

**TRAFFORD SOLICITORS CC**

**THE TOURS TO  
BELLINGHAM**

**1989 – 2005**

**RIVERDALE HALL**

**BELLINGHAM**

**NORTHUMBRIA**



**Trafford Solicitors'  
Cricket Club  
A Brief History**

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**The first 17 years**

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**By B J Whitworth**

## Introduction

The beginnings of the club, as with all great sporting institutions are becoming lost in the mist of time. Early memories are of Whitworth B and Walley G first cutting then rolling a rudimentary square on King George VI Playing Fields, Broadheath so that their respective teams could do battle with bat and ball (no pads or gloves in those days) a stone's throw (or rather a decent shot) from the Bridgewater Canal. Little is remembered of those early teams. Walley G was a young printer in those days (in the swinging sixties) and so his team would mostly be made up of craftsmen, journeymen, typesetters and the like whilst Whitworth B's team would be more educated types from the posher areas of Oldfield Brow and Woodheys. Gentlemen v Players if you like.

As the years passed, over-arm bowling became more prevalent and scorebooks were invented, the records and some of the players became a little clearer. Walley G put the cloth cap behind him for good and became a respected youth leader, social worker, peoples' champion made good and formed a Social Workers' XI with himself as supremo whilst Whitworth B, now a boy solicitor of 21, soon found himself posted to Partington where, to kill the boredom, he acquired a pitch at Carrington (now MCFC training ground) and put together the first Trafford Solicitors' team to play against local opposition such as Broadoak School, Partington Parish Council, Royal Bank of Scotland and Trafford Magistrates' Court (lead by and extremely young chap called Mark Lilley). Even from the beginning solicitor cricketers were (because of their hardworking nature barely able to leave their chambers) a rarity through names such as Clarke A, Crangle G, Adams J, Bolton N, Rowson I, Turner E, Eastgate G, Brooks D, Stacks D and Stansfield C were the genuine article and a total of 11 true solicitors have played for the club down the years.

As the decades progressed Walley G developed a foot in both camps captaining both his Social Workers' XI whilst moonlighting for the "TSA" (Trafford Solicitors' Association or Law Society of which Whitworth B became president and to which the Club was thus briefly betrothed and was thereafter never able – despite attempts to find a better name – to subsequently disassociate itself). Solicitor recruits being such dour and unsporting individuals (with the possible exception of Clarke A) and thus difficult to enrol, friends and relatives had to be drafted in to make up numbers.

Thus the advent of our current illustrious captain, Walley C, who was signed on schoolboy forms and was given his first big break. His pater, Walley M (a great player in his time), Tonkinson P (a Walley by marriage and adept of the shin and pads school of wicket keeping), Hosty B and Logie J (whose day jobs were dentists) were brought in; there was a free transfer from Trafford Magistrates of Lilley, an influx from RBS of Murray M, Shaw H and Hilton G and later the Clarke offsprings were introduced as they emerged from the womb. The opposition grew tougher and more famous, the Gas Board, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Greater Manchester Police and Enchante Curtains to name but a few and before long Walley G had to give up his dalliance with his Socialists XI to join the more conservative ranks of TSA on a full time central contract.

However, as 1989 dawned this was still a far cry from the lean mean fighting machine we have today, six-a-side tournament champions, league members, victors over international opposition, but in that year someone suggested we try something new ....



(the Annexe)

## Bellingham 1989 – The First Tour

### **Tourists**

Walley M, Walley C, Walley G, Stansfield C, Crangle G, Whitworth B, Clarke A, Rowson I, Tonkinson P, Eastgate G, Adams J.

### **17<sup>th</sup> June, 1989 – TSA v Victorians**

Victorians 333 – 3 (Brown 104 retired)

TSA 128 – lost by 205 runs (Whitworth B 38, Walley C 21, Walley (C, G or M?) 2 wickets)

### **18<sup>th</sup> June, 1989 – TSA v Addingham Crusaders**

Result unknown – opposition score not recorded – probably lost

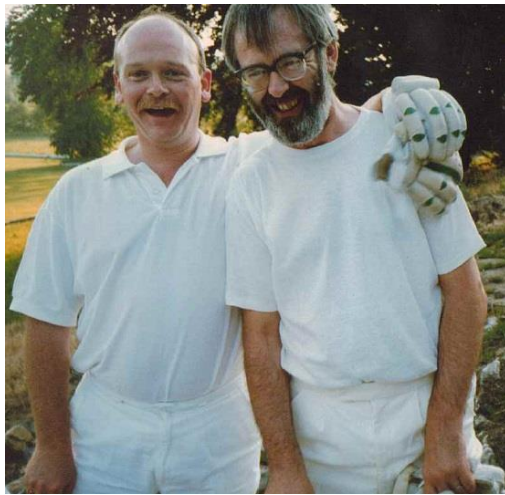
TSA 100 all out (Walley C 22, Walley M 20)

### **Summary of 1989 Tour**

It was Stansfield's idea to go on tour and Crangle came up with the wonderful venue through his pal, John Cocker, the proprietor of Riverdale Hall, Bellingham (though John himself was "unavoidably detained" elsewhere for a couple of years we were to go) (represented by his brief Crangle). A few of us had to stay in the annex in the village. Those retiring to their accommodation early (i.e. before 2.00am) unfortunately missed the spectacle of the Riverdale "bar diving" practiced by other guests and one or two TSA stalwarts. Walley C staggered back from the hotel to the annex as dawn broke Saturday am, not the best preparation for Saturday's match – explaining, to some extent, the result! The weather was fantastic – wall-to-wall sunshine, Crangle and Stansfield sporting their pints in the field (Stansfield's protected by the stumps), Adams, his pipe. Results not so good, our first opposition (Victorians) cracking up a massive 333 including 13 wides on our part and crushing our spirits somewhat though we replying with a plucky 128.

Playing Addingham for the first time on Sunday. They got rid of us for 100 in 30 overs. Although the scorebook is mercifully silent on their reply it is felt the ton was knocked off in short shrift.







