MICHAEL JOHN PEGG (G77-86)

Born on 5 June 1968, he went to Durham University for 3 years on leaving the College, studying Geology & Geophysics. While at university he played occasional stand-in for some of the 'real cricketers' in the Durham 1st XI. With the likes of Nasser Hussain and Martin Speight playing, it was a wake-up call as to the limits of his cricketing ability, but read on!

A rapid world-tour was followed by joining Andersen Consulting in London, finding himself sent to Lytham St Annes for an 18-month stint, before taking what would prove to be a fateful step... going to Finland for a '6-month' piece of work. One year later, he eventually left Finland, having met his future, Ulla.

In 1993 they were married in Siilinjärvi and in 1996 they moved permanently to Finland, where they built a house in the outskirts of Helsinki, overlooking the Baltic, where they still live.

After 5 years in Finland, he qualified for the Finnish national cricket team, playing in European Group 3 or 4 for three years. This culminating in a final year as captain and a victory against a touring MCC XI. The picture below shows Michael in the yellow cap as captain on tour in Belgium.



Apart from Ernest Robert (1890-94) and the late great Norman Borrett (S31-36), Michael is the only other OF known to have captained a national side at sport.

His career continues with Accenture (Andersen Consulting having changed its name and gone public in 2001) as Partner/Senior Director leading large-scale, technology-driven change programmes for major Finland-based corporations and public institutions. Road trips take him to teams in Germany, Latvia, India, Brazil, China and, possibly, the Philippines.

