

**CORNWALL COUNTY CRICKET CLUB
COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2016 SEASON**

On the face of it a second place finish in the Western Division of the Championship capped another successful season. After all, it was only the second time we've been runners up since the divisions were formed in 1983, adding to the 2012 title season of course. However, there was a tinge of disappointment, with it being a case of 'what might have been'. We were well in title contention for much of the season and led the table after the first, second and fourth rounds of games. The campaign began excellently with just a point dropped in the successes over Oxfordshire, by an innings, and at Wiltshire by four wickets. Top spot was conceded to Shropshire, following a well-contested game at Bridgnorth. The lead was regained however with another innings win, against Dorset at Truro. The home game with Berkshire, at Grampound Road, was therefore billed as a potential title decider. The visitors dominated the opening day making 325-6 declared, after we had been bowled out for just 92. Two days of rain followed to deny the visitors but, crucially, they bettered us by six bonus points in the game to hold the aces going into the final round. This after Shropshire had sensationally been docked 24 points for playing an ineligible player in the penultimate round to knock them off top spot. Berkshire duly beat Dorset comprehensively by 327 runs to wrap up the title inside two days. That meant even a victory would not have been sufficient for us at Devon, not that we even got close! The ten wicket, two-day defeat suffered against our old rivals, at Sidmouth, was a disappointing conclusion to a season that for long periods had promised much.

Back in chilly April our defence of the Unicorns Trophy had begun with victory away to Devon. The damage however was effectively done against Berkshire on May Day at Truro, when not a ball was bowled. We made an impressive 283 against Dorset but it was not quite enough as the hosts got home by five wickets, with an over to spare. We then rattled up 342-7 on a record-breaking day against Oxfordshire, at Werrington. However Devon's Duckworth/Lewis victory, on a wet day in the New Forest, meant they and hosts Dorset qualified at our expense for the quarter-finals.

There was sadness off the field with the news in December of the death of Charles 'Charlie' Lovell at the age of 85. He served on the County Club Committee for 39 years from 1975 to 2014. From 1978 to 1995 he and his wife Joy were joint secretaries of Cornwall Colts. He then went on to become Assistant Treasurer. In July the death was announced of another former Colts Secretary, and MCCA Umpire, Peter Kingston-Davey (aged 75). After moving to Falmouth he umpired Cornwall in 17 of his 39 Championship matches and in ten of 20 one-day games. In an eleven year career he famously came out of retirement in 2006 when colleague Guy Randall Johnson withdrew during a game. We also lost former players Maurice Weeks (11 caps) in May and Julian Cradick (20 caps) in February 2017. It was also sad to learn of the passing of long serving Devon Secretary, Chairman and former wicket keeper Geoff Evans. He was the Secretary of MCCA but died, suddenly, at his Budleigh Salterton home in September aged 77. A good friend of Cornwall CCC, cross Tamar clashes will never be quite the same.

Unicorns Trophy

24 April Cornwall 251-9 Devon 204 at Instow.

We got off to a winning start in our Trophy defence with only a third ever one-day win on Devon soil. With an Arctic breeze blowing across the Bristol Channel we gave a debut to the new Penzance Director of Youth Development Greg Smith. The former Derbyshire & Essex all rounder was soon in the action. Having been put in, skipper Matt Robins edged the last ball of the second over to slip. Smith joined Matt Rowe and took the total to 53 in the 13th over. Rowe and Brad Wadlan then laid the base, adding 74 for the third wicket before Rowe fell for 61. That signalled a mid-order collapse as four wickets fell for 25 runs, inside six overs. Just as he did in the corresponding fixture the previous year Paul Smith came to the rescue. He ended on 46 not out off 41 balls, which included a couple of sixes. Tom Rowe (24) and Scott Harvey (18) gave good support as the last four wickets added a vital 98 runs. Neil Ivamy, opening the bowling, sent down his ten overs at a cost of 37 runs while Greg Smith was difficult to get away at the other end. Debutant Dan Wolf made 67 but his dismissal, by Kevin Snell at 128-4, turned the game. Liam Lewis made 27 and Matt Golding 23, but the run rate increased and the home side were dismissed for 204 with 22 balls to spare. Greg Smith and Kelvin Snell took three wickets each.

*Instow – Cornwall 251-9 (MH Rowe 61, PS Smith 46no, BL Wadlan 38, TC Rowe 24; BGF Green 2-43),
Devon 204 (DJ Wolf 67, LJ Lewis 27, MC Golding 23; GM Smith 3-22, KJ Snell 3-51).
Cornwall (2pts) beat Devon by 47 runs.*

1 May Cornwall v Berkshire at Truro – No Play

Persistent light rain and drizzle saw the match abandoned at 3.10pm. (1 point each).

