

History Highlights

The first records of Ashford Cricket Club are contained in the "Ashford Charities Accounts" for 1856. These list the balance sheet for the Ashford and Littleton Cricket Club and as there is no "balance brought forward from 1855" it is reasonable to assume it was the club's first season.

The following are some interesting facts and achievements of the club during its history.

Year Achievement

1856	Earliest records of the Club.
1884	Earliest records of Ashford matches in Shepperton Score books.
1906	Club quits "The Rookery" ground, now Clockhouse Lane Recreation ground.
1907	Club start to use "Cook's Field", once Echelford and now Clarendon Road School.
1912	Ashford Athletic Association is formed by a group of local sportsmen including A H Marriot. This was the forerunner of the Ashford Sports Club Limited.
1912	Pavilion originally used by Dulwich Hamlets FC erected at AAA.
1912	AAA ground used by A H Marriot's Ashford Swifts FC.
1914-18	Club is kept going by members not on service duty.
1916	Club receives notice to quit "Cook's Field"
1917	Club arranges to rent AAA ground in Woodthorpe Road.
1925	P F Warner brought a side to play Ashford in aid of Windsor Hospital. Warner's side includes three former England captains in himself, F T Mann and A W Carr.
1928	Wally Brocksom sets club record of 2011 runs in the season (including 5 centuries).
1935	Reg Garland takes 174 wickets in the season including 10 wickets in a match. The only time an Ashford bowler has recorded this feat.
1937	Dick Gray took 5 wickets in 5 balls (all clean bowled).
1941	Match played between Ashford and the Home Guard to celebrate War Weapons Week in May.
1941	"Twink" Thornhill, 107* and Jimmy Geale, 112* set a club record opening partnership of 219 for the 1st XI against Polytechnic on 14 June.
1945	ASC Ltd held a Victory Party for all members on 4 November.
1947	First Club tour to Devon.
1951	Club celebrates the coronation year.
1952	John Walter takes 152 wickets in the season.
1955	Club celebrates its centenary.
1955	Ashford play a C.C.C. President's XI side on 26 June.
1959	Ashford play Northamptonshire CCC on 21 August.
1961	Ashford play Northamptonshire CCC on 14 May.
1958	Bill Hart sets a club record of 57 wicketkeeping victims in a season.
1959	Peter Simpkins takes 147 wickets in the season.
1961	Bill Hart sets a club record of 68 wicketkeeping victims in a season.
1970	Jerry Tombleson and Keith Paice set a club record opening partnership of 256 in the 2nd XI on 3 May.
1972	First and second XIs enter the Surrey Championship.
1973	Jerome Andree set a club record of 74 wicketkeeping victims in a season.
1974	First XI finish fourth in the Surrey Championship.
1976	Jerry Tombleson sets club record of 2061 runs in the season (including 4 centuries).
1977	Third XI joins the Surrey Championship.
1978	Club wins the Oatlands Park 6-a-side tournament.
1979	Chris Evans sets club record of 2095 runs in the season (including 5 centuries).
1982	First XI finish fourth in the Surrey Championship.
1983	Phil Marks completes the double: 1100 runs and 102 wickets.
1983	1st XI score 306 for 4 in league match against Old Whitgiftians.
1984	Wettimuny, Madugale and De Mel, Sri Lankan test players, represent the MCC against Ashford on 18 July.
1986	Steve Trenordan takes 9 for 83 in the league match against Mitcham on 14 June.
1987	First and second XIs in division 1 of Surrey Championship.
1988	Ashford beat Guildford at the Oval in a Surrey Championship fixture. Guildford 178, Ashford 179 for 1.
1989	Third XI in division 1 of Surrey Championship.
1989	First XI relegated to division 2 of Surrey Championship.
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1990	A cricket square is laid on the old Woodthorpe Road school playing field in preparation for the Sports Club's sale of the main ground.
1990	Ross Sadler scores 189 runs against Richmond Town.
1991	Third XI promoted to division 1 of Surrey Championship.
1992	First Belgium tour.
1993	Club plays cricket in Holland during Belgium tour.
1993	Third XI relegated to division 2 of Surrey Championship.
1993	David Gower is the guest of honour for the "final" Annual Dinner to be held in the Woodthorpe Road pavilion.
1993	"Final Match" held at Woodthorpe Road between Ashford Past v Present, October 1.
