

Celebrating 70 years of giving



Former Director, Tony Swainson, played a major role in the development of the Lord' When the Lord's Taverners was formed in 1950, few would have imagined from the early years of supporting the National Playing Fields Association and iconic green minibuses, that 70 years later our cricket programmes alone would be impacting the lives of more than 12,000 young people across the UK every week.

But throughout our history, the values put in place by that like-minded group of actors and cricket enthusiasts, led by Lord's Taverner number one Martin Boddey, who gathered in the famous Tavern Pub at Lord's Cricket Ground have remained the same – the shared desire to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Tony Swainson, the Director of the Lord's Taverners from 1972-1992, fought against the idea of the Taverners remaining an exclusive celebrity club and helped turn it into a major charity when he initiated the idea of creating the regions to help increase fundraising, which led to the first ever minibus being donated in 1976.

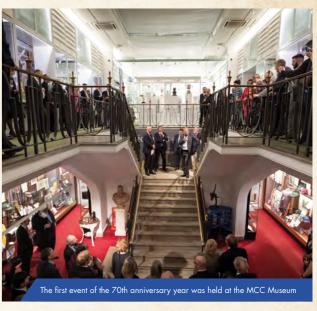
In 1950, the charity had just 70 members but seven decades later, there are over 4,000 Taverners and our programmes are laying the foundations for a positive future for young people living with a disability and those living in areas with a higher level of poverty across the UK.













We're breaking down barriers and empowering thousands of young people to fulfil their potential, with cricket very much at the heart of the work we do – something we can all be proud of and hope will continue for another 70 years and beyond.

Over the course of the past six months we've been going through the archives and found thousands of photos from Taverners activity going back to the 1960s, which even includes photos of our Patron and Twelfth Man, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, serving drinks to the Harlem Globetrotters before they played a Taverners team at the Presidents' Ball in the Grosvenor House Ballroom in 1963 (more on that in a later issue).

Numerous photos of minibus presentations have been digitised and Taverners XI scorecards going right back to the start of our celebrity XI have been searched through for use in this, and the following two Long Room magazines coming to you this year to celebrate 70 years of the charity.

Prince Charles once arrived to the wicket in his only Taverners XI game on horseback fully padded up for a match at RAF Cranwell, Kevin Keegan went out to bat with a football at his feet in Arundel, and on one occasion when a Taverner complained about not being picked in our celebrity XI the reply was "Sorry, we've got Len Hutton, Denis Compton and Jim Laker instead." There are quite a few stories to tell covering the history of our charity.

The charity has raised over £69.9m since 1950 and well set to pass the £70m mark in our 70th year. We've developed from being mainly a grant giving organisation to a charity that delivers life-changing national cricket programmes. Table cricket began in 2002, Wicketz was introduced in 2013 and Super 1s (initially called LTDCC) was launched in 2014.

In the following pages we look back through just some of the highlights while hearing from five of our former Presidents on their stand out memories from their time being involved with the charity.

Presidents' Memories

There have been 40 Presidents of the Lord's Taverners. From the charity's first ever President, Sir John Mills, to current President, Sir Trevor McDonald, there has been a whole host of stellar names from the worlds of cricket and show business who have taken on the role.

Throughout our 70th anniversary year we'll be speaking to as many former Presidents as possible to reflect on seven decades of the charity. In this issue we hear from Sir Tim Rice (1988-1990 and 2000), Sir Richard Stilgoe (2003), Mike Gatting (2004-2006), Chris Tarrant (2009-2010) and Chris Cowdrey (2012-2015) on their time supporting the charity.

How did you first you get involved with the Lord's Taverners? Sir Tim Rice (STR): The Taverners

approached me to play when Andrew (Lloyd-Webber) and I became well known in the very early 1970s and they knew I was very keen on cricket so I was asked to come along and play a game – they were probably very hard up – and my first game was at Blenheim Palace which was a pretty nice place to start, and that was how it began.

