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# WELCOME

Welcome to the March 2017 edition of your 'The Essex Cricketer' magazine. Following on from the successes of last year, a winter of hard work has followed to prepare the Club both on and off the pitch for the challenge of Division One Cricket.

Chairman John Faragher reflects upon the events of 2016 but also the winter goings on in Chelmsford, including the announcement of a new ground naming sponsor, as well as the form of various squad members on International duty. Chris Silverwood speaks about the excitement surrounding the whole Club both amongst the players and staff and we catch up with new Strength and Conditioning Coach Harry McQueen about the winter work he has implemented.

Inside this magazine there are a number of features including an interview with England Lions batsman Tom Westley and a season preview with Member Debbie Knight. There is also an insightful interview with sponsor Springfield Hospital reflecting on ankle injuries in sport, specifically cricket.

In terms of publications throughout the year the Media team will be producing a Royal London One-Day Cup, NatWest T20 Blast and West Indies specific magazine. These will keep you in the loop of various goings on around the Club as well as including feature interviews with each competitions star. Alongside that we will be continuing to improve our social media offerings with an emphasis on instant and live content using platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook live. This will keep you in touch with what is going on behind the scenes, instantly.

Last of all, we look forward to welcoming you to The Cloudfm County Ground this season. We hope it is just as memorable as the 2016 campaign.

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**JOHN** FARAGHER

# WELCOME FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

**Welcome to this year's first edition of The Essex Cricketer Magazine which heralds the introduction of the long awaited 2017 season. I'm sure that every one of our members is looking forward to an exciting and successful season.**

Being back in Division One has meant that the winter period, always one of the busiest for the CEO and his team, has placed additional burden on their broad shoulders. A new season brings high levels of anticipation, expectation and reservation, and I can assure you, the Club, players and staff, will be prepared for the challenges this year will throw at us.

On the playing front we have had some players performing in various locations around the globe, and others working hard back at HQ. On the international stage, Tom Westley performed exceptionally well with the Lions, Aaron Beard with England U19s and Chris Silverwood was Andy Flower's deputy with the Lions. These days, cricket, at all levels, is a 12 month business, and we look forward to welcoming the whole squad back to Chelmsford over the coming weeks. They will be together for a pre-season training camp in Dubai in March, where Chris Silverwood will put the finishing touches to his plans for the season.

You will have read that Cloudfm have been introduced as our new ground naming partner. We look forward to what I am sure will be a long and rewarding partnership for both parties.

Considerable time and effort has been devoted to the ground this winter. Stuart Kerrison and his team are working to ensure that The Cloudfm County Ground continues to meet and exceed our expectations. His recent award demonstrates how respected Stuart's work is regarded around the country.

Mindful that the ground development project is still an open item on our business agenda, Graham Childs has undertaken a programme of refurbishment and repair on essential areas of the stadium. These will be clearly visible to all who visit the ground this summer.

Our focus is now very much on the start of the season. Our aim will again be on reaching the Finals Day of the two limited-overs competitions. These are always exciting events for players and supporters alike and I firmly believe that we have the squad to take us all the way this season.

Division One of the Specsavers County Championship presents us with the challenge of competing at the top level. We know we are more than capable of holding our own in Division One. Exposure at this level is something the players have been fighting for, and now, that time is here.

I know just how important a successful Essex is to you and all our supporters. The Club, players and staff thank you for your support in 2016 and we will be doing everything possible to bring further success to the Club in 2017.

Here's to a great summer of cricket at The Cloudfm County Ground and I look forward to the opportunity of meeting as many of you as possible during the season.

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# FROM THE TOP
## DEREK BOWDEN *CEO*

**As another season approaches, the buzz around Chelmsford returns within staff, players and supporters alike. I believe the Club is in an excellent place both on and off the pitch to tackle the 2017 season head on and continue our recent success.**

Following our promotion to Division One a lot of work has been done to make sure the squad and the ground is ready for heightened publicity and interest. As you will have seen the Commercial department secured a very important ground naming partnership with facilities management company Cloudfm Cloudfm have signed a three-year deal and have not only committed a significant financial investment, but they have invested their skills and expertise into tidying up the ground and improving facilities throughout.

In terms of the squad we conducted all our recruitment in 2016 and that will be that in terms of new players coming into the Club. Our planning for 2017 was already in the process halfway through last season as we were confident we would achieve our goal of gaining promotion to Division One. Fortunately, Chris Silverwood and his team managed to achieve that and we were all thrilled.

The players we have managed to bring to the Club are all International quality players who will be huge assets to what we are trying to achieve this season. Neil Wagner is a left-arm seamer who regularly plays for New Zealand and impressed massively for Lancashire in Division One last year. I know Lancashire were disappointed when he get called up early by New Zealand.

To replace Neil for the second half of the season we have Mohammad Amir who is one of the most exciting fast bowlers in the world. It is a real coup to bring him to the Club and we are sure he will shine in both NatWest T20 Blast and Specsavers County Championship cricket. To complement them we have Simon Harmer coming in as a high-quality spin option. He has played Test cricket for South Africa but has also been in outstanding form this winter for his domestic team.

An added bonus will of course be having Alastair Cook available for the start of the season. At the moment, he is definitely going to be around for April and May and after that will be up to the ECB. Our batting strength in depth looks excellent, with a combination of the experience of the likes of Varun Chopra and Ryan ten Doeschate mixed with the younger Tom Westley, Nick Browne and Dan Lawrence.

Reaching the latter stages of both limited-over competitions will again be a goal for the team as doing well in both competitions is always exciting for supporters. Particularly reaching NatWest T20 Blast Finals Day is the aim as once you are there you never know what will happen! Having seen how hard the squad have been working first hand over the winter I am sure we will be ready for the challenges that await us. Maintaining our Division One status is important and I am sure Chris Silverwood and Ryan ten Doeschate will have the squad prepared.

Your support throughout 2016 was outstanding and I hope 2017 can continue to bring success to all our members and supporters. I look forward to seeing lots of you around The Cloudfm County Ground.

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# SILVERS SAYS

**Last season was definitely one full of change and excitement. For my first season as Head Coach I was delighted with how it went, especially gaining promotion from Division Two when only one place was available.**

2016 is in the past now and it is up to myself, Mags (Anthony McGrath) and Ryan ten Doeschate to refocus the squad and get us prepared for the challenge that lies ahead. A real positive was getting all our recruitment for this season done as early as possible so the players knew the plans and squad we would be working with.

The additions of Neil Wagner and Mohammad Amir as our overseas players were both real coups for the Club. Neil is a seasoned international with the ability to swing the ball both ways and take wickets. He did exceptionally for Lancashire last year in Division One and I know they were very disappointed when he was called up for New Zealand duty early. Not only is he an excellent bowler he is also more than handy with the bat and will step into a similar position that was previously held by Napes.

Mohammad Amir is obviously a name known to everyone around the world. There were discussions about his past and that kind of thing but he has served his punishment and everyone deserves a second chance. Ultimately, we are signing one of the most exciting young bowlers in the world and someone that will make a real difference to us. Going forward we want the focus to be on his ability with the ball. He will also contribute with the bat as he has shown recently for Pakistan.

Alongside the two fast bowlers we signed Simon Harmer who will give the team an International quality spin option which is something we required. Last season most teams that performed the best had excellent spin options so it was important this was something we addressed. As someone who has played Test cricket for South Africa, Simon is another excellent signing and a testament to the direction the Club is taking.

The two-limited over quarter-final exits last year were slightly

disappointing and there is definite room for improvement in those competitions for this season. As always we will be targeting both, as opportunities to win silverware and we certainly have the tools available to us that give the team a great chance.

