

Devon
Cricket Board
Development
Tour



2011



THE FIRST TEN

The 2011 tour marks something of a milestone, being our tenth visit to South Africa in as many years. It has become a well established part of the county youth programme and it is no exaggeration to say that each one has provided our young players with a memorable experience.

To play overseas in somewhat unfamiliar conditions against competitive and talented opposition provides the players with another layer of experience in a development programme designed to maximise their potential.

South Africa is a wonderful country to visit and we have established lasting and valuable contacts in Kruger and Cape Town, people who have become true friends of Devon cricket. They are without doubt the principal reason why the visits have been so successful and enjoyable.

I have no doubt either about the value of an overseas tour and our established links make South Africa an obvious choice, there are alternative destinations but what it offers will take some beating.

Much better then to see the first ten tours as just the 'start'. To the players going on the 2011 tour I make no apologies for offering the same advice as in previous years:-

Embrace everything the country has to offer. Enjoy and learn from the cricket experience, the principal reason for travelling 6000 miles. Absorb the geography both physical, South Africa is a stunningly beautiful country, and human, the people are invariably warm and welcoming.

Remember that on short tours failure tends to be exaggerated and there is little time to dwell on disappointment before the next game, what matters, is how you respond. Nobody on the management side will complain if you always strive to do your best, it is your tour and we are there to help

You will certainly return to the UK richer for the experience, how much will depend on what you make of **your** opportunity.
Hamba Gahle!

Alan Swift, Team Manager.



A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

It is difficult to recall the initial reaction, some eleven years ago, to Alan Swift's suggestion to tour South Africa. It is likely that it was considered to be a good idea and knowing Alan's skills it would be a worth while trip. Now In November 2010 next years tour party, both young and old are eagerly anticipating a unique experience. Yes I do know what unique means and Devon's trip to South Africa is a one off. My apologies to Marks and Spencer but Devon's tour to South Africa is not just any trip but it is an AS experience. Having been privileged and I also know what that means to be involved in the first two tours I fully appreciate what an experience it is. I anticipate everyone who has been fortunate enough to undertake the trip has enjoyed and benefited from it in so many different ways. It is not just a cricket tour it is so much more. The opportunity to wake up to blue skies in February, swim on golden beaches is all part and parcel but Table Mountain (never been able to go in a cable car before but now there is no holding me), Robben Island, Skukza *et alia* start making the trip something really special.

But what takes it to a different level is the people and contacts in South Africa. Alan has been compared to an upmarket Arthur Daley (the wheeler dealer from Minder for the uninitiated) but what he has achieved with the wonderful team in South Africa really takes the tour to something truly exceptional. They have lost some key players over the last ten years, one in awful circumstances, but the fact the standard has been maintained, indeed improved is a tribute to them all. It would be invidious to list them as I might miss someone but on behalf of the Devon Cricket Board can I formerly record our thanks for their magnificent support and having to work with Alan, their understanding. You have made the tour what it is bl..... brilliant THANK YOU.

However there is only one person who has masterminded one of the key features in the Devon Youth Cricket calendar, Alan Swift, although it hurts to write, well done and thank you Alan, what you have achieved for youth cricket in so many different ways is something very very special.

Martin Webb,
Chairman DCBYA



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DCB DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA 2011

February	Venue	
Thursday 10th	Depart UK	
Friday 11th	Arrive in Kruger	
Saturday 12th	Practice	Skukuza CC
Sunday 13th	v Nelspruit Day 1	Skukuza CC
Monday 14th	v Nelspruit Day 2	Skukuza CC
Tuesday 15th	Free	
Wednesday 16th	Fly to Cape Town	
Thursday 17th	v Southern Suburbs	Primrose CC
Friday 18th	v Development XI	Khayelitsha
Saturday 19th	Free	
Sunday 20th	v Boland U15	Paarl/Stellenbosch
Monday 21st	Free	
Tuesday 22nd	v Western Province U14 Day 1	Vineyard Oval
Wednesday 23rd	v Western Province U14 Day 2	Vineyard Oval
Thursday 24th	Free	
Friday 25th	v Western Province U15	Northerns Goodwood CC
Saturday 26th	Free/ Depart	Cape Town
Sunday 27th	Arrive UK	



A MESSAGE FROM NABEAL DIEN

I feel particularly honoured and privileged to welcome the players, administrators and friends from Devon to this very special 10th tour of Cape Town. It is special because whilst cricket has been the focus it has also been a period of developing unique and special relationships and friendships with a host of players and administrators. Special friends in Alan Swift, (a special friendship which goes far beyond cricket), Gavin Lane, John Smith, Keith Brown, Martin Webb, Jon Mears, Eileen Sothorn and many others.

