



**2014**

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To the players the same message as in previous years. Make the most of the opportunities a tour to this stunningly beautiful country has to offer. That the cricket will be tough and a test of your ability and resolve is a given. If you do not prepare yourself thoroughly the climate and the opposition will quickly find you out.

Prepare well and embrace what the country and its people have to offer. If you do I guarantee that you won't be disappointed and will return home much richer for the experience

Alan Swift, Team Manager.

## ITINERARY FEBRUARY 2014

|                |                         |                            |       |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| Thursday 6th   | Depart                  |                            |       |
| Friday 7th     | Arrive Kruger           |                            |       |
| Saturday 8th   | Free Day-Practice       | Skukuza CC                 |       |
| Sunday 9th     | Day 1 v Nelspruit       | Skukuza CC                 | 09 30 |
| Monday 10th    | Day 2 v Nelspruit       | Skukuza CC                 | 09 00 |
| Tuesday 11th   | Free Day                |                            |       |
| Wednesday 12th | v Vereeniging Gymnasium | Skukuza CC                 | 09 00 |
| Thursday 13th  | Travel to Cape Town     |                            |       |
| Friday 14th    | v WP Development XI     | Bergvliet High (Day/Night) | 15 00 |
| Saturday 15th  | Free Day                |                            |       |
| Sunday 16th    | v Boland                | TBC                        | 10 00 |
| Monday 17th    | Free Day                |                            |       |
| Tuesday 18th   | v WP Invitation XI      | Belville CC                | 10 00 |
| Wednesday 19th | v WP U14 Day 1          | Vineyard Oval              | 10 00 |
| Thursday 20th  | v WP U14 Day 2          | Vineyard Oval              | 10 00 |
| Friday 21st    | Free Day                |                            |       |
| Saturday 22nd  | Depart Cape Town        |                            |       |
| Sunday 23rd    | Arrive UK               |                            |       |

## LEAVE WITH LASTING MEMORIES



It is indeed an enormous privilege to once again welcome the Devon young cricketers to Cape Town (for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year) – fondly referred to as the Mother City. The Devon tour in February is an established and valued part of the youth programme at WPCA. You are no longer tourists but like family to many of us.

Cricket is a wonderful vehicle for learning valuable life skills, challenging you to display your technical ability and also to look beyond yourself and put the needs of your team ahead of your own. To the boys, this tour provides you all with the opportunity as players to move beyond your comfort zones. The opportunity to mix with players from different cultures and backgrounds and hopefully forge new and lasting friendships.

I want to salute Alan Swift in particular for his enduring passion and commitment to this tour over the past thirteen years –

he believes in the development of young men into decent citizens using the game as a medium. I am very pleased I can contribute to that vision.

Enjoy Cape Town and may the tour leave you with lasting memories of our Mother City and our hospitality.

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## PUTTING SOMETHING BACK

Those who have risen to the professional ranks from the youth and club structure in Devon seem ever willing to try and give something back. Jack Davey, a leading figure in the David Shepherd Cricket Foundation attended Tavistock Grammar School and played for his local village side Milton Abbot before representing Devon and eventually moving on to Gloucestershire from 1966 to 1978. Matt Wood followed Chris Read to Notts via Somerset and is now involved with some of the age group teams and EPP. The Overton twins, Craig and Jamie, who have recently made their way into the professional ranks at Somerset as well as the England Development set up, have willingly given their time to supporting fund raising and awards evenings. Lewis Gregory and Adam Dibble have helped regularly over a number of years.

Difficult then to pick any one person for special mention, but I am going to do just that. Chris Read played for Devon at each of the county youth age groups and the Devon Minor Counties side before joining the professional ranks at Gloucestershire and eventually Nottinghamshire. He is currently captain at Trent Bridge having guided them to the county championship title in 2010 and the YB40 title at Lords in 2013 (where he was the games top scorer with a crucial 50)

His credentials as a cricketer are of course never in doubt, 15 tests (which should have been many more but for the poor judgement of Duncan Fletcher), 36 ODIs, over 13000 first class runs plus 863 catches and 47 stumpings in first class matches alone!

However it is as a thoroughly decent individual that he has endeared himself to the cricket family in Devon. I have had the pleasure of getting to know him better since he agreed to become patron of Devon Youth Cricket Foundation.

Here, despite a busy schedule as captain of a first class county, he has always responded to requests for help, often causing him to make the journey from Nottingham to Devon. I am far from alone in admiring his willingness to put something back into the youth structure which encouraged and nourished his early involvement in cricket.

