**Honours**:

Club Secretary 2001-2005 & 2011-2015

Club Treasurer 2006-2008

President’s Award 1992

1st XI Player of the Year 1997

2nd XI Player of the Year 2003 & 2004

Fielder of the Year 2003

**History**:

A naturally gifted cricketer, Martin Taylor, affectionately known as “Tailsy” has been a mainstay of Mildenhall Cricket Club since the mid-1980’s. He joined the club as a youth member, soon becoming a key member of the youth teams that dominated local cricket under Kevin Boardman.

Martin became a mainstay of the 1st XI throughout the 1990’s and early 2000’s. A fine fielder, dynamic swing bowler and extremely capable batsman, Martin held his own against some of the strongest opposition in the club’s initial run in the EAPL.

Martin received the club’s ultimate on field achievement when he was awarded the 1st XI player of the year award in 1997. He was also 2nd XI player of the year in 2003 and 2004, further coupled with his magnificent out-fielding and catching, as recognised by Fielder of the Year award also in 2003.

At the time of his induction (pre 2024 season), Martin had taken 815 wickets, within touching distance of fellow inductee Mike Kill, with the next stop being Gerry Widger - the current all-time leader. Martin is most definitely an all-rounder having also scored 7,547 runs, which currently places him 19th in the batting all-time list, with some of those before him expecting to be passed.

He also plays a major part in the upkeep of the club’s ground with saw, rake or brush in hand; however, his contributions go well beyond the playing field, with spells as Secretary and Treasurer. Of note were his AGM speeches, seen as the event of every year, as he regaled attendees with his unique take on the previous season’s events. Indeed, a born raconteur, Martin is a popular member of the club and with opposition players alike. With prodigious wit and charm ‘Tailsy’ is often seen mingling with members of all ages bringing people together.

Few members of the club will leave as lasting a legacy both on and off the field as Martin. A rare breed of cricketer, capable of scoring a hundred, taking five wickets, catches and run out against any opposition, with his considerable on-field performances matched only by the personality off it and based on his cricket accomplishments to MCC, Martin rightfully takes his place amongst the club’s legends in the Hall of Fame and he may not be done yet.