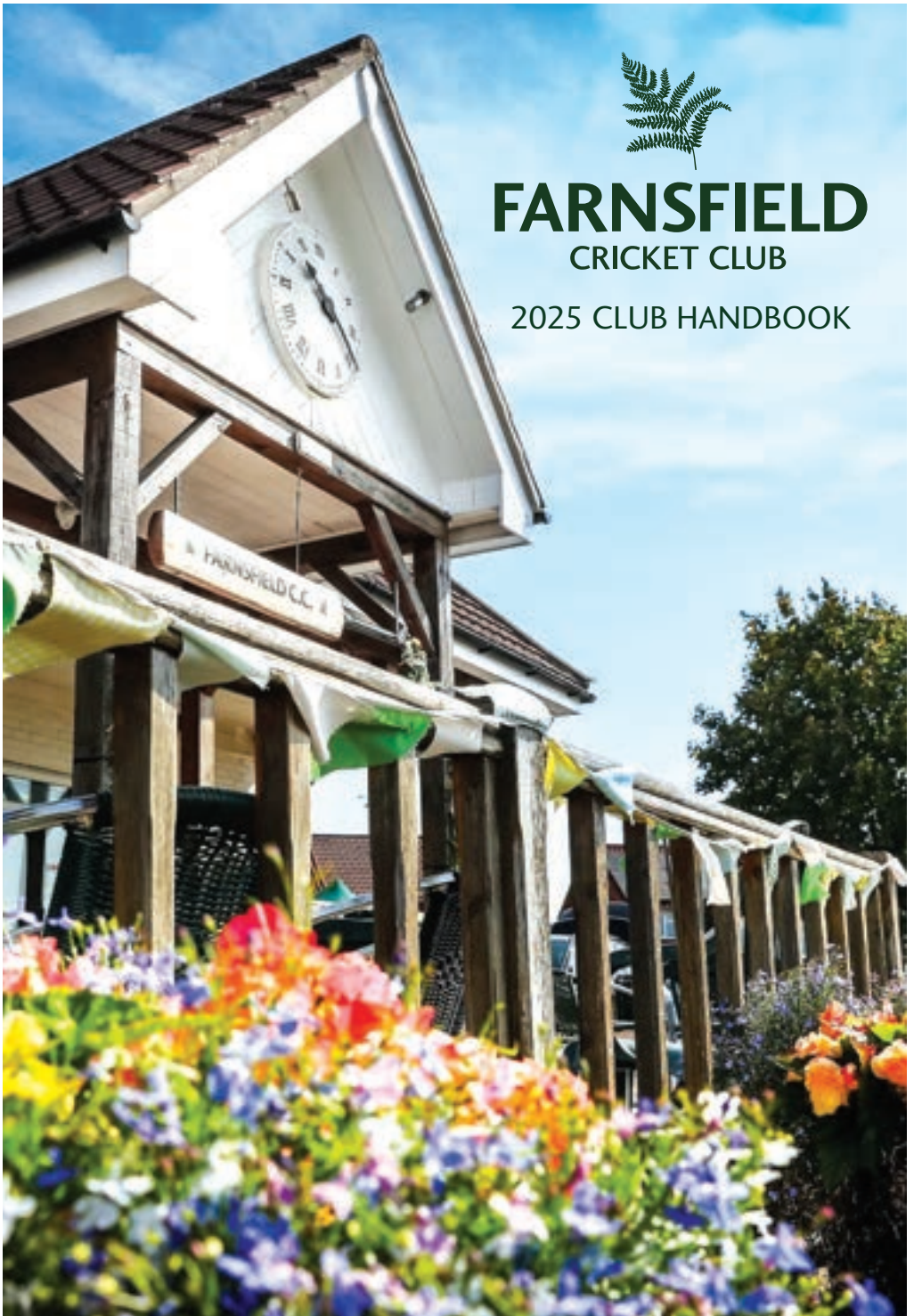




FARNSFIELD

CRICKET CLUB

2025 CLUB HANDBOOK





Welcome Message

James Bowker Head Of Cricket

Welcome to Farnsfield Cricket Club, I have the pleasure of heading up all cricket here and what an honour it is to do so. Cricket continues to grow at the club with more avenues and teams set to play for the club in 2025. As Head of Cricket, it is my pleasure to welcome you all this season to Station Lane, and thank you all for your support.

Our offering of cricket across Open Age, Juniors and Women's & Girls' sections continues to go from strength to strength. This year we will be fielding 4 Open Age sides, a women's team in softball Cricket and, for the first time, a team in Super 8s hard ball. As well as this, a record number of junior teams will be taking to the field this year

with 5 hardball junior age groups representing the club as well as our softball teams too.

Women's and Girls Cricket continues to grow for us as a club, and 2025 is going to be a landmark year, fielding our first ever Women's hardball team in the East Midlands Super 8 competition. We wish our Women's teams the best of luck for this upcoming season.

Our Junior section, an envy of other local clubs in the area for years, continues to thrive, with training on Friday nights at Station Lane, a staple for the community to enjoy the summer sunshine. We have juniors from age 5 now partaking in our softball programmes all the

way up to our U19s team. Last year we saw record numbers of over 170 active junior members enjoying our cricket programme, a testament to the hard work and dedication put in by so many volunteers across our club.

“ We continue to provide a fantastic feed of young players into the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire County Cricket set ups, with 4 of our junior players representing the counties from U14s through to U18s cricket, highlighting the success of our junior cricket section. ”

We have four senior teams across our open age cricket, three on a Saturday playing in the Bassetlaw Cricket League, and one Sunday development side. The 1st XI will be vying for promotion once again into the Nottinghamshire Premier League, with a young side, growing from strength to strength. Our 2nd XI, play in Division 1, after winning Division 2 last year and our 3rd XI, play in Division 4, also securing promotion last summer. Like 2024 we have also entered the National Village Cup this year, along

with the league T20 and 40 over competitions. Last year we reached the final of the Popkess County Cup, narrowly losing to Wollaton in the final at Southwell in September.

In addition to the above last year we welcomed Michael Archer, a leg spinning all-rounder from Carlton Cricket Club in Melbourne. Michael had an astonishing year, scoring over 500 runs in league cricket and taking over 60 wickets, a league record in all cricket leagues across not only Nottinghamshire but the East Midlands as well.

We have to say a huge thank you to our sponsors for the year for their continued support. In particular, the support given by Hexgreave Estate, Gascoines, and McBride Sport has enabled us to deliver our exceptional cricket programme to boys and girls in the local community and playing an active role in their development as young people. A final thank you goes to you all for your support of our ever-growing cricket club, we are truly grateful for your support.

Have a fantastic year and all the best.

James Bowker (Bowks)

HISTORY OF THE CLUB

We know from references in Nottinghamshire newspapers that cricket was being played in Farnsfield as early as 1817.

