



# The Martlet

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## *Martlets defeat Sussex Club & Ground at Hove*

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It was real thrill to be granted a regular fixture back on the County Ground in July and the match itself against Club & Ground did not disappoint. Sussex produced a very decent side including two current professionals. Chris Liddle has become the County's leading One Day bowler and Kirk Wiemars is an up-and-coming all-rounder of considerable ability. In addition there were two ex-professionals in the form of Keith Greenfield and Mark Davies. The remainder of the team were no slouches, being selected from the Sussex Academy.

It was a 40 over game, and the home team set us a target of 213 to win. In the middle overs we were struggling a bit, needing to score at 8 an over, but we had wickets in hand. Significant contributions were made by Dan Wells and Sam Carter, in support of Mike Murray and Mark Tomsett.

The final blows were executed by Adam Davies who scored a classy and exciting 37\*, including 17 off one over, which swung the balance firmly in our favour. Mark Trubshaw's booming six gave us victory with three balls to spare.

Once again, the manner in which this result was achieved won the Martlets many friends on the day and can only enhance an already growing reputation across the County.

Sussex Club & Ground 212-6 (Harry Finch 54, Chris Liddle 49\*, Jon Lord 2-38).

Sussex Martlets 217-5 (Michael Murray 52, Adam Davies 37\*, Mark Tomsett 37)

***Nigel Russell***

## THE CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2011

Might I venture that 2011 was a vintage year, certainly in recent times, for the Martlets both on and off the field? It was not simply the fact that we hugely improved our results over 2010 by winning almost 60% of games played, but importantly it was the style in which we achieved those victories. Typical of this observation was the result against Lady Mary's XI where the Martlets successfully chased down 288-3 at the Castle. We are attracting a breed of excellent young players at present who seem to be thoroughly enjoying the Martlet experience; although it is perhaps unfair to single out names, the Davies brothers, for example, have become great supporters this past season with Adam scoring over 800 runs for the Club in 15 appearances. This is a reflection not only of the nursery value of Junior Martlets' cricket and its committed managers, but also the style of cricket we aim to play within an appetising fixture list.

In last year's column, I had a moan that not enough Martlet sides were wearing our Club colours and, although the message still has to show more legs, it was pleasing to see the colours on display frequently. My thanks to all those who responded to the call and a special mention to the Jersey tourists who were resplendent in Martlet "jazz hats"! The committee would really appreciate match managers continuing to take this message forward.

Thanks to Chris Gray's efforts, we revived the Club Dinner this year at Hove Rugby Club in April with over 50 attending. Chris's changes to the format seem to have struck a chord and we will take forward this year's theme of a boys' night out at the County Ground, at a more reasonable cost. We also introduced the new "Club Days" at Hove covering a T20 match against Surrey in July, attended by over 30, together with the 50 over India fixture in August, where we took a marquee for 60 Martlets and friends. The most pleasing aspect of this initiative was to see the return of some Martlet members who had rather lost touch and who said how much they had enjoyed their reunion. This is surely what being and belonging to a Club is all about!

These two days were possible because of links created through our Vice Presidency of Sussex Cricket in the Community Trust and to further cement burgeoning relations with this wonderful charity we took a Martlets' table at the Trust's fundraiser in late October at the Brighton Hilton. Over 500 attended including the great and the good of Sussex cricket; Roger Dakin kept us amused throughout the afternoon which raised £30,000 for youth cricket in the County with David English, who runs the ESCA U13 competition (The Bunbury Cup), as the main speaker.

We narrowly avoided eviction as Willie Bicket, noting that Matt Prior was signing autographs, offered him his cheque book! SCCT is a vibrant organisation and it has been a privilege to see at first hand the dedication of those who work tirelessly in aid of youth cricket across the County. For those interested in their work, do visit their website ([www.sussexccct.co.uk](http://www.sussexccct.co.uk)).

Your committee continues to do sterling and selfless work on your behalf and it is a real pleasure to gather for our occasional meetings and witness the commitment and desire for success demonstrated by the team. We are very lucky to have a group with such a good team spirit! We welcomed back into the fold Paddy Jackson, our Secretary, who returned safely from a long and difficult tour of duty in Afghanistan in April. John Bettridge and Adrian White both experienced their first season as managers respectively of the Junior Martlets and of the Golfing Society and we have absolute confidence that both sections of the Club are in very safe hands. Sadly, we are saying farewell to Colin Oliver-Redgate who has been a stalwart of the team for almost 20 years, but we know he will not lose touch as Martlets colours run deep in his blood!

After 6 years as our President, Geoff Wills, has decided to step down from a period in office that has seen considerable change. He was personally responsible for introducing the President's Trophy awarded to the winners of the annual Martlets v Juniors match at Arundel; he advocated the introduction of the VP Fund and, despite living in Jersey, he has been a regular supporter of matches, particularly at Arundel. He will be missed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his consistent support of me and the committee. In his place, the committee is pleased to recommend to you the nomination of Chris Snell at our Spring AGM. Chris's record speaks for itself; he has been a lifelong Martlets' supporter, he is a Vice President of Sussex CCC, a founding trustee of Sussex Young Cricketers Educational Trust, now Sussex Cricket in the Community Trust, and he has been a valued member of Friends of Arundel CCC. His love and enthusiasm for the Club is absolutely beyond question and, for students of Martlets' history, Chris's father was President in the early 1970s. He would make a worthy successor to Geoff.

Finally, a big "thank you" to you the members. One of life's treats is to visit Martlets' matches and meet so many of you. The positive message I get from you all about Martlet cricket is heart-warming and shows that we have a fulfilling "product" for likeminded cricketers. Your support of our Club is invaluable. I trust you have wintered well and I look forward to seeing many of you again in the coming season.

*Nigel Russell*

**NEW PLAYING MEMBERS:** The Committee is delighted to welcome to the Club: Sam Dabin, Torquil Deacon, Derek Horsham, Jonathan Hughes, William Jordan, Simon Leefe, Michael Loveday, Darren MacDonald, Mike Margaron, Chris Morgan, Jason Oates, Ed Rydon, Charlie Smith, Merlin Swire, Alex Wingfield Digby, Will Wingfield Digby and Nick Wright.

## THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

It is often said that time flies by when one is enjoying oneself. As my six year term in the Presidential chair draws to a close, this oft repeated phrase is as apt as ever.

When I was elected President in March 2006, my immediate predecessor Chris Saunders congratulated me and implied that the tenure was of a three year nature. In thanking him I recorded in *The Martlet* that he would be a "hard act to follow" but that I would endeavour over the next three years to be positive and committed. The three years was extended initially by one year. I had been sent out of the Committee room at Handcross Park School whilst the Committee debated and approved the proposal. Was Eddie Harrison subjected to trial by the Committee members of his day I wondered? It reminded me of my own days at school when delinquents were sent out of the Head's room whilst he and the second master debated the form of corporal punishment to be meted out..... A year later I was spared the process of a repeat performance and on being proposed for a further two years I assumed that my attempts to be positive and committed had met the approval of the Committee and club members alike and have thus proceeded to a six year term, which has been both rewarding and enjoyable.

For a club steeped in such tradition and with a century old pedigree, this six year period has been a remarkable one when considering the extraordinary number of changes which have taken place and the innovations which have been introduced. I consider myself extremely privileged to have been in office during this period of time and to have had the opportunity of attending Committee meetings in a totally non executive position to view from up high the discussions which have taken place and the decisions which have been taken.

Under the guiding chairmanship of Nigel Russell who succeeded Sandy Ross, apart from the long standing office of Treasurer – and what a debt the club owes to Richard Moore – all of the leading officers have changed, including a number of Committee members. A similar debt of gratitude is similarly owed to David Gibbs for the sterling work he has carried out over a period of time in collating and effecting the storage of archive material at the County Ground. The Club is also indebted to former Secretary Charlie Hartridge, succeeded by Patrick Jackson but still remaining active in other Martlet spheres, Fixtures Secretaries Keith Manning and Adrian Ford followed by James Chadburn, Juniors' Secretaries Chris Snell and John Bettridge and Golf Secretaries Ham Whitty and Adrian White. Changes in the chairmanships of the subcommittees have also occurred. All "hard acts to follow." Not only has the composition of the Committee changed but the overall structure of the Club has been strengthened and formalised, After much head searching a Management Document in the form of a code of

conduct was introduced. This followed the concern of the Chairman, who commented at the time that "the constitution lacked a great deal of operational detail on how we actually conduct our business."

A major innovation was the election of the Club to the Vice Presidency of the Sussex Cricket in the Community Trust. Although a somewhat costly item, the profile of the Martlets across Sussex has been considerably raised, with huge benefits accruing. Undoubtedly this led to the Martlets returning to the County Ground at Hove with a match being played against the Academy.

The much lamented passing of Sandy Ross resulted in the establishment of the Sandy Ross Cup, which is played for annually by four invited teams on a 20/20 basis. The first two matches took place at Hurstpierpoint College and all who participated or were present agreed on this splendid manner of perpetuating his memory. In commenting on Sandy's passing, sadly a number of other stalwart Martlets of long standing have also died and these include, amongst others, John Newton, Basil Woods, Jim Stallibrass and the indomitable "Wingers".

The future strength and standing of any club rests with the promotion of junior players and in the case of the Martlets this is no exception. The introduction of the Vice Presidents' Fund, now linked with the Harrison fund, was established primarily, but not solely, to assist young Martlet cricketers in whatever form the Committee recommended. The introduction of the Presidential Trophy, played for on an annual basis between the Junior and Senior XI's, also saw the establishment of Vice Presidents' Day. This has proved a great success in bringing together an ever increasing number of VPs, not only to wallow in nostalgia, but also to join parents and long standing members to enjoy a day's cricket and hospitality in an idyllic setting.

The club continues to enjoy an excellent relationship with the spiritual home of Martlet cricket at Arundel. The work carried out by the FACC Chairman, Alan Wadey – also one of our Vice Presidents – and his supporting team of Joe Hudson and ancillary staff is much appreciated. It was pleasing to read Alan's comment in the Autumn Newsletter, with reference to Martlet matches, where he refers to the "good sides, competing well and producing high class cricket with exciting finishes." The enjoyment and honour of playing at Arundel remains undiminished and what a delight it has been as President to welcome our Patron, Lady Mary Mumford, to the ground on VP day and also when her XI competes against the Martlets in normally close fought finishes. May I be permitted to digress slightly and to take this opportunity of encouraging all Martlets to support financially the FACC in whatever manner they deem appropriate.

Whilst the Committee can be responsible for providing a sound administrative foundation, the practicalities of raising Martlet XI's and generally

running the matches rests solely on the shoulders of the individual match managers. Over the years problems have often been encountered in raising XI's for a variety of reasons. This problem was discussed in Committee and the thought "What's new?" was expressed. One of my final Presidential pleas therefore, is to request all match managers to commence raising a team as soon as the fixture list is published. Some 40+ years ago it was also quite normal to receive only one or two applications to play in a particular match, other than those at Arundel of course. The same inexcusable situation would appear to occur in to-day's world, despite the fact that membership is healthy and that the fixture list has been considerably reduced. The July and August days of the bygone 50's and 60's era, when two or even three games were played on the same day, are long gone.

In conclusion, I would like to extend a formal but nevertheless friendly and warm greeting to my successor, Chris Snell, who has done so much over the years for Martlets cricket. His widespread knowledge of cricketing matters throughout the county and his long involvement over the years with the Junior Martlets make him an ideal choice. I trust that he agrees with me when I say that election to the Presidency represents the pinnacle of achievement in Martlets cricket.

I am looking forward to the AGM when the name of Christopher Snell will be formally proposed. I would remind him that I shall insist on him leaving the room whilst his nomination is discussed! It has given me great pleasure, in true MCC tradition, in recommending him for this office. It is naturally up to the membership, however, to endorse this choice, but I am sure that he need have no fear of being rejected. If he gets the fun and satisfaction which I have enjoyed over the preceding six years, he will indeed be a happy man and feel that he has reached that pinnacle.