The support from the Members' and supporters throughout 2016 was outstanding and myself and the squad can't really thank you enough. I hope we can continue to bring you excitement and success in all formats during 2017.

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# TENDO TALKS

**As you will be aware by now I will be taking over the captaincy in all formats for the 2017 season. This was a decision that wasn't taken lightly because we felt Ravi did a good job in the limited-over formats last year. Saying that, Ravi is one of the most influential players on the staff on his day and we wanted to give him the freedom to express himself and return to the Ravi of old. If we can get him firing on all cylinders he will be a huge part of the side in all formats this season.**

I was perfectly happy to take over in all formats because I have captained in limited-overs before and it was something I enjoyed. Obviously, we experienced a great deal of success in 2016 in the Specsavers County Championship and hopefully I can begin to transfer that to all forms for 2017. The whole squad bought into mine and Spoons methods and I hope that continues for the upcoming season.

I didn't really feel a burden of responsibility with the captaincy. I think that is maybe the style I am trying to implement; I don't want anyone to feel burdened when they come to play for Essex. We put plans into place and train our hardest and you can't ask for much more than that from the players. My role is to do my homework, find out what gets the best out of the group and work extremely hard. That is how I am going to face captaining all forms and hopefully our success continues.

Heading into the 2017 campaign we are in a good place as we are looking to build on the momentum we started last year. A lot of the boys are in a good place and have had a good winter away. The others have been working extremely hard at all facets of their game in Chelmsford and everyone is excited for the challenge that awaits.

Last season showed how important it is to hit the ground running. There are some very good teams in Division One but we are a good team as well and go into the season full of confidence after a promotion. We are working hard now to make sure we are ready, and believe me, we will be.

All that is left to say is I look forward to seeing you around The Cloudfm County Ground this year. Hopefully we can continue to bring some exciting and memorable moments to supporters over the coming season.

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# WINTER CLUB NEWS

## CLOUDFM NAMED AS GROUND NAMING SPONSOR

**Essex Cricket were delighted to announce a new ground naming partnership with facilities management company Cloudfm.**

Cloudfm is a fast-growing and innovative facilities management company who have made a long-term commitment to the Club by signing a three-year contract. The deal will see The Essex County Ground renamed and rebranded as The Cloudfm County Ground with commercial partnerships such as these pivotal in continually driving the Club forward.

The Colchester based company have made a significant investment into the Club which will see them not only become ground naming sponsors but also refurbish and rejuvenate large parts of the ground. Work has already begun on these changes and most it will be completed by the time Lancashire visit.

Derek Bowden, Essex Cricket Chief Executive, is elated to see the partnership with Cloudfm secured and said: "Cloudfm have shown a real desire from the beginning to not only be a ground naming sponsor but to actively support us in our mission to delight members, supporters, players and our community.

"This is an excellent partnership for the Club and will see a large-scale local business come on-board and be part of an exciting future for Essex Cricket."

Jeff Dewing, Cloudfm's Chief Executive Officer commented: "This is an exciting new chapter for Cloudfm. It promises to be a deep and wide ranging partnership that stretches beyond sponsorship and supports Essex County Cricket Club both on and off the pitch."

Dewing continued: "The partnership offers us a fantastic opportunity to link up with a well-known sporting partner. Our decision to sponsor the Club is based on their strong links with the community, particularly in the development of facilities to encourage participation in cricket, including the women's game, youth cricket and disability cricket.

### OFF-SEASON GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

A new seated, stand will be installed at the Hayes Close End to replace the previous plastic seating area. This has been introduced to give supporters and members a vastly improved viewing area as well as improved comfort. Alongside these improvements there will also be new disabled access and bays making general match day experience much better. This stand has been sponsored by The Boundary Club.

Improved drainage has also been introduced on the pitch and in the front rows of the Greene King IPA stand. This area occasionally suffered from drainage issues and small periods of flooding so these changes will now rule out these issues and improve spectator experience.

Facilities in the pavilion have also been vastly improved with the toilets being refurbished and the doors and windows being replaced. The Premier Suite doors and windows have also been changed so two of our prime viewing areas for members and supporters have been rejuvenated.

After previous announcements about a new ring drainage system at the ground to improve drainage, The Cloudfm County Ground should look fresh and ready to welcome some of the largest counties in the country to Chelmsford.

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# SEASON PREVIEW
## A LOOK AHEAD TO THE 2017 SEASON

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

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### ESSEX

After the success of 2016, Essex now find themselves in the top division plying their trade against the biggest counties in the land. With the likes of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Warwickshire due to head to The Cloudfm County Ground in 2017 there is sure to be a number of exciting encounters in the coming months.

2016 will live long in the memory of Essex supporters as Chris Silverwood completed his first season in charge with a promotion on his CV. Ryan ten Doeschate also stepped up to the role of County Championship captain impeccably making valuable contributions with both bat and ball and leading from the front.

Captain ten Doeschate scored over 1000 runs in the Championship and was joined by Tom Westley and Nick Browne once again. Dan Lawrence continued to fulfil his potential with close to 900 runs including a stunning hundred away at Leicestershire.

Graham Napier had his best season with the ball in an Essex shirt taking 63 Championship wickets while Jamie Porter claimed 50 wickets once again. Porter will lead the attack in 2017 after the retirements of both Napier and David Masters. Porter will be ably supported by overseas bowlers Neil Wagner and Mohammad Amir and young talents like Matt Quinn. Silverwood has a number of tools at his disposal to launch a real assent on Division One in 2017 but of course the primary goal will be staying up.

### HAMPSHIRE

Hampshire will be looking to improve on a disappointing 2016 having only be saved from relegation after Durham's punishment. With a number of exciting talents available and good recruitment over the winter Hampshire will be a team to be reckoned with in 2016.

**Key Man – Kyle Abbott**

### LANCASHIRE

A season of transition saw a number of young prospects emerge including the ever impressive Haseeb Hameed. Glenn Chapple has now taken the reigns and will look to improve on a 7th place finish in 2016.

**Key Man – Haseeb Hameed**

### MIDDLESEX

After winning the Championship on one of the most dramatic days in cricketing history, Middlesex will be looking for more of the same in 2017. With several emerging cricketers in the ranks the future looks bright for Middlesex.

**Key Man – Nick Gubbins**

### SOMERSET

After just missing out on the title in 2016 Somerset will look to go one better this year. With youngster Tom Abell taking the Club captaincy and new recruits Dean Elgar and Steve Davies strengthening the squad Somerset look well place to challenge.

**Key Man – Jack Leach**

### SURREY

With a mixture of youth and experience, Surrey look to be building a squad capable of challenging in the Championship in 2017. The Curran brothers continue to go from strength to strength and Kumar Sangakarra consistently defies his years. New recruits Mark Stoneman and Scott Borthwick will also bolster the ranks.

**Key Man – Mark Stoneman**

### WARWICKSHIRE

After the off-season arrival of Ashley Giles, Warwickshire will look to challenge at the top end of the table after a series of mid-table seasons. With Jonathan Trott and Ian Bell continuing to show their worth and the emergence of Sam Hain, Warwickshire are well set for 2017.

**Key Man – Jonathan Trott**

### YORKSHIRE

Having gone tantalisingly close to reclaiming their title in 2016, Yorkshire will look to avenge the thrilling final day of the season against Middlesex. With an array of young talent and experienced heads, the White Rose certainly have the squad to be in the shake up. It all depends on how they deal with the departure of former Head Coach Jason Gillespie.

