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15TH Lady Herries of Terregles (Lady Mary Mumford)

With the death of Lady Mary, your Patron for the last 21 years, everyone who knew her has lost a very special friend, not the least the Club itself. Born and brought up at Arundel Castle, the second of the four daughters of the 16th Duke of Norfolk, himself the most illustrious of cricket-lovers, with one of cricket's loveliest grounds just over the castle walls, the game was to become an integral part of Mary's life.

Such was her father's affection for cricket that he made the time and found the inclination to go as Manager, with the great Alec Bedser as his assistant, of Ted Dexter's England side to Australia in 1962-63. To embellish matters, Mary and two of her sisters, Lady Anne (later to marry Colin Cowdrey) and Lady Jane (now the Marchioness of Lothian), came and joined the party, Mary being a decidedly fetching 22.

You need to understand more than most people do of the intricacies of heredity, to know how she came into the world as Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard and left it as

Lady Herries, having been Lady Mary Mumford in the meantime. But now is not the time for that. For more than 50 years Mary was also Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alexandra. Whatever she was doing, she put her heart, soul and natural warmth into it.

I had the pleasure and privilege of playing, even captaining, the Daughters' XI against their Father's, on the Castle ground, all of us wanting to win enough for the cricket to be competitive as well as jolly. Years afterwards, Mary took the match between her own XI and the Martlets just as keenly, giving pleasure and finding it in equal measure. She was, quite simply, a treasure – to her beloved dogs and the sisters at the nearest convent, among countless others.

“Oh! The great days in the distance enchanted...!”

John Woodcock

THE CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2017



I am pleased to report that the Sussex Martlets has had another great year in 2017.

The season started with the sad news that Lady Herries of Terregles, affectionately known to us all as Lady Mary, had passed away on Friday 7th April 2017.

Lady Mary took a keen interest in cricket at Arundel and became Patron of the Sussex Martlets in 1996 in succession to her mother Lavina, who in turn succeeded her husband Bernard, Duke of Norfolk, who was Patron of the Club for 40 years. In the short time I had known Lady Mary, I for one was very grateful for her support and interest in the Sussex Martlets, who were well represented at her memorial service, held in Arundel Cathedral the day after Lady Mary's XI played the Club in her annual fixture.

I am pleased to report the Club extended an invitation to Johnny Barclay to succeed Lady Mary as Patron and he has accepted. Johnny will be well known to many Martlets over many years. In accepting the invitation, Johnny wrote "I feel very honoured to have been asked by you to succeed Lady Mary as Patron of the Sussex Martlets and I am delighted to accept this honour. I will do all I can to support the Club in every way possible and by helping with many others to sustain its cricket, golf and membership." The appointment of Johnny as Patron allows the Club to come back full circle to the world of cricket, as of course Duke Bernard played cricket for the Sussex Martlets

Our mantra of Sussex Martlets cricket being aspirational and inclusive, whilst respecting our traditions, has meant that the Club continues to be as well regarded as it has ever been. Meetings were held with John Stapleton, as Chairman of the Friends of Arundel Castle Cricket Club, and Rob Andrew, as the then newly appointed Chief Executive of Sussex Cricket, to reinforce existing relationships and make plans for the coming season to support both the cricketing missions of Arundel and Sussex and to also ensure the cause of the Sussex Martlets continues to be well recognised.

It is one thing to have a mantra, it is completely another thing to deliver on that with demonstrable results. With Alan Newman as our new Fixtures' Secretary, our fixture list expanded considerably. Notwithstanding this, for the third year running, we fulfilled all our cricket fixtures (other than one) and we won as many games as we lost. Importantly our cricket continues to be played in the right spirit of the game: striving to win but playing fairly, and with a number of close finishes – the Sussex Martlets v Band of Brothers being a particularly hard fought win in the final overs (with an excellent report published on our website by our own

Times correspondent, Josh Burrows.) For next year, the Committee have concluded that the fixture list should be reduced and it is to be hoped this makes fulfilling our commitments more sustainable.

The Club also fulfilled its promise to tour to Dublin. Won one, lost two was a repeat of the experience in 2013, by a side that enjoyed each other's company greatly, as fully reported on by the ever young tourist Mark Trubshaw. The financial support given by the Club's Vice Presidents to assist younger players in joining the tour was greatly appreciated.

Last year I reported that Peter Hartland had accepted the role of Club Archivist. His article "Main Records 1905-2016" published on our website became the foundation for a new book "The Sussex Martlets CC 1905-2016: A Miscellany" published by the Sussex Cricket Museum. The book is reviewed by our own publisher Sam Carter, but not unsurprisingly the book sold out of its limited print run in quick order.

John Goodacre in his second year back on the Committee, together with Alan Newman, are to be congratulated for injecting much enthusiasm into the Sussex Martlets Over 40s side. Our Over 40s fixtures are proving popular, being midweek afternoon matches, and a strong band of cricketers has been assembled to represent the Club in this form of age grade cricket.

There are also moves afoot to reintroduce real tennis into the curriculum of the Sussex Martlets, in an initiative taken on by Jeremy Bushell and myself. Hopefully there will be more to report next year.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of a band of volunteers who make possible our sport for the Sussex Martlets. We thanked Tim Dodd, who concluded his time on the Committee at the 2017 AGM, when Richard Iago and Darryl Rebbetts joined. Darryl has already made a welcome contribution to the work of the Cricket Sub-Committee and has recently agreed to take on the role of Match Manager Co-ordinator. Sadly for us, Richard has found his teaching post and having three children under five years of age precludes his continuing involvement on the Committee.

These mentions are but a small reflection of the work undertaken in the name of the Sussex Martlets and I hope you will join me in thanking all involved in making and keeping the Sussex Martlets in good heart.

The season ended with our annual dinner held in the Long Room at the County Ground, Hove. The evening was a tribute to our President, Chris Snell. Full details of that evening are reported on by VP Robin Carr, but the huge affection in which Chris is held was manifest as he received standing ovations both before and after his speech of thanks, following the tribute to him by former

President Chris Saunders. Chris has been an immense support to me in my role as Chairman over the last three years and I am extremely grateful for all his help. Chris is succeeded by Brian O’Gorman as President (see p. 12). I look forward to seeing you on a cricket field, or a golf course, or a real tennis court in Sussex, as we have a great season planned for this year.

Stuart Ritchie

REVIEW OF THE SEASON

Won 17, Lost 17, Drew 7, Cancelled/Abandoned 7.



Thanks to the sterling efforts of our new Fixtures Secretary, Alan Newman, 2017 saw the introduction of a number of new fixtures and the resurrection of a few old ones. This, coupled with the 3-match Dublin Tour, swelled the main Martlets’ fixture list from 36 matches in 2016 to 48 matches

(4 of which were multiple T20s on 2 separate days) in 2017. These resulted in 17 wins, 17 losses, 7 draws, and 7 matches cancelled or lost to the weather. In addition, the Martlets retained the Sandy Ross Trophy, emerging victorious from the T20 day. On an individual level, Toby Pullan won the batting award, Mark Trubshaw took the bowling honours, and Jano Möller was the recipient of the overseas player award.

