

**BOND TIMBER CORNWALL CRICKET LEAGUE  
SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

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One way or another the 2023 season was memorable, to say the least. It was one of extremely challenging conditions for Groundskeepers – waterlogging at the start followed by a drought, an unsettled July and August and a September heatwave. The action on the field was just as dramatic with the Premier League being decided in the final over of the season, with viewers glued to the live stream across the county to see Wadebridge become County Champions for the first time since 1968.

The season summary: Of 1512 scheduled League games 1226 were completed, 10 were abandoned, 247 were cancelled due to weather, and 29 were conceded, a decrease from 60 in the previous year. In Tier 1 a total of 16 games were decided by the DLS method.

Within hours of the fixtures' release in late January St Just withdrew their fourth XI but that was to be the only casualty of 2023. On the plus side for 2024, there is the welcome return of 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs at Mawnan (who last competed in 2007) and Rosudgeon & Kenneggy. In Clay Country St Stephen CC continues to expand with a third XI due to make its League debut. In the west, Helleveor becomes the 156<sup>th</sup> club to compete in the history of the League. They will share with Penzance thirds at Goldsithney. After losing players to the new venture the St Ives club has to rebuild to continue with two teams. It leaves 67 clubs to compete with 146 teams in 13 divisions.

As ever it is not simple to make the numbers fit in the lowest divisions. For 2024 Divisions 6 East and West have 10 teams and the Central Section 8 teams play each other three times. It means no team is scheduled for less than 18 games. An end-of-season survey checked if clubs wish a return to scheduling any Bank Holiday Monday cricket. All clubs responded with the result that 68% still wish for the status quo to continue. Therefore 2024 has the earliest-ever start date of 13 April. This allows for 22 successive Saturdays to 7 September followed by the County Finals weekend.

As indicated the weather in 2023 was a talking point throughout the season. Following good weather in February it rained and rained in March making pre-season prep impossible so the League issued the following statement on 29 March *“The League are well aware of the delays for groundskeepers this year following a cold and wet March. The CACG Hon Secretary Robert Jobson has taken soundings this week and as a result, to help clubs as much as possible, the following alterations to the rules take effect immediately – for the whole of April. Clubs in County Division 1 & Tier 2 may mutually agree to reschedule a fixture after advising the LMC in writing, at least ~~14 days~~ SEVEN DAYS before the date of the original fixture.*

Seven days applies to Tier 3 throughout the season in any event.

As a result, more than half of the 63 scheduled opening-day games were rescheduled. For those 30 fixtures that remained ‘Storm Noa’ then left its mark with 25 cancellations including all five Premier T20 venues. Only five games were played ‘around the coast’ at Tintagel, Perranporth, Mount Hawke & Porthtowan, Constantine and Veryan. The following Saturday was even worse. Heavy and persistent rain from early morning saw all 54 games washed out. The next fortnight saw things get better at least with 14 and 21 games respectively being cancelled.

Then the change, and how. For nine successive Saturdays, the sun shone with temperatures in the late teens. With groundskeepers in desperate need of rain, it all changed in mid-July. On St Swithin’s Day, would you believe, 28 of 68 games were cancelled or abandoned and Duckworth Lewis Stern made its seasonal appearance with calculations deciding at seven venues on a windy and showery day. The following week (22 July) saw a second total washout of the season with all 69 games called off due to persistent rain all day. Overall, only the fifth total washout in the last eight years. The first week of August saw a third of the programme cancelled on a cool and very windy day after morning rain. The rest of the month improved and despite showers, the programme went ahead, just about in full. Then the two weekends in September of sunshine with the final day (9<sup>th</sup>) played out in hot conditions of 25-28 degrees across the county. A rollercoaster of a season indeed.

The Premier T20 Kernow Crash suffered in the pool stages due to the weather. In Pool A of the 20 games, 14 were cancelled. Redruth did manage to play four games out of eight and topped the pool with three wins. The other four teams only played two games and Hayle, despite only one victory, qualified on net run rate ahead of Camborne and Werrington.

In Pool B there were 8 games played and 14 cancelled. Wadebridge won all four played to top the pool and Penzance came second winning the only two games they played. Finals Day at Grampound Road was delayed, and delayed, and delayed. The progress of Penzance in the National Club Championship and Grampound Road in the Village Cup meant it was finally able to take place, at the seventh attempt, on 20 August, on thankfully a warm and sunny day. In the semi-finals Wadebridge beat Hayle by 28 runs and Penzance beat Redruth by six wickets with eight overs to spare.

