



The Horse's Mouth



April 2023

Welcome!

The summer is nearly upon us, the Cricket season is just round the corner and that means another edition of your favourite village cricket club newsletter, *The Horse's Mouth*.



Read on for the usual news from around the club and hear from our new Club Captain.

Get Social:

Keep up-to-date with all things FCC by following our pages on Social Media.

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Half-Term Cricket Camp

Following successful Junior Cricket Camps in 2021 & 2022, we are pleased to announce we will be running them again, starting in May Half-Term. Apply online using the link below and return the completed form to Harry Metters by email –

h.matters@live.co.uk

CRICKET CAMP

MON 29 & TUE 30 MAY

IMPROVE YOUR BATTING, BOWLING & FIELDING SKILLS DURING HALF TERM. ALL ABILITIES, BOYS & GIRLS, U8s - U13s.

KIDS WILL BE SPLIT UP INTO SMALLER GROUPS - SOME WILL USE HARDBALL, SOME WILL USE SOFTBALL - BASED ON AGE AND EXPERIENCE.

1 DAY:
£25 FCC MEMBERS
£35 NON-MEMBERS

BOTH DAYS:
£50 FCC MEMBERS
£70 NON-MEMBERS

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL HARRY METTERS ON 07772 041 073
FINDON CRICKET CLUB, LONG FURLONG, FINDON, SUSSEX, BN14 0RJ

EMAIL h.matters@live.co.uk FOR AN APPLICATION FORM

http://www.findoncricketclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/CRICKET-CAMP_APPLICATION-FORM_2023.pdf



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Club Shop...

Get kitted up ahead of the 2023 season - Playing and training kit for both Juniors & Seniors is available to buy online at our Club Shop – get involved with the double logos!
<https://www.gncricketshop.co.uk/FindonCC/CSmain.aspx>



Membership...

Details on membership for the 2023 season have been circulated by email and are also available on the website, using the following link:

<http://www.findoncricketclub.co.uk/the-club/membership/>

As ever, the club are heavily reliant on these annual fees so the quick payment and return of the forms would be appreciated.

Fantasy Cricket...

After a successful return last season, FCC Fantasy Cricket is back again! Matt Glover took home the £100 cash prize in 2022 whilst it was Alex Caughlin who claimed the proverbial wooden spoon. This season, transfers have been updated which should allow for changes on Saturday mornings in line with team news. Sign up using the link below:

<https://findon.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk>

The more players involved, the more money raised for the club so feel free to invite friends/family who may be interested. We hope to see plenty of numbers and some healthy competition.

FCC FANTASY CRICKET

Back for another year!

After a successful debut season, raising over £170 for the club, we are bringing back fantasy cricket! Last season saw 38 teams enter with £175 of cash prizes, lets try and get even more players this year!

How it works:

Build a team of current FCC players and each week their runs, wickets and catches will score points. The highest scoring manager wins. Simple All of the point scoring is automatic and updates weekly through a link to play cricket, meaning you can follow along and check results quickly.

Log on to findon.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk and sign up to create your XI. Entry will be £10 per team.

At the end of the season prizes will be issued to the top 3 managers as follows:*

1st - 60% 2nd - 30% 3rd - 10%

I am also looking for someone to sponsor a prize which will be awarded to the highest scoring manager each month in the form of a gift voucher or similar. If anyone is able to support this Manager of the Month prize or can suggest a potential sponsor then please get in touch!

*Prize pot dependent on number of participants



Once you have created an account on findon.fantasyclubcricket.co.uk and selected your team, please make the £10 entry payment to:

Carrig Connolly

Bank: NatWest

Sort Code: 54-30-11

Account No: 35334096

Please add your name and FCCFC as the reference

Entries will not be valid until paid.

Rules

Detailed rules can be found here:

<https://www.fantasyclubsports.co.uk/rules>

In summary:

Max budget per XI - £55m

1 free transfer per game week

Captain scores double points

1 triple captain week available

1 wildcard week (unlimited transfers)

Points will be scored in all **Senior** fixtures and populated directly from play-cricket

The fantasy club cricket website will update automatically each week and any changes to your team can be made directly on the website.

We will provide a monthly summary update via email and on social media where the Manager of the Month will be named.