## Bellingham – 1990

### **Tourists**

Walley C, Tonkinson P, Stansfield C, Eastgate G, Clarke A, Adams J, Pollard D, Whitworth B, Walley G, Crangle G, Lilley M.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> June 1990**

#### **TSA v Gilmorton**

TSA 113 – (Pollard 33, Crangle 18 N O) - Lost by 8 wickets

Gilmorton 114 - 2

### **24<sup>th</sup> June 1990**

#### **TSA v Addingham Crusaders**

Result dubious – book shows lost by 1 run

TSA 155 (Whitworth B 42, Walley C 30, Lilley 5 – 19)

Addingham 156 for 10 (technically not possible)

### **Summary**

Weather again glorious. Pollard appearing this year in place of Rowson who had promised his wife, Steph he would do the ironing! Embattling music en route in Whitworth B's white Volvo (Mars by Gustav Holst) did not have desired effect as crushed in first match by little known Gilmorton side who passed our poor total of 113 (thanks to a late effort of 33 by debutant Pollard and a spunky 18 by Crangle) with acres of time and wickets to spare. Next day Addingham result a mystery. The (then) captain recorded a career best of 42 before being stupidly run out by Clarke A (not for the first or last time). Walley C added 30 and Eastgate 22 to reach 155. The Addingham score is recorded as an impossible 156 for 10 with Lilley taking a brilliant 5 for 19. Work that one out! (*note by the editor ((2019)) – if Addingham had an agreed 12 players it is feasible*). In the evenings we were regaled royally by Stansfield's "tales of the riverbank", and Crangle insisting on showing us the delights of "The Black Dog"!





(TSA / Addingham)

## Bellingham 1991

### **Tourists**

Stansfield C, Whitworth B, Pollard D, Whitworth N, Walley C, Rowson I, Walley G, Parkes A, Clarke A, Gunter S, Eastgate G.

### **15<sup>th</sup> June 1991**

#### **TSA v Medicals**

Medicals 55 all out

TSA 56 for 4 – won by 6 wickets (Pollard 27 N.O. Walley C 13 (no bowler's names entered!))

### **16<sup>th</sup> June 1991**

#### **TSA v Addingham Crusaders**

TSA 40 – 6 (Gunter 10, Pollard 10) – no further scores recorded – recollection is the game was then wiped out by a downpour

### **Summary**

The year of the first appearances of Parkes, Gunter and Whitworth junior arriving Friday for very late meal after a mammoth drive from Canterbury, Kent (where they were then at university) replacing – along with Rowson – Adams, Crangle, Lilley (another cousins wedding) and wicket keeper Tonkinson, Walley C taking the gloves. Golf on Saturday am now well in vogue. Weather not so good. The “grey matter” is here being taxed to the full but the recollection is “Medicals” were not a “real” side (names “Sas”, and “Mick” and “Fatty” in the scorebook supporting this impression as does their score of 55 all out in 24 overs) but this does not detract from TSA's first undisputed victory on tour by 6 wickets putting on the required 56 runs in a mere 13 overs. Pollard top scoring on 37 not out.

On Sunday against Addingham only the TSA score is recorded on a record low of 40 for 6. The book does not record but the recollection is we were saved by a near hurricane and all went home had an unbeaten weekend!



## Bellingham 1992

### **Tourists**

Whitworth B, Murray M, Walley C, Walley G, Clarke A, Eastgate G, Gunter S, Whitworth N, Parkes A, Tonkinson P, Stansfield C, (and Jane)

### **13<sup>th</sup> June 1992**

#### **TSA v Bellingham Select**

Bellingham Select 216 – 6

TSA 177 – 9 – lost by 39 runs (Clarke A 43, Walley C 33, Gunter 2 for 29, Eastgate 2 for 50)

### **14<sup>th</sup> June 1992**

#### **TSA v Addingham Crusaders**

Crusaders 202 – 6

TSA 177 – 8 – lost by 22 runs (Murray 45, Walley G 21, Gunter 2 – 37)

### **Summary**

Definitely the 4<sup>th</sup> and last year of (dyslexic toboganist tourist) Stansfield to whom the club owes a debt of gratitude. Missing from last year were Rowson (shopping) and Pollard. The breach filled by debutant (n0-o-o!) Murray and retaking the gloves Tonkinson.

On Saturday against Bellingham Select XI our slightly commandeered line-up saw Stansfield (drunk) as twelfth man and “Aussie” Chris Hears (Riverdale barman and allegedly the second Don Bradman) at number 3. The Aussie only scored 10 and took 0 – 32, they knocked 216 – 6 and despite 43 by Clarke A we lost by 39 in a good game. We kept up the trend on Sunday against Addingham to lose by 4 wickets despite a good knock by Murray (45).

One of the highlights of the weekend was Jane’s excellent scoring. Murray of course (her companion) didn’t stay at the Riverdale but at a B&B up the road with far poorer facilities. Also note the excellent “naturist” shot of Walley G whose first words to the then captain that morning – after his usual plea to be allowed to bat and bowl – were “I suppose you are wondering why I’ve called this meeting”.



