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Message from the Chairman

This is my fourth and final Message as Chairman. At the Spring board meeting, our Trustee, Simon Doggart, takes over. Through his father, Hubert, the family name is indelibly linked to Arundel, to cricket, to educational excellence and to service to young people from all walks of life. It is a formidable pedigree. As a seasoned Headmaster himself, Simon will bring his experience, empathy and sheer enthusiasm to bear on a charity that has

reached a high level of performance.

We have the continuity and confidence to embrace change and to maintain a commitment (key word that) to well-trying and trusted conventions. And, of course, 'foundation' is precisely the right word to describe what we strive to provide.

Johnny celebrated 30 years as our Director on 2nd November 2016. The hugely successful publication of his latest book 'Team Mates' indicates that it is indeed a milestone and not a millstone! Back in 1986 when the Foundation was established with JRT Barclay installed as the first Director, he fully "bought into" the two fold objectives:

- To establish a structure, by way of a charitable foundation, that would support cricket at Arundel and its future*
- To use the structure based on the theme of 'Youth and Education' to serve the needs of young people, especially the less advantaged, and their development*

Over the years, this concept has served its purpose well. Since 1986, cricket of all sorts has continued to thrive at Arundel whilst, at the same time, the Foundation has encouraged thousands of young people and their lives have been enhanced by the programme.

*Turn now to the pages of the Review. Read the Director's wise words, look at the action packed pictures – and then look at them again! Now come back to this Message and accept my gratitude for **your** involvement in our charitable work. This goes to all those whose names are shown and to the many more whose names are not.*

Please ignore the current connotation of the Brexit word but this is neither a "hard" nor a "soft" sales pitch to individuals or to organisations. It is a simple but sincere recognition of your support and potential support. If you need convincing, look at the pictures again!

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Patrick Shervington". The script is cursive and fluid.

Patrick Shervington MBE • Chairman of Trustees



Our President's son Henry, The Earl of Arundel, was married to Cecilia Colacicchi on 16th July 2016. The Friends of Arundel Castle Cricket Club and the Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation jointly gave this original oil painting by Grant Wood of the famous 'Gap' at the Arundel Castle ground as a wedding present.



I DOUBT WHETHER many of us can remember a more divisive, turbulent and bad-tempered year on both sides of the Atlantic as the one that has just past. With so much aggression and anger prominent, where behaviour descended to primitive depths, this was sledging on a titanic scale. It became increasingly hard to believe that any sort of positive example was given to an impressionable younger generation upon whom our future ultimately depends. But, by the time this Review drops through your letter box, it will be February and possibly the mood will have changed. Snowdrops and young daffodils will be raising their heads as a signal of hope and expectation. Nature is a great comfort and rarely fails to point us in the right direction.

Whilst international politics may have somewhat dominated our lives last year, here in Sussex and much of the South it has been the trains, or lack of them, that have exercised our minds and vexed our souls. Misery, hardship and discomfort have been inflicted upon thousands. Forget about Brexit, its merits or otherwise, people just like to feel they can move



reliably from A to B. Humour, as we all know, can be a great ice-breaker in times of trouble and so let me share with you this little ditty written by a bemused passenger stuck at Three Bridges station for no obvious reason:

*'And so we do wonder as we sit here and wait,
how a train that's not running can also be late'.*

We know that many people from all walks of life and backgrounds do suffer in one way or another: the

deprived, disadvantaged, disabled and many who have no clear direction in life. All of them are important. And for the last 30 years we have helped and encouraged thousands upon thousands of young people whose lives have been enhanced, and some indeed transformed, by the Arundel effect: activities, games, Castle, seaside, wonderful accommodation and catering – and, above all, humour. Without fun – a slice of joy – 30 years would have seemed a long time.