The ground we now occupy at Station Lane was first used in 1862 when the Newark Advertiser of June 25th reported a well contested match between Farnsfield Cricket Club and Nottingham United Commercial which Farnsfield won by seven wickets.

In 1920 Farnsfield joined the North Notts Cricket League and later the Nottinghamshire County League winning the Championship in 1930.

After the 2nd World War Farnsfield were founder members of the Mansfield and District League, winning the Championship trophy for the first three seasons.

For many years the club had two teams in the Bassetlaw and District League, first winning the then Division 1 championship in 1989 the same year that the 2nd XI won the 2nd team championship!

In 2006 we entered a 3rd team in the Bassetlaw and District League and in 2013 we took over the former Edingley CC ground in Farnsfield as a permanent home for them.





J. Franks, R. Cauldwell, B. Waterfield, D. Willey, J. Wilson, N. Kennedy,
F. Squires, K. Vaughan, R. Edwards, P. Taylor, P. Teather, K. Wilson



Team from 1981

P. Taylor, M. Challand, M. Coote, J. Franks, S. Gratton, K. Vanplew
T. Tunnicliffe, D. Bembridge, J. Cook, D. Coote, K. Wilson



John Wilson and Mick Challand umpiring at Papplewick

100 years plus of joint service to FCC as players, umpires, club officials and committee members, general volunteering and clubhouse maintenance.

They have been, and still are, supporters of all groups of Cricket and organised events at FCC. Most Saturdays during the Cricket season they can be found watching home matches at Station Lane and always willing to offer constructive advice.

They wish FCC good luck for 2025 season and the future and FCC, in return, thank them for all their many years of support!

WHO WE ARE NOW

Farnsfield Cricket Club offers cricket opportunities all year round from softball tournaments to competitive league cricket, indoor nets and junior winter academy.

Having launched the careers of some home-grown talent including Paul Franks (Nottinghamshire CCC and England), Brett Hutton (Nottinghamshire CCC, Northamptonshire CCC and England U19s) and Sam Wood (Nottinghamshire CCC and England U19s) we continue to offer cricket to future generations in the interest of sustaining the sport in our village and for others to have the chance to follow in their footsteps.

Throughout the summer cricket season we run junior softball and hardball training sessions on a Friday night. This is always well attended by children from Farnsfield and the surrounding area. Run by volunteer ECB level 1 (Foundation) and Level 2 (Core) coaches who are representative of our senior teams, we actively encourage children of all ages and abilities to join in, have fun, learn cricketing skills and take pleasure in playing cricket. In 2023, an all-girl group was created and coached by 2 ECB female coaches, this proved extremely popular and in 2025 an FCC team will be entered in the U11 all girl Kwik Cricket League.

We offer competitive cricket for all of our junior members including Kwik Cricket tournaments for our 5-11 year olds and league hardball cricket for Under 11's, Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 19's with many of our aspiring cricketers progressing to our successful senior teams. Throughout the Winter our junior academy offers our young hardball players the opportunity to practise and develop their skills in small groups in preparation for the following season and for the step up to senior cricket. To complement the investment in our junior players, we offer all year-round training and development opportunities for our senior players as well, training together throughout the winter utilising the nets at Cuckney, Wellow School, Samworth Church Academy and junior training at Ravenshead Leisure Centre and at Station Lane throughout the summer cricket season.

We run three open age teams all playing competitive league cricket on a Saturday and a Sunday Development team through which junior Cricketers get the opportunity to play the long format games of Cricket. In 2024, a Farnsfield T20 team played in a National Village Cup competition and reached the 2nd round and the Sunday 1st team were runners

up in the Popkess Trophy losing to Wollaton 2s.

In 2022, Farnsfield created their first Women's and Girls' section. Currently, the team competes during the Winter in the Nottinghamshire Indoor Softball League and in the Summer plays in the East Midlands Women's Softball Cricket League and in 2025 will be entering a team in the EMWCL Super 8s Hardball League.

All at the Cricket Club pride themselves on their team spirit and

fair play having signed up to our "Players Charter." The teams have shared many successes between them over the years, as division winners and in receiving regional and league team and individual awards. Over the years many of our players, both male and female have represented the County at Junior level. Farnsfield Cricket Club has embedded itself in and become a thriving part of the local community, hosting a number of fundraising and community events throughout the year.



1st XI at Welbeck

Back row left to right – Gary Lambert, Freddie Skelton, Peter Frettingham, Alex Ainger, Joe West, Ben Kilford (Captain), Jacob Brand Rea, Andrew Frettingham, Alex West, Michael Archer,

Front – Cam Jackson, James Bowker, Toby Lambert (WK)



2nd XI at Welbeck CC

Back row left to right- Paul Delaney, Matt Payton, Dev Brocklehurst,
Chris Dunn, Will Wheatley, Jack Ford, Tom Chalkley

Front row – Charles Wilson, Ben Goss, Michael Hall (Captain),
Jack Rogers (WK), Brad Wright



3rd XI at Edingley

Back row left to right Freddie Baker, Joe Camm, Jigar Patel, Ben Barter, Jon
Rea, Oliver Smith, Jacob Brand Rea, Henry Townsend, Alex Richardson,
Cam Jackson, Alex West

Front Row Joshua Coyne, Toby Atkin, Phil Tyler, Neil Atkin (Captain),
Thomas Alcock, Gus Desbruslais



Popkess Cup Finalists at Southwell CC

Back Row – Alex Ainger, Joe West, Peter Frettingham, Ben Kilford, Tom Chalkley, Mark Hallam

Front Row – Jack Rogers (WK), Brad Wright, Freddie Skelton (Captain), Andrew Frettingham, James Bowker

Sunday Development Team at Thrumpton CC

Back Row – Irene Chapman, Oliver Smith, Jack Rogers, Jacob Brand Rea, Dom Harris, Cam Jackson, Joshua Coyne

Front Row – Harry Ballard, Michael Archer (WK), Neil Atkin (Captain), Joe West, Gus Desbruslais



T20 Team at Clumber CC

Back Row – Jack Rogers, Will Marshall, Matt Payton, Dev Brocklehurst, Krrish Patel, James Bowker, Cam Jackson

Front Row- Alex Ainger, Michael Archer, Ben Kilford, Freddie Skelton

Captains' Reviews of 2024

Ben Kilford 1st XI Captain



2024 was another challenging season for the 1st XI, as we continued our pursuit of promotion back into the Nottinghamshire Premier League. Despite our best efforts, we finished in 2nd place for the third consecutive year, narrowly missing out to a dominant Cuckney side. However, the team's resilience was on full display as we also reached the final of the Popkess County Cup, where we faced Wollaton, falling just short of securing silverware.

A stand out performer this season was our overseas player, Michael Archer from Melbourne, Australia. Michael's impact both on and off the field was invaluable, and he delivered exceptional performances

throughout the summer. With 64 wickets and over 500 runs, Michael's contribution was crucial to our campaign. His remarkable tally of wickets earned him the Bassetlaw Bowling Award. We wish him all the best as he returns to Carlton Cricket Club in Australia.