**Key Man – Tim Bresnan**

# NATWEST T20 BLAST

## ESSEX

After a quarter-final appearance in 2016, Chris Silverwood's men will look to go one better and reach Finals Day under the stewardship of Club Captain Ryan ten Doeschate. Fans favourite Ashar Zaidi will look to continue to provide fireworks for the Chelmsford crowd while Tom Westley will hope to replicate his form of 2016 after scoring 403 runs. Matt Quinn also impressed with a mixture of pace and variations with the ball whilst Ravi Bopara continued to show his worth with both facets of his game. Mohammad Amir adds real firepower to the attack and Finals Day on 2 September looks a distinct possibility if everyone fires.

## GLAMORGAN

Glamorgan reached the quarter-finals after finishing second in the group largely thanks to the biggest six hitter in the competition Colin Ingram. Unfortunately they went crashing out to Yorkshire in the quarters but are clearly turning themselves into one of the best T20 sides.

**Key Man: Colin Ingram**

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

After thrashing The Eagles in both fixtures last year Gloucestershire cruised through to the quarter-finals at the top of the South Group. Michael Klinger continues to be the star man and will be a threat once again in 2017.

**Key Man: Michael Klinger**

## HAMPSHIRE

After struggling in 2016, Hampshire will look to bounce back this campaign. With Michael Carberry thankfully returning to full fitness after a battle with cancer, the south coast side have a good chance if they start the competition well.

**Key Man: Liam Dawson**

## KENT SPITFIRES

Battle of the Bridge rivals Kent are always a dangerous proposition in the NatWest T20 Blast with several explosive batsmen in their ranks. Sam Billings is the latest to showcase his talents, playing in competitions around the world and alongside Captain Sam Northeast they are a worry to any team on their day.

**Key Man: Sam Billings**

## MIDDLESEX

Middlesex reached the quarter-final stage after two seasons of disappointment finishing bottom of the South Group. With the tools at their disposal this was expected and the return of Brendon McCullum in 2017 will certainly take them a long way to repeating those events.

**Key Man: Brendon McCullum**

## SOMERSET

Even the return of World Boss Chris Gayle could not stop Somerset finishing bottom of the pile along way adrift in the South Group. With the younger players a year wiser and the signing of experienced Dean Elgar, Somerset should perform better in 2017.

**Key Man: Steve Davies**

## SURREY

After just being pipped to a quarter-final berth by The Eagles in 2016, Surrey wasted no time in bringing Aaron Finch back to the Club and signing young English talents Mark Stoneman and Scott Borthwick. With an array of assets to work with, Surrey, as ever, will be a side to be reckoned with, particularly at the Kia Oval.

**Key Man: Jason Roy**

## SUSSEX SHARKS

Ross Taylor returns after a successful individual 2016 campaign but the team will look to improve on a 6th place finish. The signings of Vernon Philander, Laurie Evans and David Wiese could make a real difference while Jofra Archer will look to build on the exciting promise he showed in 2016.

**Key Man: Ross Taylor**

# ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP

## ESSEX

The Eagles replicated their NatWest T20 Blast performance by reaching the quarter-final stage of the competition before losing out to Warwickshire. There has been changes to the schedule again, meaning all group games will be finished by the end of May with the final at Lord's taking place on 1 July. A trophy midseason would certainly give the squad a lift on other fronts and Chris Silverwood certainly has the squad to challenge at his disposal.

## GLAMORGAN

The Welsh side missed out on reaching the knockout stages despite some heroics by South African Colin Ingram. Timm van der Gugten was a real shining light in all competitions and Glamorgan will look to him again to lead the attack.

**Key Man: Timm van der Gugten**

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Despite impressing considerably in NatWest T20 Blast cricket, Gloucestershire couldn't replicate that form in the One-Day Cup. With an array of highly skilled specialists and the firepower of Michael Klinger Gloucestershire will look to improve in 2017.

**Key Man: Benny Howell**

## HAMPSHIRE

The south-coast side just missed out on qualification by one point in 2016 with Surrey sneaking in ahead of them. Tom Alsop showed large promise which led to an England Lions call up, whilst experienced heads Jimmy Adams and James Vince will also look to perform strongly again.

**Key Man: James Vince**

## KENT SPITFIRES

Kent also fell at the quarter-final stage to Yorkshire Vikings after failing to chase the 256 run target set. Daniel Bell-Drummond, Sam Northeast and Sam Billings continue to press their England claims and will look to replicate impressive 2016 campaigns.

**Key Man: Sam Northeast**

## MIDDLESEX

Limited-overs cricket sat very much on the backburner once again for Middlesex as a title assault in County Championship cricket proved the focus. Middlesex failed to reach the quarter-finals and they must make the most of the talent at their disposal in 2017.

**Key Man: Paul Stirling**

## SOMERSET

Somerset reached the semi-final stage before losing out to eventual winners Warwickshire. The Overton brothers continue to underline their promise when they can stay fit and Tom Abell goes from strength to strength. Alongside several experienced heads, the West Country side look well placed to challenge again in 2017.

**Key Man: Jamie Overton**

## SURREY

After reaching the Final, Surrey will be disappointed with their performance as they were skittled for 136 by Warwickshire. With a fine balance between young and experienced players, Surrey are expected to be in the shake up.

**Key Man: Sam Curran**

## SUSSEX SHARKS

Another disappointing season saw Sussex finish bottom of the group in the One-Day Cup. The only positive was they secured one victory in comparison to 2015's zero and The Sharks will look to vastly improve performances in this competition.

**Key Man: Jofra Archer**

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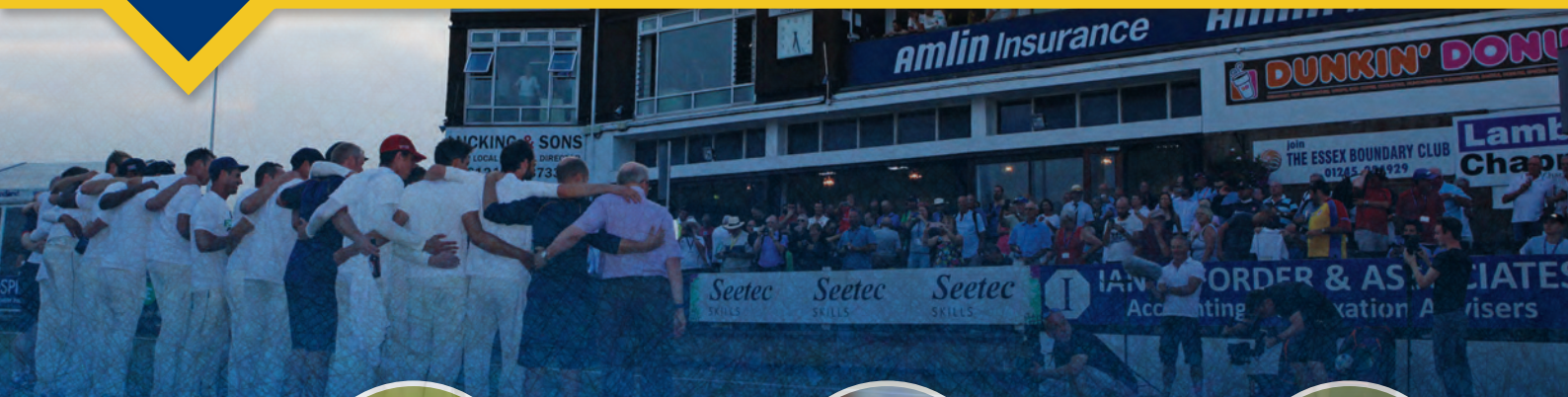


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### Neil Wagner

New Zealander Wagner heads to Chelmsford for the first half of the 2017 season and will be available for selection in both the Royal London One-Day Cup and Specsavers County Championship.

