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OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CRICKET AWARDS

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# FOREWORD BY PAUL TAYLOR

Director of Cricket Participation



I would like to welcome you all to Surrey County Cricket Club and the Kia Oval for the 2017 OSCAs.

This is the 10th time we have run the OSCAs and we continue to be amazed by the quality of the nominations. This year we received a high number of nominations – a reflection of all the hard work that goes on throughout the County. Reading through the nominations reinforces just how important volunteers are to the game in Surrey. From preparing the pitches to making the teas, organising teams to managing extensive facility development projects, the often countless hours of volunteering invested into the club network in Surrey makes a real difference.

I would like to take a moment to thank our award sponsors: Pitchero, Hardys Wines, i-view London, Reeds, Hamro and Fieldbox - their support of this event is much appreciated by the Surrey Cricket Foundation.

Today is a celebration and an opportunity for us to say thank you to each and every one of you who have helped to make the game of cricket what it is today.

Please enjoy the game, enjoy the hospitality, and join us in rewarding some incredible people. It is people like you who make the game so special.

Thank you and I hope you have a great day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Paul Taylor'.

**Paul Taylor**  
**Director of Cricket Participation**

# STEPHEN CHENERY

Master of Ceremonies



I am very pleased to be hosting the Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards here at the Kia Oval.

This will be my first time hosting these awards and it is wonderful to be part of such a special day in rewarding all the fine people who dedicate their time as volunteers to cricket in Surrey.

I have been part of my local club Leigh in Surrey for the past 30 years and have made the odd tea in my time but the aches and pains of playing have finally caught up so I find myself watching and enjoying seeing a new generation of players come through.

I have worked with the Surrey Cricket Foundation closely over the past few years and through my company in the City (Steam Wine Bar & Restaurant) have hosted a couple of dinners for them with guest speakers Graham Thorpe, Mark Butcher and Geoff Miller which has raised funds for the Foundation. I have also had the privilege of interviewing David Gower, Michael Atherton and Michael Holding at Steam Wine Bar & Restaurant and will welcome Sir Ian Botham later this year.

I hope you have a fantastic day, please enjoy the awards and the two matches that follow.

# THE OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO CRICKET AWARDS 2017

The OSCAs are all about taking the time to reward and recognise the dedication, commitment and impact of thousands of volunteers who are helping to shape the future of cricket in Surrey. From organising cricket teas to preparing pitches, coaching players to running the bar, there is no job too small or too big for these men and women who enable cricket in Surrey to thrive.

There are 10 awards to be decided this afternoon. All award winners will be invited to attend ECB national reward and recognition events, representing Surrey in the process.

For 2017, the awards are:

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## DAVID EDWARDS OFFICIATING

**This award is given to officials who raise the profile of good officiating within the county, display enthusiasm when recruiting new officials and build rapport with players to create a positive image of the modern cricket official.**

### Our Nominees

#### **Laura Murphy**

Surrey Association of Cricket Officials

Laura helped set up the Surrey Association of Cricket Officials in 2007 alongside the then Chairman, David Edwards, and Treasurer, John Smith. Laura has worked tirelessly and efficiently as the Secretary under a number of Chairmen until she stepped down in March 2017 due to family commitments. Laura has been extremely efficient and always cheerful as she has served through a period of great change and development in the recruitment, training and development of cricket umpires and scorers. Cricket surveys tell us that players get much more enjoyment from the game when they have competent match officials. Laura has made an immense contribution in making sure Surrey has some of the best organised and trained umpires in the country. The Surrey Association of Cricket Officials feel she richly deserves the OSCA award for her many years of loyal service.

#### **Howard Cohen**

Surrey Association of Cricket Officials

Howard has been an umpire for nearly 40 years, standing at County 2nd XI, Minor County, Premier League and MCC matches. He currently is a Surrey Championship Umpire but also stands in other leagues and competitions within and outside of Surrey. He has happily stood in recent years with new umpires offering assistance in their development. He serves as County and Regional Education Officer for the Surrey Association of Cricket Officials and ECB Association of Cricket Officials in which he coordinates training of new match officials. He has worked tirelessly to promote new ideas about the way umpires and scorers are trained and supported, and is a great servant of the game. He has also coached many

young players and the Surrey Association of Cricket Officials believe is worthy of consideration for this award.

#### **Paul Bridge**

Reigate Priory CC

Paul Bridge has been Reigate Priory CC's 1st XI scorer for eight seasons. Not only an excellent scorer, typically committing both weekend days, he supports the team in many other ways on his own initiative. At the start of each season Paul highlights changes to playing regulations and analyses the impact on the previous year's results and on future tactics e.g. how an altered bonus points system would affect plans to bat or bowl. Every week, without exception, Paul writes a highly professional game report, which reaches the Captain by Saturday evening! It is published in the Surrey Mirror and RPCC Newsletter. Paul writes match day programmes including introductions to opposition players. When a Reigate Priory CC player performs well, Paul will publish data on where the performance sits in the rankings at both Reigate Priory CC and in the league.



## GET THE GAME ON

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This award is given to those who show significant dedication of time and commitment to their club including performing several roles on matchdays. They show willingness to go beyond the call of duty to ensure that all matches are played and motivate players to uphold the spirit of cricket.

