



The Duke of Norfolk prepares to bat, with Gordon Smyth & Edward Cazalet in the background. Arundel Castle (1964)

1 0 0 N O T O U T !

The Martlets are most grateful for 70 years of Norfolk patronage: Bernard, Duke of Norfolk (1935-75), his wife, Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk (1978-95) and now their daughter, Lady Mary Mumford (1996-).

Ever since my sisters and I started to enjoy watching cricket at Arundel, the Martlets were amongst our favourites. We had fun, we made friends and the sun always seemed to shine.

My father had six friendly matches on Sundays during the summer. To him the Martlets were very important and so was Eddie Harrison, who helped him not only with the Martlets game but with all the matches.

We had the same boring lunch every time in a large marquee. When at last my father decided to build the pavilion (with the interior being, on his instructions, precisely 22 yards), it didn't enter his head to include showers in the changing rooms.

After long discussions, during which he remarked "We only play one-day not three-day matches here," I finally persuaded him that it would be a good idea!

The food improved too!

My mother, for whom cricket came a poor second to racing, felt very honoured when she was asked to succeed my father as Patron.

Likewise I too feel very honoured to succeed her. As Patron I congratulate you on completing your first century, and wish you all well as you set out for the double century.

Long may the connection between the Martlets and Arundel continue.

Lady Mary Mumford.

MARKING OUR CENTENARY...

A hundred years of Martlet cricket has brought letters of best wishes and recollections from three Sussex cricketers, two past and one present, to mark this very special landmark. Ed

From The Rt Rev Lord Sheppard of Liverpool.

I gladly send my congratulations and best wishes to the Sussex Martlets on their Centenary.

The Martlets played a significant part in introducing me to Sussex cricket. I recall a disastrous match when the Junior Martlets (playing 15 players) were bowled out for 57 by our seniors. I rather think I batted number 13 that day. But a year or so later we turned the tables and produced a very honourable score.

I also played for the Martlets – was it celebrating 50 years? – against the County. The County players who were Amateurs – yes it was all those years ago – played for the Martlets. AND we gave them a run for their money.

Yours sincerely,

David Sheppard.

From Robin Marlar (Sussex & England).

Whilst my affection for the Martlets is huge and undying, a letter such as yours prompts the thought that I have been, at best, a perfectly useless member. I suppose three or four Junior Martlet games – I recall a rather fierce battle at Tunbridge Wells – and not a single game, I think, for the Seniors. Ouch! The fact is that because I was wrapped up in Young Amateur cricket, they took precedence and then later I had to do time with the Club & Ground and 2nd XI before getting a regular Sussex place in 1952, aged 21. After that, the needs of the family and the fact that I lived outside the county meant that contact was minimal. Except, of course, at Arundel, where the great Eddie was wonderfully installed in the role of Prince Regent to Bernard's King. Happy days indeed.

In one of the big NPFA matches at Arundel, I found myself bowling at HRH Prince Philip. He hit me straight certainly for one, if not two sixes and became mighty excited. So, too, did C.B. Fry, who wrote me a hand written note to get me to persuade HRH, through the Duke of Norfolk, to play far more attention to his cricket,

to increase his enjoyment in it and by more frequent appearances, stimulate the game itself. As he mentioned at the County Championship presentation in 2004, he gave it up in favour of polo. So I proved a lousy advocate.

What I could do, however, was bowl to Dukes. Edinburgh's sixes induced quite a bit of banter at Arundel with those wagers that aren't wagers being struck all around, in relation to Bernard hitting a six off someone, preferably me! I think that he skippered the Martlets and I was in charge of the Sussex XI. When Bernard came in, I put myself on to bowl. I had by then "a cunning plan." Whereas Philip could swing straight and therefore needed a nice juicy half-volley just outside off stump, Bernard could only swing across his body. What he needed, therefore, was a full toss about hip height which he could whack over mid-wicket. As colleagues will tell you, I was a pretty adept purveyor of both these bad balls! One or two full bangers proved too straight for Bernard, but eventually I got it right and he smote the ball well over the ropes. He was absolutely delighted. As for me, my reputation was made, uniquely so, as the only bowler to be hit for six by two Dukes in the same season – or something! A reputation not widely known about until your Centenary book.

From Robin Martin-Jenkins (Sussex)

I've not played as much 'wandering' cricket as I'd have liked over the past few years. The professional cricketer's schedule gets busier every year and a day off these days really needs to do what it says on the tin. I have played enough, though, to know that wandering clubs form an integral part of the organism that is cricket in this country. Wandering cricket is cricket as it probably ought to be. It is perhaps the last remaining link to cricket's golden past, where the games were played to win but where the handshakes at the end were genuine. The last time I played a game for my Sussex league club, Horsham, I was sledged by the opposition's overseas bowler from the moment I arrived at the crease to the moment I left it, 12 awkward runs later. The last time I played for a wandering club the bowler applauded one of my boundaries and then apologised to me after sending down a bouncer next ball. Great stuff.

It is testament to many peoples' continuing hard work that the Martlets are celebrating their centenary this year. I wish them well and hope their place in English cricket is secure for at least another hundred years.

SUMMERS BY THE SEA – David Gibbs

From the Foreword:

We all love playing cricket – at least I think that would go for most of the readers of this lovely book – because the game makes us feel happy. We have a go at batting and bowling, fielding and catching but, above all, we find ourselves among friends, if not so much at the beginning of the day, certainly by the end. Friendships within cricket and friendships for life. That for me is what the Sussex Martlets, their cricket and their golf, is all about.