Throughout the season, there were some memorable wins, including a 51-run victory over Bawtry and a thrilling 7-run win over Cuckney at their home ground—both teams were also in the promotion race. In addition to Michael's brilliance, Fred Skelton (VC) and Peter Frettingham both amassed over 500 runs, playing vital innings at key moments. On the bowling front, Alex Ainger claimed the team's Bowling Award with 36 wickets, consistently stepping up when we needed him most. His partnerships with Michael were instrumental, and Alex's knack for taking wickets at critical points was a highlight of our campaign.

As a team, we continue to grow in experience and determination, and our ambition for promotion remains strong. We'll be back in 2025, fighting harder than ever to make it into the Nottinghamshire Premier League.



Michael Hall

2nd XI Captain

As a veteran of the club with almost 25 years at Farnsfield Cricket Club, I have seen the club grow so much over the years and it has been a pleasure to have been a part of it.

“ Farnsfield Cricket Club has been a big part of my life, so when the captaincy of the 2nd XI became available, I knew it was time to step up. This was something I felt strongly about and hoped my experience and passion would help take the 2nd XI back to Division 1. ”

What a journey it was last season! It is hard to believe how far we have come and how much the team achieved. It's great to see a lot of the

young players contributing, with the likes of Cam Jackson, Will Wheatley, Will Marshall and Jack Rogers all having an outstanding season and it was an absolute pleasure to watch.

From the very beginning, we were chasing promotion. We spent the majority of the season in second place, and with just 6 games left, we were a whopping 50 points behind the league leaders. If anyone had told me at that time that we would go on to win the league, I'd have called them mad. But here we are, Champions.

The frustration of being second all season was overwhelming and I questioned whether we could pull it together. But as always, this team proved me wrong. We didn't give up. We dug deep. The last six games of the season were nothing short of extraordinary. We went on a run, winning every single one of them, scoring a staggering 1400 runs and taking 137 points out of a possible 154. That kind of consistency and resilience doesn't happen by chance; it happens because of a collective will to succeed.

We fought for every run, every wicket, and every point, but we

knew it would come down to the final match. With the last game of the season ahead of us, we needed a win and hoped that our rivals all season, Wiseton, failed to win their last game. We took care of our own business beating Welbeck comfortably, but it was a nail-biting wait for news from Thoresby.

And then the moment came Thoresby had scored 212 runs, but Wiseton had been bowled out for just 97. That was the moment when we knew, we had done it. We had won the league. I can't tell you how that felt, after all the hard work, all the setbacks, all the doubts. To know that we had fought back from such a deficit and seized the opportunity, was simply unbelievable.

This victory is a testament to every single person that played for the 2nd team. It's about the effort, the sacrifices, the late nights at training, and the belief we had in each other. We've had some incredible individual performances, there are far too many to mention, but what made us Champions was the strength of the team as a whole. From the top of the order to the bottom, with the first ball and the last ball bowled, everyone contributed.

All worked incredibly hard this season. But, let's also remember that we've set a standard for next year. My plan is definitely back-to-back promotion and with the talent that is coming through and the strength of the existing team this is definitely achievable.



Neil Atkin

3rd XI Captain

2024 was another successful season for the 3rd team and I'm absolutely thrilled that we achieved our aim and won a deserved promotion to Division 4, so I'd like to start with a huge congratulations and well done to the whole playing squad.

We couldn't have done it without the support and help from everyone that makes the 3rd team possible though, so a big thanks is due to the ground team, supporters, parents and scorers who are there with us week in, week out.

It was our goal from the outset to get promoted, and it feels that now is the right time for the side to move up. I also believe we have both the team and talent to progress even further, especially with the addition

of some more experienced players to support our younger members, and we've progressed into a team that has earned the chance to be playing against the first and second teams we will be facing in 2025.

In terms of the season itself, it was a bit of a shaky start and we found ourselves short of players on a number of occasions in the first half. One of the issues we faced was that a number of the squad were (quite rightly!) focusing on their GCSEs, however this provided an opportunity for some former players to dust off the whites and roll back the years to join the team. As well as these more experienced players, it also meant some of our younger players were able to make their debuts in a senior game and I'm sure we'll see much more of them in the years ahead as regular team members. At times the side was also bolstered by players from our other senior sides which was great to see, and having their experience and ability in the team was invaluable from my perspective as skipper.

As the season progressed into the second half, we found our rhythm and really began to perform, including scoring the huge total of 309-8 against Mansfield Hosiery

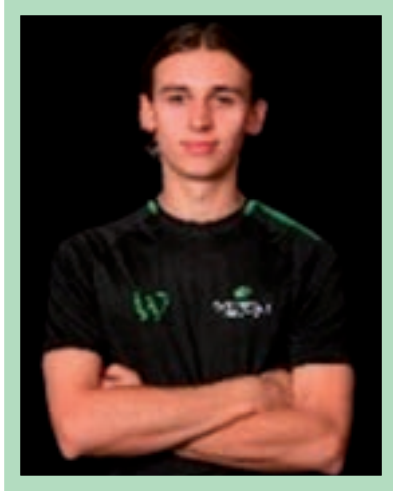
Mills, which we believe is the biggest score ever recorded at Edingley.

Towards the end of the season, we were in what seemed to be a two-horse race for promotion with Langwith 1sts, regularly exchanging places with them at the top of the league. In a nail-biting grey, cold and wet away fixture in August we managed to inch towards a low total, beat them to go top, and put us in the strongest position for promotion.

In many ways the way we won that game summed up the 3rd team

and the 2024 season. In the past year we've seen players come to the fore when it really matters, with game awareness, maturity and skill which shows how far both individual players have developed and how the group has evolved into the team it is now.

Despite just missing out on being crowned champions following the last result of the season, it's been a fantastic year for us and I'm looking forward to seeing what 2025 has in store for the 3rds.



Freddie Skelton

Cup Captain

Popkess County Cup and National Village Cup Review 2024

The 2024 season presented exciting new opportunities for the 1st XI to chase silverware, with two fresh Sunday cup competitions offering the perfect stages to showcase our potential and mount serious challenges.

The National Village Cup campaign began with high hopes, but it ended earlier than anticipated following a disappointing performance against Kibworth in the 3rd Round. However, the season delivered a stand out moment in the second round with a memorable match against league rivals Cuckney. The highlight of the game was

a masterful bowling display, spearheaded by the precision of Krrish Patel and a finishing flourish from Peter Frettingham, who showcased his tail-end clean-up skills—no doubt influenced by his brother. Their efforts restricted Cuckney to a modest 174. In the chase, Brad Wright once again demonstrated his brilliance with the bat, anchoring the innings with a typically outstanding performance, supported by valuable contributions from his teammates. Together, they ensured a thrilling pursuit of victory for the Ferns.