The season was very much a tale of four parts – of the 17 wins, just 3 arrived from our opening 16 fixtures spanning April, May, and the first half of June. We then had a purple patch of 4 wins in a row, followed by just 1 from the next 11 fixtures in July and early August, before closing with a flourish with 9 wins in the final 5 weeks of the season.

Ben Caldera’s century was largely responsible for our maiden victory of the season at Eastbourne College, while Johnny Heaven’s magnificent unbeaten 158 saw us home in an exciting 2-wicket win v Downside Wanderers. Jano Möller was the undoubted man-of-the-match against Eastbourne CC, his 101 and 6-14 leading us to a 68-run victory. Other notable performances in this initial barren spell for the Martlets were Sam Cooper’s 114 in the draw at Ardingly College, and Toby Pullan’s 126 in the draw v Nomads CC.

The Chairman (Stuart Ritchie) masterminded the first win of our purple patch, a 28-run victory at Arundel against Christ’s Hospital School, in which Rebecca Silk proved the match winner with 5-72. Ben Twine’s 5-30 was the catalyst for our 23-run win over Warwickshire Pilgrims. The fixture against Hurstpierpoint College at Arundel was reduced by the weather to a T20, and Toby Pullan’s 89 allowed the Martlets to post a mammoth total of 221, which the College never looked likely to

chase down. In a tight game at Warnford, Hampshire Hogs posted an imposing 282-7, but debutant Ben Cartwright scored 110 in reply to propel the Martlets to a 4-wicket win.

The only victory of part 3 of our season arrived at St. James’s. Leo Cammish’s knock of 98 from 86 balls paved the way for a total of 170, before Matt Reynolds’ leg-spin tied the oppo in knots to the tune of 5-15 out of 124 all out. Other highlights during this time were Jens Richardson’s 136 and Jano Möller’s 5-50 in the draw at West Chiltington, another MoM all-round performance from Möller (113* and 4 wickets) in the draw v Butterflies, and, in his only appearance of the season, Marcus Campopiano’s 109 against Old Georgians.

The final phase of the season began with a hard-fought victory over the Lady Mary’s XI at Arundel. James Chadburn’s men survived a brutal innings of 140 from just 94 balls by South African first-class batsman Gerhardt Abrahams to limit the LM XI to 231 all out. In reply, the Martlets were in considerable trouble at 83 for 6 before Matt Reynolds (66) and Joe O’Gorman (47) added 122 to propel us to a 2-wicket victory with 5 balls to spare. Möller was once again to the fore in the win against Stragglers of Asia, his innings of 82 laying the foundation for a successful chase of 214 with 5 wickets and 3 balls to spare. The match against the Juniors failed to live up to the excitement of previous years, with skipper Murray for once getting his declaration wrong – in a total of 283-6 declared from 50 overs, Darryl Rebbetts led the way with an unbeaten 105. With just 45 overs to get the runs and losing their captain and best batsman in the 5th over, the Juniors were always well behind the rate and the innings drew to a close at 222-8, with 13-year-old Bertie Foreman safely negotiating the final two balls for the draw.

The tour to Dublin followed the same pattern as the last tour to the Emerald Isle. There was a victory in the opening fixture at a damp Phoenix Park, thanks to 88 from Dylan Smit, 3 wickets from Trubby, and a maiden Martlets wicket for young Harry Walker, a narrow loss at Merrion (unfortunately on an artificial wicket), and, as the Guinness effect took hold, a drubbing at the hands of YMCA.

Johnny Heaven was the match winner at Eton, his unbeaten 66 seeing us home by 2 wickets against the Ramblers for the newly-endowed Jon Barclay Cup, and Jordan Shaw blew Band of Brothers away with a hostile spell of 5-10 in a 137-run victory. The Martlets retained the Sandy Ross T20 trophy on a very wet and dismal day, and the curtain fell on the season with a solid 39-run victory over The Armadillos at picturesque Sheffield Park.

Michael Murray

LEADING BATTING AVERAGES

(Qualification: 5 innings)

	Innings	N.O	H.S	Runs	Average
Darryl Rebbetts.	6	3	105*	195	65.00
Jano Möller	17	2	113	779	51.93
George Martin	5	1	73	186	46.50
Michael Murray	9	6	44	132	44.00
Hector Loughton	6	0	54	224	37.33

Centurions: Ben Calders, Leo Cammish, Sam Cooper, Jano Möller, Toby Pullan, Jens Richardson

LEADING BOWLING AVERAGES

(Qualification: 6 wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Average
Jordan Shaw	60	18	178	10	17.80
Jano Möller	96.3	22	412	20	20.60
Mark Trubshaw	88	4	479	21	22.81
Michael Murray	84.1	6	376	15	25.07
Paul Walker	68	0	451	14	32.21

5 wkts in an innings: Jano Möller, Matt Reynolds, Rebecca Silk

MARTLETS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Club's annual awards were announced at the Annual Dinner held in Sussex CCC's Long Room at Hove.

Best Batsman

There were a number of batters in contention this year. In alphabetical order: Sam Carter, Sam Cooper, Hector Loughton, Toby Pullan and Jordan Shaw. With total runs scored of 268, the award went to **Toby Pullan**.

Best Bowler

There were a number of bowlers in contention too. In alphabetical order: Michael Murray, Jordan Shaw, Mark Trubshaw and Paul Walker. With total wickets taken of 21, the award went to **Mark Trubshaw**.

Best Junior

John Bettridge reported that Ash is a very useful bat and wicket keeper, who possesses a safe pair of hands behind the stumps. He has played as an upper order batsman and has the ability to adjust his batting to the tempo and situation of the game. He played in all the Junior Martlet games this summer and captained the side on two occasions. It has been good to see him performing too for the main Martlets side on occasions



Toby Pullan



Mark Trubshaw



Akshaj Krishnan

this summer, and his 66 not out against the Old Georgians underlined his capabilities. He has been a regular player over the last 3 years and is extremely reliable when it comes to availability. That alone would put him in any manager's good books, but his talent and ability push him a good deal further up the scale! The winner is **Akshaj Krishnan**.

Best Overseas Player

The Martlets encourages the overseas players of Sussex Clubs to play midweek and on Sundays in our wandering cricket. It gives us a fillip in our competitiveness and it keeps the overseas players engaged in the traditions of the game. It has proved a mutually beneficial policy.

This year, there can only be one winner, with 895 runs at an average of 52.65 with eight 50s, two 100s, a best score of 113* off 109 balls and 102.1 overs, 26 maidens, 416 runs and 26 wickets with two 'fivefers' and best figures of 5.4-1-14-6 (including a hat-trick). The award went to **Jano Möller** and arrangements were made to send his award to South Africa. In response, Jano wrote, "Thank you so much for sending the award to me, I really do appreciate it a lot... I also want to say thank you for the note you sent with the tankard, I'll cherish it forever... If I ever go back to England, I'll definitely get in touch and play a few Martlets games."