Sir Richard Stilgoe (SRS): I joined the Taverners in, I think, 1981, at the invitation of Johnny Blythe, to take part in a Showbiz v Taverners It's a Knockout event, which was great fun. As well as the clichéd 'wanting to give something back' I was attracted by the chances being offered for marginalised young people to have fun and get out and about, and I still am, and thrilled with the



really imaginative expansion of projects and opportunities we now offer.

Mike Gatting (MG): Right at the beginning the Lord's Taverners, to me, was 'the' cricket charity of the UK, and I've certainly been a beneficiary of some Lord's Taverners funding that was given to certain clubs and foundations that were putting on coaching sessions for kids who couldn't afford it. Back in those days with the kit bags they used to send out as well, I just thought if ever I was in a situation where I could help then I'd really like to do that.

Chris Tarrant (CT): Back in the 1970s
I was doing Tiswas in the Midlands and
Fred Rumsey arranged a cricket match at
Trent Bridge for the Tiswas All Stars against
the Taverners. Frankly, I had never heard
of them.

It was a total sell out, full of mums and their kids, and we did all things that Tiswas people do, like custard pies, buckets of water over the umpire, exploding cricket balls, stumps that caught fire etc.

For the Tiswas team of course this was brilliant, but not so much fun though for the Taverners, who turned up in their whites and went home covered in gunge. However, Fred Rumsey, once he had paid for the drycleaning bill, asked me if I would like to join and I've been part of the Lord's Taverners ever since.

Chris Cowdrey (CC): I think I was in my early 20s and Graham Johnson, a fantastic Taverner who played for Kent and numerous times for the Taverners, kept saying to me "you've got to become a Taverner". I didn't really know what it was all about at the time but after a couple of years I got involved and absolutely loved it and been a member ever since.

How much did you enjoy being President?

STR: The first time I was President was when Tony Swainson was Director, he was a great chap I was very fond of, who did a wonderful job. Patrick Shervington took over and he invited me to be President for the second time in 2000 for our 50th anniversary, but I was more active in the role the first-time round under Tony.

Looking back on being President it all merges into one very enjoyable time. I remember travelling a lot, going to many minibus presentations and enjoying many Taverners events all over the country.



MG: Being President was a great honour and a privilege. When you look at all the great people that have been President of the charity, people that I used to sit down and watch on the screen. Some great showbiz people. Eric Morecambe was someone I thought was so funny and Nicholas Parsons who must have been one of the longest serving members. All the great stuff they and so many others have done for the charity is brilliant.

cc: I'm hugely proud to be part of it. My father was President in the late 1990s and I just remember the thrill it gave him to be able to give something back to the charity. He was a very generous person and loved every single minute. I remember when he was in the role so well and for me to then became President myself in 2012 for three years was a genuine honour, and I loved my time doing it.

What makes the Taverners special?

STR: The Taverners was the first major cricketing charity, but I think we were ground breakers who recognised first and more clearly than other people at the time that sporting events could be used as great fundraisers, especially when flavoured with show business people, and sport could be used to make a difference. It began with a small group of actors forming a charity and it grew from there. It was the Taverners originality that the charity deserves credit for as much as anything. Everything seems to be going really well with the charity and 70 years of charitable work is amazing.

MG: Above everything else it was always about trying to help kids and that's what really hit home with me. The green minibuses were the main thing in the initial days, along with all the cricket bags, and the help the charity gave clubs and schools if it possibly could. Above all it's about trying to give kids the opportunity to take part in sport that they otherwise wouldn't get the chance to do.

CT: I love it. I've made so many close friends through the charity and have also met some of my all-time heroes. I've stood next to Sir Garfield Sobers, batted with Andrew Strauss – we shared an 80-run partnership, but I should say, he got 79 of them – and bowled a maiden to Brian Lara.

