st XI turns up the heat.

ASB Dinner

Tuesday 29th October 2013
St Andrew's College
CHRISTCHURCH

Report by John Grocott

Over 240 people attended this year's dinner held at St Andrew's College on Tuesday 29 October 2013. This included twenty 1st XI's from Schools/Colleges in and around Christchurch, the wider Canterbury area with others from as far afield as Wanganui Collegiate School, Marlborough Boys' College, King's High School Dunedin and Otago Boys' High School. All these schools have played regularly against The Willows and their attendance was a measure of how valuable the aims and objectives of The Willows have become to our younger cricketers. Many Headmasters and Coaches of the teams were also in attendance along with a number of invited guests and Club members. Among those attending were John Wright, Chris Harris and Don Neely, Cricket Historian, a Past President of NZ Cricket and a Life Member of The Willows.

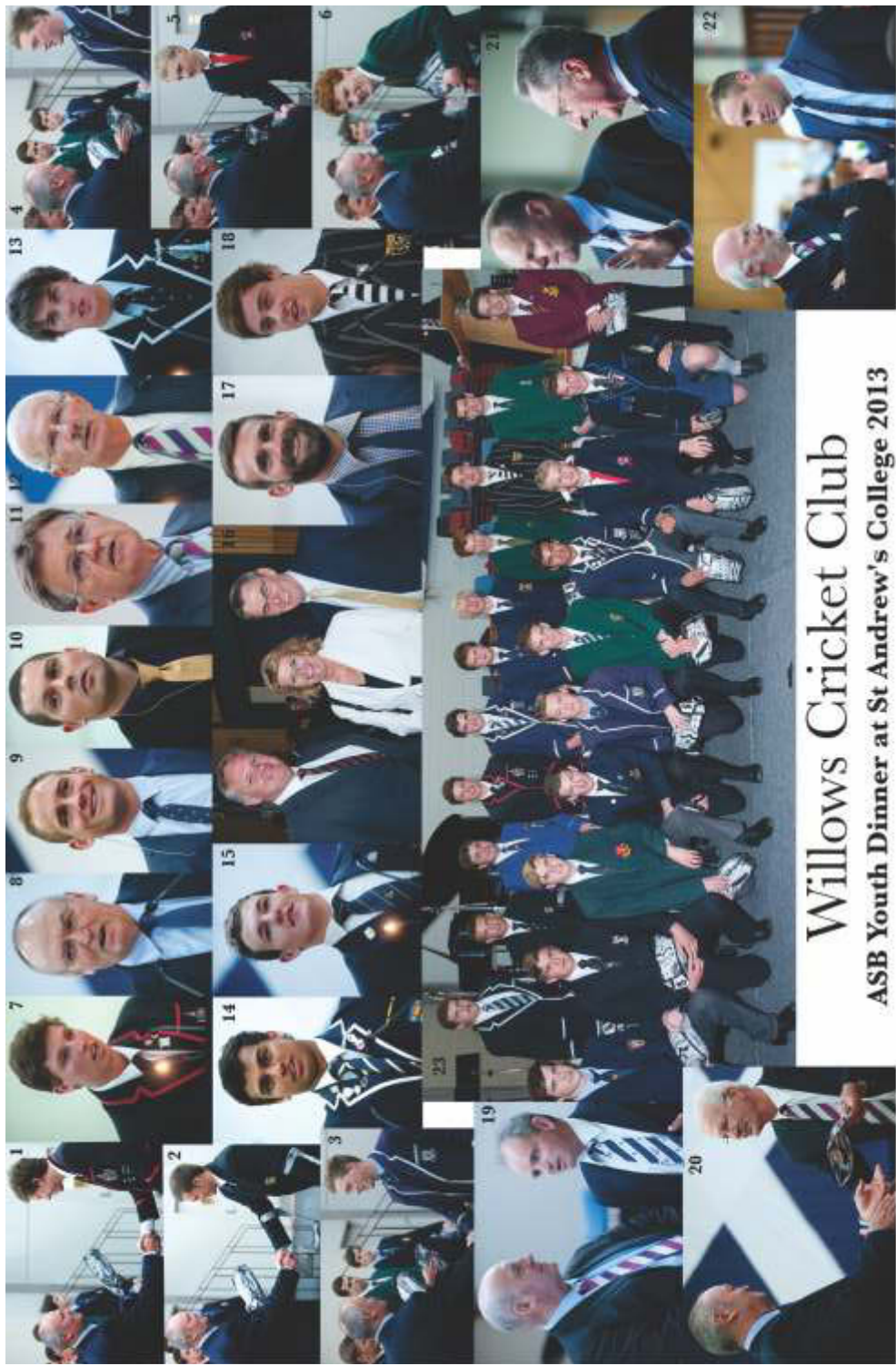
It was, once again, a wonderful cricket evening enhanced by the values and principles expressed by various speakers. At the same time, warm thanks must go to the catering staff who did a fine job providing an excellent meal with what must have been relatively limited facilities.

Malcolm Ellis was the Master of Ceremonies and kept the evening running smoothly in his inimitable fashion. Mrs Christine Leighton, Rector of St Andrew's, warmly welcomed everyone to the function and Past President, John Mitchell, standing in for President, Sir John Hansen, spoke of the aims and objectives of The Willows. In particular, he mentioned encouraging and developing young cricketers and giving them the opportunity to learn from past players to improve their skills and talents.

As is the custom, captains from various teams undertook the protocols of the evening. Grace was said by Charlie Robson, Wanganui Collegiate School, followed by the Loyal Toast proposed by Matthew Stretch, Marlborough Boys' College. The gathering was then entertained with musical items performed by Frances Campbell, Harry Grigg and Isaac Stratford of St Andrew's College who were just outstanding and a true credit to their teachers and Music Department at the College.

The next highlight of the evening was a Question and Answer session with a panel comprising Andy Ellis (All Black, Crusader and frequent player at The Willows), Andrew Ellis (current Black Cap, Canterbury Wizard and also a regular player at The Willows) and Matthew Bell (former New Zealand cricket test opener from Wellington). The participants were ably introduced by Harry Chamberlain, Christ's College, followed by a lively discussion on a variety of sporting matters. In particular the panel all emphasised the need for dedication and commitment to achieve results and reach the top. All in all, an entertaining and informative discussion on the life and times of a top sportsman.

The main feature of the evening was guest speaker Sir Graham Henry, ably introduced by Gus Hewitt, St Andrew's College. Sir Graham provided a brief on his road to coaching success with the All Blacks. He confirmed it doesn't come easily and emphasised the need to persevere and keep the main objective in mind. He then spoke of his experiences as coach of the All Blacks including the World Cup in 2011. Everyone enjoyed the many anecdotes of ups and downs in his career. In closing, he commented that the path to success could be hard and it was important to seize every opportunity and strive for excellence. An inspiring and valuable message for all present. The Vote of Thanks was ably delivered by Jack Boyle, St Bede's College.



Willows Cricket Club

ASB Youth Dinner at St Andrew's College 2013

The last toast of the evening to “cricket” was ably proposed by Rhys Bayly, Otago Boys' High School. He reminded us that the great game of cricket provides many valuable lessons including working with others (teamwork) and learning to accept the ups and downs of the game while striving for excellence. He also mentioned the importance of participation in sport and the life-long friendships that develop through cricket.

The dinner concluded with Sir Graham Henry presenting a pair of batting gloves to each of the twenty captains. An outstanding, memorable evening, fully appreciated by all present. A great experience for the participating school teams, who listened intently and would have gained considerable benefit from the advice given by the guest speakers and also mingling with former New Zealand cricketers and other cricket enthusiasts.

◀ Photo captions

1-6: Sir Graham Henry presenting batting gloves to a member of each of the Colleges represented, **7:** Jack Boyle, captain of St Bede's 1st XI delivering his 'Vote of Thanks', **8:** Sir Graham Henry, former All Black coach delivering his address, **9:** Andy Ellis, former All Black scrum half, **10:** Matthew Bell from Wellington, former New Zealand cricket representative, **11:** John Mitchell, former President of The Willows Cricket Club, **12:** Malcolm Ellis, MC for the evening, **13:** Charles Robson, captain Wanganui Collegiate 1st XI saying Grace, **14:** Rhys Bayly, captain of Otago Boys' High School 1st XI proposing a 'Toast to Cricket', **15:** Matthew Stretch, captain of Marlborough College 1st XI proposing the 'Loyal Toast', **16:** Christine Leighton, Rector of St Andrew's College flanked by Lt. Col. Grant McMillan, Principal of Ashburton College and Simon Leese, Headmaster of Christ's College, **17:** Andrew Ellis, current New Zealand cricket representative, **18:** Harry Chamberlain, captain of Christ's College 1st XI introducing the Q&A members, **19:** John Stewart talking with John Anderson, a member of the St Andrew's College staff, **20:** Malcolm Ellis presenting Sir Graham Henry with his Willows Honorary Members tie, **21:** Andrew Nuttall with Don Neely, former New Zealand selector and current New Zealand cricket historian, **22:** Ken Rust, Cricket Master Otago Boys' High School, talking with Andy Ellis, **23:** Representatives of the schools/colleges attending the dinner.

Toast to cricket

By Rhys Bayly

Captain, Otago Boys' High School 1st XI

To me, cricket is more than just a game.

It all started for me in the backyard with my family. After playing for hours with my little brother it progressed to Saturday Club cricket with my mates. During this time, I've had numerous rivalries with the opposition which over time have turned into good friendships. Cricket has allowed me to meet a variety of people of all ages around the country as well as meeting family for the first time in Sri Lanka.

There are many traditions of the game and we are reminded of some of these every week when we put on our whites and our school's baggy cap. I'm sure the baggy is treasured and worn with pride by every 1st XI cricketer here. I was reminded of some of the finer points of cricketing tradition of the game last Sunday when our school visited The Willows Cricket Club. Traditions like the ringing of the bell for breaks in the game, letting the captain walk off first and a cup of Dilmah tea during the tea break.

Cricket has taught me many life skills which include patience, perseverance and sportsmanship. I remember watching a test match while at a cricket tournament in 2009 where Graeme Smith came out to bat with a broken arm to save the test match for South Africa. Graeme Smith's actions personifies the following quote "No matter how hard the situation is, no matter how impossible the feat might be, give it a try. Because if you don't, you don't deserve to play anymore." This is what cricket means to me.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise for the toast to cricket.

To cricket!

Vote of thanks

By Jack Boyle

Captain, St Bede's College 1st XI

Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow cricketers and more particularly our invited guests of whom tonight I have the privilege of addressing this vote of thanks to.

To start, I must mention our deep sense of appreciation for Andy Ellis for his thoughts tonight. I should say firstly, a congratulations for the part you played in the sixth consecutive ITM Cup win on the weekend. The fact you were playing in the pinnacle provincial sporting event just three nights ago, and now you are here tonight to speak to us is truly a testament to the man you are but also your commitment and love of cricket. We are very grateful for your words regarding the culture of your ITM Cup team. You mentioned how you were all very good mates which makes you want to play for each other. I think it makes sport a whole lot more enjoyable and worthwhile when you play for each other. So thank you very much again for your thoughts.

Secondly, I may like to express our sincere thanks to Andrew Ellis for giving an excellent coverage to the idea of putting the team before yourself. When discussing the possibility of another player coming into the team and taking your place, he put it very simply: "You just get over it". Which I thought despite being a very simple message, is a great lesson for younger players. We acknowledge we are fast approaching the provincial season starting this Friday with the HRV Cup so we are very thankful for your time tonight.

Furthermore, our thanks to Matthew Bell for providing encouragement at the benefits of having a mentor and another set of eyes on you to keep you grounded and keep it simple. Our thanks also for providing your "Pearls Of Wisdom", and I quote "Pain of discipline is

nothing compared to the pain of disappointment". Again we thank you very much for your time.

Finally, our sincere gratitude to Sir Graham Henry, as mentioned in his introduction a cricketer in his own right. Something that resonated with me and I'm sure with others in the room was something that Matthew Bell also touched on, it was the importance of mentors to help you through things. He said also about how we all play sport because of the enjoyment of it. I think that is what has brought us all here to this room, because of the love of cricket and the effect cricket has had on all of us. The final thing that stuck with me today was the ability to fail and the learnings that come from failing. Something every sportsman should experience and learn from. He is obviously a magnificent coach, but as a former headmaster he is an educator of young people like the majority of people in this room tonight. He is therefore more than qualified to pass on his wisdom to us tonight which we are most grateful for.