50% of the total entry fees will be kept for the club, the remaining 50% is the prize pot and cash prizes are determined as a % of the total prize pot. This means the more players we have entered the bigger the prizes, so get joining and sharing!

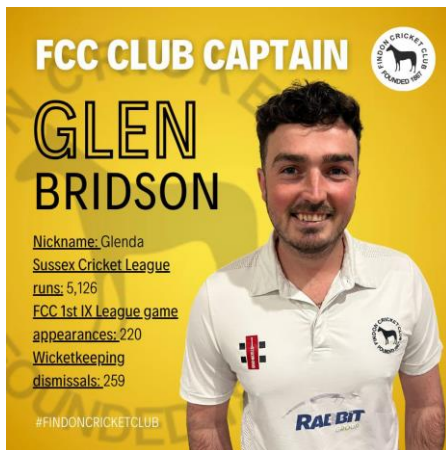
Any questions please feel free to contact me:

carrig@gmail.com



Senior Update...

Following in the footsteps of his brother, Bradley, **Glen Bridson** takes over the reigns as Club Captain for the 2023 season. He will be assisted by vice-captain, **Alasdair Wilson**, as the **1st XI** look forward to life in Division 3 West following relegation last season.



FCC CLUB CAPTAIN

GLEN BRIDSON

Nickname: Glenda
Sussex Cricket League
runs: 5,126
FCC 1st IX League game appearances: 220
Wicketkeeping dismissals: 259

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1ST XI VICE CAPTAIN

ALASDAIR WILSON

Nickname: Wils
Sussex Cricket League
runs: 3,819
FCC 1st IX League game appearances: 21
Senior men's cricket hundreds: 8

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We are delighted to announce the return of **Johann De Jager** as our overseas player for the 2023 season. Our big all-rounder scored 849 runs for the club last season including 6 half-centuries and took 55 wickets with the

ball. Welcome back Johann and good luck this season.



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JOHANN RETURNS FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

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The **2nd XI** will continue in Division 5 West under the stewardship of **Cam Young**, whilst **Harvey Keffert** continues as skipper of the **3rd XI** in Division 9. **Matt Glover** will lead the **Sunday XI** for a further year.

Live Streaming...

Thanks to sponsorship from **Young's Engineering** and **Class Technology Solutions Ltd**, we are excited to announce that we will be live video streaming our league games this season via Frogbox/YouTube. Stay tuned for highlights packages too!

SENIOR NETS will take place on Thursday evenings at Long Furlong this summer. Like last year, the sessions will be structured and fun – please keep your availability on updated on Spond.

Getting to know the new Skipper!

Following his recent appointment as Club Captain, we caught up with Glen Bridson ahead of the 2023 season...

Congratulations on becoming FCC's Club Captain, Glen! How does it feel?

Thank you! I'm very excited and a little nervous to be club captain. I've been in the 1st team for a while now and have been vice-captain for 3/4 years, so I know what to expect and what's required from the role.

What can we expect to see from your captaincy? Describe 'GlenBall'!

Expect from my captaincy that with the bat we will be looking to be really positive at the top of the order to get in front in the game early doors. With the ball, I am keen for us to keep it simple; bowling a good line & length and in field, look to be the best fielding side in the league. But most importantly making sure everyone is enjoying it!

What are your hopes and expectations for the team this year?

In the league, I am definitely looking for us to be at the higher end of the table and looking at having a good run in the Village Knockout this year too!

Which teams do you think will be your toughest opponents this season?

I think Ifield will be very strong having moved across from the east side of the Sussex League and having signed a few decent players. Pagham are always up there in the top 3/4 and Steyning just missed out on promotion last season but in all honesty, every game will be competitive and anyone can beat anyone in this league!

On a personal level, have you got any aims or goals for the season?

I don't have any set goals for the season for myself – I'll just try to be as consistent as possible with the bat in the middle order and keeping wise, the objective is to always out-keep the opposition keeper and to set a good tone for the fielding side!

Good luck to Glen and the 1st XI this season!



All Stars...

Following the success of previous seasons, we will be hosting **All Stars** cricket sessions again, starting on Saturday 6th May 2023 for 8 consecutive weeks (last session 24th June) from 9am



to 10am. These entertaining and friendly sessions provide an ideal introduction to cricket for younger children, aged 5 to 8 years. If your son or daughter would like to give cricket a try in a safe, fun and welcoming environment please visit <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/dbfa3e5b-36c5-4528-90ba-d18d6c46de2b> Spaces are limited so we would urge anyone that wants to sign their child up to do so asap at a cost is £40 per child.



