

Jack Crapp

Cricketer 1912 - 1981

A Cornishman, Player & Gentleman

By Bill Glanville of St Columb OCS

John Frederick Crapp was born in St Columb on 14th October 1912. He was brought up in Bristol where he died on 15th February 1981. He visited St Columb on many occasions. Jack was the first Cornishman to play for England.

In 1984 Mr. & Mrs. Ackers agreed to the St Columb Old Cornwall Society's request to place a plaque on a granite plinth in their garden at No. 25 Bridge where Jack was born. In October Mr Harry Crapp (Jack's brother) came down to unveil the plaque. Also Mr G Parker former Secretary to the Gloucester County Cricket Club spoke highly of Jack, being the first Professional Captain of the club. Mr G Wiltshire, Gloucestershire County Coach presented the Old Cornwall Society with Jack's M.C.C. Blazer.

Jack played for Gloucestershire from 1936 - 1956 and was Captain in 1953 and 1954.

His England Test Appearances were as follows:

- v. Australia, 3rd test at Old Trafford in 1948.
- v. Australia, 4th test at Headingley in 1948.
- v. Australia, 5th test at the Oval in 1948.
- v. South Africa, 2nd test at Johannesburg in 1948/49
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- v. South Africa, 5th test at Port Elizabeth in 1948/49.