Thank you again to the speakers tonight and to The Willows for hosting such a great event.



▲ Glimmer XI manager Dave Penman (left) with Willows master chef, Wayne Miller.

“Every delivery was bait”

By **Joe Bennett**

I must have played a thousand games of cricket but I remember few of them. What I do remember is the people I played with.

At my first village club there was a man known as Fatty. At heart Fatty was slender but years of beer had furnished him with a colossal gut.

The rumour was that Fatty had once been an opening batsman. It may or may not have been true, but batting no longer interested him. Only three things did: snoozing, drinking beer and bowling slow left arm round that colossal gut. He was good at all three.

The club played only afternoon friendlies. League cricket was available in town, but here it was just Saturday afternoon starting at 2.30 and finishing when one team won or it got dark. The cricket was of a fair standard but nobody worried about it. Sledging was unheard of.

Fatty expected his captain to win the toss and bat so that he could sleep off his lunch in a deckchair. Around 5pm he'd rouse himself for a cup of tea and be ready to field.

By field I mean stand. When the bowling was from the War Memorial end Fatty stood at third man, and when it was from the tennis court end he stood at long on. If the batsman hit the ball within a yard of where he was standing Fatty would trap it with his boot, then lob it in underarm. If it was more than a yard away he let it go for four. The only running Fatty ever did was his bowling run-up. He took two strides.

He bowled from the War Memorial end and he took a hundred wickets a season. But he never knew his bowling figures or took any interest in his tally. What he loved was seducing batsmen.



▲ **Joe Bennett at ease during the match against Christ's College in January.**

Whether the score was 20 for 6 or 120 for none, he put men on the boundary. For Fatty they were the equivalent of slips, because he was a tempter. He bowled slow and slower still. Every delivery was bait. He simply wanted the batsman to try to hit a six. He played on ambition and greed. His particular joy was bowling to blockers, those Scrooge-like characters for whom risk is a four letter word. Fatty sought to corrupt them, to make them go against their own miserly natures. He wanted them to slog. And when they did his day was made.

If the slog went for six he applauded. If it was caught on the fence he commiserated. Either way he felt he'd won and the beer tasted good that evening. I think he was fighting a war against puritanism.

I've played with a thousand better cricketers than Fatty but there are few I remember so vividly. If he's still alive he must be eighty now. I raise a glass of words to him now.

Q & A with former New Zealand batsman Brian Hastings

John Mitchell recently enjoyed a chance to interview Brian to gain his highlights and thoughts on international cricket from his days at the top.

Q1. Most memorable game?

Without doubt the first time New Zealand beat Australia in a test match at Lancaster Park, Christchurch in 1974. Groundsman Cyril Barnes prepared a magnificent cricket wicket. The game see-sawed through the first four days. NZ were put into a good position thanks to the batting of Glenn Turner (who scored a century in each innings) and the bowling of the Hadlee brothers (Richard captured seven wickets in the match and Dayle five).

NZ were required to score 228 runs to win on the fourth innings. I contributed 46 runs to the cause but significantly shared in a 115 run partnership with Glenn who played a match defining innings.

Unfortunately I still remember getting out in the last over before stumps on Day Four. My intention was to hit the off-spinner Ashley Mallett over the long-on boundary but got cleaned bowled for my rash decision.

And so on the 5th Day we needed 51 runs with six wickets available. NZCC opened the gates and a magnificent crowd of 10,000 came in to witness an important slice of cricket history.

Memorably for me, after the winning runs (hit by the late Ken Wadsworth) the Australian Ian Redpath ("a fine person and player") retrieved the match ball off a spectator and presented it to me in the dressing room. I now have it mounted and it sits in my lounge at home.



▲ Brian Hastings in action against Pakistan at Eden Park, 1973.

Q2. Most memorable personal performance?

I made my test debut at Eden Park (along with Glenn Turner) against a strong West Indies team in 1969. The visitors won the first match of the series and it was memorably the last match for the great quick bowler Wes Hall.

My memorable performance came in the second test. It was played on a lively green track at the Basin Reserve. This time in the fourth innings NZ was chasing 164 runs to win. I came in to bat when the score was 39/3 late on Day 4. With me was night watchman Bryan Yuile. We managed to survive until stumps but more importantly put on 74 runs together the next morning. Yuile was finally out on the last ball before lunch. We eventually chased down the target with four down and I had my best test score of 62 not out.

But the thing I remember most about the innings was the vicious bowling of Charlie Griffiths and Richard Edwards. They were “wild” having just heard both had missed selection for an upcoming tour of England. They took the chance to vent their fury on Yuile and myself. I remember the bouncer barrage and both of us coming off black and blue.

It is interesting Brian chose this match winning 62 as his personal high, because next match in the series, the 3rd Test in the 2nd innings at Lancaster Park he scored his first test century (117 not out). This was in his third test match and a score which remained his highest in tests. The 3rd Test was drawn and the series squared.*

Q3. What or who was the major influence in shaping you as a player?

No one person more than another. I was nearly 29 years old when I made my test debut. Along the way I was blessed to have good coaches and tough but fair captains to guide me. I was well coached at Wellington College, and in my final year at School I played senior cricket (for



▲ Hastings drives off the front foot.

Midlands CC in the school holidays). Here Eric Dempster and Bob Blair (both NZ representatives) helped my game. For Wellington John R. Reid was coach and a strong influence.

I also value my year (1960) with Central Districts where senior players like Ian Colquhoun, Don Beard and Murray Chapple shared their knowledge. And then to Canterbury where there were many positive influences. For NZ, national coach Martin Horton helped to shape my development at the highest level of the game.

Q4. Advice for a current secondary school cricketer who has the vision to play first class cricket?

I see three important considerations for young players seeking to play for the Black Caps:

- 1) **Team** – play for the team first and foremost; and listen to your peers.
- 2) **Prepare well** – set goals, work hard, be physically fit and learn quickly to accept knock-backs.
- 3) **Enjoyment** – enjoy what you are doing in the game.

Q5. A vital aspect of the ethos of the game which must be strengthened?

I provide a word at both ends of the playing spectrum.

At club level, the numbers nationally are not growing. The standard of club cricket has slipped with the absence of first-class players from the club scene. I applaud initiatives taken by Cricket Associations to keep players in the game and to provide competitions for the shorter versions of the game.

At test level, “personal” sledging (as seen November / December 2013 in the first two Ashes tests) is not part of the game. Those altercations are beamed all around the world and show the game and top cricketers in poor light. The ICC needs to tighten up and give more power to umpires and officials to discipline or censure offending players.

John Roger Doig

BSc, MB, ChB, Dip Obst, FRCOG, FRANZCOG

26.7.1946 – 23.7.2013

A Tribute by Lifelong Friend, Dayle Hadlee

John Doig, an esteemed Christchurch gynaecologist and obstetrician, died suddenly three days before his 67th birthday. In his professional career he achieved many noteworthy milestones which will ensure that his name will be remembered with both admiration and gratitude in the area of women's health.

After graduating from the University of Otago in 1973, John worked at Christchurch Women's Hospital before completing three years of post graduate training in Scotland. Upon his return he worked as a tutor specialist and became a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Canterbury District Health Board in 1983. After setting up in private practice in the mid-1980s he worked in both the public and private areas, becoming a clinical lecturer for the University of Otago and a senior lecturer in 1996. As a kind and compassionate innovator he helped to establish the first in-vitro fertilization unit in the South Island and pioneered keyhole surgery for the management of endometriosis to improve health outcomes for girls and women. He also helped to establish the Oxford Clinic Women's Health and Hospital.

In recognition for his services to women's health John was awarded the Distinguished Service

Medal of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

Although his passion for the game was sadly not matched by his playing ability, John was an enthusiastic Willower and armchair cricket critic. Possessing a sharp mind and a keen eye, John's vocal exchanges at the television screen whilst observing an umpire's decision or a Black Caps performance, whether positive or negative, was legendary. Although John doesn't feature on The Willows cumulative statistics list, as he would have had to play a lifetime if he was to

make the minimum of 200 runs to qualify for an entry, he did grace the field for an occasional match. He will be remembered more for getting off the mark in one match and staggering down the other end, pulling two hamstrings in the process, and being attended to, on the pitch, by Professor Hamid Ikram, New Zealand's leading cardiologist and medium swing bowler who has graced many cricket grounds in his career.

John had a passion for thoroughbred breeding and racing, fishing in the Marlborough Sounds, golf

and singing, where he became known as the singing surgeon when operating. With his fine baritone voice he was well known as a soloist in the Kilmarnock Edition Celtic band, making four recordings.

John's humour, humility, drive to assist others and his love of his family and sport will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to have known him. His was a life well lived, although it was taken too soon.



Good news from the Basin Reserve

By **Brian Thomas** – an astute observer

The Oncology Centre at Christchurch Hospital is the last place you'd expect to find a cricket match in full swing.

It's a long, L-shaped room with la-z-boy chairs hugging the outer windows. More often than not, there's standing room only because all the chairs are occupied by day-patients on chemotherapy.

Cancer is no respecter of persons, so you'd be pressed to find a wider cross-section of humanity than the various occupants of the chemo ward. Class, creed and culture carry no advantage in such sterile surroundings. Indeed, if it were not for the nurses who minister cheerfully to each and everyone, the place might resemble a holding pen of quiet stoicism.

Not last Tuesday, however, when Brendon McCullum knocked the record book for six at Wellington's Basin Reserve and became the first NZ cricketer to score 300 runs. It took him nearly 13 hours and 557 balls to get there, and he was out just two balls later for 302. But the ecstatic Basin was past counting. As were the occupants of chemo row.

iPads and smartphones are no match for tiny transistor radios when there's next-to-no satellite signal. Which is why so many chemo patients were sporting earphones as McCullum slowly ascended the Aoraki of NZ cricketing history.

The excitement was palpable, the joy infectious, as updates echoed across the ward. Strangers all? Yes – and no, for epic achievements excite the best in us and forge community in unlikely places. McCullum's feat has certainly injected fresh life into NZ Cricket's prospects for next year's World Cup series, financially as well as on



Photo credit: Yahoo! News

the green. Tickets are selling faster than ... well, a McCullum boundary shot.

There's sure to be a spin-off, too, at club and schoolboy levels as more would-be McCullum's pursue dreams of routing the world's best.

But let's not overlook the social capital that accrues from herculean achievements such as we witnessed last Tuesday. In homes across the country – from bed-sits to moneyed mansions – disparate people living lives of quiet desperation were suddenly galvanised into a community of conquerors, and it felt pretty darn good to be Kiwi. Frankly, I don't give a toss (sorry) about the dollar returns from NZ's win over India.

Neither do I care much whether world cricket now considers us a force to be reckoned with. I've long known that God's Own Country is aptly named – on and off the playing field.

No, what makes sport utterly divine in my eyes is the way a superlative performance may lift the spirits of that multitude who, through no fault of their own, are sidelined by life itself.

They're largely invisible, and yet they are family, friends and neighbours. People, that is, who have had the ill fortune to face some dodgy balls, and been damaged physically or mentally as a consequence.

Call me fanciful if you wish, but I like to think that McCullum went into bat for all of us last Tuesday, especially those on the hard and lonely backbenches of society. And didn't we do well!

The Willows Youth Team tour to Sri Lanka

Report by Harry Chamberlain

I was lucky enough to be selected as one of thirteen boys to represent The Willows Cricket Club to embark on a tour of Sri Lanka for two weeks. The team consisted of a mixture of good lads from around the South Island with a couple of boys from the North. Fortunately I knew the majority of boys selected from representative cricket, playing with and against, so I was pretty relaxed knowing I was in good hands.