Martlet of the Year

This year the Club wished to recognise a gentleman who has impressed with his prodigious work output as the Club's new Archivist. He has added to our website a new section titled 'History and Records' with sections on 'Playing Records' and 'Leading Cricketers' and also the 'Three Great Martlets': Gerry Campbell, Eddie Harrison and Sandy Ross. His work has been recognised by the Sussex Cricket Museum, who have turned these pages into a 40-page booklet 'Sussex Martlets CC 1905-2016: A Miscellany.' With our grateful thanks, the award went to **Peter Hartland**.

Stuart Ritchie

JUNIOR MARTLETS 2017

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 1, Cancelled 1.

Junior Martlets v Junior Band of Brothers, at Stonewall Park. Won by 63 runs.

Junior Martlets 219-8 (40 overs). W. Futchter 73, H. Moorat 50, T. Shepperson 32, E. Fairfax 26.

Junior Band of Brothers 156 all out (35 overs), W. Futchter 4-9, T. Shepperson 2-28, N. Cooper 2-40.

Junior Martlets v Hampshire Hoggets, at Warnford.

Won by 110 runs.

Junior Martlets 230-6 (40 overs). A. Bushell 114*, A. Kumar 38.
Hampshire Hoggets 120 all out (28 overs)
T. Shepperson 2-4, G. Iago 2-14, H. March 2-18, J. Cary 2-23.

Junior Martlets v Brighton & Hove City Clubs Invitation XI, at Hurstpierpoint College.

Lost by 2 wickets.

Junior Martlets 162-8 (40 overs). M. Robinson 45, T. Shepperson 21, L. Wills 20.
Brighton & Hove Invitation XI 166 - 8 (37.3 overs).
B. Heber 2-13, N. Cooper 2-35, G. Iago 2-35, T. Shepperson 3-38.

Junior Martlets v Junior Band of Brothers, at Hurstpierpoint College. Lost by 6 wickets.

Junior Martlets 202 all out. T. Shepperson 54, E. Fairfax 27, H. Drew 21, J. Brehaut 20.
Junior Band of Brothers 203-4. T. Shepperson 3-59.

Junior Martlets v Sussex Martlets, at Arundel Castle. Match drawn.

Sussex Martlets 283-6 dec. D. Rebbetts 105*, S. Carter 36, T. Pullan 38, H. Loughton 34, J. Brehaut 2-32, W. Collard 2-53.
Junior Martlets 222-8. J. Gilligan 61, W. Futchter 51, T. Shepperson 25, M. Robinson 20, M. Trubshaw 2-61.



Hugo March opening the attack against the Hoggets

The Juniors had another enjoyable series of games in July and August 2017. The season opened with a win against a strong Junior Band of Brothers side, played at the beautiful Stonewall Park ground. Here watchful batting took us to 219 in our 40 overs. The bowling and fielding were tight and left the Junior BBs 60 short at the end.

This was followed by a convincing victory over the Hampshire Hoggets. On a damp wicket Ash Kumar, the captain, lost the toss thus allowing the Hoggets captain to make the obvious decision to insert us. Scoring was certainly not easy for the captain and Will Futchter and the score stood at 29 when Will was out in the 8th over. Toby Shepperson tried to push on but was caught after scoring two boundaries. This brought Alex Bushell to the crease and he and Ash slowly changed the

complexion of the innings and moved the score on to 111 before Ash was LBW. The sun dried the wicket and the outfield, and Alex made hay! The wickets were shared amongst the young seam attack of Hugo March, Josh Gander, Felix Talbot and Greg Iago, all of whom are in the under 15 age group. Toby Shepperson with his well flighted leg breaks got into the act at the end and polished off the tail. What impressed me was that the team never let their grip on the situation relax, and the 110 run win in 28 overs was a thoroughly deserved triumph.



Mason Robinson taking down the leg-side against The City Clubs.

The batting did not quite produce enough runs in the next two games against the Brighton & Hove City Clubs XI and in the return game against the Junior Band of Brothers, despite useful performances from Toby Shepperson and Mason Robinson. I felt that more support for Toby Shepperson in the spin department would have helped the bowling attack in these two games, but availability proved a problem.

Sadly, despite the enthusiasm of all parties to repeat the three-way T20 between the Juniors, Hampshire Hoggets and Junior Band of Brothers, the Hoggets withdrew at a late stage in order to fulfil another fixture. Fortunately, the Band of Brothers agreed to make a day of it and a very enjoyable all day time game was played at Hurst College instead.

The season concluded with another fine day's cricket at Arundel against the full Martlets side, where the Juniors made a valiant attempt to reach the Martlets total of 283-6.

The captaincy of the Juniors was shared between Harry Rollings, Ash Kumar and Ben Heber and about 30 players represented the Club in all. I think it would be fair to say that this was something of a building year, for a fair number of the players came from the ranks of the under 15/under 16 age groups and they showed great promise. Of these younger players two in particular, Toby Shepperson and Ash Kumar, made a number of successful appearances for the main side during the season.

John Bettridge



(standing): Dillon Smit, Paul Walker, Stuart Ritchie, Jordan Shaw, Mark Trubshaw, Tom Martyn, Tim Dodd, Henry Cope, Jano Möller.
(seated): Michael Murray, Harry Walker, Ben Steyn, Dylan Hector, Greg Wisdom

Martlets Tour to Dublin

Having ensured enough water in the Liffey had flowed under the O'Connell Bridge since the last Sussex Marlets tour to Dublin, this time out it was just the cricketers who embarked on a five-day, three-match tour of the largest city in Ireland.

Monday, early!!

Our esteemed Chairman/Tour Manager/Tour Treasurer/Tour Ambassador/Tour Umpire (well, he had a white coat) and all round 'top-bloke' Stuart Ritchie stood proudly at check-in, resplendent in Martlets' sweater, blazer and sun hat, a beacon for cricketers wandering through the airport. An authoritative figure leading a cobbled-together group of individuals, on what perhaps at first sight compared to a 'dirty dozen' film rather than a cricket team! As we each in turn arrived, our multi-cultural and multi-talented group started the bonding process – some reminiscing on the folklore of the 'last time out' and the 'newbies' learning of what lay before them!

Fines are a staple part of touring, we all know the rules on this one, and it didn't take long for the first fine to drop: our Tour Captain doing his best to miss the flight by catching a 'practical' bus to the airport...

We arrived in Dublin to little fanfare and transferred to the hotel, the Tour Manager using his persuasive skills to get 15 people on a coach with 13 tickets, although he let himself down a little when we all tried to disembark a stop too early...

After acquainting ourselves with the local area, the group headed for the Guinness factory, a precursor to the Monday night's eagerly awaited entertainment. The Club's Social Secretary got off to a very cautious start!



Tuesday, not quite as early...

but the 9 a.m. breakfast call hurt for some... tales of the night before dominated the breakfast talk, as the drilling and banging of the hotel extension droned in the background, which did nothing for some with hangovers!

The Tour Manager proclaimed the weather had cleared up for the next three days and to meet in reception at 12.30 for our trip to Phoenix Park, the oldest cricket club in Ireland and the place of our one and only victory last time out. We were greeted by taxis and drizzle, but in true Martlets spirit we bundled ourselves into the cabs and made our way to the ground.

