

## **STATISTICS—2021**

### **TEAM—% WINS**

70+ 1st XI 88.24% (77.78%); 60+ 3rd XI 64.29% (37.50%); 70+ 2nd XI 62.5% (33.33%); 50+ 1st XI 50.0% (15.57%); 60+ 1st XI 41.67% (11.11%); 50+ 2nd XI 40.0% (33.33%); 60+ 2nd 28.57% (44.44%); 60+ 4th XI 15.79 % (66.67%). Figures in brackets are the 2020 percentages.

Total—Played 114; won 55; lost 54; drawn 3; no result 2

### **SENIORS' BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 5 innings)**

John Moore 217.33 in 19 innings; Andy Meads 85.0 in 7 innings; Roger Tidyman 70.91 in 17 innings; Simon Barrs 70.71 in 11 innings; Brad Smith 65.0 in 7 innings; Martyn Ford 62.0 in 11 innings; Graham Watts 59.63 in 15 innings; Willie Boone 57.75 in 10 innings; Jason Robinson 53.83 in 9 innings; Gerry Clark 52.5 in 13 innings; Jonathan Bodansky 50.5 in 13 innings; Jon Woodman 50.25 in 10 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

Roger Tidyman—780 runs in 17 innings with top score 140\*; John Moore—652 in 19 innings with top score 83\*; Peter Matthews 578 runs in 23 innings with top score 67; Gerry Clark 531 runs in 16 innings with top score 82\*; John Johnson—516 in 20 innings with top score 68\*.

#### **Strike Rate (Minimum 6 innings and over 90)**

Tim Peters 114.61 in 10 innings; Martin Sims 109.43 in 11 innings; Colin Coddington 101.85 in 11 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Glyn Mayes 149\* vs Hertfordshire 4th XI.

#### **Centuries**

Glyn Mayes 149\* vs Hertfordshire 4th XI; Roger Tidyman 140\* vs Kent 70+1st XI and 113 vs Surrey 70+ 1st XI; Jason Robinson 135\* vs Surrey 50+ 2nds; Martin Sims 123\* vs Essex 60+ 3rd XI; Gordon Morgan 122 vs Middlesex 60+ 1st XI; Martyn Ford 118 vs Berkshire 60+ 1st XI; Bob Mayston 117\* vs Surrey 70+ 2nd XI; Simon Barrs 117 vs Surrey 60+ 2nd XI and 108\* vs Surrey 108\* vs Surrey 60+ 2nd XI; Martin Brownsey 115 vs Kent 60+ 4th XI; Brad Smith 114 vs Surrey 50+ 2nd XI.

#### **Fifties (Minimum 4)**

Roger Tidyman—96 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire 70+ 1st XI; 69 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire 70+ 1st XI; 63 vs Kent 70+ 1st XI; 51\* vs Wiltshire 70+ 1st XI; 51\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI; 50\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI.

John Johnson—68\* vs Hertfordshire 70+ 1st XI; 64\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI; 59\* vs Essex 70+ 1st XI; 51 vs Surrey 70+ 1st XI; 50\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI.

John Moore—83\* vs Hertfordshire 70+ 2nd XI; 77\* vs Kent 70+ 2nd XI; 68\* vs Hertfordshire 70+1st XI; 68\* vs Kent 70+2nd XI; 53\* vs Surrey 70+ 2nd XI.

Jonathan Bodansky—61\* vs Kent 60+ 4th XI; 61 vs Berkshire/Middlesex 60+ 4th XI; 60\* vs Surrey 60+ 4th XI; 58\* vs Essex 60+ 4th XI.

Martin Burgess—75 vs Kent 60+ 3rd XI; 72\* vs Suffolk 60+ 3rd XI; 65\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI; 50\* vs Hertfordshire 70+ 1st XI.

Gerry Clark—82\* vs Kent 70+ 2nd XI; 79 vs Surrey 70+ 1st XI; 63 vs Surrey 670+ 2nd XI; 50\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI.

Chris Knight—69\* vs Kent 60+ 3rd XI; 63 vs Middlesex 60+ 2nd XI; 59 vs Hertfordshire 60+ 2nd XI; 52\* vs Buckinghamshire 60+ 3rd XI.

Peter Matthews— 67 vs Essex 70+ 2nd XI; 56\* vs Kent 70+ 2nd XI; 54\* vs Hertfordshire 60+ 4th XI; 51\* vs Essex 70+ 2nd XI.

Graham Watts—62 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire 70+ 1st XI; 54\* vs Kent 70+ 1st XI; 52\* vs Wiltshire 70+ 1st XI; 50\* vs Hampshire 70+ 1st XI.

### **SENIORS' BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 30 overs)**

Alan May—43 wickets at 15.28 in 160.4 overs; Gavin Sutherland—22 wickets at 15.55 in 103 overs; Jason Finch - 15 wickets at 18.4 in 68 overs; Ted Elsey—37 wickets at 18.41 in 167 overs; John Paddy Smith—15 wickets at 18.53 in 68.4 overs.

### **Wickets**

Alan May—43 wickets in 160.4 overs at 15.28; Ted Elsey—37 wickets in 167 overs at 18.41; Ray Wells—25 wickets in 159 overs at 20.72; Colin Coddington—23 wickets in 97.1 overs at 16.04; Gavin Sutherland—22 wickets in 103 overs at 15.55; Colin Gardner—21 wickets in 138.5 overs at 27.38.

### **Economy Rate (minimum 20 overs)**

Raj Cherodian—87.3 overs at 2.5 runs per over; Grahame Corke—22 overs at 2.88 runs per over; Trevor Stanley—81.1 overs at 2.91 runs per over.