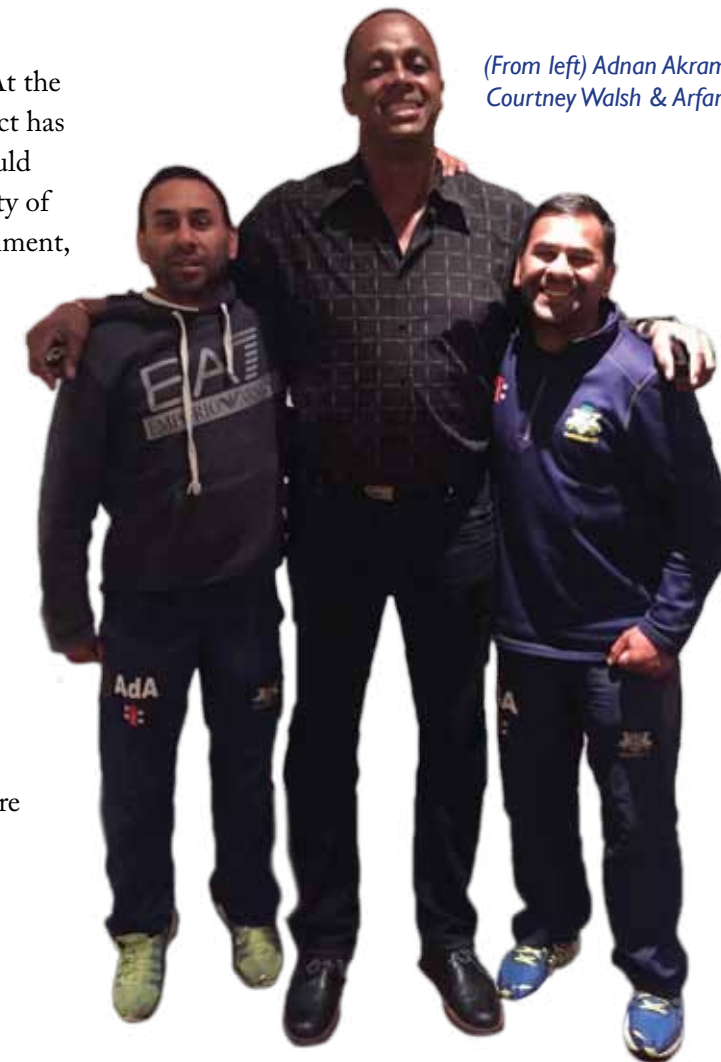


So let's for a moment go back to the beginning and consider the purpose and motivation for establishing a Foundation at Arundel. 'Youth and Education' have from the start provided the backbone for our organisation. At the time, 1986, I think most would agree that sport in many state schools was in decline and not helped by industrial action which pushed recreation further down the priority ladder. Encouragement was needed. A little later, in 1987, Margaret Thatcher, in the aftermath of her third general election victory, made an off-the-cuff remark, '*we must do something about the inner cities*'. While I doubt whether Mrs Thatcher had much interest in sport, riots in Brixton and Toxteth earlier in her premiership had focused minds upon the potential social breakdown and unrest

which lay within such areas. And indeed at Arundel this made us think. We were determined that, where possible, we would lend a hand to young people from the inner cities, and particularly those bursting with energy and enthusiasm, and invite them to come and share what we had to offer in Sussex. We began with London, boroughs such as Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth, Islington, Camden and Brent – and others, many of them in fact. Over the years I have been guided by wonderful people: **John Smith** from Wanstead set us on our way through the London schools structure; **Derek Steward** from Walthamstow, **Tony Moody** in Lambeth and, more recently, **Mohammed Shahidul Alam (Ratan)** from Hackney. We could never have

made such progress without these very great friends. At the same time, it is important to understand that our impact has not been centred so much around cricket as what I would call six essential 'pillars' which for me sum up the quality of life. They are Community, Education, Health, Environment, Security and Recreation. When backed up by Trust, then I believe there is a real chance of success or at least improved opportunities.

I could mention hundreds of people who have both benefited from and contributed to our project but here I will draw just two of them to your attention. **Arfan Akram** came to Arundel with his twin brother **Adnan** from Walthamstow as 10 year olds in the 1990's. They have grown into fine players – not far off first-class standard and are now the lifeblood of Wanstead Cricket Club in Essex. For five years, Arfan has been one of our Trustees, full of energy and ideas, and has now been successfully absorbed into M.C.C.'s Westminster Community Development programme where I know his experiences at Arundel will greatly benefit M.C.C. and many other local projects in London.



(From left) Adnan Akram, Courtney Walsh & Arfan Akram

"I learnt to bowl with a proper ball and also learnt how to drive which is a move I had never heard of."

"I now know what square-leg is and the offside too."



"I love bowling practice because I'm a fast off-swing even though I can't bowl straight yet."



Without doubt the impetus for inner city development has spread and cricket has been an effective medium for its expansion. Few organisations in the mid 1990s could have been more supportive to this cause than **The Lord's Taverners** who came up with the idea of a **nationwide inner cities tournament** encompassing some of the more deprived parts of the country: Belfast, Glasgow, Sunderland, Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Bradford, Leeds, London, Cardiff and many others who, for 16 years, were regular participants. The finals, involving 8 teams, were staged at Arundel. This was completely my cup of tea. The cricket was fun, if a little raw at times (nobody minded that) but, above all else, it fulfilled the qualities of those 'pillars' I mentioned earlier. I believe this tournament made a big difference to the lives of those who took part in it over the years. It was a great success.