### Nominees

**Stephen Marshall (Hindead CC)**  
**Guruparan Ganeshathasan (British Tamils Cricket League)**  
**Kevin Powell (Oxted & Limpsfield CC)**  
**Gill Abraham (Camberley CC)**

**Vicki Howard (Reigate Priory CC)**  
**Chris Truin (Hindhead CC)**  
**Robin Hudson (Brook CC)**  
**Emma Primmett (Ripley CC)**  
**Alister Gregson (Reigate Priory CC)**

### Shortlist

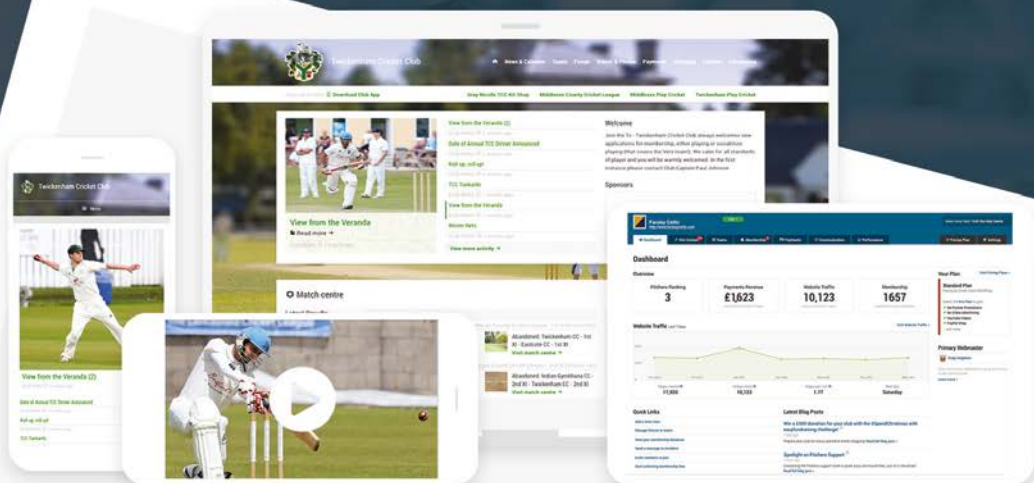
**Robin Hudson**  
Brook CC

Robin Hudson, a Brook Cricket Committee member and Juniors Manager, has been the frontline driving force behind establishing the juniors section since 2013. He has built up junior numbers in the club from an initial 15 in 2013 to roughly 70 today. He ensures teams are included in the Two Counties League (from U9 to U13). The older players will soon form the backbone of a 2nd XI in the l'Anson League. 4 U13s are now playing senior cricket and this number will increase in the years ahead ensuring team rejuvenation and the sustainability of cricket. Robin set up a professional coaching programme for each age group (13 weeks in the summer plus winter nets). He is a strong advocate of the Get the Game On campaign with volunteers and players within club and league. He has recruited parents to match manage each year group and to support him in a range of roles. He makes every effort to ensure all matches are played and fills in any gaps personally. He always upholds the spirit of cricket both in his junior manager capacity but in his senior playing role. An invaluable club asset!

**Alister Gregson**  
Reigate Priory CC

Alister Gregson, Deputy Director of the 500 strong Junior Section of Reigate Priory CC, supervises 3 major training sessions a week, spending many hours at the club. He oversees 50+ qualified coaches and helpers to fully service each age group from U6 to U15. Alister keeps the Junior Section under appropriate control - the children and parents are content and waiting lists are strong. Alister produces the fixture lists, organising complex ground arrangements pre-season to permit 150 home matches; he ensures weekly that pitches are ready for concurrent league games. He runs the weekly BBQ after training with his wife, and attends Youth Section committee meetings. Alister sensitively leads the transition process for junior players into senior teams, stressing the 'Spirit of Cricket' inculcated at junior level. At least 10 of Alister's original U8 junior team (now U18s) have played senior cricket, due to the positive and mature climate Alister has created and the player commitment he has earned. Alister is well regarded within the senior section for the breadth and vitality of his contribution. He is always available to advise

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## GET THE GAME ON

Reigate Priory CC's young players and remains ever-conscious of retention and sustained commitment. Alister is pivotal to 'Getting the Game On' at Reigate Priory CC.

### **Vicki Howard**

Reigate Priory CC

Vicki Howard has had an important impact on Reigate Priory CC for ten years, driving the rise of the female game. She is the women's team captain, a skilful player and committed coach. There are about 20 players in the squad who play 12 matches a season. Vicki is Head Coach and role model for girl players and ensures we have a strong supply of talent for junior teams. There are 108 female juniors, comprising 4 squads (U9s, U11s, U14s, U15s) and 5 teams, playing 40 matches a season.

Vicki is an excellent communicator and ensures a vital flow of information about the female game across this large club, winning support from all quarters. On women's match days she will play, organise transport and refreshments, uphold safety, umpire, and submit match reports.

Vicki demonstrates maturity to defuse difficult situations; she upholds the 'spirit of cricket' and is a key ambassador for Reigate Priory CC in Surrey. Over a long period of loyal service, Vicki has had a significant impact on the number of players (male and female) recruited and retained by Reigate Priory CC for the greater good of the game. Furthermore, she is a torch-bearer for a growing minority sport, accepting responsibility with energy and determination.

### **Stephen Marshall**

Hindhead CC

Stephen has been a member of Hindhead cricket club for 48 years, starting as a youth player, playing in several leagues including the I'Anson at present. He has been the club's groundsman for 35 years, and spends many a working hour at the ground tending the pitch and ensuring that

the outfield is cut down regularly. Steve has been a committee member for a similar length of time and Chairman of the club for the last 20 years. As well as these roles Steve is happy to lend his hand to any chore across the club, including BBQ chef, bar man, and occasional tea lady, and is one of those stalwarts which keep clubs like ours going. Steve is a worthy nominee and Hindhead CC would love for him to be considered for the above award.