Penzance won the most remarkable of finals to take the title for the second time after the inaugural 2019 success. It was a match that saw no fewer than 24 sixes with a smashed car windscreen and a pavilion window both suffering in the carnage. Wadebridge hit 181-7 but Penzance kept up with the required run rate to level the scores with three balls remaining. That would have been enough to win on fewer wickets lost but for good measure, they secured victory with a final ball

boundary. Wadebridge began the final with an amazing six-over powerplay to have 80 on the board without loss. James Turpin hit 6 sixes in his 68 off 35 balls. Matt Robins ended on 81 not out including 3 sixes and 9 fours. The Penzance reply was equally as explosive as 58 came off the first four overs. Ben Seabrook went on to dominate and was named Player of the Final for his 90 off 52 balls that included a remarkable 9 sixes.

The Premier League had the most dramatic of title races culminating on a final day to remember - the closest finish imaginable on a balmy late summer evening at Wadebridge. Back in mid-June, that scenario looked far-fetched as Penzance beat Helston by 150 runs after notching up 348-9. It was their sixth successive maximum points haul in a perfect start to the campaign. They led the table by 26 points from St Austell with Wadebridge back in fifth on 80 points. Where would they drop a bonus point was the question? The answer to that came the following Saturday with what, in hindsight, was a season-changing game at Wadebridge. The leaders were already without skipper Greg Smith who suffered a calf injury against Bath in the National Cup the previous week. In the warm-up at Wadebridge batter, Ben Seabrook suffered an eye injury after being hit by a football, which needed hospital treatment. The home side made 242-9 and went on to win by 30 runs. To add insult to injury, literally, Penzance suffered an automatic five-point deduction after inadvertently playing a non-registered replacement player.

Penzance lost at home to Camborne the following week then again at St Austell in a remarkable game. Penzance recovered from 21-5 to make 169. When the home side slipped to 109-7 that looked enough but the Saints got home off the penultimate ball by two wickets to move to the top of the table at the halfway mark – St Austell 140pts, Wadebridge 139, Penzance 138. Great for the neutral! The following week the long dry spell ended and St Austell's game at Werrington was cancelled. Wadebridge hit the top with victory at Redruth and Penzance was just a point adrift. St Austell lost further ground when losing heavily at St Just to leave Wadebridge and Penzance to battle it out for the title. Despite the efforts of Storm Antoni on 5 August, not the ideal visitor to the county in peak season, both won comfortably to be tied on 202 points with five games to play with St Austell third on 158 points. Both won again on 12 August as Wadebridge opened up a two-point gap. Penzance then dropped a point at Helston so the difference was three points ahead of the big Bank Holiday weekend clash at St Clare.

Wadebridge won it by 57 runs. With two games to play, they extended their lead to 17 points. They had now won their last nine games going back to late June and gained 99 points out of the last 100. Matt Robins (75) and Matt Butler (66) put on 132 for the first wicket but the home side fought back to restrict the target to 213 on a DLS calculation after a rain delay reduced the overs to 46 per side. A sensational spell from Callum Wilson determined the result. He got a hat-trick removing Chris Gibson then with the first two balls of his next over Jack Paull and Christian Purchase. Two balls later he knocked over Greg Smith and the hosts were in trouble at 31-4. He went on to bowl Simon Keene at 49-5 and returned to take the final wicket to end with 6-42. The innings ended at 155 with six overs remaining.