**Geoff Wills**

## THE 2011 SEASON

In 2011 there were 40 matches scheduled resulting in 18 wins, 11 losses, 3 draws, 5 cancelled and 3 abandoned due to the weather. This compares favourably to the previous year where there were only 8 games won and 10 draws. There were the perennial problems of raising a side and in fact only 50 members played during the year resulting in a great reliance on guests. Of the games cancelled, only one was as a result of the Martlets not being able to raise a side; the others were down to the opposition. The Cricket sub-committee has looked at this and decided to drop fixtures where we have been let down on more than one occasion, and others are under review.

As ever, the season opener was against Brighton College in a 50-overs-a-side match. The school won

the toss and batted first on a wicket that wouldn't have looked out of place in mid July. The Martlets were very pleased to have kept Brighton College to 270.

In reply, the two Sams, Carter and Chettleburgh, got the Martlets off to a good start with a stand of 73. At the halfway stage, needing 150 at a-run-aball with 9 wickets in hand, the Martlets were handily placed. Unfortunately 3 wickets fell in the space of 3 overs and the Martlets began to fall behind the rate. However, while Carter remained there was still hope, and he began to accelerate, even hitting a rare 6! He brought up his century (from 127 balls) in style with consecutive boundaries, but was stumped off the very next ball. Andrew Hartridge took up the charge with an innings of 41 from 39 balls, but there was little support from the lower order and the Martlets innings closed at 225 with 13 balls to spare.

After a difficult match against Lancing College last year, Paul Lack was very keen to make amends. This he did in style. On a bright sunny morning, Paul won the toss and elected to bat in a 100 over declaration match. The Martlets declared on 199 for 7 with good performances from Torquil Deacon (83), Nigel Angus (34) and Mike Murray (28\*). Lancing set off well reaching 59 for 1 before the injured Derek Horsham reluctantly accepted the captain's challenge to prove he couldn't bowl! After his first 5 wickets he suggested he wouldn't risk the injury anymore unless he got another wicket. Derek ended up with the superb figures of 13 overs, 3 maidens, 9 for 36. An outstanding performance!

An exciting but low scoring match at St. George's finally led to a Martlets win! A combination of injudicious shots and tidy bowling saw the Martlets stumble to 161. At 134-4, the College seemed to be cruising but, having opened the bowling, guest and left arm spinner Matthew Barham bowled the Martlets to an unlikely victory, taking 6-54. Paul Lack also bowled expertly, as did candidate Sam Dabin.

The match report against Goodwood is reproduced almost as written, with great passion by John Ashworth and demonstrates the spirit of the Martlets! Furthermore, the chief architects of victory were the younger halves of two father/son pairings in the side. Those of you ill-disposed to paternal, parochial sentimentality had better look away now.

The Martlets won the toss and inserted their hosts, opening with Alex Garlick (fresh from Stirlands and Sussex 2nd XI duties) and Frankie Ashworth, taking a break from GCSE's (O-levels for our older readers). Garlick soon dismissed veteran opener Tony Gammon with the score at 3. The opening bowlers kept the scoring rate down so low that it was appropriate not only in the context of Sunday cricket but also in the context of the match to open it up. Enter in succession Paul Walker (offers) to replace Ashworth, then Graeme Watkins (leggerly wrong-uns) to replace the impressively pacey Garlick, and then Henry Rydon to replace Watkins. It

was Rydon, bowling off-spin with such exquisite and mature variation that his wicket-keeping father could only grin with pride, who delivered the next breakthrough, bowling Whitby cannily through the gate for 28. Margaron came on to replace Walker at the other end and soon bowled the laconically impressive Miles for 84. Rydon was rewarded with a second wicket – a to-be-treasured-forever stumped Rydon, bowled Rydon! Ah, happy days.

With Goodwood now increasing the scoring rate, young Ashworth returned at the top end to tighten things up and Goodwood declared at 4.20pm, having received 48 overs from us. Ashworth, though wicket-less, was genuinely quick and finished with the astonishingly miserly figures of 10 – 6 – 5 – 0.

After tea the Martlets openers strode out with confidence, and Torquil Deacon (15) looked particularly elegant. But Wild was soon dismissed by the inappropriately named 'Heaven', for his hooping seamers had the top order in all sorts of hell. He and medium pacer Beard were rested but only to be replaced by the infuriatingly accurate dibblydobblers of old friends Mayne and Willmer. More wickets fell. As Paul Walker left his attendant family to go into bat, Midge Martin remarked "Don't worry, he'll be back soon," more (I trust) with an eye on humour than hope. But Midge's verbal sword was as mighty as his scorer's pen, and a careless run-out soon brought Walker home again.

At this point the visitors were dead and buried at 83-6 as the final 20 overs started. "Not exactly going according to plan, Skip," observed Stuart Ritchie, summoning his finest Sherlock Holmesian instincts. Oh ye of little faith, Stuart. Graeme Watkins and then Mike Margaron decided to set a different tempo, looking intelligently for singles in gaps. Watkins holed out having turned the momentum to our advantage, and Margaron was joined by Frankie Ashworth. Both proceeded to play with an odd cocktail of determination and not a care in the world. Troublesome seamer Heaven returned, but the pair continued to play the ball on its merits and soon brought the run rate down to only 3.5 an over. In strode Henry Rydon to replace the valiant Margaron (30), and so it was that the youngest players on the field sought, and found, the 21 required for a stunning victory by applying skill, common sense, and a keen sense of the arithmetic that the national examiners are in the middle of testing. It was left to Rydon to finish it off with a glorious 6 up the hill, with 3 overs and one wicket to spare. Rydon (14\*) and Ashworth (30\*) thus returned to the pavilion generously applauded by their opponents and rightly feted by grateful teammates ... and even prouder fathers.

This was Sunday cricket of the finest order. Hostile seam bowling, plenty of accurate spin, gentle banter during and after battle with old friends, the revelation of some youthful talent, a tight finish – and a win!

At last a win against the Forty Club! Played in glorious sunshine the Martlets ultimately prevailed in

an exciting close match, having almost snatched defeat from the jaws of victory! The Forty club won the toss and chose to bat first. Peter Collins and David Binns opened the bowling and gave little away. Peter Collins took two early wickets leaving The Forty Club on 42 for 2 after an hour. It was at this stage that it became apparent to the Martlets that it was going to be a long afternoon in the field. However, they stuck to the task with some fine bowling from Swampy Allum, (3-46 from 20 overs) and Paul Walker (4-54 off 10 overs). They were backed up by some fine fielding and catching, notably a fine catch in the deep by Michael Krause. At last after 53 overs the Forty Club declared on 186 for 9.