8 May Cornwall 283-4, Dorset 286-5 at North Perrott

It was the first time the Somerset club had hosted a Dorset fixture. The hosts chased down the last 97 runs in just nine overs to win by five wickets, with six balls to spare. With Christian Purchase, Neil Ivamy and Tom Rowe all unavailable Conor Miles made his debut and Dan Jarman and Jordan Thomas appeared in the one-day team for the first time. We got off to a great start with Matt Robins and Matt Rowe putting on 145 for the first wicket, inside 30 overs. Robins was out for 87, his highest county one-day score for five years. Rowe and Greg Smith added 115 for the second wicket in 17 overs. Rowe (97) was dismissed by

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Somerset leg spinner Max Waller just three runs short of what would have been a maiden one-day century. He faced 143 balls and hit two sixes and nine fours. Greg Smith (59) followed to Waller's next ball, also caught in the deep. Lewis McManus and Mansoor Khan put on 153 for the Dorset first wicket before Khan was run out for 70 in the 31st over. Waller was caught and bowled by Greg Smith at 178-3 with 13 overs remaining. McManus, a product of Dorset Youth and having played first-class cricket for Hampshire, played a chanceless innings. He made 135 before being dismissed by Kelvin Snell. He was out with 22 required off 16 balls, but big hitting Mark Wolstenholme saw his side home with three sixes and three fours in his unbeaten 40, off just 17 balls.

North Perrott – Cornwall 283-4 (MH Rowe 97, ML Robins 87, GM Smith 59; MTC Waller 2-62),

*Dorset 286-5 (LD McManus 135, Mansoor Khan 70, MA Wolstenholme 40no; GM Smith 1-34, KJ Snell 1-38, DF Davis 1-71).
Dorset (2pts) beat Cornwall by five wickets.*

22 May Cornwall 342-7, Oxfordshire 234 at Werrington

There was a competition exit at the group stage despite the Cornish records book being rewritten. Devon beat Dorset to claim the runners up spot in the group, following an extraordinary afternoon in the New Forest, in a game that finished just before eight o'clock. After a delayed start a heavy downpour resulted a four hour delay that reduced the game to 21 overs a side. Devon hammered 99 from their remaining nine overs and went on to win by 26 runs on the D/L method. However Dorset did enough to top the group on net run rate. Meanwhile, at Ladycross, we hit our third highest ever score of 342. Brad Wadlan's 132 was the second highest one-day score by a Cornish batsman and Christian Purchase (6-51) became the first Cornish bowler to take six wickets in an innings in the competition.

The innings was turned in our favour thanks to a record fourth wicket stand of 150 between Brad Wadlan and Paul Smith (50). Wadlan finally departed when he holed out for 132. It came off 110 balls with five sixes and 17 fours. Werrington skipper Adam Hodgson was recalled on the eve of the game, nine years after his last game. Ben Smeeth, another late call up, made 23 not out and together with Scott Harvey (58no) smashed the eighth wicket record by adding 85. Harvey hit two sixes and two fours in the last over. The visitors got to 44 before Richard Kaufman gave Smeeth a wicket on his home patch. Fellow opener Hugo Derby followed, bowled by Kelvin Snell for 29. Lloyd Sabin and Cater kept the game alive by adding 77 for the third wicket but Cater (20) became the first victim for Purchase, who ploughed his way through the tail to end with six for 51 from 9.3 overs. A shower caused a 42 minute delay just after five o'clock. The end came at 234 all out with eleven overs remaining.

*Werrington – Cornwall 342-7 (BL Wadlan 132, SA Harvey 58no, PS Smith 50, CBF Purchase 25, BA Smeeth 23no; CB Keegan 3-43), Oxfordshire 234 (LM Sabin 74, HRH Darby 29, JCR West 25; CBF Purchase 6-51).
Cornwall (2pts) beat Oxfordshire by 108 runs.*

Unicorns Counties Championship

7-8 June Cornwall 349, Oxfordshire 144 & 146 at St Austell

The win, in a day and a half, by an innings and 59 runs was the first 'innings win' since 2005, against Herefordshire at Truro. The one before that was way back in 1968! On the opening day, after electing to bat in sunshine, we stuttered to 226 for eight with almost half our first innings overs remaining. The balance of the game was transformed as Brad Wadlan and Andrew Libby, recalled after four years, set about the visiting attack. Over the next 23 overs they added 121 for the ninth wicket before Libby was bowled for 39. It eclipsed the 78 year county ninth wicket record of 102 between George Rogers and Tommy Harry. Wadlan came within a boundary of posting the highest ever individual county score but was bowled for 191, made off 189 balls that included 6 sixes and 19 fours. The record of 194 by George Rogers at Camborne in 1938 therefore remains. Earlier Matt Robins, Greg Smith and Mike Bone all got twenties. Due to unavailability, we made a late call to give a debut to 19 year old opening bowler Liam Redrup, who has come through the Somerset youth set up and is a regular second team player at Taunton. He responded by taking four wickets at either end of Oxfordshire's first innings. He removed debutant Will Hawtin in the first over and followed up with the big wicket of Scotland player George Munsey. On the second morning the last four wickets added a further 37 runs as the visitors were bowled out for 144. Skipper Robins, with a lead of 205, enforced the follow on. Smith immediately struck with the final ball of the second over. He ended with 4-51 after picking up the final two wickets in three balls, this after Libby took a career best six for 45 and had match figures of nine for 83.

