FROM THE ARCHIVIST

Alan Edwards recalls MJK Smith's visits to the Society and lists other England captains to address the Society.

MJK SMITH

Members will be aware that **MICHAEL JOHN KNIGHT SMITH (always known as MJK)** died on 17 May 2026, aged 92. He spoke to the Society on two occasions, over twenty years apart. The first occasion was at The Grange, Netley, on 17 November 1993. Our then Chairman, John Young, described his address as "cricket wisdom distilled in an hour".

His second visit was on 7 January 2015, when he was accompanied by his biographer, Douglas Miller. His address at that meeting contained some remarkable snippets of information on how Warwickshire failed to sign some of the game's "greats", and ignored "Butch" White whom he described as being "as keen as mustard". His captain at Stamford School was Colin Dexter, author of "The Morse" detective stories. The Newsletter for that meeting can be found on the Society's website.

OTHER ENGLAND CAPTAINS TO ADDRESS THE SOCIETY

Six other England captains have addressed the Society:-

George Mann – April 1981

Mike Denness – November 1989

Graham Gooch – April 1997 and December 2025

David Gower – October 1997

Charlotte Edwards – March 2019

Christopher Cowdrey – October 2025