The Martlets started with purpose, knowing that they would have a maximum of 41 overs to win. The scene was set by Michael Krause, who hit the second ball for 4 but was sadly out next ball! Ben Ferns played well for 60 and put on 85 for the 3rd wicket with Jonathan Hughes (37). Will Rydon steadied the ship with 35\*, supported by a quick fire 11 from his son Henry, who hit the only 6 of the match! A deft bit of psychology by the Skipper, out for nought, rapidly followed by his namesake Paul Walker, gave the opposition more than a sniff of victory. In stepped David Binns who calmly scored 8 in 4 balls and victory was ours by 2 wickets – never in doubt!!!! It was achieved in a quick fire 35.4 overs.

The Martlets gathered in early August for the 80th running of the fixture against the Old Hurstjohnians (OJ's). To our surprise, Semmence DJ was playing for the OJ's! It was a good toss for the OJ's to win and the Martlets were inserted. Carter SM and Forster GR (Junior Martlet) made a good start until Carter, stuck in the crease, was adjudged LBW. Davies AH arrived and batted for nearly 2½ hours for 126 runs until cunningly deceived by the bowling of Semmence DJ, caught by the OJ's captain Carr T. Of note in the Martlets batting was Berendt RJ with 8 runs not out, outplaying his father Berendt AC with 3 runs out, Berendt senior not having played in this fixture for over 30 years, his one and only previous appearance. The Martlets declared just before 4pm on 257 for 9, having received 57 overs.

The OJ's innings started with gusto, no doubt due to over 1800 runs already having been scored in their cricket week. Sadly for Baxter B, President of the OJ's Duck Club, he perished for another duck adding to a life-long tally, but with a clatter of 4's and 6's and some injudicious strokes the OJ's reached tea with 65-4. The leading light of the OJ's batting was their captain Carr T, who went on to score 101 but only after being reprieved by the Martlets after erroneously being given out LBW. After the departure of Carr T, the OJ's wickets steadily fell and the match entered its final stages. With all results still possible, Armstrong AR bowled at the death and took the final two wickets including that of Semmence DJ. Thus the Martlets recorded only their second victory in this fixture in nearly 25 years!

**Rob Walker**



## Jersey Tour

A cricket tour is a special event particularly when all those who tour combine to make it such a special occasion. The Sussex Martlets Jersey Tour 2011 was no exception. Alongside the regular report of the tour I have included a dual perspective from one of the younger members of the tour party.

The Sussex Martlets flew to Jersey to play two matches against Jersey at Grainville during the August bank holiday weekend. Twelve playing Martlets, an umpire, a scorer plus seven supporters made the short hop across to the island early on the Sunday morning.

*“Great start to the tour, met the squad at the airport, Dad gave me twenty quid and told me to spend it wisely... that shouldn't be a problem! Good flight... disappointed to see the only miniatures on offer were Muzz and Davo. Arrived to find we were playing Jersey time, cool by me... 11.30am start became 1.30pm. Again no problem, I like the relaxed feel of the day so far, I reckon I could be in the runs and that will have nothing to do with that Flybe prawn sandwich.”*

Arriving at the ground, the weather stayed fair and allowed a 40 over game to be played. Winning the toss, the manager elected to bat and was rewarded with Andrew Hartridge carrying his bat through the innings and scoring a superb 108\*. Supported by Adam Davies (71) the Martlets posted 240 for 3. The Jersey innings got off to a good start and at 88 for 1 they were well set to push on. However, the left arm spin twins on tour, Rob Woods and Johnny Wills, kept them in check and they took seven wickets between them. With Michael Murray's tight spell and one wicket, Jersey were reduced to 203 for 9 in the 35th over and a Martlet win was on the cards. However, Jersey had other ideas and a 10th wicket stand steered them to the last over requiring just 6 to win. With three balls remaining and just two runs required for victory, Charles Davies took his second and most important wicket. The number 11 chipped the ball up to mid off and Johnny Wills made the dive forward, catching the ball just inches above the ground to give the Martlets a one run victory – a cracking end to a game.

*“Every side needs an anchor... at least I think that's what the team were saying from the side..., so I decided it was my day to play that role, batting through for a hard earned century. It would have been 150 but someone packed a bat made of balsa wood in my bag, very funny Ed. Good efforts by the rest of the lads. I particularly liked Davo's reaction to an appeal for a catch behind. They must have heard it in Sark; it wasn't so much Snikko as Whacko. Anyway Davo insists he got nowhere near it despite the fact that he got halfway back to the pavilion before realising their umpire hadn't given him out. A tricky moment ensued but Davo was masterful. It's the first time I've seen a batsman do some 'gardening' on the outfield, before returning to resume his innings with all the innocence of Mohammad Amir. Anyway, we reached 240 off our 40 overs... should be enough... thirsty work this batting... where's Dad's twenty quid note?”*

After the game and a few drinks with the Jersey side we headed to a local restaurant. It was a great evening and the last big dinner for Geoff Wills, the outgoing Martlet President and Jersey resident. An early night for some, whilst the rest headed to St Helier to check out the night life.

*“Back at the Hotel bar now before the tour meal... the fluid levels are feeling a bit more topped up, it's hard to get enough down you when you've batted for as long as I have, but I'm certainly giving it a go... right, think I've still got room for a little food. Not entirely sure what was on the menu; I think the word stroganoff was in there somewhere... or was it cockatoo? Anyway what I can say is that the house red was fantastic... and the white... didn't think much of the rosé... and after tasting a bottle and a half of it no one can say that I didn't give it a fair try.”*

*“Right I've got my Mojo back now; having used my feet to the JICC quartet I'm ready to hit a few other clubs now. Andrew has got his dancing shoes on. I'm a bit fuzzy about events at the moment... think I must be tired... anyway met some nice guys at the bar... they certainly make them big out here. They reckoned that I should enjoy the views of St Helier seeing as I'm only here for a couple of days. Rosco declined saying the only views he wanted to see were of Dublin's twin peaks. I think he must*

*have taken a hit too many in the riots before the tour... everyone knows we're in the Channel Islands... aren't we?"*