John Barclay

John Woodcock (former cricket correspondent of *The Times*) has kindly contributed the following article, inspired by *Summers by the Sea*.

Warm congratulations, first of all, on the centenary of your famous and delightful club, two virtues that are not necessarily complementary. Like all the old wandering clubs which bear their county's name, the Martlets are a colourful and distinctive part of the fabric of our game. What a bonus too, not to have to play for points, with the stress which that entails.

Martin Speight's picture on the cover of David Gibbs' essential history of the club is beautifully evocative of the joys and privilege of being a Martlet, whether or not in a playing capacity. The fixture list for 1965, which is reproduced in the history, is a wonderful piece of cricketing memorabilia: 106 matches, many of them played on perfectly lovely grounds, with a week at Oxford and another at Cambridge thrown in, and many weekends when two, once even three, sides were put out on the same day. Having played with the inimitable Eddie Harrison, I am well aware how keenly many of them would have been contested, and how, as Honorary Secretary, he would have wanted to know why only 20 of them were won!

All the most illustrious names of Sussex cricket over the last 100 years have worn the colours of the Martlets. I was fortunate enough to tour Australia with several of them. David Sheppard was a rising star with Freddie Brown's side in 1950-51 and a person of repute by the time he went again in 1962-63. On successive visits to Melbourne on that second tour he scored a hundred in a Test match which England won and filled the Anglican cathedral when he preached there at evensong, a double of mythological proportions. With the great Duke of Norfolk as the most benevolent of managers and Ted Dexter as the most independent of captains, the tour of



John Woodcock playing at Arundel in 1964 for our Patron & her sister Lady Sarah Fitzalan Howard.

1962-63, the last on which we sailed out, was quite a Sussex bonanza.

When we next went, in 1965-66, Billy Griffith was the manager, as caring in everything he did as today he would have been confounded by all the hype. Not on that tour but on an earlier one, I had the pleasure of being on the same table as Arthur and Penny Gilligan in the dining room on the S.S. Orsova, together with Ian Peebles, an incomparable raconteur, Alan Ross, poet laureate of the Martlets, and Jim Swanton, who kept us in order. By 1970-71 John Snow had developed from Junior Martlet to being one of the best fast bowlers England ever sent to Australia, while at Brisbane in 1974-75 Tony Greig made as fearless a hundred, against Thomson and Lillee, as I ever saw.

Just two more memories of Martlets, both from Oxford immediately after the Second World War. The first is of John Bartlett, still only seventeen, wheeling away with his orthodox left-arm spinners and claiming many a distinguished victim in the summer of 1946. There to watch him, as familiar a figure in the Parks as he was a stalwart of the Martlets after the Summer Fields term had ended, the snow-capped and willowy "G.B" (Geoffrey Bolton). I still have his letter wondering whether I would be interested in joining the staff at Summer Fields when I went down, an ordeal which the boys were spared.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The centenary committee have managed to plan for a memorable and exciting package of events for 2005. I must thank them very sincerely for all their hard work – Nigel Russell, Alan Wadey, Ben Green, Ham Whitty and John Whittaker, not forgetting Adrian Ford before he left for Australia in the autumn of 2003. We first met at the end of the summer of 2001! I do hope every member will be involved at some stage in 2005. It should be so much fun. I am sure we will all catch up with old friends and renew old memories, recalling the stories of the past.

The plans outlined in the last edition of *The Martlet* have changed very little:

- 15th April Dinner Dance at the Grand Hotel, Brighton.
There will be an auction (not a raffle throughout the season, as advertised last year).
- 20th May Golfing Day at the Mid Sussex Golf Club.
- 22nd May Martlets v Sir Paul Getty's XI at Wormsley.
- 15th June Martlets v Broadhalfpenny Brigands at Broadhalfpenny Down.
- 11th July Martlets v Sussex Academy, Hove (floodlit)
- 5th August Martlets v Junior Martlets at Arundel Castle.
- 6th August Six-a-side Tournament at Arundel Castle.
- 7th August Martlets v Duke of Norfolk's XI at Arundel Castle.
- 9th – 17th September Martlet Tour to the Dordogne.

The three day festival at Arundel Castle should be very special. We are also arranging a match against the Cross Arrows on the Nursery Ground at Lord's in September.

Summers By the Sea – the Centenary History of The Sussex Martlets is now on sale at £15 per copy for members from Charles Wadey & Sons Ltd., Parbrook, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9ET. My very great thanks to David Gibbs for all the hours he has spent bringing this labour of love to us, and also to Richard Guy, our highly professional and excellent publisher.

Please avail yourselves of a Centenary purchase – our special tie and a silver salver dish. These are super souvenirs that every Martlet should have!

Again my great and grateful thanks are due to all our officers, match managers, umpires and scorers – having scorers at nearly every match in 2004 made an enormous difference. Thank you to one and all.

I also want to thank Joe Hudson, John Barclay, Alan Wadey and all those at Arundel, including Colin Dick

and his team, for they do so much for the Martlets. On the eve of the Centenary, our friendship and special relationship has never meant more to us. If you are not already a member, please do consider joining the Friends of Arundel Castle C.C.