To the boys, you need to be very proud of these people who sacrifice tirelessly to ensure you not only experience different cultures, but also their commitment and dedication to one cause – that you should be given every opportunity and support to improve your game.

Congratulations to all the boys who have been selected to represent the Devon region – consider it an honour bestowed upon you to act as ambassadors for your club and your region – play hard and play to win but be careful never to compromise the spirit of the game and sportsmanship in the process.



We at Western Province Cricket look forward to hosting you on this special anniversary tour and I do hope we will assist in ensuring it is a particularly memorable one.

*Nabeal Dien
General Manager, WPCA*

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- Bradley Rasool
- Saliem Toefy

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- Vernon Philander
- Dominic Telo

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- J P Duminy
- Ryan Canning
- Carson Lederle

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- Houston Engel

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- Luke Petersen
- Daryl Barnes

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- William Hantam
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- Beuran Hendricks
- Steven Dembitzer
- Bryndley Barros
- Craig Alexander
- Andile Qomoyi
- Orin Roesstorff

Whitchurch CC

- Nico Olivier

MANAGEMENT TEAM



John Smith (Tour Manager)



Gavin Lane (Finance)



Eileen Sothorn (Scorer)

COACHING STAFF

Looking back over the first nine years one is reminded how fortunate the players have been to receive guidance and advice from highly capable coaches. This year is no exception:-

ANDY FARBAIRN



Andy will be making his first visit to South Africa as coach to the development tour but he did spend a southern

hemisphere summer in Cape Town in 2005/06 where he played for Claremont CC. He hails from Suffolk where he represented the county in the various age groups from U14 to U21. He is qualified as an ECB Level 3 coach has worked with various county age group teams since 2006. He is also one of the coaching staff responsible for delivering the Devon Emerging Players Programme.

Andy currently plays for Bovey Tracey Cricket Club in the County premier league.

MATTHEW WOOD

Matthew recently qualified as an ECB Level 4 coach - the highest accreditation possible in the game.

He will be making his second visit to South Africa as coach to the development tour having acted in the same capacity on the 2006 tour.

A product of the highly regarded Devon Cricket Board Youth Association he has played for Somerset, Nottinghamshire and Devon.

His career-best of 297 came in a marathon nine-hour innings for Somerset against Yorkshire at Taunton in 2005, in the same year he helped them to lift the Twenty20 Cup. His early experience of the game was gained playing for Exmouth Cricket Club.

NEW TREE REQUIRED



Paging through tour brochures of the Devon Cricket Board Development Tour of the past nine years brought back a few dearly cherished memories. Although the coaches and team manager were much younger (and prettier) then, at the time one did not realize that the tour would bring so many and such good friends along. Not only were friendships built, but also good cricket has been played the way it should be.

The very first tour to the Kruger National Park included a two night stay and only one cricket match against a Lowfeld invitational side which produced very tired and overheated visitors. One will never forget the very humid and hot conditions our British visitors had to endure during the match day. February often brings along temperatures of 42 degrees Celsius, and one felt at the time that our visitors deserved a heartier welcome. I personally thought that the heat would make the Brits think twice about another visit to Kruger. Thankfully the tour has continued for eight more years during which time cricket and personal friendships were built.

The tour developed from a two night stay to a five day visit which now includes a two day declaration match against Nelspruit High school. This annual cricket match has become a traditional event for Nelspruit High and is also one of the highlights on their under 15 cricket calendar.

What stood out over the years was not only the high standard of cricket Devon brought to the Lowfeld but also without exception capable, friendly staff and well mannered cricket players. This one would like to believe are the core ingredients of what makes the Devon tour to South Africa a success and reputable one. Thus the reason we look forward to hosting the DCB Development Tour once again.

One would also herewith like to make use of the opportunity to thank the DCB for the support they have given the Skukuza Cricket Club through donations as well as equipment over the past nine tours. These gestures were put to good use by either supporting needy cricketers or improving the club's own facilities. Such support is highly appreciated.

On a lighter note – at the end of the 2007 tour, Alan Swift planted a tree at the Skukuza Cricket Club (The Devon Tree). This tree was growing like the proverbial cabbage over the past three years until..... an elephant unceremoniously uprooted it a few weeks ago. I think it is only proper that the tree is replaced and that Alan does us the honour of planting it during the next tour.