*"Well I must say that I have never had such hospitality... got a bit lost outside the bar... but some very smart lads all dressed in the same kit... must have been coming back from a Salvation Army do or something... anyway they gave me a lift although their driving was a bit ropey and I think I might have been slightly ill. Anyway, don't think they noticed as they were too busy getting me to a Hotel. I say Hotel, it was more like a dormitory really with beds on both sides but the room service was fantastic, in fact they didn't leave me alone for 2 hours. At one stage I thought one of them was trying it on, slapping my arm like that, but anyway I think my Salvation Army mates gave me Salvation (see what I did there?) and decided that I needed a bit more privacy so they took me to another Hotel. Not only did I get my own bedroom, they also gave me my own pyjamas! Admittedly the colour wasn't quite me, green."*

The next day the team returned to Grainville to play a full strength ICC Jersey side with the average age of no more than 22! This was a preparation game before their ICC World League 6 tournament in Malaysia the following week. The manager won the toss and elected to field and with just 34 on the board after 10 overs the decision looked good. However, B. Stephens then pushed on to score 86 and with the Jersey Captain, Peter Gough (58), got Jersey into a cracking position going into the last ten overs, a powerplay to use, and the score at 213 for 3. A brisk 50 off 37 balls from Pehahage and a brutal 23 off 10 balls at the end from Cooke, including a six out of the ground, meant Jersey posted a formidable 305 for 8. Rob Woods again took three wickets as did the manager, although no one will forget that six out of the ground!

The boundaries were big and the Martlet batting line up strong; however, the real question was not whether this line up could score 306 to win, but more whether their fitness after a Saturday League game, the Sunday match, a night out and a tiring 50 overs in the field, would finally have caught up with the team. The answer.....yes, it did!

In reply Ed McGregor scored a solid 44 and the manager, out to avenge the six hit off him, scored 42 off 30 balls including three sixes out of the ground, straight instead of across the line! However, this was to no avail as the Martlets ended the 50 overs soundly beaten on 198 for 9.

*"Oh dear I think the Stroganoff was well and truly off. In fact I've been on-and-off the loo all morning. After saying goodbye to my new friends, I thought I'd have a look in at the hotel the team are staying in. Arrived to find they'd already left for the day. Charming. I'll just have five mins shut' eye before heading up there to resume my batting masterclass.... That's better. Right off we go. Slightly strange, arrived at the ground to find that Jersey has scored 305 runs and that the Martlets managed about a hundred less. How can that be if it's only just started? Oh well, not to worry, as I don't want to rock the boat after the great time I've had so far... Now how do I tell Dad I haven't got any change from his £20?"*

A big thank you must go to Jersey cricket (in particular Keith Denis) and the Martlet President, Geoff Wills, for hosting us at his house on the final day, relaxing in the sun. Thanks also to those people (including the kind night staff) who kept us all together, and to everyone in the Martlet tour party for making it such an enjoyable Tour to run – with some great cricket along the way!

I am looking forward to another tour in 2015 already!

**Players:** Sam Carter, Adam Davies, Charles Davies, Philip Ellwood, Tom Harris, Mike Harrison, Andrew Hartridge, Ed McGregor, Michael Murray, Will Ross, Jonathan Wills, Rob Woods.

**Umpire** - David Donner

**Scorer** - John Betts

**Travelling Supporters:** Sophie Harris, Mark Harrison, Jo Harrison, Tina Norkett, Victoria Quinn, Nigel Russell, Lynne Russell, Geoff Wills (!).

**Mike Harrison**



## JUNIOR MARTLETS 2011

**v Babes of Kent (40 overs). Junior Martlets 177 for 9 (G. Wisdom 76, L. Ramsey 27, E. Blake 26). Babes of Kent 178 for 8 (L. Ramsey 4-23). Lost by 2 wickets.**

The Martlets fielded a very young side with five under 14's in the team. Batting was not easy but Greg Wisdom played a fine captain's knock that provided the backbone of the innings. Eddie Blake and Louis Ramsey gave useful support with the former striking the ball well. Under the circumstances with a slow out field and intermittent drizzle the final total was a defendable one. The Babes were into the 90's before they lost their third wicket but some fine catches and Louis Ramsey's accurate medium pace bowling changed the complexion of the game and at 145 for 8 things looked promising, but an 8th wicket rally took the game the Babes' way. It was an exciting game and a good performance by some of our younger players.

**v St James Montefiore. Junior Martlets 164 all out (M. Khan 66, A. Harbourne 27). St. James Montefiore 167 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.**

Again the Martlets team was young with the St James side rather the reverse of that. Only Mustaba Khan, Alex Harbourne and George Garton reached double figures in an otherwise rather brittle batting display. Apart from George Garton, none of the bowling really had the answer to some big hitting. By all accounts a little of the "spirit of cricket" was missing from this encounter.

**v Brighton and Hove (Under 16's). Brighton and Hove 220 for 5. Junior Martlets 48 all out. Lost by 172 runs.**

Not a great day for the Martlets! Overall the bowling lacked consistency, which made setting a field difficult. Dominic Keats did move the ball, which was possibly a warning for later. The batsmen didn't really and that was that all too quickly!

**v Preston Nomads. Junior Martlets 279 for 4 (M. Campopiano 80, T. Chamberlain 58\*, S. Marlow 40, G. Wisdom 37). Preston Nomads 149 all out (J. Troak 3-42, F. Marlow 2-30, T. Chamberlain 2-0). Won by 130 runs.**

It is amazing what a difference 24 hours can make! This confident batting display showed none of the fragility of the day before. Greg Wisdom and Marcus Campopiano negotiated a swift opening attack in a stand of 74. The latter was joined by Seb Marlow and their measured stroke play brought runs quickly. Tom Chamberlain joined the run feast playing with real style. He was assisted by some unorthodox hitting from Ben Mendoza. A final big six from Freddie Marlow concluded the innings.

Tight bowling and fielding made the task hard for the Nomads. Alex Goble generated pace at the start

while a very steady spell of medium pace from Dan Stokes held back the runs. It was, however, spin that ruled the day, with Freddie Marlow's off spin and Henry Cope's left arm wrist spin causing problems at one end. At the other, 13 year old Jack Troak flighted his leg breaks to great effect. It was tremendous to watch his lack of respect for his elders! Tom Chamberlain then wrapped up affairs with two wickets in the first two balls of his spell. A final word: the game was played in a great spirit by both sides. Greg Wisdom's unflappable captaincy certainly added to this.