He has been one of the coaches on each of the two previous tours to South Africa. Ask any of the players and they will tell you how much they benefited from his knowledgeable and enthusiastic input. Even to the point of working over the lunch break with those not playing in that game and arranging one to one chats with each of the players at the end of the tour.

No wonder we are delighted that he will be part of the 2014 tour.



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# THE BUILDING BLOCKS ARE IN PLACE

## A LOOK BACK AT THE 2013 SEASON

The hard work put in by all the players and coaches during the winter squad sessions was a great benefit in preparing for the 2013 season.

The season had its ups and downs but overall it was a definite improvement on the previous year when the fixtures were decimated by wet weather.

We started off with a game against Gwent which we won emphatically with great batting performances from Harvey Sargent 91\*, a debut hundred from Noah Wright 104\*, who together posted a 178 run partnership. I added a 50 and we racked up 276, not bad for a first innings. Our bowlers had a field day and we beat Gwent comfortably by 171 runs, bowling them out cheaply for 105.

Unfortunately we couldn't repeat the success the very next week against Berkshire. Some of our batters got starts but couldn't carry on and we ended up with a disappointing 178-7 on a flat wicket. Our bowlers tried to claw it back after such a poor start but Berkshire eventually ran out winners by four wickets.

However, I think we have become better at bouncing back and this we did beating Cornwall by 40 runs with good performances from Harvey Sargent 98 and some hard hitting from Neil Osborne 48\*.

We weren't as fortunate in the next two games, losing consecutively to Dorset, whom I felt we should have beaten, and Somerset more convincingly. In the Dorset game we set them a target of 201 with Harvey continuing his consistent form with 61. Despite some economical overs from Billy Rudolph we could not restrict them and slumped to a disappointing 2-wicket loss. However the following game was not so close as Somerset won by a margin of 135 runs.

A week to forget and to move on from as quickly as possible.

On to Taunton for what would be our last festival.

Having got off to a bad start by losing to Derbyshire and Wales (this despite Matt Petherbridge taking three wickets with his first three balls!) we salvaged a draw from a tough game against Yorkshire Ben Phillips contributing a valuable 50).

We completed the festival in style with victories over Worcestershire by five wickets (Finlay Marks 54 and Harvey Sargent 59) and finally a comprehensive win over Gloucestershire by six wickets. We bowled them out cheaply for 118 with great figures from Billy Rudolph 9-0-32-4 and knocked off the runs comfortably. A great way to end our festival finishing fourth in our group

On returning to league action the next two games were called off due to rain, the only matches to suffer this fate in what was a great season weather-wise. Our next league encounter was away to Hampshire which we knew would be a tough test. A disappointing bowling effort saw Hampshire post a target of 286 after ten bowlers were used. In the chase Noah Wright contributed 52\* but we lost wickets regularly, something which invariably happens when chasing such a big target, and ended up losing comprehensively by 103 runs.

Once again we bounced back and finished our season on a high against a familiar opponents in Gloucestershire. We restricted them to 172 all out and chased down the target comfortably losing only one wicket in the process. A match winning partnership between Billy Rudolph 58\* and myself 56\* was a great way to end the season!

Overall 2013 was a much better season than the previous year with lovely weather ensuring we played 12 matches. Of these 5 were won, 6 ended in defeat and 1 game ended in a draw.

The building blocks are in place for a great tour of South Africa!

Joe Hagan-Burt



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## STAFF

### CHRIS READ & TIM WARD

Tim & Chris compare notes with the help of the warthogs at Skukuza.