We once again look forward to the next tour and 2011 being the tenth would like to guarantee, not the weather, but a memorable one for all the players and staff.

*Frik Rossouw
Skukuza Cricket Club.*



I COULD NOT HAVE WANTED FOR A BETTER PATHWAY



It's been several weeks since the end of the 2010 county cricket season and yet I still find myself walking around with a silly grin on my face at the thought of the final day of a long, tiring summer. I get the feeling that the events of Thursday 16th September will stay with me until my dying day such was the magnitude of what was achieved. For those who don't know what happened, let me give you a brief synopsis.

Following six months of hard graft, the County Championship was to be decided on the very last day of the season and three teams had a chance of taking the title at the start of the day. Somerset, who were playing Durham away were best placed whilst at Headingley, the match between Yorkshire and Kent looked to be heading for a result. My team, Nottinghamshire, had watched the rain fall at Old Trafford for three days and by the time play started an hour late on day four the equation facing us was a decidedly tough one. Resuming on 89-1 Notts required a further 311 runs to get the 5 bonus points on offer for scoring 400 and then we needed to take 3 Lancashire wickets. Yorkshire were the first team to fall as they lost to Kent and Somerset were struggling to get a result at The Riverside as Durham dug their heels in and eventually settled for a draw. At 390-9 it looked as though all our hard work throughout the day was about to come undone but the final pair scraped together the remaining 10 runs and gave us 18 overs to take 3 wickets. It took just under 5 overs and the trophy was ours. What a Day! For me, winning the County Championship is the ultimate prize in county cricket and to have achieved this feat twice in my career and once as captain makes me especially proud.

The celebrations have all but died down now and it is already time to prepare for next season. Many of our younger players have gone abroad for the winter to play some cricket in the southern hemisphere and it is an experience that I could not recommend enough. Playing abroad presents new challenges both physically and mentally and the opportunity to visit a new country and embrace its culture should not be passed up.

Twenty one years ago, I was starting out on my cricketing journey with Ted Ashman and the Devon U11's. I look back on my time in the Devon age group squads immensely fondly and its pleasing to see how far cricket in Devon has come in the interim years. It is all too easy to look at our first class neighbours and believe that the grass is greener on the other side, but I, personally, could not have wanted for a better pathway from age group cricket to county professional than the one I was lucky enough to follow all those years ago.

Unfortunately for me, there were no tours to South Africa on offer when I was a 15 year old. South Africa is a proud cricketing nation and it's a credit to all involved that so many of our talented youngsters get the opportunity to further their development abroad. No doubt the cricket will be tough, but I wish all of the squad the very best of luck. Play hard, play fair, but most of all enjoy yourselves!

Chris Read



CHRIS READ

- 15 Tests and 36 ODIs for England

Commonly regarded as the best wicketkeeper in the country, Chris hasn't had the international selection merited by his consistent excellent performances with the gloves on the county circuit. Unflappable, tidy and athletic behind the stumps he has shown himself to be an aggressive and occasionally unorthodox attacker in the middle order. That he has not received more caps is more to do with Duncan Fletcher's flawed judgement rather than the quality of his cricket. England's loss has been Nottinghamshire's gain.

- Captained Nottinghamshire to the County Championship in 2010.
- Played 10 minor counties championship games for Devon and made his Nat West Trophy debut for them at the age of 16.
- Patron of Devon Youth Cricket Foundation.



The Nottinghamshire CCC captain and England wicketkeeper has joined forces with Devon and Paignton CC stalwart Tim Ward to provide a unique coaching experience for aspiring young cricketing stars of the future.

Coaching sessions will take place throughout the year at Exeter University and Trent Bridge, the home of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and one of the world's best loved international venues. All cricketers between the ages of 9 and 17 who wish to further their game under the tutelage of first class coaches in world class facilities are welcome.