### **Guruparan Ganeshathasah**

British Tamils Cricket League

Guru is British Tamils Cricket League's umpire Co-ordinator responsible for organising umpires for entire league matches (24) held within London area every Sunday. This is the main driving force behind the success of British Tamils Cricket League. Logistically it is very challenging task when British Tamils Cricket League find themselves with a lower number of umpires with increasing number of teams. Guru also British Tamils Cricket League Cricket Academy co-ordinator in Surrey. He liaises with parents and organises indoor and outdoor sessions. He successfully organised 28 children as flag and anthem kids for the ICC Champions Trophy opening match at Kia Oval when requested by the Surrey Cricket Foundation. Guru also volunteers for organising league tournaments and awards nights which help drive the British Tamils Cricket League forward.





# HEARTBEAT OF THE CLUB

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The Heartbeat of the Club is awarded to those who show significant dedication of time and commitment to the club. They show outstanding willingness to go beyond the call of duty for the sake of the club and its members.

## Nominees

Dave Andrews (Cranleigh CC)  
Raj Patel (Streatham & Marlborough CC)  
Simon Dibdin (Frensham CC)  
Jon Vocking (Bramley CC)  
Louise Sutherland (Leatherhead CC)  
Dave Woodriffe (Merrow CC)  
Richie Benson (Englefield Green CC)  
Clare Trayner (Oxted & Limpsfield CC)  
Mike MacDonagh (Holmbury St Mary CC)  
Philippa Elburn (Ashtead CC)  
Sue Griffiths (Ashtead CC)

Neel Patel (Kingstonian CC)  
Steve Frise (Cobham Avorians CC)  
Daniel Ellis (Streatham & Marlborough CC)  
Adrian Kent (Grayswood CC)  
Clive Thursby (Tilford CC)  
Richie Back (Englefield Green CC)  
Dolores Trayner (Oxted & Limpsfield CC)  
Edward Heaver (Oxted & Limpsfield CC)  
Ray Wood (Reigate Priory CC)  
Eleanor Deighton (Ashtead CC)  
Oliver Clarke (Walton-on-Thames CC)

## Shortlist

### Steve Frise

Cobham Avorians CC

To summarise what Steve Frise does for the Avorians is impossible. His formal role is “Facilities Manager” – broad enough for us all to cry at virtually any situation “Well I’m sure Steve can pick that one up!” Whether he’s up to his elbows trying to make a mower work, or doing the teas on a Sunday, or taking time to develop a new colts square or even building us a new sightscreen – Steve has become an ever-present fixture at the club and is one of those “behind the scenes people” without whom the club simply wouldn’t function. Steve joined the Avorians in 2000. He started as a volunteer and then acquired his Level 2 qualification to become an Academy Coach in 2008 and became Academy Director for the period of 2010 – 2015. In this time, the academy grew by over 20%, and we see the benefits of his work now appearing in the Avorian adult teams. 2015 didn’t mean retirement by any means – as Steve then picked up the catchall role of “facilities manager” and as such turns his hand to most things over the summer and the winter

that need to get done. His latest project has involved him taking the two level 1 groundsman’s courses in preparation to takeover that role when our long serving current groundsman leaves us. The esteem he is held in by us all is high as was demonstrated when he was inaugural winner of the John Grimwood Cup – given to the Avorian of the Year – in 2015. He is without a doubt the heartbeat of Cobham Avorians CC.

### Simon Dibdin

Frensham CC

For over 20 years, Simon has served as Secretary of the Youth section at Frensham. He ensures young players get properly registered, working tirelessly with the parents to recruit kids and keep them playing cricket through the difficult teenage years. His dedication in this role has enabled a small village club to continue running 4 adult league sides on a Saturday, and a Sunday social side. Currently, at least half of the current senior membership has been through the Youth section in which Simon has played the pivotal role. Simply put, the club could not survive in its current shape



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without Simon. Last year, Frensham were unable to find a new youth Chairman, and Simon nobly decided to take on that role in addition to his secretarial duties. Now, in addition to managing the database of some 250 Youth members, he organises coaching, oversees fixtures and has proved an invaluable new member of the senior Club Committee. Simon achieves all this, despite having a demanding job as a British Airways Purser, which requires him to spend considerable time travelling. His contribution to Frensham and West Surrey cricket is immense; he would be a worthy recipient of this award

## **Jon Vocking**

Bramley CC

Bramley CC are nominating Jon for his tireless commitment and enthusiasm for bring life back into Bramley CC. As Chairman of the cricket club Jon has been the driving force behind the rejuvenating the club. Success include growing the numbers of players in senior teams, securing new sponsorship, refresh and invigorate governance structures, building bridges with local community and getting them involved with the club, securing grant funding for the improvement of facilities, training and equipment and establishing and growing a new colts squad which has grown from 12 in 2015 to over 40 in 2017 with a particular focus on girls which has bought new players to the club, a much needed income stream and an increased sense of community engagement. Without Jon's vision and commitment over the last 3 years, Bramley CC would probably not exist anymore.

## **Eleanor Deighton**

Ashted CC

Eleanor has been part of Ashted for at least 20 years, initially becoming involved when her son started to play as a junior. Over the years she has taken on numerous responsibilities, all of which she executes with calm, precision, common

sense, good humour & boundless energy. She has been one of Ashted Welfare Officers for at least 10 years, bringing wisdom from her years as head of sport at a local school. Eleanor has, for the last nine years, been pivotal in managing and improving the bar facilities in the Club's "new" pavilion. Her patience in training new staff is boundless. As the pavilion has become established as the must-book venue in the village for birthday parties, retirements, wakes, celebrations, fitness classes and numerous other activities, Eleanor manages and stewards the lettings, warmly welcoming hirers if appropriate and usually gaining extra bookings for the Club as a result. Eleanor also assists with cricket teas, 1st XI lunches, pint pulling, BBQ flipping, additional catering, social events and ensuring that the Club's overseas player, living next door, is nurtured, comfortable and fed! She is absolutely vital to the smooth running of the Club, its non-cricket income and status in the village.