Our tour consisted of eight games in the fourteen days we were away. Seven were in Sri Lanka and one was in Singapore. We played in the three main cities of Sri Lanka: Colombo, Kandy and Galle. All three were extremely different but yet so beautiful. The teams we played against were a couple of U17 regional teams but mainly U19 regional teams. This was the equivalent of playing Canterbury U19 in New Zealand so our opposition was tough. We came across some amazingly talented players who were on the border and some in the Sri Lankan U19 team. We faced bowlers who could reach speeds of 140km/h, spinners that could rip the ball both ways and also batsman who were capable of smashing the ball 360 degrees around the ground. So it is fair to say our skills were put to the test against some of the best Sri Lanka had to offer. However, it wasn't only the opposition that made it so difficult, as we also had to adjust to playing a full day of cricket in 40+ degrees heat, sometimes having to do that three days in a row. This was a massive challenge for us all. Even the locals were complaining about the weather, saying it was the hottest it had been in a while. Also the playing conditions were different to what we were used to, the pitches were slower and drier so they provided more turn for the

spinners, which caused us some problems throughout the tour. However, we did play at three international test venues, which the Black Caps played on so we can't complain there

Saying all this we did manage to win seven out of our eight games but most games went down to the wire.

Apart from the cricket side of the trip we also got to experience many different things. The biggest experience that affected me personally was the change of culture. It really opened my eyes to realize how fortunate we all truly are in New Zealand. We came upon lots of poverty in Sri Lanka, met and saw hundreds of people living in shacks and who didn't even know how or when their next meal would be. To put things in perspective: we would give locals 100 rupees and they would get on their knees, shake our hands and thank us sincerely. That would be about a day's wages right there for a lot of the locals and considering 100 rupees is the equivalent to one New Zealand dollar it really made you feel quite sad for them. So although this was primarily a cricket tour, when I say it is also a life changing experience I could speak on behalf of all the boys that went on this trip. We all learnt valuable life lessons while we were away and have come back better people because of it.

So I advise any keen cricketer who would like to have the opportunity to go on this trip or one like it, to keep training and working hard to develop your skills, and focus in your school cricket because it will pay off. You will reap the benefits from doing so, and thereby get recognized by your coaches and selectors for good consistent performances. Just think the majority of the Sri Lankans I talked to while over there told me that they train for around 2-3 hours daily, since they have been four years old. This is on top of school and some working. They have nowhere near the resources and facilities that we can access, so there is really no excuse, it's up to you if you want it or not.



▲ The Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI with manager Paul McEwan.

Report by Hayden Day

We arrived in Sri Lanka late at night and were immediately blown away by the heat. We were to play seven games in twelve days in different parts of Sri Lanka and then play one game in Singapore. During our first game the temperature reached 43°C, this was our first test of character as we had to battle the heat and try to win a game of cricket. In the end we won but many of the team were feeling the effects of a draining day. This was to be the story of the first week until we became acclimatised to the extreme temperatures.

During the next six games we played various Under-19 teams at different grounds around the country including two international stadiums. We managed to win four out of the six games. The second to last game and last games were

special to me as we recorded a one wicket win and I top scored for my team.

During my time in Sri Lanka and Singapore I was lucky enough to experience a vast range of culture, conditions and wildlife – something I would never have experienced back here in New Zealand. This included riding an elephant and playing in large stadiums. But one thing that really stands out to me is the way people in Sri Lanka live. To see people go day to day not knowing if they will have food was a real eye opener and has changed the way I view things back here in New Zealand.

The trip was truly the experience of a life time and if anyone was to get an opportunity even remotely similar I would recommend you to grab it with both hands. As for me I will never forget my time in Sri Lanka.

The man who's making a difference

By **Matt Richens**

Courtesy Christchurch Press (27.11.13)

It was a taxi ride in a city of 20 million people that changed Alex Reese's life.

A spark was lit in the Christchurch lad. And, all going to plan, that taxi ride and the decisions it spurred could change thousands of lives in Sri Lanka and India.

Reese has a plan. It's an audacious plan, but one nobody who meets the charismatic, driven 22-year-old doubts he will turn into a reality.

The marketing student wants to educate and help poverty-stricken children in the Subcontinent and use cricket to do it. They love cricket, but have little access to it. Reese loves cricket and wants to help. He has support from high places and in January his Cricket Live programme will open its first school, in Colombo.

Reese first visited the Subcontinent on a cricket trip with The Willows in 2008 as a 16-year-old. He loved it and went back of his own accord, working in high-priced cricket academy, Global Cricket School, based in Mumbai – used by international teams.

Reese, just 18 at the time, befriended a local taxi driver named Lax. Lax showed him around Mumbai and took him where he needed to go and the pair grew close. Reese visited Lax's family home in the Cuffe Parade slum, home to thousands. It was there and with Lax that Reese learnt first hand of the struggle of young Indians.

Many want to learn and many want to play cricket, but few have the opportunity or resources to do either well. Some can't even afford to get themselves to grounds for training.



▲ Alex Reese coaching overseas.

A lack of resources and the class system make change difficult. So while the wealthy play and flourish playing organised, well structured and coached cricket, the poor play with whatever they can get their hands on.

Reese played in India, too. He's a senior cricketer in Christchurch, a bowling allrounder for Burnside West-University, but played in India in slightly less ideal conditions.

"It was a bit different from here," he said, laughing.

"The grass was literally up to your knees in places and there were rocks everywhere, but they love it, they just love playing cricket."

And even at that level it's serious business. In a 10-over game, Reese got barked at by his teammates for getting out before the game was over after scoring 30 off just 12 balls. He'd almost singlehandedly won the game for his side yet was maligned for his irresponsibility.

"They just take it so seriously and they thought I'd thrown it away. But they enjoy it too. Cricket is everything to them," he said.

So with bags packed and thoughts of home and clean, green New Zealand on his mind, Reese had one last trip with Lax, to Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport.

“Lax asked me where his kids could get good coaching so I rattled off a couple of places for him. He just looked at me. ‘How am I supposed to pay for that?’, he said.”

The cricket schools are big business and charge as such. They cost far more than a slum-dwelling Mumbai cabbie can afford, even one who played chauffeur to an initially slightly naive Kiwi for three months.

“It really got me thinking. On the flight home I remember thinking I could pay for Lax’s kids. He’d been great to me and I could have managed that, but then you still have a few issues.”

Issues like children from poor families trying to fit in with children from wealthy families in a society where the caste system, though slightly less predominant now that it has been, is still largely alive and well.

That got Reese thinking further until he came up with his brainchild, the Cricket Live programme, a non-profit organisation “with the vision to use cricket as a medium to change the lives of children from slum areas in India and Sri Lanka”.



▲ Sri Lankan children play cricket on a Colombo street corner. The poor play with whatever they can get their hands on.

Why teach a couple of kids to play when you can do something that could affect thousands? The ultimate success for any coach.

The plan is under way and early in the new year, Reese’s first school is set to open with an intake of 50 young Sri Lankans. He’s taking a group of coaches to Sri Lanka in January to coach the school’s coaches and all going to plan, more schools will open.

He has initial plans for one in Sri Lanka and one in India, but wants to have three schools in each country in five years and 20 schools in total in 10. There’s interest both here and in the Subcontinent, but the plan costs. Reese has done well fundraising wise, but could do with more.

As a 22-year-old, it would be easy to see Reese lacking for credibility with the people he needs to help him. But what he lacked in credibility with potential sponsors and backers, he made up for with passion. When he talks about his programme, it’s encapsulating.

“Why do this? Well, if you see enough of something then it starts to get to you and you want to do something about it.

“I spent time in the slums and life’s not great there, but the kids don’t have much chance because that’s all they know.

“I want to help the kids change. There are moments in life when you realise you’ve got to do something. This is mine.”

Willows founder and Christchurch businessman Mike Dormer can’t speak highly enough of Reese’s vision and drive.

“He’s the sort of person who’d be in the frontline in wartime. He’s brilliant and he just gets things done.”

He’s also clever enough to know that credibility counts and he needed to get some big names involved. So he did.

The organisation has the backing of former New Zealand governor-general Sir Anand Satyanand, Willows president and ICC member Sir John Hansen and former New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming among others.

Another who wholeheartedly supports Reese's vision and knows only too well what cricket and life is like in India is former Black Caps and Indian coach John Wright. Wright said what Reese was trying to do was what cricket should be about, creating not just good sportsmen and women, but good people.

"He wants to make a difference," Wright said. "He's a special young man.

"It's about the spirit of cricket, it's about good men. Alex is a young man with a passion and this is a challenging project."

One of Reese's and Cricket Live's biggest supporters is Merrill Fernando, the founder of Dilmah Tea. They've helped back the project financially and helped with contacts in Sri Lanka.

"It's great Alex has got Dilmah on board," Dormer said. "Some New Zealanders have found it difficult that a Kiwi boy wants to do something offshore and something that is going to benefit the poor.

"What they don't appreciate, however, is that this sort of thing helps New Zealand as a whole. In trade and in reputation."

Reese is rapt there will be such positive spinoffs, but his main priority is the kids and inciting change. He's more concerned about offering less fortunate children the opportunity New Zealanders take for granted.

While other 22-year-olds are trying to find their way in the world, Alex Reese is trying to change it.

Cricket Live Sri Lankan venture

First report from Alex Reese

Overview of January/February Trip

It was incredibly exciting to head to Sri Lanka knowing that by the time I left the first Cricket Education and Development Centre would be up and running. It would be a collaborative venture between the Cricket Live Foundation and the MJF Foundation.

The MJF Foundation was established by Mr Merrill Fernando of Dilmah Tea to provide assistance to families of his workers. Since then, it has developed into an amazing organisation that undertakes a large array of activities around the country.

For the first few weeks we focused on Coach Education and Development. Three coaches from New Zealand and Australia came over to run the Coach Education Clinic, putting 15 local coaches through an intensive course, both theoretical and practical.

It was a very special moment when our first group of children arrived and put on their CLF uniforms. For many of them this uniform is the first thing they have ever been able to call their own.

The first program runs until the end of April. The second starts in August. August will be a busy time for us, as we are planning to open two more centres. These will be based at Government Schools currently lacking decent facilities. We'll supply cricket nets and where necessary a classroom-cum-pavilion.

We invited the parents of our first children to a Q&A session at which we outlined the CLF vision and purpose. The parents were most grateful for what has already been achieved.

Report from Matfen

By Jacob Vanner

On the 4th of April, Jeremy Duncan and I set off on a long and exhausting flight arriving two days later in Newcastle. We were met by a brisk 5 degree day, which we thought would set the tone for our summer, but we could have not been more wrong. Ahead was what the British called a 'heat wave' experiencing their best summer in years. Sir Hugh and Lady Anna Blackett gave us a warm welcome to the Northeast by sharing a typical English dinner with their family.

We were living in a village house with three staff members from Matfen Hall. Sir Hugh was kind enough to take us to watch Newcastle take on Fulham at St James Park after just three days upon arriving; Newcastle came away with the victory with the 50,000 strong Geordie crowd erupting to a last minute goal.

After a week of settling in and acclimatising we started work at the Keepers Lodge and the golf driving range as the past Kiwis have done. Having two jobs was great as we were never bored and had immense 'crack' whether it was with the pros on the range or with our fellow staff and the locals at the lodge. Pouring pints and serving the locals was great as they were always up for a good laugh.

After a few weeks our first game for Matfen was upon us. For some reason they saw potential in my bowling giving me the ball in the first over of the season. After a few games they finally realised that my skill still lay in wicketkeeping, leaving the bowling to Jeremy for the rest of the season. The season was a success with Matfen making it to the Twenty20 final, only to lose in the last over to Hexham Leazes. In a year of transition for the team we were able to remain unbeaten against competition leaders Wylam and finishing with as many wins as losses.



▲ 2013 Matfen Hall Scholars Jeremy Duncan and Jacob Vanner.

Jeremy finished top run scorer in the league averaging over 50 and myself second, averaging in the late 40s. A highlight was claiming an unlikely victory over Prudhoe. Chasing 226 and needing 100 in the last hour, Jeremy and I put on 200 to seal the victory for Matfen, Jeremy finishing on 128* and myself falling for 78.

I was lucky enough to play a game with my Dad against Wylam; my team mates were wondering why senior Vanner never taught me the slog over cow corner, with it being very effective for him on that occasion. I also got to travel around the UK and a bit of Europe, visiting London, Edinburgh and Paris.

Throughout our time in England, we were able to meet some amazing people with many different backgrounds and made lifelong friends. This was honestly the best six months of my life and I'm sure Jeremy would say the same. Jeremy and I became awesome mates and had some wicked adventures together, particularly in The Toon! There are so many people I would like to thank for our time in the UK. Thanks to Pilly and the cricket lads for a really enjoyable summer of cricket, the staff at Matfen and the locals in the village for helping us along the way. A special thanks to Sir Hugh Blackett, Lady Anna and The Willows Cricket Club for giving Jeremy and I the opportunity to experience an English summer.