Tremendous credit is due to Phoenix for getting the game on; the ground would have been more conducive to a rugby match than cricket. An endless supply of tea and biscuits helped pass the time and suddenly the game was on, a 30 over match with the Martlets batting first. The wet wicket did not deter some from their shot selection, perhaps it was the day's skipper Greg Wisdom's instruction to his players, having won the toss! A less-than-vocal leader (we thought still in shock from the night before), he made inspired bowling changes which led to a Martlets' victory by a margin of some 80 runs!

Our hosts fired up the BBQ and, with a plentiful supply of the local tippie, those venturing out into the city that night were set up nicely!

Wednesday, day 3.

It was obvious at breakfast new and lifetime friendships were being made. Our tour barrister moved from table to table looking for the 'goss' on the night before. Either that, or he was building a case file. As a man who proclaimed he had never won a case, we hoped he wouldn't be defending us should we get into hot water.

The party met in the lobby with the usual jostling and banter, and once those who had forgotten their cricket kit had retrieved same from their rooms, we made the short walk to Merrion C.C. Since our last trip an impressive new pavilion had been built.

The opposition was youthful and enthusiastic and took no pity on the Martlets side. The tour captain had thought it wise to visit the Jameson's factory that day and left the duties to Henry Cope. Playing on Astro and fielding first on a wet outfield did not suit the Martlets. We had chances that went begging and things could have been a lot different. The run chase faltered, but some rear-guard action from Tom Martyn gave us hope – the plucky or perhaps lucky young Irish, however, defended their total successfully and victory was theirs.

Thursday, the penultimate day.

In light of the day's opposition, the YMCA, most of the touring party grabbed an early night, as it was the chance to return home on a winning note. The wicket and ground are tremendous: a delightful arena and a pretty decent side also! Fielding first, having won the toss, the slaughter began. The determination and desire to win was there for all to see – a pity less from the Martlets, but we gave it a good go!

YMCA's captain scored a ton and took five wickets in a ruthless display of leadership. Tim 'the Corner Boss' Dodd showed his past class and was unlucky to be one of the Martlets' umpire-for-the-day victims...

Guests from our opposition joined the Martlets for the tour dinner and fines, and the final sortie into the city. Our Tour Manager had all day insisted he would 'see the night through to the end.' However, he made his escape and it was left to the rest of us to sign off the week in style and say thanks Dublin, thanks for the craic, and salute our (unofficial) patron saint of the tour, the 'Copper Face Jack.'



Mark Trubshaw

MARTLETS' OVER 40s CRICKET



The 2017 season saw a total of 18 Martlets playing in only 4 of our 8 fixtures, the rest unfortunately being rained off. We won 3 of the matches and the last was abandoned due to rain.

I am happy to say that the prospects for the future look very promising – we have recruited 5 new players to the squad all of whom are quality cricketers, 2 not having played Martlets cricket previously. Players are making themselves available early and I even faced the dilemma of having too many players for one fixture!

The most challenging and exciting game we played was the match against the touring Dutch side, Rood en Wit at the Saffrons with over 560 runs being scored on the day. Alan Newman's match report is below:

"Excellent afternoon's cricket at the Saffrons. R&W won the toss and posted 276-6 off 40 overs. Highlights: 3 wickets for Julian Hunt and a first Martlet wicket for the MM, as well as being deposited in the football ground. Excellent brakes also applied by Trubby either side of drinks, as well as a nonchalant one-handed catch on the boundary, before stepping over for a 6. At one point we were staring down the barrel.

In reply, Jules Hunt played superbly making 112, ably supported by a cameo of 26 from our Chairman, a brief knock from John Goodacre, 35 from Mike Loveday, 50* from Freano and a belligerent 26 off 10 balls from Trubby (aka the Beast), finishing with a 6 to win the game with 4 balls to spare, total 281-6.

Speeches and bonhomie concluded the day as the Dutch headed off to the nightlife of Eastbourne and the Martlets retired home."

What is fantastic is the team spirit and the hunger for more fixtures, including perhaps an overseas tour – probably France, or Corfu, or Holland, maybe with some golf thrown in. Please register your interest in playing for the over 40s – but just check that you can still fit into those whites first!

Next season's fixtures (midweek) look like this:

18/7 Rottingdean
22/7 Petworth Park (Sunday)
25/7 Cuckfield
8/8 or 29/8 St James Montefiore
15/8 Streat & Westmeston
5/9 Forty Club

Lindfield CC, Wadhurst and Crawley Down are also in the mix.

See you all soon.

John Goodacre

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



In the 2017 season there were three main events, aside from the Tour:

Sussex v South Africa

Martlets v Billingshurst at Hove

Club Dinner

Sussex v South Africa at Hove.

Having originally reserved 40 seats, I was sadly only able to dispose of 30 to Martlets and guests.

Those who attended had, I hope, a pleasant evening. The afternoon was largely spent watching the outfield drying and drinking the odd half of Harveys. Under the floodlights the visitors were far too strong for the hosts.

Martlets v Billingshurst at Hove.

This was the day at Hove that a certain W. Rydon had stuck on his credit card in aid of the Sussex Foundation. Billingshurst CC were a very pleasant bunch and are keen to form a connection with our club. I match-managed this fixture and had hoped it would have been very much a social event. A slightly higher than standard match fee (£100) deterred a few members but we fielded a reasonable team and it was a memorable day. If we had held our catches and won (and the sun had shone) it would have been even better.

Annual Dinner.

I was confident we would have 50 Martlets and guests, but the final tally was 43. Stuart Ritchie and Chris Saunders paid fine tributes to Chris Snell. An entertaining quiz about the President was wonderfully done.

Again the dinner was thrown open gender-wise. This made the atmosphere even better in my opinion. Greater numbers would have made it better still. Anecdotal evidence suggests ours is not the only club to have difficulties in commitment to annual dinners, social events and indeed fixtures. Yet few other clubs can boast of hosting the dinner at SCCC HQ, of a close link with the county or of such a mouth-watering array of fixtures.

In the 2018 season we are planning to attend (at least) the following:

- Sussex v Australia, Thursday 7th June at Hove.
- Sussex v Durham, Friday 22nd June at Arundel.
- Club Dinner in October (date to be confirmed).
- Friends of Arundel Castle Christmas Lunch (date to be confirmed).

Please contact me by phone or email to reserve a place.

Paul Walker

MARTLETS DINNER 2017



The County Ground at Hove has long been associated with the Sussex Martlets, who until the mid 1960s and beyond played anything up to a dozen games there each season. So it was fitting once again for the Annual Dinner to be held in the Long Room there on Friday 13th October. The Long Room houses a number of photographs of Sussex cricketers, some of whom have played for the Martlets, and has a pleasing cricketing charm in a small way comparable with its more famous namesake at Lord's.

The proceedings were opened by 2016's Bowler of the Year, Paul Walker, who said Grace. This was rather unconventional and it speculated over what might happen to Stokes either in the forthcoming Ashes series or in the Law Courts.

Our President Chris Snell's second term of 3 years was due to end in March 2018 and the opportunity was taken at the Dinner to highlight and thank him for his long and distinguished service to the Martlets as player, committee member and President, not to mention his years as manager of the Junior Martlets.