Wadebridge could have just about clinched the title in the penultimate game at Werrington but, needing 184, the innings fell away from 125-4 to 161 all out. Meanwhile, Penzance beat St Austell by 102 runs to set up a final day with Wadebridge needing a maximum of 14 points, effectively a win, at home to Callington. Penzance made no mistake at Camborne winning in mid-afternoon by nine wickets to leave all eyes focussed on Egloshayle Road. At tea, Wadebridge looked well placed having made 246-8 with opener Kevin Renecke hitting 101. Having been 111-1 they slipped to 146-5 before Kelvin Snell was dismissed off the final ball for a crucial 58. The bowling bonus points were enough to guarantee Callington's safety and when they reached 116-1 in the 23rd over the home camp were understandably nervous. The visitors remained in the game thanks to James Brenton's 48 as he added 97 for the fifth wicket with Liam Lindsay. With increasing tension, the pair got it down to 24 required off 21 balls, with six wickets left. Then skipper James Turpin crucially struck twice removing Brenton and Ben Ellis. It came down to the final over of the season. Callington required 14 off young seamer Elliot Dunnett. Lindsay, who had held the innings together with 79, fell over injuring his leg off the first delivery. Next ball he holed out to Matt Robins on the long-on boundary, and effectively that was the title decided. Had it gone for six, leaving eight needed off four balls and four wickets left, the tension both on an excited and well populated ground and for those viewing the live stream in the Penzance clubhouse fifty miles away would have been unbearable. It was also, a relief for a certain League Official – the famous *Western Morning News Cup* was in the right place at the right time – just! Tony Farrant, representing League Sponsors Bond Timber, was able to present among joyful scenes at the Riverside and a long night of celebration ensued.

Wadebridge ended on 288 points and Penzance 283. Had the Penzance penalty of five points not been in place Wadebridge would have won the title on the head-to-head countback. Thankfully, it was decided on the field and not in the committee room. St Austell were third on 224 points and Werrington steadily rose after losing their first four games to end fourth on 210. Only nine points separated St Just, Camborne, Redruth and Helston in mid-table. Helston slipped away winning only once after 1 July before a final day success ended any possible relegation fears. It was Hayle who went down after losing at home by 16 runs to St Austell. Two late wins had given them an outside chance of final-day survival, depending on other results.

In County Division One at the halfway mark, Falmouth led Truro by just three points with Paul a further three points behind. Beacon and Mullion were in striking range. With four games to go on 19 August something to give when they clashed, at Boscawen Park. They had matched each other, result for result, for the previous eight rounds and were level on

points. It lived up to the hype as Truro dramatically won by just one run. Charlie Kent was Truro's late hero as he made a direct hit to effect a run-out in the penultimate over before holding on to a sharp return catch with three balls remaining. Paul moved up to second, eight points behind, after equally dramatic events at Hutchens Park. They had been knocked over by relegation-threatened Redruth seconds for just 71 but fought back to dismiss the visitors for only 41. Truro and Falmouth both won their next games but Paul's win at Falmouth ended the title race in the penultimate round. Truro only required two points at home to Mullion on the final day. They ended on 339 pts, Paul 320 and Falmouth 319 with St Erme on 274 and Beacon 261. At the bottom, Lanhydrock picked up one win only, in mid-May, and finished 48 points behind Redruth seconds, who also went down. The Reds lost their last five games and Roche got a couple of late wins to end 31 points clear of trouble.

Camborne has Tier 1 cricket to look forward to every week at Roskear for the first time after winning Division 2 West by 16 points from Perranporth. Camborne Seconds won their last four games. In contrast, St Ives fell away to finish third after losing their last four games. Truro Seconds were cut adrift and Mount Ambrose was also relegated. Stithians, who won their last 4 games, Veryan and Helston Seconds were left breathing sighs of relief. Division 3 West was a one-horse race as Constantine dominated to secure the title from Perranarworthal by 68 points. St Gluvias had to settle for third despite winning 5 of their last 6 games. Praze finished bottom despite maximum points in their last two games but had only one other success. They go down with Redruth thirds and Gerrans by request, both having had options to stay up. It means Camborne thirds are additionally promoted from Division 4. Champions Paul Seconds and runners-up Perranporth Seconds, 43 points behind, are also promoted. With only one win Stithians seconds were detached and joined by Beacon seconds. Last-day wins for Mount Ambrose seconds, Crofty Holman and Leedstown all helping their survival hopes. Rosudgeon's rise continues with five straight maximums in late summer ensuring they headed St Day by 23 points in Division 5. At the other end, relegated St Gluvias Seconds won just once in mid-June. Ludgvan seconds had a tremendous season in Division 6 West starting with 10 straight wins before two cancellations. They ended unbeaten with 15 wins and 3 cancelled. Division 6 Central was a close-run affair with St Stephen seconds pipping Gorran by 9 points. Both are promoted, however.