## Bellingham 1993

### **Tourists**

Gunter S, Whitworth B, Shaw H, Walley C, Eastgate G, Walley G, Murray M, Clarke A, Crangle G, Parkes A, Whitworth N, Edwards G (Deirdre)

### **12<sup>th</sup> June 1992 v Manchester Planners**

Manchester Planners 164 – 6

TSA 131 A. O. – lost by 35 runs (Walley C 35, Eastgate 34, - Eastgate 3 – 22)

### **13<sup>th</sup> June 1992 v Riverdale Hall XI**

Lost by indeterminate margin (again inadequate scoring) (Walley C 45, Eastgate 28)

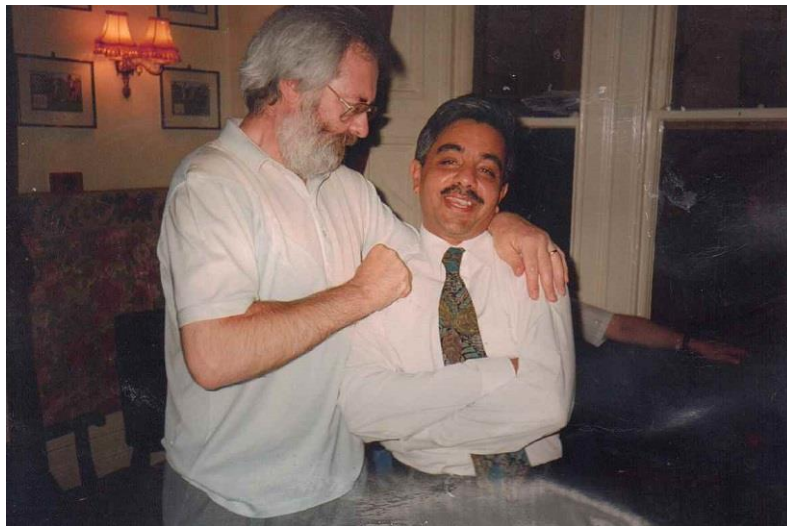
### **Summary**

Dropping out from last year are Tonkinson, Stansfield and “Aussie” to be replaced by Crangle and debutantes Edwards G and Mr Howard Shaw, the then captain’s Bank Manager and brought in because the captain owes him money! Murray takes over the gloves. Jane keeps the score.

Saturday saw our first of a total 17 matches played on tour against Manchester Planners who (with Les Cooper as skipper) have proved a great bunch of lads and strong opposition over the years. Too strong for us on this occasion knocking 164 – 6 to which we could only reply with a feeble 131. Crangle can be seen getting his own back in the bar later against Hamid (Gauhar) (who spun out 3 of us for 15). Still later in the evening we were “entertained” by a speech and anecdotes from Kent “quickie” Norman Graham (kindly laid on by John Cocker) who had us all falling about or was it the Newcastle Brown?

Obviously, too much fun was had Saturday night as despite 45 from Walley C (and 3 from Derdrie) on Sunday we appear to have gone down to a Riverdale XI though the opposition score is not recorded (Jane fired as scorer!)





## Bellingham 1994

### **Tourists**

Murray M, Gunter S, Walley C, Whitworth B, Clarke A, Walley G, Eastgate G, Whitworth N, Parkes A, Lilley M, Crangle G, Edwards G

### **18<sup>th</sup> June 1994 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

MCP 143 – 8

TSA 147 – 3 won by 7 wickets (Walley C 48 N.O. Clarke A 30 N.O. – again no bowling figures)

### **19<sup>th</sup> June 1994 (am) – 23 overs match – TSA v Aston Associates**

TSA 80 – 5 (Eastgate 41 N.O. Crangle 11 N.O. – Eastgate 4 – 24) – lost by 1 wicket

AA – 88 – 9

### **19<sup>th</sup> June 1994 (pm) – 40 overs match – TSA v Riverdale XI**

TSA 197 – 8 (Eastgate 57, Walley C 54). - won by 13 runs

Riverdale – 173 A.O

### **Summary**

Howard Shaw dropping out this year to be replaced by Lilley and a party of 12, Crangle and Edwards making their last appearances.

Younger members will perhaps be impressed to see the club played a 40 over match on Saturday and two matches on Sunday and over the weekend winning two (including our first victory over the Planners) and only narrowly losing the third. Walley C again top scored in two matches with 48 and 54 whilst Eastgate amassed a total of 98 runs in his two Sunday innings alone.



## Bellingham 1995

### **Tourists**

Gunter S, Murray M, Walley C, Whitworth B, Clarke A, Walley M, Hosty B, Whitworth N, Parkes A, Bryant J, Biddulph D (and Jane who seems to have been reinstated)

### **10<sup>th</sup> June 1995 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

MCP 220 – 7

TSA 204 – 8 lost by 16 runs (Walley C 116, Murray 38 N.). – no bowling figures)

### **11<sup>th</sup> June 1995 – TSA v SWF CC**

SWF 191 – 8

TSA 150 – lost by 41 runs (Walley C 49, Murray 34, Bryant 3 – 23, Clarke A 3 – 38)

### **Summary**

The year of the Walley C ton! Three “dropouts” this year Crangle, Edwards and Walley G replaced by debutantes Hosty B (taking the gloves), James Bryant (the then captain’s articled clerk and close friend of Mike Atherton) and Dave Biddulph (captain’s nephew and never played cricket in his life\_ - the latter two on “one-off” cameo appearances.

On the Saturday game the Planners went in first and clocked up a formidable 220 on a good wicket with barrister Stuart Duke putting on 83 and the (then) Chancellor of the Exchequer (Geoffrey Howe) – otherwise Paul Butler – adding 73. Mercifully the bowling figures are missing. TSA made a brave attempt to reach that total, Murray putting on a dogged 38, Walley M and son Chris adding a very memorable family partnership of 89 for the 5<sup>th</sup> wicket and Walley C going on to a colossal 116 (9 4’s, 7 6’s) before being the 8<sup>th</sup> and last wicket to fall (bowled by that man Duke) just 16 runs short of target. One of our most memorable matches with a total of 424 runs scored.

The Sunday match was something of an anti-climax with Walley C taking his total for the weekend to 165, Murray adding another 34, “Bouncer” Bryant taking 3 – 23 but the match was lost by 41 runs.



## Bellingham 1996

### **Tourists**

Whitworth B, Shaw H, Gunter S, Walley C, Clarke A, Walley G, Hosty B, Whitworth N, Parkes A, Aldcroft D, Fleming M

### **29<sup>th</sup> June 1996 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

Planners 136 – 6

TSA 132 – 9 lost by 4 runs (Walley C 70, Whitworth B 15 – again no bowling figures)

### **30<sup>th</sup> June 1996 – TSA v Unknown XI**

Result unknown

TSA 152 (Hosty B 35, Walley C 20 – again no bowling figures)(get Jane back!)