The 30-year-old has represented New Zealand in 29 Tests taking 118 wickets at an average of 28.58 including a best of 6/41. Having also linked up with Lancashire last year and taken 32 wickets in nine matches, Wagner is no stranger to Division One cricket.

Head Coach Chris Silverwood said: *"Neil will bring vast experience at the highest level to the Club, as well as a skill set that will be valuable in the opening months of the season."*

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NatWest BLAST

### Mohammad Amir

Amir put pen-to-paper in November on a contract that will see him play the second half of the 2017 campaign in both the Specsavers County Championship and NatWest T20 Blast.

As one of the most exciting talents in the world, Amir will bring firepower to a youthful Essex attack. Chris Silverwood was thrilled to see the deal completed and said: *"He showed a real desire to be a part of the Club and the fact we have him for two competitions is a real bonus."*

Amir was equally exciting and added: *"I am very excited about becoming part of the Essex family. I am hoping I can carry on Essex's success in 2017."*

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### Simon Harmer

Simon Harmer committed to a one-year Kolpak contract in October and will be available in all competitions during the upcoming season.

As a South African Test spinner, Harmer will offer a valuable high-quality spin option to Chris Silverwood. Also more than useful with the bat, Harmer will slot in lower down the order and look to add some valuable runs to the side.

Chris Silverwood was ecstatic Harmer agreed to join and said: *"Simon is an exciting cricketer who has played at the top level of the game for his country."*

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### Varun Chopra

Varun Chopra returned to the Club from Warwickshire ahead of the final two matches of the 2016 season and will be available for all competitions.

Chopra signed a three year contract with the Club and helped the team secure promotion at the backend of 2016. He will now look to use his Division One experience to help the team maintain their top flight status in 2017.

Chopra did not hesistate when given the opportunity to return and said: *"Essex has always been a special place for me, it's where I learnt all my cricket growing up. I always wished to come back at some stage during my career and this was the perfect opportunity."*

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### Adam Wheater

Adam Wheater returned to the Club on a two-year deal in September and will look to force his way into the reckoning in all competitions during 2017.

The 27-year-old has played over 100 first-class matches and will bring vital Division One experience to the team. Wheater will also offer competition in the wicket-keeping department.

Head Coach Chris Silverwood was delighted to see Adam return to his home Club and said: *"To be able to bring Adam back to the Club on a permanent basis is brilliant for us, he comes into the squad with Division One experience."*

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***City Lunch:*** *In November, we staged a lunch in the City at The Minster Exchange to celebrate the careers of Graham Napier and David Masters. Special Presentations were made to each of the players by the EBC Chairman David Mahoney and President Graham Gooch in appreciation of their magnificent performances for Essex Cricket. A record number of 178 people attended this superb function.*

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The Essex Boundary Club committee were elected at the 2016 Annual General Meeting were as follows: David Mahoney *(Chairman)*, Annie Northfield *(Vice-chairman)*, John Parke *(Treasurer)*, Tony Debenham, David Donne, Leslie Lesser, Peter Northfield and Chris Lewis.

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# AN INTERVIEW
## WITH TOM WESTLEY

**2016 was a campaign that saw two quarter-finals reached and a Division Two title achieved. Nobody was more central to those successes than Vice-Captain Tom Westley who scored close to 2000 runs in all competitions and contributed with valuable wickets as well.**

Westley continues to press for International honours after two successive tours with England Lions and if his run-scoring exploits continue in 2017 he surely can't be far away from joining Joe Root's Test side.

Reflecting on 2016, the 27-year-old said: "Last season was a great year for everyone at the Club. Gaining promotion was the number one goal and we achieved that so we were all happy."

A new challenge awaits though, and the Club Vice-Captain was clear in his message that the sides aims have been outlined and the team are refocused.

He insisted: "The past is the past now and Ryan (ten Doeschate) and Spoons (Chris Silverwood) have been very clear with us that another challenge is ahead.

"We are all excited about the challenge because a large amount of the squad have been performing well in Division Two but perhaps haven't received the honours we may deserve because of that Division Two stigma.

"Nick Browne, Jamie Porter, Dan Lawrence and I, among others, are beginning to show real consistency. Now we have a chance to show what we can do in the top division and who knows where that will take us. Our belief is very much if Essex are performing well then everything else will take care of itself and that is the way it will stay."

Head Coach Chris Silverwood, Chief Executive Derek Bowden, Chairman John Faragher and Chairman of the Cricket Advisory Group Ronnie Irani have not rested on their laurels, though with much of the planning for 2017 being in place in the middle of 2016.

Neil Wagner, Mohammad Amir and Simon Harmer have arrived giving the side more bowling options and Westley is fully behind the work that has been done.

He added: "The recruitment from the Club has been excellent with experienced internationals being brought into the squad. With Wheats (Adam Wheater) and Chops (Varun Chopra) coming back as well we are well placed on all fronts so hopefully we can mount a challenge in all competitions in 2017.

"Alongside that, the togetherness and mentality of the group is exceptional. Tendo and myself are really keen on setting an example in how hard we work and leading in that way. Fortunately we have a group that have followed that lead and hopefully that continues in 2017."

Westley recently returned from an England Lions tour to Sri Lanka impressing considerably and he is a firm believer in experiencing new conditions to improve.

"I have felt the benefit of going abroad during the last couple of winters. Working with England Lions gives me the opportunity to surround myself with excellent players who I can learn from and train with.

"Experiencing different conditions also develops your game both from a technical and mental aspect. Hopefully that will stand me in good stead for an exciting 2017 with Essex," he finished.

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# AN INTERVIEW
## WITH HARRY MCQUEEN

**Many believe that the winter after a cricket season is relaxed and the doors shut until April arrives again. This couldn't be further from the case for players and staff, with the hard work continuing during the dark months of December.**

None have had to work harder than new Strength and Conditioning Coach Harry McQueen who was promoted from Assistant following Connor Browne's departure. Getting the players prepared for the season ahead is no easy task and Harry has had to stamp his authority on the role from Day One. The Essex Cricketer caught up with Harry once he had a rare down day.

**The Essex Cricketer: Congratulations first of all on the new role Harry, how have you found the first few months?**

HM: I have loved every minute of it so far. I have been fortunate enough to be involved with the squad for the last two or three years so fortunately there was no real bedding in process. I know the players and how they work so the transition has been fairly seamless. Now it is just a case of stamping my authority on the role and adjusting little things here and there.

**TEC: What sort of things will you be changing?**

HM: To be honest a lot of the work that has been done before has been excellent and helped the squad be successful. I am keen to adjust little things to make each plan more personal to every squad member. Other than that we are just looking to get the players fitter and stronger than ever to make sure they are prepared for the season ahead.

**TEC: How have the squad been training over the winter?**

HM: The lads have been training exceptionally hard. We gave them a month or so off after last season to relax and be with their families. But since then those in the country have been in four days a week working on their fitness, strength and cricket skills. We have also had them sprinting at Melbourne Athletics Track which has really improved their explosive movements and fitness.

**TEC: With a number of younger players abroad do you set them programmes to follow for the winter?**

HM: We advise them to follow a programme similar to what they would do here. Luckily the standard of cricket they are playing throughout the winter is very high and each club takes fitness and health very seriously. We also trust each player to stay on top of their fitness and stick to a healthy diet. Obviously we understand they have to enjoy themselves but they also have to be ready for the season going forward.