In Division 2 East Wadebridge's seconds completed the most memorable of years for the club by taking the title by 17 points. It came down to a 'winner takes all' shoot out at Callington seconds on the final day. Holsworthy and St Blazey were well in contention for much of the season but fell way to both end 31 points off the pace. Lockett struggled and gained only a couple of late consolation wins. Menheniot Looe got a relegation reprieve with only one team below eligible for promotion. That was Ladock who pipped Callington thirds by two points to the Division 3 title. St Austell's thirds were 63 points off the pace in third. Pencarrow and St Neot go down with Tideford surviving thanks to a four-match winning run in August. In Division 4 East Werrington topped the table with their unbeaten second half comprising of 7 wins and 4 cancellations. Liskeard pipped Lanhydrock's seconds for promotion by just a point. Defeat off the penultimate ball on the final day cost Lanhydrock dear. At the bottom Wadebridge thirds were cut adrift. The remaining relegation position was in doubt as all four potential teams were involved in two player eligibility cases that went to appeals after the season ended. The result was Bugle went down with Grampond Road 3, St Minver 2 and Menheniot Looe 2 surviving. Duloe made it a procession in Division 5 ending 37 points ahead of Newquay Thirds. Tintagel seconds and St Neot seconds make the drop. Saltash St Stephens Seconds were worthy winners of Divisions 6 ending 62 points clear of Boconnoc Seconds.

The East v West County Finals completed the season on Saturday 16 September. The weather deteriorated during the afternoon. It helped that only 43 overs were required at Falmouth, 45 overs at Veryan and 62 overs at St Gluvias to enable early finishes. At Redruth, 60 overs were needed with the umpires and Ladock sportingly agreeing to play on in drizzle to avoid a no-result. The game at St Minver was abandoned after 53 overs with the outcome far from certain. It was not the first time in 2023 that Cup Finals were rain-affected and the League are using DLS in future, to give every opportunity to achieve a result. Wadebridge Seconds beat Camborne Seconds (68ao) by nine wickets in the Division 2 County Final at Falmouth. In poor conditions at Redruth Constantine beat Ladock (131-9) by ten wickets. In the Division 4 Final at St Minver Werrington thirds were 64-2 in reply to Paul seconds 174-9 when rain won the day. The weather just about held off at St Gluvias to enable Duloe to beat Rosudgeon (135-6) by eight wickets. At Veryan, Ludgvan Seconds completed their unbeaten season to beat St Stephen Seconds by six wickets after being set 75.

Having lost three of the last four finals St Austell won the Clive Rosevear Insurance Hawkey Cup for the first time since 2010. Werrington made 151 for 6 at Wheal Eliza with 35 coming off the last two overs. In the reply, St Austell was 80-2 at the halfway mark. Dan Jarman went on to make 54. Player of the match Adam Hodgson took 4-27 to set up a tense finish with 15 needed off three overs. St Austell reached the target for the loss of seven wickets with four balls to spare. Newquay and Callington were defeated in the semi-finals.

Penzance won a 17th Bradleys Vinter Cup Final but they didn't have it all their way in a well-contested showpiece at Camborne who were making their first appearance since 2005. Having been restricted to 41 for 2 at the halfway mark Camborne recovered to 129 for 6. In reply, Penzance reached 52-0 in the sixth over. Camborne came back well when three wickets fell in the space of 10 balls. At 81 for five in the 12th over it was in the balance. However, Jack Paull and Jonny Ludlam put on an unbroken 52 to secure a five-wicket victory. With 18 needed off three overs Ludlam hit a maximum and two boundaries in the penultimate over to decide the issue with six balls to spare. Hayle and Truro were defeated in the semi-finals.

St Austell won the WT Edwards Cup for the fourth time in a thrilling game at Wheal Eliza by five wickets, also with an over to spare. The last St Austell Edwards Cup success was the win over Troon in the 1996 Final. Penzance had won their previous four finals since 2017. Penzance were restricted to 117-9 with St Austell reaching the target in 19 overs with skipper and Player of the Match Gary Bone unbeaten on 25

The Vitality Club Twenty/20 Area Finals Day saw St Austell travel to Bridgwater. In the second semi-final, former St Just and Penzance player Brad Wadlan made 94 in Swansea's 223-7. Jony Leadbeater hit 73 in the St Austell reply of 164. Bristol beat Bovey Tracey by nine wickets in the first semi-final. Swansea won the final by 13 runs but lost to eventual national champions Wimbledon in the Regional Final at Basingstoke.

