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ANNUAL DINNER

We are delighted to announce that our guest speaker this year will be Angus Fraser.

It is important that you get your clubs organised in good time for the end of season dinner on Friday 21st September 2007 at the Grand Hotel.

Please let Nikki know your table requirements by the end of July at nikki.holmes@jerseycricket.net

JERSEY GAINS ICC ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP



Jersey has been confirmed as an Associate Member of the ICC following the ICC's Annual Conference last week at Lord's.

After Jersey's success at the ICC European Division 2 tournament in Scotland in 2006, in which they were runners-up to Norway, the side had to play a number of qualifying games in Italy earlier this year in order to meet the strict playing standards required of Associate Members. Having won the series 2-0, Matthew Kennedy, ICC Global Development Manager, and Laurie Pieters of the ICC Chief Executives Committee visited the Island in April in order to further assess Jersey's suitability for promotion. Matthew Kennedy explained, "Our role is to provide a report for the 32 Associate Members for them to discuss the information and it is up to them to make the recommendation to the Annual Conference in June." The ICC inspection report highlighted Jersey's excellent facilities and following this the Members of the ICC voted at their Annual Conference to make Jersey the 33rd Associate Member of the ICC, joining the likes of Scotland, Bermuda and Kenya.

The decision means that local cricket will receive a huge cash injection - which is already earmarked for investment back into the development of the sport - and the potential for the Island to qualify for major international tournaments, including



Excellent facilities at Victoria College

the ICC Cricket World Cup.

Jersey Cricket Board Director Chris Minty said 'We're absolutely delighted. It's all happened very quickly and it's a credit to the way in which Jersey cricket is set up.' He added, 'I don't think it's realistic to think that we would ever push to become a full member, or that we are likely to see the likes of England or South Africa playing in the Island, but if you think about it, Bermuda qualified and played in the World Cup and they have a smaller population than ours. Technically, it could be possible that Jersey could one day be there, too.'

Jersey Cricket Board Chairman Keith Dennis echoed Chris Minty's delight saying, 'We are absolutely thrilled at the news. We have a very good structure in place on the Island and we now aim to develop those structures even further for the benefit of cricket in Jersey.'



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U19/U23 TOURNAMENT DRAWS

UNDER 19 TOURNAMENT IN JERSEY				UNDER 23 TOURNAMENT IN GUERNSEY			
Date	Group	Match	Venue	Date	Group	Match	
June 22 nd	A	Gibraltar v Italy	Grainville	August 13 th	A	Germany v Gibraltar	
	B	Israel v Germany	FB Fields		B		France v Italy
	C	Belgium v France	Farmers				
June 23 rd	A	Gibraltar v Jersey	Farmers	August 14 th	A	Jersey v Germany	
	B	Israel v Isle of Man	Grainville		B		Guernsey v France
	C	Belgium v Guernsey	Les Quennevais				
June 24 th	A	Jersey v Italy	Victoria College	August 15 th	A	Gibraltar v Jersey	
	B	Isle of Man v Germany	Les Quennevais		B		Italy v Guernsey
	C	Guernsey v France	FB Fields				
June 25 th		A1 v B1	Victoria College	August 16 th	Final 3 rd / 4 th 5 th / 6 th	A1 v B1	
		A2 v B2	Les Quennevais			A2 v B2	
		A3 v B3	Farmers			A3 v B3	
June 26 th		B1 v C1	Grainville	Ground allocations to be advised in due course.			
		B2 v C2	Les Quennevais				
		B3 v C3	Farmers				
June 27 th		A1 v C1	Grainville				
		A2 v C2	FB Fields				
		A3 v C3	Victoria College				

COME ALONG AND WATCH INTERNATIONAL CRICKET!

MCC TOUR TO JERSEY by Ian Fletcher

Ian writes for the Independent on Sunday and Scotland on Sunday and was part of the recent MCC tour to Jersey. This is his take on the tour:-

Every year MCC undertakes a tour of the Channel Islands at the end of May and start of June spending four days on both islands. Sadly the first part of this year's trip - Guernsey - was decimated by rain preventing much meaningful cricket but after a boat trip to Jersey and the arrival, belatedly, of some sunshine the cricket trip began in earnest. MCC traditionally play Victoria College which is a treat for the tourists as the school setting is idyllic and the manner of the school team exemplary and competitive. However victory normally belongs to MCC which is preparation for the 'big' Sunday fixture against Jersey Cricket Board.

Jersey batted first on a slow pitch and courtesy of some late hitting by former Lancashire professional Ryan Driver and Bradley Vowden posted a very competitive score of 231-7. In truth it should have been about 50 fewer but two catches were dropped in the outfield by MCC - both proving costly - and another one was held only for the umpire to call no-ball for too many fielders on the leg-side. An annoying mistake by MCC but one that had been in place for two overs so it was doubly frustrating for it to be called on a wicket taking delivery. In reply MCC -failed to impose any aggression on the Jersey bowlers, wickets falling frequently until a lower order flurry briefly gave hope of an improbable victory. It did not deserve one and did not earn one.

The next day MCC recovered to defeat JICC. Their general bowling, fielding and batting was much improved, probably a result of having played some games which has been a major problem across the country since a glorious April. Bad weather has curbed or cancelled too many matches leaving cricketers and supporters frustrated. It was that way for MCC on this always excellent trip. The hospitality and welcome from both islands was glorious and MCC will want victory next year - and some sunshine but don't we all.