**TEC: Finally, what are your goals for the season ahead?**

HM: From a personal point of view I want to get the players as fit and strong as possible so they are ready for the demands of a full season. The squad avoiding injury is paramount to me so Chris Silverwood and the coaching team have a full squad to choose from. It is an exciting year for the Club and to be honest I feel privileged to be part of it and working with this squad on a day to day basis.

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# FOOT AND ANKLE
## INJURIES IN CRICKET

**Foot and ankle injuries are one of the most common types of sports injuries seen in cricketers. This is thought to be related to the dexterity and speed in change of direction required to play the game to a high level. In this article Mr Roland Russell FRCS, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon specialising in foot and ankle disorders at Springfield Hospital, explains more about these types of injuries and their management.**

It is clear from newspaper coverage that international cricketers have been frequently sidelined with foot and ankle injuries with varying lengths of time out of the game, dependent on the severity of the injury. Research has shown that fast bowlers may be particularly prone to foot and ankle injuries due to the high stresses encountered in the lower limb during a match. Hurrion et al (2000) established impact forces up to 2.37 times the body weight and 5.7 times body weight for the back and front foot respectively during the delivery stride for fast bowlers which supports studies that show 11% of injuries in fast bowlers are related to the foot and ankle.

Common foot and ankle injuries seen in cricketers:-

### ANKLE LIGAMENT INJURIES

These are one of the most common foot and ankle injuries in cricketers. Often caused by twisting the ankle, patients will present with ankle pain and swelling. The most common is the lateral (outer) ligament tear, although the deltoid (inner) ligament and sometimes the syndesmotic ligaments (the so called high ankle sprain) may be damaged. Most ligament injuries of the ankle are treated conservatively. Surgery is required for persistent instability and involves a double breasted repair (brostrum) or occasionally an augmented tendon repair. Syndesmotic injuries require immediate assessment and dependent on grade will require immobilisation or surgical repair.

### ACHILLES' TENDON DISORDERS

These comprise of two main groups of disorders; tendonitis (inflammation of the tendon) and tendonopathy (degeneration of the tendon). Treatment for these conditions is normally initially conservative with physiotherapy which may be supplemented with ultrasound therapy, image guided steroid injections and/or shock wave therapy. Surgery may be required in resistant cases that may involve debridement or tendon transfer (a tendon taken from elsewhere and used to replace the function of the damaged tendon).

Achilles' tendon rupture is widely treated with serial casting under close supervision.

Surgery is recommended if there is a significant gap in the tendon edges on ultrasound scan and this is normally a direct tendon repair. In delayed presentations a V-Y plasty or tendon transfer may be required.

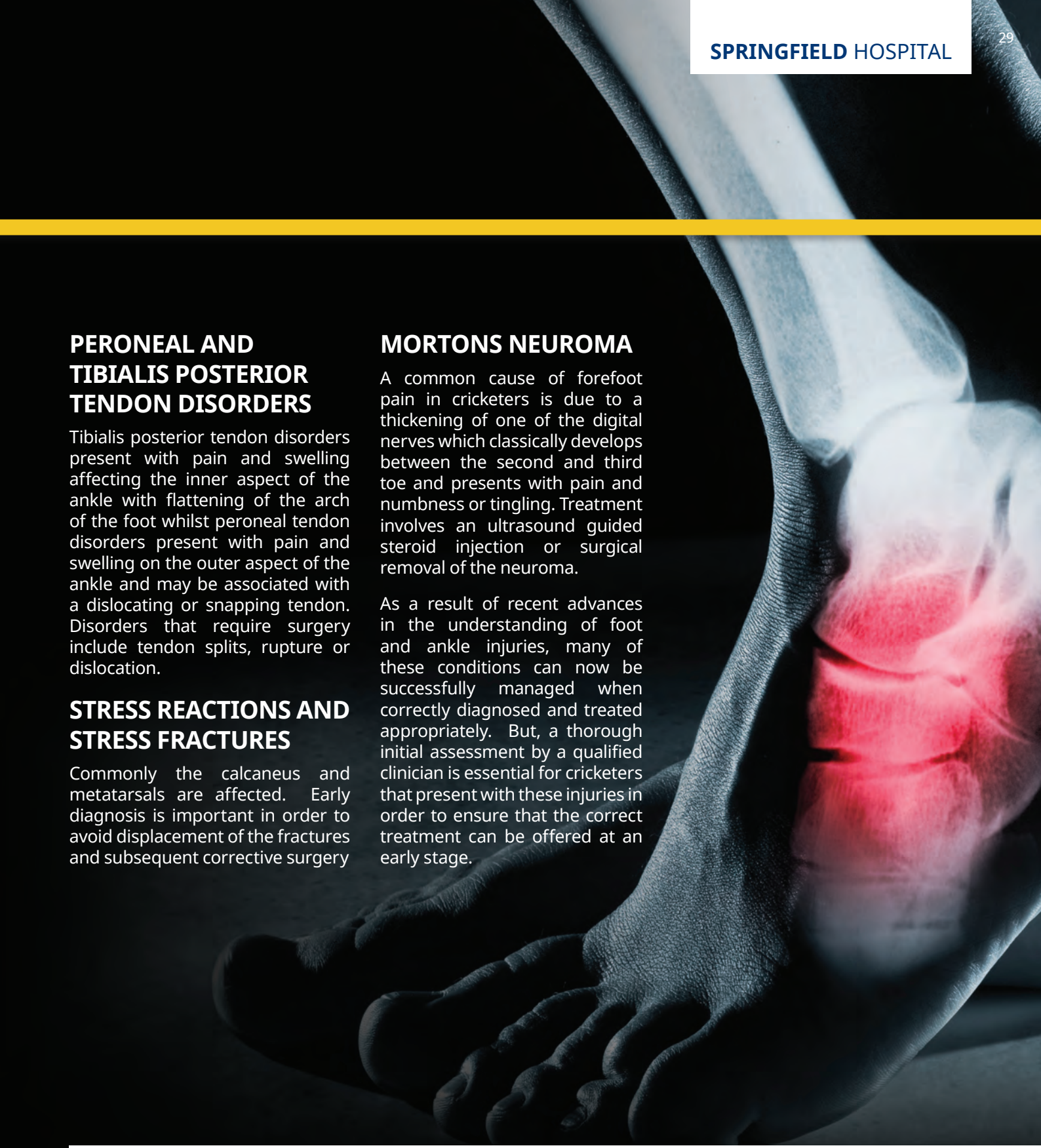
### HEEL PAIN

This classically affects bowlers due to high stresses through the heel. The most common cause is planter fasciitis which is due to thickening of the planter fascia in the sole of the foot and can be effectively treated conservatively with physiotherapy, ultrasound therapy and/or heel pads. In resistant cases, an ultrasound guided steroid injection or shock wave therapy may be successful. Other causes of heel pain include stress fractures/ reactions of the calcaneus, planter nerve entrapment or planter fascia rupture so a thorough assessment by a qualified clinician with a history, examination and appropriate imaging is essential.

### ANKLE IMPINGEMENT

This may be at the front (anterior) or at the back (posterior) of the ankle. This will classically present with pain on bringing the ankle up (dorsiflexion) or ankle down (planter flexion) for anterior and posterior impingement of the ankle respectively.

Surgery may be required and involve arthroscopic removal of a boney spur for impingement at the front or removal of extra bone at the back of the ankle (often called os trigonum syndrome).



