

# FROM CLIVE TO KNOTTY

Profile of Graham Hughes – Outlane First Team Captain

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## **Describe yourself on the pitch**

I'm a batsman, I'm not a bowler – you might have seen that from nets already! Last season I tended to bat at number three, this season as captain I don't know. I might bat at number four or five, it depends how the season pans out.

## **How long have you been playing for Outlane and who have you played for previously?**

This is my third year at Outlane, I played at Meltham for a few years. I am originally from the better side of the Pennines and I played for a side called Edgworth who play in the Bolton Association and I played for their juniors, from the age of 9/10 up to the 1993 season.

## **How did you get into playing for Outlane?**

I was at University in Leeds, years ago, so I knew they were there because I passed them on the motorway. My wife and I split up in 2006 and I thought 'well I want to do some cricket' and I knew Outlane were there and it looked like a decent ground so I thought I would give it a go. I just turned up at the Tuesday net session before the start of the season and it has worked out OK.



## **Who would you say is your cricketing icon?**

When I was a lad, Clive Lloyd, the West Indies and Lancashire captain (above), was quite a decent guy. I wanted to be a wicketkeeper when I was younger so I used to like Allan Knott. [He] was a keeper who never dived, you never saw him dive. He was the best wicketkeeper I have ever seen.

## **What do you enjoy most about playing cricket?**

Getting out of the house! It's teamwork when you're fielding, it's playing a sport and enjoying it really. You are a long time retired so you've got to stay as active as possible.

**What other sports do you play (or watch) in your spare time?**

I play tennis, squash, football and I have recently tried to take up hockey. [Hockey is] different to cricket because you're playing it here rather than there [motions to hockey grip which is further away from your body than a cricket grip]. I am a Bolton supporter, through thin and thin! We have not had many glory days, we did win the FA Cup in 1958 but that's only because Manchester United lost half their team at Munich.