

# CLUB STALWART

## J.H. Walton

### SUDDEN DEATH OF COUN. J. H. WALTON

#### A great loss to the community

THE death occurred with tragic suddenness on Monday morning of Counsellor John Henry Walton, of 8, Cambridge Street, Hoboken Bridge, at the age of 67. For the past 40 years Counsellor Walton had been a prominent figure in local government circles. He was active in church and educational administration, and since the 1914-18 war had given unstinting service on behalf of ex-servicemen and their families. His death came as a great shock to his many friends and associates on the various organisations which he served.

While shortly after 8.30 on Monday morning, Coun. Walton had breakfast and then proceeded to his office at 8, Cambridge Street, where he collapsed and died at about 1.45 p.m. The facts were reported to the Inspector, Constable, who after visiting the residence of a pathologist, examination, advised that death was due to natural causes.

Coun. Walton was a Baptist and was the younger son of the late Mr Richard Walton. He commenced local government work as a member of the Hoboken Parish Council, on which he served for many years, including four years as chairman. On moving



to Hoboken Bridge, he continued with his public work and was first elected to the old Hoboken Bridge Council in 1917, but was defeated the following year. In 1920, however, he was again returned to the Council, but was unsuccessful in 1922 and 1923. It is that time Coun. Walton had given thought to a local representative of the British Legion, and secured three places in the post-war town council. He served continuously on the local Council. At the time of his death he was "Father of the Council" with over 20 years' service.

#### TWO TERMS AS CHAIRMAN

Following the amalgamation of Hoboken Bridge with Mytholmston in 1927, he became second Chairman of the new Hoboken Bridge Council in 1928 and was again elected in 1930 and was again elected in 1932. For many years he served as chairman of the Hoboken Education Committee, and in 1931 he was elected representative of the town on the Education Committee. He was also a member of the Education Committee, and in 1931 he was elected representative of the town on the Education Committee. He was also a member of the Education Committee, and in 1931 he was elected representative of the town on the Education Committee.

He represented the Council on the Education Committee, Education Executive, and the former Hoboken Bridge Elementary Education Committee. Also a member of the Education Committee of the Hoboken Bridge Church of England School. He formerly served on the Hoboken Bridge Education Committee, and in 1931 he was elected representative of the town on the Education Committee. He was also a member of the Education Committee, and in 1931 he was elected representative of the town on the Education Committee.

He served for a time as a schoolmaster. Throughout his public life, Coun. Walton appreciated the value of the local press, and on innumerable occasions associated with press representatives in the fullest sense.

#### BRITISH LEGION WORK

His work in local government was made only by his efforts on behalf of the British Legion. During the first world war he served in Belgium and France with the King's Royal Rifle and on his return to civilian life became an active worker in the interests of ex-servicemen. Associated with the British Legion from its formation, he had been chairman of the branch continuously for 20 years. In 1932 he was awarded a gold medal and the membership of the Legion in recognition of his long service. During his chairmanship the branch made good progress, and at one time was the largest branch in the West Riding. For some years he was also chairman of the Calder Valley Group of the British Legion, a position from which he retired four years ago. He was actively associated with the local branch of the N.E.S. and held office as chairman.

A keen churchman, Coun. Walton was formerly connected with Hoboken Parish Church and school and was a member of the Parochial Church Council. On moving to Hoboken Bridge he became associated with St. James Church, where he held the position of warden.

#### LOVER OF SPORT

Coun. Walton had a great love for sport. As a young man he played cricket with the Hoboken Cricket Club and also with the Hoboken Cricket Club. For two seasons in succession he was the league leading average batsman and the club captain on many occasions. He was a good pool player and a very successful at a party he became secretary of the Hoboken Bridge Cricket League, a post he held for 21 years. He had also been a league umpire. His sporting activities were not confined to cricket. As a youth he turned out with Hoboken R.F.C. and when his playing days finished, served for some time as a referee in the Halifax and West Riding Association Leagues. In later years he indulged in sport never ceased. During the summer months he was a regular visitor at Gentry Park to watch the Tadmerton side, and on numerous occasions supported the team at away matches. In winter he divided his interest between Halifax Rugby League team and Bursley Association Football team. Another of his hobbies was golfing, and in latter years he had an allotment on the Greenacres site of Whiteley Avenue.