### MATT COOKE

Toured South Africa as a player in 2003 and as a coach in 2013



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# PLAYER PROFILES



**Name:** Will Christophers

**Club:** Bovey Tracey CC

**School:** South Dartmoor Community College

**Born:** 7th February 1999 in Torquay

**Bat:** Right hand

**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium

**Re: Devon:** U10 to U13

**Best Performances**

- 3 – 10 v Cumbria
- 3-22 v Lancashire
- 53 v Gloucestershire

**Other Interests**

- Football
- Golf
- Cross country running



**Name:** Owen Gannon

**Club:** Plympton CC

**School:** Hele's School

**Born:** 17th June 1999 in Plymouth

**Bat:** Right hand

**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium

**Re: Devon:** U13

**Best Performances**

- 36 v E Devon
- 36 v N Devon
- 35 v S Devon
- 27 v E Devon

**Other Interests**

- Football
- Golf
- Badminton



**Name:** Joe Hagan-Burt

**Club:** Plymouth CC

**School:** DHS For Boys

**Born:** 28th March 1999 in Plymouth

**Bat:** Right hand

**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium

**Re: Devon:** U11 to U14

**Best Performances**

- 56\* v Gloucestershire
- 51 v Gwent
- 4 – 24 v Somerset

**Other Interests**

- Strength & Conditioning
- Running
- Football
- Table Tennis



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'I am thrilled that Ben Phillips and Jack Lockwood are playing on this tour. They are the latest in a long line of Blundell's pupils to represent their county and I wish them and the rest of the team an enjoyable time in South Africa'.

Rob Turner, master in charge of cricket at Blundell's, former Somerset and England A cricketer



# PLAYER PROFILES



**Name:** Alex Hannam

**Club:** Bideford & Westward Ho CC

**School:** Bideford College

**Born:** 7th September 1998 in Bideford

**Bat:** Right hand

**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium

**Re: Devon:** U10 to U14

**Best Performances**

- 53\* v Middlesex
- 83\* v W Devon
- 3 – 9 v Essex
- 3 – 16 v Gloucestershire

**Other Interests**

- Football
- Rugby



**Name:** Jack Lockwood

**Club:** Heathcoat CC

**School:** Blundell's School

**Born:** 28th January 1999 in Exeter

**Bat:** Left hand

**Bowl:** Left Arm Spin

**Re: Devon:** U10 & U13

**Best Performances**

- 95 v North Devon
- 73 v Dorset
- 38 v Cumbria
- 3-12 v Gwent

**Other Interests**

- Rugby
- Skiing
- Hockey



**Name:** Finlay Marks

**Club:** Exmouth CC

**School:** Sidmouth College

**Born:** 4th March 1999 in Oxford

**Bat:** Right hand

**Bowl:** Wicket Keeper

**Re: Devon:** U14



**Name:** Matt Petherbridge

**Club:** Cornwood CC

**School:** Egggbuckland Community College

**Born:** 28th August 1999 in Plymouth

**Bat:** Right hand

**Bowl:** Left Arm Spin

**Re: Devon:** U14

**Best Performances**

- 5-20 v Wales (including a hat trick)
- 3 – 7 v Gwent
- 3-25 v Gloucestershire
- 55 v S Devon

**Other Interests**

- Football (Supports Plymouth Argyle)



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# PLAYER PROFILES



**Name:** Ben Phillips  
**Club:** Thorverton CC  
**School:** Blundell's School  
**Born:** 7th November 1998 in Exeter  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Wicket Keeper Off Spin  
**Re: Devon:** U10 to U14 Somerset U10s  
**Best Performances**

- 87\* v Gwent
- 50 v Yorkshire
- 39\* v Derbyshire
- 82\* East v Bristol & District

**Other Interests**

- Rugby
- Hockey



**Name:** Oli Reed  
**Club:** Ottery St Mary CC  
**School:** Honiton Community College  
**Born:** 4th December 1998 in Exeter  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium  
**Re: Devon:** U10 to U13  
**Best Performances**

- 4-30 v Herefordshire
- 3-30 v Essex
- Devon Player of the Year 2012.
- Devon Bowler of the Year 2010 and 2011.
- DCB EPP.

**Other Interests**

- Rugby
- Football
- Golf



**Name:** Billy Rudolph  
**Club:** Ottery St Mary CC  
**School:** Colyton Grammar School  
**Born:** 16th October 1998 in London  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium  
**Re: Devon:** U10 to U14  
**Best Performances**

- 136\* v S Devon
- 58\* 3-32 v Gloucestershire
- 4-38 v Gloucestershire

**Other Interests**

- Hockey (Devon & S West)
- Tennis
- Rugby
- Football



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# PLAYER PROFILES



**Name:** Harvey Sargent  
**Club:** Sidmouth CC  
**School:** Sidmouth College  
**Born:** 11th September 1998 in St Albans  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Off Spin  
**Re: Devon:** U10 to U16

### Best Performances

- Highest scores for Devon 98, 91\*, 90\*, 89

### Other Interests

- Football
- Rugby



**Name:** Kazi Szymanski  
**Club:** Chelston CC  
**School:** Kings College Taunton  
**Born:** 5th September 1999 in Torquay  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium Fast  
**Re: Devon:** U10 to U14