Finally, the generosity of members, especially our Vice Presidents has been fantastic. These contributions enable our Centenary plans to go ahead and in some style. It will be much appreciated. What a year it promises to be – players, please apply for as many matches as you can and non-players, please come and enjoy what I am sure will be some great cricket. Have a magnificent 2005!

Sandy Ross

MARTLETS CRICKET IN 2004.

RESULTS (P - 31; W - 9; L - 8; D - 10; NR - 4)

Brighton College 220-9 (J. Wills 5-32).

Martlets 205-8 (T. Mynott 60, J. Wills 41). DRAWN

St George's Weybridge – MATCH ABANDONED

Martlets 147 (T. Dodd 45).

Lancing College 116 (R. Frean 3-20). WON

Martlets 227 (R. Emrit 86, M. Harrison 59).

M.C.C 163 (K. Ibrahim 4-18, J. Wills 4-56). WON

Stragglers of Asia 139 152-9 dec. (K. Russell 4-25).

Martlets 153-7 (K. Russell 53). WON

Lady Mary Mumford's XI 301-4 dec.

Martlets 200-5 (T. Peirce 85, J. Wills 53*). DRAWN

Martlets 160-4 dec. (D. Semmence 62)

Seaford College 115 (R. Emrit 3-14). WON

Martlets 174-8 dec. (G. West 41, S. Ritchie 56)

Goodwood 175-8 (P. Cohen 5-57). LOST

Free Foresters 237-5 dec.

Martlets 241-7 (Abeed 74*). WON

Hurstpierpoint College 231 (W. Bicket 5-39).

Martlets 103-7. DRAWN

Martlets 189-5 dec. (D. Semmence 49*).

Newick 190-5 (J. Chadburn 4-45). LOST.

Christ's Hospital – MATCH ABANDONED.

Shopwyke Strollers – CANCELLED

Eastbourne College 248-7 dec.

Martlets 229-7 (S. Hoadley 79, M. Bush 63). DRAWN

Old Brightonians – CANCELLED.

Martlets 227-2 dec. (E. McGregor 87, S. Carter 82)

De Flamingos – MATCH ABANDONED

Lancing Rovers 315-6 dec.

Martlets 243 (S. Ritchie 109) LOST (50 over match)

Martlets 249-7 dec. (N. Creed 86, M. Tomsett 60)
Old Eastbournians 250-5 (L. Winter 4-49). LOST

Martlets 175 (E. McGregor 40)
Old Amplefordians 172 (M. Murray 3-28). WON

XL Club 256-6 dec.

Martlets 172-7. DRAWN

Willow Warblers 263-9 dec. (M. Murray 5-71)

Martlets 255-9 (A. Dodsworth 62). DRAWN

Martlets 182 (S. Warrender 70))

Yellowhammers 183-7. LOST.

Bradfield Waifs 222-5 dec.

Martlets 223-7 (C. Tucker 52). WON

Cryptics 259-8 dec. (N. Epstein 5-65)

Martlets 229 (M. Gardner 68). LOST

Martlets 237-9 dec. (J. Dahl 62).

Bluemantles 131 (S. Ross 3-18). WON

Martlets 201-5 dec. (S. Hoadley 106*)

Old Hurstjohnians 202-7. LOST

Martlets 279-5 dec. (S. Carter 103, A. Dodsworth 63*)

Cuckfield 248 (W. Bicket 3-16). WON

Martlets 206-8 dec. (R. Iago 66)

Frogs 207-7. LOST

Martlets 273-6 dec. (S. Carter 66, E. McGregor 62, M. Murray 55*).

H.A.C 115-9. DRAWN

Martlets 209-7 dec. (R. Iago 75, S. Carter 60)

Junior Martlets 190-8 (W. Ross 65). DRAWN

Band of Brothers 230-9 dec. (G. Martin 3-25).

Martlets 167-7 (R. Chaudhuri 52). DRAWN.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON:

- Of the seven losses, six were lost with less than 2 overs to go.
- Congratulations to Ed McGregor for being selected for Cardiff UCCE and playing against Hampshire at Southampton, and getting some runs.
- Congratulations also to Abeed Janmohamed on his international debut for Kenya against Namibia as wicketkeeper/batsman (match drawn)
- Sam Carter scored a total of 458 runs – over 200 runs more than anyone else – and took 13 wickets. Definitely Martlet Man of the Year!
- The ever youthful Johnny Wills also showed that he still worth his match fees with 143 runs and 19 wickets.

Another highly enjoyable and successful season with some excellent and competitive cricket. Match managers

are to be congratulated for getting good sides together, with many new and younger members playing. The future is indeed bright.

Sandy Ross

AVERAGES.