My impression is that governments in general have paid lip-service to sport and its ability to develop and educate the young. All that changed in 1994 when the **National Lottery** was established and began to pump unprecedented funds into British sports among other things. The rewards

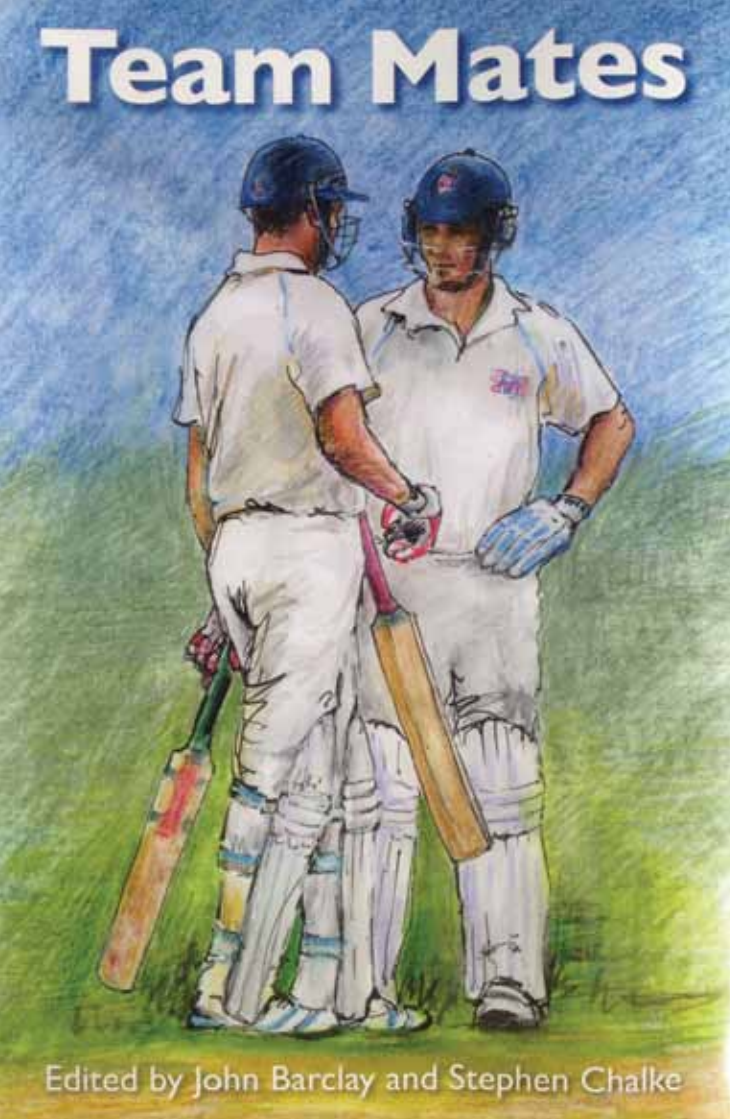
have been significant. Not only have athletes in a wide variety of disciplines both in the Olympics and Paralympics won record numbers of medals but, as a result, hundreds of thousands of others have also had their lives improved through exercise and sport. There has been a marked change in culture and, my goodness, we do need our heroes – Andy Murray, as tennis world number one, will be a powerful force for good, and Tim Peake too, who hit the headlines in quite a different world.

Sir John Major, whose love of sport and cricket in particular is well known, personally introduced his own initiative *'Raising the Game'* in July 1995. He wanted to make sure that every child in the country had the chance to benefit from this scheme. On the back of the National Lottery he was keen to see the net spread ever wider and make use of the sporting icons of the time – Devon Malcolm's nine wickets against South Africa at The Oval; Rob Andrew's famous drop goal against the Australians; the use of heroes to fuel the desire of future participants from whom stars emerge. Governments come and go of course and with them

well-meaning and progressive schemes sometimes fizzle out but, some 10 years later in 2005, The Cricket Foundation brought into being a scheme called **'Chance to Shine'** whose success has been outstanding and brought thousands of young people into contact with a sport – cricket – which many scarcely knew existed, with skills, fun and friendship creating much togetherness and joy.

"My cricket instructor was brilliant, he taught us how to drive the ball like a professional. Fantastic."





While on the subject of friendship, my close friend and publishing companion, **Stephen Chalke**, and I produced a book last year entitled *'Team Mates'*. We wanted to encapsulate in a series of sketches how the positive influence and chemistry of a player could have a real and valuable effect upon the whole team. Fascinating this was too. Good writers were chosen to paint a picture of a favourite team mate and show how they had made a difference. We had no idea whether the concept would work when we set out but all I can say now is a big thank you to Stephen and all the contributors to the book. It has been an unqualified success and is still selling well, with all proceeds going direct to the charity.