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PLAYER PROFILES

TOUR CAPTAIN				
Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances	
Bovey Tracey CC	Right hand	Right Arm Medium	102 v Worcestershire 94 v Kent 93 v Hampshire 5 for 9 v Channel Islands	
Born	Represented Devon	Other Interests		
8th December 1995 in Torquay	U10 to U15	Rugby Fives (National Singles & Doubles Champion U13 and U14) Hockey, Rugby		

Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances	
North Devon CC	Left hand	Chinaman	2 for 17 v Dorset 4 for 22 v W Devon 2 for 27 v S Devon	
Born	Represented Devon	Other Interests		
1st July in Milton Keynes	U14	Surfing, Skiing, Golf, Football, Guitar		

Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances	
Sidmouth CC	Right hand	Off Spin	78 v Oxfordshire 3 for 30 v Worcestershire U11 Bowler of the Year	
Born	Represented Devon	Other Interests		
22nd July 1997 in Exeter	U10 to U13, U15	Rugby, Swimming		

PLAYER PROFILES

Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances	
Thorverton CC	Right hand	Right Arm Medium	87 v Bristol 5 for 20 v Bristol 1200 runs in 2010	
Born	Represented Devon	Other Interests		
4th October 1995 in Tiverton	U10 to U14	Music/Plays Piano, Football, Squash, Swimming, Films		

Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances	
Thorverton CC	Left hand	Wicket Keeper	35 v Gloucestershire 3 Catches v Dorset	
Born	Represented Devon	Other Interests		
17th June 1996 in Exeter	U13 & U14	Football for Pinhoe, Spartans, Supports Exeter City		

Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances	
Thorverton CC	Right hand	Left Hand Medium	3 for 28 Berkshire, 2 for 12 v Dorset, 2 for 30 v Somerset, Hat trick on debut for school U16s	
Born	Represented Devon	Other Interests		
30th November 1995 in Shropshire	U11 to U14	Rugby, Hockey		

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PLAYER PROFILES


 OLI HIGGS	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Paignton CC	Right hand	Right Arm Medium	129* v Gloucestershire 66 v Yorkshire 65 v Dorset
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	16th December 1995 in Torquay	U12 to U15		Rugby, Soccer


 MARCUS HODDINOTT	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Exeter CC	Right hand	Off Spin	59 v Lancashire 65* v Wiltshire 72 v Berkshire 103* v Cornwall
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	25th September 1996 in Plymouth	U10 to U13		Rugby, Hockey


 BEN HOLMES	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Chudleigh CC	Right hand	Right Arm Medium	6 1 16 1 v E Devon 6 2 23 1 v Dorset
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	20th September 1995 in Maidstone	U14		Football, Running, Music

PLAYER PROFILES

 JACK MAUNDER	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Heathcoat CC	Right hand	Wicket Keeper	101 v Wiltshire 100* v New Forest 98 v Cornwall
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	5th April 1997 in Exeter	U10 to U15		Rugby, Hockey, Surfing, Skiing

 BILLY SEARLE	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Chagford CC	Right hand	Right Arm Medium	3 for 22 v Gwent Best Bowling Av: U14 138 v Axminster 58 v W Devon
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	25th March 1996 in Exeter	U13, U14		Rugby Devon U14, Squash Devon U13, Football, Tennis

 THEO THOMSON	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Exeter CC	Right hand	Left Arm Spin	53no v Gwent 52 v Dorset 4 for 16 v S Devon
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	19th September 1995 in London	U14		Rugby, Hockey, Music

 JACK WILLIAMS	Club	Bat	Bowl	Best Performances
	Lewdown CC	Right hand	Right Arm Medium	2 for 11 v Wiltshire 25 no v Gwent (50 partnership to win the game)
	Born	Represented Devon		Other Interests
	25th May 1996 in Plymouth	U14		Rugby, Photography

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It is incredible to think that the Foundation originated as recently as November 2009, but already the charity has been set up, registered with the Charity Commissioners and over twenty five thousand pounds has been raised. The group had no title when it first met but now all its activities are consolidated under one title 'Devon Youth Cricket Foundation'. All money raised will go into the Foundation account and the trustees will be responsible for deciding how it is allocated. Clearly they will work closely with DCBYA but as an independent group would consider applications from individuals and organisations throughout Devon.

A great start but we need to do more and need the help of more donors and volunteers so that we can achieve our aims. In particular we need as many people as possible to become MEMBERS of DYCF.

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I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT WHAT IS BEING DONE

I was lucky enough to have several wonderful years playing youth cricket in Devon. I was delighted to be selected to represent the county at the various age groups and what a start to a career it proved! The first time that brown envelope dropped through my parent's letter box inviting me to play for Devon U11s was a moment I'll never forget. Future summer weekends became an event, as my parents ferried me half way round the country to fulfil a splendidly busy fixture list. I am absolutely delighted to be asked to be patron of 'Devon Youth Cricket Foundation' and urge you to support what is being done to nurture youth cricket at all levels in the county.