### **Five Wicket Hauls**

Alan May—7 for 25 vs Berkshire 70+ 1st XI; Keith Rowling—5 for 13 vs Surrey 60+ 3rd XI; John Paddy Smith—5 for 38 vs Suffolk 60+ 1st XI.

## **SENIORS' FIELDING**

### **Catches**

Roger Tidyman—6 catches in 17 matches; Martyn Ford—5 catches in 11 matches; Gavin Sutherland—5 catches in 12 matches.

### **Wicket-Keeping**

Martin Burgess—18 victims (5 catches & 13 stumpings); Robbie Barker—11 victims (5 catches & 6 stumpings); Mark Haggart—11 victims (3 catches & 8 stumpings); Nigel Iverson—11 victims (7 catches & 4 stumpings).

## **50+ 1st XI**

### **50+ 1ST XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 4 innings)**

Brad Smith—52.15 in 6 innings; Jason Finch—42.5 in 9 innings; Michael Bell—32.8 in 9 innings; Jason Robinson 31.33 in 8 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

Jason Finch—340 runs in 9 innings, with top score 69; Mike Pannett 213 runs in 10 innings, with top score of 60; Bradley Smith—211 in 6 innings, with top score 112\*; Scott Stratton—207 in 9 innings, with top score 70.

#### **Strike Rate**

Jason Finch—93.15 in 9 innings; Julian Hunt—86.96 in 4 innings; Michael Bell—73.54 in 9 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Brad Smith—112\* vs Essex.

#### **Centuries**

Brad Smith—112\* vs Essex.

#### **Fifties**

Michael Bell—53 vs Surrey. Jason Finch (3)—69 vs Middlesex; 58 vs Kent; 57 vs Buckinghamshire. Dave Mates—54\* vs Berkshire. Mike Pannett—60 vs Dorset. Jason Robinson—66\* vs Dorset. Scott Stratton (2)—70 vs Buckinghamshire; 56 vs Kent.

### **50+ 1ST XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 20 overs)**

Jason Finch—15 wickets at 18.4 in 68 overs; Chris Atherton 3 wickets at 27.33 in 22 overs; Dave Mates—3 wickets at 30.33 in 27 overs; Adrian Chappell—10 wickets at 33.1 in 73 overs.

#### **Wickets**

Jason Finch—15 wickets at 18.4 in 68 overs; Adrian Chappell—10 wickets at 33.1 in 73 overs; Andy Isaacs—8 wickets at 36.88 in 72.5 overs; Michael Bell—6 wickets at 47.83 in 62.5 overs.

#### **Economy Rate (minimum 15 overs)**

Dave Mates—27 overs at 3.37 runs per over; Gavin Sutherlans—17 overs at 3.53 runs per over; Chris Atherton—22 overs at 3.73 runs per over.

#### **Best Bowling**

Jason Finch—4 for 29 in 6 overs vs Buckinghamshire.

### **50+ 1ST XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

Michael Bell—4 catches in 9 matches; Jason Finch—4 catches in 9 matches.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Jason Robinson—7 victims (1 catch & 6 stumpings); Mark Haggart—2 victims (2 catches & 0 stumpings)

### **Scott Stratton—Captain's Report**

Anticipation was high at the beginning of the season with Jason Finch, Dave Mates, Chris Atherton, Brad Smith, Julian Hunt and Adrian Chappell all becoming available and eligible for competitive 1st team duties for the first time. This provided us with depth and arguably, for the first time in many years, a 'squad' where there would be genuine competition for places. Pre-season was just that, and gave us the opportunity to take a look at everyone before settling down for the first game of the league season at Buckinghamshire.

We opened our account in comfortable style in a reduced 35 over match. An opening stand of 125 between Scott Stratton (70) and Jason Finch (57) was the bedrock of our 203 - 3 and 4 wickets from Finch was the highlight of our bowling as the home team closed out 13 runs short but 9 wickets down. Confidence was therefore high ahead of game 2 versus Berkshire. However, we were missing 3 key players and this was arguably the difference as we fell short by 17 runs chasing 199. Dave Mates, batting at seven, top scored with 54.

Interestingly, the 'squad' that we were hoping would give us the depth to really compete, very rapidly diminished, for a variety of reasons.

The next two games saw us comfortably chase down 197 v Surrey (Michael Bell 53) and 157 v Middlesex (Phil Weir 4-26, Bell 3-26, Finch 3-39 & 69) in what was our most complete performance of the year. We were brought back down to earth v Essex at Arundel Castle where we posted 220 with Brad Smith scoring



### **Sussex 50+ 1st XI (2020)**

Back row (l. to r.) Jerry Mitchison, Jason Robinson (w/k), Stuart Simmonds, Bradley Smith, Michael Bell, Adrian Chappell, Andy Isaacs, John Holland (Umpire)  
Front row (l. to r.) Gary Hunt, Julian Hunt, Scott Stratton (capt), Ian Jones (Manager), Michael Pannett

our only century of the season. We knew that 220 may not be enough and so it proved as the competition's star performer Giles Ecclestone scored one of his number of centuries in reply.

With two games left, we still had the opportunity to qualify for the knockouts and so we did. We chased down Kent's 163 in 35 overs (Finch 4-31 & 58, Weir 3-37, Stratton 56) and Hertfordshire's 130 in 28 overs (Coddington 3-12, Finch 42, G Hunt 35, Pannett 31).

Whilst we travelled to Hampshire for the last 16 knock out, we didn't really turn up. Our 181 (Jason Robinson 47) was probably at least 20 short of par. With Hampshire at 82-4 however, the game was ours for

the taking. The batters had clearly not done their job and unfortunately the bowlers, ordinarily so reliable, followed suit. Hampshire scampered home with 7 balls to spare. Such a disappointing and unusually weak end to the competitive season.

