

Summer Edition

Celebrating 225 years of cricket at Cross Green

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Newsletter

225 yrs of Cricket at Cross Green

The first record of a match on Eversley Green (Cross Green) was on July 2, 1787.

In a local paper the advertisement states:

On Monday the second of July, will be played on Eversley Green the second [return] match at cricket between the Gentlemen of Warfield... against the Gentlemen of Eversley... for 10 guineas a side, play or pay.

The wickets to be pitched at 10 o'clock.

The notice adds: *N.B. Good entertainment on the ground.*

Now, 225 years later, we are proud that we continue to entertain and are a large part of Eversley community, with excellent facilities. When playing cricket in the 18th century, it was not unknown for each player to pay two guineas and defeat was extremely expensive outcome. In those days the square was cut, but the outfield was left to cows to graze. In the 19th century more games began to be played and the Rev. Charles Kingsley, whose son Maurice was an accomplished player, encouraged the game, especially on Sundays, which he acknowledged was the only day when working men could enjoy recreation. But after Kingsley's death in 1875, later nonconformist authorities condemned the playing of cricket on the Sabbath and Sunday cricket stopped – and was not resumed until after the last war.

In the later part of the 1930s members decided to purchase various cricketing articles, but the biggest item was a new hand mower. (Maybe the one we use today!) During the same period it was decided to have a paid groundsmen. This put financial burden on the club as subscriptions were pegged at 2s. 6d. and a match fee of three old pence. The committee, after much discussion (some things do not change!), asked a Mr Hanson to mark out the pitches and attend the ground with assistance from the committee.

In 1940, as so many players had been called up to war, it was decided to suspend the Eversley Cross CC until the war ended. In those days the main Reading Road went right up to almost the front door of the Lamb pub (now Frog and Wicket) and where the road now runs there used to be a large pond. Village lads could earn a few pence on match days retrieving balls from the pond. One of those lads is a legend at our ground, Geoff Bundy, who was nurtured into cricket from an early age. At the age of ten Geoff scored in the book in 1939 and twice turned out to play when players failed to turn up.

During WW2, the club pavilion was home to two families who had been evacuated. An enormous amount of work was undertaken after the war, draining the pond and fencing off the ground to make way for the road as it is today. Importantly, the two village clubs, Eversley Street and Eversley Cross, which had enjoyed great rivalry, reformed under the ECC banner to play at Cross Green.

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Future Events

- +Lashings World XI June 8th
- +Summer Ball June 9th
- +England v Australia in the TV lounge July 4th
- +225yrs / Presidents Day match July 8th
- +ECC Tour July 16th
- +Lords match Sept 29th

Cricket On The Green

By Andrew Renshaw

A comprehensive history of ECC from 1787—1987
Some copies still available for purchase, priced at £5 towards club funds. Email order to: eliteedwards@aol.com

Summer Ball

Join us for this ever popular event at the club on 9th June
For more information and tickets, please contact:
Fleur Webb 0781 807 2064

Stop Press

Sunday 1st X1 through to 2nd round of the National Village Cup.
An innings of 82, not out, by Chris Last did the damage against Grayshott.
Next round to be played on Sunday 20th May at home. 1.30pm.

DEVERE venues

Why not come down and join us at Warbrook House and Grange

Experience Shakespeare in the beautiful surroundings of the Warbrook gardens. The stunning backdrop of the Versailles canal lends itself perfectly to the performance of Shakespeare's iconic play of love, life & fairies.