Batting (4 innings)

	I	N.O	H.S	Runs	Av.
D. Semmence	7	5	62	216	108.00
A. Dodsworth	4	1	63*	168	56.00
S. Carter	9	0	103	458	50.88
N. Creed	4	1	86	144	48.00
S. Ritchie	6	0	109	237	39.50
M. Harrison	4	0	59	156	39.00
J. Wills	8	4	53*	143	35.75
A. Janmohamed	4	1	74*	101	33.66
E. McGregor	8	0	87	223	27.87
J. Dahl	8	0	62	207	25.87
R. Iago	10	0	75	221	22.10
C. Tucker	6	1	52	110	22.00

(Centuries – S. Ritchie, S. Hoadley, S. Carter)

Bowling (5 wkts)

	O	M	R	W	Av.
P. Cohen	12.5	1	57	5	11.40
M. Murray	30	2	120	10	12.00
S. Carter	30	1	170	13	13.07
R. Emrit	28.3	7	77	5	15.40
N. Epstein	30	6	127	8	15.87
S. Ross	41.2	10	103	6	17.16
K. Russell	24	6	93	5	18.60
W. Bicket	54.5	13	187	9	20.77
J. Wills	90.5	10	415	19	21.84
R. Frean	35.3	3	194	7	27.71
M. Harrison	50	7	204	6	34.00

(4 wkts in an innings – J. Wills (2), K. Ibrahim, K. Russell, J. Chadburn. P. Cohen, W. Bicket, M. Murray, L. Winter)

MARTLETS CENTENARY TOUR THE DORDOGNE – September 2005.

The team will be staying at Le Manoir de Longeveau and are playing 3 matches:

Sunday 11 th	Eymet
Tuesday 13 th	St. Aulaye
Thursday 15 th	Gentlemen of South West France

The sub-committee is planning a memorable week, and anyone wishing to join the party should contact Chris Gray on 01444 411472, by email on chris.gray@hppc.co.uk or by writing to him at the address in the handbook. He will be asking you for a £50 deposit at this stage, which will not be refundable after April 2005. The total cost will be in the region of £300-400, plus travel.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE MATCH: SUSSEX C.C.C. v



Back Row: JG Cox (scorer), PMH Robinson, EG Oldham, DJ Mordaunt, KR Jenkin, DB Lattey, AGD Corbett, CJR Hawke, AG Edwards (umpire). **Front Row:** DC Dickinson, DS Sheppard, CB Fry, RG Stainton (capt), G Bolton, GHG Doggart, EE Harrison

Sussex C.C.C XII

John Langridge, c Robinson b Harrison	30
D.V. Smith, lbw b Mordaunt	39
A.S.M. Oakman, c and b Dickinson	24
G. Cox, c Sheppard b Dickinson	29
James Langridge, c Robinson b Harrison	36
A.A.K. Lawrence, c Corbett b Robinson	56
G.C. Cooper, c Stainton b Sheppard	47
N.I. Thomson, not out	16
R.G. Marlar, run out	0

Extras 12

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 289

R.T. Webb, A.E. James & D.J. Wood did not bat.

Sussex Martlets XII

R.G. Stainton, b Thomson	0
D.S. Sheppard, c Cooper b Marlar	42
E.G. Oldham c John Langridge b Thomson	0
G.H.G. Doggart, c Webb b Thomson	9
D.B.T. Lattey st Webb b Marlar	36
P.M.H. Robinson, c Webb b Cooper	5
D.J. Mordaunt, b Marlar	32
K.R. Jenkin, c and b Smith	17
A.G.D. Corbett, c and b Marlar	2
E.E. Harrison, not out	1
C.J.R. Hawke, not out	0

Extras 16
Total (for 9 wkts) 160**Bowling Analysis:**

	O	M	R	W
Dickinson	22	4	89	2
Harrison	12	3	59	2
Mordaunt	8	1	36	1
Doggart	15	2	48	0
Robinson	8	0	44	1
Sheppard	1	0	1	1

Bowling Analysis:

	O	M	R	W
Thomson	13	3	40	3
Wood	5	0	7	0
James	8	3	9	0
Ja. Langridge	4	0	20	0
Marlar	11	2	55	4
Smith	3	1	6	1
Cooper	4	1	7	1

SUSSEX MARTLETS- HOVE, SEPTEMBER 3rd 1955.

It was a perfect cricketing day in August and a reasonable crowd was present, certainly by far the largest any match in which I played for the Martlets ever attracted. The pitch was well over to the pavilion and sitting just to the right of the players' gate was Arthur Gilligan – what a cricketer he had been!

Sussex batted first and went on far too long. Our opening bowling was in the hands of Eddie Harrison and David Dickinson. They were followed by David Mordaunt, who I do remember bowling rather well at a brisk fast-medium. Hubert Doggart and Peter Robinson, who was a very competent all-rounder, also bowled.

Also playing, Derek Corbett was the only club cricketer batsman other than myself who did not bowl. He was a very good cricketer who destroyed club bowlers, but being a schoolmaster, only appeared in the summer holidays.

I recall we got well into the Sussex innings, and Cooper, Lawrence and Thomson were all padded up. When our turn came, we started with David Sheppard and Oldham. He was a puzzle to me, as I had never met him before and never did again, despite playing a lot of Martlets cricket about that time. Hubert Doggart and Bob Stainton came next, followed by myself at no. 5. When I arrived we had not seen off the openers, and Thomson was still bowling. My first ball I played back and got into a tangle. If a short leg had been there, he probably would have caught it. At the end of the over, David Sheppard came down the wicket and told me that I must always play forward to Thomson, as he comes on to you faster than you expect. After that, I had no further trouble with him.

David was out before I was for 42, caught by Graham Cooper off Robin Marlar. I remained for a while making some 30 odd, but the match ended in a rather dull draw, which was a pity.

I can add some personal recollections of my own innings. I remember playing against James Langridge and Robin Marlar.