Cricket in Thailand

By **Richard Cowles**

Founding member of The Willows

After playing two seasons in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand I can report that cricket is thriving here.

Thailand is not well known as a cricketing power but the Thailand women's cricket team have made great strides in recent years and have won two international competitions to be rated the fifth best team in Asia behind India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. They played in the women's qualifying tournament for the recent T20 World Cup and even beat the Netherlands.

Cricket is played to a high standard in Bangkok but Chiang Mai has the three best grounds in Thailand: the historic Gymkhana Club ground in the city, Prem Oval which is a beautiful ground in lush countryside near Mae Rim and the newly established intimate ground at Royal Chiang Mai Golf Club (known as the Big Umbrella in Thai for its protection against the weather as it stands in a hidden valley surrounded by rice fields). Touring teams have received a warm welcome at all three grounds and been impressed by the facilities. Two recent women's international tournaments have been held in Chiang Mai with great success.

Part of the great charm of playing cricket in Chiang Mai has been the support given to the development of youth cricket in northern Thailand. The Chiang Mai International Cricket Sixes has been run since 1988 and a great deal of money has been donated to support the coaching of cricket in schools in the region.

The hard work of the coaches working for the Chiang Mai Schools Cricket Alliance has paid rich dividends as Chiang Mai dominated junior cricket in Thailand, but in the last year Lamphun has taken over as the powerhouse at junior level.



▲ **Junior cricketers from Lamphun celebrate their win at the Chiang Mai Cricket Sixes.**

Both the boys and girls teams are predominantly made up of children from a hill tribe background who have been looked after by the Hill Tribe Fund which was established in Chiang Mai and was moved to Lamphun two years ago to improve the children's education and prospects. Three boys originally discovered languishing in a hostel in Chiang Mai and three girls from a children's home in Lamphun now live with the head coach, Chris Dodd and his wife Toy.

Remarkably, thanks to their dedication to cricket, net practices are held nearly every evening. These six boys and girls are among the most promising young cricketers in Thailand. The oldest among them is 18-year-old Bunchuai who has already played for Thailand Under 19's against the might of Afghanistan. Although shell-shocked by the experience he remained determined to work on his game and was later rewarded with three "player of the tournament" awards. He went on to lead his San Miguel Thais side to victory in the Bowl competition against men in the 2014 Chiang Mai Sixes.

Junior cricket is flourishing in Chiang Mai and the Hill Tribe Fund is looking after these talented cricketers on and off the field.

If anyone is interested in playing or coaching in Thailand, please contact Richard Cowles – rich@mokodigital.co.nz or visit: www.lannacricket.org

Hungarian rhapsody

By **John Mitchell**

Cricket at The Willows is as strange for **Vendel Egedy** as attendance at a táncház (dance house) in Budapest would be for me. In fact Vendel had never seen a game of cricket or visited The Willows prior to this season. And I've never been to a táncház.

In spite of this, he has been part of a Beck and Caul team effort to transform our Club website and to bring us into the digital age. Gone are the reams of paper and mass mail-outs of old.

It was a pleasure to meet Vendel pre-season to find out more about his background. He is a young man originating from Eastern Hungary. He is passionate about their national game of football; a game he played competitively for five years. His face lit up at the mention of the Mighty Magyar's famous victory over England at Wembley in 1953 (well before he was born).

Vendel graduated in 2005 with a Masters degree in Computer Engineering and Programming from Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary). His first job was with the Graphic Design company Mercus Studio, who in their wisdom offered employees the chance to learn English. This because of the global prominence of English language in the IT industry. Vendel grabbed the chance so in 2006 started learning the language. Check where he is at with it today and see his creative work at **www.thewillows.org.nz**

When his wife Szilvia Szalai gained a teaching position in 2008 in the Conductive Education Unit (for severely intellectually disabled students) at Addington School, Christchurch, the couple started a new life in New Zealand. They now have permanent resident status.

In 2012 Vendel was appointed to a web developer / technical support position with Beck



and Caul. Managing Director John Hammond is delighted with his Hungarian protégé and boldly asserts "he, plus my team of designers, are simply the future of my company".

Moving The Willows forward

- The Club's website plays a pivotal role in showcasing our operation. The homepage is easy to navigate, dynamic and up to date. John's team have brought to it: clear design, a full image gallery and embedded things like the "Latest News" in to the front page.
- In 2013 we have also made a huge transition to update our database. Vendel has been responsible for a lot of the programming behind the scenes which has improved our electronic communication with members.

Vendel's input has certainly been appreciated. He is a young man who thrives on the attractions which New Zealand can offer – he is a keen fisherman, a lover of nature who likes nothing more than to walk the beaches and to enjoy open spaces. He is welcome at The Willows any time. Even if cricket may seem weird Vendel, rest assured, there are some nice country walks out there starting from our perimeter willow trees.

The place of Test cricket in the modern game

Rahul Dravid

(Courtesy of ESPNcricinfo.com)



Rahul Dravid has made a spirited call for nurturing first-class and Test cricket, saying the longer and more traditional formats provide players with the grounding needed to prosper in the newer, shorter versions. The steps Dravid suggested for bolstering

Tests included a more serious consideration of day-night Tests, increasing pay for long-form specialists, a streamlined cricket calendar, and providing more context to matches through competitions like the Test championship.

Perhaps the most radical idea Dravid proposed was for the less successful countries to find a way to involve some of their teams in the first-class structures of more robust cricketing nations, such as a Bangladesh side participating in the Indian domestic season.

Dravid was speaking at the ESPNcricinfo for Cricket event held in London in 2013, part of a series of events held to celebrate the website's 20th anniversary.

While highlighting the primacy of Tests, he acknowledged the benefits provided by Twenty20s, not just financially but with the innovations in cricket it has spurred. Dravid urged people to think beyond pat metaphors like “fast food v fine dining” when comparing the two formats, and, putting forth a more nuanced

explanation of the difference between them, said he believed they could exist alongside each other.

“Test cricket, an older, larger entity is the trunk of a tree and the shorter game – be it T20 or ODIs – is its branches, its offshoots,” he said. “Now to be fair, it is the branches that carry the fruit, earn the benefits of the larger garden in which they stand and so catch the eye. The trunk, though, is the old, massive, larger thing which took a very long time to reach height and bulk. But it is actually a life source: chip away at the trunk or cut it down and the branches will fall off, the fruit will dry up.”

Dravid elaborated that the sustained examination cricketers faced in the longer version helped them, especially youngsters, better understand their basic game. “The fundamental core of every cricketer’s game is enriched by playing four- and five-day cricket,” he said. “By using those well-trained powers of adaptability, discipline, resilience and focus as a T20 cricketer, you will have double the advantage than the player possessed only of talent and timing.

Most of the biggest stars today honed their game over years of first-class cricket, but with the ever-increasing focus on T20, Dravid sounded a note of caution for the future. “We are, I believe, maybe one generation away from reaching the point where our entire youth structures could cater only to T20 without any emphasis on the longer form of the game. By not giving young players a chance to explore their versatility, endurance or even improvisational skills, we will be selling ourselves and our sport well short.”

He argued that more established nations should help out the less-resourced countries, by integrating overseas teams in their domestic competitions. The way ahead was to put aside short-term profit and work collaboratively, he contended, since “we are a very small community and we can’t afford to lose the members of our family”.

Three stumps standing

Author unknown

(article found amongst possessions of MED)

I was interested to read the article contributed to your magazine by “L.C.J.” in the September issue under the caption “Three Stumps Standing”. The following may be of interest to him and other cricketers.

Last year I visited New South Wales to attend the installation of my nephew, W. Bro. Percy Winter as Master of Lodge Cricket. The foundation Master was W. Bro. William Albert Oldfield, internationally known as the wicketkeeper for Australia for many years. I have a programme of the consecration ceremony containing an introductory note about the Lodge which chose for its crest the square and compasses superimposed on three stumps.

The name “Cricket” was selected as the name of the Lodge because its membership consists of Brethren who are interested in the game. Then

again, many of the aims and sporting principles of cricket are synonymous with those of Freemasonry. The word “Cricket” is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word “Cric,” meaning a staff or crook, and this dates its origin from the time when the bat was curved or rounded at the end.

The crest is a reproduction of three stumps or staves and two bails, thus forming a wicket. In the early days the wicket was formed by two stumps and one bail, but about 1775 the third stump was added, thus producing the wicket as we now know it, with minor alterations as regards height and width.

The three stumps or staves represent the Three Degrees in Freemasonry as well as the Three Great Lights; they also represent the Pillars which support a Mason’s Lodge, namely, Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. The two bails symbolize strength and stability.

Cricket has always been regarded as a builder of character, as a means of developing team spirit and of inducing the highest degree of sportsmanship.



▲ Rector of St Bede’s College, Justin Boyle, with the Durham Trophy.



▲ Sparks fly already at Matfen! Amelia Blackett, eldest daughter of Sir Hugh and Lady Blackett with husband Tom Anderson following their wedding at Halton Castle, September 2013.

The history of Indian cricket

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Australia v All-India

1947/48 Tests in Australia

Cricket in India is more than a century and a half old. The game was first played in Bombay by the troops stationed in that city. These facts are Parsee youth, who learnt the game from English recorded by Dr G M Pavri, one of the greatest cricketers produced by India, in his interesting book that tells the story of the development of the game in India from its very inception to the days when Ranjitsinhji revolutionised cricket by the wizardry of his batting. There is a record showing that the game was played in India as far back as 1751, the players being Army men. The Calcutta Club – exclusively European – was founded in 1792, and there is a record of the first match played at Bombay between the Military and the Island in 1797. Five years later “Etonians” met “Calcutta”.

The Oriental Cricket Club, which was founded in 1848, helped to develop the skill of the young Parsee cricketers, and in 1872 the better known Elphinstone School Cricket Club was founded and helped to produce a large crop of Indian cricketers.

It was the Parsee community that sent the first Indian cricket team to England in the early 80's. The name of J M Framjee Patel is famous in the annals of the game in India for the great service he rendered cricket.

It was many years later that the Hindus began to take an interest in cricket and produce players as good as the Parsees. To Lord Harris, Governor of Bombay, cricket in India owes a great deal, for it was he who encouraged the game among all communities and helped to produce some of the clever players of the 90's and the next decade.

The Lord Harris Shield, offered for competition, aroused more interest among the Indian cricketers, mainly in Bombay, and soon afterwards the Europeans met the Parsees in an annual match, while a few years later the Hindus came into the arena to initiate a Triangular Tournament, which some years later developed into the Quadrangular Tournament when the Moslems joined in the fray.

The visits to India of Mr G F Vernon's, Lord Hawke's and Sir K J Key's teams were responsible for creating further interest in the game. When the Parsees at Bombay beat Lord Hawke's XI, which included several first-class county cricketers, one of whom was Sir Stanley Jackson, later a captain of England, a sensation was created both in England and in India.

But this result did not induce even the most optimistic Indian to hope that some day in the distant future an Indian team would be challenging the full strength of England in Test cricket. But slow though the process of evolution was in the development of Indian cricket from mediocrity to first-class rank, the stage has now been reached when India can get together a team of players capable of holding their own with the pick of Australia and England.

A country that could produce a Ranji, a Duleep, a C K Nayudu, a Pataudi, and a V M Merchant was not to be regarded lightly by the older cricket nations. Cricket has become so popular all over India that today it is rightly regarded as a national game.

India has sent four representative teams to England since 1911, while the compliment has been returned by the MCC, who have sent to India two official teams since 1926, in addition to Lord Tennyson's unofficial team.

Australia has also sent two unofficial teams to India, the first being Frank Tarrant's team, captained by Jack Ryder, which toured India in 1935-36; while the second, led by Lindsay



▲ Shereen and Zahira Hussain, our colleagues from Colombo, Sri Lanka, with Paul McEwan.



▲ Maulik Patel hits out for The Willows against Timaru Boys' High School.

Hassett, aroused keener interest in the game all over India by touring that country in 1945-46.

Now, for the first time in the history of international cricket, India has sent an official team to Australia to break new ground and set up new traditions. Indian hockey and soccer teams have already gained renown in Australia and New Zealand. Those who have followed Indian cricket very closely in the past quarter-century expect the Indian cricket team led by L Amarnath to uphold worthily in Australia the best traditions of Indian cricket.