**v Sussex Martlets. Sussex Martlets 241 for 6 dec. (E. McGregor 61, M. Murray 56, R. Iago 43, B. Troak 2-23, L. Ramsey 2-24). Junior Martlets 200 for 8 (M. Campopiano 104, G. Wisdom 25, E. McGregor 2-13, J. Wills 2-48). Match drawn.**

A perfect day at Arundel saw a fairly young Junior Martlets side take the field against the senior team. The opening attack of James Newland and Tom Chamberlain found the edge but bowled with little luck on their side. Brandon Troak took two wickets in a fine spell, while 14 year old Joe Ludlow bowled 15 overs of off spin and eventually took a wicket after catches had failed to stick. Louis Ramsey and Seb Marlow were economical after lunch. The ground fielding was impressive throughout the innings.



*Marcus Campopiano*

Greg Wisdom and Marcus Campopiano made a steady start in an opening stand of 67. Then Marcus and Joe Waylett tried to raise the pace, before Joe fell LBW. Seb Marlow then supported Marcus Campopiano while he attacked the bowling, reaching a fine hundred. It was an excellent performance by someone who still has two years to go at the junior level. Wickets fell

as the Juniors attacked, but the required rate was out of reach. I would like to thank Greg Wisdom for his sympathetic captaincy, successfully involving all his players fully in each game. Thanks too to Chris Snell who has been a wise counsellor for my first season and to Nick Creed and Colin Oliver-Redgate, in particular, for finding players in moments of extremis.

*John Bettridge*

*Junior Martlet of the Year*

**Greg Wisdom**



## THE GOLFING SOCIETY 2011

In our eight matches we won 3, lost 3 and halved 2. Of 49 members, 33 played at least once during the year.

### March 27th v West Sussex

Always a popular match and played on a bright spring day. The Martlets were down 5½ - 3½ at lunch, but won the afternoon series to win the match 9½ - 7½. Over lunch an engraved painting of Rye Golf Club was presented by Geoff Seaton on behalf of the members to Ham Whitty, in appreciation of his eleven years' fine stewardship as Hon. Secretary of the Golfing Society.

### April 10th v Crowborough

Another glorious place to play golf and on a hot spring day, the Martlets again played better in the afternoon, losing the morning series 5-1, but drawing the afternoon matches to lose overall 8-4.

### April 17th v Hankley Common

A match presenting problems for the match manager with two late withdrawals the evening before! A different format on a great golf course, where we played one round of fourballs followed by the usual excellent lunch. The Martlets won one, lost three and halved two matches, to lose 4-2 overall.

### April 30th v Royal Ashdown

An exciting match, where once again the Martlets seemed to handle the excellent lunch rather better than our hosts. We lost 5-1 in the morning but reversed the score in the afternoon to halve overall at 6½ all.

### September 11th v Piltdown

Played in glorious weather, we were up against some young, strong players and after losing the morning round 3-1 managed only one half in the afternoon to lose 6½ - 1½.

### October 2nd v Seaford

Once again a beautiful day to play a course with some of the best coastal views on the Sussex coast. While we usually play foursomes, the format changed to one round of fourballs, but the Martlets nevertheless earned the excellent lunch with a 3-2 win.

### October 9th v Cooden Beach

A hard fought match played in great spirit on a sunny but increasingly windy day, making for some testing golf. We won the morning round 3½ - 2½, but Cooden managed to reverse the scores in the Afternoon, resulting in a drawn match 6-6.

### October 16th v Rye

On yet another lovely day on the south coast, we were delighted to record a relatively rare win at Rye. The morning round was halved at 3½ all, but after an excellent Rye lunch the Martlets upheld tradition by improving our position in the afternoon to win 7½ - 6½.

### September 30th: The Sussex Martlets Golf Day

We revived the Golf Day this year, which was held at Singing Hills, consisting of one round of Stableford golf followed by lunch. Once again we were blessed with lovely weather. The course was a great success, in excellent condition, presenting a (sometimes watery) challenge to all standards of golfers. The winner of the SMGS Shield was Terry Moore, who also won "Longest Drive", with David Miller winning "Nearest the Pin".

While we have sadly played our last match at Hankley Common due to a reduction in their match list, we have been able to reinstate our annual match against Littlehampton next year, and are very pleased to have also added a new match at Littlestone.

*Adrian White*



18th at West Sussex GC

## SUSSEX AND INDIA

“The finest legacies left us by British Rule are the English language and, even more precious, the game of cricket.” So wrote one of the leading lights of Indian independence. The sad news of the death of the Nawab of Pataudi last year reminded us that, by the same token, Sussex has been graced by some wonderful Indian cricketers. They have added a spice of the exotic East, a touch of magic and glamour.

Ranji, or to give him his full title, Ranjitsinhji, HH the Maharajah Jam Sahib of Nawangar (1872-1933) started this trend and brought to this country a totally new dimension to batsmanship. Schooled at Rajkumar College in Rajasthan, he came to Trinity College, Cambridge and here eventually overcoming the prejudice of the time, he won his Blue in his last year.

Brighton had just the right atmosphere for him. Holding court from his suite of rooms at the Norfolk Hotel, he played with outstanding success for the County, regularly from 1895 to 1907 (captain 1899-1903) and then occasionally till 1920. The facts were glittering – 25,000 runs, an average of 56, and 72 centuries. He was the first non-white to play for England, making 62 and 154 not out on his debut against Australia in 1896. There was a touch of Oriental genius in his batting, deft leg glances, very late cuts, a lightness of foot which enabled him to dance down the wicket to drive even the faster bowlers. He dominated English cricket at the turn of the century.

His wealth and lifestyle brought glamour to Sussex. He loved cars, bridge, billiards, fishing, shooting, the London theatre and elegant dinner parties.

In 1907 he succeeded to the throne of Nawangar, which he ruled till his death in 1933. A coastal province in north west India, with a population of 350,000, and afflicted by drought and famine, he brought much needed modernisation, not least to the capital Jamnagar. He served loyally and well in the Chamber of Princes; and at one stage was one of India's three representatives at the newly created League of Nations in Geneva.