Congratulations to **Alex Stephens** who has been elected as Junior Captain for the 2023 season. Alex has become a regular in the senior 1st XI in the last couple of years and leads by example both on and off the pitch. Congratulations, Stevo, and good luck for the season!



Sussex Slam...

After reaching the Semi-Final of last year's competition, we have teams entered in the Cup & Plate this season. In the cup, we take on Arundel Archers, Littlehampton Goats, Shoreham Swingers, Watersfield Warriors & West Chilmington Windmills whilst we share a group with Henfield Roosters, Shoreham Swingers & Storrington Swans in the plate. Matches to take place mid-week May through to July.



News from the Social Committee...

We are delighted to have a new Social Committee in place featuring the likes of Laura Kingsbury, Sarah Broad, Jo McKenna, Elsie Metters, Archie Cairns and Glen Bridson! They have some fantastic events in mind for the 2023 season, starting with the below and support from our club members would be welcomed and appreciated:



Keep an eye on Social Media for further updates and events!



Sponsorship

Ahead of the 2023 season, we have some great opportunities for local businesses to get involved in our thriving club including features in the club handbook, advertising boards at the ground and on social media.

If you are interested, please get in contact with Mike Metters.

Clubhouse works...

The club's committee have committed to some significant expenditure on the refurbishment of some areas of the pavilion prior to the start of the season. The tile flooring in the entrance, hallway, gent's toilets and home changing room have been replaced with an Altro, spike-proof vinyl flooring and the gent's toilets have been refurbished with new sanitaryware throughout. Thank you to those who joined the pre-season 'painting party' to spruce up areas of the pavilion inside and out.



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Findon Fundrasing...

There's been lots of money raised for some amazing causes during the off-season.

A massive well done to **Sarah Broad, Laura Kingsbury & Jo McKenna** - 3 of our U12/U13s Mums, who completed a Skydive in aid of Turning Tides in September.



Former club Chairman and current League Rep, **Mike Metters**, completed the Worthing 10km in October, also raising money for Turning Tides.



Geoff Roan (and his daughter) ran the London Marathon recently in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Pretty impressive with his new bionic hips and considering her turns 70 this year!!

And the amazing **Kat Chapman** – a lifelong club stalwart from a family of FCC legends completed the London Landmarks Half Marathon in April whilst on dialysis and awaiting a kidney transplant. She has raised over £2,000 for Kidney Care UK to raise awareness of rare hereditary conditions like that experienced by the Chapman family. Read more about her story and find the link to donate, here:

https://metro.co.uk/2023/03/29/my-brother-and-i-were-told-our-kidneys-were-failing-and-wed-need-transplants-18520469/?fbclid=IwAR2jrGta2qF4wjvpCK1CGeRtSg_lwLHgHzktQZ4xY6ta1Rr90m0bqjwzj-Q



We're all mad here...

It was great to see one of our Vice-Presidents, **Bob Cole**, dressed up as the Mad Hatter on a weekend in Dawlish recently. Hope to see you up at the club soon, Bob (and Wendy!!)



News from Down Under...

Congratulations to **Curtis "Big Cheese" Howell**, who put in a Man of the Match performance with an unbeaten knock of 63 in the Grade T20 final for Ellinbank. Top slogging!



FCC 150 Club

The 150 Club has been running for over 4 years and is a great fundraiser for the club. For just £3 a month paid by standing order you'll be entered into a monthly draw for cash prizes of up to £75! **If you would like to join, please contact FCC150club@gmail.com.**

The results of the latest draws are below – congratulations to the winners:

February

£75	Chris Smith
£25	David Everett
£10	Emma Cairns

March

£75	Paul Durkowski
£25	Gary Botting
£10	Fraser Shakespeare

April

£75	Mark Higgins
£25	Sam Dunkley
£10	Paul & Elaine Judges

October prize re-draw (winner no longer takes part)

£75	Tony Garner
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And that's it for another edition of *The Horse's Mouth*! Enjoy the 2023 season, we'll be back in September!