On reflection, long term injuries to Atherton and Mates didn't help our cause. We were thankful to all those who came up from the second XI, often at short notice and each of those provided contributions on the pitch and in the changing room.

Of the games we lost, we can really have no complaints. We have to score bigger in future, more consistently and be more positive in our approach, individually and collectively. Injuries permitting, we have a really strong team. Our bowling improved significantly and with the control they gave, it wasn't by coincidence that our fielding also picked up. There is much to look forward to as the 50s has now established a solid foundation on which to build upon for the next few years.

Thanks to all those contributors, both on the field and off. It's really not just about turning up and playing and the infrastructure that supports Seniors cricket in Sussex is equally important to ensure that all teams can function. Particular thanks to Ian Jones. Having not witnessed (for some years) what is required to get teams out and keep them all happy, I appreciated his efforts more than ever. Also to Adrian Harland for his continued support from the scoreboard.

## **50+ 2nd XI**

### **50+ 2ND XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 4 innings)**

Steve Harris—29.11 in 9 innings; Martyn Ford—24.75 in 4 innings; Chris Mallows—24.7 in 10 innings;

#### **Most Runs**

Steve Harris—269 in 9 innings, with top score 67; Chris Mallows—247 runs in 10 innings, with top score 77; Colin Coddington—146 runs in 11 innings, with top score of 36.

#### **Strike Rate (minimum 4 innings)**

Viren Patel—133.33 in 6 innings; Colin Coddington—101.85 in 11 innings; Steve Harris—74.25 in 9 innings; Gavin Sutherland—72.83 in 8 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Jason Robinson—135\* vs Surrey.

#### **Centuries**

Jason Robinson—135\* vs Surrey.

#### **Fifties**

Chris Mallows—77 vs Suffolk; Martyn Ford—69 vs Berkshire; Steve Harris (2)—67 vs Suffolk, 51 vs Middlesex; Michael Loveday 58 vs Buckinghamshire.

### **50+ 2ND XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 20 overs)**

Michael Murray—9 wickets at 14.0 in 36 overs; Gavin Sutherland—19 wickets at 14.84 in 86 overs; Colin Coddington—20 wickets at 17.85 in 91.4 overs.

#### **Wickets**

Colin Coddington—20 wickets at 17.85 in 91.4 overs; Gavin Sutherland—19 wickets at 14.84 in 86 overs; Michael Murray—9 wickets at 14.0 in 36 overs.

#### **Economy Rate**

Gavin Sutherland—86 overs at 3.28 runs per over; Michael Murray—36 overs at 3.5 runs per over; Colin Coddington—91.4 overs at 3.89 runs per over; Mark Poole—36 overs at 4.44 runs per over.

#### **Best Bowling**

Gavin Sutherland—4 for 35 in 9 overs vs Kent.

### **50+ 2ND XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

Gavin Sutherland—5 in 10 matches.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Mark Haggart—9 victims (1 catches & 8 stumpings); Nick Baker—4 victims (0 catches & 4 stumpings).

#### **Colin Coddington—Captain's Report**

The season was enjoyable but also very frustrating with a lack of players and availability. On the field, we were competitive but lacked the batting power to mount a serious challenge, losing close games due to a lack of runs.

League record of played 10, won 4, lost 6 finishing 7th out of 10 teams.

## 60+ 1st XI

### 60+ 1ST XI BATTING

#### Average (minimum 6 innings)

Martyn Ford—99.25 in 7 innings; Gordon Morgan—42.56 in 9 innings; John Connelly—41.75 in 11 innings; Mickey Webb—24.86 in 8 innings; Nick Woodward—23.22 in 10 innings.

#### Most Runs

Martyn Ford—397 runs in 7 innings, top score 118; Gordon Morgan—383 runs in 9 innings, top score 122; John Connelly—334 runs in 12 innings, top score 81\*; Nick Woodward—209 runs in 10 innings, top score 55.

#### Strike Rate (minimum 6 innings)

John Connelly—86.08 in 12 innings; Gordon Morgan—81.59 in 9 innings; Tim Peters—72.34 in 6 innings; Martyn Ford—70.36 in 7 innings.

#### Top Score

Gordon Morgan—122 vs Middlesex.

#### Centuries

Gordon Morgan—122 vs Middlesex; Martyn Ford—118 vs Berkshire.

#### Fifties

John Connelly (3) - 81\* vs Buckinghamshire; 57\* vs Berkshire; 51\* vs Essex; Martyn Ford (2) - 91\* vs Hampshire; 70\* vs Devon; Gordon Morgan—64 vs Surrey; Mickey Webb—55 vs Surrey; Nick Woodward—55 vs Middlesex; Jon Woodman—62 vs Hampshire.



### **Vase Semi-Final—Sussex 60+1st XI vs Hampshire**

Back row (l. to r.) Adrian Harland (scorer); Tim Peters; John Connelly; Goff Baker; Gordon Morgan; Ian Jones; Front row (l. to r.) Martyn Ford; Russ Varney (capt); Dave Christmas; Jon Woodman; Paddy Smith; Roger Southgate (w/k)

### 60+ 1ST XI BOWLING

#### Average (minimum 20 overs)

John Paddy Smith—11 wickets at 14.73 in 38.4 overs; Tim Peters—15 wickets at 22.13 in 98 overs; Ian

Jones—11 wickets at 31.36 in 79.4 overs; Goff Baker—8 wickets at 33.5 in 70 overs; Andy Johnson—8 wickets at 34.25 in 41.3 overs.