### Best Performances

- 63 v Somerset
- 57no v Hampshire
- 49 v Wales
- 45no v Oxfordshire
- 5 – 10 v Gwent
- Hat-trick v Middlesex

### Other Interests

- Tennis
- Football
- Rugby



**Name:** Harry Ward  
**Club:** Paignton CC  
**School:** Paignton Community & Sports Academy  
**Born:** 26th March 1999 in Torbay  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Leg Spin  
**Re: Devon:** U9 to U14

### Best Performances

- 64 v N Devon
- 3-20 v Hampshire
- 7- 43 v Exmouth (Sun: League)

### Other Interests

- Rugby
- Badminton
- Golf



**Name:** Noah Wright  
**Club:** Paignton CC  
**School:** Churston Grammar School  
**Born:** 25th August 1999 in Torquay  
**Bat:** Right hand  
**Bowl:** Right Arm Medium  
**Re: Devon:** U11 to U14

### Best Performances

- 104\* v Gwent
- 83 v Gwent
- 52\* v Hampshire
- 2 – 16 v Hampshire

### Other Interests

- Rugby
- Sailing
- Skiing
- Golf





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Birthday boy - Jamie Telford in 2013



Table mountain viewed from the Guest House

# GREAT NEWS

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# CRICKET IN THE TOWNSHIPS - THE SIGNS ARE ENCOURAGING

Those who went on the first tour in 2002 will recall the match at Langa against Western Province Development X1, a team selected from township areas in and around Cape Town. They will certainly remember the deluge of exuberant young children who, on finishing school, invaded the local cricket ground, a completely unexpected and unfamiliar event for players and staff alike. Not that it was in any way threatening or unpleasant, quite the opposite in fact. It was simply our first experience of the vibrant social structure that underpins life in a township. We were here to take part in a cricket match but there was no escaping the welcoming attentions of the children who simply wanted to meet their visitors and be involved in what was going on.

That we won the cricket match was incidental. After the game we were invited to the township and had the privilege of meeting residents in their homes.

The experience had quite an impact on all the boys



***We gave one lady 50 Rand for welcoming us into her house, she immediately burst into tears and went to hide the money. The look on the face of that woman and the joy on in the eyes of the children at the cricket match is something that I shall never forget.***

***(Leon Loveridge recalls our visit to Langa in the 2003 tour brochure)***



Historically the black population did not play the game in any great numbers, in some places not at all. However we have witnessed a considerable improvement in the quality of these players in matches over the twelve years that we have been touring. The success is testament to the foresight of those who initiated and planned the project and a reflection of the skill and dedication of the coaches and organisers who implemented the ideas.

Much of this valuable work has been organized and supervised by Ezra Cagwe. Development Cricket Coordinator at Western Province Cricket Association. a delightful character we have met up with on each of our visits.

Having an understanding of how to teach cricket is one thing, selling the game to a population who had virtually no understanding or attachment to the sport is something else. Enormous credit then to Ezra and his increasing band of coaches, twelve at the last count. From virtually nothing in 2002 they have engaged the attention of children in the townships to the point where they now oversee squads at U10 and U11, drawn from forty two schools in nine township areas.

There is still much to do but the signs are encouraging.



Ezra Cagwe

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Our game in 2013 against a Development XI introduced us to Thandani Nyombolo a very promising quick bowler from Khayelitsha. Having been introduced to cricket via U9 mini cricket he maintained an interest in the game and eventually joined the local club.

While the academic aspect of his education was well catered for in later years, the fact that that his school did not major in cricket was an issue for a young man of promise who was keen to learn more about the game

Paul Adams, former South Africa test player and now coach to Cape Cobras expressed the opinion that Thandani might have the potential to become a future Cobras player. However it seemed unlikely that his mother would be able to raise sufficient money for him to attend a school where cricket was a major part of the sporting curriculum.

Efforts were made to help and Ezra Cagwe made us aware of this during our visit in 2013. We could not fund the placing in its entirety but offered to make a donation. Suffice to say that this enabled him to secure a place at Western Cape Sports School and it is encouraging to hear that he has recently been selected for Western Province at Under 17.

Naturally we were delighted to help make this happen and Thandani and his mother were extremely grateful. I guess the real bonus would be if he became the next Makhaya Ntini, but please, not at the expense of England!



