



Midlands Club Cricket Conference Autumn Newsletter 2009 Have Faith & Keep the Faith Imams Vs. Vicars

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Special points of interest:

- MCCC Dinner Friday March 5 2010 will be another cracker
- Youth success Under 16 Finals Day
- MCCC matches Representative report 2009
- New style MCCC ties available now—only £10



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Hampton in Arden had faith in their ideas & launched a new club & ground in 2009.

Staying faithful to their inspiration along came a brilliant idea which was not only an act of faith but also a good bit of PR.

Thus was born the Test of Faith which became the local story of the week & several entries on the C of E Faithbook website.

Vicars Vs. Imams cricket should be more common because in the British Empire they rubbed along quite closely & it could have become a tradition. It will now.

Whether it was invented or revived at Hampton Village it was played in a lovely setting on a fine June summer evening.

The game was the brain-child of local GP Roger Charlton & faithfully supported by Keith Claringbull, Vicar of the Parish. Dr Issam Ghannam the main Imam of Solihull brought along 11 prayer leaders from the Building Bridges Islamic Initiative. Rising to such a challenge the Bishop of Birmingham, David Urquhart put his faith in 10 local Vicars. Talk of holy struggle or Christian soldiers was suspended for the duration of a splendid occasion of inspiring unity.

And did the Holy Lamb (& Beefy) of God walk upon England's pastures green? Certainly & hand in hand without adherence to one particular creed.

In fact everyone walked if they nicked it as you would expect from those with as much 20/20 vision as the ECB. Imams scored 87 off 20 overs & the Vicars made a typically modest 57.

So what does it all mean? All writing on this subject require that contemplation. Absolutely no faith saving measures required by this bunch who were like one faith community not two. Those who scoff at religion should have been there. They probably have a religion of some kind anyway (like climate change science) & would throw out the baby with the bathwater.

Our cricket is similar to this match but without the formal titles. "What do you want if you don't want money?" - Adam Faith. Cricket?

AGM, Dinner, Yearbook & Matches

Our AGM will be held on 13 January 2010 at Halesowen CC. This has proved to be an excellent venue & an excellent buffet is laid on. We hope to see you there at 8.00pm.

[Our Dinner](#) was a splendid affair at the Tally-Ho, Edgbaston. So we are going back again on Friday 5 March 2010. Congratulations have been deservedly heaped on Phil Williams for leading the team.

Why not buy a new MCCC tie for this event? Email address on page 4.

Our 2010 Yearbook will be published in the Spring. Will Members please submit their reports to the Editor, Andrew Jackson andrew@amjackson.co.uk

The indispensable Club Directory needs to be accurate - email details to Phil Williams <pjw116@talktalk.net> (its that man again).

To play for MCCC teams against the likes of MCC, Oxford & Cambridge contact Alan Neal s.alanneal@hotmail.com or 0121 744 6656.

To play a midweek anniversary celebration game v MCCC contact Howard Clay cricket-clay@aol.com 0121 477 3686.



Lords Taverners Under 16 Finals Day Colwall Triumph Over Mighty Moseley



Kidderminster Ben Campbell, Jack Wor-ton, Jamie Brighton, Tom Farquharson, Alex Hills, Jack Hudson, Rob Wood (M)
Front: Ryan Field, Jaimen Rudd, Chris Harler [C] Ryan Derrick, Matt Holloway



Tanworth in Arden Pete Carey (M) Rees Saunders, Chris Hooper, Ben Trenchard, Ben Crowe, Fred Howard, Kieran Patel
Front: Matt Travers, James Carey, James Travers, Matt Bacon + E. Cunningham

On 1 September Harborne CC hosted the big youth event. After some fine weather MCCC organiser Brian Webb had great help from Groundsperson Trevor Townsend after a heavy shower. Brian was also grateful to colleagues Jon Roe, Tom Gray & Ian Stokes for bringing the widespread competition to the Finals

In the 1st semi-final Colwall amassed 164-3 off their 20 overs & bowled out Tanworth-in-Arden for 97 in 19 overs

Kidderminster were 125 all out off 20 overs against Moseley who were 126/5 off 14 overs

In the exciting play-off for 3rd place Tanworth won the toss & were 49-0 off 6 & 148 -2 off 20 (Matt Bacon 58no, Chris Hooper 61no). Kidderminster won with 149-3 off 19.4 (Alex Hills 61no).