He visited England regularly, often coming to shoot and fish, especially on his 10,000 acre estate in Ireland. He was a warm, gracious and friendly personality though he never married. Perhaps the underlying contrasts between East and West were played out in his own life.

Prince Duleepsinhji (1905-59), much loved nephew of Ranji, was an equally brilliant batsman from 1924 till tuberculosis forced him to retire aged 27 in 1931. Following Cheltenham College, and Clare College, Cambridge, he came to Hove. In seven years of cricket he hit 49 centuries. He played for England in 12 Tests, averaging 58.52 and scored a magnificent 173 against Australia at Lord's in front of his admiring, though ever critical, uncle. On the day the new scoreboard at Hove was opened, he scored 333 versus Northants. He was a highly respected and tactically astute captain of Sussex for his last two seasons in the game (1930-31).

The rest of his life was set in the context of the transition of power from the Raj to independence and to the ultimate partition of Pakistan and India in 1947. He was a very popular Indian High Commissioner to Australia in the early 1950s and on return a successful Chairman of the All India Council of Sport, where he did much to develop opportunities for all young Indians, and not just the upper classes, to play cricket. It was this which laid the foundations for India to become one of the most successful cricketing nations.

The Nawab of Pataudi (1911-52) played for Oxford University, Worcestershire and England in the 1930s, including in the Bodyline series in Australia of 1932-33, and later captained the first Indian tour to England in 1946. He also ensured that his son, Prince Mansur Ali Khan (1941-2011) was educated at Winchester College, and there through the Duggart/Snell/Cox connection he came on to Hove, as Chris Snell relates in due course.

Prince Shatrushalysinhji, great nephew of Ranji and a distant cousin of Duleep, has had a profound influence on Sussex cricket. In the summer of 1962, he took a suite of rooms at the Grand Hotel, and played for the 2nd XI, Club and Ground, and also on occasions for the Martlets. Friendships made resulted in Derek Semmence spending a number of Indian seasons coaching in Rajasthan and through this link a number of young Indians came to play in the Sussex League. Likewise Derek arranged a number of tours, not least from Hurstpierpoint College to north west India, invariably visiting Rajkumar College and Ranji's former palace in Jamnagar. These links at club and school level have been important in opening eyes, building connections and increasing understanding. Now that India is developing as one of the engine houses of the global economy, those bridges forged through cricket will be increasingly important to all parties.

In the 1970s Uday Joshi and Eknath Solkar made many friends in Sussex not least in playing for the Martlets. Uday, an off-spinner, came from Rajkot, not far from Jamnagar, played regularly for the County with some success from 1971-74. Limitations on overseas players meant that Eki could not play in Championship matches but he did play in 27 Tests as a fearless short leg, resolute batsman and, with the ball, tormentor of Geoff Boycott.

Imran Khan and Javed Miandad were two of the world's great cricketers in the 1980s. The former a commanding all-rounder and World Cup winning captain, the latter a brilliant batsman who played 124 Tests. Both graced the County Ground. They came from the same country as Ranji and Duleep and followed in their brilliance of style but both were born into Muslim communities after independence and partition (1947) and so represented Pakistan.

Their backgrounds were far removed. Javed came from a humble background whereas Imran was born into the princely classes. Like Ranji, he has touched life in both East and West, Oxford educated, a glamorous

London lifestyle (with a high profile marriage to Jemima Goldsmith); whilst in Pakistan, a devout Muslim, who plays a major role as leader of one of the main Opposition parties and founded a cancer hospital.

And then, of course, there was the inimitable Mushtaq Ahmed, from Sahiwal in Pakistan whose superb leg-spin bowling between 2003 and 2010 contributed so much to Sussex's Championship triumphs. His magic and wizzadry, and joyous enthusiasm, meant that he was enormously popular at the County Ground.

Rumour has it that several senior Martlets are seriously considering retirement at The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. This article suggests that this will merely be an extension of those strong links between Sussex and India that have developed over the past 120 years. The street cricket in Jaipur is challenging but, as the retired High Court judge showed, a straight bat, a high arm and Martlet cricketing nous will be quite sufficient to ensure success!

Whether or not Chris Snell will be part of this party remains to be seen but his personal friendship with the Nawab of Pataudi meant that he has had a unique insight into this Sussex connection with the East.

**David Gibbs**

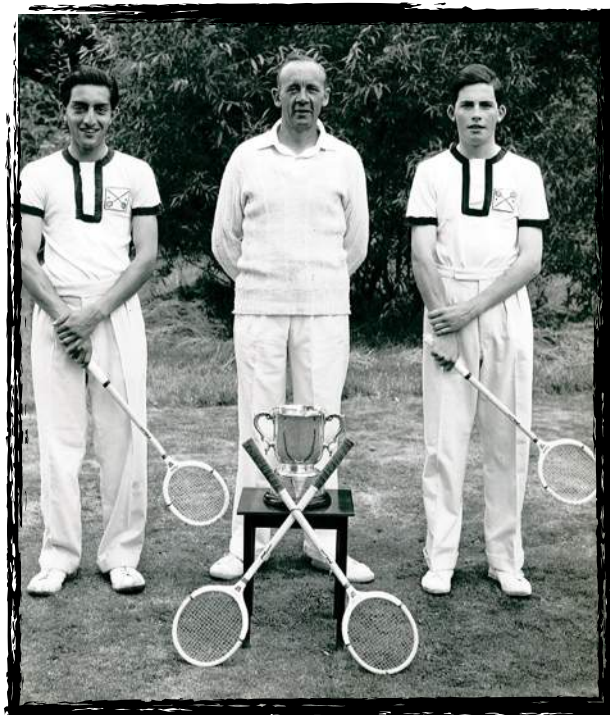
## TIGER PATAUDI

Tiger was born Mohamed Mansur Ali Khan on 5th January 1941, the son of the 8th Nawab of Pataudi at Bhopal. Known as 'Tiger' from infancy he had a personal tutor so that when he arrived in England to go to Prep School at Lockers Park in Hertfordshire he was able to speak English as well as Urdu. At Lockers Park he was taught cricket by his father's old coach Frank Woolley. In 1952, whilst Tiger was still at Prep School, his father died aged only 41, so at the tender age of 11 years he became the 9th Nawab of Pataudi.