The Popkess County Cup campaign began in unusual fashion, with the 1st XI progressing to the semi-final without playing a single game due to earlier-round concessions. However, the wait for action was well worth it, as the team delivered a commanding performance against a formidable Kimberley side, who would later claim the Division A title of the South Nottinghamshire League. Andrew Frettingham stole the spotlight with a typically disciplined five-wicket haul, steering the team to an impressive victory. Buoyed by confidence and belief, the team entered the final against Wollaton with high hopes. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, as they fell just short on the day. Nevertheless, the team is determined to go one step further next year.



Neil Atkin

Sun Dev XI Captain

Sunday Development Team

The Sunday Development XI had a highly successful season playing in Division 3 of the Newark Alliance, in no small part due to achieving a perfect balance between youth and experience in the side. Despite having to concede a small number of fixtures, we only lost one game in which we played, which is a testament to some outstanding performances from our younger players and it was great to see their enthusiasm and passion for the game shine through.

It was fantastic to see senior players from across the 3 Saturday teams turning out for another full day of cricket on a weekend to support the younger players. Their experience

and knowledge on the field was invaluable, and they provided guidance, encouragement and a sense of team spirit that really helped our young players flourish.

The Sunday XI provides a wonderful opportunity for these younger players to develop their game in a more relaxed and informal setting than the Saturday leagues and it was great to see some junior players getting their first taste of senior cricket, stepping up with confidence and showing great potential.

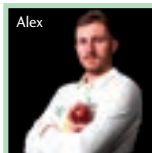
The fact that all the top Sunday performers were under 18 years of age shows what depth and talent we have at Farnsfield. Jack Rogers topped the batting scores with an impressive 253 runs, including a stand out unbeaten 90, and his consistency and skill at the crease were a highlight of the season. Tom Alcock led the bowling figures with 12 wickets, demonstrating his ability to take wickets at key moments, and Cam Jackson was outstanding in the field with 8 victims.

“ Overall, the season was a real success, filled with some memorable moments and significant individual achievements. The mix of youth and experience created a fun and supportive team environment and resulted in some great games of cricket - well done to everyone involved! ”

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 FCC AWARD WINNERS

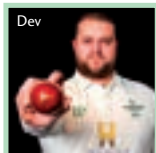
1st Team

Batting – Freddie Skelton
Bowling – Alex Ainger
Fielding – Ben Kilford



2nd Team

Batting – Ben Goss
Bowling – Dev Brocklehurst
Fielding – Michael Hall

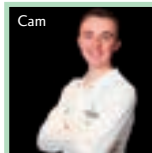
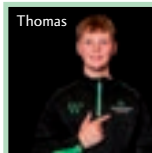
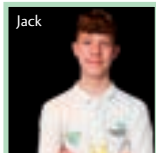


3rd Team

Batting – Jigar Patel
Bowling – Jonathan Davies
Fielding – Neil Atkin

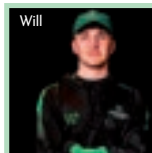
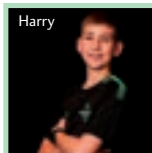
Sunday Dev Team

Batting – Jack Rogers
Bowling – Thomas Alcock
Fielding – Cam Jackson



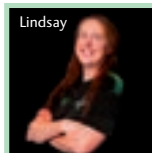
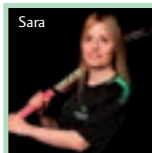
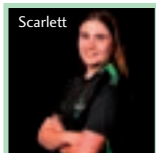
U19 Team

Batting – Will Wheatley
Bowling – Harry Ballard
Fielding – Will Marshall



Women's and Girl's Softball Team

Batting – Ali Wellings
Bowling – Scarlett Castiaux
Most improved – Sara Atkin
Captain's Player – Lindsay Chapman
Player's Player – Ali Wellings



Volunteers of the year

Millie Garrett
Gail Frettingham

Bassetlaw Championship 1st XI

POSTeam	p	wbf	wbs	lbf	LBS	t	ab	c
▲ 1 Cuckney CC - 2nd XI	22	12	5	0	4	0	1	0
2 Farnsfield CC - 1st XI	22	9	7	1	4	0	0	1
3 Bawtry with Everton CC - 1st XI	22	10	4	3	2	0	0	3
4 Retford CC - 1st XI	22	4	9	1	7	0	0	1
5 North Wheatley with Leverton CC - 1st XI	22	7	5	3	5	0	0	2
6 Clumber Park CC - 1st XI	22	8	3	3	7	0	0	1
7 Papplewick and Linby CC - 2nd XI	22	5	4	3	9	0	0	1
8 Welbeck CC - 2nd XI	22	8	1	2	8	0	1	2
9 Kiveton Park Colliery CC - 1st XI	22	2	6	7	7	0	0	0
10 Harthill CC - 1st XI	22	3	2	6	10	0	0	1
▼11 Whitwell CC, Derbyshire - 1st XI	22	4	1	9	7	0	0	1
▼12 Worksop CC - 1st XI	22	4	1	10	6	0	0	1

Bassetlaw Division 2 2nd XI

POS Team	p	wbf	wbs	lbf	LBS	t	ab	c
▲ 1 Farnsfield CC - 2nd XI	20	5	9	1	5	0	0	0
▲ 2 Wiseton CC - 1st XI	20	6	8	2	4	0	0	0
3 Mansfield CC - 1st XI	20	8	5	3	2	0	0	2
4 Waleswood Sports CC - 2nd XI	20	6	5	7	1	0	0	1
5 Thoresby Park CC - 1st XI	20	7	3	5	4	0	0	1
6 Cuckney CC - 3rd XI	20	6	4	3	5	0	0	2
7 Ordsall Bridon CC - 2nd XI	20	3	5	4	7	0	0	1
8 Welbeck CC - 3rd XI	20	2	7	7	1	0	0	3
9 Killamarsh Juniors CC - 2nd XI	20	2	3	6	6	0	0	3
▼10 Worksop CC - 2nd XI	20	1	4	8	6	0	0	1
▼11 Teversal CC - Saturday 1st XI	20	1	2	9	6	0	0	2

Bassetlaw Division 5 3rd XI

POS Team	P	wbf	wbs	lbf	lbs	t	ab	c
▲ 1 Welbeck CC - 4th XI	18	7	5	1	3	0	0	1
▲ 2 Farnsfield CC - 3rd XI	18	4	5	1	4	1	0	1
3 Langwith CC - 1st XI	18	6	5	3	2	0	0	1
4 Harthill CC - 2nd XI	18	5	5	4	3	0	0	0
5 Teversal CC - Saturday 2nd XI	18	4	3	4	2	0	0	2
6 Wiseton CC - 2nd XI	18	4	4	2	7	0	0	1
7 Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC - 3rd XI	18	4	1	4	6	0	0	1
8 Nomads CC (Mansfield) - 1st XI	18	3	1	6	4	1	0	3
▼ 9 Worksop CC - 3rd XI	18	3	1	3	8	0	0	1
▼10 Milton CC, Notts - 2nd XI	18	2	1	3	3	0	0	3

wcn	lcn	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	W	Pts
0	0	93	96	0	1.69	17	399
0	0	74	100	0	1.21	16	372
0	0	70	75	0	0.96	14	331
0	0	83	84	1	0.32	13	328
0	0	64	77	1	0.01	12	296
0	0	69	87	0	0.33	11	294
0	0	76	80	0	-0.16	9	270
0	0	55	83	0	-0.18	9	264
0	0	64	78	0	-1.1	8	238
0	0	64	74	0	-0.52	5	204
0	0	48	69	0	-1.22	5	183
0	0	42	64	2	-1.33	5	170

