



The Horse's Mouth



April 2025

Welcome!

After a hiatus last year, *The Horse's Mouth* is BACK this spring as another year of Cricket at Long Furlong approaches us.

Read on for news from around the club, a word from our new Chairman and a sit down with our new Aussie import...



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Half-Term Cricket Camp

Following the success of previous Junior Cricket Camps, 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

https://www.findoncricketclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/APPLICATION-FORM_EDITABLE.pdf

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A word from the Chairman...

After an incredible 22 years on the committee, including the last 7 years as Chairman, Mandy Bridson has stepped down. Her dedication and passion have left a lasting impact and we can't thank her enough for everything she's done. Wishing Mandy all the best for the next chapter!

Toby Kingsbury has stepped up from vice-chairman to take on the role of Chairman. With his leadership, we know the club's future is in great hands. Toby had the following to say ahead of the 2025 season:

I'm incredibly honoured to be appointed as Chairman of this wonderful club. A club that's been a big part of my life since I was a teenage boy.

It's a pretty daunting responsibility but I've got a great team around me and we'll do our best to make sure the strong values of FCC continue to be upheld.

I'd like to thank our previous chair, Mandy Bridson for her hard work and guidance over the last 7 years. Mandy always said that we're just custodians of our 150 year old club, making sure that we keep it running smoothly before passing on the baton. I hope to do the same over the coming years.

As a club, our primary focus in recent months has been to secure new sponsors and I'm so pleased that former player Andy Boxall has stepped up to be the new main sponsor for the next 4 years. We're very

privileged to own our own ground and clubhouse and his investment into the club is hugely welcomed at a time when maintenance costs are increasing. I encourage all members to do their bit to repay this investment by purchasing the new sponsored kit.

I'm so happy to be taking on the reins with a full suite of junior teams from under 10s right through to under 16s. We haven't had such a strong junior set up for many years and it's comforting to see the next generation coming through. Long may that continue!

And finally, we're a club that relies on a small team of volunteers. If you want to help out, in any way, then please let us know.

Thanks,

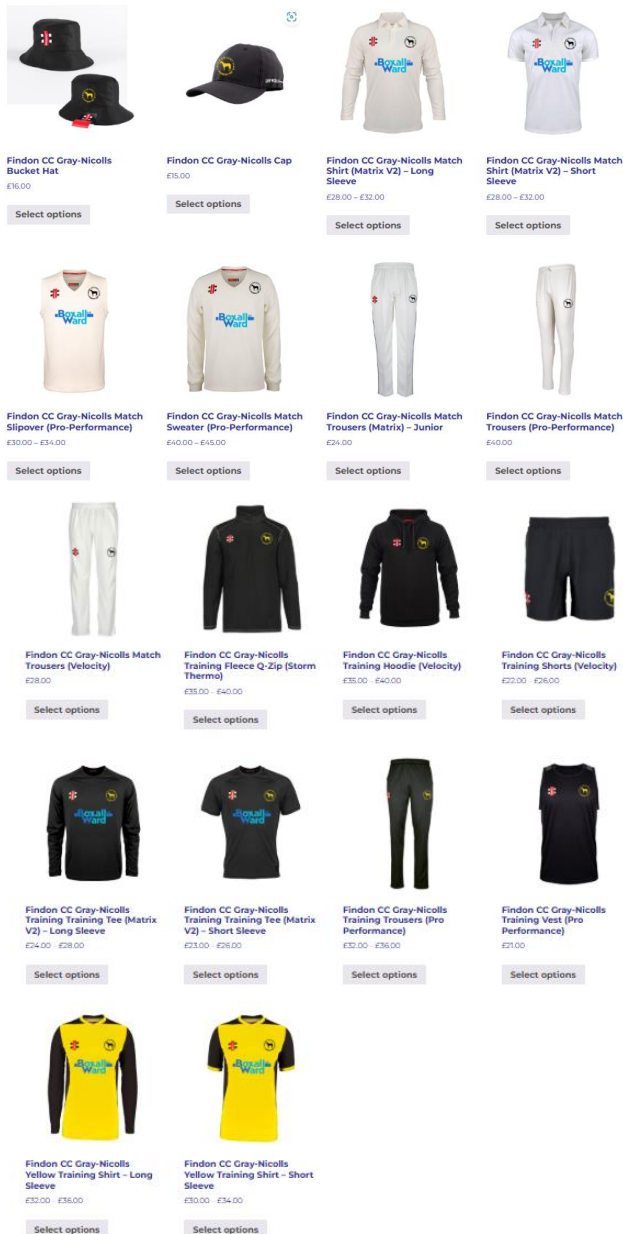
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Club Shop...

