

OE CRICKET CLUB

OECC Chairman Nigel Wheeler writes:

After the Lord Mayor's Show of 2017, the 2018 season was rather a disappointment for the OECC

The Cricketer Cup

The first round of the Cricketer Cup was played on Memorial v Oundle Rovers, the side with the fourth best record in the competition. The OEs lost the toss, bowled and fielded with vigour but without particular penetration or authority. 219 for 5 was not a flattering score on an easy paced pitch. The OEs kept up with the run requirement especially through Max Finzell (44) and Brad Evans (23) and Angus Stewart (66). At 185 for 5 with seven overs remaining and 35 runs needed, the pointless run out of Ben Twine saw the end of our efforts and a collapse followed. All out 190. Will Street's 5-29 were the outstanding bowling figures of the day.

OE XI: Jacob Smith (Craig 2010-15), Giles Robinson (Craig 2011-16), Max Finzell (Reeves 2006-08) (wk), Harry Lloyd (Wargrave 2011-16), Brad Evans (Gonville 2014-16), Angus Stewart (Craig 2003-08) (capt), Ben Twine (Craig 2013-17), Ollie Smith (Craig 2006-11), Sam Tomkinson (Gonville 2008-10), Stuart Garratt (Wargrave 2006-11), Fred Florry (Gonville 2004-06)

College 1st XI v OECC

OECC played Eastbourne College 1st XI on College Field on Speech Day. A 20/20 bash.

College 160, OEs 161 for 4. OEs won by 6 wickets. Giles Robinson top scored with 61 not out, displaying experience and skill in leading his team to victory. The College innings included 44 extras with 32 wides! Well bowled the old boys!

OE XI: Hugh Turnbull (Craig & Pennell 2012-17), Archie Cooper (Pennell 2012-14), Giles Robinson, James McIntosh (Wargrave 2009-14), Arthur Pickard (Powell 2012-17), Rafe Sulke (Reeves

2010-15), Ben McIntosh (Wargrave 2012-17), Fergus Piper (Craig 2011-16), Jonny Robinson (Craig 2008-13), Sammy McClure (Craig 2011-16), Ollie Chatterton (Gonville 2015-18)

Eastbourne College 1st XI: Louis Barron (Reeves), Thomas Crathern (Powell), George Skinner (Wargrave), Oliver Ashdown (Craig), Jack Casebourne (Reeves), Christian Richards (Gonville), Joe Pocklington (Craig), William Wright (Wargrave), Harrison Tagg (Craig), Oliver Carter (Craig), Tawanda Muyeye (Gonville)

The Cricket Week

'The Week' consisted of two matches. The Old Malvernians pulled out at the last moment for the second year running. Perhaps we have seen the end of this distinguished old boys' side down on the south coast. A pity. Many fine matches and memories and players and achievements have been seen over the years gone by.

Some form of revenge was produced on College Field as the OEs played the Oundle Rovers again. An impressive win was secured against their ten men and two 'senior' players of the past per-



Nigel Wheeler, right, at the cricket dinner in May, with, from left, David Piper, Jill Merricks, Philip Le Brocq and Sally Le Brocq

formed with great credit; Simon Cane Hardy (63 not out) and Jeremy Reid (51). Joe Pocklington was hauled away from the scorebook to make up the numbers. He made 41 not out and then took 5-28 as the Oundle side crumbled for 114.

Joe was the College captain for 2018 and we hope that this is a start of an illustrious OECC career. Will Street, our scourge in the Cricketer Cup game, took 0-34; such is cricket.

OE XI: D Ibrahim, Giles Robinson, George Burrough (Wargrave 2001-06), Jeremy Reid (Craig 1999-2004), Will Wheeler (Wargrave 2004-09), Jacob Smith,

Simon Cane Hardy (Powell 2000-02), Joe Pocklington, J Francis, Will Ripley (Gonville 1999-2004), S Thompson

The Uppingham Rovers won the toss, the match and the Mynott/Ashworth Trophy in a friendly contest a day later. Some lusty hitting by George Skinner (46) and Will Wheeler (49) and a classic innings from the aforementioned 'scorer', Joe Pocklington (58), secured a total of 244. This was overhauled comfortably by the visitors thanks chiefly to O Esse's 115 not out. Angus Stewart surprised himself and all of us by taking two wickets. OECC lost by four wickets.

OEXI: George Burrough, Angus Stewart, L Barrow, George Skinner, Will Wheeler, Ben Twine, M Butcher, Jack Casebourne, Joe Pocklington, J Francis, Toby Marriott (Pennell 2008-13)

George Burrough masterminded the matches bringing good cheer, a relaxed atmosphere, full teams and some decent wine to the proceedings. The club thanks him for his performances on and off the field.

Alex Halliday

The club also remembers the enormous contribution given by Alex Halliday and mourns his sad and early departure as a result of cancer. Alex was a prolific run scorer. He was a useful change bowler, an outstanding fielder and a first rate club captain. He captained Eastbourne College in 1990, the OEs and the MCC on numerous occasions and Eastbourne Cricket Club in their exciting win of the National Club Competition at Lords.

He made many friends in the cricket world both here and abroad. He will be sorely missed. [A tribute to Alex appears on page 77.]

THE 2018 CRICKET DINNER

The annual cricket dinner at the College was held on Thursday 28 June.



Forbes Wastie, Chris Sneath, Anita Bartlett and Anthony Bartlett

Following the match between the 1st XI and the MCC on College Field, a drinks reception was held on the Long Room balcony, and some of the guests are pictured here. The dinner started at 7.30pm in the function rooms in the Winn Building. The guest speaker this year was Richard Halsall, the newly appointed Director of Sussex CCC Academy. During the evening, Richard took part in a Q and A session in which he gave insights into the England team and international cricket, and spoke about the changes and development of coaching over the last 15 years, while considering the future direction of the game.

THE 2019 OE CRICKET SEASON

Sunday 16 June

1st round Cricketer Cup
Old Eastbournians v Old
Bedfordians (away)

Saturday 29 June

Old Eastbournians v
The College 1st XI
(College Field)

Wednesday 10 July

Old Eastbournians v
Oundle Rovers
(College Field)

Thursday 11 July

Old Eastbournians v
Uppingham Rovers
(College Field)

Friday 12 July

Eastbournians v The Rest
(College Field)
A proposed but not yet
confirmed match in
memory of Alex Halliday,
to be played between
players from the various
clubs he represented.