## PERONEAL AND TIBIALIS POSTERIOR TENDON DISORDERS

Tibialis posterior tendon disorders present with pain and swelling affecting the inner aspect of the ankle with flattening of the arch of the foot whilst peroneal tendon disorders present with pain and swelling on the outer aspect of the ankle and may be associated with a dislocating or snapping tendon. Disorders that require surgery include tendon splits, rupture or dislocation.

## STRESS REACTIONS AND STRESS FRACTURES

Commonly the calcaneus and metatarsals are affected. Early diagnosis is important in order to avoid displacement of the fractures and subsequent corrective surgery

## MORTONS NEUROMA

A common cause of forefoot pain in cricketers is due to a thickening of one of the digital nerves which classically develops between the second and third toe and presents with pain and numbness or tingling. Treatment involves an ultrasound guided steroid injection or surgical removal of the neuroma.

As a result of recent advances in the understanding of foot and ankle injuries, many of these conditions can now be successfully managed when correctly diagnosed and treated appropriately. But, a thorough initial assessment by a qualified clinician is essential for cricketers that present with these injuries in order to ensure that the correct treatment can be offered at an early stage.

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Mr Russell is pleased to offer treatment for all foot and ankle injuries, cricket related or not, at Springfield Hospital, where he works alongside physiotherapists, radiologists and clinical nurses to provide a dedicated treatment for patients.

**For more information or to book an appointment, please contact Springfield Hospital (Chelmsford) on 01245 234040 or visit the website at www.springfieldhospital.co.uk Foot and ankle clinics are also available at Oaks Hospital (Colchester) on 01206 753245 or www.oakshospital.co.uk**

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# AN INTERVIEW
## WITH MATT QUINN

**The English summer schedule is often described as rigorous and intense, more so for overseas players who have been used to their own, sparse schedule.**

Kiwi Matt Quinn joined the Club in March of last year and arrived in Chelmsford as somewhat of an unknown product.

Four months later, and a regular in all competitions, Quinn's debut season showed signs of a memorable one, before he began to be affected by injury.

Quinn was shocked by the intensity and said: "I was made aware of the domestic schedule here in England but I don't think you can fully prepare yourself until you experience it.

"The calendar back home is more elongated with fewer games played which in turn gives your body some recovery time. I think if I am honest at points last season I could have done with a rest but when you are playing well you don't think about it and are focussed for the games ahead."

The 24-year-old was then ruled out of the season with a back problem which saw him miss the Division Two title run-in and two limited-over assaults.

Although disappointed, Quinn was thrilled the squad managed to get over the line, and added: "It is always frustrating to be out injured but I was delighted for the lads when they gained promotion. I more than played my part as well, taking wickets along the way, and now comes the exciting opportunity of playing Division One cricket."

A return to running coincided with a trip to India and journey home to New Zealand which left the opening-bowler feeling mentally refreshed for the pre-season that awaited in Chelmsford.

"To be honest it was good to get away and get some sun which freshened up my body as well. I was given the green light to start running just as I went away so I did a lot of running on the beach and in the hills to begin to get myself prepared and fit for the season.

"Heading home also helped as I managed to catch up with my family and just chill out for a couple of weeks. It left me in a great place mentally to return to Chelmsford and really hit the ground running with my rehabilitation and pre-season work," he continued.

Now given the go-ahead to start bowling, the Auckland-born man will head to Dubai looking to hone his skills for the 2017 campaign.

He said: "This is always an exciting time of the year. Heading to Dubai is a great chance for us all to get away together ahead of the season and bond but also gives us the opportunity to get out in the dirt and put into practice what we have been working on."

As Division One cricket approaches, the anticipation around the Club builds, but for Quinn, the first aim is to get back firing like in 2016.

"I have learnt a lot about myself after my first season in English cricket but also the need to manage your body across the course of the season. I am hoping to be fit and ready for what should be an exciting 2017 for everyone at the Club," he concluded.

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# A MEMBER'S SEASON PREVIEW BY DEBBIE KNIGHT

**It's 2017 and Division One is here! I had a look back at my piece for the magazine this time last year and can see that I was full of optimism.**

That optimism proved to be founded as our Essex team were crowned winners of Division Two at the Spitfire Ground in Canterbury. We'd been treated to some great performances, with Alastair Cook playing in 7 matches, scoring 643 runs with an average of 91.86. Three players scored over a thousand runs, Tom Westley thrived while he was batting with Cook, he scored a huge 1217 at an average of 52.91, both openers hit 3 centuries apiece. Captain Ryan ten Doeschate went one further with 4 centuries amongst his 1157 runs for the season and an impressive average of 64.28, it was only right that Ryan hit the runs that brought Essex that vital bonus point which meant we'd top the table as Champions. Nick Browne was the 4th to make a thousand, hitting 1046 runs with an average of 47.55, reaching a personal best of 255 early in the season.

The Championship wasn't won on runs alone of course, wickets had to be taken, we had the delight of two men who would retire at the end of the season doing what they do best, Graham Napier took 63 wickets at 23.17 and David Masters 40 at 20.60 they were joined by Jamie Porter who took 55 wickets at a slightly more expensive 29.33 and Ravi Bopara who amassed 42 wickets at 26.43.

All those performances and averages add up to a table topping year for Essex and so we look ahead to Division One. 2017 will see us head to more than a few international grounds in Lords, Aegeas Bowl, Old Trafford and Edgbaston but the one I'm looking forward to most of all is Yorkshire at Scarborough, my hotel is already booked! Essex have added to their playing staff with Simon Harmer, a Kolpak signing, he's an all rounder, a right handed middle order batsman and off-break bowler and two overseas signings who'll overlap in Neil Wagner from New Zealand and Mohammad Amir from Pakistan. Wagner has played for Lancashire but Amir is new to the County scene; I watched him playing for his country against England last summer, I hope our slip catchers do a better job than his countrymen did!

Tom Westley has been making his mark with England playing for the Lions and Aaron Beard has been wintering in India with England U19's, several players have been plying their trade Down Under while Ravi Bopara has spent time playing in the Pakistan Super League. We should see Alastair Cook early in the season as the Champions Trophy delays the start of England's Test Match summer until early July.

I'm optimistic for 2017, we've made the top flight and I believe we have the squad to keep us there, bring on Division One!

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# TREVOR KLARNER
## INTERVIEW

**Essex Cricket is built on honest, longstanding relationships such as the one with Trevor Klarner and his coach company Klarners Coaches.**

Klarners are based in Colchester and were established in 2010 starting with only one coach and now extending to seven coaches.

Trevor and his company are the official partner to Essex County Cricket Club and drove the team to their fixtures during last season's Division Two title win.

The Essex Cricketer caught up with Trevor ahead of another exciting season for the Club.

**TEC:** Your relationship with the Club has been long-lasting, how much of a privilege is it to drive the squad and coaching staff to all away games?

**TK:** It is honestly an absolute pleasure. As a cricket fan being around the team and involved at away matches is brilliant but also having a personal relationship with them is an added bonus.

**TEC:** Last year was obviously a very successful one for the Club, how exciting was it being around a winning team?

**TK:** It always makes the job easier that's for sure! Fortunately the team performed well across all formats last year and the climax of the season was clearly winning promotion back to Division One. Being around the team over those final weeks was thrilling and it was obviously an interesting coach journey back from Canterbury!

**TEC:** Can you give us an insight into the antics that went on?

**TK:** (laughs) I am not sure I am at liberty to say to be honest but let's just say the players enjoyed themselves! I think a lot of them were quite exhausted from the season and the overwhelming feeling was one of relief.

**TEC:** What is it about Essex County Cricket Club that encouraged you to get involved?

**TK:** As an Essex based business we always look to support the regional sports teams if we can. Essex Cricket are arguably the premier sporting Club in the County with a large following so from our point of view it was somewhat of a no brainer. The relationship with the Club has allowed us to spread our brand across the Country and enabled an expansion for our business.