"I found myself laughing uproariously at times, especially when Hignell was describing his running between the wickets with Zaheer Abbas and Lloyd talking of Jack Simmons' penchant for fish and chips." Steve James · The Telegraph

To order a copy of 'Team Mates' (£15) please contact Annie Atkinson
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It is not unnatural, I suppose, that many of us, largely through extensive media attention, are drawn towards and perhaps a little fascinated by the rich, beautiful and influential (powerful). They can be mesmerising. But our mission at Arundel is to support and encourage the underdog, those for whom life is a struggle and where the concept of humility denotes strength and compassion, not weakness or failure. So it is interesting now to look back to the turn of this new century and see that then we hosted only five days of activity for children with special needs and disabilities. Happily, the culture has changed dramatically and we have discovered just how able the so-called 'disadvantaged' really are. Raise a glass, I say, to the Paralympic movement in particular for doing so much to change our perception.

Last year, by contrast to earlier years and with much gratitude to the generous and continued support from **The Cricket Society Trust** and many others, 70 days were set aside to help us build a vibrant **Special Needs Programme** in which some 1,200 youngsters and young adults joined in. Converging upon Arundel,

both from London and more locally, we were able to stimulate and entertain those with various degrees of learning and behavioural difficulties, as well as deaf and blind youngsters. Many stayed over, as is the custom now, at the Lodge Hill Residential Centre nearby which is hugely popular as a source of extra activity. This is very precious to us.



As much as anything, I have come to respect and appreciate from the participants of this programme the importance of our five fundamental senses:

- **sight** – colours; trees; plants and views
- **hearing** – wind; leaves; birds (buzzards and ravens even); and of course, each other
- **smell** – grass; flowers in the Castle gardens
- **touch** – the outfield and pitch
- **taste** – lunch and tea

And how we do make a difference. One girl – let's call her Amy – from a special school in North London, spent two days with us in June. She was mute, no speech at all, but she joined in all the activities. A visit to the Castle and its gardens (at their best in June) were highlights; colours, smells and atmosphere. Without a sound she communicated with her eyes and expressions; and, just before leaving, she looked at me and shook me by the hand. Progress, I was told – quite a break-through.

The importance of these senses lies at the heart of all we do, whether the youngsters be more able or not, and they take away with them happy memories to treasure as they grow up in their own communities. It is a blessing and privilege to lend a helping hand to so many troubled people, although I do sometimes wonder what happens once they have grown out of school or college where teachers and assistants are so dedicated. Surely the responsibility for the disadvantaged and vulnerable, who can't so easily fend for themselves, should outweigh the requirements of the better off. That is what social welfare really means – a balance between government support and charitable assistance, accompanied by self-help wherever possible. By the time the young reach us at Arundel, we are to some extent just picking up the pieces – damage limitation, if you like. As is often said, *'prevention is better than a cure'*. Prosperity is not just about what people earn or spend, but about what they cherish and live by. So, when something gets broken, it is often hard to mend, especially when it comes to families.





"I like meeting new friends because people are really good and then you work together."





Sport has the power to turn young lives around. Matthew Syed, as well as completing two outstanding books recently, *'Bounce'* and *'Black Box Thinking'*, writes regularly in *The Times* and clearly understands the connection between sport (activity), the young and their development. He says, *'Success is always the tip of an iceberg, but beneath the surface – and often outside our view and awareness – is a mountain of necessary failure'*. How refreshing that is. My friend, **Ratan**, (**Mohammed Shahidul Alam**), whom I first met in Dacca in 1994 in the early days of Bangladesh cricket and its development, was the liaison officer appointed to the England 'A' team of which I was manager. We became great friends and have remained so ever since. Now Ratan lives in Hackney and supervises the **Capital Kids Cricket** programme in London from where he brings hundreds of children to Arundel every year. Bangladesh, despite the abject squalor and poverty in which millions live in one of the world's poorest countries, was overjoyed by the ultimate success of their defeating England in a Test match for the first time last year – unrestrained happiness – and right that

this should be. Ratan was quick to point out though that *'there had been much losing and failure on the way'*. Without doubt, success in Bangladesh, as well as lifting the spirits of its huge and largely undernourished population, will also have a profound influence upon the Bangladeshi and Asian communities in East London and elsewhere.