### **Wickets**

Tim Peters—15 at 22.13 in 98 overs; John Paddy Smith—11 wickets at 14.73 in 38.4 overs; Ian Jones—11 wickets at 31.36 in 79.4 overs.

### **Economy Rate (minimum 40 overs)**

Tim Peters—98 overs at 3.39 runs per over; Goff Baker—70 overs at 3.83 runs per over; Ian Jones—79.4 overs at 4.33 runs per over.

### **Best Bowling**

John Paddy Smith—5 for 38 in 9 overs vs Suffolk.

### **60+ 1ST XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

Russ Varney—3 in 13 matches; John Connelly—3 in 13 matches.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Roger Southgate—8 victims (6 catches & 2 stumpings); Nick Woodward—2 victims (1 catch & 1 stump-ing).

### **Russ Varney—Captain's Report**

After a season disrupted by many cancelled games due to the poor weather; but following two great wins over Devon and Suffolk in the Knockout stages, the team travelled to Sparsholt in Hampshire for the semi-final. A couple of last minute injuries and changes didn't alter our positive attitude in what was the most important 60+ 1st XI game in many a year.

The Sparsholt pitch had, in the previous round, yielded nearly 600 runs in Hampshire's defeat of Bedfordshire. When we arrived at the small and picturesque ground we were greeted with a road of a pitch; fast outfield and a thirty degree heat.

Winning the toss and deciding to bat in the heat—sending Hampshire into the field - was the first outcome of the day. At 80 without the loss of a wicket at the 15 overs drinks' break, things couldn't have gone much better. But as we always say—drinks' breaks can change things, and six overs later we had fallen to 104 for 4. After Gordon Morgan was out for 42 and, our top scorer in the season, Martyn Ford had retired on 42 having popped a calf. A great fight-back by Jon Woodman with 62, Dave Christmas 37 and, late hitting, from Tim Peters 29—all scoring at a good rate, got us up to 240. Probably a below par score on that pitch.

This thought proved to be correct as Hampshire scored the runs in 36 overs with only one wicket down. Andy Steggall, former presenter on Sky Sports News who also fronted Meridian Tonight, scoring his second consecutive, undefeated century.

Looking back at previous years it was nevertheless a successful season—with all looking forward to the 2022 season.



## **60+ 2nd XI**

### **60+ 2ND XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 5 innings)**

Simon Barrs—88.2 in 9 innings; Jon Woodman—69.75 in 6 innings; David Collins—47.6 in 8 innings; Gareth Williams—34.9 in 11 innings; Kevin Goldsmith—28.67 in 8 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

Simon Barrs—441 in 9 innings, top score 117; Gareth Williams—349 runs in 11 innings, top score 82; Jon Woodman—279 in 6 innings, top score 95\*.

#### **Strike Rate (minimum 6 innings)**

Jon Woodman—89.81 in 6 innings; Gareth Williams—87.85 in 11 innings; Kevin Goldsmith—75.25 in 8 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Simon Barrs 117 vs Surrey.

#### **Centuries**

Simon Barrs 117 vs Surrey; and 108\* vs Surrey.

#### **Fifties**

Gareth Williams (3)—82 vs Hampshire; 63 vs Hertfordshire; 63 vs Middlesex. Simon Barrs (2) - 51\* vs Hampshire; and 50 vs Berkshire. Jon Woodman (2) - 95\* vs Berkshire; 89\* vs Hampshire. Chris Knight (2) - 63 vs Middlesex; 59 vs Hertfordshire. David Collins (2) —72 vs Berkshire; 59 vs Surrey. Andy Johnson—56 vs Hertfordshire.

### **60+ 2ND XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 30 overs)**

Martin Coe—6 wickets at 23.5; Peter Goodsell—6 wickets at 29.0; Roger Smith—12 wickets at 30.0; Chris Fox—7 wickets at 33.71; Alan Wyatt—11 wickets at 36.82.

#### **Wickets**

Roger Smith—85 overs, 12 wickets at 30.0; Alan Wyatt—88 overs, 11 wickets at 36.82; Chris Fox—47.5 overs, 7 wickets at 33.72; Kevin Goldsmith—51.1 overs, 7 wickets at 44.43; Peter Goodsell—24 overs, 6 wickets at 9.0; Martin Coe—24 overs, 6 wickets at 23.5.

#### **Economy Rate (minimum 20 overs)**

Martin Coe—36 overs at 3.92 runs per over; Roger Smith—85 overs at 4.24 runs per over; John Cooke—32 overs at 4.28 runs per over; Alan Wyatt—88 overs at 4.60 runs per over; Chris Fox - 47.5 overs at 4.93 runs per over.

#### **Best Bowling**

Glyn Mayes 4 for 21 in 9 overs vs Kent; Chris Fox 3 for 2 in 1.4 overs vs Berkshire.

### **60+ 2ND XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

David Collins—4 catches in 9 matches; Gareth Williams—3 catches in 12 innings; Chris Knight—3 catches in 11 innings.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Jon Woodman— 6 victims (3 catches & 3 stumpings); Danny Buckland—4 victims (1 catches & 3 stumpings).



**Bowl Final—Sussex 60+2nd XI vs Hertfordshire**

Back row (l. to r.) Miles Clark (umpire); Alan Wyatt; Chris Fox; Martin Coe; Martin Sims; Kevin Goldsmith; Chris Knight; Simon Barrs. Front row (l. to r.) Andy Johnson; John Holland (capt); Danny Buckland (w/k); Roger Smith



## **60+ 3rd XI**

### **60+ 3RD XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 5 innings)**

Martin Sims—51.17 in 7 innings; Martin Burgess—50.5 in 6 innings; Suresh Navaratnam—39.83 in 9 innings; Martin Hennock—34.63 in 9 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

Martin Sims—307 runs in 7 innings, top score 123\*; Martin Hennock—277 runs in 9 innings, top score 91\*; Suresh Navaratnam—239 runs in 9 innings, top score 66; Martin Burgess—202 runs in 6 innings, top score 75.