Thandani in his Western Cape sports school uniform



Thandani and his mother chat with Chris Read at Vineyard Oval



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## SUCCESS IN 2013 FOR LAST YEARS TOURISTS

Ben Green and Ben Steer (Cpt.) who were on the 2013 tour were selected to represent South & West England in the prestigious 2013 Bunbury Festival held at Durham.

Ben Green captained the West side and confirmed his outstanding potential by being judged as the "All Rounder" of the tournament. It was subsequently announced that he had been selected as part of the England U16 Development Programme, a really notable achievement by a talented young player.



Ben Green (left) and Ben Steer at the Bunbury Festival



Ben Green receives his 'all rounder of the tournament' from David English



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- Helping more children to play and enjoy the great game of cricket.
- Helping the talented to become future stars of the game.

## AMAZING, A GREAT EXPERIENCE

I would start by saying there is much I would like to include but that might prove difficult in such a short space. However I will do my best to provide a flavour of a special experience.



South Africa was definitely the trip of a lifetime! The people we met, the activities we took part in and of course the cricket, which was played on beautiful grounds, were all amazing.. However it is the whole experience of South African life and culture that will live in the memory.

South Africa is a proud nation, evident in the joy of it's own people. This rubs off on everyone who visits and this is why it is so exciting, fun and such a great experience. Some of the things we did whilst being there just blew everyone away!

The standard of youth cricket is exceptionally high. They receive so much satisfaction and joy from playing a game of cricket, making the matches more competitive than in England. We competed very well in every game we played and we needed to because team spirit is prevalent everywhere in South Africa.

Kruger was a great place to visit especially because of the people who hosted us, their fantastic hospitality ensured we did everything we possibly could in the short period of time we were there, including a meal in the bush at night – amazing. The cricket we played at Skukuza CC and everything we saw or heard, including the most spectacular electric storm on our last night left us with fantastic memories.

Kruger really was awesome! The early mornings (and I mean early) and evening safaris were a fantastic opportunity and seeing such powerful wild animals from such a close distance is incredible.

Cape Town is a most spectacular city to visit. The standard of cricket in Cape Town was generally very high however as a team we still played and competed extremely well. Conditions in Paarl were 40°C – unbelievably hot to be playing cricket in. Playing against Western Province U15s on our last full day in South Africa was a great experience as they were an excellent side and really put us through our paces. Also winning in the last over against the Southern Suburbs was incredible thanks to Greener for hitting 18 in the last over!

Seeing the sunset on Table Mountain was something we had heard much about from everyone and it really was spectacular. Playing football on Camps Bay beach, a water sports day, visiting Robben Island, Simons Town, Boulders Beach were all such fantastic opportunities for us. The hospitality received at Newlands Stadium whilst watching two 20/20 games was greatly

appreciated by all the team and we were also lucky enough to go 'behind the scenes' including the post match debrief. P

Overall the trip was amazing, a great experience for everyone involved. We didn't always get the results we wanted, however we still played fantastically well as a team despite the extreme heat and I am sure the whole squad would agree that it was the trip of a lifetime.

Good luck to the team in 2014 – enjoy the whole experience, you will make friendships and bring back memories that will last a lifetime. Finally some advice, remember to take in all the fluid you can and to listen to Sam Ward who looked after us so well.

Dan Wolf

South Africa  
Tour 2013.



Dan Wolf bowling in the game V WPU14 at Vineyard Oval in Cape Town

# AWESOME KRUGER



At Mpumalanga Kruger airport



Magnificent Skukuza Cricket Ground



Dan Pyie (left) and Ben Green. Centurions at Skukuza



Superb wildlife



Nelspruit College before our first game of the tour at Skukuza



Match V Nelspruit. VUSWA have done so much over the years to make our visit possible

## OUR LONG STANDING FRIENDS IN KRUGER

Photos left to right: Frik, Petro, Jannie, Isabel



# AN EXPERIENCE NONE OF US WILL EVER FORGET

Club cricketer and a leading figure of the Devon Cricket League Umpires Panel, David Moseby, was invited to travel as a member of the group and officiate on the 18 day Devon Cricket Board Development Tour of South Africa in February. Here David relives his experiences:-

I was approached By Gavin Lane (DACO) about the possibility of joining the 2013 tour I knew Mark Orchard (Brixham CC) had gone on an earlier tour and after speaking to Mark and his father, Barry, who went with the party in 2005, I decided to go. What a fantastic decision, an eighteen day trip never to be forgotten.