Mohammed Shahidul Alam (Ratan)



It is the natural innocence and exuberance of the young, forsaking all inhibitions, that is such a joy and perhaps the greatest driving force behind all we do at Arundel. None of this would have been possible without the underlying support of The Friends of Arundel Castle Cricket Club led initially by **Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk** and joined later by the Trustees of the Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation. **Roger Gibbs** and **Colin Cowdrey** set the ball rolling in 1985 by devising a plan for the future and enlisting the support of **J Paul Getty Jr** to give the project the financial backing that was needed to give it lift off. **Tim Coghlan, Michael Melliush** and **Christopher Martin-Jenkins** as successive Chairmen kept up the momentum with great style and, for the last five years, **Patrick Shervington**, with humour, energy and zest, has, with the support of others, strengthened both governance and controls. He now hands over the reins to **Simon Daggart** whose wisdom, experience and love for Arundel will, without doubt, drive this imaginative scheme forward with great enthusiasm and energy. We could not possibly have done so much nor made

such an impact without these people and many others too who have given their time and energy selflessly to this charity.



Sir J Paul Getty Jr KBE

Johnny Barclay trying out the newly excavated foundations for the indoor school in 1988



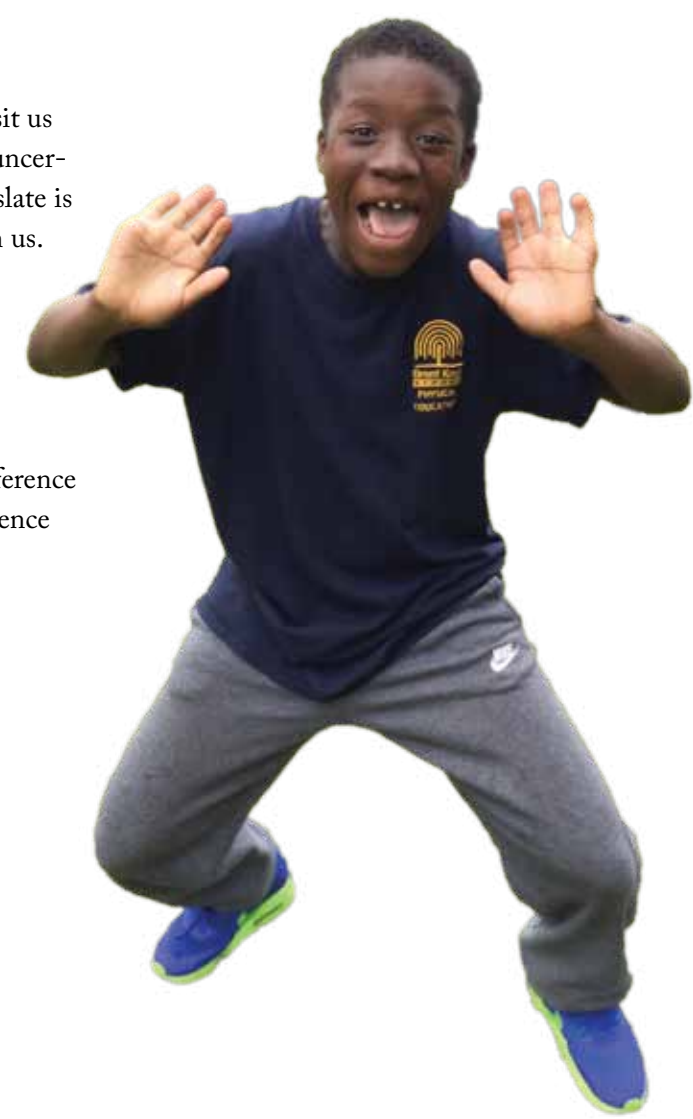


MANY OF THE children and young people who visit us lead lives at home that are both turbulent and uncertain. Yet, at Arundel, for a few lucky ones, the slate is wiped clean as indeed is the beach twice a day not far from us. This reflects to some extent the words of Nelson Mandela who said, soon after his release from prison, *'As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind I'd still be in prison.'*

Thank you to all those who have helped make such a difference to so many young people and released such a positive influence into so many hearts.

John Barclay.

JOHN BARCLAY, DL • Director of Cricket & Coaching



THANK YOU

Without the support of all those who give so much time and encouragement to our activities, we would not have been able to achieve so much or help so many young people. We do appreciate this enormously. Thank you so much.

During the course of 2016, the Foundation benefited from a number of fundraising events: a Charity Golf Day at Goodwood, a Cricket Dinner at Caldicott Preparatory School and an 8-a-side cricket day at Arundel - together, they raised £37,000. Special thanks must also go to everyone who bought copies of 'Team Mates' which has produced a further £21,000 for the charity.

The Foundation has also been supported by a number of generous private donors and many companies, institutions and charitable trusts:

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