**TEC:** What are your hopes and aspirations from a personal level and for the Club during 2017?

**TK:** On a business front it is to continue our blossoming relationship with Essex Cricket and maintain our continued growth. For the players and the Club I hope they will take the Division One challenge head on and maintain their status during 2017. With regards to the limited-overs competitions it is always exciting when you reach the latter stages so again that is the hope I would imagine. The players being successful makes my job easier!

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# ESSEX ABROAD

## RYAN TEN DOESCHATE

Club Captain Ryan ten Doeschate spent time abroad over the winter playing in the Bangladesh Premier League for Chittagong Vikings before a brief period playing in the Hong Kong T20 Blitz. Tendo has now linked back up with the squad in Dubai as Essex continue their preparations for the 2017 season.

## TOM WESTLEY

Vice-Captain Westley returned from two impressive tours with England Lions to Dubai and Sri Lanka further strengthening his claims for an England Test debut. Tom impressed the selectors considerably with his mentality and skill in sub-continent conditions and a good start to the season will surely put him in the England reckoning.

## RAVI BOPARA

Bopara enjoyed spells abroad in both the BPL and PSL for Dhaka Dynamites and Karachi Kings respectively. The all-rounder won the BPL with Dhaka and contributed with both bat and ball throughout both tournaments.

## DAN LAWRENCE

Lawrence recently completed a successful ECB overseas placement with Waneroo Districts Cricket Club in Perth. Lawrence impressed considerably being one of the top run-scorers in one of the toughest grade competitions in Australia. He will now return to Essex looking to build on an exciting 2016.

## CALLUM TAYLOR

Callum was playing in the same competition as Dan for Mount Lawley Hawks Cricket Club and made quite the impression in Perth. In one game Taylor broke records, scoring 212 and taking six wickets. He will now return to Chelmsford looking to break into the first-team in all competitions.

## PAUL WALTER

Paul took time to find his feet in Melbourne but once he did, he became lethal with both bat and ball. He averaged 50 with the bat including scores of 165, 124 and 99. He also took 28 wickets at an average of 16 as he was used largely as a death bowler for Deepdene Bears.

## KISHEN VELANI

Kishen endured mixed fortunes during his spell in New Zealand impressing with both facets of his game at times. But mixed weather lead to mixed form and Kish probably did not stamp his authority as much as he would of liked. Still a great learning experience though and Velani returns looking to force his way into the First XI.

## ASHAR ZAIDI

'Boom Boom' appeared in a number of T20 tournaments over the winter. These included the BPL, PSL and Hong Kong T20 Blitz. The latter was where he experienced the most success as he won the week-long competition with Kowloon Cantons contributing vital runs and wickets in the final.

## AARON BEARD

Beard enjoyed two tours abroad with England U19s heading first to Dubai and then to India in the New Year. Affected by injury and illness, at times Beard struggled, but he still showed glimpses of his obvious potential to the England hierarchy.

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# AN INTERVIEW WITH AARON BEARD

**Home grown talent Aaron Beard burst onto the scene in May 2016 after making his first-class debut against Sri Lanka at Chelmsford.**

Highly thought of throughout his Academy years, Beard showed the home crowd his capabilities taking five wickets in the match.

From there it was somewhat of a whirlwind summer and winter for Beard, who mixed further first-class appearances with three England U19 tours.

Reflecting on the past year as a whole, Beard said: "It has been quite a crazy year or so, making my first-class debut against Sri Lanka and then appearing in further Specsavers County Championship games.

"I then went on a six-week long tour with England U19s over the summer before trips to Dubai and India over the winter.

"To be honest it's been pretty hectic but I have learnt so much about myself and my game as well. To experience the varying conditions and deal with the period away from home has really helped me grow."

The 19-year-old returned to Chelmsford at the end of February just in time for a trip to Dubai with the first-team squad.

Beard joked: "I don't like being away from the sun too much! I have been fortunate to miss most of the cold weather over the winter and we are off to Dubai next week as well which we are all looking forward to.

"Dubai is a really good chance to play some competitive games and get ourselves prepared for the season ahead. We have matches against Middlesex and UAE which will be good challenges ahead of Lancashire in April."

With the retirements of experienced heads Graham Napier and David Masters, the door is ajar for the likes of Matt Quinn, Matt Dixon and Beard to support senior seamers Jamie Porter and Neil Wagner.

Beard is excited by the opportunity and added: "Obviously, it is a blow to lose experienced players like Napes and Hoddy but there is a chance now for some of the younger lads to put their hands up.

"I think we would all be lying if we said we didn't want to be playing. With Division One cricket on the horizon it is a great opportunity for the bowlers to show their ability. Saying that we are a tight knit group and even if we are not playing we will still be supporting the lads and working hard to push them."

For Beard, further first-class appearances and future England recognition must be the ideal 2017.

"Being realistic I have only played three first-class games and I'm still very early on in my career. But that doesn't mean I'm not going to work as hard as possible to make sure I am in the squad and playing games.

"Spoons showed faith in me during 2016 and now it is time to show him and the Essex supporters what I am capable of," he concluded.

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# ESSEX COUNTY CRICKET BOARD NEWS

## ALL STARS CRICKET

### LAUNCHED AT BILLERICAY CRICKET CLUB

Ryan ten Doeschate and the Essex County Cricket Board were in attendance with the innovative scheme introduced at Billericay Cricket Club in February.

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## SABA NASIM

### AWARDED BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Essex coach, Saba Nasim has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's New Year Honours list. Nasim, who is also Wanstead ladies' team captain has been awarded for her work in promoting the club's community ethos Saba, and overall services to cricket and young people in London. It recognises the immense work she does to promote and encourage grassroots cricket amongst girls.

In 2013, having noticed a lack of opportunities for girls in the East London area, Saba set up Redbridge Rangers, an all-girls youth cricket team funded by Chance to Shine & Essex County Cricket Board.

After hearing the news, Saba said "It feels amazing to have received this award and to know that the work I am doing at the grassroots level is being recognised at a national level.

"I would like to thank the Chance to Shine charity, Essex County Cricket Board, the colleagues at my cricket club Wanstead CC and my parents for giving me the opportunity to become a coach and for supporting me through the various cricket projects over the past few years.

## GRAHAM GOOCH

### KICK-STARTS PCA 50TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY APPEAL

Graham Gooch has kick-started the Professional Cricketers' Association's 50th Anniversary Legacy Appeal with a generous donation of £50,000.

The donation has been made from the Graham Gooch Scholarship, which was set up by Gooch 15 years ago, and which operates under the umbrella of the Essex Cricket Foundation charity at the county he played for from 1973 to 1997.

Normally the Graham Gooch Scholarship supports initiatives including the Essex Cricket Academy and sending young Essex players on overseas coaching and playing trips.

But Gooch has now decided to support the work that the PCA and the PCA Benevolent Fund, supported by Royal London, do in helping past and present players and educating them about the dangers of addictive behaviour, including gambling.