The final was Colwall's to lose after they batted superbly to reach 198-8 off 20 overs. In reply Otton & West Warwicks scored 146-10 off 19.5 overs but were still in contention whilst Cornick & Nandra bossed some of the Colwall bowling. Alan Neal presented the trophy to Rory Jones & thanked Kreed International for their generous prizes.

Final details:

Batting:(Colwall)
O. Davey 65
R.Jones 47
W. Barrett 54

Bowling: (Moseley)
J.Dulai 3-0-40-0
A.Ejaz 4-0-36-3
I.Nandra 4-0-26-2
J.Cornick 3-0-28-0
A.Shoaib 4-0-21-0
A.Mahmood 2-0-43-0

Batting (M)
J.Cornick 33
I.Nandra 38

Bowling (C)
J.Crichard 4-1-19-3
C.Harwood 3-0-24-0
R.Jones 4-0-45-1
W.Barrett 4-0-30-1
W.Shirlaw 4-0-22-3



Colwall's Rory Jones (also Player of the Finals) receives the trophy from Alan Neal of MCCC



Lovely Umpires: Colin Powell, Tom Gray, D.R. Cook, Peter Jones



Colwall: Will Barrett, Chris Harwood, Joe Crichard, Odge Davey, Rory Jones, George Lee, George Shirlaw Front: Richard Watkins, Jack Cooney, Stevie Wilson, Henry Coleman



Moseley: Abais Mahmood, Connor Walsh, Asif Mughal, Asim Shoab [C], Tom Smith, Jack Cornick, Jagtar Dulai, Akeel Ejaz, Dan Mian, Sho-zair Ali, Sam Whitby, Inderpal Mandra



MCCC Match Success in 2009

The senior Conference side made an early start to the 2009 season in late April at Solihull School. A 104 stand from Mahmood & Robinson (57) made it a cracking start with three figures & the first wicket coming up in over 17. Yousef weighed in with 58 off 54 leading to a 50 over total of 259-6. Solihull were a very impressive unit under their new coach David Hemp & the facilities first class. However, on the day they could not score at 5 an over without losing too many wickets, finishing on 173 all out off 43 overs. Freeman, Mahmood, Ede & Chapman shared the wickets.

Oxford University won the toss at The Parks. Sharma (117) & Klopper (62) took them to 278-5. Hancock took 1-33 off his 10 overs. In reply MCCC again were 100 off 17 overs but subsided to 226 all out. Mohamed scored 61 off 58 balls.

The visit of RAF at Coventry & NW started badly but a late rally led by Redkar (58) of Smethwick gave some hope at 172-10. In reply RAF were 90-2 off 18 overs but then struggled against MCCC spinners Redkar, Hancock & Jakeman. Cessford (56no) finally guided RAF home by 4 wickets off 40 overs.

MCC were all out for 254 at Uxbridge in July. MCCC's Mohammed & Cleary both opened with quick 50s. Jayden Levitt of Bromsgrove hit a sparking 108 not out off 92 balls resulting in a smart 8 wicket win.

Stowell Park proved an unlucky ground again when rain came after only 12 overs against Gloucester Gipsies.

The Club Cricket Conference hosted at Tring & scored 227-6. The Levitt century show was repeated aided by 75 from Stenning to give MCCC an 8 wicket win.



Ishtiaq bowling to RAF at Coventry & NW



Conference players bright & sunny after defeating Solihull School in the opening match of the season. We did have eleven players involved in the game.



