

A History of Bucks County Cricket Club

by Douglas Miller

From top hats to helmets! This splendid new history, to be published in June, traces the history of cricket in Bucks from its earliest 18th century origins through to the present day. It tells the story of an ill-fated attempt to start a county club in 1864 before Bucks CCC was successfully formed in 1891, going on to compete without a break in the Minor Counties Championship from its inception in 1895. Only Staffordshire can boast more than Bucks' nine titles, yet the tale of the County's triumphs has been punctuated by seasons bereft of success - with near bankruptcy in the early years and political strife in more recent times. The book carries over 80 illustrations and a 40 page records section that includes full career figures for each of the 609 players who have represented Bucks in the Championship.

The author, Douglas Miller, has lived in Bucks for over 40 years. He is still an active village cricketer and a regular umpire in the Thames Valley League. He is also Chairman of the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians. His recent titles include the acclaimed '*Charles Palmer – More Than Just a Gentleman*,' which was short-listed for the Cricket Society Book of the Year Award 2005.

'Many fascinating anecdotes and no punches pulled...As with all good books, once I started reading it I could hardly put it down.' **Robin Peppiatt in the Foreword**

'This book is the culmination of many, many hours of poring over ancient newspaper reports and scorebooks and countless interviews with more recent players, and, as such, has to be the definitive record of Bucks cricket. The style Douglas employs makes it an easy and enjoyable read and it will be of interest to statisticians and cricket lovers alike. The County is truly grateful to him for the incredible amount of time and effort devoted to its history.' **Stuart York, Chairman Bucks CCC**

'If you are a Bucks supporter, this absorbing book is a must for you.' **Keith Medlycott**

The hard-back book is available at **£15 (plus £2 postage and packing)**. As an introductory offer it is available free of postage and packing to Members of the County Cricket Club who order their book before publication. (It would be helpful to the Club if Members who are likely to attend Bucks CCC matches would be prepared to collect their copies when doing so, please indicate this on the form below.)

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