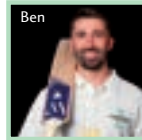
wcn	lcn	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	W	Pts
0	0	81	86	0	0.88	14	335
0	0	68	85	0	0.53	14	321
0	0	61	69	0	0.44	13	298
0	0	70	66	0	0.63	11	274
0	0	68	75	0	0.35	10	269
0	0	54	68	0	-0.05	10	254
0	0	66	62	0	-0.49	8	230
0	0	56	56	12	0.18	9	226
0	0	58	58	0	-0.66	5	194
0	0	41	55	-12	-1.04	5	174
0	0	46	49	0	-1.04	3	143

wcn	lcn	BatP	BowlP	Pen	NRR	Pts
1	0	58	69	0	0.59	299
2	0	55	59	0	0.81	282
1	0	57	62	0	0.39	279
1	0	57	67	0	0.38	266
2	1	38	48	0	0.25	216
0	0	44	66	0	-0.12	212
2	0	25	53	0	-1.1	188
0	0	29	46	0	-0.16	151
0	2	26	58	0	-0.41	118
0	6	21	30	0	-0.98	45

SOME NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR FCC ON THE FIELD IN THE BASSETLAW LEAGUE IN 2024

Top Run Scorers on Saturday

1st XI - Freddie Skelton	530 runs
Peter Frettingham	516 runs
2nd XI - Ben Goss	441 runs
Tom Chalkley	268 runs
3rd XI - Jigar Patel	264 runs
Harry Ballard	228 runs



Top Wicket Takers on a Saturday

1st XI - Michael Archer	61 wickets
Alex Ainger	33 wickets
2nd XI - Dev Brocklehurst	30 wickets
Matthew Payton	22 wickets
3rd XI - Jonathan Davies	16 wickets
Jigar Patel	16 wickets



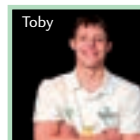
Top Fielding Wicket Takers

1st XI - Ben Kilford	15 wickets
Peter Frettingham	13 wickets
2nd XI - Michael Hall	12 wickets
Dev Brocklehurst	10 wickets
Tom Chalkley	10 wickets
3rd XI - Neil Atkin	10 wickets
Luke Bryant	7 wickets



Top Wicket Keeping Wickets

1st XI - Toby Lambert	18 wickets
2nd XI - Jack Rogers	8 wickets
3rd XI - Neil Atkin	6 wickets



OVERSEAS PLAYER 2024 PLAYER PROFILE AND MESSAGE

Michael Archer

Nationality – Australian

Age – 27

Home Club – Carlton CC

Hobby outside Cricket – Chess, Gaming and Aussie Rules Football

Why FCC? – FCC have a strong community and are also a competitive club.

Number of wickets taken for Farnsfield CC 2024 – 65

Best Bowling figure – 7/20

Number of maiden overs - 46

Number of runs scored for Farnsfield CC 2024 - 689



Farnsfield Cricket Club has been fantastic in looking after myself and Alex throughout our time in the UK. It has been amazing to be able to play cricket with such awesome people and whilst bitterly disappointed to not win the league, it has been such a positive season with plenty of learnings for all of us.

I would like to thank all of the club's members for going out of their way to make our time here so easy. We have cherished the time we have spent with everyone at the club and all of the conversations shared have made Farnsfield feel like a home away from home.

A personal highlight has been helping out the junior section, especially Friday night trainings

where the atmosphere at the club has been incredible. Seeing all of the kids develop a love for the sport, their improvement throughout the year and enjoying their time with friends reminded me of why I fell in love with the sport in the first place.

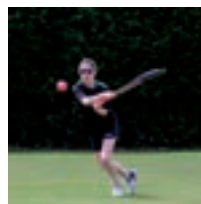
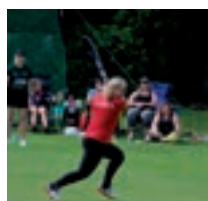
Whilst as a first XI, we narrowly missed out on promotion, it was great to see both our 3rd and 2nd team secure promotion this season, showing that the club's future is in great hands. I have no doubt with all of the hard work going on behind the scenes the first team will taste the same success soon.

Thank you again to everyone at the club, I look forward to getting back in the future and looking back on all of the memories we have created together.

FARNSFIELD CRICKET CLUB'S WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' SOFTBALL FESTIVAL 2024

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE

OVER 100 PLAYERS ATTENDED FROM 10 DIFFERENT CLUBS
A GREAT DAY HAD BY ALL!



WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CRICKET AT FCC IN 2024

The Women's and Girls' Section continues to grow with 30 members now training and representing Farnsfield Cricket Club in Women's Softball cricket competitions both indoor in the Winter and outdoor in the Summer.

In 2024, the club entered 2 teams into the Winter indoor league and in the Summer entered a team in both the league and cup competitions. We had some very close matches with 3, remarkably, ending in a draw! One such tie, in the cup versus Thoresby B team, was decided via a super over with Karen Jackson and Helen Ballard batting and Lila Walker bowling to secure the victory! The Summer saw us also play in numerous Softball Cricket Festivals around the County giving our less experienced players valuable game time and, in some cases, their first experience of competitive cricket. These events are always fun, relaxed and everyone has a good time. The Club held its own Cricket Festival in June which was attended by over 100 players representing 10 different cricket clubs. It was a great day building on the success of the previous year and would not have been possible without the help and support of our fantastic volunteers. As always, although winning is nice and we



did have some pleasing victories in all competitions, our main aim is to enjoy playing cricket and having fun. All the squad are keen to keep improving and we are very fortunate to have Neil Atkin as our coach, assisted by Amy Coyne and a number of lads from the Junior Section regularly help us develop our cricketing skills.

In 2025, not only are we entering softball cricket competitions but also a Super 8 hardball team in a Summer outdoor league as we continue to develop and expand the opportunities for girls' and women to play cricket at Farnsfield. As well as providing opportunities for the older players we are looking to encourage the younger girls at Farnsfield to play more competitive cricket and in 2025 we have entered

a team in an all-girls Kwik Cricket competition.

In 2024 we were very grateful to Farnsfield Trust for their kind donation which allowed us to purchase new hardball equipment specifically for the Women's team in the Super 8 competition. Similarly, we were delighted with our new playing shirts from Lacuna and sponsored by Minster Vets, Focus Consultants and Le Petit Vert, the tops have proved to be

the envy of many other clubs!