## **Oliver Clarke**

Walton-on-Thames CC

Oliver Clarke is a life-long member at Walton-on-Thames cricket club. Whilst for a 28 year old this may not seem uncommon, Oliver's outstanding contribution is that he has and increasingly continues to contribute both on and off the field at a level over and above that of his contemporaries and other more senior members of the Club. Like so many other cricket clubs, we lack the required number of volunteers and financial strength to achieve all that we would wish, so the outstanding behind the scenes contribution of Oliver Clarke has been invaluable in our survival. We are predominately a young club, hence the only contribution of the majority of playing members is to simply play for the club, as and when available, which makes Oliver's contribution all the more significant. Oliver formed the 4th XI in 2013 and captained them, via successive promotions, to the Premier League in 2016. He only left that pivotal role, which was a vital pathway for so many of our younger players, to take on the newly formed role of Head of

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Cricket, which he has undertaken with his usual commitment to the great benefit of the club. The role has significantly increased Oliver's voluntary workload, if that wasn't already enough, making it almost the equivalent of a full time job, which he already has! Walton-on-Thames CC believe that such a commitment and dedication makes Oliver Clarke a worthy recipient of such an award.

## Neel Patel

Kingstonian CC

Neel has gone well beyond his role as 3rd XI captain in recent years. He has taken the lead in using social media and advertising to recruit new players to help the club expand to 6 regular teams. Neel has taken the initiative in researching suppliers and funding and has obtained grants towards two sets of mobile covers, and a mobile batting cage. He has organised pre-season task forces to carry out repairs at the ground, such as fixing fences and replacing the shed. He was the force behind the success of the club first colts section, as he worked with local schools to recruit colts, organised the training for players on coaching and support workers' courses. He has also been persistent in chasing the local council for improved road signs to the ground. He negotiated with Elmbridge Council to give us use of their recreational ground for 2017. He is now actively working toward getting the club up to Clubmark status. So, in summary it is through Neel's

initiative and efforts that the club has expanded its playing strength, started a colts' section and have much better facilities at the ground.

## Philippa Elburn

Ashtead CC

Pip has volunteered since 2002, initially as admin for her son's age group, ensuring all the families felt included whilst also being kit liaison. For the last 10 years Pip has masterminded adult teas, making them or managing deputies which includes inducting teenage girls into the catering fold. The quality is superb and she receives numerous plaudits and job offers from the opposition! She also regularly supplies delicious snacks after 1st XI matches, encouraging all teams, families and supporters to return and munch their way through their glories or sorrows. Over the last two seasons she has organised and BBQ-catered for the growing band of Minis (150 aged 5-9) and their families, helping create a welcoming atmosphere and making Ashtead CC the go-to place on a Friday evening. She cajoles the parents into volunteering too, helping make the Club sustainable. She is instrumental on the Club's Social Sub Committee, seizing the opportunity to organise events, inevitably with superb catering and President's Day each year would not be the same without her stunning cuisine. Without Pip, the Club would struggle to create the incredible atmosphere enjoyed by players, juniors, families, friends and guests.





# LEAGUES

Nominees for the Leagues award introduce new ideas and rules which help and support club captains and players on and off the field, increases the amount of scorecards uploaded to Play-Cricket and understands the needs of players to change and adapt rules and regulations to increase player satisfaction to get more games played during the season.

## Nominees

**Matthew Camp** (South West Surrey Midweek Cup)

**Helen Ross** (Travelbag Surrey Championship)

**David Ackland** (East Surrey Colts League)

**Tony Bennett** (West Surrey Youth League)  
**Mantrulaady Thushaarah** (British Tamils Cricket League)

**Tony Parrett** (East Surrey Colts League)

## Shortlist

### Matthew Camp

South West Surrey Midweek Cup

Oakwood Hill CC would like to nominate Matthew as a result of his great work in developing a vibrant and exciting T20 competition in Surrey over the past 3 years. Matt took over the administration of the South West Surrey Midweek Cup in 2014 and has gone about driving exponential growth from 6 teams to 16 in the space of 3 years. He is passionate about providing opportunities to play and has focussed on keeping bureaucracy and red tape to a minimum in order to encourage participation. This is seen by how he administers the league using technology for things like rule change votes and the like. Working with a truly positive mindset the focus is always on looking at how to make the experiences better for the players and the fact the league continues to grow is a reflection on the work he puts in.

### Helen Ross

Travelbag Surrey Championship

The Championship owes much to Helen who exemplifies the old saying "if you want something done ask a busy person", combining the work she does for the League with the role of chair of Godalming CC. Helen joined the Championship Executive Committee in 2013, primarily to take on

the task of setting up and updating the league's website. Since then she has led the work that we have done to utilise technology in the collection and dissemination of scores, results, news and guidance, as well as upping the League's game in terms of the quality and regularity of its interaction with clubs and players. Technology and the internet are now at the heart of how the League conducts much of its business. The work Helen has put into this change has greatly reduced the workload that was previously placed on others by the use of paper, post and telephone. As well as overseeing the introduction of Play-Cricket as the means by which results are collected and league tables posted, Helen has also taken an advisory role on a key ECB working group charged with improving the quality and functionality of Play-Cricket as a resource for leagues.

### David Ackland

East Surrey Colts League

David is Fixtures Secretary for the East Surrey Colts League and has undertaken the role with great efficiency for a number of years. His attitude to creating fixtures is to give clubs as many games as can be crammed into the weeks available and he uses various techniques to achieve that aim, perhaps creating two divisions with play-offs or using public holidays. He also maintains a flexible





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approach within the league's rules to fixture re-scheduling provided no unfair advantage is created, in an effort to get as many matches as possible played. David has also encouraged the league's drive towards on-line scoring, which leads to more full scorecards being uploaded (in good time) to Play-Cricket.

