

THE CHRONOLOGY

- 1719 ● **June 4th** - Thomas Marchant went to a cricket match 'in ye Sandfield' at Hurstpierpoint. [TMD/McC/SqP] This is the first cricket record for Hurstpierpoint. [WG]
- **May** - Kent lost to London by 21 runs. The game was stopped owing to a dispute and ended in the High Court when Lord Chief Justice Pratt ordered the match to be replayed. It was begun in Lamb's Conduit Fields, Islington, and completed in White Conduit Fields. (The conduits were pipes taking spring water to the city.) [HPT1/ HAC/ACCS]). Last week a Tryal was brought at Guildhall before the Lord Chief Justice Pratt between the Companies of Ancient Players – the men of Kent the Plaintiffs and the men of London Defendants – for Sixty Pounds played for at Cricket and after a long hearing, and near £200 expended in the Cause, my Lord, not understanding the Game, ordered them to play it over again and they met accordingly on Monday last in Lambs Conduit Fields – but one of the Players being taken ill it was deferred for another opportunity. - WJ May 9. - *The Cricketer*, August 25, 1945.- The legal costs amounted to some £200. - WJ May 16. [HAC]
- ***July 4th** - The great cricket match betwixt the Londoners and the Kentish men, for which there has been a famous trial at law; and by a rule of the court was ordered to be played out, in which the Kentish men had four men to play, and to get 30 to come up to the Londoners, was played in White Conduit Fields, near Islington. The Kentish men were bowled out after they had got 9, and lost the match. 'Tis reckoned the law-suit will amount to £200. The match was played for a guinea a Man each side.' - WJ July 4. [WDC/HAC] The version of this text in *The Cricketer*, August 25, 1945, states 'Lambs-Conduit Fields'. [TBL] *June 9th-July 4th - First 'county' match [Wis].
- **August 19th** - This day was played in White Conduit Fields, London, for a considerable sum of money between the men of Kent and the men of London. The Kentish Men won the Wager.' [WDC/HAC/ACCS] Return match to that of May/July.
- Birth of Adam Newland, youngest brother of Richard, later to play for Slindon. [EE]



1720/1721

- 1720**
- ***July 16th** - Last week a match was played in the White-Conduit Fields by Islington; between 11 Londoners on one side and 11 men of Kent on the other side for 5s a head; at which Time, being in eager pursuit of the Game, the Kentish men having the wickets, two Londoners striving for Expedition to gain the Ball, met each other with that Fierceness, that hitting their Heads together, they both fell backwards without stirring Hand or Foot, and lay deprived of Sense for a considerable Time, and yet 'tis not known whether they will recover. The Kentish men were beat. [WDC/HAC/ACCS/Br]
 - The term 'bat' is comparatively rare before this date. 'Stave' was used in Gloucestershire, 'bat' in the south-east, while 'staff' and 'stick' were more widely used. [T]
 - In America, the wicket was two feet wide and one foot high at this time [cricket-a-wicket?] [T] Bowen, writing of later versions of 'wicket' in America notes that the wicket was 6 feet wide, being a pole perched on two pyramids of wood. - CQ, Vol V, p.264.

Writing

- The Rev. John Strype, editing Stow's *Survey of London*, added cricket to the list of amusements popular with the citizens of the metropolis. [A&S/HPT1] Esdaile corrects Altham's entry. He states that it should read: 'The *lower* classes divert themselves at football, wrestling, cudgels, ninepins, shovel-board, stow-ball, ringing of bells, pitching of quoits, pitching the bar, bull and bear baitings and throwing at cocks.' [EE2] Pycroft has the wording: 'The more common sort divert themselves...' [P]



- 1721**
- May 18th - Will Marchant, son of Thomas Marchant went to see a cricket match at Henfield, Sussex, with Terry, one of the farmworkers. [TMD/McC/U/SqP] This is the first cricket record for Henfield. [WG]
 - May 25th - Thomas Marchant attended a match with Hurstpierpoint against Henfield in Danny Sandfield, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. Hurst won. [TMD/McC/SqP]
 - June 3rd - Thomas Marchant, notes that Hurst beat Steyning [Steyning] by an innings in Danny Sandfield, Hurstpierpoint. [TMD/McC/U/SqP] This is the first cricket record for Steyning. [WG]
 - June 6rd - Steyning against Hurstpierpoint at Steyning, Sussex. Will Marchant went to play in the match, but it was rained off. [TMD/McC/SqP]

