

BLACKLEY CC

# BLACKLEY HEROES

## STEVE WILLIAMS



Long-time player and Club stalwart Steve Williams is currently League Representative. He has also been a massive help to us as we have researched and compiled this Exhibition. Thanks Steve!

# **JULIE PEARSON**

Current secretary Julie Pearson is a stalwart of today. She has been an important point of contact during our research and we thank her for her help.



# **E.D. AMBLER**

**E.D. Ambler served as secretary of the Club for 20 years.**



# **PHILLIP HAMER**

Long-serving Blackley member and Halifax League umpire.

# **JOE TOWNSEND**



**Joe Townsend was captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI side that won the Crossley Shield in 1986. He has been of invaluable assistance to us as we have researched the history of the Club – thanks Joe!**

# THE WILKINSON FAMILY

Owners of the local brickworks for most of the Club's history, the Wilkinson family have enjoyed a long association with Blackley C.C.. In particular, their generosity and endeavour has enabled the Club to first become established at their ground and then maintain its tenancy.



**Fred Wilkinson**

The family donated a portion of land to the Club as the ground was first developed around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Then, in 1948, Club President Fred Wilkinson stepped in when the ground came up for sale.

As the Club was not in a financial position to purchase it, he bought the ground himself and negotiated a 999-year lease with a group of trustees who acted on behalf of the Club.

By 1974, when Richard Wilkinson had become President of the Club, the facilities at the ground were in need of renovation. He was a major figure at the Club as the disastrous events of 1976 - when the almost-completed new building was virtually destroyed by winter gales - were overcome and the current pavilion built.

Tragically, however, Richard Wilkinson died shortly before the new pavilion was opened in 1978. In recognition of his contribution to the Club, the new building was dedicated to his memory.



Dr Gordon Wilkinson, father of Richard, became President of the Club after his son's death.

# **A.S. DYSON**

A.S. Dyson was a member of the Club for 35 years. After his death in 1960, two seats at the ground were dedicated to his memory, as well as a Merit Trophy for Club members who help with the ground.



# **MR & MRS STOTT**

Members of the Club who died within a few months of each other. Their family donated two copper beech trees to be planted by the pavilion, one at each side.



# **H. SPENCER**

H. Spencer was the star of the 1936 Lumb Cup final. He took 9 for 28 as Rowley Hill were dismissed for 76.

# **GIBSON NUTTON**



**When Gibson Nutton died in 1974, he had been a member of the Club for 50 years. A seat was presented to the Club in his memory.**

# HARRY ASPINALL



Harry Aspinall was a star of the Club in the 1962 season. Along with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI fielding prize, he also managed to carry off the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI batting and fielding awards, a feat which attracted the attention of the local press as he was made  
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'Personality of the Week'.

# MICHAEL JONES



A formidable bowler for the Club in the early 1980s, Michael Jones won the Halifax League bowling prize in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

# **C. BROOK**



**C. Brook captained the Blackley 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to the Halifax League 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Championship in 1960.**