David also keeps a close eye on the League Cup competitions to ensure clubs keep up with the schedule to avoid over-run and the potential difficulties with finals being played outside the league's boundary dates. David also tends to be the contact point for almost any query that the league's clubs have and, with others, will take sensible and practical views on matters of dispute or rule interpretation. He deals very efficiently with heavy 'email traffic'. He is the mainstay of the league committee and maintains a very positive approach to the main objective of the league - to provide a conduit for clubs to play a large number of games.

### **Mantrulaady Thushaarah**

British Tamils Cricket League

British Tamils Cricket League (BTCL) have been conducting cricket league matches since 2006 among British Tamils. Since inception in 2005, organisers of BTCL have been duty-bound to ensure its future growth and continuity. They also work very hard to make BTCL's effective service continue year after year to our British Tamils and the diaspora. BTCL started its cricket academy program for community kids in 2015/16. This is with the help of Surrey Cricket Foundation to introduce cricket among community kids. This was well received within the community and now we have 40 kids and 4 volunteers to run the academy. This was instrumental to start the sessions in other counties as well. The number of teams within BTCL has increased by 6 this year. To top it all off, a BTCL selected team won the Surrey Interleague Championship in 2016.





# NATWEST CRICKETFORCE



**Nominees create a legacy for their club, not just a short-term effect but also leaving a base for future stability and growth. They use initiatives in gathering support of local and national businesses and recruit a significant number of volunteers from the local community to help out.**

## **David Brown**

Streatham & Marlborough CC

David became a social playing member of the club a few years ago when he enrolled his daughter with our junior section. When we were selected as a national showcase club for CricketForce – David was approached to see if he could assist. What he's done has far surpassed what any of us could imagine. Using his array of contacts and twisting a few arms along the way, he negotiated discounts and freebies for materials, produced a 30-page project plan and arrange for all the materials on the day. What's more, is he has personally donated 3 weeks of his time to the project and continues to do so at the expense of managing his own firm. A truly fantastic effort which made a substantial difference to what we could achieve when on the national stage.





# OUTSTANDING COACHING ACHIEVEMENT

**Nominees in this category have an immediate impact on the development of players, display innovative and inspirational coaching methods which have significantly improved player performance and can design, implement and review forward thinking coaching programmes.**

## Nominees

### Jon Albert

Ashted CC

Jon works tirelessly coming up with innovative concepts and games to increase participation in the U8 age groups specifically. Through his creation of Mini Crickets in 2010 he now coaches over 300 children weekly along with his work at Ashted Cricket Club and Downsend School. Mini Crickets fun, child friendly characters and games now offer after school sessions at over 10 Surrey primary schools and offer holiday clubs also. Jon has a unique manner with children which many parents have not seen elsewhere. He has inspired an endless number of children to fall in love with cricket and displays phenomenal hard work and dedication.

### Asad Butt

Thornton Heath CC

Asad has helped build a solid foundation in Thornton's Heath short time as a community club and has inspired children from all backgrounds to come together and play cricket through fun and engaging interactions. Asad has a rare gift of being able to connect with a child as young as 4 to an adult as young as 34 and explain eloquently almost any shot in the book as well as any delivery that can be released from a bowler's arm. In just under 9 months, we already have 50 members because of his excellent work and we continue to grow largely due to his stewardship as head coach. We now boast having students from a variety of backgrounds, many of whom had no knowledge of the game and are now regulars at the club. This can be largely attributed to his passion for the game and spreading his

knowledge gained from 20 years of playing and coaching. Thornton Heath CC are proud to have Asad as an integral part of the coaching structure at the club which Thornton Heath CC hope will continue for a long time.

### Zed Annan

Cranleigh CC

Zed encourages, engages and includes everyone in both his Under 12's section but also other age groups when they are short of coaches or insight. He has helped other coaches develop and engage with their own groups. He has made a significant difference to Cranleigh CC's U12's confidence and enjoyment of the game of cricket and his belief in becoming a good cricketer begins with a foundation in both the skills and team ethic of the sport. This includes extra nets, clear communication on matches and selection policy and a good understanding of who to use for which ability team to avoid imbalance.

### Fameen Cader

Merton CC

Fameen Cader joined our club as a player and we recognised his cricket talent and appointed him as captain and cricket coach. During his first year of coaching he led the club to the championship in British Tamil Cricket League and since then he has helped the club achieve promotions and the team now plays in the top level of the British Tamil Cricket League. Fameen has excellent coaching skills and he always encourages players and helps them improve their skills.

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# OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO COACHING

The Outstanding Services to Coaching award recognises those who have shown passion and dedication to the development of players, teams, other coaches and coaching programmes. The recipient encourages the development and growth of coaches and shows innovation and inspiration which has significantly increased coaching activity and player participation.

## Nominees

**Peter Roberts (Whiteley Village CC)**  
**Sean Sims (Woodmansterne CC)**  
**Margaret Greig (Englefield Green CC)**

**Les Lawrence (Chessington CC)**  
**Stephen Benbough (Chiddingfold CC)**  
**Stuart Ralph (Frimley CC)**

## Shortlist

### **Stuart Ralph** Frimley CC

Frimley wanted to start a girl's section and although there were some people willing to help, Frimley CC quickly realised coaching girls was very different from boys. The hunt for help began and the club came across Stuart who had been coaching girls at a local Hampshire club. Trying the usual "could you come over for a session and give us some advice" worked well, all the girls were enthusiastic meaning one week turned into two, then a month, and Stuart has now been with Frimley for two years. This year Stuart led Frimley's Chance to Shine scheme specifically aimed at introducing girls to cricket in school and for 2018 has devised a programme of trials aimed at bringing in 32 new children into Frimley CC each year. This would take anyone a considerable amount of dedication, but for Stuart, it is even more inspiring as he is visually impaired. As someone who is visually impaired, Stuart can't drive, so has to rely on buses and walking to the schools across Surrey Heath. Taking inclusivity to a new level all the children are interested, excited and enthusiastic, enjoying the benefits of having a coach demonstrating that cricket is for all and cricket has no boundaries. Stuart is also captain of the hugely successful Surrey Visually Impaired side who won an unprecedented treble last year. However, in coaching, the most important