St Austell – Cornwall 349 (BL Wadlan 191, AC Libby 39, GM Smith 25, MJ Bone 22, ML Robins 21; LC Ryan 3-96, LM Sabin 2-57, HE Eltham 2-83); Oxfordshire 144 (JA Cater 32, RI Kaufman 28; LT Redrup 4-52, AC Libby 3-38, GM Smith 3-39) & following on 146 (H G Munsey 48, JA Cater 48; AC Libby 6-45, GM Smith 4-51). Cornwall (24 pts) beat Oxfordshire (4pts) by an innings and 59 runs.

19-21 June Wiltshire 276-9d & 244, Cornwall 276-9d & 248-6 at Corsham

Wiltshire, having been put in, slipped to 149-7, but recovered to 222 -7 when play was ended by rain at five o'clock. There had earlier been a ninety minute delay in mid afternoon. Jordan Thomas took three for 38 from 16 overs. The resumption didn't come until 3pm on the second afternoon and memories of the old two-day games were evoked with some 'negotiations' taking place. The home side added 54 in just four overs with Dan Jarman and Paul Smith supplying the 'friendly fire'. The declaration

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came at 276 for nine, on the acquisition of a third batting point. We then scored at five an over with Wadlan and Paul Smith getting fifties. The highlight was from Christian Purchase whose fifty came off 22 balls, in 22 minutes, and included six sixes and four fours. Two balls after the tea he succumbed for 66. At 165 for five Cornwall needed another partnership and got it from Paul Smith (51) and Scott Harvey (35), who added 78 for the sixth wicket. A late collapse saw four wickets fall for 16 runs before Thomas (15no) gained a third batting point, at which point the declaration came, to leave the scores level at stumps. In their second innings Turpin (3-45) and Thomas reduced the hosts to 78-5, but then the fightback commenced. Mike Coles, playing his final three-day game, made 61 and Patrick Grieshaber 41 in a sixth wicket stand of 74. Tahir Afridi marshalled the tail to hit 54 not out as the last three wickets produced a vital 73 runs. It ended at 244 all out in the 61st over. Libby took three for 78. Purchase had to return home for 'family reasons' before the start of the final day. The target was 245 in a minimum of 46 overs, which became 53 overs by the time the last hour began. We were 125 for four at the time and had a minimum of 17 overs to chase down the target. Matt Robins had got us off to a positive start with 36 on the board after six overs. However, the dismissals of Dan Jarman and Brad Wadlan were setbacks at 40-2 in the eleventh over. Scott Harvey followed and when Robins was lbw for 78, it was becoming a tall order. Paul Smith was in no mood to shut up shop, however, getting a brisk 30 off 23 balls. He was run out at 166 for five, with twelve overs remaining. Young James Turpin, playing only his second game, joined Greg Smith and the pair put together a match winning stand of 74 in just nine overs. They still needed 46 off the last seven, but Turpin went onto the attack, superbly hitting four maximums in his 37 off only 26 balls. He was caught with five required, but with three overs still remaining, the job was all but done. At the other end Greg Smith was unbeaten on 66, made off 73 balls.

Corsham – Wiltshire 276-9 dec (JP Sore 54no, TG Afridi 52; JS Thomas 3-38) & 244 (MS Coles 61, TG Afridi 54no, PJ Grieshaber 41; JR Turpin 3-45, AC Libby 3-78, GS Smith 2-41, JS Thomas 2-62). Cornwall 276-9 dec (CBF Purchase 66, BL Wadlan 53, PS Smith 51, SA Harvey 35; TG Afridi 2-43, AA Morrison 2-53) & 248-6 (ML Robins 78, GS Smith 66no, JR Turpin 37, PS Smith 30; TG Afridi 2-77). (Target 245) Cornwall (23pts) beat Wiltshire (7pts) by four wickets with seven balls remaining.

3-5 July Cornwall 245 & 252, Shropshire 253 & 246-6 at Bridgnorth

We went down to a four wicket defeat in a game that ebbed and flowed over the three days. Just as in 2015 we narrowly missed out on winning our first three championship games for the first time ever. As a result Shropshire took over as leaders at the half way mark with us second, eleven points adrift. We recovered well on the opening day from 84 for six to make 245. Greg Smith made 92, adding 103 for the seventh wicket with James Turpin. In reply Shropshire slumped from 217-5 to 253 all out, giving a narrow lead of eight runs. We were again in trouble at 106-5 in our second innings but Matt Rowe (67), batting down the order due to a finger injury, Andrew Libby, Scott Harvey and Paul Smith all dug in to bat out 97 overs, and set a last day target. The Midlands began the day needing to make 245. They got off to a great start with Richard Oliver and Steve Leach putting on 57 in 14 overs. We were right back in the game when Andrew Libby picked up three wickets in the 17th over to leave the hosts wobbling at 64 for four. Just as in the first innings it was David Wainwright and local boy Ross Aucott who were to be the thorns in Cornwall's side. They turned the game in Shropshire's favour, putting on 150 for the fifth wicket, either side of lunch. Aucott made 89 to add to his first innings 76 not out. Jordan Thomas took two late wickets, but Wainwright hit the winning runs to end on 80 not out. Added to his 46 in the first innings, and match figures of seven for 149 from 65 overs, the former Yorkshire and Derbyshire all-rounder made quite an impression. Libby ended with three for 58 and very respectable match figures of eight for 151.

