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A Special Commemorative Issue

Introduction.



The outgoing President!

Our Centenary Year has been full of fun, friendship and thoroughly enjoyable cricket and golf. I will long treasure the memory of walking round the beautiful Arundel Castle Cricket Ground in glorious weather on Sunday 7th August and seeing so many Martlets, past and present, enjoying each others' company and reminiscing about great deeds performed. Numerous anecdotes were exchanged and the odd embellishment further added to the wonderful atmosphere of nostalgia and camaraderie.

Our Committee, under the chairmanship of the totally committed and ebullient Sandy Ross have worked tirelessly to give us all

a spring and summer to savour for many years to come, and I would like to take this opportunity to record my heartfelt and sincere thanks to them all.

It has been a huge honour to have been your President these last three years and my sadness that my tenure of office is almost at an end is balanced by my great joy that my successor is to be Geoff Wills. Geoff is a Sussex man through and through and a wonderful supporter of the Martlets. I am delighted that he is to follow me as President – the Club could not be in better hands.



The incoming President!

Chris Saunders.

2005 will live long in the memories for so many Martlets.

From the launch event at the Grand Hotel on 15th April, until the activities concluded appropriately at Lord's, the headquarters of cricket, with our match against the Cross Arrows, much fun and renewing of old friendships and all the stories, were the feature of a wonderful summer – oh, and we won the Ashes!

Golf days, the Arundel Castle Cricket Festival, the tour to the Dordogne, games at Sir Paul Getty's Wormsley ground, Broadhalfpenny Down, Hove (under floodlights) were all part of a fantastic centenary year.

Thanks are due to our committee and everyone who made all these happy days possible. I would personally like to thank our very special friends Alan Wadey, Joe Hudson, John Barclay, Colin Dick and all at Arundel for their terrific support.

Finally, our Patron Lady Mary Mumford, our President Chris Saunders, all our Vice-Presidents and sponsors (Mike Winfield Ward, Nigel & Bridget Pullan at the Griffin in Fletching, Clive Voller and Patrick Goodwin of High Finance) have been wonderfully supportive. It would not have been possible without you all.

Sandy Ross

2006 Martlets Dinner

A date for your diaries. The Committee are planning a "boys only" bash at the **West Hove Golf Club, Saturday 14th October** from 7.30 p.m. Further details to follow...

The Centenary Plaque.

At the Duke's game Sandy Ross presented a plaque to our Patron, Lady Mary Mumford, which read: *To the Dukes of Norfolk with very grateful thanks for all the happy days' cricket at Arundel, from the Sussex Martlets in the year of their centenary, 2005.*

Lady Mary later wrote, "It was such a lovely idea to have a plaque thanking the Dukes of Norfolk and I was delighted to accept it on behalf of Eddie – I'm sure my father was looking on, with great approval, of course!"

Farewell to a first class groundsman.

Thirty years ago this year, Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, invited a young Sussex man from his groundsman's duties in Perth, Western Australia, to return to the land of his birth and become groundsman at her beloved cricket ground at Arundel Castle. No doubt he was greatly surprised yet deeply honoured to have been considered for this role, and had no hesitation in accepting the invitation. What an inspired choice this was, and Lavinia's intuition reaped enormous benefits, as this young man nurtured the hallowed turf from being a square of dubious cricketing quality to one providing for first class and international cricket.

Sadly, thirty years on, for **Colin Dick**, after incalculable hours devoted to the betterment of the ground, through all weathers and dealing with every conceivable quirk of hundreds of captains, his body has rebelled to the extent that it has refused to allow him another season of abuse! The back is "dicky" (excuse the pun!) and the knees have succumbed to the years of toil. The fact that Colin remained for thirty years is testament to the enjoyment he has derived from his role.



Sandy Ross presents Colin with a Martlet salver in recognition of his contribution to the Festival. Lady Mary Mumford & Chris Saunders look on.

All Sussex Martlets who have had the privilege of playing at the Castle will bear witness to the superb wickets provided by Colin, and will have abiding memories of his tenure. A quiet man with a dry sense of humour and with a learnt Aussie trait for calling a spade a spade, he nevertheless suffered many white-flannelled fools gladly, and despite occasions when his patience must have been tried to the limit, he always restrained himself admirably and with good humour. He will be sorely missed at the ground and by all those who have benefited from his dedication.

Colin goes with the sincere thanks of the Sussex Martlets, and to him and his wife Veronica (herself a past and highly respected secretary at the FACCC) we wish every happiness for the future.

Adrian Ford

My casual "Google" search last November revealed that the Martlet scorebooks for the years 1926-53 are held at the West Sussex Record Office at Chichester, where they are available for inspection (tel: 01243 753600). We now know that Capt. G.V. Campbell captured 101 and 107 wickets in 1927 and 1929 respectively, that Edward Snell scored 183 against Hampstead in 1932, that David Dickinson did the hat-trick twice in 1951 and 1953 against East Grinstead and the Old Rossallians, that the Nawab of Pataudi (senior) played for Indian Gymkhana against us in 1928, that David Sheppard scored 124 against Middleton in 1947 – and much more besides.

Sandy Ross

The Centenary Dinner—The Grand Hotel, Brighton.

Friday 15th April 2005

Over 160 Martlets – Junior, Senior, Playing, Non-Playing and Golf – gathered together at the Grand Hotel, Brighton for the Dinner Dance that was to be the start of the celebrations for our Centenary Year.

And a very special and action-packed occasion it turned out to be. Initial cries of greeting were followed by numerous reminiscences and a steady crescendo as the hum of conversation grew. A delicious four course dinner, with interviews between courses of various prominent members by Johnny Wills, was followed by an auction conducted by Julian Dawson, which raised the magnificent sum of £2,570.

Excellent speeches were made by that well known man of Sussex, Johnny Barclay, our President Chris Saunders and Chairman Sandy Ross. All of this was followed by dancing to Catfish. Photography throughout the evening was provided by Howard Spencer.

This occasion proved to be the start of many happy reunions – indeed it set the tone for a truly memorable year.

Chris Snell



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Sussex Martlets v Sir Paul Getty's XI

Wormsley, Sunday 22nd May 2005.

UnforGETTYble – in every way!

The venue for the day's play might have been considered without equal were it not for the fact that it shares, not by coincidence, as subliminal a setting as our very own "spiritual" home at Arundel; two cricket grounds, the likes of which cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Thus it was our club's great privilege to be invited back to the magnificent Wormsley ground for a third time to play a special match as part of our Centenary celebrations.

Players and guests were welcomed by Lady Getty's Cricket Manager, Colin Ingleby-McKenzie. We were delighted that our Patron, Lady Mary Mumford, was able to join us for the morning session of play.