But above all it's the faces of the kids that the charity serves and the emotional moment when the kids take the keys of their own green Lord's Taverners minibus. I've seen this happen all over the UK, and it still brings a tear to my eyes. It totally transforms the lives of the children living with disabilities.

cc: The West Kent Taverners were the region that got me excited about it. I was invited to a few of their lunches and you could see the difference that they were making. Every now and again I would get the chance to go to a special educational needs school and see children being active or receive a minibus. It brought tears to my eyes sometimes seeing how happy these kids were to have their lives improved and of course, that's what we do.

Cricket being a team game offers a lot to the young people we're trying to help. They get to interact with other people where you can learn so much and it's wonderful to see the smiles on the children's faces when they do. I think cricket is the best game in the world for bringing people together and the interaction you see when young people with disabilities get together and play as a team in table cricket, you can sense the feeling of team ethic that you get. Whether you're playing for Kent, England or whoever it is, it really is the most exciting thing and the biggest thing we do.

What's your best fundraising and/ or charitable memory?

STR: I remember being quite nervous the first time I spoke at an event, I think I gave a pretty ropey speech... but Leslie Crowther, who was the President at the time, was brilliant as he laughed loudly and heartily at every bad joke I made. He was very encouraging. There were so many good events, most of the Balls were great fun, I remember David Essex did a very good





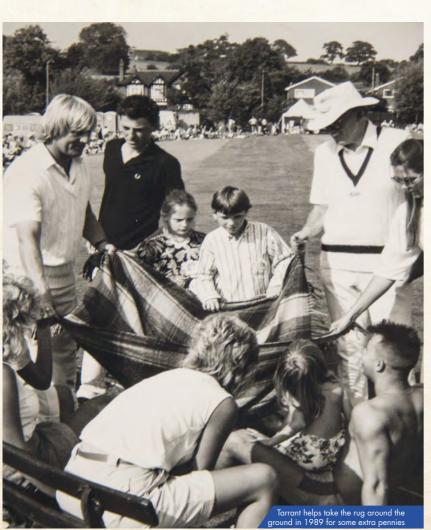
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show at one of my Presidents' Balls, that was one of the highlights during the first time I was President and Willie Rushton was also someone I remember contributing to our events very well in my time.

SRS: My best memory was either the night on board the Queen Mary II, safely tied up at Southampton, when Peter Skellern, Ronnie Corbett, Jimmy Tarbuck and I did a show while my son Joe stayed up playing the piano in the bar until 5am. Or, one of our fundraising picnic evenings at my house when we did 'A Night at the Soap Opera' starring almost everyone from every soap.

MG: Whenever I've been able to visit a school we donated a minibus to, it's a great thing to witness. Children there who are wheelchair users couldn't get out and about in their community, but all of a sudden one of our minibuses came along and their faces changed.

Similarly, whenever I watch table cricket there's always a tear in the eye because



you just see the kids full of determination and pride playing in their team, and the passion... You can see they've been practising and it's just got better and better every year. More and more teams have taken part and just the pride they show when being part of the team which is perhaps something they thought they could never do. Both minibuses and table cricket have been very, very important.

CT: My 70th Birthday! It was the most brilliantly kept secret. I just walked into what I thought was going to be a quiet room with Jane and the kids and 350 Taverners were there - all hidden away wearing ridiculous Chris Tarrant face masks. It was a truly wonderful night. I can't believe they kept it a total secret from me, and in the end raised thousands of pounds for the Taverners.

CC: This is a tricky one as there are so many. But there was one not so long ago where we got together and discussed the idea of introducing the pledge system to our Christmas Lunch. We decided to give it a go and halfway through the 10 minute period guests had to pledge at the lunch, a very good friend of mine tapped me on the shoulder and asked "how much do you think this is going to raise?", I said it could be anything but he then replied and said "I tell you what, I'll match it". That was a really big moment and I loved that. I think it was £16,000 raised and he matched it which was an amazing thing to do.