### **Summary**

Outb this year b(sadly not to return) Walley M, Murray, Bryant and Biddulph. Welcome return of Walley G, Mr Howard Shaw – captain's overdraft up again – and Howard now pressing for captaincy (no chance) and debutantes Dom Aldcroft – Howard's friend – and Mark Fleming "Essex Man" – colleague of Walley G. Hosty B now firmly in possession of the gloves (having lashed out on a pair of his own inners).

Saturday's match against the planners again a close fought thingthough far less runs than last year. The Planners batting first, that man "Geoffrey Howe" putting on 66 but the total kept at 136 due to some good bowling by goodness knows who. In reply Shaw and Gunter fell cheaply but the (then) captain was joined by (who else) Walley C and 66 was added for the third wicket. After the captain went, however, Walley C was left almost alone and despite a fantastic 70 he was then bowled by Ted Kitchen and we were just 4 runs short of target after 40 overs and 9 wickets.

Little is known of Sunday's match as nothing of the opposition's score is recorded. Hosty B, however, top scored on 35 (with 4 4's), Walley C scored 20 and Parkes (who also provided inexpensive ball retrieving services from the river over the weekend) 18.



## Bellingham 1997

### **Tourists**

Walley G, Clarke A, Walley C, Whitworth B, Clarke E, Hosty D, Lilley M, Hosty B, Murray M, Fleming M and Logie J

### **7<sup>th</sup> June 1997 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

TSA 154 A. O. (Walley C 82, Walley G 19, Fleming 2 – 13) 4 lost by 6 wickets

MCP 155 - 4

### **Summary**

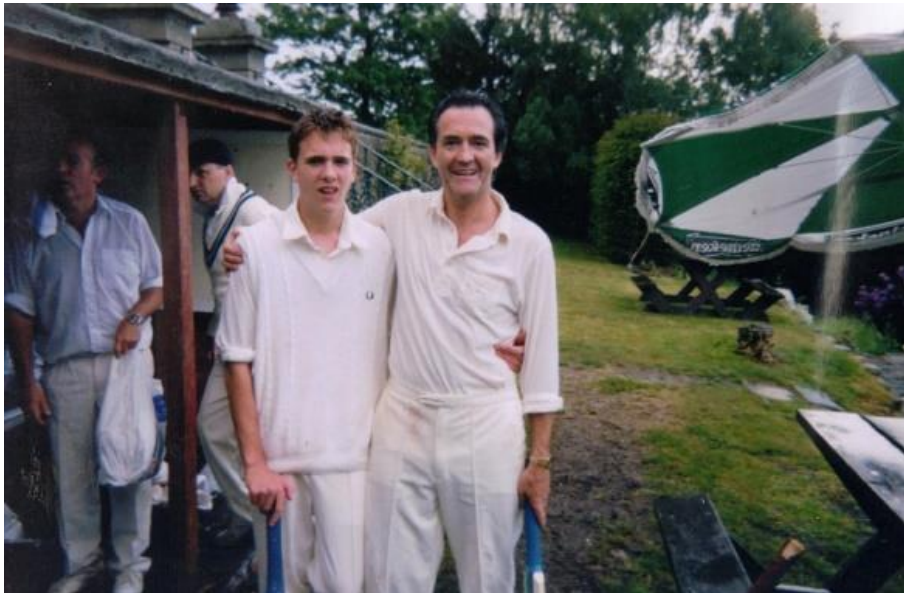
All change this year with the “Canterbury 3” (Whitworth N, Parkes and Gunter), Shaw and Aldcroft out with Brian Hosty’s partner, New Zealander John Logie, Lilley and Murray returning band “hell raiser” Damien Hosty and Edward Clarke making their debuts.

This club really is a family affair and this year saw two more father and son pairings in the team being Tony and Edward Clarke, Brian and Damien Hosty. Prior to that we of course had had Mike and Chris Walley, Brian and Nick Whitworth and with Tony and Matt Clarke to come. Also, there have been brothers Paul and Adie Marshall, uncles and nephews, Brian (Whitworth) and David Biddulph and then of course there was Malcom and Jane. Perhaps, on reflection, there has been a little too much in-breeding which could explain a few things!

Only one match recorded this year due to an admin error. Walley C almost carried his bat with a massive 82. He put on more than half the TSA total but this was surpassed by Planners through a second wicket stand of 142 by Skelley and Threlfall which soon saw them home by six wickets. Walley C put in the two of what were to be his last ever overs bowled for TSA conceding 22 off 2 overs and having to be withdrawn due to a condition known as the “Yips” where the ball either refuses to leave his hand or insisted on going 10 feet over the batsman’s head! An all-round career was not to be his!

There was some disenchantment at the close of this tour that the venue had perhaps lost a little of its previous atmosphere and sparkle and moves were afoot for change!





## The Lakes – 1998

### **Tourists**

Walley C, Shaw H, Whitworth B, Clarke A, Walley G, Shipley M, Hosty D, Fleming M, Hosty B, Eastgate G, Lilley M and Brooks D

### **8<sup>th</sup> June 1998 TSA v Manchester Planners**

TSA 213 – 11! (40 overs) (Walley C 62, Walley G 33, Shaw 3 – 13, Lilley 3 – 25) – won by 44 runs

MCP 169 – 10 (40 overs)

### **9<sup>th</sup> June 1998 – Sunday Match v Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club**

Heavy win for TSA but not an official first class match – no record

### **Summary**

Where to go as an alternative to Bellingham? Obviously the Lake District! But finding a pitch and nearby convenient hostelry accommodation (to better Riverdale?) provided difficult and ultimately impossible but we had a go. The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge, Windermere hired us a pitch and “the Sun Inn” accommodation across the road – well a bit farther really – had the rooms and bar (if not the charm) but it was a bit of a come down!