The Martlets won the toss and elected to field. The guests settled themselves into their seats, wrapped in several layers of clothing and with teeth chattering, applauding a formidable Martlet team as it made its way onto the ground. The eleven included six former first class players: Johnny Barclay, Toby Peirce, Will House (Sussex), Martin Speight (Sussex & Durham), Tim O'Gorman (Derbyshire), Abeed Janmohamed (Kenya).

Opening the innings for Sir Paul Getty's XI were David Ward (Surrey) and Rory MacLeay, who batted cautiously against good opening spells from Patrick Goodwin and Nick Creed. However, they put on 89 runs, giving a solid platform on which their team could build. By lunch the score had reached 152-2 from 34 overs. The rain had held off, but the temperature remained uncomfortably low.

An excellent lunch was served in the marquee and we were all delighted to be joined by our host, Lady Getty. Her generosity knows no bounds and the delightful lunch she provided was greatly appreciated by us all. Unfortunately, as lunch got underway, the heavens opened and the subsequent deluge resulted in great volumes of water lying heavy on an increasingly sagging marquee roof. Colin Ingleby-McKenzie announced that a pitch inspection would take place a little later, but he was not optimistic regarding any further play. In the meantime, he encouraged all present to continue eating, drinking and making merry! Those not playing did not require a second invitation, whilst the twenty-two in white abstained with great fortitude, ever optimistic of play resuming in due course.

Incredibly, play did restart at 4.30 p.m., following an early and equally delicious afternoon tea. Never before have the Martlets witnessed a "whale" in use to mop up the ground, and we owed an enormous debt of thanks to the groundsmen, whose sterling efforts enabled the game to resume against all the odds. Sir Paul Getty's XI went on to score 192-5 off 41.2 overs, before declaring. The Martlets had done well in restricting the opposition's total, Toby Peirce taking the bowling honours with 3-26 from 5.2 overs.

The Martlets' innings followed, with Toby Peirce and Abeed Janmohamed opening. Sadly, Abeed fell an early victim to a well taken catch off the bowling of Ronnie Kotcamp, who then bowled Tim O'Gorman - both for ducks. An inauspicious start with the Club reeling at 6 for 2. Hope was restored by an excellent 50 run partnership between Toby Peirce and Martin Speight before both fell victim to Ian Curtis' bowling. The fightback continued with sparkling cameos from the next four batsmen, all of whom raised our hopes of victory. However, Mother Nature decreed that it was not to be and with the score standing at 147-7, she turned the tap full on and play had to be abandoned with 4.1 overs remaining, from which we required 10 runs per over. An honourable draw for a very special occasion, but for those of a pink, light and dark blue persuasion, a moral victory perhaps? It was our Centenary after all!

Adrian Ford

Sir Paul Getty's XI

D.M. Ward c O’Gorman b House	58	Bowling Analysis:				
R.D. MacLeay run out	30		O	M	R	W
R. J. Greateorex b Peirce	45	P. Goodwin	7	1	15	0
C.A. Eaton c Semmence b Peirce	6	N. Creed	6	0	41	0
W. Morrick c Murray b Peirce	20	W. House	9	1	39	1
M.A. Crawley not out	13	M. Harrison	10	1	47	0
Extras	20	T. Peirce	5.2	0	26	3
Total (for 5 wkts. dec)	192	J. Barclay	4	0	16	0
A.J. Bird, J.P. Arscott, R. Kotcamp, I.J. Curtis, R.D. Stormonth-Darling did not bat.						

Sussex Martlets XI

M.T. Peirce c Morrick b Curtis	38	Bowling Analysis:				
A. Janmohamed c Eaton b Kotcamp	0		O	M	R	W
T.J. O’Gorman b Kotcamp	0	R. Kotcamp	5	1	17	2
M.P. Speight c Ward b Curtis	24	W. Morrick	3	1	12	0
W.J. House c Eaton b Curtis	21	I. Curtis	7.5	0	64	4
M.J. Semmence c Greateorex b S-Darling	26	A. Bird	4	0	25	0
M.D. Murray not out	19	R. S-Darling	2	0	26	1
N. Creed c MacLeay b Curtis	10					
Extras	<u>9</u>					
Total (for 7 wkts)	147					
M.T. Harrison, J.R.T. Barclay, P.J. Goodwin did not bat.						

MATCH ABANDONED AS A DRAW

Peter Danks (scorer), Michael Murray, Will House, Abeed Janmohamed, Mark Semmence, Mike Harrison, Patrick Goodwin, Nick Creed, David Morris (umpire).
Seated: Toby Peirce, Tim O'Gorman, John Barclay (capt.), Sandy Ross (manager), Martin Speight.

Sussex Martlets v Broadhalfpenny Brigands

Wednesday 15 June 2005

This fixture was against the Broadhalfpenny Brigands at Broadhalfpenny Down – the cradle of cricket. I was told to expect a ground steeped in history and that after the game we might adjourn to *The Bat and Ball* for some steak and fries – not that anyone playing for the Martlets might need such an incentive!

As the fixture approached, the weekly telephone calls from Sandy came in ("How's it going fella?") and in the week before the game, our eleven came together – well balanced, even if augmented by a former Martlet on a return trip from the States.

The day arrived – the forecast was fair, if blustery – and we all made our way across to Hampshire. The ground sits slightly proud mainly surrounded by farmland, with magnificent views over the countryside. The pavilion was constructed several years ago and *The Bat and Ball* public house sits just over the boundary heading back towards Sussex. There had been rain in the days before the fixture, but the track looked true and fair.

The format of the game decided – a declaration match with tea between innings – the toss was won by the Martlets, and we elected to field. On reaching the visitors' changing room, Sandy asked who won the toss and what we were doing. Clearly seeking to inspire the captain with confidence, on being told we were fielding of our own choice he replied, "Interesting decision!"

And so we took to the field just after 2.00 p.m. The new ball was tossed to Sandy coming down the hill, and to Rupert Thacker at the other end. The first twenty overs were bowled for no loss on the part of Brigands, but included six maidens and only 34 runs.

If the Brigands were frustrated by their progress, it was nothing in comparison to Sandy. Five chances went to ground before he ultimately took the wicket of their opener and captain, Glenn Duggan, in his sixteenth over! Unsurprisingly it required a stumping by Ian McDonald. Figures of 16 overs, 6 maidens, 22 runs for 1 wicket were nonetheless impressive.

Bowling changes were called for, and Colin Oliver-Redgate came up the hill and Paul Walker took over from Sandy. Colin struck early, taking an excellent caught and bowled in his second over to send the other opener back to the pavilion. This was followed by his pirouette delivery. It was difficult to tell who was more surprised, the Brigands batsman or the Martlets who had not played with Colin before!