Can you share any standout **Taverners XI moments?**

STR: I remember getting Colin Cowdrey out at Lord's, which was quite an achievement. He was caught Rushton, bowled Rice in 1990 and he said to me afterwards "I really have to retire now, it can't get worse than this" and he was right! Willie Rushton took a brilliant catch at about sixth slip. Colin was a lovely man and it was great to play against him. I think he was quite happy to get out although I'm sure he wasn't

concentrating 100% but I think if he really wanted to get out he would have got more than two before he did so.

In other Taverners XI games I do remember being bowled first ball probably more than once, but one particular time in East Anglia they called a very late no-ball to try and give me another go but I said "no thank you, I don't want to be out first ball twice in one day!"

SRS: I still have a page from a 1989 scorebook of a game in Hong Kong with successive wickets described as caught Gower, bowled Stilgoe, which sums up the joy of an incompetent amateur being allowed to play with his heroes. But my main memory is of a game in 1981 probably the first time I played - which coincided with the legendary Headingley Ashes test.

We were fielding, when the cry of "Willis has taken another wicket" rang out from the crowd. I backed away to the boundary rope so I could hear the commentary.

Eventually we had nine fielders on the boundary within earshot of radios, and a very disgruntled bowler, wicket-keeper, two batsmen and one umpire in the middle (the other umpire was at very deep square leg so he could hear what was going on). Nobody has any memory of what happened on the field, or who we were playing that day, but by gum, we remember the 1981 Headingley Test.

CT: As I said before, bowling a maiden to Brian Lara at Lord's. Toby, my son kept handing me the ball and saying "Dad, he doesn't know how bad you are." He obviously thought about if for the

next six balls, because the first four balls of my second over were hit for six all over St John's Wood. The Captain then very wisely, took me off.

How far has the charity come since you first got involved?

MG: Its always been about helping where we could and that's how it all started in 1950 with all the actors in the Tavern and it's been great to see it evolve from there. That's been a lovely thing about the charity, we've had some very good people helping

CT: It has always been an on-going development, but the last 30 years have seen it go from strength to strength. There are so many charities around today, but it continues to bring in more revenue for disadvantaged and disabled young people year after year, and it remains great fun to be involved with.

Here are the Tayerners XI stats we have on record for a former Presidents XI (not including those who played professionally) who have 395 appearances, 4,327 runs and 264 wickets between them.

	Matches	Runs	Wickets
Brian Rix	19	402	15
Sir Harry Secombe	15	247	19
Sir David Frost	30	517	5
Sir Tim Rice	37	399	43
Nicholas Parsons	85	618	52
Robert Powell	54	327	36
Sir Richard Stilgoe	33	132	17
Bill Tidy	45	189	24
Chris Tarrant	62	1,207	36
Barry Norman	14	74	14
Sir Michael Parkinson	1	83	3

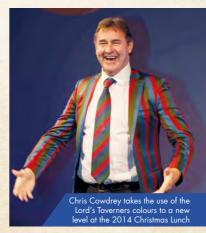
us impact lives either through cricket or the donation of minibuses which has helped us contribute in the right way.

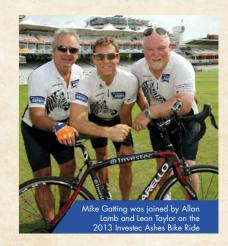
CC: We're 70 years in and its grown from a few coins thrown in the glass in the Tavern, then into a rug taken around the grounds at Taverners XI games. So to get to where we are now is remarkable and I seriously think we should be proud and I'm sure all those who kicked it off 70 years ago in the Tavern would be very proud to see where we are now.

The fundraising and the whole charity has changed over the years, it had to. Young people need our help and we're more than a club and raise massive funds for young people. We're still a club but I think we've got the balance right. We feel a sense of

unity but we're great fundraisers that help young people and it's very exciting what we're doing at the moment.









