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**SALTFORD**

CRICKET CLUB

v.



**SOMERSET**

COUNTY CRICKET CLUB



THE PLAYING FIELD, NORMAN ROAD, SALTFORD, BRISTOL

SUNDAY, 9TH JULY, 1995 AT 2.00 P.M.

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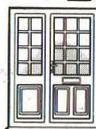
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## SALTFORD CRICKET CELEBRATIONS

Saltford has at least one claim to fame - it was in the village that the first RECORDED cricket match in Somerset took place on July 13, 1751.

It followed a most memorable Royal picnic when the then Prince of Wales, accompanied by his eldest daughter Lady Augusta, on a visit to Bath in 1750, travelled in a wherry by river to Saltford.

It was a very exciting time for the "rustics" and is described in the late Percy Sims' books, "A History of Saltford Village". The Prince provided two hogsheads of beer, there was a band playing and people danced. The royal visitors smiled and clapped and talked with the locals. Between eight and nine in the evening the festivities broke up and as the Royal party left the banks of the river were "crowded with a cheering multitude".

The Prince, who was never to become King but was father of George III, died in 1751, largely unmourned except by the people of Saltford, who didn't forget that wonderful day's pleasure he had given them.

In his honour they organised a great cricket match a year after his visit. It was intended to become an annual event but within a few years this had been forgotten. In 1992 a group of Saltford people set up a committee to revive the tradition. On August Bank Holiday Monday eight teams take part in a six-a-side Charity Tournament, at Saltford playing fields, for the Frederick Prince of Wales Cup. This will take place again this year on August Bank Holiday Monday.

The Saltford Charity Day is now an established event in the local calendar. That in itself is a tribute to the effort of the organisers and the community spirit which obviously exists in and around the village.



This year, Somerset County Cricket Club is raising funds too and so it is only right and proper that our capped players should turn out and enjoy the day. We as a Club have spent a million pounds on erecting a specialist Indoor Centre of Cricketing Excellence with support hostel accommodation. We see it as a necessary investment for the future of Somerset retaining first class status. We have to produce first class players from our own youth, not buy in. Somerset is a small county population wise and most of our business sector consists of firms 20 person or less. Financially, we find it very hard to compete with larger, richer counties. So now the Centre has to be paid for and that is why today's match is part of the fund raising exercise.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. May the sun shine, may the ball be hit and above all else may you all enjoy yourselves.

Peter Anderson, Chief Executive, Somerset C.C.C.



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# *Saltford Cricket Club*

Saltford Cricket Club was founded in 1916 and played at several locations in the village before moving to its current ground.

The club joined the Bristol and District League before moving to the Somerset League where it climbed to Division III.

In the North Somerset League the club reached the final of the league's first cup final, losing to close neighbours Keynsham, and lost in the 1981 final to Headley Park.

Saltford were Division II champions in 1982 and in 1989 finished runners-up in the First Division.

## **SOME PEN PICTURES**

**NEIL PARFREY:** In his second season as first team captain, Parfrey started with Hambrook and ICI before joining Saltford and now commutes from Birmingham for every home game. A hard-hitting batsman who scored 117 v. Beckington last year.

**KEVIN FLETCHER:** Club vice-captain and one-club man is an attacking batsman and an occasional bowler known as "the golden arm" for his ability to break partnerships. Still looking for his maiden century after rain stopped play when he was 94 n.o. last season. Plays football for Bath side Moonshine Gladbach.

**TOM COOPER:** Solid opening batsman, in his 18th season with the club and has topped 800 runs for a year for the last five seasons. He started as an opening bowler with St. Mary Redcliffe and also played for Whitchurch. Best ever figures of 8-35 and 84 not out.

**DAVE PRITCHARD:** Solid batsman formerly with S.W. Gas, United Banks and Frys, a top score of 101 n.o., plays full-back for Saltford FC and Keynsham Venturers.

**IAN DOWDING:** A fast-bowling ambulanceman and a hard-hitting batsman, Dowding played for Avon Schools as a wicketkeeper. Best performance of 98 n.o. and 6-11. Played Somerset Senior League for Stockwood Green.

**ALAN MARTIN:** Scored 100 for Imperial before joining Saltford 8 years ago. Has a best bowling performance of 5 for 6 and is second eleven vice-captain and was a goalkeeper for Filwood Crusaders.

**SIMON HIGGS:** Club treasurer and stock bowler. 'H' has played for Keynsham, Frys, S.W. Gas and Trinity with best bowling figures of 6 for 2. A utility footballer who has played for Saltford, Keynsham Venturers and Pensford.

**LEE JONES:** Has toured South Africa with Bath Cricket 2000 and played for Bath Schools, Farrington Gurney, Temple Cloud and Ston Easton. Has bowling figures of 6 for 6 and a top score of 75 n.o.

**DENNIS PAYTER:** Club Chairman, batsman and wicket keeper. Joined the club after 20 years with Whitchurch. Chairman of North Somerset League. Top score 109 not out.

**KEITH HAYWARD:** Attacking batsman who also plays baseball and brings his unique style to the cricket field. A London student, he plays football for Keynsham Venturers and help with the community soccer scheme at Brentford FC.

SALTFORD SPORTS CLUB



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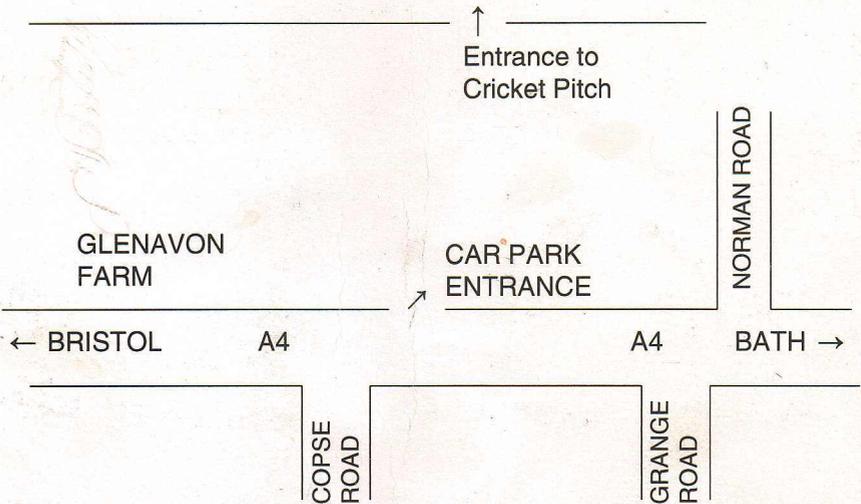
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