Wythall 113th Anniversary XI, groundsperson & umpires



MCCC team for the Wythall match



Old Hill's 125th Anniversary XI & umpires



MCCC at Old Hill, Alan Neal & David Hollyhead (R)

For the first 'Anniversary' match MCCC were privileged to be invited to play at Wythall's 113th. Rain reduced the game to 32 overs for each side. It was only the prodigious efforts led by Wythall's leading light & groundsperson Des Boot. This included filling a deep hole full of water just off the square with cement mix & marking it

with a fork. Nobody was trapped by this potential hazard. Conference, well supported by a group from Weoley Hill (WH) batted first & amassed 180-6 off their 32 overs. Geghan (WH) top scored with 58 aided by Luhar (WH) & Craythorn (WH). Vincent took 3 wickets for Wythall. In reply Wythall lost wickets at regular intervals.

B. Nightingale & Willder of Trysoe & Seisdon bowled well for Conference. Geghan could not be kept out of the action by taking 3 wickets in 3 overs to limit the host's reply to 76 all out off 30 overs. Many fine speeches rounded off the evening in the social club & Wythall can take great pride in the way they celebrated the day

MCCC visited Old Hill for their 125th year cricket week fixture, taking a senior side against a strong home side who featured a return visit from England's Richard Stemp. Redkar of Smethwick batted superbly at number 7, striking 104 off 71 balls. This came after strong bowling had taken 5-60 off 23 overs. MCCC ended on

224-8 off their 45 overs. In reply Old Hill fell to 28-3 off 8 overs thanks to 2 in 2 from opening quick Tom Freeman. Karl Whyte scored 65 off 51 balls despite a broken finger inflicted whilst keeping wicket. He was dismissed stumped Fisher off Redkar who confirmed his MVP status with 3 wickets



Midlands Club Cricket Conference

MCCC is still looking for a Chair of the vital Youth Committee—do you know someone who can help?

Phone: 0121 288 6594
E-mail: Secretary@mccc.co.uk

Stop Press: ICC Volunteer Awards Midlanders in UK ICC Centenary List
Richard Cox, our own David Thomas, Munir Ali, Martin Webb, George Hornbuckle & Alan Vollans



Richard Fox
Olton & W.W.



Munir Ali (R)
Smethwick & S2A

Visit mccc.co.uk & for fixtures
mccc.play-cricket.com

Worcestershire Young Cricketers Under 17 - Latest in St Lucia



MCCC stalwart David Banks put this very successful tour together in no time & was also coach to the lads. WYC were also helped by the local St Lucia agent Dominic Fedee who was able to steer the group through some tricky situations. So England, MCCC & WYC have now had

the St Lucia experience to generally good effect. Ian Massey, Chairman of WYC led the team assisted by scorer Roger Wilks of Pershore & umpire John Nash (MCCC & BDPCL). WYC captain Brett D'Oliveira led 14 other tour players with distinction.

By balancing focused team sport with socialising 4 out of the 5 matches were won, 2 at the Beausejour National Stadium. Opposition increased in strength & age as WYC's discipline overcame the over-riding attacking flair of the locals. More: 07712 187252

Promoting Stafford Cricket Club — could this example help you?



Stafford CC are building a happy & successful team including their hockey colleagues.



Stafford CC are making the most of their expensive facilities by linking in with the local community & national sporting groups

In these tough economic times, Stafford Cricket & Hockey Club, have taken the bull by the horns & embarked on a scheme to raise their profile, invest in facilities & get more people involved at their club.

They have set up a dedicated website (<http://www.riverway-events.co.uk/>) to not only promote cricket & hockey, but also the facility, the ground & all the other sports that take place on the 12 acres of land they own.

Business Development Manager Guy Seaton said...

"We were lucky enough to receive a £200K lottery grant in 1999 & thought we were in clover. However, with a 100K mortgage, the last 10 years have been as tough as ever & we're constantly living from hand to mouth. We were also flooded out 2 years ago & have only just got back to the level of trade we were experiencing then". "12 months ago our President had to send letters to former members asking for donations just to keep the doors open!"

"The website brings everything together & allows us to approach schools, companies, local government & other sporting organisations. One idea to create a local rounders league resulted in Rounders England considering the national team playing at Riverway.

The club is securing representative cricket fixtures starting with an MCCC fixture in 2010 (proposed) & leading up to its 150th anniversary in 2014.

You can contact Guy via the website.