Already the names of Ranjitsinhji, Duleepsinhji and Pataudi are household words in Australia. These three famous Indians have blazed a brilliant trail that Amarnath's men will keep well alight in the coming months. Given fine, bright weather like that of their homeland, and with an equal share of luck, the Indians may be expected to extend Bradman and his Australian team.

Lowest totals in an innings

21 - Mohammedans vs Europeans, 1915
23 – Sind vs South Punjab, 1938-39

Six centuries in an innings

For Holkar vs Mysore in 1945-46: Bhandaikar 142, C T Sarwate 101, M Jagdale 164, C K Nayudu 101, B B Nimbalkar 172, R P Singh 100.

Cricket is in the blood – Cartridge cricketing continuity

By Gary Lennon

Fourth generation cricketing blood was on display again at The Willows when fast bowler Ben Hazlett took the field for Nelson College in February 2014. Ben's great grandfather, the Reverend LE (George) Cartridge, was a "Keble College" Oxford cricketing blue as a wicket-keeper batsman in the early 1920s before emigrating to New Zealand. His son Mike was the vet in Waikari for 32 years and now three of his grandsons have appeared at The Willows.

Ben's cousins, Ben Cunningham and Tom Holden, both from Wanganui Collegiate, played in 2005 and 2009-11 respectively, while James Holden also made the Collegiate XI in 2008. They were all batsmen while the sister of the Holdens, Millie, did follow her great grandfather's versatility being an all rounder for Wanganui Collegiate Girls XI for four seasons, 2009-12. So that the Cartridges do not take all the credit, Ben Hazlett's father, Tony, was a Christ's College 1st XI member 1981-83.

Clarrie Grimmett – spin bowler with a NZ connection

*The extract from Amol Rajan’s book Twirlymen in the last Annual Report proved very popular with our members. We have gained approval to feature New Zealand born “master of spin” **Clarrie Grimmett** and hope you enjoy his story which led to a test debut for Australia aged 33 years. The extract is reprinted with the permission of The Random House Group Limited, ISBN 9780224083232*

It was back in 1905 that the shy little boy at Mount Cook Boys’ School in Wellington was bowling in the nets. Even then, aged thirteen, he was strikingly diminutive, being dismissed as a midget (with some justification), a point of concern to his watching headmaster, a man named Hempelman.

Partly because of his small physique, the boy, who could bowl extremely briskly for his age, also tired quickly. On one occasion, when asked to bowl just one more over in the nets lest he exhaust himself ahead of a match, the teenager brought his arm over again – yet this time snapped his fingers at the top of their arc, causing the ball to turn a yard across the wicket and fool the batsman.

‘Did you do that purposely?’ exclaimed a watching Hempelman. ‘Yes, Mr Hempelman,’ responded young Grimmett.

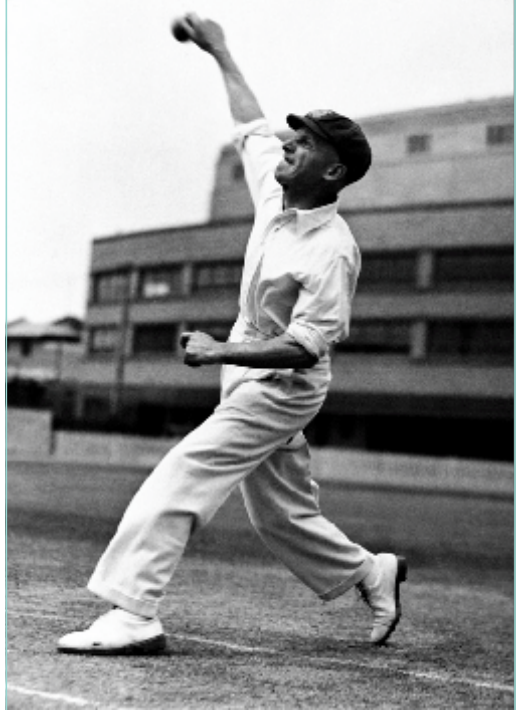
‘That leg-break?’

‘Yes.’

‘You’ve never done it before. Not when I’ve been here.’

‘I can bowl them whenever I like.’

‘I’ve never seen you bowl them in a match.’



‘Oh, Mr Hempelman, I wouldn’t think of bowling them in a match.’

‘Look here, from now on you’re going to bowl leg-breaks. I forbid you ever to bowl fast again.’

In his next match, a fortnight later, Clarence was playing for Wellington Schools against Wairarapa Schools. By a terrible stroke of luck, Hempelman was umpiring on that day, forcing the boy to bowl his less-favoured leg-spin when called on to open the bowling. Clarence had been trying to avoid the captain’s eye, thinking that if he had to bowl leg-spin in public he would forever shame himself, and so hoped not to be asked to bowl at all. Having considered making an excuse, he confronted the reality of trying to bowl leg-spin in a proper match. He ambled in off four paces and brought his arm over, giving it a rip as best he could at the top of the delivery arc. Before very long, Wairarapa had been

bowled out twice, and Wellington won by an innings. Young Clarence's figures were 6-5 and 8-1. The course of his life had changed forever.

This tale of fortitude overcoming adversity, with its sense of the joyfully improbable, captures something essential about Grimmett. If all the best features and eccentricities of Twirlymen through the ages could be distilled into just one bowler, the result might resemble little Grimmett. He was short of stature, with a curious action, and his exceptional Test record came despite – or perhaps because of – seemingly interminable obstacles to his development: his lack of growth as a child, the outbreak of war, the lack of organised sport at technical school (which caused him to give up cricket from the ages of fifteen to seventeen), the stiffness of competition in New Zealand, and, finally, the fact that his native country didn't play is considered close to heresy in Wellington – he relinquished his Kiwi roots and became an Aussie. Born on Christmas Day, he was the greatest present the Kiwis ever gave their neighbours.

From the age of five Grimmett's little fingers would be wrapped round spherical objects – apples, oranges, tomatoes, rubber balls, leather balls, early modern Antipodean kitchenware. And, as he grew up, he took ever more obsessively to discovering the new frontiers of spin bowling. Few players in the history of the game have treated spin bowling more scientifically than Grimmett. His round-arm action, reintroduction of the flipper (along with other associated thumb-generated back-spinners) and brilliantly erudite books make it almost surprising to learn that he didn't take his 216 Test wickets wearing a white lab coat. 'The Fox' is unique in having struck up two great spin partnerships, with Mailey and O'Reilly, despite having only made his Test debut at the age of thirty-three.

His longevity therefore acts as a bridge between eras, and it was his associated stamina that marked him out as being so special. His move from New Zealand to Australia was far from his last in search of success. He started in Sydney,

supporting himself financially with a job as a signwriter. Unable to make a breakthrough there, he moved four years later to Melbourne. But fate seemed to conspire against him: selected to play against an MCC touring side at twenty-nine, and with time ostensibly against him, he was hit on the leg while batting, and left with severe bruising. His bowling was consequently poor, and, by the time he came on to bowl in the MCC's second knock, Jack Hobbs was well set. The master batsman thundered a drive back at Grimmett, badly splitting his third (and spinning) finger. He would hear nothing more from the Victoria selectors for three years.

But still he persevered. Another migration was in order. So, now well into his thirties, he moved to the Prahran district, five miles from Melbourne. In the backyard of his small home he put down a turf mat and started spinning balls, spinning and spinning, hour after hour after hour. First a short distance under-arm, then graduating to over-the-shoulder deliveries at progressively greater distances.

The practice paid off: Grimmett's record for Prahran was phenomenal – but still the Victoria selectors ignored him. He resolved to move again – this time to Adelaide and South Australia, and secured a new job there, only for the Victoria selectors finally to call on him after their three-year silence. In a comeback match for Victoria (ironically, against South Australia) he took 8-86 in the second innings, but so disgusted was he at his treatment that he went through with the move to Adelaide anyway.

This brief chronology gives some indication of what the poor man endured. There were further nuisances, too – when he finally made his Test debut The Times of London referred to 'the South Australian left-handed bowler' – and the impression he gave of being a man who had suffered unjustly for too long seemed apparent in his disposition, which was somewhere between reticent and laconic. And yet when, after long years in the wilderness, he finally made his Test debut, justice would begin to be done. Against England in Sydney for his first Test, Grimmett took 5-45 and 6-37 as England lost heavily.

Mosquito mates meet

By John Mitchell

The Second World War brought men together from different countries and from various walks of life to defend the freedoms we enjoy today.

Two such men, an unlikely pair, were the charismatic Australian test all-rounder Keith Miller and my father Reg Mitchell. They both met in Bournemouth, England in April 1943. They were waiting for a posting to a fighting operational squadron.

With the warmer spring days cricket naturally became a priority for the men from the Dominions. So games were arranged between the RAAF and RNZAF. Keith Miller was the star.

The idyllic peace was shattered one Sunday in April when a lone Focke Wulf 190 bombed and strafed Bournemouth. People were killed. Keith was playing cricket at Dulwich. If he hadn't, he would have been at the pub with his mates enjoying a luncheon beer. Dad remembers Keith as a man who loved the good life of "wine, women and song".

Like the German aerial onslaught, the cricket games stepped up in intensity. Rivalry was fierce. Further invitations for games were arranged. The call went out for a combined Australasian Air Force side. Two Kiwi flyers, in Charlie Ingram from Taranaki and Reg Mitchell, a more than useful "gloveman", were invited to join a group of Aussies (organised by padre Dave Byers and included Sheffield Shield players: Miller, Mervyn Inverarity, Stan Sismey, and John Mann). The team undertook a "wanderers"-type series of matches against other branches of the Armed Services and local School XIs.

As a consequence, a friendship commenced between Keith and my Dad. It wasn't to continue long as Dad was sent for final training and soon after Keith followed. Their paths as pilots



▲ De Havilland Mosquito combat aircraft.

continued down the same path when Dad was posted to the RNZAF 488 Squadron flying Mosquito night-fighters and Keith to the RAAF 169 Squadron flying Mosquito fighter-bombers. Both subsequently gained Kings Commission as officers and chalked up over 100 hours of operational flying over England, France and Germany.

The Air Force careers of our two men had other parallels:

- Both had vivid memories of successful "sorties". Like Dad flying at 15,000 feet at day break seeing the first wave of the D-Day landings on Normandy and Keith involved in a raid to knock out V1 and V2 production sites on the island of Peenemünde.
- Both had "prangs" when they made forced landings due to engine failure. Keith's navigator reckoned his pilot was a bit "nervy" at times (who wouldn't be!) and some landings were a "close shave".
- Both lost mates in dog fights, some by "friendly" ack-ack fire (often American!)
- Both faced discipline censure. Dad had the word "irresponsible" written in his Pilot Record by his CO for an indiscretion and Keith faced fines and hard labour for insubordination and supposedly on one

occasion threatening to “deck” his CO. No wonder he gained the nick-name “Dusty” for his propensity to get involved in dust-ups. Keith reckoned he got off lightly given that his superiors always seemed to like cricket.

- After the German surrender both undertook “tiki” flights over places like the Ruhr, the dams flattened by the Dambusters, Cologne and more. Keith on his tour broke from Squadron formation to fly over Bonn (the home of Beethoven as Miller was devoted all his life to classical music). When he got back to base, late, he again faced further discipline action. It wasn't his first case of going AWOL; on another occasion he took off, without permission, to London to hear the violinist maestro Yehudi Menuhin in concert.
- Both recorded their feelings about the stress of air warfare. Dad privately said he was “shit scared” when on night missions with the poor weather, being “coned”, loss of radio contact, German ground flak, “friendly fire” and the constant threat of JU88's, FW190's, and ME410's. Much could go wrong. Fear and elation went hand-in-hand. Keith went public on it when interviewed by Michael Parkinson on TV. He was asked about pressure on the cricket field. He responded with the classic statement: “They (ie. cricketers) don't know what pressure means. I'll tell you what

pressure means. It is when you have a Messerschmitt up your arse at twenty thousand feet. That's pressure. Playing cricket is not”.

So after VE (Victory in Europe) Day both men went their different ways. Keith went on to play in the 1945 Victory Test series of five “test matches”. Dad remembers going to Lords to see him play before coming home on the troopship SS Andes. Miller went on to play 55 test matches for Australia and become a legend in the game.