Murray and Logie (sadly not to be seen again) were out and back were Shaw and Eastgate and in were new “boys” (hardly) Mike Shipley and David Brooks (the captain’s partner – but who didn’t invite us to his barbeque!) who lives up the road in Bowness and whose Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club (of which he, of course, was the commodore) would form the opposition on Sunday. World Cup Year again and the family who were just settling in the lounge to watch “the Generation Game” had a rude awakening when the TSA “louts” returned (with the prior consent of the landlord of course) unceremoniously to watch the footie! After that (following the notorious incident following Bobby Moore and the necklace but this one involving Brooks D and a pepper pot!) on to the “Hole in the Wall” in Bowness and the rest is a blur.

Saturday the Planners came up in the morning and the weather was poor. The “Pikey and Uncle Arthur” combo, however (Walleys C and G) got us plenty of runs on the board (62 and 33) to amass 212 (for 11?) (we obviously played 12 a-side). The Planners could only get 169 (for 10?) in reply so we chalked up a 44 run victory.



The Sunday match was not, of course, a first class fixture against amateur opposition with no recorded stats. The captain, however, recalls a very thumping win for TSA and the weekend was regarded as a success though rather damp (note the swimming pool on the photos). In the photos much childish fun was had by some with silly hats and in the team photo there was a team prize for not being seen?



## The Lakes – 1999

### **Tourists**

Gunter S, Hosty D, Clarke A, Whitworth B, Walley G, Lilley M, Clarke M, Whitworth N, Clarke E, Shipley M and Parkes A

### **19<sup>th</sup> June 199 – TSA v Manchester Planners (12-a-side)**

TSA 81 A.O. (Parkes A 28, Walley G 11) – lost by 10 wickets

MCP 82 – 0

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1999**

The recollection is this was washed out

### **Summary**

Probably our least successful tour! The “Canterbury 3” were back this year (Whitworth minor having been for the past 2 years on his round the world sabbatical and his companions Andy and Stu not having secured “passes” to be out on their own!) Returning is Ed Clarke and the first appearance of young Matt Clarke. Out were old bones Shaw, Fleming, Eastgate and Brooks along with a rare absence of Hosty B. As to the venue this year an excellent watering hole “the Water Mill Inn” at Ings boasting over 100 different ales posted a challenge soon seen off by Damien Hosty (in the absence of his chaperone). By way of digs a slightly unfortunate B & B round the corner was secured with a less than welcoming landlord who quickly ensured next year we would, if possible to Bellingham!

The match details had been “misaid” but unfortunately have now been found (courtesy of Les Cooper). The Lakes School was again the venue, the whole match (the recollection is only probably right) being played in constant drizzle. This is our only excuse for scoring only 81 in 28.2 overs with only Parkes A (28) scoring any meaningful runs. The Planners (Threfall again) passed this woeful total without loss in just 13.3 overs and the 10 wicket defeat records the low watermark (almost literally on this occasion) in our 12 years of tour matches v Manchester Planners.

Sunday (fortunately) was most probably washed out entirely thus ending our brief and soggy affair with the Lakes.



## Bellingham – 2000

### **Tourists**

Hosty D, Whitworth B, Clarke M, Walley C, Lilley M, Walley G, Eastgate G, Whitworth N, Parkes A, Shipley M, Hosty B.

### **17<sup>th</sup> June 2000 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

Planners 243 – 4

TSA 133 A.O. – Lost by 110 Runs (Walley C 32, Eastgate 30, extras 30, Clarke A 1 – 19)

### **18<sup>th</sup> June 2000 – 2 innings match**

TSA 47 A.O. (Walley G 21, Clarke M 7) and 85 – 7 (Hosty D 25, Walley C 21) – lost by 9 wickets

Planners 115 – 4 (Clarke M 2 wickets) and 19 – 1 (Clarke M 1 wicket)

### **Summary**

Back to Bellingham after an interval of 2 years in the Lakes “wilderness” which wasn’t considered a great success. The very poor weather both years hadn’t helped.

Conventional 40 overs match on Saturday. Planners went in first and Tony Threlfall was difficult to dislodge and went on to hit 106 before finally falling LBW to Eastgate. A total of 243 proved insurmountable with only Walley C and Eastgate making any decent runs.

TSA didn’t fare any better on Sunday with the innovation of a 2 innings game going down by 9 wickets and only narrowly avoiding an innings defeat.

It is believed this was the year of the “Shipley Streak”. Having done rather badly (due doubtless to unfortunate language) in fines imposed (probably by the rather sadistic Parkes – unsurprisingly just about to carve out a fine career in the Police Force) Shipley was offered the opportunity of being let off £5 of his total, Mike seized the moment – having of course over imbibed by this late hour – 11.00pm – was stripped down ready to do a circuit of the boundary rope, as nature intended but (fortunately for other – especially female – residents) he was so drunk he couldn’t find his way out of the hotel and the fine remains unpaid to this day!





## Bellingham – 2001

### **Tourists**

Hosty D, Whitworth B, Gunter S, Eastgate G, Walley C, Clarke A, Clarke E, Hoban M, Walley G, Shipley M, Whitworth N, Clarkson K, Hosty B.

### **24<sup>th</sup> June 2001 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

Planners 202 – 5

TSA 174 A.O. – lost by 28 runs (Walley C 99, Walley G 22, Whitworth N 1 – 16)

### **25<sup>th</sup> June 2001 (am) 20 overs match**

MCP 124 – 5

TSA 93 – 8 – lost by 31 runs (Gunter 31, Clarkson 11, Clarke A 11, Hosty D 2 – 13)

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2001 (pm) – novelty match “Oldies” v “Youngies” (i.e. the combined oldies from both side playing the combined youngies from both sides)** (note added 2019 – the qualification was 30 years of age)

“Oldies” won by 16 runs (Whitworth B on 5 being the highest scoring TSA “Oldie” (scraping the barrel appreciated!), Clarke E 1 – 13)

### **Summary**

Apologies, no team photo this year. Disappeared! Also, this year Clarke M, Lilley and Parkes are replaced by a returning Gunter, Clarke E , debutant Hoban M (taking the gloves for the first time) and another of the (then) captain’s relatives making up numbers, nephew-in-law Kevin Clarkson.

