

# EAST DEAN AND FRISTON CRICKET CLUB



2018



East Dean  
& Friston C.C.

## History



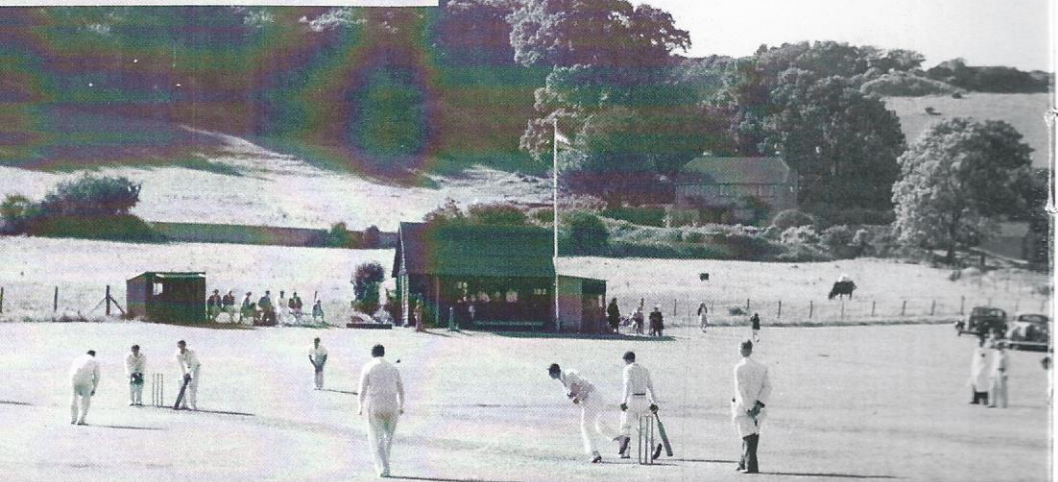
1948 - EDFCC Club dinner at The Bardolf Hall



1959 - Cricket at EDFCC Club



Year unknown - EDFCC players



1952 - Fred Breach bowling at the Recreation Ground

East Dean and Friston Cricket Club plays at the East Dean and Friston War Memorial Recreation Ground (Postcode - BN20 0DG) which is located in East Dean, within the South Downs National Park and sheltered behind Beachy Head and the Seven Sisters. The club was established before 1870 with evidence showing cricket was played in several fields around the village since 1848 and further research into Club history is ongoing.

The earliest surviving record of a game played at East Dean dates back to the 5th August, 1895 against Ocklynge. East Dean scored 68 with opener Mr. Kemp scoring 42 runs.

He took 4 wickets during Ocklynge's innings and the visitors were on 36 for 4 when the game had to be abandoned because of the rain.

In the year of 1895, EDFCC played against Wilmington CC, Selmeston CC and Alfriston CC.

At East Dean and Friston Cricket Club, Surrey juniors played against Sussex juniors in 1898 in a low scoring game which Sussex won by one run after scoring 41.



East Dean also played against M.C.C juniors in 1895. A strong Colts section has been a tradition of the Club for many years.

Cricket has always been a community sport and made possible by volunteers at the Club. According to the Club records, the Pavilion was occupied by the army during the Second World War. Cricket recommenced in 1947 under Major C.H.Harding (Major Charles Davies-Gilbert), after a seven-year break during the war years.

In 1948, there were 220 paid up club members, including more than 100 non-playing members such as the scorers, umpires and the tea ladies who helped as volunteers at the Cricket club.

Jack Hobbs, Sussex and England player, who visited East Dean on various occasions was a supporter of the club. He first came to East Dean in 1947.

In 1956, EDFCC were Cuckmere Valley Champions, the only year they were Champions in the club's long and established history. There was a Colts section with 12 players in 1958.

We have had a few exceptional years since the Millennium, the club has performed exceptionally and progressed from Division 10 to Division 1 in almost a decade under the leadership of Neil Gamble. The 1st XI plays in Division 5, the 2nd XI plays in Division 14 of the Sussex Cricket League and the Sunday XI provides recreational cricket regardless of age, gender or technical ability!

Your Club's committee has ambitious plans to improve the Club in terms of the wicket, organisation and communication within the Club, improving cricket skills and growing membership. We look forward to working with all Club Members to build a strong and enjoyable future for the East Dean and Friston Cricket Club!



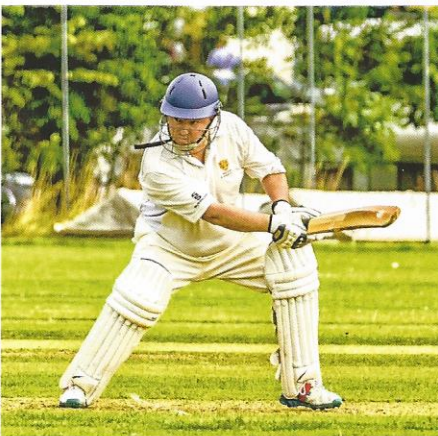
1952- EDFCC Cricket members



1952 - EDFCC on tour at Pevensy Cricket club



1956 - EDFCC Cuckmere Valley Champions



2016 - Neil Gamble playing a square drive

## 2018 Season in Numbers

In 2018, East Dean and Friston Cricket Club participated in the East Sussex Indoor Cricket league, the Intersport trophy, the Sussex Cricket league, the Midweek 20/20 Legal Big Bash competition and Sunday friendly fixtures.

For the 1st XI, Oly Ody scored back to back centuries and scored 624 runs in the season at an average of 48. Jamie Francis scored 396 runs at nearly an average of 29.

Chris Borsoi and Chad Chisholm bowled well in tandem and Oliver Varney, Steve Perry and Terry Preston combined to create a strong bowling unit. The 1st XI finished mid-table in a very competitive league.

For the 2nd XI, Mike Hutchins scored his first 100 for the club and was ably supported in the season by Mark Pankhurst and Matt Loe.

Dan Matthews, Matt Narracott, Graham Primett and Caylan Parfitt bowled well as a bowling unit and the 2nd XI finished second in Division 14 of the SCL.

The Sunday XI provided opportunity for many new Cricketers to enjoy the beautiful setting that is East Dean. It has been a great way to encourage Cricketers of all ages and abilities into Cricket in a socially, all-inclusive club.

In a midweek competition, East Dean and Friston Cricket Club retained their 20/20 competition title on the back of a brilliant 93 from Chris Borsoi and Chad Chisholm and Oliver Varney bowled a tight spell to secure the win. Jamie Francis batted well in the competition too, scoring a quick 100.

All in all, 2018 was a successful year for the club and membership increased to 70 playing members.



2017 - 1st XI celebrating a wicket



2017 Jamie Hyder and Josh Varney



2017 Steve Perry



2017 Ashley Deller-Merricks,  
Chad Chisholm and Steve Perry



## 2019 Year in Preview

In 2019, the 1st XI will play in Division 5, the 2nd XI in Division 11 of the Sussex Cricket League. The Sunday XI will continue to play friendly games in and around East Dean .

Committee members have been busy putting together a grant application for the cricket square move as well as planning permission and a grant application for the ball-stop nets.

We received 70 letters of support from the local community including the MP, Maria Caulfield, Wealden District Councillors, Beachy Head Chaplaincy plus local residents supporting continued cricket in the village. We aim to raise funds for the club, play fund raising games and create a more vibrant and socially accommodating cricket club.

## Visitors

Visitors to East Dean and Friston are cordially invited to join one of the oldest Village Clubs in Sussex, either as playing or non-playing members.

Please get in touch with the Honorary Secretary.



The tea ladies of East Dean and Friston CC