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## BERKSHIRE HAS ITS FIRST CHIEF EXECUTIVE

*The Berkshire Cricket Board has its first Chief Executive, Eddie Lunn.*

Originally a man of Kent, a career move in 1982 brought Eddie Lunn to Berkshire where he later became involved in Wargrave CC through his son, Chris. This developed into managing and coaching from U11s through to U17s and through that connexion he is still an active member of the Youth Cricket League committee. This is his fifth season as Chairman.

In 2007 he was asked to join the ECB Education Task Force to develop the training programmes for new officials. 2008 will see Eddie umpiring games in County age groups, the Thames Valley League and in the Home Counties Premier League.

His professional affiliations include: membership of the Institute of Leadership and Management, (ilm), and also the Chartered Management Institute, (CMI).

Eddie brings a broad commercial experience and a commitment to developing cricket in Berkshire.



*Eddie Lunn: keen to use his commercial experience to good use in developing cricket in Berkshire*

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### WHY BERKSHIRE NEEDS A CEO

BOARD CHAIRMAN, Cecil Fright says that in view of the ever increasing complexity of administering and developing Berkshire Cricket, in January 2008 the Board decided to appoint a part-time, (paid) Chief Executive.

Having advertised the post, we received 19 applications from which. We interviewed seven. Eddie Lunn was appointed on 1st April 2008 to a one-year contract.

The success of this post and hence the decision to retain the position will be determined by our ability to satisfy the ECB that we are meeting the agreed targets. Achieving our targets secures our funding from ECB.

Our new Chief Executive will report to me as Chairman and be accountable to the Board for the ongoing development of Berkshire Cricket, developing our policies, heightening our profile and additional fund raising.

Diary dates

**3<sup>rd</sup> June BCCC v Middlesex Twenty20 match**

**28<sup>th</sup> August 2008 Berkshire Youth Trust Golf Day – details soon.**



## BERKSHIRE REGAIN MARLBOROUGH CUP

*Berkshire had the perfect season opener with a nine-run win in Devizes against Wiltshire:*

Losing the toss and asked to bat, Berkshire scored 239-9 off their 50 overs. An opening stand of 111 between Mitchell Stokes, eventually out for a fine 97, and Reading's David Barnes (40) laid an excellent foundation.

The opening attack of Johnson (2-37), Lambert (2-38) kept things tight but it was the introduction of off-spinner Carl Crowe that put Berkshire back in the frame. His fine figures of 4-26 off 10 overs assisted by some excellent ground fielding turned the game, together with miserly "death" bowling by the returning seam attack of Johnson and Lambert.

"It was a real pleasure to regain the trophy which we last won in 2005," said Manager, David Morris. "Even more important was the manner in which we won." There is a real air of optimism in the camp and the wisdom and knowledge of the "old pros" can only rub off on the younger element bringing a good balance of youth and experience.

## Cricket Development

We were successful in meeting all the targets agreed with ECB, and as a result received our full allocation of funding for 2008.

**Berkshire Cricket is currently consolidating its achievements and planning how to develop cricket in Berkshire for 2009 and beyond. Our Facilities Strategy is the guiding document for the future funding of facilities within the County. It will help identify the priority areas for investment in new and existing facilities.**

**A Club Development Planning tool available at your club's [play-cricket.com](http://play-cricket.com) website enables preparation, planning, and monitoring of Club programmes on-line. Wargrave, Hungerford and Hurst have already made great progress towards gaining their Clubmark accreditation. Thatcham Town and Crown Wood are currently putting the finishing touches to their documentation.**

**If any club committee would like to know more about Club Development and funding, contact: [cdm@berkshirecricket.org](mailto:cdm@berkshirecricket.org)**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### The Chairman's Forum

Three chances to hear and influence the plans for Berkshire Cricket. Come and have your say.

2<sup>nd</sup> June – 7:30 p.m. Windsor CC

5<sup>th</sup> June – 7:30 p.m. Wokingham CC

10<sup>th</sup> June – 7:30 p.m. Thatcham Town CC

### New web site for Berkshire Cricket

A new website at [www.berkshirecricket.org](http://www.berkshirecricket.org) is under construction to provide and consolidate information in one place. Visit it regularly; keep up to date with cricket in Berkshire. You may also be able to win some prizes!

## YOUTH LEAGUE PRESIDENT HONOURED

Fred Curzon, current President and former Chairman of the Youth League was recently appointed as a Vice-President, Berkshire Cricket Board for services to Berkshire Cricket, especially Kidmore End CC and the Youth League.

This season's league sees the introduction of the County Cup competitions at U13 and U15s.

The two finals days will each consist of two semi-finals and the final, the games starting at 10 am.

**U13s on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at Boyne Hill CC**

**U15s on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at Falkland CC**

## Don't miss it!

## Twenty20

## Berkshire V Middlesex

**TUESDAY  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5pm**

## HISTORIC Twenty20 As Berkshire Host Middlesex

The pre-season friendly v Middlesex was called off at Falkland, owing to overnight damp. Middlesex did not want to risk it on slippery run-ups, but Berkshire had a useful practice in the middle during the afternoon. However, Berkshire have another crack at Middlesex on June 3 at Finchampstead CC when there is an historic first-ever Twenty20 game for the Royal County and it comes at the suggestion of Middlesex Chief Coach, Toby Radford.

Toby is himself a Berkshire man through and through. Having learnt his cricket in our youth system he went on to play for Berkshire, Middlesex and Sussex. Having completed his own First-class career he rejoined Berkshire as the county's Cricket Development Officer, before moving on to even greater things.

The game will provide good preparation for Middlesex for this summer's Twenty20 competition. The match has the relishing prospect of Richard Johnson starring against his own formative county, and perhaps Shaun Udal playing against Berkshire, the county for whom he may well have played this year until a better offer came along from Middlesex!

*Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for Under 16s and Senior Citizens. Entrance includes free parking and match programme. Barbecue food and drinks on sale.*

**Twenty20 v Middlesex 3rd June, Finchampstead CC starts 5pm.**