people are the children, and Frimley CC would like to leave the final piece to the PE Head of Cordwalles School, a school that only introduced girls cricket two years ago in which they said "I thought I would let you know that the Cordwalles Girls Cricket team were finalists this afternoon at the Year 5 and 6 competitions. The Year 5 girls all agreed that they used some of the skills they learnt during their sessions with you. I am really proud of them - last year we came 6th out 8! Thank you for your time with our children."

### **Margaret Greig** Englefield Green CC

Englefield Green started junior cricket in 2013. Maggie, a level 2 coach and ex-player, has been integral to this development through her commitment to coaching twice a week and leading a junior development team in the West Surrey Youth Cricket League. She also manages team availability and communications with parents. Maggie is committed, enthusiastic and integral to the success of the club's junior section. She has made particular contributions to the coaching of girls; her approach, ideas and techniques have significantly helped expand the number of girls participating in cricket at the club. She is an engaging and fun coach, but demanding and uses her first-hand playing experience of the

game in her coaching toolkit – the girls respond well to her. The club has supported Runnymede's girls cricket team in the Surrey Youth Games for 2016 and 2017. Maggie helps manage the team and has led taster coaching sessions for the local Beavers and Girl Guides groups. Maggie is a member of the Coaches Association and has worked to tirelessly to encourage parents to qualify as coaches and helpers in order to improve the club's coaching base. Maggie has made an outstanding contribution to coaching at Englefield Green Cricket Club

### Les Lawrence

Chessington CC

Les has been in charge of Chessington CC's colts section for 5 years now and was a coach for 10 years before that. He has overseen the development of the youth section which is 100% volunteer run from around 60 colts to 100. We have sides in all leagues and age groups and he has overseen the academy side which run a separate training night and encourage the lads at the age of under 16 to 21 to continue in the game and continue to hone in their skills. He has now bought in 'minis' for primary school aged children meaning Chessington CC now have 4 nights a week of junior training and coaching of which Les

is at them all. He also seamlessly sits on selection to ensure the youngsters are promoted to adult cricket, whether that's Saturday league cricket or Sunday friendly cricket as well as playing some cricket himself. You couldn't ask for a more dedicated, organised and most of all club man at your club.

### Sean Sims

Woodmansterne CC

Sean has been the lead coach at Woodmansterne for the past 12 years. In that time, he has barely missed a training session, a match or any meeting. His passion for nurturing and developing young players through the ages of Woodmansterne juniors up to the adult teams has seen the club rise and prosper! His dedication to the club has inspired a number of young coaches to pursue both club coaching and in one case a career in cricket coaching. He is supportive of all his staff and also incredibly welcoming and personable to all at the club. Long and short, without Sean, there would be no juniors at Woodmansterne. He is the life of the junior section and Woodmansterne believe he deserves rewarding for this and for his continued support to the coaches he has brought through the ranks.





# YOUNG COACH

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The recipient of the Young Coach (under 24) award shows commitment to develop the game at grassroots and community/club level, has a clear impact with a local school or club and displays creativity and determination in their development as a coach.

## Nominees

**Hallan Baldock (Frensham CC)**  
**Danielle Gregory (Rowledge CC)**  
**Connor Caprano-Wint (Ashtead CC)**

**Zed Annan (Cranleigh CC)**  
**Aaron Rose (Ashtead CC)**  
**Henry Thorpe (Ashtead CC)**

## Shortlist

### Danielle Gregory

Rowledge CC

For the past 6 years Danni has shown a willingness to assist in the coaching of Rowledge CC's youngsters aged 8 and above. She started by helping the qualified coaches but has progressively taken a more active and lead role. In 2016, she qualified for her ECB Level 2 coaching certificate and in December 2016 became the youngest qualified female coach in England. She now coaches the u10 girls group. Danni coaches both at our winter and summer nets and in the last 3 years she has become a pivotal member of Rowledge CC's girls coaching team and during her time coaching girls numbers have risen to 90. Danni provides not only the coaching but acts as a role model to encourage girls to join the club and be part of our girls group. She makes herself available to help, often inconveniencing herself. Whilst coaching, Danni conveys a sympathetic approach to girls whatever their level. As a highly capable cricketer herself, this ability is a fundamental quality of a coach and enables her to connect with youngsters whatever the level they play. She is an asset to Rowledge CC and we have no hesitation in nominating her for the Young Coach award.

### Henry Thorpe

Ashtead CC

For someone so young, in terms of his coaching career, Henry is a vastly experienced and

outstanding coach. His enthusiastic style endears him to all the young cricketers with whom he works, added to an in-depth understanding of the game. Henry is the Academy coach and Girls' lead coach at Ashtead CC where he coaches four evenings a week, also working with the U8s, U10s, U15s. He also coaches at Maori Oxshott CC as a lead coach. Despite being at university in Manchester, Henry returned each weekend in the autumn to run the winter programme he'd devised for Ashtead, spanning 10 weeks with six different age groups. Additionally, Henry has run the Chance to Shine programme for the last 2 years with local Ashtead primary schools which has been a great success. He has also gained lots of experience working with more elite performers at the In-Touch Academy and Mini Crickets, encouraging young players starting their cricket journey, as he did as a 7-year-old, 14 years ago at Ashtead CC. All in all, Henry is an exceptional and outstanding nomination for this category.