Historic Events

Lord's Taverners fundraisers have seen quite the variety of spectacular events over the course of 70 years. Presidents' Balls in the 1960s saw basketball, boxing and various other sports played in the Grosvenor House Ballroom, our Christmas Lunches have seen special guests including Olympic Gold medallists, broadcast legends and some of the UK's most loved comedians. What's more Brian Downing's legendary cricket dinners have raised nearly £700,000 for the charity with the game's greats flying in from all corners of the globe to get behind the cause.

We've been trawling through the archives to pick out some of the best events and photos in the history of the Lord's Taverners to highlight in this year's Long Room magazines. Take a look at some of these remarkable photographs that show the best of Taverners events.











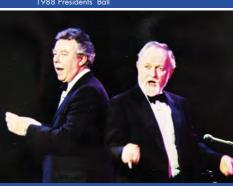


Sir Terry Wogan, Bill Edrich and Trevor Bailey

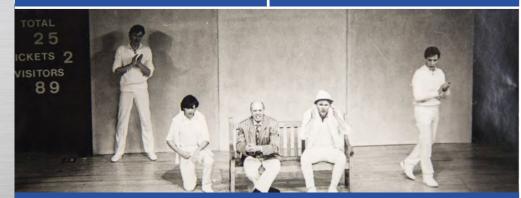




John Blythe, Sir Harry Secombe and Jimmy Edwards prepare back stage for the upcoming wrestling at an early Presidents' Ball Sir Richard Stilgoe and Peter Skellern peform at Stomping at the Savoy in 1989













Presidents' Ball 1982 with comedy greats Ronnie Barker, Sir Terry Wogan, Ronnie Corbett, Jimmy Tarbuck and Eric Morecambe







John Taylor, Stirling Moss, Jess Conrad, Suzanne Danielle, Neil Durden-Smith, Sir Harry Secombe, Mick McManus, Patrick Mower and Bill Simpson at the 1986 Harlequins Rugby Sevens





The fast bowlers dinner saw legends fly in from across the globe and helped us to raise over £100,000 in 2011

Looking back... The Lord's Taverners Celebrity XI

With thanks to Sir Richard Stilgoe's entry in '40 Years on, the story of the Lord's Taverners'

Charity cricket matches quickly became a savoured regular feature for the Lord's Taverners once introduced. In the early days of the Taverners XI there was no first class cricket on Sundays so county players, and sometimes international players, were often available. There were no such issues with year-round professional cricket, domestic Twenty20 leagues and strict fitness regimes to get in the way of our star studded fundraising matches.

The professionals who did play, enjoyed the opportunity to take to the wicket with famous actors and comedians. While acclaimed Test cricketers would also admit how excited they were at the prospect of playing with someone they had only previously seen in the cinema.

The first official Lord's Taverners charity match was played against Bishops Stortford

in 1953. It was a great success. Celebrities walked around the boundary with a blanket collecting money while signing autographs at the same time and Denis Compton scored 36 in an over. Compton was one of four Test players in the inaugural

to raise £235 for the National Playing Fields Association.

It didn't take long before everyone wanted to play the Taverners with more West End and cricketing stars arriving on the team

sheet with each game played. Sir Harry Secombe, President of the charity from 1967-68 and 1980-81, had a few amusing stories from the initial days of the celebrity XI. "In a match at Lord's against Old England, Brian Rix was after his 50 and determined to run everything. The result was that I pulled a hamstring."

A second personal disaster for Sir Harry arrived in the presence of Yorkshire and England great, Fred Trueman. "I was batting with Colin Milburn and Trueman was the bowler. He started his run from somewhere near the sight screen and had all his fielders behind the

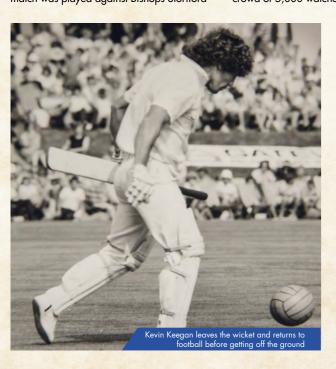
wicket. I thought he must be joking. But he then pounded up to the wicket and really let one go, bowling a full toss right on my toe. I couldn't walk for a week..."