1721/1722

- June 10th - Ifield *v.* Hurstpierpoint, Ifield Green, Sussex. Will Marchant and Jack went to see the match, but did not play. [TMD/McC/SqP] This is the first cricket record for Ifield. [WG]
- **June 22nd** - Hurstpierpoint against Cowfold, Sandfield, Hurstpierpoint. Hurst won. [TMD/McC/SqP] This is the first cricket recorded for Cowfold. [WG]
- **June 26th** - Cowfield against Hurstpierpoint, Oakendean Green, Cowfold. Hurst won again. [TMD/McC/SqP]

Additional notes

- First cricket record for Newick, Sussex. [WG]

Writing

- Clement Downing, a midshipman on board the *Salisbury*, writes in his *Compendious History of the Indian Wars* (1787): Captain Dogget and Captain Herring went up in our Galleywat, which was allow'd us as a tender. We lay here a Fortnight before they return'd, and all the while kept a good look-out; and tho' all the Country round was inhabited by the Culeys [Kolis] we every day diverted ourselves by playing at Cricket, and other Exercises, which they wuld come and be Spectators of.' [BoTE]
- In Bailey, N. *An Universal etymological English dictionary* (Printed for Bell and others), cricket is defined as 'a sort of play with a ball'. See 1733 for sixth edition addition.



- 1722
- **March 17th** - Birth of James Dance [Love], later to write 'Cricket: An Heroic Poem.' [ACC17]
 - **April 26th** - Will Marchant went to a match on Broadwater Green. [TMD/McC/SqP] This is the first record of cricket at Broadwater. [WG]
 - **May 10th** - Newick against Hurstpierpoint at Newick. Will and 'our parish' went to play a Cricket Match at Newick. Hurst won. [TMD/McC/SqP] Washer lists 1721 as the first cricket record for Newick. [WG]
 - **May 14th** - Henfield Boys against Hurstpierpoint Boys at Hurstpierpoint 'in our bank field'. Thomas Marchant paid 28s. at the match for a calf. [TMD/McC/SqP]

1722/1723

- **May 23rd** - Hurstpierpoint against Newick at Hurstpierpoint. Thomas Marchant attended but did not play. Rain stopped play. [TMD/McC/SqP]
- **June 1st** - Will Marchant went to a cricket match at Henfield. [TMD/McC/SqP] 'Will and our parish' becomes Marchant's usual name for the local team. [U]
- **July 6th** - Sir, [...] on Friday the 6th Instant, at a Meeting (for that Purpose) at the *Three Tuns and Rummer*, in Gracechurch-Street, a match at Cricket was made between the little Parish of Dartford in Kent, and the gentlemen known by the name of the London Club, who are compos'd of several Parishes in London, Southark, &c., and being compos'd of several Parishes, generously allow'd them of the little Parish of Dartford, two men from any other Parish in Kent; the Match for a Guinea per Head [...] *The Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer*, July 21st, 1722, recorded in *Cricket*, April 23rd, 1908. [TBL] For the full text of the match, which involved some gamesmanship, see Appendix. The match did not take place because of a dispute.
- **July 18th** - London v. Dartford at Islington. The match was abandoned. - *The Weekly Journal* - Cricket XXVII, 82. [CIE]

Additional Notes

- Articles of Agreement believed by Buckley to have been in use at this time. [Bo]



- 1723**
- **May** - a butler named Richard Fellows from Dawley near Maidenhead was dragged off a cricket field and arrested on suspicion of involvement in a poaching gang. [U]

Additional Notes

- XI Gentlemen of Surrey played XI of London at Moulsey Hurst during the summer. They were afterwards entertained at Hampton Court by Frederick, Prince of Wales, who later became George II. - *Daily Courant*. [ACCS/HPT1/RA]
- A group of travellers including Lord Harley visited Kent and found the men of Tonbridge and Dartford 'warmly engaged at the sport of cricket'. [U] The ageing Prime Minister, Harley, writes of the renown of Kent and Dartford. [HPT6] "The sport of cricket, which, of all the people of England, the Kentish folk are most renowned for." [HPT1] The match