In the other National Competitions, it was a year of success. Penzance made it to the National Club Championship Quarter Finals after beating Sandford (a), Bridgwater (h), Bath (h) and Potterne (a). Teddington proved too strong however making 247-8 at St Clare and dismissing Penzance for 103.

In the Voneus Village Cup, Grampound Road became the first Cornish team to reach the semi-finals since Werrington in 1994. After a concession by Yelverton Bohemians, they beat Constantine (h), Mount Ambrose (a), Roche (h), Sully Spartans (Glamorgan & Gwent) (a), Hook & Newham Basics (Hants) (h) in a quarter-final rain-reduced to eight overs. In the home semi-final Leeds & Broomfield (Kent) made 207-6 with the Road bowled out for 70. The Kent side lost to Milford Hall (Staffs) by 10 runs in the September final at Lord's.

Holsworthy won the Eden Motorhomes Division 2 Cup at Redruth defeating Helston Seconds in the final by eight wickets to claim the '*Raymond Reseigh Trophy*'. Player of the Match Herschelle Poggenpoel made 62no. In the semi-final his sensational spell of 6 for 9 bowled Perranporth out for 67 to secure a 43-run success. Helston beat Wadebridge seconds by average run rate off the final ball in a rain-affected first semi-final.

Callington Thirds won the Clive Rosevear Cup for the second time in three years in the first Finals Day to be held at St Stephen – Clive's first club. They beat Ladock by seven wickets in the final with 17 balls to spare scoring 131-3. Liskeard and Grampound Road seconds were defeated in the semi-finals.

Mullion seconds won the Vingoe Family Law Andrew Cup to add to their 2021 success. It was the tenth-anniversary final to be held at Mount Ambrose Cricket Club. Mullion got the 111 required to win by five wickets with five balls to spare. A second successive Final defeat for Praze. Constantine and Falmouth were defeated in the semi-finals.

Constantine, however, won the Mining Division Evening League for the first time with an eight-wicket win over Perranarworthal at Falmouth. The game was postponed by 24 hours due to rain. They claimed the '*Michael Evans Trophy*' by eight wickets after Perranarworthal were dismissed for 90. Falmouth and Perranporth were defeated in the semi-finals.

In the West Cornwall Challenge match at Penzance WPEL champions St Just beat Constantine by five runs after making 156-7. Thankfully sea fog that threatened the completion of the match cleared. In the WPEL Cup competitions St Just beat Gulval by 61 runs in the Peter George Cup Final. Gulval beat Paul by five wickets to win the Runciman Cup.

It was another busy year for our Compliance Secretary Robert Jobson who has provided the following 2023 report:

*"More than 40 complaints from aggrieved clubs, alleging breaches of rules or misconduct by opponents, were investigated during the 2023 season by League Compliance Secretary and Disciplinary Officer Robert Jobson.*

*The opening weeks were marred by several Tier 1 clubs choosing to strengthen their 2nd XI's midweek cup ties and for re-arranged league fixtures by selecting newly arrived overseas players initially unrestricted by a League 5/8 rule designed to stop such an occurrence.*

*This led to one-sided contests, acrimony, threats to abandon and tit-for-tat reprisals involving late-night scrutiny of opposition team sheets and player appearances, culminating in early-hours e-mails demanding that League rules be invoked, penalties applied and points deducted.*

*Each of those cases was determined on their merits by League officers, as were a similar flurry of cases in the final weeks of this season of ill will when higher division clubs again sought to strengthen their lower division teams against lowly village opponents to avoid relegation.*

*Sadly the Spirit of Cricket, viewed by the game's harder-nosed realists as a nebulous concept, was conspicuous by its absence and one suspects that, despite the League's best endeavours to plug such loopholes in the rules, scores remain to be settled in 2024 and beyond.*

*On the misconduct front, the unruly antics of 10 individuals and a dozen teams were brought to the attention of the League. Bans ranging from 4 games immediately to 1 game suspended for 12 months, were imposed and several warnings were issued to clubs about their future conduct. These will be taken into account in the event of any further misdemeanours.*

*While there were fewer cases reported of player dissent towards CACO umpires in the top two divisions, club umpires and particularly inexperienced young player umpires in Tiers 2 and 3 on the receiving end from irascible veterans growing old*

*disgracefully fared less well. As ever, it is incumbent on captains to lead by example and to keep their 'loose cannons' under control.*