A club cricketer should know his own umpire. I had played a lot with George Downs standing for the Martlets and I knew he would never give an LBW against a batsman if you got well down the wicket. So playing Robin, there was an obvious way to play – with the front leg well forward. This I did well enough. Robin appealed and George gave me not out. It soon penetrated and

Robin went around the wicket. I did it again, and this time Robin was sure he had got me out. George looked very uncomfortable and gave it not out. (In those days the old LBW rules applied and it did not matter if a shot was not offered).

With Robin bowling from the Cromwell Road end, the short boundary to the pavilion was very tempting, and I aimed for it. Unfortunately I miscued and it fell straight into the hands of George Cox, who dropped it! Robin was far from pleased and I feared for George, who was a good friend, as he played for Horsham, my home club, every September after the first-class season had ended. Robin won in the end, as I was well stumped by Rupert Webb off a good lifter.

I must say that even without the first class cricketers the Martlets side would have coped with most club sides. Incidentally, Chris Hawke was still a schoolboy of enormous promise behind the stumps. I think something happened to him, as he disappeared from the cricket scene

Derek Lattey.

My own memories are limited to the very talkative old man who turned out to be CB Fry and being dropped with a sitter by John Langridge, which I attributed to the fact that his wife had been my father's secretary in the war, and my coach at Hurst in '45.

Keith Jenkin

CB Fry certainly came to the Martlets dinner...in, I think, our 50th year. As he left, to be driven back to London from the Dudley Hotel, we called on him to say a few words, whereupon he told us that, whereas the standard of English batting had definitely declined since his day, the standard of after-dinner speaking had certainly improved. He died the following September.

Hubert Doggart.

For most of the last 50 years since the Martlets Match v The County in 1955, I have had a small framed photo of the Martlets team in my sitting room wherever I have lived. It is in the house here as I write this. However my memory of any particular event of the day is vague in the extreme. The only thing that I can remember clearly is being introduced to a small wizened old man in the Pavilion when I came off the field, who said he had played cricket with my grandfather. It was of course C.B. Fry, who I believe was in the same Oxford side as my grandfather G.J. Mordaunt in 1895.

David Mordaunt

(Any further memories are most welcome. Ed.)

THE JUNIOR MARTLETS 2004

"Isn't it good, next year we will be a better team as we will be a year older." Words spoken by a 15 year old Junior Martlet after the Arundel game, which reflected very much the spirit that ran through the squad this year. The feeling of involvement in Martlets cricket as opposed to merely turning out for an attractive game has been growing in recent years and was particularly strong in 2004.

There is for any young cricketer an obvious attraction in the chance to play "one-off" matches on good grounds. The need for the club that provides such an opportunity is to cultivate sufficient numbers of these youngsters to grow into stalwarts of the senior club. That is the justification for the expense and effort of running such a nursery. A look at the current membership list and teams in 2004 offers great encouragement in this direction. Non-payment of subscriptions is still a problem (of all ages), but a scheme is at hand which may help with this.

A summary of the 2004 season:

Babes of Kent 163 (J. Burrows 5-33)

Junior Martlets 165-4 (G. Martin 42). WON.

It is always good to beat the Babes – especially by as much as 6 wkts – but this was a curate's egg of a match. There was a spell of very poor cricket before lunch with wild bowling and eccentric field placing. However, thereafter it improved and some excellent bowling by Josh Burrows was rewarded with a good win, brought about by a lively innings from the captain, George Martin, aided by an excellent stand of 70 between two youngsters, Lawrence Wisdom and Nick Seager, both sons of distinguished Martlets.

Junior Martlets 198-8 dec. (C. Lee 42, C. Hammond 42, N. Campion 40)

Junior Bluemantles 201-6 (A. Jackson 95). LOST

An excellent game of cricket on a lively pitch, decided in the Bluemantles' favour by a brilliant innings by their captain, who scored 95 out of a 111 scored whilst he was at the wicket.

Brighton & Hove 222-2 dec. (N. Seager 71*)

Junior Martlets 162-7 (M. Parnall 36). DRAWN.

The formidable total was too high a mountain for the Juniors, but they held out with good rearguard actions from Matt Parnall, Alastair James and Joe Saunders.

Junior Martlets 250-4 dec. (N. Campion 119*, W. Ross 58)

Hampshire Hoggetts 218 (J. Jupp 4-49). WON.

Another splendid game, which fluctuated violently and was much closer than the final scores would indicate. The Juniors' innings was too slow at first on a fast scoring ground. However, William Ross opened out to make his maiden 50 for the Juniors and Nick Campion scored a brilliant 100 in quick time to ensure a good total.

At 65-4 the Hoggetts were in deep trouble, but a stand of 130 looked to have brought them home. However, a quite wonderful outfield catch by the 14 year old James Askew, who kindly came in as a last-minute sub., turned the game. Cricket at its best!

Sussex Martlets 209-8 (R. Iago 75, S. Carter 60, C. Hammond 3-42)

Junior Martlets 190-8 (W. Ross 65)

A beautiful day, the fine ground at its best with a good number of supporters and parents conjured up a scene that was quintessentially English.

The match did not disappoint, as good bowling and sharp fielding by the Juniors severely restricted a strong batting side. A grudging declaration which left the boys with 18 overs less was no deterrent and they finished just short, with a good 50 from William Ross, well supported by George Martin, Matt Parnall and Nick Seager. Three father/son combination on the ground (Ross, Seager and Wisdom) promised well for the future of the club.

All in all, it was a really good year; enjoyable and competitive with a good squad to take into 2005.