In his outstanding speech, Chris Saunders paid tribute to our President's illustrious contribution to Martlet cricket stretching back to the early 1960s. Chris Saunders included one anecdotal story concerning the two Chris's and their wives, when on safari in deepest Africa and their Land Rover broke down. Our President immediately asked the native driver if he was a member of the AA and with the wives standing guard around the vehicle (there were naturally wild animals in the vicinity) Chris Snell suggested to Chris Saunders that they compile a list of the best Martlet cricketers over the last 50 years!

Our President, who beforehand was totally unaware that he would feature so heavily in the evening's proceedings, was taken by surprise and clearly moved and was gracious and modest in his reply in thanking Chris Saunders for his fulsome accolade.

Earlier, our Chairman Stuart Ritchie gave us a quiz about Chris Snell's life (with a few questions about his father, Edward Snell, a stalwart Martlet in his time, who incidentally played for Sussex in 1927 and 1928) along the lines of The Eggheads BBC programme, whereby one is given three alternative answers to each question, one of which is correct. Without listing all the questions, the information elicited from the answers were, in summary: Chris attended Winchester College, was manager of the Junior Martlets from 2006-2010, while Headmaster of Mowden School he taught Johnny Barclay, six of Chris's senior school XI went on to play

First Class cricket, Chris was a Governor of seven schools, namely Copthorne, St Christopher's, Brighton College, St Ronan's, Brighton College Prep School, Lancing College and Westbourne House (afterwards Chris thought of another school!), with the Indian Test cricketer "Tiger" Pataudi Chris won the Public Schools Racquets Championship (in 1959). Chris also played for the I Zingari Cricket Club, his highest score for the Martlets was 92, his father's was 183 and his father was the Martlets' leading run scorer in 1933.

The winner of the Quiz was Neil Bushell, ably assisted by his father John Bushell.

In conclusion, our thanks go to our Chairman and his team for organising a successful and enjoyable evening.



Andrew & Yolanda Hinton



Gianni & Belinda Campopiano

Robin Carr



Nick & Kim Wisdom



Chris & Judy Snell



Marcus Campopiano & Greg Wisdom



John Bushell, James Bushell, Rob Walker & Evette Burton

THE GOLFING SOCIETY 2017

My thanks to all the match managers for their efforts in raising sides and running their matches. Your hard work is really appreciated by the members.

My thanks to David Scrivens, who after 15 years as manager of the Royal Ashdown match (and 17 years managing the Piltdown match), is stepping down from the role. I am very pleased that Peter Scaramanga has agreed to step into David's shoes.

My thanks also to Ham Whitty who has decided to step down from managing The Purchasers match, played at Piltdown. He has managed this match after his long stint as Hon. Sec. and we are grateful to him for taking on this role for the last few years. I am very pleased that Patrick Treasure will take over as manager for this match.

MATCH REPORTS

v West Sussex GC, April 9th.



Patrick Hole, Charlie Hartridge and Simon Baillie Hamilton prepare to take on the opposition

Despite the high number of WSGC members in the side, we enjoyed a friendly but low scoring day. The Martlets went into lunch 6-2 down, a score that was repeated in the afternoon matches, giving a poor result of a 12-4 loss. David Tod and Robin Beckwith were the Martlets stars.

v Royal Ashdown GC, April 23rd.

After many years as our match manager, David Scrivens had declared this would be his final match as manager. Sadly, his team did not provide a suitable farewell performance, losing the morning matches 6½ - ½. In the afternoon we fared little better losing 5-1, so losing the match overall 11½ - 1½.

v The Friends of Arundel Castle C.C, April 26th.

A new fixture played at West Sussex GC courtesy of the club, as a result of it now being The Sussex Martlets GS home course.



John Barclay and Stuart Ritchie

A team of 8-a-side played a single round following an excellent West Sussex lunch, with the Martlets recording a win of 5½ - 2½ including only one half.

v Littlestone GC, April 30th.

We were pleased to visit Littlestone again after missing the match in 2016.

We played one round of fourballs, but lost to strong opposition 3½ - 1½. Robert Forster and James Goddard recorded our only outright win.

v Crowborough Beacon GC, June 11th.

Despite moving the Grant Skinner Memorial fixture from March to more favourable weather conditions in June, once again the weather played a trick on us, with fog only clearing gradually, replaced by rain. The Martlets put up a good fight, but with 3 halved matches including the last one, we lost overall 3½ - 2½.

v The Purchasers Golfing Society, June 30th.

Played at Piltdown GC, on a lovely day. We played one round of foursomes followed by a convivial lunch. The Martlets recorded a win by 4-1.

v Piltdown GC, September 24th.

All square at lunch, but in the afternoon a narrow win for the Martlets was recorded over the Piltdown side by 6-5.

v Cooden Beach GC, October 1st.

Sadly, we were undone by the remains of Hurricane Maria, and the match was cancelled.

Sussex Martlets Invitation Day, October 4th.

This was the second of our home events at West Sussex GC.

We invited two players from each of our host courses to play a foursomes stableford competition at the club, paired with two Martlets, including the match manager. Littlestone were unable to join us, otherwise we had a full turnout of 28 players in all, including a pair from The Purchasers GS.

After an excellent lunch, the Piltown pair of Simon Bulteel and Tsol Keoshgerian won with a creditable score of 36 points. The best Martlets score after countback was 33 points from Simon Baillie Hamilton and Allan Gormley.

v Rye GC, October 15th.

This was an exceptional day with unseasonably warm weather. The course was as usual in great condition, although recent rains had made the rough quite penal. It took a while for the Martlets to adjust to the Rye greens, and we went into lunch 4½ - 2½ down. After lunch, the Martlets managed a 4-3 win with Allan Gormley a winner both am and pm. So overall a loss by 7½ - 6½, was all down to the final putt of the day, and a suitable end to a very enjoyable season's golf.

Adrian White

ROB ANDREW



Rob Andrew started as Chief Executive of Sussex Cricket in January last year. A former England rugby international and former director of the RFU, it was his first job in cricket administration. He was once a talented cricketer too, however, representing Cambridge University and making a handful of appearances for Yorkshire 2nd XI.

The 2017 season was a disappointment however, with Sussex finishing fourth in Division Two of the County Championship, and failing to make the knockout stages in both white-ball competitions. In October it was announced that senior pro Chris Nash and coach Mark Davis were to leave the club. Since then, however, the club has been generating more positive news – not least in the success of Jofra Archer over the winter and the surprise appointment of Jason Gillespie as Head Coach.

With a few weeks to go before the start of the new season, Rob Andrew spoke to Josh Burrows, exclusively for 'The Martlet'.

There seems to be a bit of a buzz around Sussex cricket at the moment...

I hope so. There's been a bit of change and the main piece there is the appointment of Jason Gillespie as Head Coach. Obviously we're hoping that we can start to get back in amongst the trophies.

How did the Gillespie appointment come about?