Chris Read
Patron DYCF



NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD (DEVON U14s IN 2010)

I was one of the lucky persons involved with Devon Youth cricket, the under 14s manager, whom Alan Swift decided to ask to go to South Africa back in 2002 on the first Devon Development Tour. In 2003 Cricket World Cup in South Africa, I was fortunate to be asked again to go. I have lovely souvenirs, brilliant photographs and magnificent memories, which will live with me for ever, of those wonderful trips and very kind people, friends, I met.

2010 was a challenging season for the Under 14s. It was not helped by Coach Adam Parker and I introducing seven new players which undoubtedly upset the team's psyche. Having said that the side definitely improved as the season went on and one or two matches could have gone the other way with that little bit of luck, which deserts you when you are not used to winning. The team spirit was fantastic, they are a great bunch of lads and the week at the Festival saw a marked change on the Tuesday against Gloucestershire, in the Teams' and a number of individuals' performance when they at long last realised what was required and expected to play County cricket. Winning also had something to do with it! Hopefully Adam Parker and I have made a difference and have left our mark.

High lights of the season Samuel Wyatt-Haines and Ollie Higgs getting their first County centuries. Wyatt-Haines 102 against Worcestershire and Higgs 129 not out against Gloucestershire, which also won us the match. Wyatt-Haines also scored a superb 94 against Hampshire, 52 Gwent, 50 Dorset, 49 Yorkshire, and Higgs 66 Yorkshire, 65 Dorset. Theo Thomson whose batting should not be under estimated and became our regular number 5, scored 58 on debut against Gwent and 52 against Dorset. Alistair Chilcott who was involved in 3 hundred partnerships nearly scored his maiden 50, getting out on 49 against Gloucestershire! Ollie Sale also scored a good 52 against Somerset.

South Africa will pose new challenges - tough challenges. Players will have to step up to these challenges. Some will. Some will not. So when you are perhaps finding it hard, just read and remember the words of this poem



*When you get what you want in
your struggle for self,
And the world makes you king
for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look
at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.*

*For it isn't your father, or mother,
or wife,
Whose judgement upon you
must pass.
The feller whose verdict counts
most in your life
Is the guy staring back from
the glass.*

*You may be like Jack Horner
and "chisel" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says
you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in
the eye.*

*He's the feller to please, never
mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the
end,
And you've passed your most
dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your
friend.*

*You can fool the whole world
down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as
you pass
But your final reward will be
heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in
the glass.*

*Adapted from Dale Wimbrow
1895-1954*

*I know you will enjoy it, not just
the cricket but the people, the
truly magnificent scenery, the
wild life, the food, the whole
experience..*

*Remember memories are better
than dreams!*

*Jonathan Mears
Under 14s Manager 2010*

I have known Derek Bellotti for many years, we first met when we were both at Falmouth Town FC in the Western League. At about that time he began a small printing business at Staverton. The development of the business via Dartington to what it is today is testament to his hard work and foresight. Ross, his son has now taken the helm and the company continues to thrive. They have produced all the tour brochures and have been excellent supporters of youth cricket in the county.

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Alan Swift



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Josh Mailling

After a tough tour to South Africa in the winter of 2010, and a few changes to the

squad, including the loss of our captain Mikey Cousens. I took over the reins with help from our keeper Rhys Davies.

We started the season with a friendly against Gwent, were we had our first and last centurion (Callum Cload 138 no), and our first victory. A second friendly saw a weak performance and a loss against Lancashire. One positive from this game was 3 wickets and a confident 29 from Tom Dyer.

Then came the start of our National Division 1 ECB Cup games. First up was Hampshire where we chased down a healthy 239. A nine wicket win came courtesy of Ryan Rickard 53, Rhys Davies with a dominant 70* while I chipped in with 97*. But we all know sport isn't renowned for

being easy and cricket has a nasty habit of providing a reality check. This came from defeat against Wales at Panteg. After being set 216 to win we made some naive shot selections and disappointingly slumped to 161 all out.

Somerset was our next test but the problem of giving away cheap wickets emerged again as we were dismissed for a paltry 94. Consequently we lost before tea, probably our worst performance of the season.

Next was a home game to Gloucestershire on a wet track at Heathcoat, it was no surprise on losing the toss that we were asked to bat. We made a poor start but a hard fought 50 from Lawrence May put a respectable total of 156 on the board. In the circumstances this proved to be enough and good bowling performance saw our third victory and four wickets for Dylan Penberthy. In the away leg against Hampshire they set us 162 but a large opening stand from Ryan Rickard and myself ensured we achieved the double against opponents who had beaten us consistently in the younger age groups. Next on the



Tom Dyer - Leading wicket taker in first season of county cricket



schedule was a crunch game with Wales at North Devon CC. Sad to say that persistent rain meant no play was possible, an abandoned game at the wrong time for both teams.