Bridgnorth – Cornwall 245 (G M Smith 92, M H Rowe 33, J R Turpin 32, A C Libby 28; D J Wainwright 4-72, A C Wyatt 3-63) & 252 (M H Rowe 67, T C Rowe 33, A C Libby 33, S A Harvey 31; D J Wainwright 3-77). Shropshire 253 R C Aucott 76no, S G Leach 46, D J Wainwright 46, J Carrasco 35; A C Libby 5-93, G M Smith 3-65) & 246-6 (R C Aucott 89, D J Wainwright 80no, R K Oliver 35; A C Libby 3-58). Shropshire (22pts) beat Cornwall (6pts) by four wickets.

17-19 July Dorset 175 & 198, Cornwall 388-8 at Truro

We wrapped up an innings victory over Dorset at Boscawen Park while, shortly after, Berkshire beat Shropshire by six wickets at Shifnal, their first defeat of the campaign. We therefore returned to the top of the table and led Berkshire by just a single point, ahead of the meeting at Grampound Road, in the penultimate round of games. The game at Truro was played under clear blue skies and hot sunshine, on all three days. Dorset were bowled out for 175, in 69 overs, with James Turpin taking four for 37 with the new ball. Brad Wadlan picked up three for 23 at the other end. We were 94 for four in reply, after Matt Robins made 48, but steadied through Greg Smith and Christian Purchase to reach 169 for four at stumps, with 49 overs still available. On the second day the full 90 overs were batted out, for only the third time in the last 45 championship games. This was chiefly thanks to a superb 138 from Greg Smith. An impressive 388 for eight was posted: there have only been ten scores of 400 plus in Cornwall's history. Purchase, Paul Smith, Antony Angove and Turpin all played their part passing the 300 mark. It gave us a 213 run lead on first innings and when the visitors lost a wicket in Angove's opening over the writing looked on the wall. They recovered well in the evening session and with fifteen minutes remaining were 152 for two. There was a sting in the tail, however, as Greg Smith struck twice before the close to remove Michael Porter for 47 and Luke Webb for 64. Smith continued on the third morning and it was all one way, with the visitors bowled out in just 75 minutes. They had lost their last eight wickets for just 46 runs in 29 overs to be 198 all out. Smith took five for 43 from 22 overs to complete a fine all round

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game. Andrew Libby took three for 65 from 27 overs. It was only the third time we have won a game by an innings since 1968. The others were against Herefordshire at Truro in 2005 and earlier this year against Oxfordshire at St Austell.

Truro – Dorset 175 (MJ Porter 93no; JR Turpin 4-37, BL Wadlan 3-23, AD Angove 2-35), & 198 (LA Webb 64, MJ Porter 47, Mansoor Khan 35; GM Smith 5-43, AC Libby 3-65). Cornwall 388-8 (GM Smith 138, ML Robins 48, CBF Purchase 39, PS Smith 34, AD Angove 33, JR Turpin 32no; TE Barber 3-75, MA Wolstenholme 2-86, SRJ Thompson 2-90). Cornwall (24pts) beat Dorset (2pts) by an innings and 15 runs. (Dorset deducted 2 pts).

31 July-2 Aug Cornwall 92 & 8-1, Berkshire 325-6d at Grampound Road

Just as in 2015 our Championship hopes looked to have been scuppered in the penultimate game. We were completely outplayed by Berkshire on the opening day, but the weather came to our rescue with the match abandoned as a draw. Heavy rain on Monday saw play called off at lunchtime. There was no let up overnight either and when the umpires found water had got under the covers the decision to abandon the match came swiftly at 11am on Tuesday morning. Sunday's play was about as one sided as imaginable. In between taking 11 Cornish wickets for 100 runs Berkshire piled up 325 for 6 declared in 64 overs. We elected to bat and Matt Rowe (17) and Matt Robins (23) added 33 in nine overs. The innings subsided quickly, however, with seven wickets down at lunch and all out for 92 just three overs after the interval. This was the lowest since the 60 against Berkshire in 2007, when two days were washed out at St Austell and a one innings game was hastily rearranged at Truro. That was Justin Stephens' last game, incidentally, before his Championship recall for this game. We lost all ten wickets for just 61 runs as Tom Nugent took six for 26 from 15 overs, this despite fielding a strong batting line up. All eleven bat in the top order in club cricket and five hit fifties on the previous day. Berkshire then proved there were no demons in the pitch. Ollie Wilkin made 33 before Waqas Hussain and Richard Morris put on 120 for the third wicket in 21 overs in the warm afternoon sun. Brad Wadlan finally had Hussain caught for 123. Richard Morris went on to make 95 and Euan Woods was unbeaten on 37 when the declaration came at maximum batting points, with Cornwall restricted to just two bowling points. With 25 minutes to bat Robins edged Nugent's third ball.

Grampound Rd - Cornwall 92 (ML Robins 23; TM Nugent 6-26, W Hussain 2-11, MT Carter 2-25) & 8-1. Berkshire 325-6dec (W Hussain 123, RK Morris 95, ED Woods 37no, O Wilkin 33; BL Wadlan 2-30, AC Libby 2-78). No Play Days 2 & 3. Berkshire (12pts) drew with Cornwall (6pts).