Paul Walker also struck early and in time collected a second wicket. However the Brigands were suffering from a low run rate and only as the game opened up did they start to score runs, although it has to be said they were frustrated somewhat by some excellent fielding on the long western boundary by Harry Jupp and Alex Dodsworth – youth certainly has its advantages.

The Brigands continued their progress and on the loss of their sixth wicket declared on 178 in the fifty-second over. More importantly, it had passed 4.30 p.m. and the Martlets were keen on tucking into tea, having been in the field for over 3½ hours! And a magnificent tea was had by all, such was the generous spread provided.

The Brigands took to the field, with Sam Carter and Harry Jupp opening for the Martlets. Our innings started just after 5.15 p.m. with 20 overs being taken at 6.00 p.m. The first two overs were fairly sedentary with seven runs scored as Sam and Harry got their eye in. The third over went for 13 runs, the fifth for 9 runs; Sam and Harry had signalled their intent.

Meanwhile, our cricketers were joined by our President, Chris Saunders. He took great delight in proceedings, so much so that he stayed to the end of the match, notwithstanding a supper engagement at home. Sadly history does not relate how late Chris was or the admonishment he received, but no doubt Mrs Saunders is well accustomed to coping with such eventualities!

Sam went on to collect his half century before taking an adventurous walk down the wicket, only to be stumped. Harry was joined by Alex Dodsworth and the Martlets continued their march towards victory. Harry collected his half century and went on to 82 not out, as the Martlets scored the required runs in 27.5 overs and 2¼ hours. It was a great batting display and all credit to Sam, Harry and Alex.

The match over, the players and supporters adjourned to *The Bat and Ball* for a well deserved beer with the Brigands followed by, as predicted by Sandy, steak and fries and a little red wine. For the uninitiated, *The Bat and Ball* is a haven of cricket memorabilia, with excellent cuisine and certainly worth the visit.

As might be expected, an enjoyable day was had by all, made all the more memorable for being on a winning Martlets centenary side.

Stuart Ritchie

Broadhalfpenny Brigands XI:

G. Duggan st McDonald b Ross 26 M. Sturman c & b Oliver-Redgate 16 G. Peach b Walker 35 B. Hodges c Ritchie b Walker 2 D. Edmonson run out 24 S. Davidson not out 57 H. Bates c Ritchie b Rydon 1 Extras: 17 Total (for 6 wkts dec) 178		Bowling Analysis:			
		O	M	R	W
	J. Ross	16	6	22	1
	R. Thacker	12	3	20	0
	C. Oliver-Redgate	11	0	43	1
	P. Walker	8	1	57	2
	W. Rydon	4.2	0	24	1
D. Hathaway, A. Jameson & D. Jones did not bat.					

Sussex Martlets XI:

S. Carter st Hathaway b Peach 59 H. Jupp not out 82 A. Dodsworth not out 21 Extras: 17 Total (for 1 wkt) 179		Bowling Analysis:			
		O	M	R	W
	D. Jones	4	0	33	0
	G. Duggan	5	0	26	0
	G. Peach	6	0	32	1
	A. Jameson	6	0	51	0
	S. Davidson	4	1	16	0
	P. Goodeve-Docker	2	0	15	0
	M. Sturman	0.3	0	1	0
S. Ritchie, R. Thacker, P. Walker, D. Semmence, W. Rydon, I. McDonald, C. Oliver-Redgate & J. Ross did not bat.					

SUSSEX MARTLETS WON BY 9 WKTS.



It is undoubtedly true to say that the original form of cricket was pub cricket, as "The Bat and Ball" at Broadhalfpenny Down was home to the Hambledon Club between 1750-80. It was here the locals were able to defeat (very profitably, it must be also said) the Rest of England.

However, with growing popularity of the game and the founding of the MCC in 1787, the Hambledon Club faded out of existence. Along with others, the legendary C.B. Fry (who was also a Sussex Martlet) helped revive interest in playing on this historic ground in the early 1900s. Winchester College bought the freehold in the 1920s. The Broadhalfpenny Brigands have been playing here since 1958.



Sussex Martlets v Sussex Academy

Hove, Monday 11th July.

This was the Sussex Martlets' first ever floodlit limited overs (45) day/night cricket match, against the Sussex Academy at the County Ground, Hove.

At 4 p.m., after the Academy had won the toss and elected to bat, the Martlets took the field with a very strong line up and immediately struck with Ronnie Kotkamp dismissing one of the openers. Mark Tomsett and Krishna Singh were then put under pressure from some tight and aggressive bowling from Ronnie, Patrick Goodwin and Nick Creed, but unfortunately we just couldn't get the breakthrough we needed. A partnership of 115 developed, which set a solid platform for Michael Gould (son of Ian apparently) to come in and blaze 57 from just 31 balls, giving the home side twenty more runs than we had hoped. The bowlers and fielders plugged away, with Ronnie taking 2 for 47. Patrick Goodwin was the most economical bowler of the match, with just 32 runs coming from his nine overs.

Our batsman had then to concentrate on the target set and hope that the ball would not swing, and prove to statisticians and spectators alike that a team batting second under lights can win a cricket match. As the lights began to take full effect, Ed McGregor and Dominic Clapp began to take control and the first six overs saw us at a very healthy 43 without loss. Unfortunately a ball kept low and Dominic was dismissed lbw for 11. Ed went on to top score with 38, but eventually got run out. Marc Gardner made a brisk 18 before also being caught lbw, which left the middle order of Abeed Janmohamed, Alex Halliday, Alex Bird and Nick Creed to try and make the runs. All of them made good starts, but wickets fell at regular intervals, due to an excellent spell of bowling by Oli Rayner, who finished with 2 for 39 from his nine overs. The tail of Mike Harrison, Patrick Goodwin, Johnny Wills and Ronnie Kotkamp wagged somewhat. Some mighty blows down the ground, and at times out of the ground, from Patrick meant we ended up the twenty runs short we felt we had leaked earlier in the day.

It was an exciting and entertaining match that at times could have gone either way. The atmosphere was helped by some support from Martlet and Academy spectators, who witnessed an excellent standard of cricket. Thanks are due to Keith Greenfield and his Academy for staging the game and allowing the Sussex Martlets this fantastic experience – one that hopefully may be repeated in the future.

