

## MARTIN PEARSE (K59-63)

Martin was born in 1946 and after Framlingham went to the Institute of Touraine, France from 1963-65.

After leaving France in 1965 he worked for the Midland Bank in Leicester as a Hire Purchase Trainee but left after refusing to take evening classes. He then joined Byfords, the sock manufacturer, as a Trainee Export Rep in Mayfair but after crashing a company car on the M1, joined Bear Brand of Liverpool, the tights and Stocking Manufacturer, quickly becoming the key Account Executive and Field Sales Trainer. However, in 1973 he was head hunted to become a self employed Export Agency for Burberry in Scandinavia and he stayed with them till 1994 when the 'Parallel' situation blew up. Since 1990 he has been a Property Developer in North/ North West Norfolk and in 1996 founded [www.mcpmotorsport.com](http://www.mcpmotorsport.com) dealing in Depreciation Proof investment Supercars. He also has an interest in health [www.masterssquash.usana.com](http://www.masterssquash.usana.com) and [www.ohtobehealthy.co.uk](http://www.ohtobehealthy.co.uk)



He also modelled for 4 National Agencies, freelance, for over 20 years as well as eventually part owning one of them. When still living in Leicestershire, he and his wife ran a Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Centre for nearly 18 years. Married in 1982 to Jane, he has three children: Jack (born 1983), Jo (born 1984) and Laura (born 1987) all of whom went to Greshams School, Holt.

Laura is also extremely well known as a Portrait artist [www.laurapearse.com](http://www.laurapearse.com) . Jo co- owns the [www.thespacescollective.com](http://www.thespacescollective.com) . Jack is about to relocate to Perth as his girlfriend has gone there to have their baby, to gain dual citizenship. Jane is a very successful needle felter --- [www.feltwild.co.uk](http://www.feltwild.co.uk)

Martin is a current dual International England Captain at 2 sports. He has been England Captain at Masters Squash for very many years at all age groups: 50, 55, 60, 65, and has also been Captain of England O60 Cricket 2009-2016 and subsequently England 70+ in 2016

### Cricket

Martin has been a highly prolific opening batsman for Norfolk in both the ECB O50 Inter County Championship and the Seevent O60 and O70 Inter County Championship, heading the National aggregate Run Charts in both sections with 10876 runs

	<b>Innings</b>	<b>Not Outs</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Highest Score</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>ECB50</b>	138	12	4714	134 *	37.43
<b>Seevent Over 60</b>	116	22	4514	152 *	48.02
<b>Seevent Over 70</b>	24	5	1648	133	86.73
<b>Inter County Championships 1<sup>st</sup> XI 1996-2016 for Norfolk</b>	278	39	10876		45.50

In 2008 he created a County Record with 1,004 Championship runs at 91.27 and in 2009 top scored in the National Quarter Final v Cheshire (75), Semi Final v Sussex (60), Final v Hampshire (69) when Norfolk won off the last ball chasing 279.

In 2013 he became the oldest player at 67 scoring a century in the ECB O50 Championship, 105 not out v Leicestershire in 111 balls.

In 2016 he broke the existing Championship 1<sup>st</sup> XI League runs aggregate with a record 1279, with 6 centuries, including 4 in successive innings in six days, combined with 126\* not out in 90 balls v Australia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashes Test at Radlett. His total in the 3 Ashes innings was 233 with one not out.

He founded the Spitfire/ now Seevent National Championship in 2008, [www.60CC.co.uk](http://www.60CC.co.uk) which now provides highly competitive cricket at International and National level for over 32 Counties and also has social elevens. Martin has captained England 60+ versus Australia nine times with seven victories, one loss and one tie. In 2016 he won the Ashes 2-1 with England winning the decider by 12 runs at Burridge CC, Southampton. He has been the Chairman of Seevent from 2008 to the present day. He has played against Fram many times for the MCC where he is the longest serving playing cricketer (51 years since election after being proposed by NFB) and in fact scored 80 on his last appearance for the MCC on the back in May 2006. Since then the fixture has always clashed with a County match. He rates the Fram square as near as the best batting wicket anywhere in Britain, a tribute to the legacy of Colin Rutterford.