We are still not getting many names from the schools and most of the young players are being nominated from within the club. So members, keep the names coming please!

Thanks are due to Derek Semmence for organising the under 15 game with Brighton & Hove, and to all the supportive parents, particularly George Hammond and Casey Lee.

On a personal note, next year will be my tenth with the Juniors and it will be an appropriate time to hand over to Chris Snell. Chris, a former headmaster, will liaise with the schools and will I am sure add greatly to the strength of the Junior Martlets.

John Bushell

RAMBLINGS ON A MIS-SPENT YOUTH

It was at Epsom College during the summer holidays that I first came across the Sussex Martlets. I vividly remember meeting one Tony Beadles playing in his Old Boys' Week, resplendent in his cricket kit, and being more impressed on the day by his much-faded Martlet cap than his batting! Already a fanatically keen cricketer myself, I vowed – aged 12 – to add those colours to my collection at some future date. It took a further ten years before I met up with the club again, when a certain David Nicholson joined my then club, Leatherhead C.C. We played together every week for the next two seasons, during which time both my experience and alcohol consumption were raised to new levels (in direct proportion to the diminution of my bank balance). I was duly elected to the Club in the summer of 1968.

First playing impressions were highly promising and I recall my introduction to the magnificent arena that is the Arundel Castle ground, where my initiation included taking six wickets and scoring 40 not out – however, I should confess that we were only playing the Eton Ramblers!

Over the ensuing thirty years (can it really be that long?), many happy days were spent in the Martlet colours playing against opposing teams of varying quality. It should always be remembered that one of the Club's fundamental purposes should be to promote the noble game and to represent the professional county side throughout Sussex and elsewhere – this can, of course, involve attempting to match playing skills of the most rural with those of the more cultured, which can and does lead to the occasional embarrassing defeat.

So many amusing memories of matches and individual performances over the years – just a few of which spring to mind as I write...

- witnessing Larry O'Callaghan (every team's automatic No. 11) swat a long-hop off his nose and glove for his maiden six one afternoon at Newick – the boundary being just 18 yards from the bat!
- Being present on the Saffrons against Eastbourne when a medium-paced trundler, Nick Chamberlen, ripped out the middle order with a never-to-be-repeated hat-trick – a truly unique moment in Martlet cricketing history!
- Again against arch rivals Eastbourne, where there was always an aggressive edge between the two sides (*really Norman? Ed*), Bob Gale with

his almost inevitable 100 before lunch and the more extraordinary spectacle of the home team's off spinner (and local policeman) being called for throwing – his excuse: our “slow scoring rate”.

- To Henfield where Bob Gale failed to turn up, despite having been wined and dined the night before by our captain to ensure he would play. He was traced later that afternoon to a North London club, where he was scoring heavily.
- Remarkable scenes during a short tour to Spain at La Manga Club, where the behaviour of the very reverend Desmond Devitt (*no relation! Ed*) caused the local Guardia Civil to be summoned to the bar at 4.30 a.m. Only the linguistic skills of yours truly saved him from a night in the local nick.
- The first time I played at the County Ground at Hove, when I was somewhat taken aback to witness a very precocious schoolboy off-spinner, still at Eton College, refusing to be taken off by his captain. This petulant young man went on to become a very successful captain of the county – I am delighted to see that he has lost none of his boyish enthusiasm to this day. Congratulations Johnny Barclay!
- So many fond memories of the stunningly picturesque ground at Arundel Castle: playing over 100 games on a square and outfield that have improved year on year under the keen stewardship of Colin Dick; chasing leather all around the ground as Tony Lush and Mike Ainsworth racked up a partnership of 150+; fielding alone in the covers, but “supported” by two others with a combined age of 120, with the wicket-keeper a youthful 62; walking out to bowl with Colin Cowdrey at the helm, playing against a strong side from South Africa with no opening bowler, but fortified by the knowledge that we had four wicket-keepers in the team....

They were happy times, but I am very much looking forward to the Club's centenary tour to my newly adopted home, in 2005. Who knows, I may get one last opportunity to wear on the field of play those colours I first coveted nearly 40 years ago.

Norman Philpot (aged 30 +)

(Strange how different people view our “jazz hat” – to the likes of Fred Trueman it would have undoubtedly been a target, but has any Martlet ever had his cap knocked off? Or maybe you have been mistaken for a Neapolitan ice-cream...? Ed).