Thereafter, for our men it was an inevitable case of lost contact and a friendship over – not quite. Miller always the man with the “common touch” remembered his war scrapes and friendships back then.

Loyal supporter and friend of The Willows Sir Ron Brierley has always honoured our cricket heroes of by-gone days by funding reunions to coincide with test matches played at the Basin Reserve, Wellington. In 1997 he hosted a group of Australian “greats”, including Miller, at the Basin (see photograph). In talking about his past Keith must have mentioned, within the hearing of our late Patron in Perpetuity Mr Walter Hadlee, his RAF Kiwi buddies Ingram and Mitchell from 1943. Immediately Mr Hadlee got on the job, tracked Dad down at his Te Aroha home, and arranged a 90 minute conference call between the two Mosquito mates. A moment of great joy.

Dad followed up by sending Keith prints from his wonderful war photo album showing Bournemouth, airbases and the majestic Mosquito fighters.

A letter returned from Keith. Having just suffered a stroke, he apologised for his frail hand-writing but the charm of the man was still there in his words. In the letter he admits he got away with “murder” in the RAF because of the aura associated with his feats as a cricketer. And his “cheek”! He addressed the envelope to “R.W.Mitchell DFC DSO”. Dad was never the recipient of any such military honour; but Keith always the “hard case” dined out on it.

Keith passed away in 2004 and Reg in September 2013.



▲ Australian 1946 Test Players hosted at the Basin Reserve, February 1997. Back Row: John Oakley (Host), Don Neely, Alan Davidson. Front Row: Ernie Toshack, Ron Hammence, Keith Miller and Ken Meuleman.

Lord Cobham's speeches

A selection from the speeches made by The Rt. Hon The Viscount Cobham, GCMG, TD, during his term of office as Governor-General of New Zealand, 1957-1962. Extracts reprinted with the permission of his son, Viscount Christopher Cobham who has recently joined The Willows as an Honorary Member.

1. Speech at Cricket Dinner, Dunedin, January 23, 1961, titled "PLAY THE GAME FOR FUN"

Every side likes to win, and it is futile hypocrisy to deny it. One takes the field with the idea of outplaying one's opponents. But, in cricket at least, there is an unwritten law that one must never play up to the margin of the rules.

It is a game so terribly easily spoiled; men of mean spirit can make it wilt within half an hour, just as, conversely, the magnanimous gesture makes it flower in its full glory.

I believe that there is a tendency today to underrate the intelligence and the good-sportsmanship of that nebulous but oft-mentioned gentleman, the "man in the street." We are all men in the street. And in all sincerity and in all truth, lover of English cricket though I am, I assure you that I would rather see England lose all five Test Matches than win or draw them by the use of doubtful practices such as bowling wide of the leg stump, or constant appeals against the light, or the use of two slow-walking fast bowlers to waste time.

It is to insult the big crowds who follow games to believe that they want to see their side win at any price. Nor are they deceived by the dramatic and often malicious statements of certain irresponsible organs of the Press, who seek to sow discord between countries, for what reason Heaven alone knows.

2. Speech at Sportsmen's Luncheon, Wellington, February 2, 1961, titled "YOUTH AND SPORT"

For sport is a great character-former; it teaches that self-control which must always precede self-expression, and that gracious acceptance of defeat which is the gold to victory's silver.

Today we see the result of trying to bustle youth through childhood and adolescence into manhood and womanhood. Education is one of the few things that cannot be hurried, although modern techniques may facilitate instruction, for which education is often mistaken. We have turned on the full heat, and the joint looks all right on the outside; but inside it is still red and raw.

In these circumstances, sport and games can and must play an increasingly important part in producing well-balanced citizens. But before we do this, we must see to it that the games themselves don't fall victims to the prevalent evils of selfishness, sharp practice, and greed.

The greatest asset that a country possesses is its youth, and let us see to it that this asset is not any longer squandered. The scores of unhappy young people that one sees slouching about in every big city in the world, their eyes dull and bored and their shoulders drooping, demonstrate the measure of our failure. That is "Youth without Sport."

3. Speech to NZ Countrywomen's Institutes, Wellington, August 2, 1960, titled "GROWING UP TOO QUICKLY"

Childhood needs leisure, but we must all recognise and make provision for the increased tempo of living, which is here to stay, whether we like it or not. I think, then, that religion starts in the home, and that unless it is shared by the whole family, the seeds will soon wither in the children. As I said before, a child is first influenced, I'm sure, by the importance that his

parents place upon anything; it is not unusual for a cricketing father to have a cricketing son.

I think that we are all demanding the impossible from those hard-working, loyal and heroic people – schoolteachers. They are presented with a mixed bag of pupils, of different standards of intelligence and in varying stages of physical and mental development. The discipline that they once had at their disposal has been whittled away by cranks and self-styled psychologists; sin is no longer sin but “maladjustment.” Boys and girls must be treated as plants so tender that criticism must be kept from them and their parents.

4. Speech to Newspaper Proprietors’ Association of New Zealand, Wellington, September 20, 1961, titled “OPINION IS FREE, FACTS ARE SACRED”

A cricket-writer may write “Smith’s captaincy between lunch and tea verged on lunacy; during this time, despite a hot sun and a drying wicket, he never bowled Brown.” Now Brown may have split his spinning-finger, or asked his captain not to put him on because he had a headache.

Wouldn’t it be better either to write: “For some presumably good reason, Smith did not call upon Brown between lunch and tea,” or, better still, try to find out from Smith during the tea interval the reason for his not calling upon him to bowl?

In 1938 I won the toss for Worcestershire and sent the Australians in to bat. For this I was severely criticised by most of the cricket writers in the popular Press, who attributed to me several motives for this “astonishing decision,” none of them accurate. It was said that I wanted the “Saturday gate,” and that, if the Australians were batting, it would be larger. It was hinted that Worcestershire was afraid of being beaten in two days, and thus losing the third day’s gate-money.

My reason was quite a simple one – as anyone could have discovered had they asked me on the ground. The date was April 30; there was still a lot of early morning dew, and two days previously we had held a practice match, in



▲ This superb on-drive for six against MCC perhaps the best shot yet hit by a Governor-General, won Lord Cobham a magnum of champagne in Auckland in 1961.

which Crisp and Perks, our two fast bowlers, had made the ball perform the most extraordinary and lethal changes of direction, both in the air and off the pitch. They both came to me and implored me to put the Australians in if I won the toss.

In the event, however, our skilful old groundsman, Fred Hunt, produced a wicket of such sheer perfection that it seemed a shame to play on it. Even so, we had Fingleton out for 41, Brown for 2 and McCabe for 34, and were not displeased with our morning’s work; the score at lunch-time being about 100 for three. After lunch the wicket was dry, Sir Donald Bradman was in his greatest form, and events moved out of control. Sir Donald made 258.

Years after, Sir Donald Bradman was reported as saying that with two really good fast or seam bowlers, he would always feel inclined to put the other side in in England, since if bowlers are going to get any help from the wicket, it will occur before lunch on the first day.

The Willows Children's Christmas Party

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Fun day: Santa gets a hug from James Docherty, 8, of Christchurch, at The Willows near Loburn during a Christmas event for special needs children. (Photos: JOHN KIRK, JAMERSON YAFFA/NZ)

Santa visit bowls children over

Father Christmas teamed up with Canterbury police, possibly to double check who'd been naughty and who'd been nice.

Just two days out from his biggest night of the year, he left Rudolph and Co at the North Pole preparing for tomorrow night and hitched a ride in a police car to surprise more than 300 happy children in North Canterbury.

With bags of presents under his arm weighing more than he did, Santa visited the Willows Cricket Club yesterday and delivered more than just presents.

Donkey and cart-rides, a bouncy castle, lolly scrambles and the red-clad star of the show are all part of the growing annual event put on by the cricket club for children with cerebral palsy and Down syndrome and their families.

While Christmas came early for hundreds of children, over the fence a serious cricket game was taking place.

All Black Kieran Read joined forces with former All



Welcome visitors: Santa and helpers invade The Willows cricket pitch, watched by batsman Chris Harris.

Black Ben Blair and former New Zealand cricketer Chris Harris for the Willows side, playing their annual grudge

match against a Hawkswood Wanderers team featuring Robbie Deans. Some of the best catching though was

done by the children chasing Santa and his makeshift sleigh around the outfield during the lolly scramble.

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

Minimum of 200 runs / 10 wickets

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
Abbott, R.E.	10	2	155	19.4	120	21	478	15	31.9
Agnew, T.W.	16	5	169	15.4	130	15	499	26	19.2
Allott, G.I.	13	4	109	12.1	131	30	427	30	14.2
Ambler, K.A.	5	1	235	58.8	-	-	-	-	-
Anderson, C.J.	13	1	389	32.4	118	30	319	11	29.0
Banks, R.J.	9	1	204	25.5	11	1	94	1	94.0
Bartholomeusz, C.G.	5	3	272	136.0	8	3	23	2	11.5
Bayliss, R.T.	12	1	248	22.5	-	-	-	-	-
Bennett, J.	31	12	324	17.1	12	1	85	3	28.3
Bisman, C.W.	8	2	318	53.0	81	12	246	19	12.9
Blakely, J.E.	7	1	201	33.5	57	7	159	6	26.5
Bond, D.W.	38	6	1331	41.6	25	1	207	1	207.0
Boock, S.L.	5	2	19	6.3	84	16	252	14	18.0
Boyle, J.G.	7	1	200	33.3	22	0	86	1	86.0
Bromley, G.R.	11	1	267	26.7	34	2	136	6	22.7
Brooks, G.N.B.	12	2	486	48.6	29	2	111	4	27.8
Bull, C.L.	19	4	206	13.7	22	2	103	2	51.5
Burrell, A.E.	13	1	296	24.7	14	1	46	2	23.0
Burrell, D.C.	29	11	834	46.3	112	10	514	15	34.3
Burrell, W.M.	29	6	654	28.4	134	22	524	25	21.0
Burson, R.D.B.	9	3	195	32.5	85	11	249	21	11.9
Cameron, B.W.J.	6	1	59	11.8	74	10	273	14	19.5
Clark, C.R.	5	0	64	12.8	34	6	120	11	10.9
Coffey, S.T.	14	3	529	48.1	14	2	67	2	33.5
Coll, J.P.	17	4	478	36.8	236	22	583	30	19.4
Colvin, G.G.	11	3	152	19.0	67	9	220	12	18.3
Commons, E.	9	1	222	27.8	12	0	72	0	-
Coop, T.A.	9	1	207	25.9	7	0	42	0	-
Cornelius, C.J.	12	1	258	23.5	70	12	248	13	19.1
Cornelius, W.A.	19	4	183	12.2	183	35	540	37	14.6
Courtney, L.	10	4	25	4.2	77	6	379	13	29.2
Cowlshaw, A.C.	14	0	226	16.1	8	1	43	3	14.3
Cusack, D.R.	38	7	1198	38.6	2	0	20	0	-
Davidson, J.A.F.	18	3	483	32.2	8	0	40	0	-
Davis, S.J.	30	8	334	15.2	199	32	757	35	21.6
Deans, R.M.	4	0	220	55.0	15	1	59	2	29.5
Devlin, P.C.	25	6	621	32.7	32	3	140	7	20.0
Doody, B.J.K.	26	2	740	30.8	30	1	148	12	12.3
Doody, T.J.	11	5	32	5.3	144	7	605	24	25.2
Dormer, B.L.	11	2	271	30.1	10	0	53	2	26.5
Dowds, D.P.	30	4	971	37.3	91	4	459	14	32.8
Duncan, P.M.	8	2	308	51.3	19	0	103	2	51.5
Eddington, W.L.	8	1	148	21.1	96	13	366	21	17.4
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-Burnside)	14	5	487	54.1	77	9	298	16	18.6
Ellis, A.M. (Ex-SBHS)	13	4	424	47.1	60	20	168	8	21.0
Fielding, M.D.	21	3	618	34.3	106	18	381	22	17.3
Fisher, T.D.L.	6	4	431	215.5	16	2	77	4	19.3
Flanagan, S.P.	16	2	435	31.1	120	15	421	19	22.2
Fullerton-Smith, A.D.	18	2	681	42.6	13	1	54	0	-
Fulton, P.G.	9	0	362	40.2	34	2	163	3	54.3
Garry, J.R.	10	1	316	35.1	33	0	181	7	25.9
Germon, L.K.	9	3	318	53.0	5	0	50	1	50.0
Gibson, S.D.	30	1	579	20.0	140	17	545	13	41.9