On the home straight now and an away game against Gloucestershire, a gorgeous batting track at Apperley CC and our opponents set an easily gettable 212. Again poor shots let us down and we slumped to 129 all out.

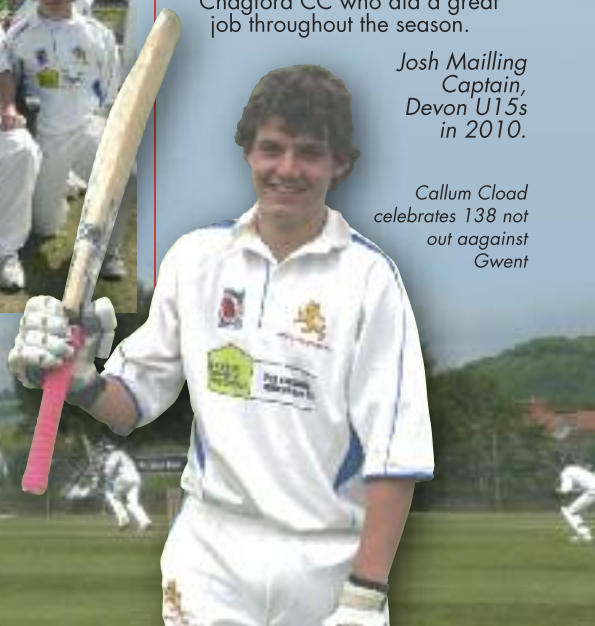
A Bank Holiday friendly at Budleigh Salterton against an extremely strong Yorkshire side was played on a time format. After a generous declaration set us 240 to win, we could only manage 182 all out despite a stern effort from Rhys Davies (69).

The finale to the season was an ECB cup game against Somerset at Exmouth and an opportunity for some younger players to show their potential. After a good start which saw Jack Popham bag 4 wickets we were unable to retain the initiative and Somerset achieved a healthy 262. Losing wickets at crucial times meant that this was eventually too much for us despite 47 by Jack Maunder and a late flourish by Hallam Kerton.

Not an overly successful season on paper, finishing third in a tough group. However we have improved greatly compared with performances at younger age groups and everyone has learnt a great deal from our manager Alan Swift, and coach Andy Fairbairn. Also an important thank you to our scorer Eileen Sothorn from Chagford CC who did a great job throughout the season.

Josh Mailling
Captain,
Devon U15s
in 2010.

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Much of what has happened since the first tour in 2002 would not have done so without the help of a large number of sponsors and supporters. From the very beginning it has always been clearly understood that selection for the tour would depend on the ability to play and not the ability to pay. There is no other way of organising representative teams.

It was necessary to provide advice and support on raising funds and the tour brochure has proved to be a crucial element in this process. The initial reason for producing a brochure was as a momento for the players but the potential of advertising to raise income was soon recognised. Many tourists have benefited directly from this option while some adverts have contributed to general tour funds, thereby enabling us to undertake additional activities during our time in South Africa.

We would wish to express our thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way no matter how large or small your contribution.

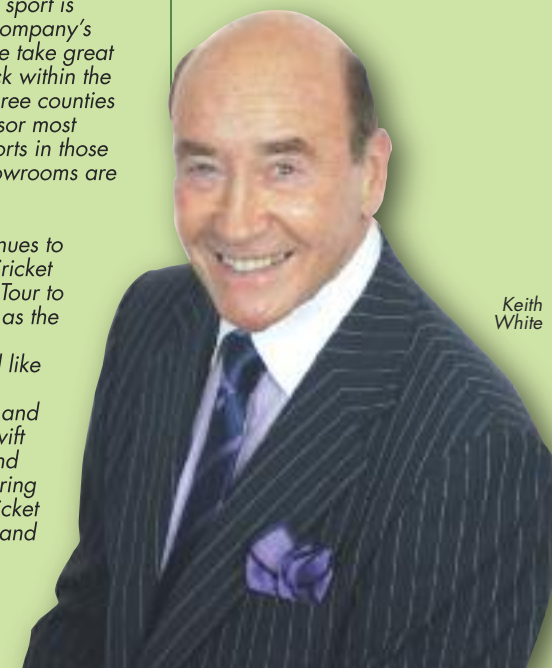
Singling out particular companies or individuals is invariably difficult but there are two who deserve special mention. When looking through all ten brochures we realised that **two companies, Burke Rickhards (Tim Burke) and Michael Spiers (Keith White), have contributed to every tour**, something for which we are extremely grateful. Keith White is a good example of someone with a

love of sport who has supported many local teams and individuals. As a squash player he was a high quality performer. As well as being British Junior Champion in his younger years he went on to represent Middlesex and Devon for many years at all age groups winning several national titles. He also represented England five times at various age groups and won three British Doubles titles.