SUSSEX MARTLETS CRICKET ANNUAL QUIZ**by Jamie Nicholson**

1. Who was the leading run scorer in the County Championship in 2004?
2. Which batsman made the highest individual score in the County Championship in 2004?
3. Who won the County Championship second division title in 2004?
4. Who were the 2004 Twenty20 Cup champions?
5. To what did the Derbyshire Scorpions change their name after the 2004 season?
6. Who scored the fastest Test hundred of 2004?
7. Who in 2004 became the first batsman to make 1000 Test runs in a calendar year for four consecutive years?
8. Who won the ICC Champions Trophy in 2004?
9. Who had the following cricket books published in 2004: a) *Playing With Fire*; b) *As It Was*?
10. Which Test cricketer, nicknamed Nuggett, died in 2004?
11. Name the last three World Cup winning captains.
12. Which fast bowlers are known by the following nicknames: a) Whispering Death; b) Big Bird; c) The Rawalpindi Express; d) Typhoon?
13. Who founded: a) *The Cricketer*; b) *Wisden Cricket Monthly*?
14. Which England captain was the grandson of a Poet Laureate?
15. Which former England player committed suicide in 1998?
16. Which English Prime Minister played first-class cricket for Middlesex?
17. What significant contribution to the game did Martha Pocock make?
18. Which former England football captain was a playing member of MCC in the 1990s?
19. Which current Manchester United footballer was a member of the England under-15s cricket team?
20. Which English batsman made 246 not out in a Test match and was dropped for the following Test?
21. Who is the oldest player to have made 1000 first-class runs in an English season?
22. Which Englishman has made the most first-class runs without playing Test cricket?
23. In which cities are the following Test grounds: a) Gadaffi Stadium; b) Newlands; c) Eden Park?
24. For what indiscretion was Bobby Peel 'sacked' from the Yorkshire side?
25. Who played a Test match 22 years after his previous Test appearance?
26. Who was the last person to play both rugby and cricket for England?
27. Which 45-year-old was picked to play for England against West Indies in 1976?

28. Who captained England on 32 occasions and toured Australia five times, but never captained England in Australia?

29. On which ground was the first tied Test played?

30. Which Sussex cricketer played a county championship record of 423 consecutive matches between 1954 and 1969?

And as an aperitif to a much anticipated Ashes series, 10 questions of antipodean flavour:

31. When was the last time England won the Ashes?

32. Which former Australia Test player was killed in 2004 after a brawl outside a pub?

33. Which former Sussex player is the chief executive of the Western Australian Cricket Association?

34. Who infamously instructed whom to bowl underarm to ensure that New Zealand could not beat Australia in a One-Day International?

35. Five Australians have made two or more double hundreds in Test cricket. Bradman is one - name the other four.

36. Four Middlesex players have captained MCC/England tours to Australia. Brearley and Gattling are two - name the others.

37. Which England batsman made his maiden Test hundred in the last Test of the 2001 Ashes series, 10 years after making his Test debut?

38. Who was appointed captain of Australia 10 years after he had retired from cricket?

39. When was Don Bradman's last match against an MCC/England side?

40. Who was Shane Warne's first wicket in an Ashes Test?

And last but by no means least, as a toast to the very finest of hundreds in this centenary year, five questions for the Martlet connoisseur:

41. Whom did Chris Saunders succeed as President of the Sussex Martlets?

42. Which World Cup player was a member of the Martlets' touring party to Australia in 2000?

43. What place in the Martlets' record books does K.R.B. Fry hold?

44. What connection does Sherlock Holmes have with the Sussex Martlets?

45. Which Martlet is famously quoted in Mike Atherton's autobiography as saying: "Colin Cowdrey last week, Michael Atherton this week. A former England captain and a future England captain. How marvellous!"? Which alleged incident is he describing?

(Answers available from the Editor).

THE GOLFING SOCIETY

In this Centennial year the Editor has asked me for a short history lesson rather than a 2003 scorecard. But first it should be recorded that once again a most successful season has been enjoyed although the results have not been quite as impressive as last year, despite the addition of a number of new and younger Martlet golfers to our ranks.

Special mention should be made of our match at Piltdown in that Club's Centenary year when a particularly happy day was enjoyed by all and the Martlets presented Piltdown with a digital weather station which now hangs in the entrance lobby below a handsome brass presentation plaque. John Whittaker represented the Society at Piltdown's Centenary invitation day and dinner earlier in the summer.

Indeed Piltdown is a suitable place to start a brief history of the Martlets golfing Society, as it was in 1910 that the two Clubs played each other in what was each Clubs' first recorded match. But it was not until about 1920 that the Society was formed when the Sundias-Smith family entertained the golfers of the visiting County sides to Hove at the West Hove Club on Sundays, and asked their Sussex Martlet friends to join them.

The idea of starting the 'Martlets' came from J.K.Mathews, aided and abetted by A.E.R.Gilligan, who was then the County Cricket Captain, and 'JK' became the first Hon. Secretary. Matches were arranged with Sussex Clubs, including Worthing, Southdown (Shoreham), Goodwood, Liphook, Seaford, Piltdown and Littlehampton.

From those early days the Society developed; all matches were played in the off-season and there were no competition days.

During the post war years the Society grew in membership and played more matches. The Society continues to flourish with about forty or so active playing members and matches being played against Royal Ashdown Forest, West Sussex, Hankley Common, Littlehampton, Piltdown, Seaford, Cooden Beach, Rye and Bluemantles. It is a wonderful Society, which enhances the wider reputation of our great cricket club and is a priceless means of sustaining old friendships and gives huge fun and enjoyment to all who participate.

Before ending this report, it is my sad duty to record the deaths of Mike Sugden and Gordon Smyth. Peter Ross and Colin Sharman have written moving tributes, which

appear below. They were both much loved by all Martlets who played cricket and golf with them, and will be sadly missed by their many friends, in Gordon's case, all over the world.

Ham Whitty.

MARTLET CENTENARY GOLF DAY

Friday 20th May 2005

To complement the cricket festivities planned to celebrate our Centenary Year, an enlarged Centenary Golf Day will be held at the Mid Sussex Golf Club, Ditchling on 20th May. The day's format will be an 18 holes Stableford competition played in teams of four, teeing off between 1 and 2 pm, followed by a sit down Buffet Reception and Prizegiving. Cost for the day: £50.