Mike Harrison

Sussex Academy XI:

M. Norris c Gardner b Kotkamp	13
M. Tomsett lbw Bird	60
K. Singh b Kotkamp	94
J. Green c Janmohamed b Harrison	6
M. Gould not out	57
S. Brown not out	3
Extras:	<u>16</u>
Total (for 4 wkts)	249

O. Rayner, D. Burton, W. Beer, K. De Beer & A. Mendes did not bat.

Bowling Analysis:

	O	M	R	W
R. Kotkamp	9	3	47	2
P. Goodwin	9	1	32	0
N. Creed	9	0	51	0
J. Wills	8	0	54	0
A. Bird	3	0	21	1
M. Harrison	7	0	42	1

Sussex Martlets XI:

E. McGregor run out	38
D. Clapp lbw Mendes	11
M. Gardner lbw Beer	18
A. Janmohamed c De Beer b Rayner	8
A. Halliday b Rayner	24
A. Bird run out	15
N. Creed c Rayner b Mendes	19
M. Harrison b De Beer	21
P. Goodwin not out	24
J. Wills b De Beer	8
R. Kotkamp not out	2
Extras:	<u>41</u>
Total (for 9 wkts)	229

Bowling Analysis:

	O	M	R	W
A. Mendes	9	0	49	2
J. Green	5	0	36	0
K. De Beer	9	1	42	2
D. Burton	4	0	20	0
O. Rayner	9	1	39	2
W. Beer	9	1	40	1

SUSSEX MARTLETS LOST BY 20 RUNS

Nick Creed, Ed McGregor, Ronnie Kotkamp, Abeed Janmohamed, Dominic Clapp, Marc Gardner.
Seated: Patrick Goodwin, Johnny Wills, Mike Harrison (capt.), Sandy Ross (manager), Alex Halliday, Alex Bird.

Sussex Martlets' Centenary Festival at Arundel Castle



DAY 1: Sussex Martlets v Junior Martlets

As the Martlets arrived at Arundel for 3 days of cricket, English cricket had started to turn the tables in the Ashes and the Aussies were neither to regain the initiative nor the little wooden Urn! What a time to be involved in cricket!

Unfortunately there was a delayed start against the Junior Martlets and we found ourselves three down very quickly as the Juniors bowled very tightly, especially Josh Burrows. Then Richard Iago (93) and Johnny Wills (45) put on 92 runs for the fourth wicket. Eventually we finished on 194 – 7 off our 35 overs.

The Juniors started their reply slowly as Patrick Goodwin and Willie Bickett bowled very well. However, the first wicket came from an Ed Williams "bit of magic", as he produced an exciting bit of fielding to run out George Martin. Wickets then fell at regular intervals as the rest of the bowling attack bowled tightly. Nick Campion batted well for his 59, but at 128 – 6 we were in control.

Enter Nick Seager and Josh Burrows, who put on 69 runs to take the game away from us. Nick Seager especially batted with great control and showed excellent composure to win with one ball to spare. A great game, and I hope the Juniors become Seniors in due course!

Ben Green



Richard Iago hits out.



Team photo (see above)

Standing: Barry Peay (umpire), Midge Martin (scorer), Willie Bickett, Robin Frean, Casey Lee, Ed Williams, Richard Iago, Matt Parnell, Ed McGregor, Michael Roger, Philip Roper, Nick Campion, James Askew, Nick Seager, Daniel Saunders, Brian Mulholland (scorer), Chris Hammond, Philip Newman (umpire). Seated: Ben Green, Johnny Wills, Derek Semmence, George Martin (capt), Sandy Ross (capt), Patrick Goodwin, Richard Seager.

Sussex Martlets XI:

E. McGregor lbw b Burrows		15	Bowling Analysis:				
R. Iago c Martin b Hammond		93					
D. Semmence c & b Lee		15		O	M	R	W
R. Seager run out		0	J. Burrows	7	1	21	2
J. Wills c Saunders b Burrows		45	C. Hammond	7	0	44	2
E. Williams b Hammond		12	D. Saunders	7	2	23	0
B. Green not out		0	J. Askew	3	0	23	0
P. Goodwin run out		0	C. Lee	5	0	32	1
			P. Roper	6	1	43	0
Extras		14					
Total (for 7 wkts dec)		194					
R. Freen, W. Bicket, J. Ross did not bat.							

Junior Martlets XI:

Senior Markets A/B		Bowling Analysis:				
G. Martin run out	20		O	M	R	W
C. Hammond c Seager b Green	16	P. Goodwin	7	4	7	0
N. Campion b Freen	59	W. Bicket	7	0	31	0
C. Lee c Seager b Freen	11	R. Freen	7	0	44	3
M. Parnell c Williams b Freen	4	B. Green	5.5	0	41	1
N. Seager not out	41	J. Wills	6	0	40	1
D. Saunders c Green b Wills	1	E. Williams	2	0	17	0
J. Burrows not out	27					
Extras:	18					
Total (for 6 wkts)	197					
M. Roper, J. Askew, P. Roper did not bat.						

JUNIOR MARTLETS WON BY 4 WKTS.

All Sussex Martlets, especially our Juniors during the past ten years, are extremely thankful and hugely appreciative of all that John Bushell has done further their cause during his reign as Junior Martlet supremo. Many have gone on to play for the senior club, and are our future. John follows a line of dedicated people who have done so much to encourage the game for the future – Sam Jagger, Edward Snell, Charles Clover Brown, Bill Walton, Michael Field, David Nicholson and John Whittaker to name but a few. Chris Snell – son of Edward – succeeds John. Thank you so much, John!

Sandy Ross



DAY 2: Six - a - Side Festival

Sussex Martlets VI: Ed McGregor, Patrick Goodwin, Abeed Janmohamed, Mike Harrison, Johnny Wills, Ben Green.

Four sides made their way to Arundel for the second day of the Festival, though for this occasion crash, bang and wallop would be required, as six-a-side cricket was in town.

The Martlets had a strong side and played the first game against the Band of Brothers. We bowled and fielded well, restricting them to a very gettable 45. However, our batting faltered and we lost by 2 runs. Cryptics (74-1) then came out on top of a run fest with the Stragglers (73-1).

In the next match we saw our best batting display as we posted the highest score of the day. Harrison and Goodwin showed off their long hitting skills and we finished on 82-1. The Cryptics never got close as we bowled tightly, eventually winning by 36 runs.

The Band of Brothers booked their place in the final with a win in their next match. We had to win what proved to be our last match to reach the Grand Final, but we made a very disappointing 40 runs and the Stragglers easily chased this down to ensure their place in the Final.

We won our third place play-off against the Cryptics with a much better performance, as even the author of this article found the boundary! The Band of Brothers won the final in convincing fashion and after a short awards ceremony, everyone enjoyed a wonderful barbeque as people recalled the day's events.

Ben Green

Match results (5 overs per innings):

Match 1: Band of Brothers (47-1) beat Sussex Martlets (46-4).

Match 2: Cryptics (74-1) beat Stragglers of Asia (73-1).

Match 3: Sussex Martlets (82-1) beat Cryptics (46-5).

Match 4: Stragglers of Asia (43-1) beat Band of Brothers (42-3).