### Aaron Rose

Ashtead CC

Aaron's enthusiasm for cricket and developing young players into better cricketers is founded from his own love of the game. Aaron has been coaching cricket for several years, initially assisting when he could, then becoming a Young Leader, now recently qualifying as a Level 2 Coach. He leads the U6s at Ashtead on a Friday night and is coaching cricket nearly every night of the week, including delivering 1-2-1 sessions for

some of his protégés at the weekend. This year, he's doubled his coaching duties with his first year at University, not only coaching for Ashted CC, where he's played since being an U8, but with Mini-Crickets and In-Touch, for all of which his passion for the game is infectious and inspires the next generation of players. Aaron's coaching style enthuses new and experienced players of all ages as he shares the skills to learn, improve and enjoy cricket. With his confident yet unassuming manner, he quietly and effectively designs and leads sessions which engage the whole group and are fun. His maturity is beyond his years!

### **Connor Caprano-Wint**

Ashted CC

Connor is a Level 2 Coach and is coaching and inspiring young cricketers at every opportunity, he's been helping out coaching for many years at Ashted CC. He currently coaches three nights a week at Ashted, leading the U7s on a Friday night, coaches with Mini-crickets & In-Touch Cricket and is also leading coaching sessions at Downsends School where he's based in his gap year. He is respected by those he coaches and creates an enthusiasm amongst his players of all abilities he is involved with.

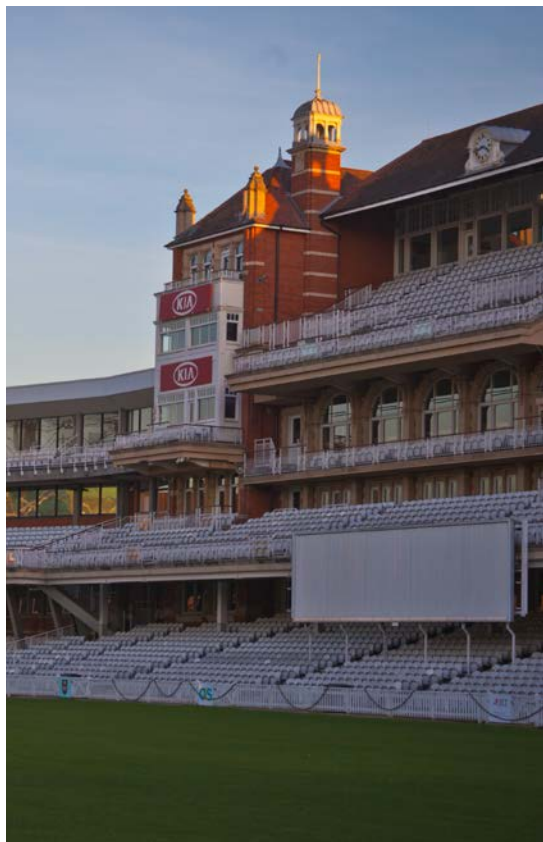
He plans sessions well, stretching the young cricketers always making it an enjoyable and imparting a desire to learn and come back for more. Connor always receives good feedback from club/school parents/teachers who say their sons & daughters really enjoy his sessions and how he is inspiring them to enjoy the game. This nomination is reward for his investment of time and commitment to developing grass roots cricket at Ashted over a period of time.

### **Hallan Baldock**

Frensham CC

Hally started playing cricket for Frensham CC as a 7-year-old in 2005. Since then he has gone on to be a regular 1st XI player and an outstanding all-rounder. He is Captain of the Sunday XI as

well as youth coach. At 14, unable to complete his ECB L2 coaching award due to his age, Hally continued to develop as a coach, assisting with our U/7's age group where he acted as role model and mentor to the youngsters. He continued with his studies, going on to gain a BTEC in Sports Science and at the first opportunity applied for his ECB L2 which he achieved in 2016. He is passionate about the development of young players and he continues to coach, running 1 on 1 as well as group sessions, helping to develop young boys and girls across a spectrum of age groups. He also runs sessions for Frensham CC's senior players. He is a calm, patient and creative coach who can get the most out of people of any age or gender. Hally role models as Captain of the Sunday XI and is instrumental in bringing on young cricketers into senior cricket.







# YOUNG VOLUNTEER

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**The Young Volunteer (16-25) award goes to those who show willingness to use their volunteering experience to help recruit more young people into volunteering roles. They display enthusiasm and drive to increase participation by recruiting and/or retaining players and are responsible, dependable and enthusiastic.**

## Nominees

### **Sophie Hime**

Sinjun Grammarians CC

At Sinjun Grammarians CC we have ended a 20-year hiatus of junior cricket and in 4 years we have gone from 2 juniors to 200 registered juniors. We have specialised in participation, openness, accessibility and have brought numerous juniors into the game that otherwise would have been too intimidated to do so. One of the keys to this success has been the friendly, open approach of our admin/registration team led by the affable, committed and always present Sophie Hime. She has had total buy-in and understanding of the SG's approach to welcome all juniors no matter what talents they possess, what gender they may be, or what background they are from. She has even acquired cloud computer skills to manage the data for an ever growing and changing junior section and acts as a brilliant liaison between the club and the parents, reinforcing notions of community and togetherness. Sinjun Grammarians CC would also nominate Sophie as representative of the whole team of which she is a figure head. Without her and her team's efforts, there would be a huge number of junior cricketers who simply would never have participated in our great game.

### **Ben Rayner**

Woodmansterne CC

Ben has taken on more than one essential role at Woodmansterne CC this year. He has taken over the social media accounts and increased the Twitter following by more than double, he has opened an Instagram account and Facebook account which appear to be very successful

already as they have been used to recruit several adult members and proved invaluable in the recruiting of All Stars juniors! As well as this, Ben is now preparing both the 1st and 2nd pitches every week which is an incredible amount of work and he is happy to do this without hassle. The pitches have vastly improved under his management. Finally, Ben is a valuable member of the coaching staff and is currently responsible for individually encouraging more than 25 juniors to join the club. Those juniors regularly voice their fantastic opinions of Bens coaching.