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Tim, whose son James has represented Devon and England U19, has always been more than willing to lend his commercial expertise to those managing youth cricket in the county and he is now an influential member of Devon Youth Cricket Foundation.



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I was lucky enough to captain the first Devon side to visit South Africa in 2002 and I don't have enough superlatives to describe the tour - the most memorable and enjoyable trip of my life. I know the players selected to go in 2011 will really enjoy and learn a great deal from the experience.

Nick Watkin (2002)



The tours I took part in were a fantastic opportunity and experience. We found out a tremendous amount about another culture that, in its own way, is almost as beautiful as that of North Devon. The steaks were out of this world!

Mike Wigley (2003)



The Devon tour to South Africa was not just an outstanding opportunity to develop my cricketing skills against the Western Cape's best teams; trips to Robben Island, the District 6 Museum and the game against the Langa Township XI provided me with the best cross-cultural education possible. The week we spent in the Kruger National Park has also left me with some of the most poignant memories of my life thus far.

Will Murray (2004)



The tour was a fantastic experience and a great opportunity for all the team to play against players from contrasting cultures and with a different, very competitive, approach to the game. South Africa is a wonderful country where we experienced much more than just cricket, Cape Town is a spectacular city with Table Mountain providing a dramatic backdrop, while Kruger and it's magnificent wildlife was an amazing experience.

Robbie Debenham (2005)



The tour to South Africa was definitely one of the best experiences of my life. Not only was it thoroughly beneficial in the development of our cricket but it was also fascinating to learn about the history and development of South Africa as a country. It is an experience that the squad still talk about today and I would like to take this opportunity to thank 'Swiftly' and everyone else who made the tour possible

Luke Bess (2006)



The tour was one of the best experiences of my life. We all returned home much richer, both in terms of our development as cricketers and with a more informed understanding and appreciation of the peoples and cultures which combine to generate the 'Rainbow Nation' that is modern South Africa.

Matt Hickey (2007)



The South Africa Cricket Tour was an incredible experience, one that will stay with me for the rest of my life. Not only did it provided a

unique cricketing experience on some breath taking grounds against some highly skilled players, it also enabled us to appreciate the culture of the people and the history of the country. Visiting the townships was a moment that I will cherish for ever, with it comes the realization of how lucky we really are to be on such a tour and such a moment makes you cherish the opportunities you receive in life.

Good Luck to those touring in 2011 - make the most of it!

Zak Bess (2008)



When our plane landed in Johannesburg after a tiring twelve hour flight I think the excitement of what awaited us was what kept

most people going throughout the first day....

It was a fantastic experience for all involved and one that will be talked about for many years.

Harrison Folland (2009)



It is truly one of the best tours any county youth team could hope for, a superb experience which will only come around once in a life time.

I hope all those touring in 2011 benefit as much as we did.

Michael Cousens (2010)

And looking ahead to 2011

Since their first year of playing county cricket the players have been looking forward to the possibility of being selected for the 'big trip' at under fifteen, I know everyone cannot wait to get on the aeroplane and begin our journey to South Africa. Speaking to a number of past tourists they clearly enjoyed a truly memorable experience, one that they still talk about several years later.

Everyone in the squad is looking forward with great anticipation, not just for the cricket but for the opportunity of meeting people from a very different part of the world. I'm sure we will all benefit enormously from the experience and return with memories likely to stay with us for the rest of our lives.

The players will relish testing their skills in another continent and the challenge of encountering talented and competitive opponents on what are likely to be very different pitches from those in Devon.

Who knows, we might come up against some future South African players!