Match 5: Band of Brothers (65-0) beat Cryptics (52-3).

Match 6: Stagglers of Asia (44-1) beat Sussex Martlets (40-5).

PLATE FINAL: Sussex Martlets (56-3) beat Cryptics (49-2).

Man of the Match: Ben Green (Sussex Martlets).



Abeed Janmohamed

GRAND FINAL: BAND OF BROTHERS (71-1) beat Stragglers of Asia (57-3).
Man of the Match: Will Bax (Band of Brothers).

DAY 3: Sussex Martlets' Chairman's XI v Duke of Norfolk's XI



Tim O'Gorman and James Pyemont negotiate the toss.

This for me was the highlight of our Centenary Summer – so much fun and stories and so many old friends present. I don't think I have ever seen so many at Arundel for a non-county match – it was fabulous! How long did your circuit of the ground take?

Great weather, and by 12.30 we had beaten the Aussies by 2 runs (and gone 1-1 in the series) - but not without a lot of pacing about and frequent visits to Joe Hudson's office for regular updates!

The Duke's XI, under captaincy of James Pyemont, had won the toss and chosen to bat. A longer than usual lunch enabled many to soak up the celebratory atmosphere, after which the Duke's XI declared on 253-5 in 52 overs, Imran Mohammed (Glos) and Jamie Ford (Kent) top-scoring.

The Martlets replied with 255-4 in 48.2 overs and we won by 6 wkts with 4 balls to spare, Toby Peirce starred with 121 with excellent support from Ed McGregor and Marc Gardner. Tim O'Gorman (Derbys) captained the side to victory.



Nigel Pullan, John Bartlett and Jeremy Blanchard reminisce

Finally, mention must be made of the extended tea-time celebrations and various speeches at which presentations were made to Lady Mary Mumford, Alan Wadey, Joe Hudson and Colin Dick, before the cutting of the Centenary Cake (baked by Alan's sister Ro) by Lady Mary and the Chairman amidst much laughter! Such a very happy day.

Sandy Ross

**Duke of Norfolk's XI:**

M. Krause c Gardner b Creed	0
A. Higgs b Kotkamp	14
M. Bains c Gardner b Kotkamp	13
B. Collins run out	40
I. Mohammed b Wills	90
J. Ford not out	51
J. Cape not out	38
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wkts dec.):	253

P. Coupar, J. Pyemont, D. Firth & E. Goodworth did not bat.

Bowling Analysis:

	O	M	R	W
R. Kotkamp	12	3	49	2
N. Creed	10	2	37	1
M. Harrison	9	2	35	0
J. Fountain	14	1	85	0
J. Wills	7	1	41	1

Sussex Martlets XI:

E. McGregor st Krause b Pyemont	40
T. Peirce b Firth	121
T. O'Gorman c Krause b Cape	29
M. Gardner not out	42
G. Martin lbw Ford	0
J. Fountain not out	4
Extras:	19
Total (for 4 wkts):	255

T. Nicholson, N. Creed, M. Harrison, J. Wills & R. Kotkamp did not bat.

Bowling Analysis:

	O	M	R	W
J. Pyemont	12	1	81	1
J. Cape	11	2	39	1
E. Goodworth	5	1	30	0
J. Ford	16	0	62	1
D. Firth	4.2	0	29	1

SUSSEX MARTLETS WON BY 6 WKTS.



The Duke's men.



Tim O'Gorman leads the Martlets out to field.



Joe Hudson receives his salver and a well earned bottle from Sandy Ross.



Alan Wadey, Chris Saunders and Sandy Ross promote the Centenary tie!

Congratulations to the two Martlet umpires in our festival game against the Duke's XI, **Terry Urban** and **Martin Bodenham** for gaining places on the reserve list of first-class umpires for 2006. Martin was also a Premiership referee and played much Martlet cricket a few years ago!

Martlet Tour to the Dordogne

Full marks to the organisers – Messrs Oliver-Redgate, Gray & Ross – for their impeccable choice of accommodation (Le Manoir de Longeveau) and fixtures, coupled with Colin's knowledge of the local restaurants. In common with all tour managers, anxiety crept into the equation at an early stage of the tour, resulting from the failure of sundry individuals in respect of their travel arrangements.

Failure no. 1: Paul Walker's arrival at Gatwick with his wife's passport, necessitating the establishment of a new land speed record to his home to collect his own before incurring astronomical re-booking charges in order to take the next flight.

Failure no. 2: Paul Walker's re-arrival at the airport with his own, but sadly out of date passport resulted in one tour member less...



Barry Peay (umpire), Robin Frean, Harry Jupp, Mike Pursell, Stuart Ritchie, Paul Cohen. Seated: Geoff Wills, Colin Oliver-Redgate, Charlie Hartridge, Sandy Ross, Nigel Russell, Michael Wingfield-Digby.

Failure no.3: Jonathan Wills (*the wayward son. Ed*) and Harry Jupp's failure to catch a train from Bordeaux railway station to Bergerac (some 30 mins drive from the first fixture at Eymet) following a dash by taxi from Bordeaux Airport. The train was leaving as they arrived on the platform – the next one being over three hours later!

All of the three matches were played on a 35 overs basis and the overall result was played 3, won 1 and lost 2 (one narrow defeat and one overwhelming loss against Les Messieurs de Sud-Ouest France). It must be said that the Martlets were not a little surprised by the attractive grounds on which the three matches were played and in-

deed the quality of the opposition. Even a full strength and youthful Martlet team would probably have been hard pressed to beat the strong Messieurs team, the match being played in the attractive grounds of a mixed boarding school to the south of Bordeaux.

Unforgettable memories of the tour include:

- The team's H.Q in the commendably sympathetic refurbished Le Manoir de Longeveau, set in rolling and unspoilt countryside.
- The only day of the tour when happily it rained all day, allowing full and undisturbed viewing of the last day of the Oval Test against Australia.
- The shrill cries of delight from the girl boarders at Bordeaux when a batsman hit a "seex".
- The cutting of the centenary cake by candlelight at the Relais du Châteaux à Chalais on the occasion of the formal tour dinner. (See front cover.)
- The experiencing of unique additions to the vocabularies of the tour members who were invited back to Michael Wingfield-Digby's gite at midnight, plus on being "greeted" by Jacques in nightdress (*Counselling is available on request. Ed*)
- The courage of William Ross in playing with his broken right arm in plaster, and the shame of two nearby Martlets in allowing him to attempt to catch a skied ball of some height – which incidentally would have won the match at Eymet – with his one free hand.

- The appreciation of all to Colin & Dee for their untiring assistance in respect of local matters, and Dee's flasks of tea for the lady "groupies", provision of maps & directions etc. The list was endless.