14-15 August Cornwall 286 & 158, Devon 404-9 & 44-0 at Sidmouth

Our season came to a disappointing conclusion with defeat, inside two days, by ten wickets. We went into game only five points behind leaders Berkshire but, in all truth, given good weather, the title chances were slim with the Royal County expected to knock over Dorset at Finchampstead. That proved to be the case with the issue never in doubt after they reached 248 before losing a second wicket on the first day. On the second day they bowled Dorset out for 96 and 84 to win by 327 runs, clinching the Western title just before six o'clock. Ten minutes later Cornwall's demise would have provided the same outcome. We made three changes: Greg Smith was unavailable due to family commitments. Jordan Thomas was recalled and Grampound Road's Alex Ridd made his debut. Having elected to bat Matt Rowe made 27 and Scott Harvey 34 but we lost our first four wickets for 84. An excellent 116 from Brad Wadlan rescued the innings. He had stands of 47 with Paul Smith (24), 60 with Conor Miles (25) and 73 with James Turpin (31). A useful total of 286 was posted, but 22 overs were unused. Turpin and Thomas then both struck in the first eight balls to remove openers Max Curtis and Dan Wolf for ducks. At 118 for six, late on the first day, we were in the box seat – but how it changed. On the second morning Joe Dart and Zak Bess sent the ball to all parts of the Fortfield. They took their sixth wicket stand to 174 in 38 overs but, just before lunch, Dart was lbw to Andrew Libby (3-100). Bess then found a willing partner in Falmouth's Jamie Stephens (43). The pair put on 103 for the ninth wicket, as the Cornish attack toiled in the East Devon sunshine. Bess was unbeaten on 166 when the overs ran out at 404-9. In our second dig we lost Rowe, Harvey and Matt Robins in the first 26 balls, with Bess striking twice on his way to crown the most memorable of days with five for 35. Christian Purchase hit five boundaries in his 21 off 12 balls but, at 54-4, in the eighth over, it was not the best of starts. Wadlan made 38 and Miles 25, but the last four wickets fell for 16 runs. At 158 all out the hosts needed just 41. Wolf and Curtis were in no mood for hanging around and knocked them off in just 27 balls. It was Cornwall's first ten-wicket defeat since Devon, at Exmouth, 15 years ago. Libby, who took 30 championship wickets in his comeback season, was awarded his county cap by Club Chairman Michael Williams.

Sidmouth – Cornwall 286 (BL Wadlan 116, SA Harvey 34, JR Turpin 31, MH Rowe 27, CJ Miles 25, PS Smith 24; JV King 3-40, JR Popham 2-42, ZGG Bess 2-56, JA Stephens 2-82) & 158 (BL Wadlan 38, CJ Miles 25, CBF Purchase 21; ZGG Bess 5-35; MC Golding 2-29, JA Stephens 2-29), Devon 404-9 (ZGG Bess 166no, JFS Dart 78, JA Stephens 43, DR Pyle 42; AC Libby 3-100, CBF Purchase 2-39, JR Turpin 2-47, JS Thomas 2-88) & 44-0 (DR Wolf 29no). Devon (24pts) beat Cornwall (7pts) by ten wickets.

Over the season we used 20 players in the championship, with five (Robins, Wadlan, Purchase, Harvey and Libby) playing in all six games. There were debuts for four players – GM Smith, LT Redrup, CJ Miles, AS Ridd. One player – AC Libby, was capped.

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Greg Smith made 350 runs at an average of 58.33 and Wadlan 436 runs at 48.44. Robins made 214 runs and Purchase 191 runs. Centuries were hit by Wadlan (191 & 116) and Greg Smith (138). Wadlan's 191 was the highest in the entire championship in 2016. The 121 against Oxfordshire, by Wadlan and Libby, was the highest ninth wicket partnership ever for Cornwall. Libby took 30 wickets (seventh in the country) at 20.93 each. Greg Smith took 20 wickets at 26.45 and Turpin & Thomas ten wickets each. Libby's 6-45 against Oxfordshire were the best figures of our season and he took 9 for 83 in the match.

In the Unicorns Trophy 16 players took part. Six players (Robins, Wadlan, Greg Smith, Paul Smith, Harvey and Snell) appeared in all three games. Four players - Dan Davis, Adam Hodgson, Ben Smeeth and Neil Ivamy played in Trophy games only. A total of 24 players represented the county in 2016.

Wadlan made 176 runs at 88.00 and Matt Rowe 158 runs at 79.00. Wadlan hit the highest score of 132. Purchase took 7 wickets at 13.14 and Greg Smith and Snell five each. The highest partnership was the 150 by Wadlan and Paul Smith for the fourth wicket against Oxfordshire, a competition fourth wicket record for Cornwall. The unbroken 85 for the eighth wicket by Scott Harvey and Ben Smeeth, in the same game, was a Cornish competition eighth wicket record. Purchase's 6-51 was the best analysis in the entire competition in 2016.