Samuel Wyatt-Haines (2011)



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2010 TOUR RESULTS

Skukuza CC
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Nelspruit College 2nd Innings 103 all out
Devon 2nd Innings 134 for 2
DEVON WON BY 8 WICKETS

Khayelitsha
Devon 182 for 7
W Province Development XI 184 for 6
W PROVINCE DEV: XI WON BY 4 WICKETS

Green Point Stadium
Devon 241 for 8
Southern Suburbs 135 all out
DEVON WON BY 106 RUNS

Boland Park, Paarl
Boland U15 215 all out
Devon 95 all out
BOLAND U15 WON BY 120 RUNS

Northerns Goodwood CC
Devon 221 for 9
Western Province U15 XI 223 for 8
W PROV: WON BY 2 WICKETS

Vineyard Oval
Devon 1st Innings 180 all out
Western Province U14 1st Innings 170 all out
Devon 2nd Innings 151 all out
Western Province U14 2nd Innings 118 all out
DEVON WON BY 43 RUNS



ONCE IN A LIFETIME



'Tour Legend' Shaheem (left) pictured with the late Rashaad Davids who did so much for us, a lovely highly capable man who is sadly missed.

On the first full day there was a training session and the reality of playing in the heat of Skukuza hit the players hard. Although the weather was hot the practice was worthwhile, before we headed back to the picturesque Kruger Gate Hotel for a welcome swim.

Finally the first game arrived and all the work put in through the winter was about to come into practice. Throughout the first morning session we were taught a lesson before bringing the game back into the balance for the second day and a slightly flattering but welcome 8 wicket win. We all had a very enjoyable five days on and off the pitch in Kruger. The safaris were a phenomenal experience and memories were gained that will never be lost.

On arrival in Cape Town we were greeted by slightly more comfortable conditions thanks to a wonderful breeze. This was our first meeting with Shaheem and Mikey, who had the tough job of replacing Martin, our guide in Kruger who we had all grown to love as a part of the team. As it turned out they were more than up to the challenge and it soon became clear why Shaheem has become something of a cult figure in the minds of previous tourists!

We had a very busy schedule which included a visit to a school in Khayelitsha township which was truly an experience the team and I will never forget. We played four games in Cape Town and one against Boland at Paarl, a tough but enjoyable itinerary. A trip to Table Mountain perhaps inspired the lads to a much needed win in the last game along with a few words of wisdom from Keith Brown and the remarkable Alan Swift who had found his hats.

Played 6, Won 3 could have been won 5 but we were unable to press home our advantage in two of the games which were eventually lost. On behalf of the team I would like to thank the coaches (Alan Swift and Keith Brown), Gavin Lane and John Smith for all their support and anyone else who helped us. It is truly one of the best tours any county youth team could hope for.

Finally I would like to say good luck to the team for the 2011 tour. Enjoy and take your opportunities because an experience like this will only come around once in a life time.

Michael Cousens, Captain, 2010 Tour.



THE REASONS WHY

The 2010 tour was no different to the others in that it was an enjoyable experience for all concerned and you don't have to look far to find the reasons why. South Africa has become an ever more popular tourist destination with spectacular scenery, good hotels and a tempting climate, especially during the northern hemisphere winter. All very splendid reasons but not the most significant, for that you simply have to experience the warm hospitality of the people we meet.

There are many we look forward to seeing again each year but there are a number who have become true friends of Devon cricket, people who have given so much to ensure that our young players gain maximum benefit from their two week visit.

In Kruger Frik Rossouw, Jannie Geldenhuys together with their wives Petro and Isabel work tirelessly during our visit to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Nothing is too much trouble, from preparation of the really excellent ground in Skukuza to the provision of wonderful food including a potjie. Potjie is a delicious South African dish which is usually prepared and eaten outside, probably as an alternative to the traditional braai (BBQ), during one of our earlier visits I had the temerity to refer to it as a stew (I am not sure that Jannie has ever forgiven me).

In Cape Town Nabeal Dien has been an enormous influence. He is a highly respected member of the Western Province Cricket Association management team where he is now General Manager. But his official role is only a small part of the story regarding his impact and influence on our visits to the mother city. So much of what has been possible is a direct result of his willingness to help and advise in every way possible. 'Going the extra mile' is a current expression used to describe acts beyond what might normally be expected, believe me, you can add an s on the end to describe Nabeal's contribution to making our visits to the Western Cape so exhilarating. They say that behind every successful man there is a good woman, this is certainly true of Nabeal whose wife Shameem - the touring party will certainly enjoy the excellent food she provides at the games.

Trying to list all our many friends in South Africa is a task I would rather avoid, the danger in trying to thank everyone by name is the offence caused by unwittingly leaving someone out. Hence a sincere thank you to 'all' our friends in South Africa we are, I can assure you, very grateful for all you do to make each visit memorable particularly for our young cricketers.

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Right: Brendan Germishuys Left: Reggie Learner



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