



WiBA Woman of Distinction Lunch with Sue Redfern MBE Friday 14th September 2018

Speaker details: Sue Redfern MBE

A life of willow....

Cricket is in the blood, the heartbeat of Sue, from family passion through to a continued life within the boundaries of cricket. Sue is the younger of two siblings whose father was also a cricket fanatic, her older brother played to a senior level and she was left with no choice but to don the whites and follow in their footsteps. In her early days, she played alongside her brother in junior boys, representative boys and senior men's teams until her parents found a women's cricket club. At the tender age of 13 she started playing senior women's cricket. This led to her future career in



cricket administration and also helped her become, at the time the youngest ever to represent England (beaten 2 years later by Charlotte Edwards MBE). On retirement from playing cricket Sue decided to take up umpiring in local men's leagues. Her performances led to selection as a potential talented umpire and she was selected to raise the profile of female umpires and officiate internationally. Sue continues to work full time in cricket administration helping grassroots cricket clubs, whilst also being a semi-professional cricket umpire within the performance pathways (both men and women) in England. She continues to officiate internationally through the International Cricket Councils Development Panel (male and female). Sue is the first female across the world to

both play and umpire in cricket World Cups (1997 and 2017). She was appointed an MBE in the recent Queens Birthday honours in June for her services to women's cricket in the UK and beyond.