He was our No. 1 target. I think there was a little bit of surprise that we managed to pull it off and persuade him to come back to England, because he'd had a very successful period with Yorkshire and went back to Australia with his family. But we had a good chat with him and came to an arrangement that works for him and us. I think he's excited about coming back to English cricket. I think he missed the county game.

Is Sussex, and Hove, an easier place to recruit to than other counties?

It is a fantastic cricket club, with a great ground, and the county is passionate about cricket. The club probably lost its way in the past couple of years but it's still a fantastic club and it's well run. I think it's important that you can see the team's direction of travel – and we have some very talented cricketers coming through.

None more talented than Jofra Archer...

We're really proud of Jofra and pleased with what he's achieved. It didn't really surprise any of us when he took the Big Bash by storm. But on the back of that we now lose him to the IPL, so his success comes with its challenges. We had to go into the market to bolster our bowling in the early part of the season because we lost both Jofra and Chris Jordan to the IPL. That's the nature of the modern game.

Do you find yourself wanting players to do well, but not too well?

Not really – you accept that we're here to develop players. You want them to play well for us when they're available, but you have to accept that if they're going to go off and become international cricketers, or play on the T20 circuit, you're not going to see much of them. You have to hope you can keep the player long-term because they feel that you've been a big part of their development, which I think Jofra does. The message we're trying to convey to our young players is that you can achieve what you want to as a player and help the club achieve success as well.

What is your main ambition for the 2018 season?

I never answer that question – it's a trap. We all set out to be the best we can be: to win trophies and get promoted. That's why we do what we do. That's why, with Jason Gillespie, we'll set out to play good cricket, develop the players and along the way, hopefully win. But I'm not going to be held to ransom about what we're trying to achieve: we're trying to win cricket matches.

Do you prioritise white-ball trophies over Championship promotion?

We want both.

Are you being realistic in trying to compete in all three formats?

We haven't given up on any of the formats. There's a suggestion that some counties have given up on red-ball cricket, but that's certainly not the approach here. We were disappointed that we didn't get promoted last year. We weren't consistent enough – in all formats. On our day, we were very good but on our bad days we were too bad. If we're a bit more consistent than last season we have every chance. On our day, we can beat anybody.

Keeping your battery of fast bowlers fit and available will be key...

That's the challenge all teams have. We didn't expect Jofra Archer to be missing for the first five Championship matches but we think we've done pretty well in bringing in Ishant Sharma from India to replace him. Injuries can be a big deal too. Of our 14 T20 matches last year, Tymal Mills only played in four of them. We won all four that he played in, then missed out on the knockout stages by 0.05 on net run-rate – that's essentially one over.

What is the most satisfying part of the job?

Overall, just getting involved in cricket first-hand. Seeing the challenges of the pro game, the recreational game and women's cricket as well. Understanding the dynamics of the business and politics of a county club, both locally and nationally. Cricket is a complex game on the field – it moves in mysterious ways. And that's reflected off the field in the way the game is run and the complexities of season structures, formats of the game, central contracts, international T20, red-ball versus white-ball, the new T20 competition etc. It's never dull! Jofra is the perfect example of the dynamics. In the space of a few weeks, things have changed dramatically, but you can't be frustrated by what Jofra has done; you have to be excited for him and us.

Do you have much involvement in Sussex club cricket?

Ultimately I'm Chief Executive of Sussex Cricket, which includes the community game as well. I'm not hands-on, but I know what the challenges are and what we're trying to do to support clubs, schools, girls, boys, disability cricket and the league. Every sport has participation challenges. Ultimately there's never enough people or money to keep the whole thing together. Cricket, as with lots of other sports, is incredibly lucky that there are volunteers who work so hard to keep the game alive and keep it thriving in a very competitive environment.

Is Sussex a county where a good club player can make it to the professional game?

The reality is that most of the top players are going to be in the system anyway. It's rare that you find a 24-year-old in the club game who has been completely missed by the system.

Do you want players to feel that their club is part of the county set-up?

That's very important. And it's something we're trying to improve by merging the leagues that currently exist. That's to make it more sensible in terms of travel times but also to try and improve the top of the pyramid. So that if a player has been missed by the academy system, they will be noticed and we can feed them back into the system, perhaps via the second XI.

Josh Burrows

NEW MEMBERS 2017/18

The Club welcomes into membership:

Henry Blake (Eton Ramblers, St. Andrew's Univ.)

Christian Davis (Sussex CCC, Tunbridge Wells)

Alex Hardwicke (Worcs. u.19)

Daniel James (Heathfield Park)

Oli Robertshaw (Heathfield Park)

James Self (Wisborough Green, Plymouth Univ.)

Mark Stevenson (Piltdown and Littlestone GC)

If you know of an individual who wishes to play cricket for the Sussex Martlets this summer, do please get in touch with me, and remember the application form is available from the website of the Club.

Stuart Ritchie

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Brian O'Gorman was elected President for a three-year term at the recent AGM, held at the County Ground at Hove, in succession to Chris Snell.

The Committee were unanimous in their opinion that no-one represented the values of the Martlets more completely than Brian. Stuart Ritchie went on to emphasise Brian's immense contribution to the Club:

"Brian's association with the Martlets goes back over some 60 years, having first played for the Club in 1954. He is the all-time leading run scorer with over 8,000 runs, having scored eight centuries for the Club. He has also taken over 400 wickets in a playing career that spanned the mid-fifties through to 2004.

During the 1960s he was the season's leading run scorer on three occasions and the leading wicket taker on two occasions.

Brian also came to the assistance of the Committee, stepping in as acting Hon. Secretary in 2016/17."

In accepting the position, Brian said that becoming President of The Sussex Martlets was the greatest honour in his cricketing life and he would do all he could to represent the Club.

Also at the Meeting, it was announced that Alan Newman has agreed to take up the vacant Hon. Secretary's role. Everyone is delighted (and especially the Chairman!)

Hector Loughton has joined the Committee and will be a tremendous asset on Michael Murray's Cricket Subcommittee.

Desmond Devitt

OBITUARIES

HUBERT DOGGART (1925-2018)



Hubert is one of 25 Test cricketers to have played for Sussex Martlets. He is also one of eight MCC Presidents the club has provided. In chronological order they are: Duke of Norfolk (1954), Arthur Gilligan (1967), Billy Griffith (1979), Hubert Doggart (1981), Ted Dexter (2002), Robin Marlar (2006), John Barclay (2010) and Mike Griffith (2013). Hubert was elected a Vice President of Sussex Martlets in 1981, the same year he was MCC President.

Doggart was one of the last of a breed of schoolmasters who would be given leave during the summer to captain their county and, if as talented as he was, to be considered to play for England. His time as a sportsman might have lasted much longer at the highest level had he not decided when only 15 that teaching would come before batting at Lord's. Such a dual career would not be tolerated nowadays.

After teaching for 22 years at Winchester, as well as having been educated there himself, Doggart might have expected his alma mater or one of the major public schools to appoint him as their headmaster after he had had experience of that position at King's, Bruton from 1972 to 1985, being simultaneously President of MCC during his time there. Instead, he stayed in the west country until he was 60 and then retired to take on part-time cricket administration. It is conceivable that Winchester, which nurtured famous cricket captains in Douglas Jardine and the Nawab of Pataudi, but was increasingly attuned to academia, did not regard him as sufficiently intellectual to preside over the college.