Our Secretary Mrs Anita George MBE, JP has been re-elected to the Minor Counties Management Committee and continues to serve on the ECB's Cricket Discipline Commission.

Our scorer, Jim O'Brien, was again ever present in 2016 and the committee continues to appreciate his efforts. All games were 'live scored' on the internet. The usual vote of thanks is extended to our host clubs, their grounds staff, and their caterers for their hard work, organization and excellent hospitality. The committee also thanks the local media for their coverage during 2016. Finally, the club is most grateful to our main sponsors of Conway Bailey Transport Ltd for their valued support and again to Richard Sharp for producing the match scorecards during the season.

2016 SEASON FACTS & FIGURES

Highest Score (Championship)	For	388-8	Dorset	Truro
	Against	404-9	Devon	Sidmouth

Lowest Score (Championship)	For	92	Berkshire	Grampond Road
	Against	144	Oxfordshire	St Austell

Highest Partnerships

150	4th #	BL Wadlan (132) / PS Smith (50)	Oxfordshire	Trophy	Werrington
145	1st	ML Robins (87) / MH Rowe (97)	Dorset	Trophy	North Perrott
121	9th #	BL Wadlan (191) / AC Libby (39)	Oxfordshire	Championship	St Austell
115	2nd	MH Rowe (97) / GM Smith (59)	Dorset	Trophy	North Perrott
103	7th	GM Smith (92) / JR Turpin (32)	Shropshire	Championship	Bridgnorth
85*	8th #	SA Harvey (58*) / BA Smeeth (23*)	Oxfordshire	Trophy	Werrington

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Highest Individual Scores

191	BL Wadlan	Oxfordshire (1 st Inns)	Championship	St Austell
138	GM Smith	Dorset (1 st Inns)	Championship	Truro
132	BL Wadlan	Oxfordshire	Trophy	Werrington
116	BL Wadlan	Devon (1 st Inns)	Championship	Sidmouth

Best Bowling

6 - 45	AC Libby	Oxfordshire (2 nd Inns)	Championship	St Austell
6 - 51	CBF Purchase	Oxfordshire	Trophy	Werrington
5 - 43	GM Smith	Dorset (2 nd Inns)	Championship	Truro
5 - 93	AC Libby	Shropshire (1 st Inns)	Championship	Bridgnorth

County Caps (1) AC Libby

County Debuts (4) GM Smith, LT Redrup, CJ Miles, AS Ridd.

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Cornwall Over 50's Championship Report 2016

After the high of reaching the national semi-finals in 2015, 2016 was a relatively disappointing season for the ECB side as they failed to qualify for the national knockout stages despite winning four of the seven group matches.

The season got off to the worst possible start with three defeats in the first three games losing by eight wickets to Somerset and then failing to defend 268 against Hampshire a total which included an unbeaten century from Jon Nance. This was followed by defeat to Devon at Exmouth where chasing 211 Cornwall collapsed from 109 for 1 to 156 all out with Nance making 63.

Jon Nance made his third successive score of 60+ with 64 against Wiltshire at Lanhydrock with Rob Hawken making his maiden 50 as Cornwall made 226 before bowling out the visitors for 156 with three wickets each for Hawken and Paul Clements. In a match reduced to 30 overs due to poor weather the Isle of Wight made 111 for 7 which Jon Nance (58no) and Jim McKenna (38no) knocked off in 14 overs as Cornwall sought to improve their run rate.

81 from McKenna and 83 from 68 balls from Andrew Jones saw Cornwall rack up 284 for 7 against Dorset at North Perrott in a must win game against the team that were at that stage top of the group. Despite 103 from former Essex star Paul Prichard, Dorset were all out for 261 with Ian Bishop taking 4-60. In the final game against the Channel Islands, a match which was played at Wellington School in Somerset, Cornwall made 277 for 7 with 50s for Jim McKenna, Alan Shears and Andrew Jones. Paul Clements took four wickets as the islanders reached 214 for 9.

At that stage there was still an outside chance of qualifying but results elsewhere meant Cornwall finished fifth in the league showing just how competitive it was in 2016. There were debuts for Rob Hawken, Adrian Warne, Mark Southcott, Phil Payne and Dennis Brown. Dave Dunnett announced his retirement from county cricket after the Devon game having played 40 matches and taken 56 wickets.

Jon Nance featured in the top 10 run scorers across the whole competition despite missing the final group match after being fogbound on the Scillies.

Jim McKenna, Anton Luiten and Trevor Lee passed 1000 championship runs during the season. Jon Nance's excellent form took him to 957. Steve Mitchell went past 30 wickets at an average of just over 20.

In 2017 Cornwall will also compete in the O50 Southern Counties Championship. That side can include two players who are 49. If you are keen to be part of the O50's and play some highly enjoyable yet competitive cricket please contact either Ian Bishop on 07964 975976 or Stuart Ellis on 01208 73230.

*Trevor Lee
Cornwall Over 50's Chairman*

Development XI Report 2016

Disappointingly home and away games against Dorset and Wiltshire did not take place.