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Goudie, A.J.	5	2	43	14.3	38	3	174	13	13.4
Gray, A.H.	5	1	13	3.3	92	21	228	16	14.3
Grocott, D.J.	16	9	178	25.4	147	35	361	24	15.0
Hadlee, D.R.	9	4	256	51.2	70	19	196	12	16.3
Hadlee, M.J.	6	1	224	44.8	34	10	111	5	22.2
Hadlee, R.J.	4	0	212	53.0	27	5	63	4	15.8
Hamel, M.J.	15	1	366	26.1	88	10	420	12	35.0
Hampton-Matehe, T.M.	15	1	547	39.1	6	0	27	1	27.0
Hantz, J.L.	13	0	315	24.2	19	1	88	7	12.6
Harding, S.C.	7	1	105	17.5	52	10	207	11	18.8
Harris, B.Z.	13	2	323	29.4	81	10	272	15	18.1
Harris, P.D.	61	15	1648	35.8	287	36	1174	51	23.0
Harrison, T.	15	3	514	42.8	-	-	-	-	-
Hastilow, A.J.	20	3	364	21.4	146	17	624	34	18.4
Hastings, B.F.	10	3	235	33.6	9	2	23	1	23.0
Hastings, M.B.	28	4	242	10.1	254	39	987	47	21.0
Hawes, F.C.	28	10	484	26.9	251	39	878	38	23.1
Hawke, M.J.	25	10	759	50.6	143	20	564	25	22.6
Hight, C.M.	16	7	242	26.9	117	24	350	23	15.2
Hiini, B.C.	11	2	276	30.7	70	15	235	12	19.6
Hudson, M.G.	16	1	311	20.7	117	8	525	22	23.9
Humphris, L.A.	13	2	455	41.4	72	5	353	18	19.6
Hutton, O.R.	6	1	239	47.8	36	9	140	7	20.0
Ikram, H.	5	2	56	18.7	83	5	374	14	26.7
Inglis, G.D.	52	10	1231	29.3	132	17	562	25	22.5
Innes, J.T.	15	2	475	36.5	71	11	246	15	16.4
Irvine, B.S.	11	4	107	15.3	104	11	444	7	63.4
James, C.D.	19	0	479	25.2	7	0	46	2	23.0
Johns, A.M.	8	1	286	40.9	17	2	61	4	15.3
Johnston, M.T.	13	4	228	25.3	60	9	213	9	23.7
Johnston, N.M.	8	1	209	29.9	5	1	10	1	10.0
Johnston, T.G.	9	0	200	22.2	84	12	390	16	24.4
Johnstone, A.F.	24	4	350	17.5	17	2	62	6	10.3
Kelly, D.P.	13	5	579	72.4	86	11	250	33	7.6
Kelly, M.J.	15	1	343	24.5	3	0	3	0	-
Landon-Lane, M.E.	18	4	421	30.1	38	3	149	3	49.7
Langrope, S.L.	7	2	222	44.4	-	-	-	-	-
Latham, R.T.	14	3	266	24.2	53	9	175	10	17.5
Latham, T.W.M.	9	2	483	69.0	15	3	56	1	56.0
Laughton, B.L.	9	1	256	32.0	30	1	144	3	48.0
Leggat, J.E.	10	0	232	23.2	18	3	54	4	13.5
Lonsdale, W.M.	12	2	97	9.7	115	23	375	25	15.0
Marsh, J.D.	8	0	127	15.9	78	11	267	18	14.8
Martin, S.G.D.	4	0	48	12.0	33	1	82	11	7.5
Masefield, R.V.	13	5	120	15.0	100	12	372	23	16.2
Masefield, T.J.	14	6	283	35.4	30	8	55	11	5.0
Maw, P.A.C.	8	1	276	39.4	26	3	110	2	55.0
McCarthy, G.P.	28	2	353	13.6	56	1	273	15	18.2
McCarthy, P.B.	18	2	658	41.1	42	5	160	11	14.5
McCone, R.J.	7	1	46	7.7	43	12	100	11	9.1
McConnell, T.P.	9	2	369	52.7	-	-	-	-	-
McEwan, P.E.	53	6	1327	28.2	261	26	1094	54	20.3
McEwan, R.P.	22	6	102	6.4	133	11	565	17	33.2
McFedries, A.G.	23	2	641	30.5	199	24	786	29	27.1
McGillivray, C.P.	6	2	51	12.8	53	9	183	12	15.3
McGoldrick, C.P.	7	1	214	35.7	14	1	86	1	86.0
McGuire, R.D.	30	13	470	27.6	285	29	1144	54	21.2
McIntyre, B.S.M.	9	0	203	22.6	67	10	247	14	17.6

	Inn	NO	Runs	Ave	O	M	R	W	Ave
McKenzie, M.N.	11	2	387	43.0	88	10	374	12	31.2
MacLeod, A.L.L.	5	1	69	17.3	38	5	157	11	14.3
McMillan, D.H.A.	12	4	211	26.4	126	30	419	22	19.0
McRae, A.R.	28	7	630	30.0	85	9	343	12	28.6
Miller, G.A.	27	5	566	25.7	1	0	14	1	14.0
Miller, R.M.	10	3	386	55.1	52	8	174	8	21.8
Mitchell, W.J.	25	3	439	20.0	50	8	156	9	17.3
Morgan, R.	9	2	259	37.0	32	9	113	7	16.1
Nathu, A.	19	1	484	26.9	14	0	87	1	87.0
Nielsen, T.N.	17	4	225	17.3	145	24	521	32	16.3
Noster, S.N.	9	2	373	53.3	58	8	241	5	48.2
Nuttall, A.J.	57	27	673	22.4	732	181	1943	170	11.4
Nuttall, E.J.	4	1	24	8.0	49	10	132	11	12.0
Nuttall, J.S.	7	1	173	28.8	81	14	196	11	17.8
O'Connell, C.P.	8	3	142	28.4	55	6	235	13	18.1
O'Gorman, J.P.D.	12	3	359	39.9	54	6	234	5	46.8
Orton, B.R.	9	5	567	141.8	5	2	15	4	3.8
Parr, M.J.	14	2	331	27.6	112	19	361	21	17.2
Patel, M.	12	1	446	40.5	77	15	285	13	21.9
Pawson, J.D.	23	5	555	30.8	172	30	507	26	19.5
Peacock, M.D.	21	6	400	26.7	223	56	641	43	14.9
Priest, M.W.	8	2	180	30.0	108	21	391	13	30.1
Reese, A.	12	4	83	10.4	122	9	442	16	27.6
Rennell, C.P.	10	0	251	25.1	-	-	-	-	-
Richards, J.M.	11	2	216	24.0	40	6	148	5	29.6
Robertson, I.A.	11	3	498	62.3	91	17	273	8	34.1
Rutledge, P.D.	41	7	364	10.7	13	0	104	1	104.0
Satterthwaite, M.F.	19	0	364	19.2	5	0	30	0	-
Savill, C.M.	33	8	412	16.5	34	0	216	10	21.6
Sawers, A.J.	8	2	269	44.8	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, D.W.G.	11	5	77	12.8	37	1	216	11	19.6
Sparks, L.C.	19	6	164	12.6	217	46	755	39	19.4
Stevens, S.D.	13	5	75	9.4	154	14	749	23	32.6
Stewart, G.J.	16	4	187	15.6	112	14	355	36	9.9
Stone, C.S.	7	0	222	31.7	14	2	38	4	9.5
Stone, M.B.	10	0	134	13.4	65	7	320	10	32.0
Stretch, G.B.	7	1	317	52.8	41	0	202	7	28.9
Tapper, J.H.	14	3	325	29.5	100	28	345	25	13.8
Teale, H.W.	15	3	479	39.9	69	6	362	15	24.1
Teale, M.D.	8	1	114	16.3	58	7	222	14	15.9
Thiele, C.H.	11	3	63	7.9	118	17	438	16	27.4
Thomson, G.L.	29	4	935	37.4	14	0	81	1	81.0
Thorn, L.D.A.	14	2	237	19.8	18	0	106	3	35.3
Thornton, T.F.	19	5	201	14.4	24	0	105	5	21.0
Townrow, W.B.	10	4	59	9.8	90	10	329	13	25.3
Wakefield, D.J.	11	2	261	29.0	79	8	304	14	21.7
Walsh, W.P.J.	6	1	217	43.4	32	5	124	5	24.8
Ward, B.R.	6	1	258	51.6	2	0	12	1	12.0
Ward, J.	15	4	321	29.2	54	3	280	11	25.5
Weeds, M.G.	18	4	400	28.6	4	0	16	0	-
Wellington, B.G.	11	2	159	17.7	106	9	432	13	33.2
Williams, M.L.	11	2	294	32.7	28	0	140	3	46.7
Wilson, R.T.	15	3	148	12.3	66	7	300	10	30.0
Wolt, J.R.K.	17	7	46	4.6	267	30	1126	43	26.2
Wright, M.J.W.	13	4	455	50.6	17	0	72	5	14.4
Yardley, K.J.	13	8	21	4.2	183	21	742	34	21.8
Yock, B.A.	16	3	688	52.9	14	1	79	1	79.0
Younghusband, P.F.	13	3	209	20.9	103	23	331	23	14.4

RECORDS

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
1994/95	13	12	1	-	-
1995/96	17	12	4	-	1
1996/97	17	10	6	-	1
1997/98	21	14	6	1	-
1998/99	18	10	7	-	1
1999/00	19	9	10	-	-
2000/01	23	17	6	-	-
2001/02	21	15	4	2	-
2002/03	21	16	5	-	-
2003/04	22	15	7	-	-
2004/05	22	13	8	-	1
2005/06	26	14	12	-	-
2006/07	26	13	13	-	-
2007/08	27	19	7	-	1
2008/09	25	21	4	-	-
2009/10	26	19	6	-	1
2010/11	24	18	4	-	2
2011/12	26	15	11	-	-
2012/13	28	19	8	-	1
2013/14	26	12	10	-	4
Total	448	293	139	3	13

(For home games by Willows teams)

Aggregate Innings Totals

	Inns	Runs	Wkts	Avg/Wkt	Avg Total
1994/95	13	2,702	105	25.7	207
1995/96	15	2,930	100	29.3	195
1996/97	16	3,007	106	28.3	187
1997/98	19	4,306	128	33.6	226
1998/99	17	3,584	134	26.7	210
1999/00	18	3,128	145	21.5	173
2000/01	22	5,149	162	31.8	234
2001/02	21	4,053	152	26.7	193
2002/03	21	4,304	134	32.1	204
2003/04	22	4,757	170	28.0	216
2004/05	22	4,525	162	27.9	206
2005/06	26	5,506	210	26.2	211
2006/07	25	4,410	210	21.0	176
2007/08	28	6,218	207	30.0	222
2008/09	25	5,688	180	31.6	228
2009/10	26	5,654	208	27.1	217
2010/11	24	5,309	176	30.1	221
2011/12	26	5,133	208	24.6	197
2012/13	26	5,780	196	29.5	222
2013/14	26	5,090	194	26.2	195
Total	438	91,233	3,287	27.7	208

Honours – Batting

(All retired)