Finally, special thanks must go to Steve Castiaux and Clint Walker who have umpired our matches and Irene Chapman and Andrea Johnson who have been our regular scorers. We are so fortunate to have their involvement in the Women's and Girls' matches.

New members are always welcome as we look forward to another exciting season of Cricket.



Team at West Bridgfordians

Back row – Steve Castiaux (umpire), Scarlett Castiaux, Lindsay Chapman, Harriet Islip, Gail Frettingham (Captain), Helen Ballard, Luce Brailsford (WK)
Front Row – Andrea Johnson (scorer), Ali Wellings, Emma Turner

JUNIOR CRICKET AT FCC



Alex West
Head Coach of Junior Section
2024

The Junior section is now up to over 160 5-18 year olds. A near doubling in numbers at the softball level of cricket has built a strong foundation for the future of our club. The introduction of the U19's has allowed our older juniors the chance to continue to develop playing in a squad. With a multitude of juniors regularly contributing and representing the club at an open age level of the club, the future is certainly bright.

All this success is down to the commitment of the coaches and volunteers at the club who put in countless hours both on and off the pitch to organise training, matches and events for the Juniors. 2025 is set to be a huge year for the club and the juniors are at the very centre of it.



2025 is set to be a fantastic year for Farnsfield Cricket Club and the much-revered junior section, an envy of many clubs in the area. On a personal note, I wanted to say a huge thank you to Alex West for his hard work and dedication over the last couple of years running the junior section. I'm delighted that Alex will be continuing to coach on Friday alongside our other coaches and volunteers.

This year, we have entered more junior hardball sides than ever before from U10s through to U19s cricket. We have players representing both Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire across our junior section and we continue to introduce a great number of our juniors into our open age teams at the weekend.

We will also continue to ensure our softballers this year have plenty of matches and competitions to enter and plenty of fun to be had throughout the year. In addition to this as well as our first ever Women's hardball team as a club, we will be entering our first ever girls only side in softball cricket this year, so please look out for more information about this in the run up to the season.



James Bowker
Head Coach of Junior Section
2025

“ Finally, I just want to say a huge thank you for the hours and dedication our coaches and volunteers provide. Not many clubs in the county have the luxury of having over 20 ECB qualified coaches, dedicating their time to further develop our club, all for free. These, alongside the battery of volunteers across the section, make this a truly outstanding community-based club. It is something we are incredibly proud of and will endeavour to continue our best efforts in ensuring we provide high quality coaching for our youngsters. ”

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 FCC JUNIOR HARDBALL AWARD WINNERS



FCC Junior Players selected for the County Squad 2025

Jonathon Davies
Jack Rogers
Krrish Patel
Flynn Campbell

U11 team :

Batting – George Chalkley
Bowling Teddy Milns
Coach's Player – Will Hardstaff
Players' Player – Sebby Barton

U13 team :

Batting – Logan Yarnell
Bowling – George Chalkley
Fielding – Gus Desbruslais
Coach's Player – Max Adams
Players' Player – Toby Pattinson

U15 team :

Batting - Jack Rogers
Bowling - Sam Hazard
Fielding – Sam Hazard
Coach's Player – Alex Patel
Players' Player – Tom Alcock

“ As parents we could not be happier with Farnsfield Cricket Club. Ollie has absolutely loved his time here since joining last year. The coaches are fantastic – supportive, knowledgeable and great at building confidence. We've seen such a noticeable improvement in his skills and enthusiasm for the game. The junior setup is incredibly well organised, catering to all ages and providing a clear pathway for progression. It's a friendly, welcoming environment and we'd highly recommend it to anyone considering joining. ”

U19 Team at Clumber Park CC

W. Marshall, C. Jackson,
W. Wheatley, S. Murugas,
J. Camm, A. Richardson,
C Leighton, G. Desbruslais,
F. Baker, H. Ballard, J. Davies,
T. Alcock



COACHES WORKSHOP WITH PAUL FRANKS



To ensure that all sections are as prepared as possible for the 2025 season the Club held a Coaches Workshop for all their ECB qualified coaches on 12th January 2025. The day was led by Nottinghamshire CCC Assistant Head Coach Paul Franks. Paul has experience of coaching both in

England and abroad. The day was very rewarding and gave valuable insight into how to be an effective coach.

The club also has a number of its members gaining coaching qualifications in time for the start of the season.

Training 2025

Team

Open Age

Women's and Girls'

Junior

Thursday Evening

Monday Evening

Friday Evening



NEW FOR 2025 – LIVE STREAMING OF MATCHES

We are delighted to announce that we will be live streaming fixtures for the 2025 season via our new streaming service Frogbox.

Frogbox is a leading live streaming product that makes broadcasting live cricket accessible for premier and community clubs in Australia, the UK and around the world.

We will be streaming the fixtures onto our new youtube channel this summer, more details will be released on our social media pages, where you will be able to watch our teams play. This will also be linked from our club website.



We will also be using this footage to supplement our coaching for our players as well.

Many thanks to Castec Consulting Ltd and Minster Mortgages for their generous funding of this new initiative.



PLAYERS WITH 100 SENIOR CAPS AT FCC 2024



Some of the many players who have played more than 100 matches at Senior Level for FCC having received their caps on Saturday 12th August 2024.

From left to right – James Bowker, Andrew Frettingham, Chris Dunn, Peter Frettingham, Matthew Payton, Paul Delaney, Ben Kilford, Jack Ford.

In August 2024 the following current club members were recognised as having played over 100 senior games for FCC (using records on Play Cricket from 2010- data not available before this date!)-

Name

James Bowker
Michael Hall
Paul Delaney
Mark Hallam
Chris Dunn
Matt Payton
Ben Kilford
Alex West
Andrew Frettingham
Luke Bryant
Joe West
Phil Tyler
Jack Ford
Peter Frettingham
Charles Wilson

PRESIDENT'S DAY AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

Season 2024 President's Day proved to be yet another spectacle of cricket. As in Season 2023 the PCA ex-England legends provided the opposition in the afternoon's T20 match.

The day started with the club's Junior players receiving coaching from the England Legends who were keen to pass on their knowledge and experience. This was then followed by the U11 and U13 team members playing a hardball match. Meanwhile approximately 150 people joined the club's President, Nigel Payton, in the Marquee to enjoy an early high tea and meet the PCA players. Additional entertainment was provided by 2 close-up magicians, Ian Barradell and Andy Lochran, who amazed those attending, a caricaturist, Ray Allen, who produced lifelike cartoons in a twinkling of an eye and a roving silhouettist artist, Charles Burns, who created striking and beautiful silhouette portraits of those attending. There were various food stalls around the ground and the bar was open to serve spectators.

