

Karen Towell on family connections and scoring at Rastrick New Road CC, precursor to Badger Hill CC

Having just visited Mellors Bar in Rastrick and seen the display of photos etc, I was inspired to contact the Cricket Heritage Project to congratulate you on taking the trouble to look into the history of our local cricket club and bring it to the attention of the younger generation. It is also a wonderful reminder of our youth, my dearly departed family and the bond that holds the community together.



Looking through the 'Early Years' my Grandad (Arnold Bottomley) proudly held aloft the Lumb Cup and the 'Later Years' are also littered with family photos. Rastrick New Road Cricket Club had many generations of men playing cricket, especially the Bottomleys. Even us girls got a look-in. I was the scorer in the 1971 photo (above). I was 14 when my cousin Stephen Eccles took early retirement at 15. He taught me to score and it was mooted that I was possibly the youngest female scorer at the time in the league. I haven't a clue if that is correct but I thoroughly enjoyed travelling to all the different grounds.