Another beautiful Bellingham weekend but victories again thin on the ground. On Saturday the Planners hit us for 202 – 5 with amazingly 4 run outs and the only wicket taker being Whitworth N with 1 – 16 Off 3 overs – Clarkes A and E, Hosty, Gunter and Shipley being hit to all parts! Our 174 in reply wasn’t enough despite another heroic effort by Walley C though after 6 recounts his score still only came to 99 before he was bowled by Andy Skelley.

On Sunday when TSA contrived to lose again in a 20 over game by 31 runs this was followed by the “Oldies” from each side playing the “Youngies” which, of course, the “Oldies” came out ahead though TSA’s contribution was very little.



## Bellingham – 2002

### **Tourists**

Hilton G, Gunter S, Whitworth B, Eastgate G, Clarke A, Walley C, Chapman S, Hoban M, Lilley M, Clarke M, Fellow N, Hosty B, Shipley M, Hosty D, Corrie R, Whitworth N and Clarke E (a record 17 travelling).

### **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

Planners 104 A.O.

TSA 106 – 5 – won by 5 wickets (Eastgate 25 – Inc. 3 6s and one 4 – Clarke A 23 N.O., Hosty D 4 -12, Fellows 2 – 6)

### **23<sup>rd</sup> June 2002**

Planners 186

TSA 78 – lost by 108 runs (Chapman 27, Clarke A 22, Chapman 2 – 29)

### **Summary**

The dawn of the new era! 17 on tour and places at a premium. Though Walley G sadly couldn't make it Lilley (all his cousins now married!) and Clarke M are back and in are debutantes Hilton, Chapman, Fellows and Corrie. Many of the party meet at the Quarry Bank Public House in Timperley at 7.00 am Friday to watch England go out of the world cup to Brazil before heading up to Bellingham for the now traditional Friday golf tournament before the serious business begins on Saturday. Because of the numbers present, the laws of the game are stretched to allow a 13 – a – side match (with Shipley sportingly agreeing to strengthen the Planners line up) on Saturday. Planners are quickly put to the sword by some fearsome seam bowling by the TSA attack lead by Hosty D (4-12) and Fellows (2-6) in 36 overs. Planners all out for a mere 104. TSA swiftly overhauled this in 34 overs, Eastgate, as usual, wasting no time hitting 3 6s and a 4 in his 25 and Clarke A adding a further 23 to see the Planners off.

After a heavy night of more World Cup and despite a great all-round effort by Chapman with both bat and ball Planners gain their revenge on Sunday against a tired TSA. Tony Threlfall, as so often, is Planners main run accumulator but TSA's secret weapon Shipley – back from his "playing away" the previous day is brought on and clean bowls Threlfall (64) in a mean 2 over spell of 1 – 8!







## Bellingham – 2003

### **Tourists**

Walley G, Hoban M, Clarke A, Walley C, Eastgate G, Whitworth B, Hosty D, Fellows N, Clarke M, Marshall P, Parkes A, Whitworth N, Hosty B (13)

### **21<sup>st</sup> June 2003 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

MCP 182 – 9

TSA 183 – 7 (Walley C 79 N.O. Hosty D 26, Eastgate 3 – 18, Marshall P 2 – 22) won by 3 wickets

### **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2002 – TSA v Manchester Planners (25 overs match)**

TSA 125 – 7 (Clarke M 76, Fellows N 12 – Fellows 2 – 21) won by 13 runs

MCP 112 – 4

### **Summary**

7 absentees from last year, “Stripper/Shippers”, Corrie, Hilton, Chapman, Clarke E, Lilley (Irish wedding very long lost cousin) and Gunter, returning were Walley G and Parkes with debut by Marshall P. Weather humid and damp, the perfect breeding ground (per John Cocker) for the dreaded “mossies” who were out in their trillions! Poor Martin Hoban looked like a first form refugee with measles! TSA did not, however, let this detract on Saturday from probably our finest run chase for victory recorded on the old ground. MCP put on 182 – 9 in their 40 overs, Martin Hampson to scoring on 73 before being caught by new man Paul Marshall, off Matt Clarke and Eastgate taking 3 – 18 (though all tail enders it must be said). In reply Walley G (16) and “Spotty” Hoban (12) got us off to a reasonable start before Walley C – who else – smashes a great 79 N.O. – all the more so as you could hardly see one end from the other for mossies – to see us home with an over to spare.

We keep the momentum going on Sunday with Matt Clarke knocking a brilliant career best 76 out of 125 in a 25 over match, the subdued Planners managing only 112 – 4 in their allotted overs (including a good rear guard 35 from Les Cooper) but the tight bowling of Marshall P, Clarke A, Fellows and Parkes was too good for them.

A double victory weekend conquering both opposition and conditions.





## Bellingham – 2004

### **Tourists**

Hoban M, Hilton G, Chapman S, Walley C, Clarke A, Walley G, Whitworth B, Clarke M, Marshall P, Lilley M, Whitworth N, Parkes A, Gunter S, Morgan G, Hosty B and Shipley M (16)