In 1954 Tiger went to Winchester, six months before I did, and here he was always known as the 'Noob'. Hubert Doggart, ex Sussex Captain and England cricketer, was Master in Charge of Cricket and an outstanding coach. Under his tutelage Tiger played in the 1st XI for four years, scoring 2,956 runs at an average of 56.85. In 1957, aged 16, in the Summer holidays he made his first class debut for Sussex and during the next three years when Sussex were playing at home he often stayed with us at Mowden. He was a bit of a night owl and I well remember playing all sorts of games until the early hours of the morning! I was fortunate enough to be a member of the 1st XI in 1959 when Tiger was Captain and during this time he scored an astonishing 1068 runs, beating the school record established by Douglas Jardine in 1919. I was also lucky enough to be his partner in the 1st Rackets Pair and again encouraged by Hubert, we managed to win the Public School Rackets Championship at Queens.

After Winchester, Tiger went up to Oxford where in his first summer he made a century (131) against Cambridge at Lords. In 1961, when he was Captain of

Oxford, he scored 106 and 103 not out against a full Yorkshire attack. By the end of June, with 3 games still to play he was only 92 runs short of his father's record total of 1.307 runs in an Oxford Season. Unfortunately, in July he was in a car accident with Robin Waters at the bottom of Grand Avenue by Queen Victoria's statue in Hove and a flying shard of glass pierced his right eye and he lost his sight in it. Determined not to let this stop him playing cricket, with huge will power and determination, just five months later he made his Test debut for India v. England in Delhi. He went on to captain India in 40 Test Matches, scoring 6 centuries. In his autobiography, *Tiger's Tale*, he admitted that he had to abandon his early ambition of becoming one of the greatest batsmen and a quote from his book reads, "I have concentrated on trying to make myself a useful one and a better fielder than my father was." Personally, I think he was a far better than "useful" batsman and a superb fielder. Tests between England and India are now played for the Pataudi Trophy and Tiger was at the Oval to present it to Andrew Strauss at the end of August, just 3 weeks before he very sadly died.



**Tiger Pataudi and Chris Snell  
with Rackets pro, Guy Padwick**

In 1969 he married the film star Sharmila Tagore and they had a son, who also went to Winchester, and two daughters. He was a great family man and at his home in Delhi he was a most generous host and he also had a flat in London. Tiger was a very special man, universally popular because, in spite of his great talent and privileged background, he was both humble and modest, encouraging and kind with a lovely sense of humour. Indeed a true friend.

**Chris Snell**

## INTRODUCING THE COMMITTEE



*This year's introduction is to Nick Creed, who along with James Chadburn, Mike (aka Harry) Harrison and Michael Murray form the cricket sub-committee, under chairmanship of Rob Walker.*

**Name:** Nick Creed  
**Date of Birth:** 28.8.1980

**Nicknames:** Creedy / Creedo / Apollo

**University:** U.W.I.C (BA Hons) 2000-2004,  
University of Sussex (GTP QTS) 2007

**Day Job:** PE and Sports, Science teacher, assistant director of sport and master in charge of cricket at Hurstpierpoint College.

### **Cricketing Career to Date:**

Representative Cricket:  
Three Bridges CC  
Sussex YC  
Sussex Academy  
Sussex Cricket Board XI  
Sussex CCC 2nd XI  
Cardiff MCCU  
Brittish Universities  
Sussex Academy Tour to Cape Town 1999.

### **Wandering Cricket:**

MCC Playing Member  
Sussex Martlets Member  
Sussex Martlets Match Manager.

### **Cricketing Moments / Achievements:**

110 vs Durham MCCU  
12th man Sussex CCC vs Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

**Film(s):** The Hurt Locker

**Book:** Bounce by Mathew Syed

**Music:** Daft Punk, Editors, Carl Cox

**Places:** South America, India

**Food / Cuisine:** Chinese, Lamb.

### **Extras:**

Sussex CCC age group coach  
ECB Level 3 coach  
RFU coach and referee  
England Hockey coach and referee  
Played county age group hockey and rugby.

**Future:** Hope to begin masters degree in September 2012.

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## OBITUARY



### **ANTHONY BOWLES**

Somewhere in the Pavilion of the Worthing Cricket Club there should still be a picture of the 1948/9 side. In the back row two young fellow-me-lads are standing, looking rather happy and pleased with themselves, having replaced the previous opening pair. These lads were of course and Ant and me.

Ant had always been mad on cricket from an early age; so much was his enthusiasm and potential that his father presented his young hopeful with a fully equipped matting wicket rigged up in their garden on which to practise.

At that time, the Bowles family lived nearby in a corner house in West Worthing. I was asked round to play cricket with Ant in the summer holidays. Invited always to bat first I was quickly skittled out by what seemed to me to be an extremely fast delivery. Line and length were not a feature of Ant's bowling any more than his golf in later life! Then Ant's turn came and by the time stumps were drawn at 12 o'clock, I would still be toiling away having, as the saying goes, caught nothing.

But revenge can be sweet. A few years later, a very young Felstead XI (the school having been evacuated to Ross on Wye) were playing against a formidable Shrewsbury side with one Anthony Bowles opening the innings. "Oh Lord," I thought. "We're in for another long haul." However Ant, having made a stylish 1, in attempting to drive majestically at a half volley outside the off stump, never quite got his foot to the pitch of the ball, with the result that it came flying towards me fielding at second slip. Somehow I managed to cling on to it, with the result that Ant had to depart, glowering at me as he passed by on his way back to the pavilion.

Ant got a stack of runs for Worthing, the Sussex Martlets and the Salopians over many years. He loved opening the innings, scored runs quickly and was very difficult to get out.

On one occasion during the summer my father JK, the Worthing President, said to Ant, "You got a good one there boy," to which Ant replied, "Yes, that does happen occasionally when the ball is seaming around."

"You're right," said JK, "but I was in fact referring to your marriage to Trish!"

Trish and Ant enjoyed a very happy marriage too for many years and although she supported Ant's cricket I doubt whether she allowed herself to be roped in to help with the teas.

Ant was a lovely man, a pretty good cricketer and a life-long friend.

**Pat Matthews**