George Hubert Graham Doggart won Blues at five different games at Cambridge, where he took a 2.1 in history and played in an outstanding cricket X1 which included John Dewes, David Sheppard and Peter May, all of whom, like him, were to play for England. His father, Graham, also a cricket and soccer Blue there and a prominent member of the great Corinthians football X1 in their 1920s heyday, died while taking the chair at the annual meeting of the Football Association.

In his initial first-class match, for Cambridge against Lancashire at Fenner's in 1948, Doggart scored 215 not out, still the highest score ever made by an Englishman

on first-class debut. A year later, against Essex, he and Dewes added 429 together in five hours 10 minutes, only 29 runs short of what at that time was the world record partnership for the second wicket. With Doggart on 219 and Dewes 204 over the weekend, the national press descended upon Fenner's on the Monday morning, hoping to see the two undergraduates beat the world record, only to be told that the University had declared.

Of the 594-4 declared which Cambridge scored against the 1950 West Indies side that were to go on to win their first Test series in England, Doggart's share was a rapid 71. In his three years in the Cambridge side, the last of them as captain, he scored 2,598 runs at an average of 55.29. If this suggests that he was a great batsman in the making, he was probably too jumpy a starter for that. He was, nonetheless, a richly talented one, capable of the finest raptures. "Doggart charmed by the variety of his strokeplay," said Wisden with reference to his 75 in the Gentleman and Players match at Lord's in 1950.

But a Doggart innings was rarely restful and seldom silent. No-one had a more piercing call. Legend has it that one Saturday afternoon at Fenner's, when he sent his batting partner back, so resounding was the injunction that no fewer than eight batsmen were run out on nearby Parker's Piece, the great savannah on which anything up to 20 games of cricket could have been in progress. A booming voice was to serve him well in the face of schoolboy indiscipline or insurrection in committee at Lord's.

Although West Indies were fielding virtually the same attack against which Cambridge had so enjoyed themselves a few weeks earlier, their two spinners, Sonny Ramadhin and Alf Valentine, were beginning to cast an extraordinary spell over England's batsmen by the time Doggart met them again in his only two Test matches in June 1950. Three times in his four innings he reached the 'twenties but no further, Ramadhin and Valentine each dismissing him twice and, through a series victory, being immortalised in Calypso.

Later that year Doggart joined the teaching staff at Winchester, after which, other than in 1954 when he was given the summer term off to captain Sussex, his first-class cricket was limited almost entirely to the school holidays. He was mooted as a possible captain of two MCC teams to Australia, those of 1950-51 and 1954-55, but Freddie Brown took the first and Len Hutton the second. All told, Doggart scored 10,054 first class runs, including 20 centuries, at an average of 31.51.

His other Blues were for soccer, rackets, squash and rugby fives, the last of them unusual for his having been to a school where the game is not played. He was captain of soccer, rackets and squash as well as cricket.

At Winchester he threw himself into almost every aspect of school life. In addition to a close involvement with sport, he took particular delight in participating in revues and other forms of amateur dramatics where his verse and "doggarterel" were memorable, if not always poetic. He was a housemaster from 1964 until his appointment at Bruton. "Hubert had a good knowledge of literature, poetry and history and an understanding of the frailty of young men," said Andrew Longmore, one of his pupils who captained the Winchester X1. "The result of a match was incidental to the way in which he wanted it to be played. 'Master of Cricket' sums him up. We used occasionally to remind him that he once dropped one of the West Indies batsmen on six who then went on to make a century. He would raise his bat and threaten to whack us."

Ever the school-master as a cricket administrator, Doggart worked and travelled tirelessly in the interests of schools' cricket and gave much unpaid time to MCC and to the upkeep of the beautiful ground at Arundel.

Only after the unexpected death of one of his daughters, Evelyn, did he lose his drive and the laugh which had reverberated down so many corridors. He married, in 1960, Susan Beattie, whom he had met at Eastbourne, where her father was general manager of a hotel. She assisted him in his school life as a housemaster and headmaster. They had a second daughter, Vic, who worked in performing arts and for charity, and their son, Simon, also won a Cambridge cricket Blue and was struck down by the cancer from which he died last year.

Doggart's zest for life returned in full when, with a change of medication, his depression lifted. This was apparent when he was staying in a hotel in Northumberland with David English, his co-organiser of under-15 cricket. "Five girls appeared, heading for the steam room. 'There go the Vestal Virgins!' Hubert said. They didn't understand him."

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DENIS BRADLEY (1938-2017)



Denis died on 20th March 2017 (aged 78) in the Sussex County Hospital Brighton a few weeks after major surgery. I visited him there over several weeks and it seemed that he would pull through, but sadly it was not to be.

He lived throughout his life in Sussex and was educated at Hurstpierpoint College. After leaving Hurst in 1957, Denis was articled with Brighton Solicitors, Gates & Co. His Principal was extremely accommodating when it came to allowing

him time off mid-week for cricket. Denis was a stylish top order defensive batsman and played a lot of club cricket between 1957 and 1975.

His weekend clubs were Keymer and Hassocks (where he played with Martlets John Neal, David Glynn, Nick Rimmer and George Hill) and also Ditchling. There he was in "good company," playing alongside former first-class cricketers such as David Dickinson and Leo Bennett and County 2nd XI players such as Martlet, Keith Jenkin.

It was mid-week when he turned out for other clubs such as the Martlets, particularly in the 1960s at a time when the Martlets had well over 100 fixtures a season. He also played regularly for the Old Hurst Johnians over several years and would have appeared against the Martlets in the O.J's Cricket Week always held at the beginning of August. One notable innings for the O.J's was 47 (top score) against a strong Sussex Young Amateurs side in 1959, which included Martlets Howard Spencer, Robin Waters and Dale Vargas (I am indebted to Peter Hartland for the latter information and to Old Hurst Johnian Willie Welch for the photograph).

Denis was a non-playing member of the Martlets for many years, but not being a car driver found it difficult to get to matches. However, he did attend Vice Presidents' Day a few years ago and remarked to me that he was delighted to meet up with former playing colleagues after so many years and enjoyed a long chat with Geoff Seaton, with whom or against whom he had played on a number of occasions.

Denis changed professions and became a barrister. From 1996 up to the time he retired, he practised Criminal Law from Chambers in Grays Inn. He had a fine speaking voice and was a respected advocate and was a popular member of Chambers.

Denis is survived by his sons, James and Nick, who both enjoyed their time at Mowden School under the excellent tutelage of Chris Snell, Martlet President. Both also inherited their father's keen interest in cricket. James, now living in Australia, aged in his 50s, is still playing cricket and admits to being a somewhat defensive bat like his father.

Denis was a colourful character as well as being a fine speaker, raconteur and impressionist. His many impersonations including that of Tony Greig, have entertained many a cricket follower.

Robin Carr

SIMON DOGGART (1961-2017)

We are fortunate if in the course of our lives we come to know more than a very few men or women of the highest human nature: men furnished with ability, having also integrity, courage, humour, compassion, wisdom and a certain indefinable nobility which distinguish them from all in a commoner mould and makes them effortless leaders. Of these rare people, Simon Doggart was one.

