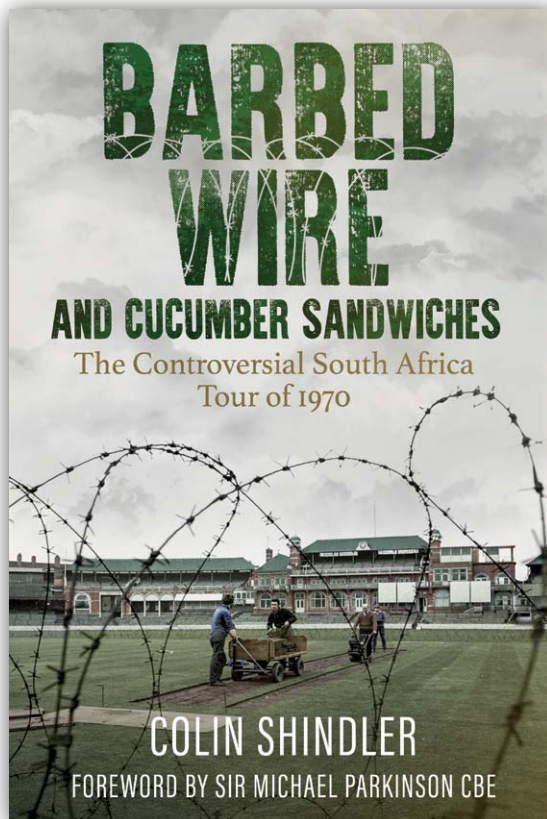




# Title information



## Barbed Wire and Cucumber Sandwiches

The Controversial South African Tour of 1970

By Dr Colin Shindler

### Key features

- Previously untold story of one of cricket's most astonishing and divisive episodes; a political issue of huge global importance told by one of sport's leading social historians
- Uncanny echoes of Brexit in the way the battle to stop and then to save the tour divided the nation
- Exclusive interviews with key players of the time such as Mike Brearley, Ray Illingworth and Peter Hain
- Reveals new information from documents obtained from the MCC Archive, only recently released by Lord's
- The book's release coincides with the 50th anniversary of the controversy and tour cancellation
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites and magazines

### Description

*Barbed Wire and Cucumber Sandwiches* is the compelling story of a cricket tour framed in a landscape of turbulent social history. Cricket, England's gentle summer game, was shaken to its core by demonstrations, strikes, arrests and violence amid growing global disgust at apartheid, ahead of South Africa's planned 1970 tour. The battle to stop and then to save the tour split the nation, drove a wedge between the generations and destroyed friendships in an uncanny foreshadowing of Brexit. Fifty years on, acclaimed author and social historian Dr Colin Shindler has delved deep into the MCC archives for new information and gained exclusive interviews with key players of the time. Alongside the views of cricketers Mike Brearley and Ray Illingworth are the opinions of Labour politician Peter Hain, who was chairman of the Stop The Seventy Tour campaign. *Barbed Wire and Cucumber Sandwiches* brings you the full untold story of one of cricket's biggest controversies – the significance of which reaches far beyond the realm of sport.

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