Geoff Wills

Sunday 11th September v. Eymet
Sussex Martlets 123-8 (R. Frean 35, C. Gray 27)
Eymet 124-5

Tuesday 13th September v. St. Aulaye
St. Aulaye 142-7
Sussex Martlets 145-3 (H. Jupp 52, P. Cohen 32*, J. Wills 26)

Thursday 15th September v. Les Messieurs de Sud-Ouest France.
Les Messieurs 271-4
Sussex Martlets 171-8 (S. Ritchie 60, M. Baker-White 33)



A cricket club's Centenary is not complete without a tour, whether it is to a far distant country, or nearer to home. So, after many excellent Centenary fixtures on English soil, the Sussex Martlets ventured across The Channel to a hitherto after-dinner joke area, to play some 'French Cricket'! However, this is not a joking matter any more, because cricket in France has come on in leaps and bounds over the past 15 years.

We must not forget the amazing logistical accomplishments of everyone who came on tour. Some flew out from Gatwick to Bordeaux, and then drove for some 1½ hours into the hinterland, to Longueveau. Others drove down from Calais, Dieppe, Ouistreham, or St. Malo; all arrived in time to partake of the 'Welcome Supper' in the clubhouse on the Saturday. The food was excellent, the wine flowed, and everyone was in jubilant mood, ready for the long day ahead of them.

The next morning, we assembled at the car-park adjacent to the first tee, and then drove in convoy for 1¾ hrs through some delightful countryside down to the historic small town of Eymet, where we arrived in time to have a snack lunch in the old cobbled square. Ham and egg crêpes were a popular choice, washed down with some 'vin de table', before we moved on to the old Eymet rugby stadium, which had been given to the cricket club after a new rugby stadium had been built.

The Martlets won the toss, and because of some late arrivals due to missed connections at Bordeaux, we decided to bat first. Seniority was allowed to take first stand, with the hyphenated opening partnership of Oliver-Redgate (CollyOlly) and Wingfield-Digby (Wingers) wearing down the gloss on the new ball, before the middle order performed well with Robin Frean, Chris Gray and Mark Baker-White (Blobby) helped to set the home side a respectable 124 off the allotted 35 overs, with a very slow outfield.

An excellent tea was provided by Eymet, but the weather took a turn for the worse, and the Martlets took the field after a cloud-burst left the outfield somewhat 'good-to-soft' in racing terms! Chairman Ross opened the bowling, together with late arrival Johnny Wills (Willsy), who was unable to contribute to the batting tally after a traumatic journey. He deserves a medal for his endeavours! However, both bowled economically, with Sandy Ross taking the first wicket of

the tour, dismissing the former French national player, Simon Palmer, for 21, to a well-judged catch to CollyOlly running back at mid-off. Willsy bowled his statutory seven economical overs for just 13 runs, tying up Eymet captain David Horlock (Ex-Middlesex League), who was dropped before he scored. Tidy spells by Harry Jupp and Paul Cohen kept the runs down, but as Eymet neared the Martlets' total they began to hit out with wickets in hand. A couple of smart run outs almost changed the course of the game, and needing 5 runs off the last over, the winning run came with one ball to spare.



It was a long journey back to Longeveau in the dark, but everyone could chill out the next day, Monday, and watch the final day of the last Test against Australia, with great pride – and then celebrate at several of the local restaurants in the evening!

The second cricket match, on the Tuesday, was played more locally, at the Chenaud village ground, just 2 km from St. Aulaye. The home side batted first, and were soon in trouble

with some good seam bowling by Blobby (2-37), and some accurate swing-bowling by Charlie Hartridge (7 runs in 4 overs). A good partnership of 49 runs then ensued, with St.Aulaye founder Wynford Hicks (24), and Paul Wareham (also 24). They then got themselves bogged down again with another excellent spell by Willsy (1-14 off 7 overs), before a strong burst from George Fox (53 not out) took the home side to a respectable total of 122.

The Martlets were out to avenge their defeat against Eymet, and an opening partnership of 61 between Willsy and Harry Jupp set us on course for an early win by 7 wickets, with Paul Cohen and Charlie Hartridge (18*), making up for Geoff Wills' premature departure for 1 run, caught behind off a fast delivery from Sheikh.

The early finish enabled the Martlets to return to Longeveau in good time to change for the Centenary Tour Dinner at the magnificent Restaurant Du Château at the nearby market town of Chalais. There was a head-count of 26 at the "Sussex Martlets' Club De Cricket Centenaire Dîner"! There was a champagne reception in the courtyard, with no stinting of the 'apéritifs'! Sundry colourful cricket blazers added to the vibrant mix of colour provided by our elegant lady tourists! We then repaired into the dining-hall where there were three tables, each adorned with candles in the Sussex Martlets' colours of light-blue, dark-blue, and pink, with some delightful table decorations ably arranged by Doreen Doig (Dee). The Grace was said, in fluent Latin, by Tour Committee Chairman, Chris Gray. The menu of Tartelette De Langoustines Au Beurre Blanc; Carré d'Agneau Au Four A La Provençale; Plateau De Fromages; and the 'pièce de résistance' of Gâteau Du Centenaire Chocolat Framboises Et Glace (with candles breathtakingly extinguished, in one, by our zestful Chairman); was accompanied by countless bottles of Vins De La Maison; et Le Café. It all went down a treat with everyone! Our grateful thanks to Head Chef Jean Paul Bruneau, formerly of Maxims in Paris, for the excellent cuisine. Organiser, CollyOlly, made sure that everyone 'took wine' with everybody, much to everyone's amusement and this was capped by a fine speech from Chairman Sandy Ross to embrace this wonderful evening, when both young and old Martlets, and their charming wives and/or partners, had an evening they will never forget.

Naturally, after such a splendid Centenary Tour Dinner, there had to be an anti-climax! But not before a relaxing Wednesday, when several Martlets played in the weekly Longeveau Stableford golf competition, in which both Charlie Hartridge and Stuart Ritchie excelled themselves with prize-winning scores.

The next day, the tourists drove down to Bordeaux, to play The Gentlemen Of South-West France, on the picturesque and wooded ground at the Lycée, some 10 km south of Bordeaux. Little did we know that our hosts had selected a side that would have had any Sussex 1st XI league side at full stretch! The Martlets fielded a side weakened by the Wednesday departure of both Willsy and Chris Gray. Our hosts elected to bat first, in a 35-over game, and wasted no time in declaring their intentions. An opening partnership of 103 between the two top bats from Bordeaux and Eymet, David Smallwood and David Horlock, might have been tempered if two catches had been held. However, they were then to be replaced by ex-Minor County player Mike Gear (59), from Damazan, and Neil Vasey (19), from Bordeaux, who with Ferreira (44*) and French national player Clinquet, found no trouble in 'picking-the-gaps' to amass a formidable 245 for 4 wickets!