His cricketing career is well-known: four years in the X1 at Winchester, four cricket blues at Cambridge, captain of Jim Swanton's famous Arabs, 45 First Class or List A matches. I first met Simon in 1998 when, having taught at Tonbridge and Eton (where he ran the cricket with unprecedented success), he was appointed Headmaster of Caldicott. I was Headmaster of Papplewick and we quickly restored a relationship between the schools which had been long on competition but short on conviviality. During his nineteen years' outstanding service at Caldicott, Simon was widely considered the country's pre-eminent prep-school Head. He was a governor at Harrow and a trustee at Wellington; indeed no head had a greater network of contacts.

His life story, recounted at two beautiful packed-out memorial services at St Paul's Knightsbridge and St Marylebone Church, was less the expression than the vehicle of his character as a man. Born as he was into the world of cricket and schoolmastering, and destined to become a headmaster, it was on the field of play and in the classroom that his qualities were publicly displayed, but still more did they shine in private: in his marriage to Antonia, as a father to Clare, Charlie and James, in his family and home in the Witterings and among his friends of all conditions and generations. To them his memory is his monument, and his death swallowed up in thankfulness for his life.

Rhidian Llewellyn

SIR JOHN DONNE (1921-2017)

Sir John Donne died on July 19th 2017, just one month short of his 96th birthday. One of the Martlets' longest standing members and Vice-Presidents, John was the son of Leslie Donne, who was Treasurer (1921-57). Father and son were both fast bowlers, Leslie claiming seven wickets against Lancing Old Boys in 1922 and 6-29 against Cuckfield in 1924.

1922 and 6-29 against Cuckfield in 1924.

John enjoyed cricket as a boy, playing for the Sussex Prep. Schools Team and later going on to play for the Charterhouse XI, where he had gone with a scholarship. On leaving school in 1940 he enlisted in the Royal Artillery. Following the end of the war and his discharge in 1946, he qualified as a solicitor and joined his father in the family firm of Nye & Donne (now merged to become DMH Stallard) where he later became a senior partner, specialising in family law and trusts.

John made his debut for the Martlets in 1947, taking six wickets in his second game. He played for the Club for several years until back problems forced him to retire. He remained a loyal and enthusiastic follower of the Club throughout his life.

It was a testimony to John's efficiency and sharp brain that he combined his legal career with a long quasi-voluntary career in the NHS, culminating in him being Chair of the South-East Thames Regional Hospital Authority, responsible for running all the hospitals in South London and the South-East of England. He was knighted for his services to the NHS in 1976.

He was an exceptionally kind, gentle and humane man with a questioning mind and optimistic approach to life. He retained his sharp intellect until the end of his life and was always very engaged with the world around him.

Sarah Bell

JULIAN LYON TAYLOR (1937-2017)

Julian Lyon Taylor was born in Darjeeling, India, where his father was a tea planter. He returned to England with his mother and sister at the outbreak of war and lived in Ashtead, Horsham and then Cranleigh. His love of cricket developed while at Charterhouse.

After playing for the school, he went on to play for MCC, Sussex Martlets, Butterflies and Flemish Giants. He was also a keen tennis player.

He married Jilly in 1975 and they brought up their three sons in Isington, Hampshire. Julian commuted to the City, spending almost his entire working life in investment management with Kleinwort Benson.

After retirement Julian spent much of his time gardening and with involvement in the local church, where he served as Reader and much else. He also continued to enjoy annual skiing trips and was disappointed to have to cancel a planned trip to Zermatt at the age of 79, when he first became ill with pancreatic cancer. He endured his illness with great fortitude and courage, sustained by his deep Christian faith.

Jilly Lyon Taylor

HOWARD SPENCER (1941-2017)

Howard first came on the radar when making a lot of runs for the Seagulls of Seaford vs the Martlets in 1960. He was swiftly signed on! As he was for MCC and Buccaneers.

He was always a most welcome inclusion in Martlet teams – especially against Schools, such as St George's, and was always one of the first I asked – and helped to make the day go with a swing, quite apart from his elegant batting. He had a warmth of contact and appreciation of the skills, and foibles, of the participants.

He kept a little book about each match he played in, with observations and comments about the play and the people. What he wrote was no secret, but he added a disclaimer that people read at their own risk! A treasure trove of memories.

This alertness enabled him to produce a booklet "Moore Cricket" about the Buccaneers and its founder, Geoffrey Moore. It is a small masterpiece in which he brought his journalistic skills to bear, and contains invaluable pen portraits and statistics of the club and opponents.

It would be interesting to see what he wrote after the Martlets v MCC match at Hove in 1967 where he watched, as non-striker, as three well known Martlet players got out in the first over, leaving the score at 12 for three, with the ball not having touched the ground. He certainly had an amused look on his face, and then saved the day with a century.

I was lucky enough to have a long chat with him at the 2016 Former Sussex YC and Young Amateur lunch, and the ebb and flow of the talk has provided me with so much to remember him by.

A fine man and true Martlet.

Brian O'Gorman

Many thanks to those who kindly supplied photographs for this edition, especially the Norfolk family (Lady Mary), Sussex Cricket Museum (Hubert Doggart), Sussex CCC (Rob Andrew), Adrian White (golf), Mark Trubshaw (Irish tour) John Bettridge (Junior Martlets) and Colin Oliver-Redgate (the dinner).

BOOK REVIEW

Sussex Martlets CC 1905–2016: A Miscellany by Peter Hartland. (Edited by Nicholas Sharp and Norman Epps).



John Ashworth · The Sussex Martlets Cricket Club

June 12, 2017

The end of another fine partnership, at Goodwood earlier this month. Just think, these batsmen have over 3,300 Martlet runs between them.



John Ashworth posted this telling picture on Facebook this summer. Of course, cricket is all about the partnerships, and Ashers, we promise not to look too closely at how that vast aggregate of runs is actually distributed. But how did our former Chairman know the figures?

Step forward this invaluable volume, modestly dubbed a 'Miscellany', by statistics guru Peter Hartland. He has scoured ancient Wisdens, foxed scorecards and Sandy's notebooks to put together a definitive tour d'horizon of the Sussex Martlets over more than a century.

Adorned by a typically fluent cameo foreword by Johnny Barclay, here is a veritable rattlebag of honours boards, pen portraits and telling names. It's a joy to dip back into the past, to revel in those timeless golden years when a wandering side could play 99 games a year and a batsman press on to his triple century. There is no more concrete proof of the extraordinary commitment to the Martlets of such figures as Gerry Campbell, Eddie Harrison, Sandy Ross, Brian O'Gorman and Derek Semmence than the towering statistical feats numbered in these pages.

As ever, though, while statistics do not lie, they often tell only half truths. In the batting pantheon, your reviewer finds himself ahead of luminaries like Mark Semmence, Nick Seager and Adam Davies. Well, not even my mother thinks I'm a better batsman than those three... but at least I'm still streets ahead of Ashworth.

Sam Carter

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