

# Obituaries

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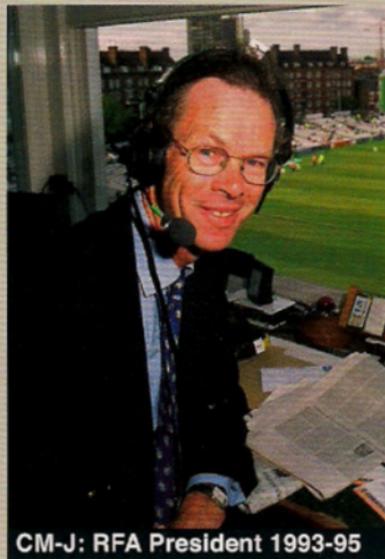
**The RFA is sad to note the deaths of two great lovers and supporters of Fives within the last few months: Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Barry Trapnell.**

'CM-J' was educated at Marlborough and read history at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, playing for CURFC against Oxford in 1966 and 1967. He was elected Captain for the following year, but decided instead to take up the post of Deputy Editor of 'The Cricketer'. He will be remembered as cricket correspondent for 'The Daily Telegraph' and 'The Times' and as a broadcaster and commentator on the BBC's Test Match Special.

Although Chris played little Fives after Cambridge, he took a keen interest in the game and

refers to it with great affection in his autobiography. He was RFA President from 1993 to 1995, and a generous donor to the appeal to build courts in Cambridge.

His death in January this year came just some six months after



**CM-J: RFA President 1993-95**

the passing, at 88 years of age, of Barry Trapnell, the oldest surviving National champion.

Barry went up to Cambridge from University College School in the war, when Varsity Matches were suspended. An outstanding sportsman, he was National Singles Champion in 1949 and National Doubles Champion twice - in 1949 (with Cambridge's Ted Isaacs) and in 1953 (with Oxford's John Rogers).

He was President of CURFC from 1989 to 2004, succeeding the legendary Jock Burnet, co-founder of the Jesters. Each year, Cambridge Past now play Cambridge Present for the Trapnell Tankard.

It is particularly poignant that both men should die just as the Cambridge courts they so much wanted are to become a reality.