Attempting to reply in kind, our young hopefuls never got going with Numbers 1, 2 and 3 scoring 19 between them, 17 to Cohen. The Martlet's eventual total was a disappointing 154 runs, of which Stuart Ritchie struck a powerful 60, and good old Blobby a respectable 33. Nigel Russell hit a delightful cameo of 13, while guest Mike Pursell (Percy), who had driven 200 km from near Poitiers, also tried to emulate the hosts' appetite for 4's, but succumbed for 14 to yet another good catch. Come in Wingers in a no-win situation, but he carried his bat, and subsequently declared his retirement from Martlet cricket on a high. His achievements over many decades are already in the chronicles of cricketing folklore! Charlie Hartridge's 'not-out' cameo of a 4, and a straight 6, promised greater things, but by that time the overs had run out, so the high-flying Martlets were duly grounded!

We then drove back to Aubeterre, some 10 minutes from Longeveau, to have steak 'n chips under the stars in the square, for a memorable 'last supper'.

We must thank staunch supporter Richard Merricks, who was an excellent and dutiful 'telegraph' operator, and Barry Peay for his umpiring prowess, whose undoubted batting ability was not called on. It was a tour that will be remembered into the decades ahead of us, and hopefully it will be repeated in some form or other in the near future. (Place your reservations now!)

A bientôt!

Colin Oliver-Redgate



The Martlet flag flutters over France ... !



Sussex Martlets v Cross Arrows

Friday 23rd September 2005

A chilly autumn morning saw Martlets arriving at the Lord's Nursery Ground from all parts of southern England for the finale to the Centenary season. A good number had arrived to support the Martlets XI, handpicked for the day by skipper Sandy Ross as a potent blend of experience and more experience!!

After the customary photograph with the main pavilion in the background, the Martlets found themselves in the field and attempting to contain an aggressive opening partnership on a small ground and quick outfield. Ben Green bowled accurately and with his usual enthusiasm to make the initial breakthrough, and Michael Murray continued the good work with his nagging medium pace swingers. With many firmly struck shots finding the cannily placed Martlets fielders, the opposition scoring was kept in check while ominous rain clouds built up as lunch approached.



With the rain arriving during the lunch interval, Sandy Ross and his counterpart John Stephenson were seen in deep negotiations, each attempting to secure a favourable agreement in what was now certain to be a shortened match.

Lunchtime skulduggery over, the Martlets resumed in the field with Abeed Janmohamed discarding his wicketkeeping pads and turning his arm with immediate success. However this was not enough to prevent the Cross Arrows reaching 221-5 before declaring and leaving the Martlets about 40 overs to make the runs.

Although pure supposition, most on the ground felt certain that the flashing Martlet blades would have made short work of the Cross Arrows' attack. It seemed almost certain that the Minor Counties opening bowlers and ex professional John Stephenson would have been put to the sword and the Martlets Centenary season concluded in a blaze of glory! But we were not to know; the steady drizzle became a downpour, and the Martlets innings could not even begin.

Charlie Hartridge.

**Cross Arrows XI:**

M. Umarji c Green b Murray	68
A. Akram c McGregor b Green	19
A. Warrington b Janmohamed	47
N. Priscott b Murray	7
O. Dawkins c Janmohamed b Carter	26
A. Graham not out	6
A. Chadwick not out	43
Extras:	<u>5</u>
Total (for 5 wkts dec):	221
B. Duncan, A. Duncan, J. Stephenson & J. Thisanayagum did not bat.	

Bowling Analysis:

	O	M	R	W
B. Green	13	4	41	1
T. Dodd	7	0	42	0
M. Murray	11	3	38	2
J. Roycroft	4	0	38	0
S. Carter	5	1	31	1
A. Janmohamed	3	0	27	1

MATCH ABANDONED AS A DRAW

John Roycroft, Abeed Janmohamed (wkt), Ed McGregor, Michael Murray, Ben Green, Sandy Ross (capt.), Tim Mynott, Robin Frean, Tim Dodd, Sam Carter, Charlie Hartridge, Midge Martin (scorer)

The Golfing Society

In early April, as an expression of gratitude for their hospitality, the Martlets invited a guest from each of the eight clubs with whom we play our matches, to join our team against the West Sussex Club as an Honorary Martlet for the day.



Geoff Seaton shows the cricketers how it is done.

The weather was kind, 27 Martlets played either one or two rounds, we sat down 64 for lunch and the day was a happy and jolly gathering with plenty of laughter and, quite incidentally, the Martlets won the match.

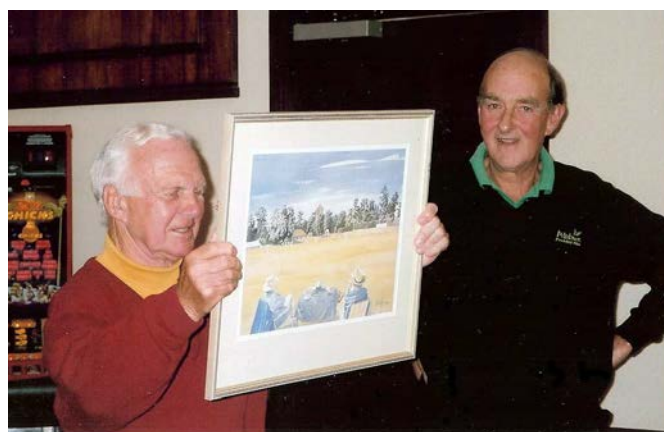
The West Sussex Club very kindly made a gift to the Martlets in recognition of the Centenary, which took the form of the designation of an old putter as a future match trophy, which is now displayed on the club lounge wall and is named 'The Arthur Gilligan Putter'. Beneath it is a portrait of Arthur Gilligan and a framed text of his career with Sussex and England, and in Sussex County Golf, coupled with his involvement both in Martlet cricket and golf, and as captain of West Sussex Golf Club. We are extremely grateful to the Club and its members for this and for their great kindness and hospitality over many years. A big thank you too to Geoff Seaton who, after managing this special match for the Martlets for very many years with such devoted skill and enthusiasm, will be handing it over in 2006 to Nigel Smith, Captain elect of the West Sussex Club.

Otherwise the Society had the most successful golfing season for many years, winning 5, losing just 2 matches with 2 halved, with most being played in warm sunshine.

All in all, Martlet golfers have enjoyed a very full and satisfactory centenary year's programme and have certainly played their part in contributing to the overall success and celebration of the Sussex Martlets Centenary Year.