*Not for the first time, or last, offensive comments about the merits or otherwise of Cornish cricket - and the management of the League - and other sporting topics were expressed on social media, invariably late at night. Four individuals were deemed to have overstepped the mark and given bans, including a senior administrator who stepped down from his post.*

*Signed: Robert Jobson (CCL Compliance Secretary), January 15, 2023.*

The 2024 AGM will be the fourth to be held on Zoom with the rules ballot again being completed online. A new option to pay for cricket balls and competition entries via Bank Transfers proved popular in 2023 and was used for the first time to collect the Annual Fees in November. Despite clubs only given a couple of week's notice all paid by the deadline.

On the field, electronic scoring continues to increase – up from 44.4% to 49.9% in 2023 - again exceeding the ECB target. Also, Premier Clubs again regularly live-streamed games in 2023 – Camborne, Hayle, Penzance, and Wadebridge plus Beacon and Truro in County Division 1.

The move to all transfers being done electronically continues to be a success, as clubs get more familiar with the system. There were 257 transfers in all including free agents – players who had not played in the previous season.

Our annual ECB Play-Cricket Registration 'cull' took place on 30 September to only retain players who have played in the last two years. It left 3903 Players Registered of which 1709 (44% - an annual increase of 8%) were full play-cricket members and 2194 Temporary members. A reminder players can only now view their stats if fully signed up members so even more reason to encourage members to sign up.

The League Management Committee will see some stability for 2024 with all officers seeking re-election unopposed. We were reminded by the ECB of certain criteria we as a Premier League (all 13 divisions) are expected to meet. The Rules ballot has as a consequence included some governance proposals which I'm pleased to say clubs have fully endorsed. I hope everyone else enjoyed going through the 44 pages of Sport England's Tier 1 Governance document as much as I did!

Apart from my usual summer tour entitled "*It's Wednesday, it's a cup final somewhere*" which goes on for about nine weeks I did visit some new territory last summer. I was invited to the celebration game at Holsworthy on the late May Bank Holiday weekend to mark 150 years of cricket in the town. Robert Jobson and I made a day of it with a two-hour drive up the Atlantic Highway to also visit the North Cornwall Cricket Club at Bude. Robert presented the 2022 Groundskeeper of the Year award to the stalwart Tony Greaves. Under cloudless skies, Crooklets looked spectacular. On behalf of Robert, we thank both clubs for the superb hospitality and we thoroughly enjoyed our 'missionary work' crossing the border! A great day was capped by my first-ever visit to South Petherwin CC on the way back. The tremendous work put in on a rural venue was again evident to see. I hope to get to some other venues not on my usual radar during the 2024 season.

My usual thanks to the local press, *BBC Radio Cornwall and Ross Ellis* for their weekly coverage. Also thanks to Bond Timber, Clive Rosevear Insurance, Bradleys Estate Agents, Eden Motorhomes, Vingoe Family Law and Tiflex for their valued sponsorships. Thanks also to clubs who provided facilities for finals, club officials for their assistance during the year, Umpires, Scorers, Groundskeepers and of course club volunteers.

Finally, if I may on a personal note, can I thank everyone during the year for their generous comments regarding my award of a Medal of the Order of the British Empire for 'services to Cricket in Cornwall' in the 2023 King's New Year Honours List. All very, very embarrassing but of course much appreciated. The Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May, three days before the Coronation, was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. For the record, when the cricket eventually went quiet, I did find time to finally have it presented in October.

The Lord Lieutenant's Office kindly arranged for a ceremony at Scorrier House, near Redruth and what a fitting venue. A home of one of the great Cornish Sporting families - The Williams - with links to the County Cricket Club through the late Julian of Carehays and current Chair Michael, who kindly took the trouble to attend by driving down specially from North Cornwall. The late Col Godfrey of Tredrea (Cornwall CCC former Sec & Perranarworthal CC), our own Robert Jobson (Veryan CC) and of course the birthplace of Venetia – the leading lady racehorse trainer. Incidentally, the Lord Lieutenant Col Edward Bolitho KCVO OBE CStJ is a descendent of the first Cornwall CCC Captain in 1895– the legendary Lieutenant Col WET Bolitho of Penzance.

A special day indeed.

*Michael Weeks BEM  
Hon. Secretary  
January 2024*