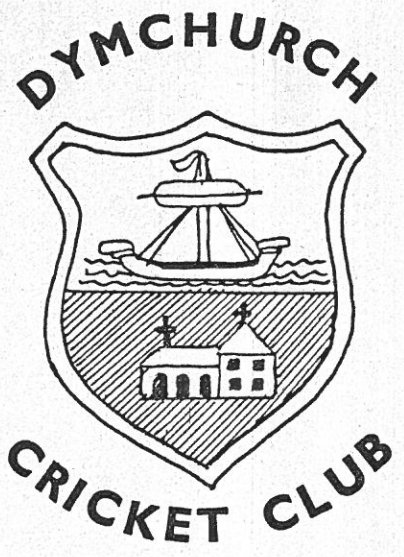
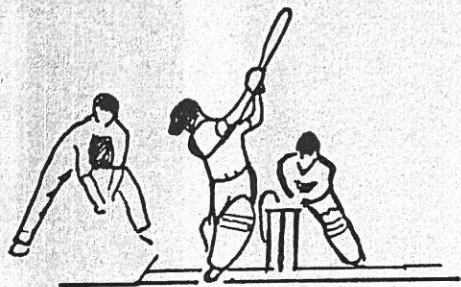
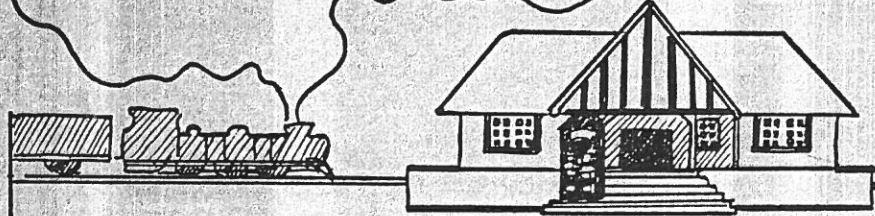


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A History of Dymchurch Cricket Club



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256 runs. (Bower 77, Upton 70) to which Aldington replied with 33.

Dymchurch were invited to play in the cricket week organised by Hythe Green C.C. and responded by beating the hosts, scoring 167 (M. Upton 95) to which Hythe Green managed 86 in reply.

F. Woodlands XI took on the Harvey Grammar School. R. Divers took 9 wickets for 22, but the school won the match.

A supply of water by Folkestone Water Company arrived at Dymchurch during this year.

1927

Negotiations were begun early in this year between Dymchurch Parish Council and a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Gearing to discuss an offer from Mr. Morris Wraight to sell a plot of land in St. Mary's Road, Dymchurch. Initially of six acres, with a further option of another four, with the proviso that the land be used for the provision of sporting facilities for the village. The Parish Council were reluctant to take on further expenses that might arise, until the committee were able to give an assurance that sufficient funds could be raised by public subscriptions backed by loans, to purchase and

maintain the project in a manner that would not entail any further burden on the ratepayers.

Members of the committee who had sufficient foresight to see the possibilities of this proposition were: A. Gearing, Capt. M.H. Stephens, M. Wraight, J. Brightman, C. Wraight, Rev. Cummings, A. Wraight, R. Wraight, C. Hopkins, M. Upton, J. Cornes.

Many generous subscriptions were made, notably a sum of £125 from Major Krabee. Grants were obtained from the Carnegie Trust, National Playing Fields and the Parish Council. A loan from Kent County Playing Fields of £350 @ 2½% interest enabled the committee to embark on a plan to build a Pavilion - an ambitious scheme and it says a great deal for the committee to have made such a bold step for the future benefit of all the village sporting clubs.

This then was how the present recreation ground came to be the home of Dymchurch Cricket Club. The ground was first played on in 1928 and the pavilion, built by Brewer Brothers, was completed in 1931, and became the envy of most visiting clubs.

Monty Upton turned in another outstanding performance when he cleaned bowled all ten of the Folkestone Century side, and eventually topped both batting and bowling averages: 30.5 average batting and 4.8 for bowling.

The outing to Forest Hill was repeated and Dymchurch scored 176 all out and so recorded their first victory against their London hosts - who replied with 149.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should be approached to fill in the crater made by the 'doodle-bug' and the cricket pitch put into some sort of order. Subscriptions were proposed at five shillings for playing membership.

1948

Few reports are available for cricket matches, but a team from London selected by John Taylor defeated Dymchurch comfortably, scoring 142: J. Taylor top scored with 51, M. Upton 4 for 45 and Bob Gearing 4 for 35 against which Dymchurch could only muster 96.

1949

Doug Clayson was elected as Club Captain and volunteered to prepare the wicket for all home matches. To help supporters attend away matches it was proposed that a coach be hired at a cost of one shilling for players and two shillings and six pence for non-members.

Although matches were being played again, there is very little actual cricket reporting available for this period. In fact the only playing feat of note during 1950 was the bowling of A.R. Gearing against Burmarsh when he took 7 wickets for 18 runs.

Mr. F. Finn took over as Club President, A. Wesson the duties of Treasurer and J.W. Young became Secretary. The subscriptions were increased to seven shillings and sixpence and it was agreed that the opponents would no longer be provided with free teas at matches.

1951 - 1956

Within this period a number of players drifted away from the club, either because of work commitments or in some instances they decided to change their allegiance and join another club in the district. Jesson formed a club at St. Mary's Bay in 1950 and the Newchurch Club was reformed in 1953, so that players had more choice in the immediate district. The Dymchurch Club decided to draw stumps for a period, and it wasn't until 1956 that cricket returned to the Recreation Ground. Then a side from Ferryfield Airport (now known as Lydd Airport) hired the ground and played their home matches there. This was in 1955.

1956

Doug Clayson and Jack Burden were primarily responsible for getting the club going again. Both agreed that the excellent facilities available at the Recreation Ground should be made more use of, and they mustered up sufficient interest for a meeting to be