

CRICKET WITNESS

Mr. Wooller's Legacy

A history of cricket at Colwyn Bay and in Denbighshire

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This book, written and published to coincide with the centenary of Colwyn Bay Cricket Club, looks at the history of cricket in Denbighshire besides tracing how the club in Rhos-on-Sea has become the venue for top class cricket in North Wales, as well as Glamorgan's northern outpost for first-class cricket.

Using a wide range of archival material, it features the attempts to create a Denbighshire team during the Victorian and Edwardian era, including the efforts of various gentlemen and influential figures in local society and business in Wrexham, Denbigh and Llandudno. This book also outlines the brief and hugely unsuccessful foray by Denbighshire in the Minor County Championship during the 1930s as well as the creation in Colwyn Bay, albeit briefly, of the first black cricket team in the UK.

Also given prominence are the pioneering efforts of the Headmaster of Rydal School, plus the owners of Marchwiell Hall who promoted fund-raising and exhibition matches in the grounds of their country house. However, as the authors outline, the most influential development within Denbighshire came after the Great War as Wilfred Wooller (senior), the father of the Glamorgan captain and Welsh rugby international, helped to create and promote the Colwyn Bay club in Rhos-on-Sea. After overcoming financial difficulties during the 1930s, the Club successfully hosted Festival matches during and after the Second World War. Glamorgan CCC were amongst the teams to appear at these Festivals and their success led to Wilf Wooller (junior) persuading the county's committee to stage first-class matches from 1966 at the ground which his family had created.

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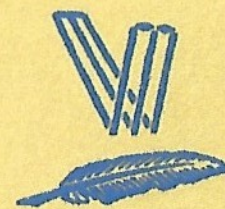
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