#### **Strike Rate (minimum 5 innings)**

Martin Sims—118.99 in 7 innings; Martin Burgess—100.0 in 6 innings; Martin Hennock—88.93 in 9 innings; Brian Stilwell—75.41 in 6 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Martin Sims—123\* vs Essex.

#### **Centuries**

Martin Sims—123\* vs Essex.

#### **Fifties**

Martin Sims—89 vs Surrey; 50 vs Hertfordshire. Martin Burgess—75 vs Kent; 72\* vs Suffolk. Chris Knight—69\* vs Kent; 52\* vs Buckinghamshire. Martin Hennock—89\* vs Hertfordshire. Suresh Navaratnam—66 vs Suffolk. Brian Stilwell—58\* vs Suffolk. John Cooke—60\* vs Suffolk.

### **60+ 3RD XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 20 overs)**

John Cooke—9 wickets at 10.89; Ray Wells—10 wickets at 17.3; Peter Goodsell—10 wickets at 17.5; Martin Coe—4 wickets at 17.5; Alan Bettesworth—10 wickets at 18.1; Kevin Goldsmith—6 wickets at 18.67; Mark Murphy—5 wickets at 19.0; Ian Stocker—9 wickets at 20.67; Keith Rowling—9 wickets at 20.89; Brian Stilwell—4 wickets at 25.25.

#### **Wickets**

Ray Wells—50 overs, 10 wickets at 17.3; Peter Goodsell—40.2 overs, 10 wickets at 17.5; Alan Bettesworth—49.3 overs, 10 wickets at 18.1; John Cooke—27.4 overs, 9 wickets at 10.89; Ian Stocker—46 overs, 9 wickets at 20.67; Keith Rowling—47 overs, 9 wickets at 20.89.

#### **Economy Rate (minimum 20 overs)**

Martin Coe—25 overs at 2.8 runs per over; Brian Stilwell—34 overs at 3.03 runs per over; Ray Wells—50 overs at 3.46 per over; John Cooke—27.4 overs at 3.54 per over; Mark Murphy—26 overs at 3.65 runs per over; Russell Parkes—25.3 overs at 3.65 runs per over; Alan Bettesworth—49.3 overs at 3.66 runs per over.

#### **Best Bowling**

Keith Rowling—5 for 13 in 6 overs vs Surrey.

### **60+ 3RD XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

Brian Stilwell—4 catches in 6 matches; Martin Sims—3 catches in 7 matches.

#### **Wicket Keeping**

Martin Burgess—7 victims (3 catches and 4 stumpings); Danny Buckland—3 victims (2 catches & 1 stumping); Suresh Navaratnam—2 victims (1 catch & 1 stumping); Nick Woodward—2 victims (2 catches & 0 stumpings).



### **Final Game to Secure 2nd Place—Sussex 60+ 3rd XI vs Surrey**

Back row (l. to r.) Kevin Rice, Brian Stilwell, John Johnson, Martin Hennock, Marion Cottingham (Scorer), Suresh Navaratnam, Alan Bettsworth, Ted Eelsey, Trevor Warburton (Umpire). Front row (l. to r.) Bob Page, Martin Burgess (Capt and W/K), Ian Stocker, Alan May

#### Martin Burgess—Captain's Report

The 3rd XI came 2nd in the League to an unbeaten Kent team. Played 15, won 9, lost 5, conceded 1. There were three captains during the season. Peter Matthews was in charge for the first four games, Bob Page took over for six in the middle of the season and Martin Burgess finished off with five games in charge. In spite of this, the 2021 season as a highly pleasing season. The 3rd XI will always struggle to field a settled side because of injuries and demands from teams above but it showed that we have players to give Kent a run for their money next year! We did the double against Surrey, Buckinghamshire and Suffolk. Batting honours go to Martin Sims with 307 runs, Martin Hennock with 277 and Suresh Navaratnam with 239. In all, there were seven players who scored over 100 runs in the season.

Ray Wells, Peter Goodsell and Alan Bettsworth each took ten wickets and Keith Rowling, Ian Stocker and John Cooke took nine wickets.

Martin Burgess grabbed three catches and four stumpings in five games behind the stumps and Brian Stilwell took four fielding catches.

Grateful thanks to all the umpires and scorers who stood and sat during the season !!!

The end of season get-together at the Madehurst Bowl (home to Madehurst CC) was enjoyed by both players and spectators and could become a regular event. Many thanks to the hosts.

I hope to see as many as are able in the indoor nets during the winter. I'm looking forward to 2022 already. Stay safe, stay well and stay fit !!

## **60+ 4th XI**

### **60+ 4TH XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 4 innings)**

Jonathan Bodansky—57.0 in 12 innings; Peter Matthews—36.14 in 12 innings; Raj Cherodian—36.0 in 4 innings; Ray Wells—29.75 in 10 innings; Nigel Iverson—27.43 in 15 innings; Michael Audsley—23.33 in 7 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

Jonathan Bodansky—399 runs in 12 innings, top score 61; Peter Matthews—253 runs in 12 innings, top score 54\*; Ray Wells—238 runs in 10 innings, top score 61\*.

