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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

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As I write this piece, it's a glorious spring day and in many cases, the first Saturday for friendly club matches. We can only hope that the season brings similarly encouraging weather and a return to near enough cricketing normality!

I have only recently returned from a month in Australia, having dashed off the day after our Conference. There is a separate article in the Newsletter about this event.

Whilst I was in Sydney, I went to see a day of Sheffield Shield Cricket between New South Wales and Western Australia. A number of International players were on show, including Cameron Bancroft, D'Arcy Short, Shaun Marsh and Moises Henriques, so the standard of cricket was predictably high. What did surprise me, was the lack of support given to the game, despite free ground entrance admission - I counted the 'crowd' to be 30 in total! I can only guess whether or not this is reflective of audience apathy towards red ball cricket in Australia and if the authorities are concerned or not.

Nearer to home, I must mention and recommend the newly re-vamped Association website 'Herts-aco.org'. Hemel Wijesuriya has almost single-handedly constructed and updated the site and it includes an excellent array of information, including appointments, Education opportunities and event information. Please take time to visit the site.

In conclusion, I wish all members a successful and enjoyable season, whether it's on the field or in the scorebox. No doubt I will see many of you in and around the county in the next few months.

Nick Hall