LORDS TAVERNERS U13 LEAGUE LATEST

As at 23rd June 2007

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Abandoned	Bonus points		Total
					Batting	Bowling	
St Ouen	3	2		1	2		12
Rathbones OV's	3	2	1		3		11
Springfield	3	1	2		3	1	8
Caesareans	3	1	1	1	2		8
Fairbairn SCF	3	1	2		2		6
Romerils	3	1	2		2		6

CABLE AND WIRELESS SUMMER SCHOOL

More children than ever will be bowling and batting their way through the summer thanks to the Cable & Wireless cricket summer school. The summer school, which has been running for more than 20 years, is proving popular but organiser, Chris Minty, said there are still places available. The cricket school, which is held at F.B Fields, St Clement and at Quennevais, offers participants two weeks of coaching and game play. Children are welcome to enrol for either week or both weeks. The courses are open to players of all abilities and offer children from school years three-eight a great opportunity to learn a new sport. Chris Minty, Director of Cricket, Jersey Cricket Board, commented: "It is fantastic to see so many young people enrolling for this year's cricket school. I think it will be the most popular to date. I would also like to thank Cable & Wireless for their continued support of the scheme."

Mark Briers, Marketing Director, Cable & Wireless Channel Islands and Isle of Man, said: "We are very pleased to be



sponsoring the cricket school again this year, a scheme which, like ourselves, promotes healthy competition. It was a fantastic success last year and I am sure the kids will enjoy it just as much this year." The cricket school will run from 23-27 July and again 30 July-3 Aug. Applicants for the cricket school should contact Jackie Chalker, tel: 500016.

OBITUARY - WALLIE CLARKE

In the late 1980's local cricket was lacking any qualified officials. Most clubs had their own Umpire but it was clear that if Jersey was to keep pace with cricket development there was a need to establish a pool of qualified officials. The Island's recent move onto the international stage has certainly been helped by the number of qualified Umpires that Jersey can now boast. Wallie Clarke not only researched the idea of a Jersey umpires association some 20 years ago but set up the present Jersey Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers. His skills in the classroom produced 22 passes in the examinations prepared by the internationally recognised Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers of which 19 were accepted as full members. For this achievement Wallie received an award from the national association for the most passes gained, in addition, two of his students also receiving the highest number of marks for all of the UK in their respective years. The Laws of Cricket changed considerably in the centenary year 2000 and it was Wally who exercised his analytical skills to identify the maize of changes and produced a paper which made a complicated drafting into a simple understanding. We know Wally's influence will continue to prevail with Jersey Umpires and that influence will be treasured as a considerable legacy. Chris Minty remarked at the founding of JACUS that it would be a several years before the tremendous benefits of Wallie's initiative were felt fully. This was achieved probably quicker than anybody anticipated, and the league cricketers of today take the provision of official umpires at every match for granted. Few can remember the days when players had to take turns at standing for a few overs each whilst playing in the match. JACUS members have many fond memories of Wallie in the classroom and indeed of Heather's tea and coffee breaks during his many lessons.

The Jersey Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers thank Wallie for his substantial contribution to Jersey Cricket and offer their sincere condolences to Heather and family in their sad loss.

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Political Correctness

It seems that you have to be so careful what you say these days as everyone is so sensitive about hurting people's feelings. So called political correctness has led to the end of the days when asking for a black coffee was no more likely to cause offense than referring to your wife as Her Indoors or the Mrs.

I was amazed when someone informed me the other day that the phrase Brainstorming had been added to the growing list of no-no's. Is this true, and if so who says so, and why? I was told that it offends people who suffer from epilepsy, something I find very hard to believe. Who makes these rules and do you think they may ever turn their attention to cricket?

They could surely have a field day, as all the terms used in cricket were created long before the term political correctness had been conceived.

Take for example a fielding position - third man for example. The use of the word man would not be considered appropriate as it excludes women, so would it become third person? Can you imagine the captain telling a fielder to go and field in the third person. This could cause all sorts of literary confusion with people shouting "His" or "Hers", when going for a catch, creating the potential for lots of collisions.

Umpires would have their hands full, issuing warnings for violating of rule 177 a, "For using discriminatory language, that unnecessarily precludes a person or any group of people from active participation in a sport," when players referred to positions by their old names or the new batsman asked for two legs when taking guard for example.

Perhaps it would be best to have fielding positions that describe the people who field there, the names being all encompassing so that no matter what body type or disability, there is a position for you. Obviously positions like Backward Short Leg, Tom Minty's speciality, and long leg, a position I may find myself in, could remain, but most others could be changed. Wicket keeper could possibly be changed to reflect its role more accurately, and become Appeal for Anything and the slips, in Jersey anyway, could be 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cousins. Gully could become Portly which describes the type of person you are likely to find in that position and Silly Point could be known as Expendable.

Other position names could be Suthan, a position that you think there is no chance of the ball going to in the air, but where it always seems to do so; Grumpy, for old people who hate fielding; Dopey for people who always seem to drift from their original position and after every over ask "where was I fielding again?"; Bashful for players who don't like appealing for fear of drawing attention to themselves; Sleepy, for players whose Friday night training went on longer than anticipated; Sneezzy, for sufferers of hay fever and Happy for the type who feels the need to congratulate the batsman every time he smacks the ball for four.

Oops nearly forgot the last position – Brownny: The position on the field that hasn't already been taken and where the ball is even less likely to end up than Suthan.