The pinnacle of the day was the T20 match with the PCA England legends playing a Farnsfield XI. The PCA fielded a strong squad captained by Adam Hoolioake and including, amongst others, world renowned spinner John Emburey, Jonathan

Trott, Phillip Defreitas and local Nottinghamshire and England legend Samit Patel. The England legends batted first scoring an impressive 205 with Ali Brown producing a magnificent 128 of those runs. Set such a daunting target Farnsfield competed valiantly scoring 181 with 1st team opener, Peter Frettingham, retiring on 103 not out shortly before the close of the innings. Both Ali Brown and Peter Frettingham were awarded Player of the Match for their respective teams for their excellent efforts with the bat.

The day was completed with a live band, The Night Watchmen, who played into the evening entertaining the crowd. It was a spectacular day for Farnsfield Cricket Club, a huge thank you goes to all the volunteers and bar staff who helped plan, prepare and make the event run so smoothly.

“ The President's Day was brilliant - we invited family over from Wales for the day and had a great time (bit nippy though this year!). Highlight was watching my 16 year old nephew smash current pro Samit Patel back over his head for 6! What a club to give the youth that experience. Can't wait for next year! ”

Joss Dixon







FARNSFIELD X1 V PCA LEGENDS



The Teams

PCA Legends XI

Owais Shah
Ali Brown
Samit Patel
Claire Taylor
Adam Hollioake
Paul Nixon
Jonathan Trott
Dean Hedley
Phillip Defreitas
John Emburey
Glenn Chapple

Farnsfield Squad

Peter Frettingham
Will Marshall
Alex Ainger
Freddie Skelton
Toby Lambert
Michael Archer
Michael Hall
Ben Kilford
Andrew Frettingham
Joe West
Devon Brocklehurst

Will Wheatley
Tom Chalkley
James Bowker
Alex West
Neil Atkin
Krrish Patel

FARNSFIELD CC IN THE COMMUNITY



On Sunday 8th September, 3 teams representing FCC took part in a Crown Green Bowls Competition organised by Farnsfield Bowls Club.

A fantastic time was had by all and one of our teams were the eventual winners of the tournament.

The winning team are pictured - Phil Tyler, Suzie Richardson, Nigel Payton and Alex Richardson



Farnsfield Guides taster session Thursday 18th July – organised by FCC women's and girls' section.

“The guides and rangers had a brilliant cricket taster session in the summer - all those involved were so helpful and enthusiastic - it definitely encouraged the girls to take it up as a sport.”

1st Farnsfield Guides



Lighting of the beacon

Commemorating 80 years since D Day – organised by The Farnsfield Branch of the Royal British Legion

The clubhouse is also the venue for Becky's acoustic jam nights which take place every second Friday of the month. The Farnsfield Royal British Legion hold their meetings in the clubhouse and the club hosts St Michael's School's year six leavers' celebrations.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS IN 2024



Race Night



Golf Day



Quiz Night



I attended the crafting demonstration afternoon in November as a demonstrator and had a fantastic day. It was incredibly well organised and was lovely to meet like-minded people and learn lots from them. Will definitely be attending future events.

Lannie Crafts



Bonfire night is the spectacle of the year. It brings the whole cricket family together after the end of the season, husbands, wives, partners, children and the whole village community! The volunteers usually mean all the family chipping in to put on a great, enjoyable, safe evening for everyone. It meant a lot to us as Godfrey and I could offer our help at the same time! A great team effort!

Karen McIntosh



Farnsfield CC Saturday Fixtures 2025 (Provisional)

DATE	1st Team Start noon	2nd Team Start 1 pm	3rd Team Start 1 pm
Sat 12th April	Friendly v Fleetwood CC		
Sun 13th April	Friendly v Fleetwood CC		
19th April	Clumber Park 1st A	Milton 1st H	
26th April	Papplewick & Linby 2nd H	Whitwell 1st A	
3rd May	Kiverton Park Colliery 1st A	Worksop 1st H	Welbeck 4th H
10th May	Harthill 1st H	Grassmoor Works 1st A	Harthill 2nd A
17th May	Blidworth Colliery Welfare 1st A	Killamarsh Juniors 1st H	East Drayton 1st H
24th May	Retford 1st H	Ordsall Bridon 1st A	Blyth 1st A
31st May	Thoresby Colliery 1st A	Wiseton 1st H	Whitwell 2nd H
7th June	Welbeck 2nd H	Gainsborough 1st A	Mansfield 2nd A
14th June	Mansfield Hosiery Mills 2nd A	Anston 2nd H	Shirebrook 1st A
21st June	North Wheatley with Leverton 1st H	Waleswood Sports 1st A	Anston 3rd H
28th June	Bawtry with Everton 1st A	Bawtry with Everton 2nd H	Langwith 1st A
5th July	Kiverton Park Colliery 1st H	Worksop 1st A	
12th July	Harthill 1st A	Grassmoor Works 1st H	Harthill 2nd H
19th July	Blidworth Colliery Welfare 1st H	Killamarsh Juniors 1st A	East Drayton 1st A
26th July	Retford 1st A	Ordsall Bridon 1st H	Blyth 1st H
2nd August	Thoresby Colliery 1st H	Wiseton 1st A	Whitwell 2nd A
9th August	Welbeck 2nd A	Gainsborough 1st H	Mansfield 2nd H
16th August	Mansfield Hosiery Mills 2nd H	Anston 2nd A	Shirebrook 1st H
23rd August	North Wheatley with Leverton 1st A	Waleswood Sports 1st H	Anston 3rd A
30th August	Bawtry with Everton 1st H	Bawtry with Everton 2nd A	Langwith 1st H
6th September	Clumber Park 1st H	Milton 1st A	Welbeck 4th A
13th September	Papplewick & Linby 2nd A	Whitwell 1st H	

HOME AWAY

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' FIXTURES 2025

Softball Fixtures Division 2 North Central 2025

DATE	HOST CLUB	OPPOSITION
4th May 2025	Farndon	11 am v Farndon 1pm v Edwinstowe
18th May 2025	Newark R & M	11 am v Newark R & M 1pm v Collingham
8th June 2025	Blyth	1 pm v Fiskerton & Thurgaton 3pm v Blyth
6th July 2025	Farnsfield	11 am v Clumber Park 3pm v Southwell

Super 8 Hardball Division 3 North West 2025

DATE	HOST CLUB	OPPOSITION
27th April 2025	Kimberley Institute	3pm v Bingham 5pm v Kimberley Institute
1st June 2025	Farnsfield	1 pm v Welbeck 5pm v Morton Colliery
15th June 2025	Clumber Park	3pm v Kimberley Institute 5pm v Clumber Park
29th June 2025	Welbeck	1 pm v Welbeck 3pm v Morton Colliery
13th July 2025	Farnsfield	1 pm v Bingham 5pm v Attenborough
10th August 2025	Attenborough	3pm v Clumber Park 5pm v Attenborough



WHO'S WHO AT FCC 2025

President of Club 2024 and 2025
Head of Cricket
Head of Women's and Girls Cricket
Cricket Secretary