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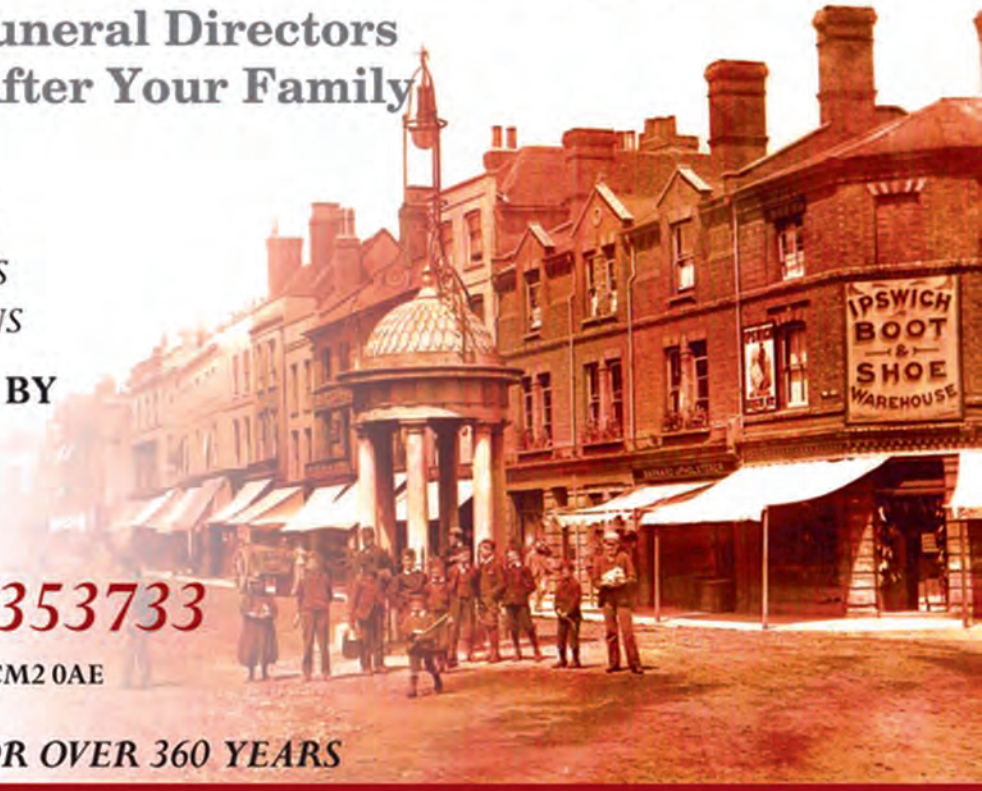


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Sometimes you get players that are still in but not out.

When a player goes out to go in, the players who are out try to get the other player out, and when he or she is out that player goes in and the next player in goes out and goes in.

There are two umpires who stay out all the time and they decide when the players who are in are out.

When both teams have been in and all the players are out, or in some cases both sides have been out twice after all the players have been in, including those who are not out, that is the end of the game,

Unless it rains in which case some players or sometimes all players from both teams, do not get to go in or out.

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# FIXTURES
## 2017

| DATE | MATCH | OPPONENTS | VENUE | START TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **APRIL** | | | | |
| Sun 2 - Tue 4 | UNI | Durham MCCU (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| Fri 7 - Mon 10 | Championship | Lancashire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| Fri 14 - Mon 17 | Championship | Somerset (A) | The Cooper Associates County Ground | 11am |
| Fri 21 - Mon 24 | Championship | Middlesex (A) | Lord's | 11am |
| Sun 30 | One-Day Cup | Hampshire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| **MAY** | | | | |
| Tue 2 | One-Day Cup | Surrey (A) | Kia Oval | 11am |
| Thu 4 | One-Day Cup | Gloucestershire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| Sun 7 | One-Day Cup | Glamorgan (A) | SSE SWALEC | 11am |
| Wed 10 | One-Day Cup | Sussex Sharks (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 2pm |
| Fri 12 | One-Day Cup | Middlesex (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 2pm |
| Sun 14 | One-Day Cup | Somerset (A) | The Cooper Associates County Ground | 11am |
| Wed 17 | One-Day Cup | Kent Spitfires (A) | Canterbury | 1:30pm |
| Fri 19 - Mon 22 | Championship | Hampshire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| Fri 26 - Mon 29 | Championship | Surrey (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| **JUNE** | | | | |
| Fri 09 - Mon 12 | Championship | Surrey (A) | Guildford | 11am |
| Tue 13 | One-Day Cup Quarter-Final Matches | | TBC | |
| Fri 16 - Sat 17 | One-Day Cup Semi-Final Matches | | TBC | |
| Mon 19 - Thu 22 | Championship | Warwickshire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| Mon 26 - Thu 29 | Championship | Middlesex (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 2pm |
| **JULY** | | | | |
| Sat 1 | One-Day Cup Final | | Lord's | |
| Fri 7 | T20 Blast | Surrey (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 7pm |
| Sun 9 | T20 Blast | Kent Spitfires (A) | Beckenham | 3pm |
| Thu 13 | T20 Blast | Somerset (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 7pm |
| Sun 16 | T20 Blast | Glamorgan (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 2:30pm |
| Wed 19 | T20 Blast | Surrey (A) | Kia Oval | 6:30pm |
| Fri 21 | T20 Blast | Hampshire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 7pm |
| Sun 23 | T20 Blast | Glamorgan (A) | SSE SWALEC | 2:30pm |
| Thu 27 | T20 Blast | Middlesex (A) | Lord's | TBC |
| Sat 29 | T20 Blast | Gloucestershire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 7pm |
| **AUGUST** | | | | |
| Tue 1 - Thu 3 | TOM | West Indies (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| Fri 4 | T20 Blast | Hampshire (A) | Ageas Bowl | 7pm |
| Sun 6 - Wed 9 | Championship | Yorkshire (A) | Scarborough | 11am |
| Fri 11 | T20 Blast | Middlesex (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 7pm |
| Sun 13 | T20 Blast | Gloucestershire (A) | The Brightside Ground, Bristol | 2:30pm |
| Thu 17 | T20 Blast | Kent Spitfires (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 7pm |
| Fri 18 | T20 Blast | Sussex Sharks (A) | The 1st Central County Ground | 7pm |
| Tue 22 - Fri 25 | T20 Blast Quarter-Final Matches | | TBC | |
| Mon 28 - Thu 31 | Championship | Somerset (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 11am |
| **SEPTEMBER** | | | | |
| Sat 2 | T20 Blast Finals Day | | Edgbaston | |
| Tue 5 - Fri 8 | Championship | Lancashire (A) | Emirates Old Trafford | 10:30am |
| Tue 12 - Fri 15 | Championship | Warwickshire (A) | Edgbaston | 10:30am |
| Tue 19 - Fri 22 | Championship | Hampshire (A) | Ageas Bowl | 10:30am |
| Mon 25 - Thu 28 | Championship | Yorkshire (H) | The Cloudfm County Ground | 10:30am |

### 2017 Membership Prices

| | Early Bird | Full Price |
|---|---|---|
| **Adult** (26 - 63 inclusive) | **£160.00** | **£170.00** |
| **Senior** (64 and over) | **£125.00** | **£135.00** |
| **Student/Young Adult** (18 - 25 inclusive) | **£55.00** | **£60.00** |
| **Junior** (0-12 inclusive) | **£15.00** | **£20.00** |
| **Teen** (13 - 17 inclusive) | **£15.00** | **£20.00** |
| **Joint Adult** (x2 Adults) | **£300.00** | **£310.00** |
| **Joint Senior** (x2 Seniors) | **£230.00** | **£240.00** |
| **Family** (x2 Adults, x2 Junior/Teen) | **£305.00** | **£315.00** |

*early bird price before 31st December

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| **Championship** | Specsavers County Championship, Division I |
| **One-Day Cup** | Royal London One-Day Cup, South Group |
| **T20 Blast** | NatWest T20 Blast, South Group |
| **TOM** | Tourist Match v West Indies |
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