The Mid Sussex course offers a good test of golf, without being too demanding, with wide open spaces on the off and leg side and no heather or gorse. It is beautifully situated close to the Downs. ALL Martlets who play golf, regardless of age or ability, are encouraged to take the day off and join their Martlet friends for what we hope will be a great celebration of Martlet golf, which will tee off the year's centennial sporting events.

Do send us back the return slip attached to the flyer which you should have received advertising the day, or contact Ham Whitty (01825 722251) or John Whittaker (01323 491683) for further details, or if you would like to play, either individually or enter a team.

OBITUARY – MIKE SUGDEN

Golfing Martlets will be very sad to hear of the death of Michael Sugden in August 2004. Over the past few years, with his health failing, he showed great courage and determination to carry on as normal, and he never lost his sense of fun. He was a loyal supporter of the Club and with his willingness to play anywhere, coupled with his low handicap, he will be sorely missed. He was such an enthusiast for the game, but it would be true to say that golf had an unexpected effect on his earlier life. After a distinguished all-round career at Sherborne, he passed into Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he was clearly in line for a Golf Blue. Unfortunately, in spite of his considerable academic ability, his dedication to chipping, putting and the rhythm of golf, was not matched by attendance at the lectures! As a result, at the end of the year, he left to go into industry with the Metal Box Company. After a few years, he changed direction to become a teacher and finally a highly successful Headmaster of Great Ballard School. As a magistrate and High Sheriff, he had a full and productive life

outside the school. He was a life long supporter of Arsenal and with his seat near the directors' box, seldom missed a match. However his friends will remember him most for his competitiveness in the best sporting tradition (except perhaps when a penalty was awarded against Arsenal), his splendid hospitality and above all else for his wonderful sense of humour.

Colin Sharman

OBITUARY – GORDON SMYTH

Gordon sadly died on 22 July last year after a long and debilitating illness. Some of us were fortunate to see his frail yet immaculate figure at Ashdown when it was apparent that that may be our last chance to appreciate this fine unassuming man who had achieved sufficient success to warrant a glowing obituary in *The Times*.

From this we learn that having taken over the Duke of Norfolk's string of nearly 50 horses in 1961, he saddled 37 winners in his first season. After continued success with horses such as Sky Gipsy in 1965 he took over Jack Gosden's yard at Lewes where he was fortunate to have Charlottown, with which he won the Derby the following year and the Coronation Cup in 1967. In 1977 he decided to set up in Hong Kong with his second wife Sue, and engendered such success and respect that, when in 1988 he eventually retired and settled in Plumpton, he was in much demand for finding suitable bloodstock for his Chinese friends.

Gordon then had a handicap of six and joined Royal Ashdown Forest where he found many old Martlet friends. He managed the Hankley Common match for a number of years in the nineties until illness began to take hold. He will be remembered by many for his gentlemanly manner, slow knowing smile and a laid back demeanour, which hid a steely resolve when the chips were down. Derek Bingley may recall on his Martlet debut that they were four down with five to play when Gordon drilled a superb iron to the centre of the 14th, and turned to Derek and said "We can win this," and so they did!

I had a foretaste of this lover of fine wines, champagne and Monte Cristo cigars in 1948 when, fresh out of school and away from home, Gordon took me under his wing. We played cricket for Arundel British Legion and rugby for Brighton. Training for this consisted not only of trampling with studded boots the hallowed turf of the Duke's lovely cricket ground, but also attempting the 'Arundel Run'. There were sixteen pubs in the town then and the aim was to have a glass of ale and a game of darts in each one, all in one evening! I can remember

starting the exercise several times but, unsurprisingly, do not recall completing the course.

This kind and thoughtful man always had time in life's hurly-burly to 'stop and smell the flowers'. As a testimony to his successful and happy life and the esteem in which he was held, St Michael's Church at Plumpton was full to overflowing for his Thanksgiving Service, with latecomers having to sit outside.

Peter Ross.

OBITUARY – SIR ALASTAIR MORTON

Sir Alastair Morton died on 1st September 2004 at his home in Bosham. He had been a Martlet since the mid 1970's, introduced to the Club by Eddie Harrison. He became the public face of the Chunnel project as joint chairman of the project for 10 years from the mid 80's, and television viewers became used to his aggressive and dogged style, which so endeared him to Margaret Thatcher as the right man to see the job through. He was born in the Cape in 1938 of a Scottish father and Afrikaner mother, educated in South Africa, at Oxford and at MIT in the States. He began his working life with de Beers in Rhodesia, and after a short stint with the International Finance Corporation in Washington DC, he made England his home in 1967 working for the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation, a *quango* in Wilson's Labour Government. His growing reputation as a ruthless financier with other successful City posts bought him to the attention of the Chunnel Group, where his name became synonymous with a single-minded approach to project management. Following the Chunnel's opening in 1994 he joined the Board of National Power, then in 1999 was appointed by John Prescott as the Chairman of the Strategic Rail Authority. His sour relationships with ministers, notably Stephen Byers, over the formation of Network Rail resulted in him leaving the SRA just two years later. He was described as workaholic who had little time for life's other pleasures; perhaps electing to become a Life Member of the Martlets in 2001 was an exception to that rule.

Sandy Ross represented the Martlets at his memorial service in Southwark Cathedral in late November last year. He leaves his wife, Sarah, and their two children.

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