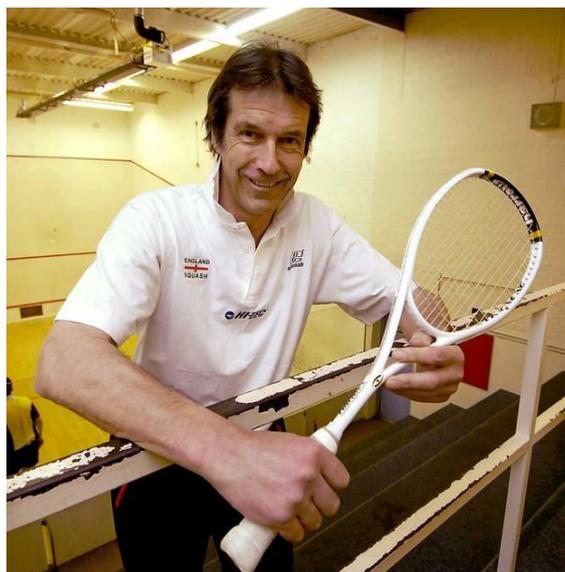
In August 2017 it was announced that he had been selected to captain the 2018 England Over 70s tour to Australia in March 2018. The full squad was Martin Pearse (Norfolk) Captain, Andy Barnes (Sussex), Mickey Swain (Hampshire), Miles Rawlings (Yorkshire), Mark Shimmons (Sussex), Peter Crees (Sussex), Trevor Knowles (Worcestershire), Barry Hart (Surrey), Bob Ogden (Leicestershire), Jeff Baxter (Leicestershire)-Wkt, Ian Watson (Hampshire) –Wkt, Trevor Spindler (Oxfordshire), Ray Clarke (Surrey), Martin Woodward (Worcestershire), Peter Bettelley (Wales), Billy Smith (Lancashire), Graeme Corke (Sussex), Mickey Allen (Northamptonshire). The Manager was Nigel Ling (Yorkshire Ridings)

### Squash

Martin has been playing County Squash since 1965 and has over 100 appearances for Leicestershire and exactly 100 Norfolk in the Inter County Competitions.

Tournament-wise, he has won nearly 55 County titles for Leicestershire, Northants and Norfolk (including one for Racketball) and a host of National Titles, Irish O45 x 2, Scotland O45 x 1, Hungarian O60 x 1, German O50 x 3, English Regional Titles x 7, European Masters Titles x 2, 2008/9 and has been Runner up in the British Open x 4 and was the losing Finalist in the World Masters O60 in Cape Town 2006.

He won the Bronze Medal in the World Masters Over 70 Championship in Johannesburg Sept 2016



He holds the World Team Title for England O45 v South Africa in Johannesburg 1997 when he beat the South African no 2 Tony Martin 10/9 10/9 9/0, as England won 2-1.

He founded England Squash Masters in 2004 under the umbrella of England Squash and Racketball and it has grown, by far, into the largest Masters organization worldwide – [www.englishsquashmasters.co.uk](http://www.englishsquashmasters.co.uk) . Martin has been Chairman since 2004 to the present day and introduced the points scoring system into Masters Squash whereby the top four players are automatically chosen for England in the Home Internationals. Martin has 44 England appearances (losing only 3) since 1997, only missing 2000 2001 and 2016 (through injury)

Anyone who wishes to enter Masters Squash tournaments can find all details on line.

In September 2017 a friend posted the following on Martin's Facebook page that neatly sums up his amazing sporting career :

*I had the pleasure of meeting up with one of Norfolk's finest cricketers, Martin Pearse, for a few drinks last week when holidaying in his home town of Sheringham.*

*For those who don't know him, he's a larger than life character who has done a great deal for English cricket - particularly for those of us of more mature years.*

*Not only has he provide strong leadership and direction at national level, he has accumulated some amazing stats as an opening batsmen for Norfolk Over 50s, 60s and 70s; has skippered England Over 60s and is the current Over 70s captain for next year's tour of Australia. Should you have a day or two spare he will no doubt talk you through some of his more memorable innings!*

*Today, comes the announcement he is to stand down as co-chairman of the Seevent National 60+ County Cricket Championship at their November AGM.*

*In 2008 Martin created the then Spitfire National Over 60s County Cricket Championship, after the eight member Home Counties O60 Cricket Competition disbanded earlier in the year. Through his extensive National O50s cricket contacts he immediately enlarged the competition to 20 counties and now, in 2017, it totals 31 Counties with 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs at 60+ and a 1st XI at 70+.*

*Martin initiated the Home Internationals with Wales and Scotland and was organiser of the first official senior Ashes visit by Australia in 2009 which England won 2-0 with Martin as captain. Since then, Australia 60+ have visited the UK in 2012 and 2016 and England visited Australia in 2011 and 2017.*

*Martin has captained England 19 times over a nine year period, winning 15 matches: 10 v Australia, 3 v Wales and 2 v Scotland, and losing 4 matches - 2 v Australia and 2 v Wales. He also holds the record for the fastest ever century by an Englishman in Senior Test cricket with 126 not out in 90 balls v Australia 70+ at Radlett last year. Added to that, Martin holds the aggregate Seniors Run Record for 1st X1 ECB50 /Seevent 60/70 and Internationals with over 12,300 runs at an average over 45. Now that is impressive!*

*Martin also founded England Squash Masters in 2004 in a similar vein, as well as Norfolk O50/60/70 in 1996 and now moves on as co-founder of Masters Sport UK Ltd, a newly formed company set up to encompass all 50+ UK Masters/Seniors/Veterans sports under one umbrella as a brand name for competitive, social and health reasons and hoping to attract funding for all involved.*

*England Cricket Seniors and all players involved will be forever in Martin's debt for the vision and hard work he has invested over the last nine years and wish him luck in his new venture.*