



# Friends of Arundel Castle Cricket Club Limited *Spring Newsletter 2015*

**This year we celebrate 40 years since the Club was inspired and formed by Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk.** A great deal has changed since the Club's inception and as you will see from the Fixture List, we now offer a vast variety of cricket: First Class 4-day and T20 cricket; women's cricket; the highest quality of amateur club cricket; international disability cricket; and schoolboy cricket. There can be few grounds in the world that offer the variety of cricket and activity available at Arundel and we like to think that it is this variety which, when combined with the ancestry of the Club, makes 'Arundel Castle Cricket' so special.



## **2015 Matches**

The Sussex Festival begins on the 14<sup>th</sup> June when Sussex CCC will host both Surrey CCC (T20) and Durham CCC (4 Day Championship). We are also very pleased to host Sussex Women with Kent Women returning as part of a three County T20 (Sussex, Kent & Middlesex) on July 5th.

We have a wonderful list of Duke of Norfolk's XI fixtures and we also look forward to welcoming teams from Australia (Sydney Cricket Ground XI & The Bradman Foundation), South Africa (Leopards), Hong Kong and the India Visually Impaired team who will play the England Visually Impaired Cricket Team in a full One Day International and two T20 Internationals.

We expect to see a number of former international players present when the Professional Cricketers Association (PCA) take on the Sussex Martlets and when an ECB XI play the Club Cricket Conference as part of their 150th year Celebrations.

To celebrate the **Club's 40<sup>th</sup> year** we will be organising a function to mark the occasion during our MCC match (please see the back of this newsletter for more details). We expect the Duke of Norfolk's XI for this match to have a local and youthful feel and to include a couple of former Professional players. It should be a lot of fun and we hope that you can join us to celebrate.

Other highlights include a Foundation XI to play the England Learning Difficulty and England Physical Disability teams. There will also be an Inner City Junior Tour from Yorkshire and London, based at Arundel, as well as an 8-a-side Cricket Day, which makes a significant fundraising contribution to the Foundation's education programme for young people. I really encourage you to read the Foundation's Review of 2014 - it is a marvellous publication.

The ECB continues its wonderful support with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI T20 and U17 County Championship Finals taking place here again. The 2015 fixtures, combined with our Foundation's activities, will offer our members a most brilliant, varied and entertaining season.

### **New Membership Benefits & Events**

We have been working hard to offer our members more. This year you can look forward to:

- \* Art Exhibition at Arundel on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April
- \* Canine Partners Charity event on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July
- \* **FACCC's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on 12<sup>th</sup> July**
- \* Free entry at Fontwell Races on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August \*\*
- \* Free entry at Plumpton Races on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October \*\*
- \* Stephen Chalke Lunchtime Talk on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- \* 2 for 1 on all advanced tickets at Brighton Races (excludes August Festival) please contact FACCC office for details
- \* 10% off all clothing at Allan's of Petworth \*\*
- \* 'Members only' wine promotions with Hennings – see the enclosed flyer
- \* 15% off all food, drink & accommodation at the Swan in Arundel\*\*
- \* Possible members' winter tour to South Africa – please register your interest at the FACCC office.

*\*\* Please take your membership cards as proof of FACCC membership*

## **Other Developments**

In addition to the Private Eye match, this year will see some additional but strictly limited Corporate Cricket at Arundel. The ground will be made available for hire 1 or 2 days a season. Our newly designed pamphlet “*Entertaining at Arundel*” is available on our website or you can request a copy by post through the office.

We are continuing to expand our coaching courses and indoor school usage. Our Howzat4kidz course has been very well received and we will continue to run our successful Christmas, Easter and Summer holiday courses too.

We are increasing our catering options for members and guests. As well as the traditional match day lunches and regular tea-hut snacks, we will be selling picnic boxes at £12 per person.

For this season the Duke of Norfolk’s XI will have match shirts. These have been generously sponsored by 3 local businesses – Allfields finance, The Rabbit Group and the Loft Shop.

## **To Conclude**

The most important day for Cricket in Arundel’s history is the next one. The Club and Foundation are building something exceptional and sustainable. Thanks so much for your support and as always I welcome your thoughts on all we do and I look forward to seeing you in the summer.

If you would like regular electronic information on the Club and Foundation’s activities please email me at [james@arundelcastlecricket.co.uk](mailto:james@arundelcastlecricket.co.uk).

*James Rufey, Executive Secretary*

## **Spring Lunch Friday 27th March 2015**

We welcome David Morgan, OBE DL, and his wife Anne, as our special guests for this year’s Spring Lunch.



David’s contribution to the World of Cricket is as extensive as anyone I know. Currently President of M.C.C. and Glamorgan C.C.C., he has been Chairman of Glamorgan C.C.C., Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board and President of The International Cricket Council. His quiet and well informed counsel has been a blessing to the game at every level.

**John Barclay**

**For members who have renewed, enclosed  
with this Newsletter:**

**Annual Membership Card (where applicable) & Car Pass  
Fixture List  
Notice of Annual General Meeting Thursday 30th April 2015  
Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation Annual Report  
50 CLUB Application Form  
Spring Lunch Application Form**

**F.A.C.C.C.'s 40TH YEAR CELEBRATION**

**DUKE OF NORFOLK'S XI**

**v**

**M.C.C.**

**SUNDAY 12TH JULY**

**FINGER BUFFET LUNCH WITH DRINK ON ARRIVAL**

**£25.00 PER PERSON**

**If you would like to join us, please e mail:  
[vanessa@arundelcastlecricket.co.uk](mailto:vanessa@arundelcastlecricket.co.uk)**

**For more information please call the F.A.C.C.C. office  
on 01903 882462**