### **19<sup>th</sup> June 2004 – TSA v Manchester Planners (30 overs)**

TSA 71 (Hilton 21, Clarke M 12, Lilley 3 – 13) lost by 4 wickets

MCP 72 – 6

### **20<sup>th</sup> June 2004 – TSA v Manchester Planners**

TSA 100 – 4 (Clarke M 34, Hoban 18, Clarke M 2 – 6) won by 13 runs

MCP 87 – 8

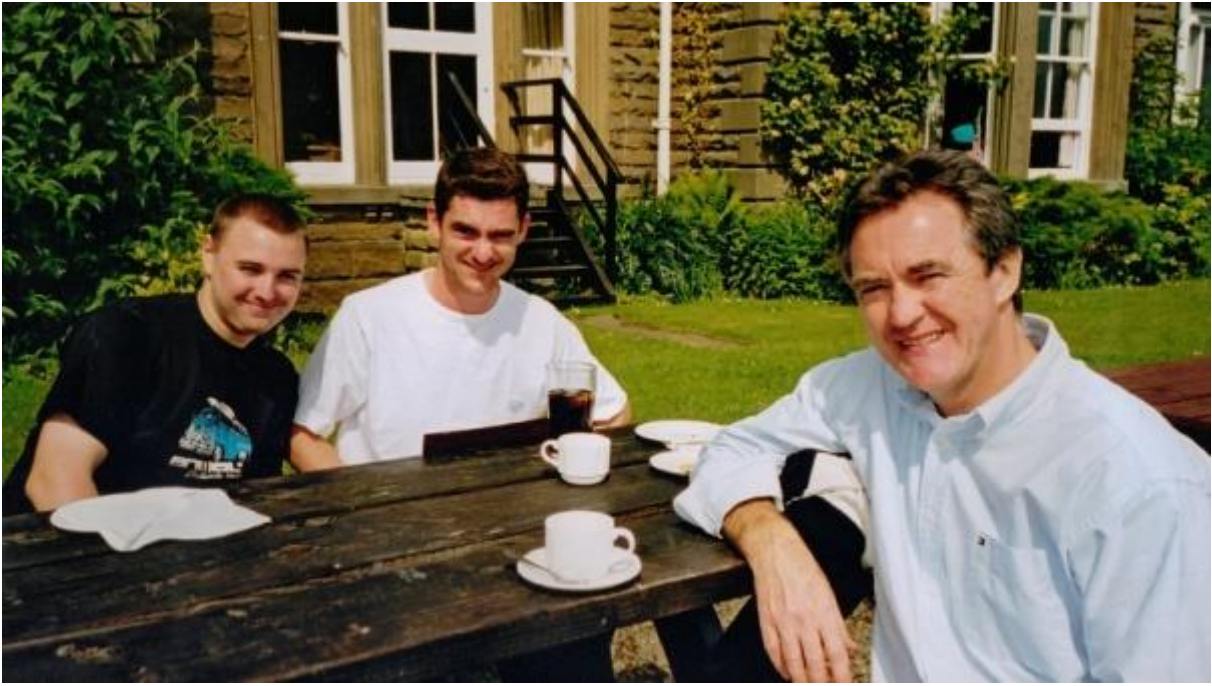
### **Summary**

The year of the ties and 16 on tour! Also, sadly the last of 12 consecutive years we have played Manchester Planners on tour, their numbers being apparent this year with only 7 Planners appearing. Sadly, as has happened so often in the past the (then) captain became the victim of his own over-generosity in “gifting” star players Parkes, Gunter, Eastgate and Morgan to the Planners so as to make a game of it! TSA went in first in a curtailed 30 overs match. Sadly, only Hilton (21) and Clarke M (12) got into double figures in a poor 71 all-out. Then showing no sense of loyalty whatsoever Gunter (19) and Parkes (11) – 2 out of their 3 top scorers stabbed their own colleagues (TSA) in the back to carry MCP past our total with 6 wickets and 6 overs to spare! The fines imposed were draconian.

Club ties were dispensed this tour to deserving players (i.e. everybody) that evening. Chapman was so thrilled he never took his off for the rest of the weekend. He also failed to rise in time for the Sunday match in which the “plants” behaved this time and TSA won fairly comfortably by 13 runs with good knocks by Clarke M (34) and Hoban (18 N.O.)

A sad farewell to the Planners!







## Bellingham - 2005.

### **Tourists**

Hoban M. Hilton G. Whitworth B. Walley G. Morgan G. Gunter S. Walley C. Clarke M. Marshall P. Marshall A. Hosty B. Corrie R. Fellows N. Clarke A. Shipley M. Whitworth N. Hosty D. and Parkes A. (18)

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2005 – TSA v Apline Horns (Cern)**

A Horns (Cern) 114

TSA 118 – (Gunter 24, Walley G 20, Clarke A 4 – 14, Clarke M 3 – 29,) - won by 4 wickets

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2005 – TSA v Civil Service**

TSA 218 (Hoban 66, Gunter 49 n.o., Clarke M 3 – 33)

Civil Service - 222 – 6 - won by 4 wickets

### **Summary**

Who to play in 2005 the Manchester Planners having faded away but TSA numbers at record level of 18 tourists. The captaincy having finally (after 40 years and still not in the birthday honours list) past to the rightful heir apparent Walley C – like Charles P himself now no spring chicken – the new skipper was threadbare of ideas. The (now) life president scanned his many international contacts before coming up with a team playing in the Swiss Alliance, Cern or Alpine Horns as they style themselves.

With 18 on tour (only Lilley and Chapman out from last year and Fellows, Hosty D and Corrie returning along with new boy Adie Marshall) the new captain had a selection headache. 12 were selected with Hosty B umpiring and 5 others sent golfing! Cern batted first and thanks to some brilliant bowling by Tony Clarke (4 – 14) Matt Clarke (3 – 29), Neil Fellows (2 – 18) and Paul Marshall 1 – 14 each off 7 - 8 overs) Cern were kept to a low total (114). The runs were knocked off fairly easily by TSA, five players going into double figures and the match was won by 4 wickets.



### Bellingham – 2005 – cont'd

It was a big evening hosting our new “foreign” friends (mostly in fact ex-Geordies) with music by “Levi” (who proved very popular especially with Alpine Hornist Robbie Saunders with assistance from Adie Marshall). International caps were presented to all TSA tourists and these will prove valuable mementoes as the years pass.