The one game that did go ahead was the two day game against Devon Lions at Tavistock in mid July. Devon lost their first five wickets for 51 but an unbeaten half century from Jack Popham rescued the innings. Alex Ridd was the pick of the Cornish attack and ended with five for 37 from 19 overs. On the second day we declared after 43 overs on 127 for six. Having lost Jack Paull, Charlie Hoskings, Harry Bolland and Guy Leathley for 43 Kieran Rodda (29), Jack Butler (24) and Dan Lello (23no) rallied the innings. Devon were dismissed for 107 inside 29 overs. The last five wickets fell for six runs with Harry Bolland ending with figures of 7.4-3-8-6. We were set 129 to win but collapsed to 52 all out with only Callum Donnelly (25) getting double figures.

Representative Match

Tavistock – Devon Lions 148-9 (J Popham 52; A Ridd 5-37, M Butler 2-19) & 107 (M Skeemer 42, D Wolf 36; H Bolland 6-8, J Paull 2-13) beat Cornwall Development XI 127-6 dec (K Rodda 29, J Butler 24, D Lello 23no) & 52 (C Donnelly 25; J Stephens 4-19, J Popham 3-11) by 76 runs

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The season has been one of mixed fortunes for the squad. In the 50 over completion Cornwall played Dorset and Shropshire but unfortunately matches against both Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire were called off due to opposition conceding or the weather.

This left Cornwall 2nd in the table and having only played 2 of the 4 matches scheduled.

ECB Division 4 South & West -50/50

Dorset away at Bournemouth

Cornwall won the toss at Bournemouth and elected to field. Dorset were bowled out for 91 in 49.1 overs. Emmie Blamey, Emily Edgcumbe and Fern Nicholls sharing 2 wickets each.

In reply, Cornwall passed the score for 4 wickets in 39.1 overs with Caitlin Burnett top scoring on 32 not out.

Shropshire at Launceston

Cornwall again won the toss and elected to field. Shropshire making a total of 126 for 7 on a pitch that had received a lot of rain in the previous few days.

Alice Bebb was the top wicket taker with 3 for 20 from her 10 overs and Wicket Keeper, Sophie Richards taking 3 catches. In reply Cornwall failed to get going and were all out for 45 in 28.4 overs

ECB Division 3 - T20

In the T20 competition Cornwall completed a full schedule with just one match affected by the weather resulting in a shorter version being played.

Round 1

Cornwall played at Exmouth against Devon and Shropshire.

Match 1 - Shropshire won the toss and elected to bat making a total of 87 for 9 from the 20 overs.

Emily, Emmie and Caitlin sharing the wickets.

In reply Cornwall passed the score for 2 wickets with Sophie top scoring on 27 not out and Caitlin 20.

Match 2 - Devon won the toss and elected to bat making a total of 149 for 7. Against a Division 2 side Cornwall did well to take 7 wickets which were shared between the bowlers. Cornwall 104 for 4. Caitlin 33

Round 2

This was due to be played in Derbyshire where the county had been badly affected by rain during the previous week. It resulted in a change of match venue on the Friday before the matches were played to Rolleston (Staffs). Cornwall were up against 2 teams from higher divisions and so a difficult day was ahead.

Match 3 - Derbyshire won the toss and elected to field restricting Cornwall to 63 for 8 from the 20 overs. Sophie top scoring on 24.

In reply Cornwall did well to restrict Derbyshire and eventually they passed the total in the 15th over for one wicket.

Match 4 - Scotland also won the toss and elected to field. Cornwall again being restricted to 56 for 7 from 20 overs. Sophie again top scoring on 18.

In reply Scotland passed the score in 13 overs for 2 wickets.

Round 3

Played at Bicester on a very warm day where Cornwall played Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire.

Match 5 - Oxfordshire won the toss and elected to field with Cornwall making 73 for 5.

Caitlin, Sophie and Amber Cummins making good contributions to the total.

In reply Oxfordshire passed the score in over 13 for 1 wicket.

Match 6 - Cornwall won the toss and elected to field first against Northamptonshire.

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Northamptonshire making 104 for 6 with Amber and Tegan Smith taking 2 wickets each.
In reply Cornwall made 62 for 7.

Round 4

The last round was played at Truro with Hertfordshire and Cheshire the guests.

Match 7 - Overnight rain saw the first match restricted to 7 overs and with Cheshire winning the toss and electing to bat, they managed 64 for 1.

In reply Cornwall were unable to reach the required run rate and ended on 42 for 4.

Match 8 - Hertfordshire won the toss in the final match and elected to bat. Cornwall did well in restricting them to 79 for 5 with 2 wickets each for Alice and Kellie Williams.

In reply Cornwall passed the total for 3 wickets with Emily top scoring on 49 not out.

The competition ended with Cornwall 7th of 9 and so maintaining their position in Division 3 of the T20.

2017

The ECB will once again be making changes to the set up and format for the next season and this will see a reorganisation of counties in the 50/50 competition which is going to be more regionally based.

In Cornwall's case this will result in once again playing most of the counties previously played in Division 4.

Thank you once again to all those players involved this year and to Matt South (coach), Colin Phillips (scorer), Steve Richards (coach). We would also like to pass our thanks to Launceston and Truro clubs for providing facilities for matches and to Falmouth and Redruth who unfortunately had their days cancelled. The umpires for officiating at the match days.

