



75th Anniversary Messages

Nigel Hancock (Chairman): We've made it – 75 years young on 17 November and still going strong. We continue to strive to bring together people who are passionate about all things cricket. If you are not a member, please consider joining us. If you are already a member, please get someone you know to join too. Here's what John Barclay and his Presidential team have to say.

John Barclay (President): Empathy with the game is what The Cricket Society is all about: friendship and good company, and an antidote to loneliness. 75 years is a fine achievement made possible by devoted and selfless volunteers. But above all it is the Members who have provided the energy, the expertise, and the love of the game that has made the Society such a successful and happy one. Long may this remain the case.

Charlotte Edwards (Vice President): Wishing the Cricket Society a very Happy 75th Birthday! It's been great to see all the work the Society are doing to support women's cricket. I was delighted to be asked to become your first female Vice President last year, and I'm looking forward to presenting the Society's new Charlotte Edwards Award for Most Promising U16 Schoolgirl Cricketer when we can all meet in person again. Enjoy the celebrations!

Sir Tim Rice (Vice President): Congratulations to The Cricket Society on 75 years of support and enthusiasm for the world's greatest sport. Little did I know when it was founded (mainly because I was one year and one week old) that it would be going strong three quarters of a century later, which I am just about doing on a good day. It has absorbed the dramatic changes in cricket without losing love and respect for the game's past. The Society's publications, research and events, whether lunches, dinners or lectures, are essential features of the cricket calendar. On to 100 (and me too I hope).

Vic Marks (Vice President): The 75th anniversary celebrations may be more muted than planned but just as heartfelt. I sense that the lockdowns and the necessity for behind closed doors cricket has, if anything, enhanced our love affair with the game. Now we really know what we're missing. Against all the odds the Test matches of the 2020 summer were often compelling and a welcome relief. Cricket will survive no doubt with a few changes along the way. And so will The Cricket Society, hopefully for another 75 years. Best wishes to all our members everywhere with the hope that 2021 will see more activity than ever.

Chris Lowe (Vice President): The Cricket Society has given me so much fun and so many rewarding moments over nearly thirty years. Friendships have been forged and we have had so many opportunities to hear great players and great writers discussing our wonderful game. Happy birthday C.S! And thank you to Nigel Hancock and his team, and all their predecessors, for their leadership and dedication.