

JOHN DAVID LARTER (R51-57)

Born in 1940 in Inverness, Scotland.

He played county cricket for Northamptonshire between 1960 and 1969, as a Right-arm fast-medium bowler. Over his county career he took 666 wickets for 13,013 runs at an excellent average of 19.53 runs per wicket. According to Wisden, his best bowling return was 8-28 against Somerset. His best batting was 51 not out against Notts.

He toured New Zealand twice, Central Africa twice, Australia twice and India and Pakistan.



He also played 10 cricket matches for England between 1962 and 1965, taking 37 wickets for 941 runs at an average of 25.43 runs per wicket. He would have played more, but for niggling injuries. The least said about his England batting the better!

His last tour of Australia in 1965-6 effectively and sadly finished his bowling career. His ankle was given a fearful thump in Sydney and although he stayed with Northants for 1966, the ankle never fully recovered and he retired at the end of the season.



David's name appeared in an article by Christopher Martin-Jenkins in the Times on 27th April 2005. Featuring the Hampshire bowler Chris Tremlett who is 6ft 7in tall the article emphasizes how prone very tall bowlers are to injury and continues. "David Larter, half an inch taller than Tremlett, took 121 wickets at 16 in 1961 and nine wickets in his first Test for England a year later. Injuries made his subsequent career an anti climax."

After his cricket career he took over his father's small transport business in Framlingham, before selling it and moving back to the Midlands. Since then he has been involved with training in various companies as well as the Youth Training Scheme.

He was Guest of Honour at a special lunch-time gathering at the College on Monday March 23rd. He had very generously offered to donate various items of memorabilia to the College for display and safe-keeping. Those present were Paul Taylor, Headmaster, Mark Robinson, Deputy Head Co-curriculum, Marcus Marvel, Master i/c Cricket, Richard Sayer, President SOF and Norman Porter, Hon Sec SOF. After a preliminary chat in the Headmaster's study, and the unpacking of a fine assortment of ties, caps, sweaters, photos, and blazer, the party proceeded to lunch in the Dining Hall. The sight of 6ft 7in David certainly turned a few heads. A photo-shoot followed on the back, with the various members of the party holding up the different items. The party then proceeded to the Boardroom where two special mannequins had been installed, ready to be draped with these wonderful cricketing souvenirs.

In the course of the 3 hour visit David revealed much about his cricketing career, and had a wealth of anecdotes about the people he had met and played against in the course of it, before it was cruelly curtailed by an ankle injury.

Richard Sayer plans to write a short biography of Fram's only test cricketer.

See on the next page a photo taken on the back, with left to right Richard Sayer, President SOF, Marcus Marvel, Master i/c Cricket, Paul Taylor, Headmaster, and Norman Porter, Hon Sec SOF.



See http://www.oldframlinghamian.com/gallery/view_photo.php?set_albumName=album19&id=1stCricket1957 for a photo of the College Cricket 1st XI in 1957 which features three students who went on to play at international level:

- Norman Porter (K50-57) - played hockey for Scotland
- Andy Hancock (S52-57) - played rugby for England
- David Larter (R51-57) - played cricket for England