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Cornwall CCC Championship Batting Averages 2016

Cornwall Championship Batting Averages 2016													
Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	0	4s	6s
GM Smith	5	7	1	350	138	58.33	496	70.56	1	2	0	38	4
BL Wadlan	6	9	0	436	191	48.44	480	90.83	2	1	0	55	9
CBF Purchase	6	8	1	191	66	27.28	205	93.17	0	1	1	18	10
CJ Miles	1	2	0	50	25	25.00	68	73.52	0	0	0	8	2
JR Turpin	5	8	1	165	37	23.57	250	66.00	0	0	0	16	6
MH Rowe	5	8	1	158	67	22.57	386	40.93	0	1	0	23	0
MJ Bone	1	1	0	22	22	22.00	46	47.82	0	0	0	2	0
PS Smith	5	8	0	174	51	21.75	314	55.41	0	1	1	24	4
ML Robins	6	10	0	214	78	21.40	287	74.56	0	1	1	33	3
JS Thomas	5	6	4	37	15*	18.50	78	47.43	0	0	1	6	0
TC Rowe	1	2	0	36	33	18.00	52	69.23	0	0	0	6	0
SA Harvey	6	10	1	160	35	17.77	514	31.12	0	0	1	17	0
AD Angove	2	2	0	33	33	16.50	48	68.75	0	0	1	3	0
AC Libby	6	8	1	114	39	16.28	247	46.15	0	0	2	13	0
DBW Jarman	1	2	0	14	7	7.00	47	29.78	0	0	0	2	0
LT Redrup	1	1	0	7	7	7.00	19	36.84	0	0	0	1	0
JCJ Stephens	1	1	0	4	4	4.00	5	80.00	0	0	0	1	0
TPS Hughes	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	7	0.00	0	0	1	0	0
KJ Snell	1	2	2	7	4*	-	17	41.17	0	0	0	1	0
AS Ridd	1	2	2	5	5*	-	10	50.00	0	0	0	1	0

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Cornwall Championship Bowling Averages 2016															
Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	5	10	Ct	St
LT Redrup	1	2	17.0	2	67	4	4/52	4/67	16.75	3.94	25.5	0	0	1	0
AD Angove	2	2	25.0	5	56	3	2/35	3/56	18.66	2.24	50.0	0	0	1	0
BL Wadlan	6	6	29.5	4	117	6	3/23	3/38	19.50	3.92	29.8	0	0	1	0
AC Libby	6	10	186.0	45	628	30	6/45	9/83	20.93	3.37	37.2	2	0	7	0
PS Smith	5	1	2.0	0	22	1	1/22	1/22	22.00	11.00	12.0	0	0	3	0
GM Smith	5	9	183.4	42	529	20	5/43	7/90	26.45	2.88	55.1	1	0	3	0
DBW Jarman	1	1	2.0	0	30	1	1/30	1/30	30.00	15.00	12.0	0	0	0	0
JR Turpin	5	9	75.5	10	303	10	4/37	4/60	30.30	3.99	45.5	0	0	5	0
JS Thomas	5	10	86.0	12	311	10	3/38	5/100	31.10	3.61	51.6	0	0	0	0
CBF Purchase	6	6	33.0	7	100	3	2/39	2/39	33.33	3.03	66.0	0	0	3	0
KJ Snell	1	2	12.0	2	41	1	1/29	1/41	41.00	3.41	72.0	0	0	2	0
ML Robins	6	2	2.0	0	12	0	-	-	-	6.00	-	0	0	1	0
MH Rowe	5	2	13.3	3	32	0	-	-	-	2.37	-	0	0	3	0
TC Rowe	1	2	6.0	0	32	0	-	-	-	5.33	-	0	0	3	0
JCJ Stephens	1	1	12.0	2	51	0	-	-	-	4.25	-	0	0	0	0
AS Ridd	1	2	10.0	1	64	0	-	-	-	6.40	-	0	0	0	0

Also - Catches: SA Harvey (wk) 16 catches & 3 stumpings, MJ Bone 1, TPS Hughes 1.

Cornwall County Cricket Club Fixtures 2017

	Unicorns KO Trophy	(Group 1)
Sun 23 April	Oxfordshire	Banbury
Sun 30 April	bye	----
Sun 7 May	Dorset	Grampond Road
Sun 14 May	Berkshire	Wokingham
Sun 21 May	Devon	Werrington
<i>Sun 11 June</i>	<i>Quarter Finals</i>	
<i>Sun 9 July</i>	<i>Semi Finals</i>	
<i>Wed 23 Aug</i>	<i>Final (Res 24 Aug)</i>	<i>Wormsley</i>

Unicorns Counties Championship (Western Section) (11am)

4 – 6 June	Berkshire	Wargrave
18 – 20 June	Cheshire	Nantwich
2 – 4 July	Wales MC	Truro
16 – 18 July	Shropshire	St Austell
30 July – 1 August	Herefordshire	Penzance
13 – 15 August	Dorset	North Perrott
27– 30 August	Final	

T20 Challenge

Sun 25 June	Devon & Somerset	Truro
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