Saturday 7th July 2012 from 7:30

Tickets for the performance £15.00 per person.
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LASHINGS World XI



225 years of cricket at Cross Green - continued

In the 1950s improvements to existing buildings took place and the stuffed boar's head which is above the club bar today was purchased for 10 shillings at Pearson's auction rooms in Fleet and is now also on the club's badge. Contrary to some belief, the boar was not shot locally but was a hunting trophy from abroad. During the 1950s the club ran one side on Saturday and Sunday. A second XI was not introduced until 1965. In the 1960s Eversley won the Aylward Cup five years in a row, when a now older Geoff Bundy was part of the team. The Aylward Cup was presented to the Hartley Wintney district by Colonel Aylward for evening matches in a 10-mile radius and the competition is still played today. The first-ever Hampshire match was played in June 1960: it was rain-affected but Hampshire declared on 187 for 6, Henry Horton top-scoring with 57. Eversley ended on 151 for 8 with Peter Taylor (still a Vice-President) hitting 36 and that man Bundy 34. The 1965 Hampshire game for Peter Sainsbury's benefit attracted a huge crowd thanks to the presence of Fred Trueman who lived up to expectations and struck 52 in 15 minutes, including seven sixes. In the 1970s the club expanded rapidly and for the first time ran a fixture list for 1st and 2nd XIs on Saturdays and Sundays.

The club has had many faithful servants: two well-known names at the club today come into the records in the early 1980s; Alan Tonks was chairman from 1981 to 1983, while at the time of the bicentenary Derek Budd was in the 'hot seat' as the club was expanding once again. As mentioned, the name Bundy appears in many roles: captain, fixture secretary and groundsman.

Today's club president Andrew Renshaw concludes his club history, which was published for the bicentenary in 1987, by saying: "...Despite whatever changes and developments take place in the years to come, cricket will continue to be played and enjoyed to the full on Eversley Green." A few copies of Andrew's booklet 'Cricket on the Green: 200 years of cricket at Eversley, Hampshire', which has a Foreword by John Arlott, are still available for £5 towards club funds. (Andrew says that's a bargain because if you Google the title you can find a signed copy for £10, and he might be persuaded to sign your copy for free.)

Even in the period of time I have been associated with the club, since my son Simon Edwards started playing cricket at Eversley ten years ago as a colt, there have been vast improvements to our facilities, giving opportunities for everyone, at all ages. We can be proud that our club boasts the best cricket facilities in North-East Hampshire and this is a credit to those dedicated people who give up their free time and have contributed so much during my association with the club.

With grateful thanks to Andrew Renshaw for his help with this article.

Tony Edwards, Publicity Officer and Under Groundsman

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- + Ample parking

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Lashings Event at Cross Green

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

Lashings World XI – Friday, June 8th

With the season now in full swing (at long last), we are now only weeks away from the club's biggest event of the year, the Lashings benefit game. And once again, some of the world's greatest cricketers past and present, will be showing why they have built reputations as legends of the game. In recent years the club has gone from strength to strength both on and off the field in colts and senior sides. **It is days like this that allow continual investment into the overall development of the club**, which has a positive effect on every member. There is an enormous amount of work that goes into the Lashings event, so any assistance on the day would be hugely appreciated.

There are a myriad of tasks, which if spread around, will make far lighter work.

So if you would like to join our team of helpers, then please contact:

Ben Saville on bpsaville@yahoo.co.uk or 07801 881071.



Eversley Cricket Club
Summer Ball
 on Saturday 9th June

Reception Drinks Served from 7.30pm

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Player Profile - Simon Mugava

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Please contact Phil Wise:

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Parking at Cross Green

Note parking is restricted to those players and officials who are playing at Cross Green.

**Indoor Nets
and second
Cricket Pitch**

*please use
Fox Lane
entrance*

Simon Mugava is our overseas player for this season.

Born in South Africa in 1990, he has played cricket for Zimbabwe since he was 13 years old, in all age groups up to his first class debut in February 2010. He attended the prestigious Churchill Boys School in Zimbabwe. Churchill has been the number one cricketing school in Zimbabwe in recent times and has produced many first class cricketers who have gone on to represent the national side including current players such as Tatenda Taibu.

Harare-born Simon is an orthodox right-arm spinner who plays for Mid West Rhinos and has represented Zimbabwe at U19 level. He was part of the Zimbabwe squad for the World Cup in 2010. Simon was also captain of Kwekwe Sports Club in the local League's T20 competition.