#### **Strike Rate (minimum 4 innings)**

Jonathan Bodansky—64.23 in 12 overs; Ray Wells—54.09 in 10 innings; Peter Matthews—50.0 in 12 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Glyn Mayes—149\* vs Hertfordshire

#### **Centuries**

Glyn Mayes—149\* vs Hertfordshire; Martin Brownsey—115 vs Kent

#### **Fifties**

Jonathan Bodansky (4) - 61\* vs Kent; 61 vs Buckinghamshire; 60\* vs Surrey; 58\* vs Essex. Martin Hennock 89\* vs Hertfordshire; John Cooke—77 vs Surrey; Ray Wells 61\* vs Buckinghamshire; Peter Matthews—54\* vs Hertfordshire; Brian Stilwell—54\* vs Kent; Simon Wright—52 vs Buckinghamshire.

### **60+ 4TH XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 10 overs)**

Mark McNeile—3 wickets at 17.33; Ray Wells—15 wickets at 19.87; Raj Cherodian—6 wickets at 29.0; Jon Burgh—8 wickets at 41.0; Phil Merritt—15 wickets at 42.93; Simon Wright—5 wickets at 45.4; John Josiah—5 at 51.0; Nic Straiton—4 wickets at 53.5.

#### **Wickets**

Ray Wells—102 overs, 15 wickets at 19.87; Phil Merritt—161.3 overs, 15 wickets at 42.93; Jon Burgh—56.5 overs, 8 wickets at 41.0; Raj Cherodian—73.3 overs, 6 wickets at 29.0.

#### **Economy Rate (minimum 20 overs)**

Raj Cherodian—73.3 overs at 2.37; Ray Wells—102 overs at 2.92; Phil Merritt—161.3 overs at 3.99; Nic Straiton—40 overs at 5.35; John Josiah—45.4 overs at 5.58; Jon Burgh—56.5 overs at 5.77.

#### **Best Bowling**

Ray Wells—3 for 18 in 9 overs vs Surrey.

### **60+ 4TH XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

John Ottley— 3 catches; Simon Wright—3 catches; Michael Audsley—3 catches.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Nigel Iverson—11 victims ( 7 catches & 4 stumpings).



### **Sussex 60+ 4th XI vs Surrey**

Back Row (l. to r.) Raj Cherodian, Phil Merritt, Nigel Beesley (Scorer), Nigel Iverson (w/k), Nic Straiton, Alan Bettesworth; Michael Audsley.  
Front row (l. to r.) Jonathan Bodansky, Ray Wells, Brian Booth (capt), John Josiah, Hamish Osborn

#### Brian Booth—Captain's Report

The over 60s 4th team had a very poor season results-wise but, after last year when, due to COVID 19 only friendlies were played it was largely enjoyable. Phil Merritt, Ray Wells and, when available, Raj Cherodian all bowled extremely well to keep the opposition from taking a stranglehold on games from the start. They were backed up by all-rounders Peter Mathews, Nik Straiton and John Josiah but we badly missed the accuracy of Trevor Stanley and Paddy Smith that we had been able to call on in previous seasons. Our most consistent batsman was Jonathan Bodansky, with 4 half centuries, but who missed many games due to overseas business commitments. He was well supported by Peter Mathews and Ray Wells. Glyn Mayes had made one appearance for us and scored 149 not out at North Mymms in a partnership of over 200 with Martin Hennock (89 not out) after Bob Porter was the only batsman to lose his wicket mainly due to a badly pulled muscle.. Martin Brownsey had a remarkable innings at Ralnham when he scored 115 out of our total of only 178. Due to injuries we lost the services of opener Simon Wright, batsman John Ottley and all-rounder Michael Audsley for most of the season. Nigel Iverson went about his wicket keeping duties neatly and diligently and was also a useful middle order batsman. He had a partnership with John Josiah at Robertsbridge which kept the game away from Surrey and another with Hamish Osborn at Bishops Langley on a badly rain affected wicket which saved us from complete humiliation. Now the season is over all we have to worry about this winter is that COVID 19 doesn't have a spike, the petrol shortage is sorted, the Eco zealots find a faraway Motorway to play on, Malta does not become a red zone and we all remain fit and well and ready for another summer of cricket.

## **70+ 1st XI**

### **70+ 1ST XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 5 innings)**

Willie Boone—76.0 in 9 innings; Roger Tidyman—70.91 in 17 innings; Graham Watts—61.29 in 13 innings; Martin Burgess—52.0 in 7 innings; Andy Barnes—48.75 in 5 innings; John Johnson—38.17 in 17 innings; Gerry Clark—36.25 in 10 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

Roger Tidyman—786 runs in 17 innings, top score 140\*; John Johnson—458 runs in 17 innings, top score 68\*; Graham Watts—429 runs 13 innings, top score 62; Gerry Clark—290 in 10 innings, top score 79; Willie Boone—228 runs 9 innings, top score 57.

#### **Strike Rate (minimum 5 innings)**

Andy Barnes—98.16 in 5 innings; Roger Tidyman—89.75 in 17 innings; Martin Burgess—84.9 in 7 innings; Graham Watts—78.13 in 13 innings; Gerry Clark—77.78 in 10 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Roger Tidyman—140\* vs Kent.

#### **Centuries**

Roger Tidyman—140\* vs Kent; 113\* vs Surrey.

