



WORCESTERSHIRE Cricket Society

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

SOCIETY 2026 TRIPS

Last season we ran four very successful trips to the one day 50 over matches at Wellbeck CC v Nottinghamshire, Repton School v Derbyshire, Grace Road v Leicestershire and also the never to be forgotten final at Trent Bridge against Hampshire.

For this season we are currently running two trips, there could be more if we should get further in the competitions.

Sunday 7 June – T20 match against Gloucestershire at Bristol

Normal price for tickets for this game is £29 but with a group booking and an early bird discount we can get tickets for £21, cost of the coach will be £20pp, therefore the cost of this trip will be **£41** for cricket society members and £46 for any non members.

Although this is a double header with the women's match being played earlier our match will start at 2.30, coach will leave New Road at 12.00 mid day.

Sunday 9 August – 50 over match against Glamorgan at Cardiff

Normal fixed rate for tickets is £17 but for a group booking we can get tickets for £13, cost of the coach will be £15, therefore the cost for this trip will be **£28** for society members and £33 for any non society members, coach will leave New Road at 8.00am.

Special offer – For any society members going on both trips the price will be **£65**.

Coach – We will again be using Elgar Coaches, their coaches have a toilet on board.

Parking – We only have limited parking at the ground for the T20 match due to another match at the ground that day but no problem for the 50 over game.

Payment details -Trip payments can be made by bank transfer, our society account details are **30 – 99 – 90, 02895442**, please put your name in the reference box.

You can pay Mike by cash or cheque at one of our matches but please do not send cash in the post.

We have already advertised these trips to members who have been on any previous trips and there has been an excellent response particularly for the Cardiff game, if you would like to come on either or both trips please contact Mike **ASAP**.

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SOCIETY AGM

We held our society AGM recently and your committee was confirmed as President – Mike Vockins, Chairman – Allan Scrafton, Secretary – Mike Hitchings, Vice Chairman – Frank Watson, Treasurer – John Meredith, committee members Tricia Dyson, Sue Green, Jerry Thomas and Pete Breakwell.

The club were thanked for their support of our society allowing us to use the Graeme Hick pavilion for our winter meetings, as was John Wright our auditor and all our sponsors.

Membership – Society membership for 2026 / 2027 would remain at £30 single or £40 for any two members at the same address.

Although membership is not due until the 1st. Of October members can renew their memberships at any time to Mike, early renewal is a great help as we now currently have 327 members.

SOCIETY END OF SEASON LUNCH DETAILS

Our very popular society end of season lunch will take place on **SUNDAY 11th. OCTOBER** 12.30 for 1.00 in the Graeme Hick pavilion.

Our guest speaker will former WCCC player and CEO **David Leatherdale**.

Price for this event has been held at £25 pp with members welcome to invite friends or guests.

This event will be organised by committee members **Sue Green and Jerry Thomas** who can be contacted on sue.g9510@yahoo.com

To make bookings please contact Sue and Jerry and if there is anyone you would like to share a table with please let them know, normally a table of eight gives everyone plenty of room.

SOCIETY SPEAKERS

We ended our winter programme with two very good speakers in March, Steve O'Shaughnessey and Andy Moles.

Former Lancashire and WCCC player and now a first class umpire Steve gave us an excellent insight in to his time as a player and umpire while Andy visited several cricket societies on his trip from South Africa and proved to be an excellent speaker also selling quite a few copies of his very good book " Around the world in 40 years ".

Our thanks to our sponsors for these two evenings – **Neil Guy, Hagley Homes ,and Sue Holden , RMS.**

During the year we had a total of nine speakers giving members great value for money.

For the 2026 / 2027 year we are still trying to finalise dates with some speakers but have so far booked the following , October – Chris Cowdrey, November – Richard Illingworth, February – Mickey Arthur and March – Adam Hose.

We hope to have most of our speakers finalised for our next newsletter which should be out in late July.

Also thanks to our excellent interviewers **Frank Watson and Dave Bradley**.

JB 33 FOUNDATION UPDATE

The foundation is now able to start informing supporters of the amazing difference the funding raised for the Foundation is achieving.

This winter they supported a young Afghanistan born player in the Worcestershire CCC under 18 programme after he showed incredible commitment travelling long distances every week and doing everything he could to be part of the team.

Through the support of the JB33 fund a financial barrier was removed and that ensured the continuation of his journey.

Senior academy coach Elliot Wilson said “The funding has made a huge difference “.

Moments like this show what the game is all about – opportunity, community and looking out for one another.

The foundation is reaching out , if anyone is looking for support for an individual or a team they would love to hear from you.

The fundraising continues and there is a calendar of events, you can keep up to date with the fundraising and the difference the Foundation is making on Facebook and Instagram.

Some dates to note are 31 July – Blue for Bakes Day, WCCC V Middlesex 50 over match.

2 August – Blue for Bakes Day – WCCC Rapids women take on Kent at The Josh Baker Oval, Astwood Bank.

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

The Supporters Association is 75 years old in 2026.

The 50/50 competition was not held last year and the organiser Dave Kennedy sadly died last September.

In Dave’s memory the Association is reviving the 50/50 competition this year and it is being run by Dave’s widow Rosemary and John Wright, the Association treasurer.

It works the same as before in that 50% of the money collected is returned as in prizes by way of draws made in June, July, August and September.

Each entry costs £20, please join us this year either by payment by BACS to Worcestershire County Cricket Supporters Association -

20 – 98 – 61, 80985422 or by a cheque sent to John Wright at 1 Bromwich Road, Worcester. WR2 4AD.

In either case please send your name and address to John at his home or by e mail to fairfieldwright@gmail.com ** Our thanks to John Wright for this article.

ROGER TAPPING – RIP

Roger was a member of the society from 1999 – 2019 and was on the societies committee, a lot of members will remember the excellent annual trips that Roger organised so well.

Our condolences to his wife Sheila and their family.

SOCIETY TO SPONSOR TWO PLAYERS

Last season our society sponsored **Gareth Roderick** .

For 2026 we are sponsoring **Henry Cullen** and from the women's Rapids team Dutch international **Sanya Khurana**

DIARY DATES

Monday 18 May – Walkers & Talkers with guest speaker umpire Sue Redfern, meet at New Road between 9.30 and 10.00 for an optional walk with Sue speaking at 11.00, everyone is very welcome to attend.

Saturday 20 June – Memorabilia Day, the second day of the WCCC V Gloucestershire championship match where the society will have a stand selling cricket and other sports books at bargain prices.

SOCIETY SPONSORS

Finally a big thank you our speaker sponsors

Sue Holden of RMS

Revival Health & Wellbeing Centre, Inkberrow

Nadim Aslam, orthopaedic surgeon

Thomas Brothers, Redditch

Neil Guy of Hagley Homes

Gabrielle Bullock of Bygones of Worcester.

PHOTOS

1. Steve O'Shaughnessey with Frank Watson and Dave Bradley
2. Andy Moles with Sue Holden
3. Henry Cullen with committee members Jerry Thomas, Frank Watson, Sue Green and Mike Hitchings

