

# OE CRICKET CLUB

In a year of memorable cricket in the World Cup and The Ashes, the Old Eastbournians in turn had their magic moments with some excellent results and performances from a wide variety of young players.

## Cricketer Cup

The major disappointment for 2019 was the 1st round of the Cricketer Cup. Twice we have beaten Bedford in recent years and yet on this mid-June Sunday, an OE side suffered a fairly humiliating 10-wicket defeat. Certainly injuries and university commitments did take their toll. Brad Evans had a damaged ankle and could not bowl, but he batted well; others gave some respectability to our total. Bedford opens Kettleborough and Aitkenhead had little trouble in knocking off the runs despite some tight bowling from Fred Florry.

OEs 172 (49 overs). B Evans 41, S Tompkinson 26, A Stewart 23, J Smith 22. Old Bedfordians 176 for 0 (36 overs). OEs lost by 10 wickets

## Speech Day

Eastbourne College 1st XI 151 for 2 (20 overs). J Pocklington 67\*, O Boulter 60. OEs 152 for 5 (17 overs). D Ibrahim 26, J Pryce 23\*, D Toole 2-21. OEs won by 5 wickets

The Speech Day fixture was a feast of runs in this T20 match and not a single player was over 21. Thanks to Rob Ferley for managing this fixture that aims to pitch the present 1st XI



The Alex Halliday memorial match

Enough said, other than to thank those who came out of retirement to play and to all willing to make the journey and to carry the banner for the OECC.

OE XI: Jacob Smith (capt), Ollie Smith, Angus Stewart, Brad Evans, Will Wheeler, Sam Tompkinson, Tim Baxter, Andrew Morgan, Tom Nicholson, Richard Evans, Fred Florry



Giles Robinson: two centuries in 'The Week'

against as many of the previous year's side as possible.

## Alex Halliday memorial match

In memory of Alex Halliday (School 1985-90), who had so tragically died in the previous winter, a special match was arranged on College Field between an OE team and representatives of the numerous cricket clubs associated with Alex. Jamie Freeland (Sussex 2nd XI) and James Hamblin (Hampshire and Eastbourne CC) captained the sides on a lovely sunny Eastbourne day with Alex's wife Emily and daughter Georgina, parents Juliet and Charles and brother William in attendance. The innings of the star-studded visitors was centred around the lusty blows of local player Paul Stevens but impressive bowling from Jack Casebourne and Jacob Smith restricted the total to 234 for 8 declared.

In reply the OEs, through fine hitting from Giles Robinson (126), won comfortably. Giles was ably supported by Mark Lock who found his whites for the first time in four years and showed as ever what an outstanding sportsman

he is. Rugby's gain was cricket's loss. Add Alex Simcox (Cambridge Blue 100 at Lords) and Tim Mynott (England Over 60s Ashes XI) to an array of very useful OE players and all enjoyed a splendid day and a win for Alex's old school. A genial dinner followed locally at Pomodoro.

All Stars Alex's Teams XI 234 for 8 declared (48 overs). P Stevens 67, A Hall 39, J Hamblin 36\*, G Grace 22, J Casebourne 3-39, J Smith 3-76

OEs 235 for 8 (40.1 overs). G Robinson 126, M Lock 33, B Twine 20, H Watkinson 5-61, J Hamblin 2-71. OEs won by 2 wickets

## Oundle Rovers

A day later, the Oundle Rovers found Giles Robinson scoring another fine century. Giles, along with George Hopkins, Will Wheeler and Ben Barter, set a stiff score for the visitors and Oundle fell well short of the challenge. Wickets were shared by Joe Pockington, Giles Robinson, George Hopkins, Ben Barter and captain Ben Twine. An impressive performance all round.

OEs 272 (50 overs). G Robinson 117, G Hopkins 41, W Wheeler 25, B Barter 29\*

Oundle Rovers 194. J Pocklington 3-36, G Robinson 3-14, B Twine 2-18. OEs won by 78 runs

## Uppingham Rovers

Uppingham Rovers batting first scored too few runs against some fine bowling from Louis Barron, Peter Wooldridge and Jack Casebourne. The OE reply was led by George Burrough, captain Ben Twine and George Hopkins. Peter Wooldridge enjoyed a profitable all-rounder's return to College Field after too many years of back injury. We hope that he will become a regular player in the years ahead. The OEs therefore won the coveted Thwaites (Ian)/Ashworth (David) Trophy.

Uppingham Rovers 196 (49.2 overs). L Barron 4-55, P Wooldridge 3-38, J Casebourne 3-38

OEs 198 for 4 (33.1 overs). G Burrough 63, B Twine 63, P Wooldridge 45. OEs won by 6 wickets

Three thoroughly enjoyable matches in July. I hope that those who played will make themselves available in 2020 in the same week and indeed for the Cricketer Cup. Cricket is the only OE sport that enjoys such annual hospitality from the College and the club would like to thank the bursar, caterers, porters and ground staff for making the days possible.

## 2020 fixtures

The Old Eastbournian Cricket Committee met at The Farmers' Club on 4 November 2019. A group under Will Ripley will mastermind Cricketer Cup

matters. We are drawn against Lancing Rovers in a preliminary round on Sunday 31 May at Lancing. Should we be successful, we play Harrow Wanderers on Sunday 14 June. Subsequent matches are on 28 June, 12 July and 26 July, with the final on 9 August.

'The Week' will include a new fixture with the Stowe Templars. At present the schedule is:

**Wednesday 8 July v Oundle Rovers**  
**Thursday 9 July v Uppingham Rovers**  
**Friday 10 July v Stowe Templars**

Another fixture is sought for either Monday 6 or Tuesday 7. George Burrough is the organiser for all of these matches. A golf day at The Royal Eastbourne is planned for either the Monday or Tuesday for all ages and abilities. Colin Farrant is our golf/cricket guru.

2020 promises to be a busy year for OECC. Under Rob Ferley, Director of Cricket, the College XI has had some outstanding results and the OEs want to see as many of those keen and talented cricketers enjoying cricket for the club in the years following.

**Nigel Wheeler**  
 (Chairman OECC)

## The annual cricket dinner and MCC match



Sally Tomsett, James Tredwell and John Tomsett

The College 1st XI took on the MCC in their annual fixture on Thursday 27 June and, following the end of play, a drinks reception was held in the Long Room of the Howell Pavilion, before dinner in the Christopher Kirk-Greene function suite in the Winn Building. The dinner was for all cricket enthusiasts, not just MCC members, and the guest speaker was James Tredwell, who joined the College's coaching team in October 2018.

James recently retired after a successful 18-year career. A prominent figure on the county cricket circuit, he also played two Tests for England, returning match figures of 6-181 against Bangladesh in 2010 and 5-140 in the West Indies in 2015. During the dinner a Q&A session, hosted by Director of Cricket Rob Ferley, enabled James to reminisce about his life in cricket.