#### **Fifties**

Roger Tidyman (6) - 96 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire; 69 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire; 63 vs Kent; 51\* vs Wiltshire; 51\* vs Hampshire; 50\* vs Hampshire. John Johnson (5) - 68\* vs Hertfordshire; 64\* vs Hampshire; 59\* vs Essex; 51 vs Surrey; 50\* vs Hampshire. Graham Watts (4) — 62 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire; 54\* vs Kent; 52\* vs Wiltshire; 50\* vs Hampshire. Gerry Clark (2) - 79 vs Surrey; 50\* vs Hampshire. Willie Boone (2) - 57 vs Berkshire/Buckinghamshire; 51\* vs Surrey. Martin Burgess (2) - 65\* vs Hampshire; 50\* vs Hertfordshire. Andy Barnes (2) - 74 vs Wiltshire; 50\* vs Hampshire. John Moore—68\* vs Hertfordshire. Brian Stilwell—62 vs Surrey.

### **70+ 1ST XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 30 overs)**

Alan May—41 wickets at 13.1; Ted Elsey—32 wickets at 16.91; Colin Gardner 20 wickets at 27.65; Grahame Corke—11 wickets at 31.91.

#### **Wickets**

Alan May - 132.4 overs, 41 wickets at 13.1; Ted Elsey—135 overs, 32 wickets at 16.91; Colin Gardner—129.5 overs, 20 wickets at 27.65; Grahame Corke—122 overs, 11 wickets at 31.91.

#### **Economy Rate**

Grahame Corke—122 overs at 2.88 runs per over; Udho Maharaj—83 overs at 3.61 runs per over; Terry Daniels—36 overs at 3.94 runs per over; Ted Elsey—135 overs at 4.01 runs per over; Alan May—132.4 overs at 4.01 runs per over; Colin Gardner—129.5 overs at 4.26 runs per over.

#### **Best Bowling**

Alan May—7 for 25 in 8.3 overs vs Berkshire.

### **70+ 1ST XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

Roger Tidyman - 6 catches in 17 matches; Gerry Clark—2 catches in 12 matches; Peter Matthews—2 catches in 3 matches; Colin Gardner—2 catches in 16 matches.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Martin Burgess—11 victims (2 catches & 9 stumpings).

## Roger Tidyman—Captain's Report

The team enjoyed a successful Season, finishing second in the national averages, comprising 22 teams, and being seeded No. 2 in the Quarter Finals. Disappointingly, we lost in our Quarter Final to the eventual Cup winners, Surrey, whom we had beaten in both of our league matches during the Season. In the Quarter Final, we were inserted on a dampish wicket, which improved, but Surrey, with two "young" recently qualified players, played better and deserved to win on the day.

We won all but one of our 11 league matches played and that was only lost in the last over. Further we won all our 5 friendlies. We ended up with 15 wins out of 17 played.

Batting, bowling and particularly fielding were strong in nearly all of our games. It was particularly pleasing, that after several matches the opposition told the skipper that we were 20-30 runs better than them in the field. Great efforts were made by all team members, and we were kept on our toes by splendid wicket-keeping from Martin Burgess.

There were some notable performances with the ball. Grahame

Corke was his usual parsimonious self, taking 11 wickets and having the best economy rate in the Club at 2.88 per over. Ted Elsey maintained his mesmerising capacity to outfox batters expecting spin, to take 33 wickets with a best of 4 for 43 versus Hampshire. Colin Gardner forewent his spin for most of the Season, to bowl steady accurate seam up and took 20 wickets. Udho Maharaj, when fit, produced some unplayable balls to take 9 wickets. Terry Daniels, Trevor Stanley and Brian Stillwell bowled well in the few games they played. However, the star of this year's bowling was Alan May who took 41 wickets for

us in 17 matches with a phenomenal performance taking 7 for 25 in 8.3 overs, a club record, in an away win against Berks/Bucks. Alan easily topped the Club's wicket taking table.

The batting was generally strong. In most matches the top order was able to both establish the innings and then push on. The skipper enjoyed a strong Season with 780 runs at 70.8 with two centuries. The best of his innings was against Berk/ Bucks away, where he re-established the innings from 30 for 3 scoring 96; after which Alan May ran through their chasing batting order. John Johnson scored 452 runs steadily at 30.13. Gerry Clarke enjoyed a decent first season, scoring 256 at 28.5 and played a fine

innings of 79 to largely see us home away against Surrey. Graham Watts batted beautifully at times to produce 419 runs at 59.8 with several telling contributions. On the few occasions when the top order failed the middle order of Willie Boone and Martin Burgess performed exceptionally well. Martin guided us home twice when we were in trouble against Herts in a friendly and Hampshire in a league match and averaged over 50. Willie averaged 57, scoring 228 runs in 8 innings. At the end of the season Brian Stillwell showed his batting skills scoring 62 to get us a total in the Quarter Final against Surrey.

Sadly, this Season, we missed the batting and bowling skills of two star

players in Peter Crees and Andy Barnes, Peter was absent all Season and Andy only played three games. We hope they both return to fitness and can help us next year.

We thank Geoff Hillier for scoring almost all our matches and wish him a happy retirement from that task. We also thank Trevor Warburton who umpired nearly all of our matches.

We played good enjoyable cricket all season and we hope with the assistance of Brian Stillwell and two or three other newly qualified "young" 70-year-olds to do even better next year.



### **70+ 1st XI thanking Hampshire at Twyford CC June 2021**

**(r. to l.) Roger Tidyman, Ted Elsey, Gerry Clark,  
John Moore, Alan May, Colin Gardner, Graham  
Watts, John Johnson, Graham Corke, Willie  
Boone, Martin Burgess**

## **70+ 2nd XI**

### **70+ 2ND XI BATTING**

#### **Average (minimum 5 innings)**

John Moore—174.33 in 14 innings; Peter Matthews—95.0 in 7 innings; Andy Meads—74.31 in 6 innings; Steve Goldsmith—44.67 in 5 innings; Peter Grey—37.17 in 8 innings; Peter Gould—36.0 in 10 innings; Bob Mayston—27.64 in 13 innings; David Legg—19.57 in 8 innings.