Get kitted up ahead of the 2025 season - Playing and training kit for both Juniors & Seniors is available to buy online at our new Club Shop –

<https://broadwatersports.co.uk/club-shops/findon-cricket-club/>



Membership...

Details on membership for the 2025 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.

A big thanks to our Sponsors...

As a community club, led by volunteers, and faced with increasing costs, we are always on the lookout for additional revenue to help sustain the club in the future.

We focused during the off-season on partnering with local companies and organisations who wish to increase their presence in the local community and who share the same interest in supporting grassroots community sport.

The response has been incredible – we have secured 20 sponsors for the 2025 season including a new main club sponsor, **Boxall Ward**. Their brand will feature on the front of our playing shirts alongside another major sponsor, **Design Packaging**, on the back.

Many of our sponsors will feature on brand new, high quality, aluminum advertising boards which will be dotted around the boundary at Long Furlong this year.

When Cricket meets Golf...

November saw the return of the annual FCC golf day with 27 players participating in an excellent day at Worthing Golf Club.

The winning team was Growler, George Garner & George Green with Growler also taking home the individual trophy in controversial circumstances.

A big thanks to Spider for organising, Worthing Golf Club for their hospitality and to The Black Horse pub for the curry and beers after.

An FCC team also took on Broadwater CC in a Ryder Cup format at Singing Hills. A great day had by all (despite a narrow defeat!)

Representing FCC: John Cox, Dan Finnegan, James Simper, Toby Kingsbury, Drew Hammersley, Carl Broad, Nick Hawke, Bradley Bridson, Jabe Rogers, Carrig Connolly, Colin Dand & Gary Howell



Findon CC FC...

FCC FC were back in action in September, taking on Worthing United Vets at Woodside Road. Gaffer, Bradley Bridson achieved his first win in 4 attempts with a 5-4 victory. Goals from Cam Young (3) & George Green (2).

Squad: Ross Ball, Graham Manser, Jamie Lewis, Felix Jordan, George Green, Nick White, Ben Coulson, Steve Gettings, Cam Young, Chris Smith, Lewis Franklin, David Everett, Drew Hammersley, James Simper, Alex Caughlin

Get set weekend...

A big thanks to our band of volunteers who spared some time to get the club ready for the 2025 season.



Horses down under...

Jabe Rogers teamed up with Curtis Howell, at Ellinbank CC (near Melbourne) for an Aussie summer whilst Alex Stephens returned to Ingle Farm District CC, near Adelaide. Great to see the pair met up with last year's FCC Overseas player, Daniel Cormack, on the golf course too.



All Stars...

Following the success of previous seasons, we will be hosting All Stars cricket sessions again, starting on Saturday 10th May 2025 for 8 weeks (last session 28th June) from 10am to 11am. 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/findon/Course/4e278866-80b1-41db-8235-e9e4ac82ff43>



Spaces are limited so we would urge anyone that wants to sign their child up to do so asap at a cost is £50 per child.

SENIOR TRAINING will take place on Thursday evenings at Long Furlong this summer. Sessions will be led by Alex Stephens and will be structured and fun – please keep your availability on updated on Spond.

Net sessions will also take place on Tuesdays.



What's new...?

We are delighted to welcome **Dylan Jobson** to the club, who will be our Overseas player for the 2025 season.

Dylan reins from Melbourne, where he plays for Melton Lions CC in the Victorian Sub District Division. He's a left-arm seam

bowler with personal best bowling figures of 7/21.

