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# The Sports Team



## **Alan Wells, Director of Cricket**

Alan played 21 years of first class cricket, 16 years for Sussex, five years as captain and five for Kent. In that time he scored over 21,000 first class runs and over 10,000 one day runs. He played twice for England, one test match and one ODI, both v West Indies. He captained England Lions on a very successful tour to India and Bangladesh, with a young Michael Vaughan and Mark Ramprakash, winning every Test Match. An ECB Level 4 Coach, Alan has been Director of Cricket at Bede's for 15 years, producing nine first class players in 12 years.



## **Neil Lenham, Cricket Coach**

Neil is a former opening batsman and medium pace bowler for Sussex. In a 14 year career he scored over 13,000 first class runs including 21 centuries and took 86 wickets. In his early career he captained Young England and later played and coached in South Africa and Australia; for six years he was national coach for Namibia, taking them to two ICC World Cups. He coached England Women's team prior to them winning the 1993 World Cup and is a current Sussex junior squads and EPP coach.



## **James Kirtley, Bowling Coach**

James played for Sussex CCC for 15 years and it coincided with the most successful time in the club's history. During this time, Sussex won every domestic trophy including the championship three times. James replaced Neil Lenham as coach of the Namibian National side for three winters. He recently coached the England Women's Cricket Team in their build up for the successful World Cup. He is currently Assistant Coach for the England Physically Disabled side and has been recently appointed the Pace Bowling Consultant at Sussex CCC working from the County Age Groups all the way through to the 1st team.

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### **David Caryer, Head of Football**

David holds all three FA Youth Modules and the FA Youth Award and is currently working towards his UEFA A License. Bede's senior football has a long history of success, but David has played a key role in driving the juniors to the same level with his introduction of the football academies and the pre senior school Years 7 and 8 football academy.



### **Dan Harding, Football Coach**

Dan is an ex-pro and an UEFA B level coach. He was first scouted at Bede's Prep School aged 12, and was signed to the Brighton and Hove Albion youth scheme by the age of 16. He has played for BHAFC, Leeds United, Ipswich, Southampton, Millwall and Nottingham Forest. Dan has been capped four times at U21 international level.



### **Nathan Dunn, Football Coach**

Nathan began his coaching career coaching on camps in America. After graduating in 2006 he spent a further four years honing his skills in the States, working with a variety of age groups and progressing to working with elite teams and players. Returning to England, he coached District and County teams before joining Bede's where he helped start the Football Academy and has particular responsibility for developing the junior football programme.



### **Ollie Davies, Football Coach**

Ollie represented Bede's and Sussex through his school football career, and was part of the ESFA (English School's Football Association) winning team squad in 2009. At 19 years old, Ollie embarked on a football coaching programme along the West Coast of America. He went on

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### **Kevin Johnson, Director of Hockey**

As a club coach, Kevin has had numerous successes over the years at various clubs, most notably with Holcombe Ladies 1st XI, as they progressed from the regional league five years ago to recently finish runners-up in the Investec Womens Premier League, qualifying for Europe for the first time in their history. He is currently Head Coach of the Wales Senior Women's Hockey team, was previously Head Coach of the England U21 Women and has worked as a coach across a number of England and GB boys and girls junior International teams. Kevin is shortlisted in the Coach of the Year category for the 2017 England Hockey Awards.



### **Theo Dowse, Hockey Coach**

Theo is a Level Two England Hockey Coach, Head Coach of Lewes HC Men's 1st XI and Goalkeeper Coach at the Tonbridge Regional Performance Centre. During his playing career he represented Indian Gymkhana HC and Oxted HC at National League level. He is an National Indoor Hockey Champion with East Grinstead HC and played in the European Indoor Hockey Championships, finishing fourth. He has represented the England U21 Men's side, earning three international caps and also played BUCS Premier League Hockey.



### **Julie Salmon, Director of Tennis**

Julie represented Great Britain at U14, U16, U18 and U21 level and in the Federation Cup, Wightman Cup and at European Cup Level. She competed at Wimbledon for twelve consecutive years and is currently representing GB in the Seniors' World Team Cup. She is a Level 4 LTA Accredited Coach and a Senior Performance Coach. She has coached at Junior Wimbledon level, ITF Senior Pro events, LTA junior tours of Europe and numerous winners of Sussex County Closed. Julie is also a Sussex Tennis Ambassador.



### **Francesca Scollo, Tennis Coach**

Francesca is a Level 3 LTA Accredited Coach and has represented Great Britain, from the age of eight to sixteen, and Sussex. She worked at the International High Performance Centre at the University of Bath for four years and currently runs a high performance tennis centre in Eastbourne.

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### **Kyra Merchant, Head of Netball**

Kyra played Netball for Middlesex for two years before moving to Loughborough University to study PE Sport Science and play netball for the university. After graduation, she moved to Eastbourne and captained Sussex in the National Premiership Division Two for three years. She plays in the Eastbourne Netball League, Division One for Team Hornets, the current champions.



### **Tony Morriss, Head of Strength and Conditioning**

Tony is a Level 3 Advanced Strength and Conditioning coach, with twenty years of experience. He has worked with elite athletes, many of whom are now at professional clubs. Tony is trained in sport specific periodization, rehabilitation and biomechanics and has worked with BHAFC and Sussex County Cricket Club.

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