K.A.Amblar	100	v Shirley Boys' High School	27.02.05
C.J.Anderson	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v St Bede's College	29.01.06
L.D.Bartholomeusz	101	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	21.02.99
D.W.Bond	102	v Crusaders XI	17.03.01
D.W.Bond	100	v Nelson College	16.02.03
C.J.B.Burnett	101	v Gore High School	30.09.12
A.E.Burrell	100	v St Andrew's College	18.02.96
D.C.Burrell	102	v Ohoka Swamphens	28.01.96
D.C.Burrell	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	02.02.97
D.C.Burrell	100	v Mt Hutt College	14.01.01
W.M.Burrell	100	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	05.03.00
S.T.Coffey	100	v King's College (Auckland)	24.01.07
S.T.Coffey	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
D.R.Cusack	100	v Burnside High School	30.11.03
P.C.Devlin	102	v Nth Canty Secondary Schools	11.03.01
B.J.Diamanti	100	v Marlborough Boys' College	20.10.02
B.J.K.Doody	100	v Christ's College	14.10.01
D.P.Dowds	101	v Burnside High School	07.12.08
P.M.Duncan	101	v Christ's College	16.01.11
T.D.L.Fisher	102	v Christ's College	08.01.06
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	104	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	20.03.05
A.D.Fullerton-Smith	101	v Combined Secondary Schools	25.11.07
D.R.Hadlee	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	30.11.97
M.J.Hadlee	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.98
T.M.Hampton-Matehe	101	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
P.D.Harris	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.03.95
P.D.Harris	102	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
P.D.Harris	104	v Woodbank Wanderers	25.03.01
T.Harrison	105	v Mid-Canterbury Youth XI	10.11.13
O.R.Hutton	100	v Southland Boys' High School	06.03.05
T.Huyser	101	v Nelson College	13.02.11
G.D.Inglis	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04
L.H.Johnston	100	v Otago Boys' High School	28.10.07
R.Jones	100	v Waimea College	24.11.13
D.P.Kelly	101	v King's High School	11.12.11
D.P.Kelly	101	v Bradley Nuttall XI	20.02.13
D.P.Kelly	102	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	10.03.13
D.P.Kelly	100	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
S.L.Langrope	100	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
R.T.Latham	100	v St Andrew's College	26.02.95
T.W.M.Latham	101	v Burnside High School	02.12.07
B.L.Laughton	105	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
H.R.M.McCarthy	100	v Waimea College	27.11.11
P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College	09.02.97
T.P.McConnell	104	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	02.03.14
P.E.McEwan	104	v Flaxton Wanderers	20.11.94
P.E.McEwan	109	v Montana Wine XI	23.01.00
M.N.M.McKenzie	100	v Millbrook XI	25.01.98
G.A.Miller	100	v Clarrie Anderson's XI	01.12.10
R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers	01.02.98
C.Neynens	101	v Waitaki/St Kevin's XI	11.03.12
S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	16.03.08
S.N.Noster	101	v Christchurch Boys' High School	12.09.08
S.N.Noster	101	v Southland Boys' High School	20.02.11
J.P.D.O'Gorman	101	v Christ's College	18.01.09
J.P.D.O'Gorman	102	v Christ's College	12.01.14
B.R.Orton	102	v Otago Boys' High School	29.10.06
B.R.Orton	100	v Nelson College	10.02.08
B.R.Orton	100	v Combined Secondary Schools	30.11.08
M.Patel	103	v Timaru Boys' High School	07.02.10
J.D.Pawson	100	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v Wellington College	27.10.02
I.A.Robertson	100	v South Canterbury XI	03.10.04
H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College	30.01.11
G.L.Thomson	100	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	16.03.97
G.L.Thomson	100	v Christchurch BHS	05.12.99
G.L.Thomson	100	v Shirley BHS	04.03.01
L.van Beek	101	v London NZ CC	25.03.07
W.P.J.Walsh	100	v North West Schools XI	05.12.10
B.R.Ward	100	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
W.S.A.Williams	101	v Shirley Boys' High School	18.03.12
M.J.W.Wright	100	v Woodbank Wanderers	24.03.02
M.J.W.Wright	102	v Woodbank Wanderers	23.03.03
B.A.Yock	106	v Woodbank Wanderers	26.11.00
B.A.Yock	102	v London NZ CC	23.11.08
W.Young	103	v Gore High School	02.10.11
A.Yugaraja	104	v Christ's College	15.01.12

Honours – Bowling

(Maximum 10 overs)

S.Borthwick	6-14	v Dunedin Cavaliers XI	24.01.10
D.P.Kelly	6-16	v King's High School	09.12.12
M.D.Fielding	6-20	v Wanganui Collegiate	21.10.07
G.I.Allott	6-23	v Christchurch BHS	01.12.02
J.H.Tapper	6-30	v Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	14.03.10
R.D.McGuire	6-31	v Nelson College	13.02.11
J.P.Coll	6-32	v Peninsula Craz	10.11.02
A.H.Gray	6-32	v Sri Lanka Tour XI	18.11.12
D.P.Kelly	6-36	v Glimmer XI	23.03.14
A.J.Nuttall	6-38	v Glimmer XI	25.03.12
A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College	24.02.02
R.V.Masefield	5-5	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
A.J.Nuttall	5-8	v St Andrew's College	15.02.98
M.Shaw	5-8	v Shirley Boys' High School	05.03.06
T.D.Astle	5-10	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	09.02.05
G.J.Stewart	5-10	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
J.S.Nuttall	5-10	v Combined North-West Schools XI	04.12.11
J.T.Innes	5-13	v Mobil Oil XI	14.11.99
F.C.Hawes	5-15	v Combined Secondary Schools	23.11.03
W.L.Eddington	5-15	v Timaru Boys' High School	08.02.09
A.C.Maw	5-17	v North Canterbury Secondary Schools	07.03.04
T.J.Doody	5-17	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools	11.03.07
L.C.Sparks	5-19	v Ben Harris XI	19.02.95
A.Reese	5-19	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.11
J.H.Tapper	5-21	v King's High School	14.12.08
J.D.Marsh	5-23	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	02.02.11
W.H.Wright	5-23	v Suburban XI	09.01.11
T.W.Agnew	5-23	v St Andrew's College	23.02.14
T.G.Johnston	5-26	v St Andrew's College	25.02.07
M.D.Peacock	5-25	v Wanganui Collegiate	23.10.05
T.E.Lancaster	5-26	v London NZ CC	26.11.95
W.A.Cornelius	5-27	v London NZ CC	19.12.99
P.F.Youngusband	5-28	v London NZ CC	22.11.09
A.G.McFedries	5-29	v Flaxton Wanderers	26.02.97
M.B.S.McIntyre	5-30	v Otago Boys' High School	02.11.03
B.W.J.Cameron	5-32	v South Canterbury XI	30.09.07
W.A.Cornelius	5-32	v Medbury Headmaster's XI	12.03.00
R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College	16.02.03
M.D.Peacock	5-33	v Shirley BHS	21.03.10
T.N.Nielsen	5-38	v Peninsula Craz	09.11.03
D.J.Wakefield	5-38	v Ashburton College	13/11/11
W.L.Eddington	5-49	v Timaru Boys' High School	25.01.04
M.B.Stone	5-50	v Dunedin Cavaliers	18.01.04

Highest Team Scores (50 overs)

For	371/5	v Timaru Boys' High School	03.02.08
	356/3	v St Thomas of Canterbury College	12.02.14
	354/6	v Combined Country Schools XI	02.03.14
Against	324/4	by Clarrie Anderson's XI	04.11.13
	309/7	by Millbrook XI	25.01.98
	303/8	by Suburban XI	06.01.08

Lowest Team Scores

For	54	v Otago Boys' High School	01.11.09
	62	v Sri Lanka Under-21	14.11.09
	63	v Ashburton College	13.11.11
Against	40	by Combined Secondary Schools XI	25.11.07
	46	by St Thomas of Canterbury College	10.03.10
	51	by Christ's College	14.10.01

Batsmen – 1,000 runs milestone

Season

2004/05	P.D.Harris
2005/06	D.W.Bond
2005/06	D.R.Cusack
2006/07	P.E.McEwan
2008/09	G.D.Inglis

Bowlers – 100 wickets milestone

Season

2005/06	A.J.Nuttall
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Shadbolt Trophy

(Awarded each year for Best Performance by a Junior Willower.)

1994/95	S.J.Davis	3-19	v Ben Harris XI
1995/96	N.Perkins	68	v Motueka Wekas
1996/97	P.B.McCarthy	102	v St Bede's College
1997/98	R.M.Miller	100	v Dunedin Cavaliers
1998/99	C.W.Bisman	100	v Nth Canty Sec Schools
1999/00	J.P.Coll	4-30	v Hawkswood Wanderers
2000/01	A.F.Johnstone	104	v Woodbank Wanderers
2001/02	A.J.Gourdie	6-50	v St Andrew's College
2002/03	R.E.Abbott	5-32	v Nelson College
2003/04	M.D.Fielding	86	v Combined Schools XI
2004/05	K.A.Ambler	100	v Shirley Boys' High School
2005/06	C.G.Bartholomeusz	101	v Wanganui Collegiate
2006/07	S.T.Coffey	101	v London NZ CC XI
2007/08	S.N.Noster	102	v Canterbury Country Sec Schools XI
2008/09	T.W.M.Latham	76	v Burnside High School
2009/10	T.A.Rutherford	7-20	v The Willows
2010/11	H.W.Teale	100	v St Bede's College
2011/12	D.P.Dowds	96	v Suburban XI
2012/13	Not awarded		
2013/14	R.Jones	100	v Waimea College

49ers Cup

(Awarded each year for Most Meritorious Performance by a Secondary School XI.)

1998/99	North Canterbury Secondary Schools XI
1999/00	St Bede's College
2000/01	Marlborough Boys' College
2001/02	Wanganui Collegiate School
2002/03	Shirley Boys' High School
2003/04	Timaru Boys' High School
2004/05	Wellington College
2005/06	Nelson College
2006/07	Christchurch Boys' High School
2007/08	St Thomas of Canterbury College
2008/09	Shirley Boys' High School
2009/10	Otago Boys' High School
2010/11	Christ's College
2011/12	Ashburton College
2012/13	Nelson College
2013/14	Waimea College

Visitor Honours 2013/14 Season

103 (rtd)	T.P.McConnell
101 (rtd)	K.Scott
5-22	A.Halbert

RESULTS

W = win L = loss D = draw T = tie

Home Games

	94/95	95/96	96/97	97-98	98-99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	
Christ's College	W	L	L	W	L	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	
Christchurch BHS	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	L	-	W	W	D	L	W	L	
Hawkswood Wanderers	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	-	D	W	L	W	W
Flaxton Wanderers	W	W	W	L	L	-	W	L	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
London NZ CC	W	W	-	L	L	L	-	-	-	L	-	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	
Ohoka Swampens	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
St Bede's College	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	-	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	
Ben Harris XI	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
St Andrew's College	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	W	W	-	L	W	W	W	
Clarrie Anderson's XI	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	-	-	W	L	-	L	L	W	-	W	-	L	L	
Medbury Headmaster's XI	L	W	W	-	-	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Woodbank Wanderers	W	W	-	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Canterbury U-17 XI	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Peninsula Craz	-	D	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	
Dunedin Cavaliers	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	L	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	
Nth Canty Sec Schools	-	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	-	W	-	
Motueka Wekas	-	W	-	L	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Canterbury Emerging XI	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mobil Oil XI	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wellington President's XI	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Te Awamutu College	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wanganui Collegiate	-	-	W	-	W	-	L	-	L	-	W	-	W	-	W	-	W	-	L	-	
NZ Police XI (Christchurch)	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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South Canterbury XI	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	W	W	-	W	W	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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King's College (Auckland)	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	
Montana Wine XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Combined Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	-	W	-	
Otago BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	L	-	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	
Waitaki BHS/St Kevin's XI	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	W	W	W	-	-	W	W	W	L	W	D	W	D	
Mt Hutt College	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shirley BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	-	
Timaru BHS	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Nelson College	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	
Wellington College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	L	-	-	-	W	-	W	-	W	
Burnside/NW Schools XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	
Former NZ Rep XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	L	-	W	-	W	W	-	L	-	-	
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Southland BHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	W	W	W	L	W	W	D	
Arthur Pitcher's XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	W	W	W	L	-	W	-	-	-	
Albion CC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Mid-C'bury XI (Ashburton)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	D	L	W	W	W	
Kings High School (Dunedin)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	
Auckland Glimmer XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	W	W	L	-	
Kristin School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	
Gore High School 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	W	-	
Waimea College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	-	
Sacred Heart College 1st XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	W	
Wellington Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	D	-	
Bradley Nutall XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	L	
Willows Sri Lanka Tour XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	L	

Away Games

Flaxton Wanderers	-	L	L	T	L	-	L	-	D	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valley of Peace	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawkswood Wanderers	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

International Games

XL40 Club (UK)	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Club (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crusaders (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	W/L	W	W	-	-	-	-	L	W	L	-	-	-	-
Gunnedah Youth XI (Aust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCC Club XI (UK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craigengow CC (HK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bradman Foundation XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honest Trundlers XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Zingari Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	W	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Under-21 XI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-	-	-
Emus Club (Australia)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	-	-



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