

Harris p 22 (1)

1748 July 19  
Bourne, Bridge & Chatham  
vs Dover, Auckham (Auckham) &  
Swinfield, on Bridge Hill

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... "at that time the Duke of  
Dorset & Sir Horace Mann were the  
great patrons & promoters of the  
game" (J. Pitford. Gent. Mag.  
July 1833)

Mann was a member of Hambledon  
Club

Portrait of H Mann opp p 26  
Tomestone of John Willes at Sutton  
Valence opp p 27

Mann's last match recorded was  
in August 1782

"A battle of great might"

Harris <sup>orator</sup> (2)  
p 27 (H. Mann) was one of the  
greatest patrons and admirers of  
cricket there have ever been, and  
at one of his country seats - Bourne  
House, Bishopshorne, near  
Coutsham - several great County  
matches came off.

He was 'agreeable, gay & affable.'  
[Seats also at Linton nr Maidstone,  
Sissinghurst & half Frittenden Park]  
d. 1774-1807. At Dandelion,  
near Margate, several good matches  
came off ~~after~~ under his patronage  
after he had left Bishopshorne.  
† Margate April 1814, aged 70. Buried  
at Linton

Not to be confused with Sir  
Horace, his uncle, † 1786, British  
Minister at Florence.

1787 Meeting <sup>at Coscheath</sup> to form county side included  
Mann & Edmund Honeywood.

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p 34: earliest notice of matches  
played:

Bridge 1738 (?)  
Bishopshorne 1772 & Coutsham Old Park  
Patricianham & Bechebone 1773

Gazette July 19 1777

Probably not played for large sums,  
- going encouraged by the Auckham  
or Ground Keeper for their own profit.  
"Dogs will be ~~dropped~~ shot."

p 40 Round-~~arrow~~ bowling introduced  
by John Willes Esq. of Sutton Valence

129 In the 18th c matches took  
place in the Old Park, and at Sir  
Horatio Mann's seat, Bishopshorne, close  
by. From 1835-39 matches played at  
St Stephen's Field, at the back of the house  
called Beverley; which Dr W. de Clair  
Baker lived (long time secretary of KCCC)

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New ground near Barracks, called  
Beverley Ground & 1847 St Lawrence  
first used by the County.

St Lawrence Ground formed part of  
Winter's farm, Nockington, & was  
rented from the tenant at 40 p.a  
until 1890

(Bought outright: 1896 for 4500)

p 143 ... "the ground near the Barracks  
on the Whitstable Road opposite  
Rale Place". Last Kent & England  
match played there: 1846

Kent amalgamated with Beverley:  
1870

p 438 1773 Kent vs Surrey at Bishopshorne  
Paddock. This match described in verse  
by the Rev. J. Duncombe in Sunny Triumphs  
or de Kentishmen's Defeat



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James Aylward:

Bailiff to H Mann. Kent 1779-93  
1st to score 1000 for the county,  
b. Kent.

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William John Fairservice b Newark  
16/5/1981 Played for Kent 1902 →

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George Louch: "We are happy to hear that  
the report of Mr Louch being killed last  
week at Bourne Paddock by a ball from the  
point of the bat, struck with such force  
that it lodged in his body, is devoid of  
foundation. (August 1789)

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sic.  
Sir Horatio Mann bar. Played for Kent  
twice in 1773. One of the greatest patrons  
of cricket there has ever been. Long called  
the 'King of Cricket' Nephew of Horace.  
Notes bankrupted. (? when). † Margate  
1814 - 3 daughters  
aged 70.

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342 King. At Bishopscourt  
in 1786: a single-wicket match between  
VI of Kent & VI of Hambledon King went in  
last but one with 59 to get. Sir H 17  
promised him 10 p a for life if he  
scored all the runs - he got 57,  
& the last man scored 2 (64 balls  
for 1, 30 more for the other!)  
Top scores 82 for Kent v Hambledon 1783  
& 75 n.o. for England v Surrey: 1794

361 Dr John Willes b Reading 1777

† Staunton, Glos. 5/8/1852  
taught Dr Alfred Dym to bowl. Reverted  
his efforts to introduce round-arm  
bowling. Taught by his sister in a room  
at Tonford. Foxhunting & shooting of  
being no-balled in 1822. Was a large  
landowner w' estates in Kent & Sussex  
Wm Willes - his brother † Sept 1832 aet 55

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Alfred Dym: taught by John Willes  
133 Fuller Pilder - kept the Saracen's  
Head in Canterbury. Bankrupted  
† May 1 1870 in Loked Bridge St, in  
the house of his nephew William  
Pilder (of Droppery) Buried in  
cemetery attached to St. Gregory.

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John King (played for Kent 1782-1796)  
Kentianum to Sir H. Mann. Bat still  
preserved at Lords.  
Died at Bridge Oct 25 1800 after  
his nose was broken by a rising ball  
from his brother George ('whipped-in' to  
Sir H. Mann) † aet 42 'under the  
same roof that the 'crack' killed had  
expired the year previously.

322 Joseph Piller - gamekeeper to 3rd Duke  
of Dorset. Firm & steady bats.  
† Bridge Oct. 1799 aet unknown.

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1773 match vs Surrey: lost  
by 153 runs

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Matches 1751-73 at Bourne Paddock  
7/8 Aug 1771 Bourne vs Dorset (W)  
28 Aug 1771 Bourne vs N & Surrey (L)  
July 1773 Kent vs Surrey (L)  
Sept 1773 Dr H Mann (X) vs  
Chatham (W)



1806 - 1914, Kent.

John Willis

1st bowler to experiment  
with overarm bowling

1822 played at Lord's

Became landlord of  
Whitehouse

b. 1777 d. 1852

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Bill Farnsworth