### **Laurence Piper**

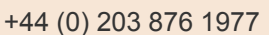
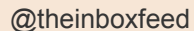
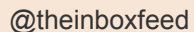
Pyrford CC

Laurence has helped coach the minis at Pyrford CC for the past 2 years. He is never phased by the children's behaviour and is always keen for more. Laurence loves his cricket and even took time out from GCSE revision to support the juniors at the club.





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## LIFETIME ACHIEVER

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The Lifetime Achiever award goes to those who have shown commitment to their club, league, board or local community spanning a number of years. They embrace change and evidence moving the club forward and provide a legacy for the organisation and regeneration in the future.

### Nominees

**Geoff Phillips (Kingstonian CC)**  
**Robin Dibdin (Frensham CC)**  
**Robin Milner (Pyrford CC)**  
**Charles Watts (Chiddingfold CC)**  
**Alan Simpson (Worplesdon & Burpham CC)**

**Roger Welch (Worplesdon & Burpham CC)**  
**Keith Nicholls (Hampton Wick Royal CC)**  
**Alan Hardy (Brook CC)**  
**Richard Laudy (Ashtead CC)**  
**Brian Turner (Walton-on-Thames CC)**

### Shortlist

#### **Roger Welch**

Worplesdon & Burpham CC

Roger has shown himself to be a dedicated servant of Worplesdon & Burpham CC. He was previously chairman of Worplesdon CC and played a big part in making the merger with Burpham CC that occurred in 1999 a successful one. Not only has he played a massive part at the club, still umpiring twice a weekend, and playing occasionally when we're short of players, but he has also helped to reform the Village Cricket League in Surrey. Some years ago, matches were spread across Saturdays and Sundays, with clubs struggling to get consistent availability. So, he helped to restructure the league as a Sunday only league and as chairman promoted the 'spirit of cricket' ethos that is now written into our league constitution. He also helped to recruit a number of new clubs into the league including East Horsley CC, Westfield CC and Loxwood CC. This has led to more matches but more importantly that these matches are played in the right spirit.

#### **Robin Dibdin**

Frensham CC

Starting his club cricket at Churt CC in 1951, Robin played three seasons before moving to Frensham CC in 1954 where he spent the rest of his playing

career. He captained the 1st XI, 2nd XI and 3rd XI in the I'anson/Miller Leagues, eventually retiring in 1992. In 1985, Alan Staves & Sir Donald Limon invited Robin to become Chairman of the Two Counties Youth League where he poured most of his energies expanding the league to over 40 clubs in 4 counties. He was instrumental in taking Two Counties Youth League representative sides on tour to various parts of the country exposing young cricketers to new experiences, with the likes of Graham Thorpe, Ashley Giles and the Hollioake brothers benefitting from his vast knowledge of the game. He is, and has always been, an advocate of making cricket available to all, regardless of background. As a school teacher for over 30 years he was acutely aware of the lack of exposure state school children have to cricket and has, through the Two Counties Youth League made it available to all. Robin remains President of Two Counties Youth League and a Vice-President of Frensham CC and continues to sponsor state school children through coaching courses.

#### **Alan Hardy**

Brook CC

Alan "Rabbit" Hardy first played for Brook Cricket Club in 1949 and has served the club in many capacities every year since then. Alan's enduring



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## LIFETIME ACHIEVER

impact has been off the field serving on the Committee in almost all key roles including, now, as Chairman. Alan is a great motivator and “jack of all trades” ensuring the club functions effectively - from team selection, scoring, umpiring, to pitch preparation and teas! He knows every past and present member and engages with them. Alan is an inspiration. When the club faced huge challenges 6 years ago, he led the charge to reinvigorate it, providing a sustainable legacy: re-establishing cricket at grassroots village level in The l'Anson League, establishing a new junior section (70 players and rising), fostering links with local schools, ensuring sound finances

(including fundraising and long-term sponsors) to invest in facilities and equipment (nets/covers/mower) – all underpinned by a rolling five-year development plan. Rabbit is the passionate heartbeat of the club, repository of stories of club and village, loved by young and old. He never says no and dedicates hours every single day working for Brook CC. Without Alan there would be no Brook Cricket Club: Alan is synonymous with the Club.

### Brian Turner

Walton-on-Thames CC

As a player in the 1970's and 1980's, Brian was an accomplished wicket-keeper and a loyal servant but it was his contribution after his playing days finished that merits such special recognition. Brian became Chairman of the Club in 1992 at a time when it is fair to say things weren't going particularly well. Membership was dwindling, numerous administrative roles within the Club remained vacant and the Junior Section was weak. Over the course of the next decade, this was all to change due entirely to his focus, diligence and, most importantly, his inspirational leadership; this in addition to being Head of Security for Next, based in Leicester! In February 1997, the Club's pavilion was completely destroyed by fire. Almost singlehandedly, Brian managed the relief effort by securing funding from a variety of sources and overseeing the construction of a new building whilst still ensuring that cricket continued to be played in what were obviously very difficult circumstances. His legacy lives on and the Club continues to benefit from the work he started; the premises are impressive, the Junior Section is thriving and the Club now ranks with the best in Surrey. However, none of this would have been possible without Brian's drive and determination over the ten-year period of his stewardship of the Club. He continues to do sterling work for the Club behind the scenes and next year it is hoped that he will, deservedly, become the Club's President. A Lifetime Achiever Award would certainly be a fitting reward for his unparalleled contribution to our Club.







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