One final note. John Whittaker was married to Jane Crowe in Mayfield on 29 October. In recognition of this happy event a number of John's Martlet friends presented him, during the Seaford match, with a signed print of Martin Speight's lovely watercolour of the Arundel Castle ground, which forms the cover of 'Summers by the Sea'. I am sure all Martlets would want to congratulate John and Jane and wish them every future happiness.

Ham Whitty.



Centenary Golf Day

Mid Sussex, Friday 20th May.

The principle event of the year was the Centenary Golf Day held at the Mid Sussex Golf Club near Ditchling on 20th May. Our President Chris Saunders was at the club to meet and greet the 68 Martlets and guests – who included representatives from 8 kindred cricket clubs, teams from Cuckfield CC, the Bluemantles and Arundel Castle CC, Paul Sheldon (Chief Executive of Surrey CCC), seven County and three Test cricketers (John Snow, Tony Pigott and Butch White). Christopher Martin-Jenkins played and stayed to present the prizes.

The cricketers display their shots ...



Peter Ross: a straight six?



Ian Baillie-Hamilton: flat-batted through the covers.



Keith Manning: off the back foot over extra cover.



Butch White: pulled wide of mid-on.

The weather relented just in time to allow 17 teams to play an 18 hole Stableford team and individual competition.

The individual winner was Tim Mynott and the team competition was won by the Bushell team of John and Katha, George Hammond and Tony Pigott. The Hon. Secretary won The Martlets Trophy, Judy Jenkin the Ladies' prize, Richard Gutteridge "The Longest Drive", and David Scrivens "Nearest the Pin".



John Snow, Geoff Seaton, Butch White, Richard Montgomery



Mike Press, Simon Baillie-Hamilton, Peter Ross, Keith Manning



Andy Morgan, Mike Press, Keith Manning, Simon Baillie-Hamilton, Garri Jones, Nick Priestnall, Simon Morgan, Charlie Hartridge, Ian Lock.



Paul Sheldon, CM-J, Richard Gracey, Andrew Brockman, Sandy Ross, John Whittaker



Mike Griffith, Ham Whitty, Peter Heard, Paul Sheldon



Alan Wadey, Richard Montgomery, John Barclay, John Snow, Georgie Wadey.



Stuart Ritchie, Tim Mynott, Howard Spencer, John Guess, Chris Snell.

After an excellent evening meal attended also by Chairman Sandy Ross, CM-J delighted us with a few very amusing stories and kindly presented the prizes.



The Winning Team – George Hammond, Tony Pigott, Katha & John Bushell



Winner of "Nearest the Pin" – David Scrivens



The Individual Winner – Tim Mynott



The Ladies' Winner – Judy Jenkin



Winner of the Martlet Trophy – Ham Whitty



Winner of "The Longest Drive" – Richard Gutteridge

Rt. Rev. David Sheppard

David Sheppard's death in March 2005 was followed by extensive obituaries in the national and cricketing press. In a letter featured in last year's Martlet, written only three months before he died, he remembered his experiences with the Sussex Martlets some 50 years ago. Rather than another obituary, what follows is an appreciation of his early years in cricket, from school-boy days at Sherborne School in Dorset.

Sherborne's policy was not to play promising young cricketers above their age group at this time, so David only gained his opportunity to play for the 1st XI in 1946. After a couple of ducks, David soon showed his early promise and with regular individual coaching from M.M. Walford, who played for Somerset during the summer holidays, runs began to come more freely and he ended the term with an average of 44.



In 1947 David had a really wonderful season for Sherborne, scoring no less than 786 runs in just ten completed innings and he won places in the Southern Schools XI against The Rest and the Public Schools XI against The Combined Services at Lord's, with Peter May as his captain.

By the end of the 1947 season David's real potential was recognised by Sussex with three games for the county. Then came National Service with the Royal Sussex Regiment and in 1948, when based at Shorncliffe, he was given the chance to play more regularly, including for the Sussex Martlets. In August he played for Sussex 2nd XI, scoring 157 not out. His outstanding application and technique heralded a brilliant career as a world class batsman.

In 1949 David made his first 50 for Sussex, against a powerful Oxford University side, and later in the season 71 against Somerset. In addition, there were centuries against Leics and Surrey, and 204 against Glamorgan. Four other Sussex Martlets were distinguished members of the Sussex team that year: Hugh Bartlett, Billy Griffith, Hubert Daggart and Bill Davidson.

In October 1949 David went up to Cambridge and it was here that his life changed after hearing an American missionary, Dr. Bamhouse, speak at the University church. 1950 saw David fully established in the University XI. In his first match against his native county of Sussex he made 130 and this was soon followed by a magnificent opening stand of 343 with J.G. Dewes against the formidable West Indian attack. After losing Dewes, David and Hubert Daggart plundered the bowling in a second wicket stand of 144 in just 90 minutes. David's final score was 227 out of a total of 594 for 4 wkts. declared. The West Indians replied with 730 for 3 with the great Everton Weekes scoring 304 not out.

David ended the year by being selected for his first Test at The Oval.

John Lush.

David Sheppard and John Lush both arrived at Sherborne School at the start of the Summer Term in 1942. For two years John was David Sheppard's captain in the school 1st XI and followed his subsequent career with interest. He taught for many years at Eastbourne College. Ed

Postscript to the Centenary Year.

It was only a few years ago that the Sussex Martlets' committee found themselves having to make some tough decisions, as the realities of a dwindling membership and the problems of raising sides had to be confronted. However it is important to note that these issues were not only the preserve of The Martlets, as the country's other leading wandering clubs were also questioning their futures.

This is one of the reasons why last year's Centenary could not have been more of a success and this is down to the tireless work and energy of the Committee. Between them they managed to put together a wonderful fixture list that included games at JP Getty's private paradise, the home of cricket, Lords, and of course the very special Arundel Castle. There was at last real competition for places and a real sense of achievement for those selected to play for the Martlets during last summer. Unfortunately, I spent a majority of it in the pleasant 50+ degrees heat of the Middle East. However, from what I have heard, the Martlets played some excellent cricket throughout the year.

Let's hope that the committee's work will inspire everyone associated with the club to continue in the same vein in 2006 and beyond. We are lucky to be part of one of the country's oldest wandering clubs with the opportunity to play on a number of Sussex's most beautiful grounds.

Mark Semmence

And finally...



So how was the new President of the Sussex Martlets selected?

Well, we searched high and low, here and there, and eventually it came down to two candidates. After extensive interviews we went for the candidate on the right...!

Thanks for the photo, Johnny!

The Editor would like to thank all those who have helped in the preparation of this special commemorative edition of The Martlet, and especially Rob MacGregor & Howard Spencer for the photography, Stan Halcin of Smaug Abroad for the design and Peter Dunn for supervising the printing.

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