#### **Most Runs**

John Moore—523 runs in 14 innings, top score 83\*; Bob Mayston—304 runs in 13 innings, top score 111\*; Peter Matthews—285 runs in 7 innings, top score 67; Peter Gould—252 runs in 10 innings, top score 47\*; Andy Meads—223 runs in 6 innings, top score 58\*; Peter Grey—223 runs in 8 innings, top score 45.

#### **Strike Rate**

Steve Goldsmith—100.75 in 5 innings; Peter Matthews—85.59 in 7 innings; Peter Gould—72.21 in 8 innings; John Moore—70.87 in 14 innings.

#### **Top Score**

Bob Mayston—111\* vs Surrey.

#### **Centuries**

Bob Mayston—111\* vs Surrey.

#### **Fifties**

John Moore (4) - 83\* vs Hertfordshire; 77\* vs Kent; 68\* vs Kent; 53\* vs Surrey. Peter Matthews (3) - 67 vs Essex; 56\* vs Kent; 51\* vs Berkshire. Gerry Clark (2) - 82\* vs Kent; 63 vs Surrey. Andy Meads—58\* vs Kent. Bob Mayston—55\* vs Berkshire. Bob Page—55 vs Hertfordshire. Steve Goldsmith—53\* vs Surrey.

### **70+ 2ND XI BOWLING**

#### **Average (minimum 20 overs)**

Keith Rowling—6 wickets at 13.5; Stewart Fellows—4 wickets at 20.3; Trevor Stanley—10 wickets at 20.9; Peter Grey—6 wickets at 26.5; Udho Maharaj—4 wickets at 26.5; Mark McNeile—11 wickets at 27.03; Andy Shanks—14 at 28.71.

#### **Wickets**

Andy Shanks—108.4 overs, 14 wickets at 28.71; Mark McNeile—88.1 overs, 11 wickets at 27.09; Trevor Stanley—63.1 overs, 10 wickets at 20.09; Hugh Milner—59.1 overs, 9 wickets at 36.0; Peter Matthews—52 overs, 8 wickets at 41.13; Peter Grey 30 overs, 6 wickets at 26.5.

#### **Economy Rate (minimum 20 overs)**

Keith Rowling—32.1 overs at 2.14 runs per over; Udho Maharaj—40 overs at 2.52; Trevor Stanley—63.1 overs at 3.31 runs per over; Stewart Fellows—20.3 overs at 3.32 runs per over; Mark McNeile—88.1 overs at 3.38 runs per over; Andy Shanks—108.4 overs at 3.7 runs per over.

#### **Best Bowling**

Andy Shanks—3 for 9 in 6.4 overs vs Surrey.

### **70+ 2ND XI FIELDING**

#### **Catches**

Mark McNeile—2 catches in 11 matches; John Moore—2 catches in 14 matches; Andy Shanks—2 catches in 15 matches.

#### **Wicket-Keeping**

Robbie Barker—10 victims (4 catches & 6 stumpings).



## **70+ 2nd XI vs Kent and Geoff Hillier's Final Game as a Sussex Seniors' Scorer**

(l. to r.) Lloyd Stickells, Trevor Stanley, Alan May, Andy Shanks, Andy Meads, John Holland, Robbie Barker, Sue Milner, Hugh Milner, Ted Elsey, Bob Mayston, Mark McNeile, Bob Page, Geoff Hillier, John Moore, Peter Gould, Peter Matthews, John Josiah, David Legg, Gerry Clark, Carol Grey, Peter Grey, Margaret Brooks, Jill Bracken, Di Burgess, Martin Burgess

(photograph kindly taken by Adrian Harland)

### Hugh Milner—Captain's Report

All teams that are subservient in the pecking order of selection—2nd XIs, 3rd XIs and 4th XIs—are towards the end of the food chain and have to select a side from reducing numbers of players available. This also applies to the 70+ 2nd XI but with an added factor that doesn't make things any easier. Players who have been selected for the 70+ 1st XI for matches on Thursdays cannot play in the 70+ 2nd XI who play on Tuesdays unless with permission from the opposition captain. On quite a number of occasions the 1st XI called up players from the 2nds after the two sides had been selected which theoretically meant that they should withdraw from the 2nds. In one instance I learned of this possibility on the way to a match where one of the 2nds, due to play on a Tuesday, had been transferred to the 1sts. The opposition was not at all happy when they subsequently learned of this and said that he should not have played for the 2nds and should have dropped out. It seems at times that commonsense is not recognised—after all it is a 2nd XI competition. But on saying that, there were counties who seemed to ignore the need to consult the opposition captain and played individuals who were regular contributors to that county's 1st XI—even turning out five 1st XI players on one occasion.

We started the season with optimism and with a few wins looked prospective champions. But losing players to 60+ sides and the accumulation of injuries, depleted the availability and capability of players and the drive to become champions unfortunately petered out and the 70+ 2nd XI finished 3rd. Bowling was the weakness and with the need to coerce non-bowlers and former bowlers to turn their arms over became a weekly necessity but did produce some deserving returns.

John Moore was the top run-getter with a total of 523 runs in 14 innings with a strike rate of 70.87 and a top score against Hertfordshire of 83\*.

As an unfit and under-performing bowler, I was increasingly dependent on the part time bowlers to help out the regulars of Andy Shanks and Mark McNeile who were always dependable and never let the side down. Ever dependable wicket-keeper, Robbie Barker, took 4 catches and 6 stumpings.