Some statistics:

11 A list games; best performance 3/33, economy 4.38

3 T20 matches economy 7.00. He tells me he has the videos to prove it; bowling against Chris Gayle and Ryan Tendoeschate.

Finnish top bowling average in the Zimbabwe first class league 2010 /11 season; an average of 19.33.

15 International games at U19 level, including 5 against Bangladesh, where he was top bowler with 3/33 with 13 wickets in 5 matches, with an economy rate under 4/over.

I had the pleasure of picking up Simon from LHR and looking after him for the day, before his Uncle Owen took him to Portsmouth for a few days. He is a very sociable lad and clearly enjoys his cricket. I'm glad to say that Simon also supports Man U. I feel he will fit in very well at our club and taking him around our ground he found the facilities at Eversley "awesome" Seeing him training in our winter nets our first team captain, Phil Wise said "he's not going to give too many runs away!"

Thank you to Matt Lawrence and his family for accommodating Simon. On behalf of the club, I wish Simon every success and to have an enjoyable time with us. Tony Edwards

Drought? no play?, too wet!

We all know, we are in drought conditions? After the worst rain in April and early May for a long time at Eversley, our grounds team had difficulty preparing our wickets. Congratulations to Tewkesbury Cricket Club however, who got the covers on before the rains came. In this picture, you cannot see the covers, they are mostly submerged! No watering required for a little while!



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Obituary

We are sorry to report the death of Peter Naylor, who was an accomplished allrounder who played for the club for some 20 years from 1964-84. His son Anthony, who followed in his father's fast-bowling footsteps, told a number of Eversley anecdotes at the thanksgiving service on May 11 when Andrew Renshaw, Gary Ford and Alan Budge represented the club. Peter, who played Minor Counties cricket for Wiltshire in his youth and later for Free Foresters, was particularly proud of the fact that he was made a Life Member of Eversley CC when he moved from the village.

Andrew Renshaw

Simon Mugava at Lords this week

Simon Mugava was invited this week to be at the training sessions with the England test team. Here he is with Andrew Flower and Graham Swann.



Race night was an enjoyable evening and another great fund raising event; together with the bar takings and raffle we raised nearly £1000. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Raffle ticket price winners:

Jeremy Hammond, Chris Budd, Katie Lawrence, Mike Johns, Derek Budd and Matt Barwell

Editor: Tony Edwards

ECC Boars Tour 2012

You've seen it advertised in the Spring Newsletter.....now it really is tour time and your support is required to make it happen.....

Accommodation is at Pekes Manor - using The Oast House at Pekes, in the village of Chiddingly, Hailsham, Sussex. House has been booked and paid for Monday 16th July through to morning of Friday 20th July, covering four nights - cost will be in region of £100 per person and is on a self catering basis and you will need to bring your own bed linen. The house includes a heated (82F) pool (15' x 30') which we can use, on site at Pekes Manor (2'6" to 6' deep). Additionally, we have exclusive use of a Spa bath. If we can get 12 people taking rooms for four nights cost should be around £25.00 pppn. If take up is less than above, then room rates more.

Travel:

Thanks to Fleur Webb we have use of the ATC minibus for the duration of the tour. Contributions towards cost will be required - in region of £25-30, if you use bus for complete tour from ECC clubhouse, or approx £5 for each day if you use the bus once in Sussex. Money we collect will be given to ATC charity.

Tour:

Monday 16th July

Travel to Sussex and free day for any activities - golf or visit to Brighton. Help setup food supplies in house.

Tuesday 17th July

Maresfield, start at 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th July

Buxted Park, start at 2.00pm

Thursday 19th July

Ditchling, start at 2.30pm

Friday am return to Eversley

For further information and your requirements, please contact:

Nigel Cresswell Tour Organiser

Editor: Tony Edwards