1994	Club quits Woodthorpe Road in April after ground is sold by Ashford Sports Club Limited for development.
1994	Fourth XI enters the Surrey Slazenger League division 5.
1994	First and second XIs play home matches at Short Lane ground.
1994	Third and Fourth XIs play home matches on Woodthorpe Road North site, the old school playing fields.
1994	Gordon Greenidge (ex West Indies) plays for the Presidents XI on 17 July.
1994	Steve Adams takes 9 for 54 in a 1st XI friendly match against Walton. The other wicket was a run out.
1994	First XI under the captaincy of Kevin Warner become champions of the Eve Surrey Championship division 2 and are promoted to division 1.
1994	Second XI relegated to division 2.
1994	Bowls Club old visitors pavilion transferred to Short Lane for use by the Cricket Club as a tearoom.
1995	Third and Fourth XIs play their home matches at Laleham Park while the Colts continue to use the Woodthorpe Road North site.
1995	The tearoom proves a success and prevents problems with the Football Club.
1995	Wicket covers are acquired and used at the Short Lane ground.
1995	Peter Sleep (ex Australia) plays for the Presidents XI on 23 July.
1995	Third XI under the captaincy of Alan Cox become champions of the Eve Surrey Championship division 2 and are promoted to division 1.
1995	First XI finishes fourth in their first season back in division 1.
1996	Richie Richardson (West Indies) plays for the Presidents XI on 21 July.
1996	Second XI promoted to division 1.
1996	Fourth XI promoted to division 4.
1997	Third XI relegated to division 2.
1998	John Maunders gains a 2 year contract with Middlesex.
1998	Ian Bishop (West Indies) plays for the Presidents XI on 19 July.
1998	Second XI relegated to division 2.
1998	Fourth XI relegated to division 5
1998	First Club Annual Dinner held in the new Short Lane pavilion on November 6.
1998	New Clubhouse at Short Lane formally opened on November 21.
1998	John Maunders is selected for England U19 tour to New Zealand.
1999	2nd XI plays the first match at the new Short Lane ground against Wycombe House on Sunday, April 25.
1999	1st & 2nd XIs win Thameside Sunday Cricket League at the first attempt.
1999	John Maunders is selected for England U19 tour to Sri Lanka.
1999	John Bird retires after 25 season of umpiring for Ashford.
1999	The Club resigns its membership of the Kookaburra-Fordham Cricket League after 6 seasons.
2000	The Club's 4th XI joins the Marrant Wey Valley Cricket League.
2000	4th XI finish 5th of the Marrant Wey Valley Cricket League but are still promoted to division 2 due to League restructuring
2000	First XI relegated to division 2 of Surrey Championship.
2001	Fourth XI finish bottom of Marrant Wey Valley Cricket League division 2
2001	Second XI relegated to division 3 of Surrey Championship
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2001	Robert Evans elected Chairman
2002	Club secures a sponsorship arrangement with Halliford Construction Ltd.
2004	1st XI achieves 9th place in Surrey Championship Division 3 to secure a place in Division 4 of the restructured league for 2005
2004	Ashford achieves Clubmark Accreditation
2005	Ashford Celebrates 150th Anniversary
2005	Ashford play a match against Old England

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2005	Ashford play a match at Lord's against Cross Arrows
2006	Laleham Village Ladies merge with Ashford
2006	Ashford 3rd XI under the captaincy of Paul Cousens secures promotion to Surrey Championship Division 1
2008	First XI under the captaincy of Richard Mansfield become champions of the Shepherd Neame Surrey Championship division 4 and are promoted to division 3.
2008	Second XI under the captaincy of Kully Banwait become champions of the Shepherd Neame Surrey Championship division 5 and are promoted to division 4.
2008	First XI under the captaincy of Richard Mansfield wins Shepherd Neame Surrey Twenty20 Cup and are Runners-Up in the Four Counties Final at Canterbury.
2008	Chris Evans becomes highest scorer in Surrey Championship history with 17420 runs
2009	Kully Banwait and his 2nd XI win back-to-back promotions to start 2010 in Division 3
2010	Richard Mansfield and his 1st XI win 2nd promotion in 3 years to start the 2011 season in Surrey Championship Division 2
2010	Neil Smith takes his 500th Surrey Championship 1st XI wicket