For some years Coun. Walton had been a member of the Hoboken Bridge Conservative Club. Coun. Walton had worked in the wholesale clothing trade since 1885. For 25 years he had been connected with Messrs. Greenwood and Puckle, Ltd., Bridge Mill, Hoboken Bridge. At the time of his death he was head warehouse man. He leaves a widow. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, 10.30 a.m., at Hoboken Parish Church, was preceded by a service in Hoboken Bridge Parish Church.

# INTO AFRICA

## Russell Endean

The roots of South Africa's outstanding batsman of the 1950s, Russell Endean, can be traced to Hebden Bridge. His mother, maiden name Ella Walton, was born at the Buttress, the daughter of Mr and Mrs James Walton of Heptonstall.

Ella left Hebden Bridge with her parents when she was a little girl. Marrying a Cornishman, she emigrated to South Africa around 1920, living in Johannesburg where Russell was born in 1924.



A chartered accountant by profession, Russell was a double international at cricket and hockey. He played 28 test matches for South Africa, scoring 1630 runs at an average of 33.95 and taking 41 catches.

His solid, consistent batting earned the nickname 'Endless Endean' and he was the lynchpin of South Africa's middle order in the 1950s. His outstanding performances include an unbeaten 162 against Australia at Melbourne in 1953 and a match-winning 116 not out at Headingley in 1955. A brilliant all-round fieldsman with outstanding reactions, he also kept wicket when required.



**Melbourne Cricket Ground**

In later life Russell settled to live in England, captaining Surrey club side Malden Wanderers where Alec Stewart played as a junior. Russell died at Kingston, Surrey in June 2003, aged 79.



**Alec Stewart**

# HALL OF FAME

## *Hebden Bridge CC Awards in the Halifax Association*

W. Bacon – Division 2 Batting Award 1964

W. Bacon – Coyles Cup Best Batting Average 1964

R. Parker – Division 3 Fielding Award 1964



I. Hellowell – Division 1 Batting Award 1966

K. Hollows – Division 1 Batting Award 1967

T. Snell – Calderdale Sport Council Trophy & Tom Berry  
Youth Trophy 1970



D. Powell – Division 1 Batting Award 1971

D. Powell – Coyles Cup Best Batting Average 1971

D. Powell – Tom Bower Bowl Wicketkeeper Award 1971



B. Clarke – Coyles Cup Best Batting Average 1973

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G. Newsome – Division 1 Fielding Award 1974



D. Gledhill – Division 1 Batting Award 1979

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J. Pickles – Division 1 Batting Award 1982



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J. Parkinson – Division 3 Batting Award 1987

N. Waite – Tom Bower Bowl Wicketkeeper Award 1991



F. O'Hanlon - Division 2 Batting Award 1992

R. Lister – Division 2 Fielding Award 1992

W. Cottam – Sportsfax Shield Sporting Cricketer 1992



R. Lister – Division 1 Fielding Award 1993

R. Lister – Dougie Lowson Trophy Best Fielder 1993 (Tie)

H.B. Abbas – Calderdale Sport Council Trophy & Tom Berry Youth Trophy 1994



F. O'Hanlon - Division 2 Batting Award 1995

H.B. Abbas – Division 2 Bowling Award 1995

N. Waite – Tom Bower Bowl Wicketkeeper Award 1995



L. Massey – Division 2 Bowling Award 1996

F. O'Hanlon - Division 2 Batting Award 1996

T. Johnson – Tom Bower Bowl Wicketkeeper Award 1997



Dan Bailey - Division 2 Batting Award 2000

J. Appleby – Tom Bower Bowl Wicketkeeper Award 2002