Nigel Payton
James Bowker
Gail Frettingham
Will Rushby

Captains

1st XI Captain
2nd XI Captain
3rd XI Captain
Women's and Girls' Softball Cricket Captain
Women's and Girls' Hardball Super 8s Captain

Ben Kilford
Michael Hall
Neil Atkin
Gail Frettingham
Kate Lambert

Coaches

Senior Coaches - Paul Delaney, Chris Slater, Mark Silcock and Alex West

Women's and Girls' Coaches - Neil Atkin and Amy Coyne

Junior Coaches - James Bowker, Abbie Rushby, Mark Silcock, Tom Chalkley, Neil Edwards, Neil Sharp, Andrew Frettingham, Andrew Mitchell, Alex West, Emma Turner, Luce Brailsford, Gail Frettingham, Alex Richardson

Coaching Assistants – Cam Jackson, Will Marshall,
Jack Rogers

U10s and U11 Coaches - Abbie Rushby, Andrew Mitchell and Neil Edwards

U13s Coaches – Mark Silcock and Tom Chalkley

U15s Coach – James Bowker

U19 Coach – Chris Slater

Advanced (Level 3)

Coach

Alex West
Neil Edwards

Safeguarding

Suzie Richardson
Emma Turner

Players Reps

Luke Bryant
Irene Chapman

Core (Level 2)

Coaches

James Bowker
Andrew Frettingham
Neil Sharp
Chris Slater
Luce Brailsford
Abbie Rushby
Paul Delaney
Mark Silcock
Andrew Mitchell
Tom Chalkley

Foundation (Level 1)

Coaches

Neil Atkin
Emma Turner
Gail Frettingham
Jules Rushby
Amy Coyne
Alex Richardson

RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Nick Linney- Chair/Treasury and LT finance

Phil Tyler - Club house/bar/Honorary secretary

Suzie Richardson -Club house/bar/Commercial/Clubmark/Safeguarding

Josh Payton – Club house manager

Nigel Payton - Club house/Pitches/outfield

Shaun Finn - Treasurer/Insurance

Peter Teather – Membership/rules and Interpretation

Clint Walker - Grants/Fundraising

Gail Frettingham and Sara Atkin– Media, Marketing and Communication

Sara Atkin – Club Website

James Bowker, Will Rushby and Gail Frettingham – Cricket representatives

Thanks to all our amazing volunteers, Some are mentioned below:

Nigel Payton, Paul Delaney, Simon Brown -
ground staff extraordinaire!

Gail Frettingham, Irene Chapman, Andrea Johnson, Karen Clarke,
Ian Davies and Jon Rea - scorers

All those who run the BBQ on a Friday night at junior training
and the many other volunteers who readily help with catering at
our fundraising events.

Millie Garratt – keeping us all informed on social media
Resource committee and cricket committee working behind the
scenes to keep the club going!

FCC needs YOU!

Whether it be as a player, coach, scorer or supporter, or maybe
helping at the fund-raising events and the club always
welcomes more sponsors.

If you'd like to support your club, in whatever capacity, then
please get in touch via enquiries@farnsfieldcricketclub.co.uk

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FCC CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS

We are very fortunate at Farnsfield Cricket Club to own the grounds and clubhouse at Station Lane. Nigel Payton, Paul Delaney and Simon Brown spend many hours tending the ground ensuring that the wicket is in the best possible condition. Many thanks go to both Lyndsey and Mick Challand who bring a splash of colour to the terrace area of the club house with their spectacular pots of flowers.

Josh Payton does an excellent job of managing the clubhouse and Kelly keeps the place looking immaculate. In 2024 the toilets and showers in the players' changing room were refurbished and are now a fresh and smart area.

The clubhouse can be booked for functions by contacting Josh via booking@farnsfieldcricketclub.co.uk



Nigel and Paul



FCC also has a second ground at The Acres, Edingley. It is a quintessentially English Cricket ground surrounded by beautiful countryside. And lovingly looked after by the third team and it's supporters.



EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

Sunday 12th January	10am-12pm	Coaches Workshop
Wednesday 29th January	7pm	Open Age Players Meeting
Wednesday 26th February	7pm	AGM
Saturday 8th March	Doors Open 6pm First Race 7pm	Race Night
Saturday 1st March		Open Age Launch of Player Registration for 2025
Friday 4th April	6pm	Junior registration Evening
Sat 5th and Sun 6th April	9am	Work Force Day
Thursday 10th April	6.30pm	Tom Flint at FCC Headshots
Friday 11th April	10am	Golf Day
Saturday 12th April	TBC	Friendly v Fleetwood CC
Sunday 13th April	TBC	Friendly v Fleetwood CC
Friday 18th April	6pm	Junior Hardball Training starts
Saturday 19th April		Opening Games of 2024 season in The Bassetlaw Divisions
Sunday 27th April	3pm	Women's and Girl's first Super 8s Hardball Match - Away at Kimberley Institute
Sunday 4th May	11 am	Women's and Girls' first Softball Match - Away at Farndon
Sunday 24th August		President's Day
September	TBC	Junior Presentation Night at Club house
October	TBC	Senior Presentation Night at Club house
Saturday 1st November	6pm	Firework Celebration Evening Club house
November	TBC	Quiz Night

100 Club 2024

Many thanks to all those who supported the club through the 100 club and raised funds to further equip the club.

Congratulations to all last year's winners!

Don't forget to take part in the 100 club 2025 – numbers can be purchased from behind the bar.

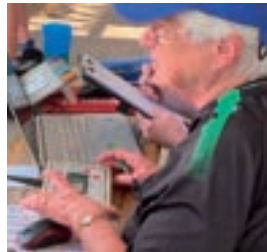
Scorer's Training 2024



In April 2024, Farnsfield Cricket Club ran in house training for scorers using Play Cricket Scorer. Thanks goes to Bowks for providing excellent instruction on how to score online.

Later in May, we hosted another workshop organised by Nottinghamshire CCC and run by Amy Coyne. We welcomed members from Eastwood Town CC Women's team to this event.

New Scorers are always welcome – get in touch if you would like to give it a go!
Help, guidance and training will be available.



In Memoriam

Richard (Dick) Edwards

Passed away at the beginning of January 2025 after a long illness. Dick was Farnsfield CC second XI team captain for many years. He can be seen in one of the team photos at the start of this handbook. Following the end of his playing career, he could often be seen on the sidelines offering his support.

Frank Reynolds MBE

Passed away suddenly in January 2025. He can be seen in one of the team photos at the start of this handbook. Frank was a long serving Club Trustee and ex-President of the Club who was always willing to help and support the club in whatever way he could.

Brian Waterfield

Brian has sadly passed away. Brian played for the club for many years and is pictured in one of the team photos at the start of this handbook. He was also a long serving treasurer and a Trustee of the club. Condolences to Linda, his wife, and family.



Watercolour of 2nd XI match at Station Lane by Peter J Chapple

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