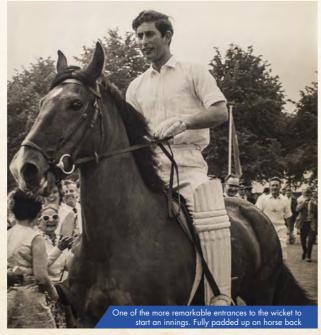
Did you know that we could put out a full team of England footballers from those who played for the Taverners? Here's XI who have put their whites on for the charity:

Managers: Brian Clough and Bob Paisley



Taverners game, with Godfrey Evans,
Jack Martin and Mandy Mitchell-Innes
joining him. The actors included Robin
Hood himself (Richard Greene) and a
crowd of 5,000 watched the game helping







The Taverners XI legacy set up by those who introduced the side in the early 1950s still lives on, with the team continuing to raise significant funds for the charity every year. You will already have read some anecdotes from some of our past Presidents on their own Taverners XI outings in this section of the magazine and there will be more in the following two issues of *The Long Room*. The celebrity team has been a mainstay of the charity's activity since the beginning and has played a major role in raising awareness and support for those we want to support through our charitable work.

HRH The Prince of Wales played occasionally with one particular match grabbing the crowd's attention. In a match between the Lord's Taverners XI and Royal Air Force Cranwell in July 1971, Prince Charles played for the RAF Cranwell side. Batting first they scored 220-9 in their 42.4 overs before declaring but HRH, batting at number seven, arrived to the wicket fully padded up and in his whites on horseback in one of the most memorable moments in Taverners XI history.

Once he took guard he managed to contribute 17 before being bowled by Surrey and England legend, Ken Barrington. In the second innings Bill Edrich (54) and Barrington (37) were both in the runs as the Taverners chased down the 221 required to

win for the loss of six wickets. But not before new-found all-rounder HRH the Prince of Wales had his say with the ball as well. He removed Edrich. having him stumped before bowling the great Barrington to keep the game alive. Unfortunately his figures of 6.5 overs 2-35 were in vain but it was a very memorable appearance none the less.

Many TV superstars and comedy legends have donned the whites since the first game in 1953. Here's a look at what an all-time Taverners showbiz XI could look like:

	Matches	Runs	Wickets
John Cleese	1	61	1
Rory Bremner	24	608	16
lan Lavender	11	180	N/A
Pete Murray	15	156	5
Struan Rodger	25	15	27
Bernard Cribbins	5	35	3
Robin Askwith	6	73	6
Tim Brooke-Taylor	7	84	3
Jasper Carrott	11	143	5
David Essex	10	173	6
Ernie Wise	7	107	8

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County Championship Trophy Presentations

The Lord's Taverners ECB Trophy is the official name of the silverware awarded to the winners of the men's County Championship, and the women's One-Day champions receive the Lady Taverners ECB Trophy.

The county champions have enjoyed a reception with the Lord's Taverners since the trophy was introduced for the first time by the

charity's Patron and Twelfth Man, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in 1973. He realised that until that time, the champions had never received a physical trophy so decided to introduce one. Hampshire were the winners on that occasion and a reception has taken place for every county champion since.





1977 joint winners Middlesex and Kent. Mike Selvey (left) and Graham Johnson (right) fight over the trophy



ARA The Duke of Edinburgh presents Hampshire captain Richard Gilliat with the Lord's Taverners trophy in 1973



Mike Brearley led Middlesex to the 1976 title





It was a Yorkshire men and women's double in 2015



Sussex captain, Chris Adams receives the cup from HRH in 2003



Kent Cricket Women's captain Tammy Beaumont and Yorkshire captain Andrew Gale with HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace in 2014



ARA with 2008 county champions, Durham



Essex won the 1992 championship under the captaincy of Graham Gooch