On the Sunday the president (on returning from golf) was aghast to hear the team, in his absence, had been defeated by local minnows Civil Service by 4 wickets. Despite spanking knocks by Hoban (66) and Gunter (49 not out) and the opposition in reply, seemingly in disarray, a fat dishevelled tyke who could hardly move (described as “Lurch”) had apparently smashed 65 late runs (mostly off Clarke A and Marshall P it must be said) to snatch victory against us in the last over. Very poor!

Thus concluded our 17<sup>th</sup> year on tour. With apologies for errors and thanks to Les Cooper.







**List of Tourists in the first 17 years**

**(in alphabetical order where the same number of appearances)**

- 17 Clarke A, Walley C and Whitworth B
- 15 Walley G
- 13 Whitworth N
- 11 Eastgate G, Gunter S and Parkes A
- 10 Hosty B
- 8 Lilley M
- 6 Clarke M
- 5 Hoban M and Murray M
- 4 Clarke E, Crangle G and Stansfield C
- 3 Fellows N, Fleming M, Hilton G, Marshall P, Shaw H and Tonkinson P
- 2 Adams J, Chapman S, Corrie R, Edwards G, Morgan G, Pollard D, Rowson I, and Walley M
- 1 Aldcroft D, Biddulph D, Brooks D, Bryant J, Clarkson K, Logie J and Marshall A



### Top 25 Batting Performances

<b>Score</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Against whom</b>	<b>Date</b>
116	Walley C	Manchester Planners	10.6.95
99	Walley C	Manchester Planners	23.6.01
82	Walley C	Manchester Planners	7.6.97
79	Walley C	Manchester Planners	21.6.03
76	Clarke M	Manchester Planners	22.6.03
70	Walley C	Manchester Planners	29.6.96
66	Hoban M	Civil Service	26.6.05
62	Walley C	Manchester Planners	29.6.96
57	Eastgate G	Riverdale 11	19.6.94
54	Walley C	Riverdale 11	19.6.94
49	Walley C	SWF	11.6.95
48	Walley C	Manchester Planners	18.6.94
45	Murray M	Addingham Crusaders	14.6.92
45	Walley C	Riverdale 11	13.6.93
43	Clarke A	Bellingham Select	13.6.92
42	Whitworth B	Addingham Crusaders	24.6.90
41	Eastgate G	Aston Associates	19.6.94
38	Whitworth B	Victorians	17.6.89
38	Murray M	Manchester Planners	10.6.95
35	Hosty B	Unknown 11	20.6.96
35	Walley C	Manchester Planners	12.6.93
35	Clarke M	Manchester Planners	12.6.93
35	Clarke M	Manchester Planners	20.6.04
34	Eastgate G	Manchester Planners	12.6.93
34	Clarke M	Manchester Planners	20.6.04
34	Murray M	SWF	11.6.95

### Top 15 Bowling Figures

Figures	Name	Against whom	Date
5 – 19	Lilley M	Addingham Crusaders	24.6.90
4 – 12	Hosty D	Manchester Planners	22.6.02
4 – 14	Clarke M	Alpine Horns (CERN)	25.6.05
4 – 24	Eastgate G	Aston Associates	19.6.94
3 – 13	Lilley M	Manchester Planners	19.6.04
3 – 17	Shaw H	Manchester Planners	18.6.98
3 – 18	Eastgate G	Manchester Planners	21.6.03
3 – 22	Eastgate G	Manchester Planners	12.6.93
3 – 23	Bryant J	SWF	11.6.95
3 – 25	Lilley M	Manchester Planners	18.6.98
3 – 29	Clarke M	Alpine Horns (CERN)	25.6.05
3 – 33	Clarke M	Civil Service	26.6.05
3 – 38	Clarke A	SWF	11.6.95
2 – 6	Fellows N	Manchester Planners	22.6.02
2 – 6	Clarke M	Manchester Planners	20.6.04
2 – 13	Hosty D	Manchester Planners	24.6.01 (am)

### Overall Results 1989 – 2005

Total Matches Played 34

Won 11

Lost 19

Result Unknown 2

Result Dubious 1

Rain Stopped Play 1

### Results v Addingham Crusaders 1989 – 1992

Played 4

Won 0

Lost 1

Result Unknown 1

Result Dubious 1

Rain Stopped Play 1

### Results v Manchester Planners 1993 – 2004

Played 17

Won 6

Lost 11

### Highest TSA Team Score

218 – 6 v Civil Service

### **Lowest TSA Team Score**

47 A.O. v Manchester Planners 18.6.2000

### **Highest Score Against TSA**

333 by Victorians against TSA 17.6.89

### **Biggest TSA Win**

By 7 wickets v Manchester Planners 18.6.94

### **Biggest TSA Defeat**

10 wickets v Manchester Planners 18.6.99

### **Best TSA Bowling Team Performance**

V Medicals – dismissed for 55 15.6.91



(BJW's favourites)















The original album compiled by Brian

*This photo album and associated historical record was compiled by Brian to celebrate the first 17 years of the Trafford Solicitors Association Cricket XI (latterly Trafford Solicitors C.C.) Tours to Bellingham.*

*Prior to Brian's untimely passing in January 2019 I had discussed with him the need to 'complete the circle' and reproduce his photo album and historical record of the Bellingham tours to accompany the album I compiled in 2017 and have subsequently kept up to date – 'The Tours to Bellingham Volume II – The CERN Years'. Alas, circumstances intervened and he wasn't well enough to get me the album in time. However, Nick came up with the goods earlier this year and I've used some of my moments of reflection and quiet time to reproduce Brian's work as near to the original as I could. As this project comes to its conclusion I hope Nick and the family and the wider family of the Trafford Solicitors Cricket Club can browse through it at leisure and relive the many memories attached to it. 2019 was a momentous year in the history of the TSCC – losing our 'President' in Brian was a blow none of us ever anticipated, he was always there for us through difficult and good times alike. Having to find a new adopted 'home' ground to play was a test of the clubs' resolve to continue in the spirit he created and eventually and not without some anxious moments we did Brian proud and for the second time became champions of the South Manchester Casuals League. This is for you Brian.*

*(Les Cooper November 2019)*