Off the pitch, Dylan has his own Landscape Gardening business and will be joined for part of his stay in England by his girlfriend, Chelsea.

A massive thank you to Cormack Plumbing for their sponsorship towards Dylan's move to Findon.

Keep reading to find out more about Aussie quick bowler...

A warm welcome, also, to **Charlie Mifsud** who joins the Horses from Haywards Heath having been a regular in their 1st & 2nd teams.



A glow-up behind the bar...

A big thanks to new Wine Chairman, Matt Rivers for his hard work in renovating the bar, it's looking great!



The club have also invested in a **Coffee Machine** and new **smart TV** to give the clubhouse a more homely feel.

Thank you and welcome to some new faces on committee this year – **Iain Swalwell** (Membership Secretary), **Carrig Connolly** (Treasurer), **Phil Stephens** (House Chairman), **Matt Rivers** (Wine Chairman), **Nick White** (Players' Representative), **Carl Broad & Nick Hawke** (Additional Committee Members). **Simon Cairns** also steps into the role of Vice-Chairman. All will play a big part in the running of our great cricket club.

Umpires wanted...

We are looking a little light on Umpires this season – if you are interested in helping the club by Umpiring for our 2nd XI or 3rd XI (even just 1 or 2 games!), it would be massively appreciated. Please contact Mike Metters.





Meeting Dylan



*Welcome to Findon Cricket Club, Dylan!
Have you been to England before?*

I've been to England twice when I was 15 & 16 on Cricket tours where I was lucky enough to play a handful of games each time.

What do you know about Findon CC and what attracted you to make the move?

I can't say I had heard of Findon CC before talking to Brad but the thing that excited me the most was just how polite everyone I spoke to was and the ability that everyone had to make me feel welcome from the start.

What is your highest score with the bat and best bowling figures?

My highest score with the bat is 31 – I'll be looking to improve that in the UK! My best bowling figures are 7/21.

What are you looking forward to most about your summer in England?

The opportunity that something like this brings to explore different parts of the world and experience a different lifestyle for 6 months. I'm also looking forward to winning some games of cricket and playing plenty of golf whilst I'm over.

If you could liken yourself to an international cricketer (past or present), who would it be?

I would probably liken myself to either Mitchell Johnson or Mitch Starc purely being a tall left-arm fast bowler who runs in and just wants to bowl quick. Also can whack a few or look completely stupid with the bat..! I have been told that my bowling action is similar to those players too.

What will you miss most about home?

I will miss my girlfriend and family the most whilst away and also being a business owner, my job! I own a landscaping company which is a real enjoyment and passion of mine so that will be missed.

Do you play or follow any other sports apart from cricket?

Back home I play AFL and basketball. I support Collingwood Magpies and I'm also a big Chelsea FC fan – hopefully I can get to a game whilst I'm over.

What are we likely to see you drinking in the bar after a game?

I'm not sure what my drink of choice will be in England but back home I mainly drink Canadian Club & Dry or some sort of spirit and mixer. I'll be sure to try plenty of option and find a favourite one quickly!



Dates for the Diary...

Sat 3rd May – first competitive senior cricket of 2025 – T20 Cup vs Slinfold at home

Sat 10th May – first league games of 2025

Sat 17th May – Quiz Night (TBC) & Food van (Podgers)

Sat 14th June - Social & Food van (Between the Sheets pasta)

Sat 5th July - Social & Food van (Podgers)

Sat 26th July - Social & Food van (Podgers)

Sat 16th August - Social & Food van (Podgers)

Fri 22nd – 25th August – Club Weekend (including live band on Saturday night)

Sat 30th August – Sponsors Lunch

Date TBC – Friends of Findon game

Date TBC – End of Season Awards night

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



Join the 150 Club & Win Cash Prizes!

Want to support the club and have a chance to win some money? Our 150 Club is the perfect way to do both! Every month, you could win:

- £75
- £25
- £10

Since launching for our 150th anniversary, we've given away around £10,000 in prizes!

Join today and be in with a chance to win - plus, every entry helps support the club!

For further details or to join, email fcc150club@gmail.com