We set off from Heathrow to Johannesburg- on February 14 (my wife said leaving her alone for 18 days was the best Valentines Day present I had ever given her!!!) with 14 boys and 14 players and 5 staff in the party. We met Chris Read at Heathrow (what a privilege for the boys to have an international cricketer as a coach for the whole tour) and Alan Swift, tour manager, linked up with us in South Africa. Alan was the mastermind of the tour and the contacts he had made gave us access to places that money just could not buy.

Our first seven days were spent in the Kruger Gate Hotel – a luxury hotel within a quarter of a mile from the entrance to the Kruger National Park. Our cricket base was Skukuza Cricket club, a fantastic club and ground situated in the staff village, Skukuza, the administrative centre of the Kruger National Park

The boys played two games there (a one day and a two day) and did brilliantly to win both. They were played in temperatures of around 38 degrees (quite warm really). Our hosts looked after us magnificently and eating bush braais in the wild in the evenings was an amazing experience. We were privileged to go on wonderful game drives and our guide, named Letters, knew the Park inside out. With his knowledge and contacts he took us to places where he knew the big five were. Some of the highlights:-

- Having to slow down as a leopard ran across the road in front of our jeep
- Seeing a family of rhino walk across the road in front of us
- Crossing a bridge and seeing crocodiles and hippos in the river
- Seeing an elephant bathing in the river
- A leopard curled up in a tree
- Giraffes regularly at the roadside

But THE highlight was a lion and a lioness sat on the road (having a romantic evening). We parked and watched them from less than ten yards away for around twenty minutes - wow!

Surreal moment was being woken up at 6.30 am one morning by a massive bang – looking out of my hotel window to see a security guy shooting at an invading troop of baboons - two of whom stole toast from the next breakfast table later that morning.

Then a wonderful flight down to Cape Town, where we would spend the next nine nights. Four games of cricket were played here:-

- A day night game under floodlights against a team from Townships- which Devon won by one wicket in the last over.
- A one day game against Boland at Paarl , a beautiful ground , which has hosted one day internationals – a game played in heat of 42 degrees
- Two games against Western Province- one at the attractive Vineyard Oval. Devon lost the last three games but the opposition was strong and a tour record of won 3 lost 3 was a successful record the boys.

Cape Town is the most beautiful place I have ever visited, the best bits:-

- An evening cable car ride to see sunset on Table Mountain – wow
- A boat trip out to Robben Island to see where Nelson Mandela was held.
- A trip to Boulders Beach to see literally thousands of penguins, who swam right up to you.

- A drive through the Township of Langa - a reality check to be sure.
- Evenings on the Waterfront, eating at sensational outdoor restaurants, sampling freshly caught fish with fantastic bands and singers playing on every corner.
- A trip to Newlands, sitting in the President's box watching a twenty 20 won by the Cape Cobras.
- Trips to fantastic beaches, with the back drop of Table Mountain

The whole trip had been a great success. The cricket fixtures were designed to test the boys and they responded superbly. Chris Read, Tim Ward and Matt Cooke were superb coaches, organising productive practice sessions on arrival in South Africa and excellent team and individual coaching on all match days.

The boys were ably led by skipper, Ben Steer, and it was a pleasure to be on the field for every minute of the tour to see them grow in confidence, individually and as a group and show great team spirit throughout.

A large group of parents travelled and gave wonderful support to the boys at every match. The tour party and parents got together and had a fantastic last night in Cape Town. As ever the time to fly home seemed to arrive quickly after such a great adventure. It was a privilege for me to be part of the tour party – an experience none of us will ever forget.

David Moseby



*Courting couple*



*Dave on Table Mountain with Cape Town in the background (pity about the shirt)*

# CAPE TOWN



2013 Tour Squad at Newlands Cricket Ground



After Final Game V WP U15s at Northerns Goodwood



V Development XI at Bergvlei High School



Will Thompson in action against Western Province U14 at Vineyard Oval



Vernon Philander joined up with us at Northerns Goodwood CC. He played at Budleigh Salterton (and Devon) before going on to be a test star with South Africa.



End of Game Presentation v WPU14 at Vineyard Oval

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# THE 2013 TOUR



Alan Switt negotiating possible schedule with Shaheem = always one of the entertaining aspects of the tour!



At Langa Township Heritage Museum



Penguins at Boulders Beach



Leisure activities between cricket matches



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