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DONALD KERSHAW



Donald was one of the founders of Bradshaw Cricket club and was described as 'the driving force in keeping the Club running through the war years'.

Donald was a smart batsman who made an impressive amount of runs for the Club. Not only was Donald an excellent contributor on the field, but his off-field efforts were equally impressive as he served more than one term as president of the Club.

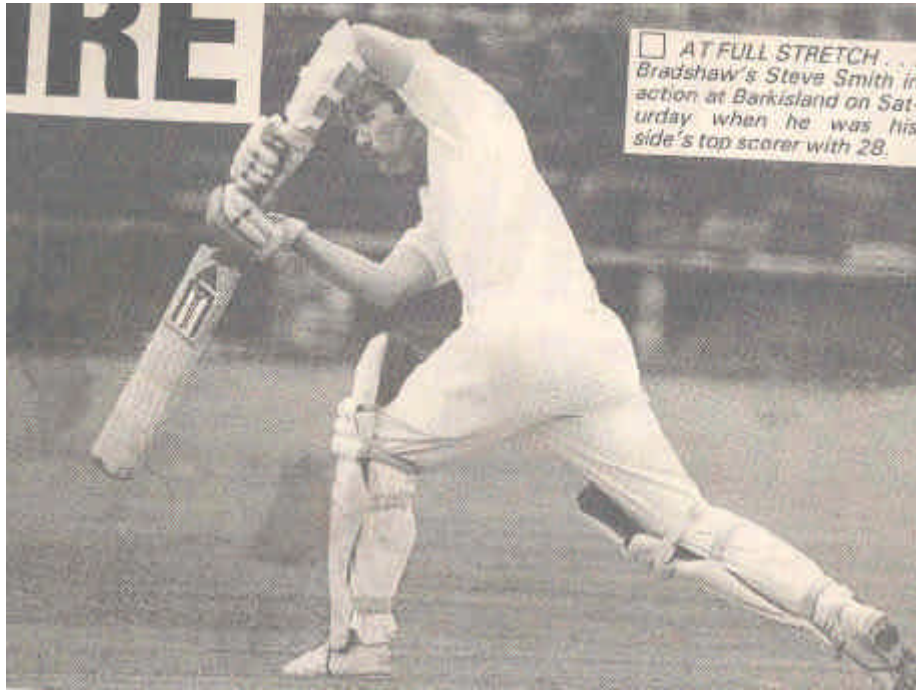
He was a much valued and respected member of the Club and when he died in 1966 the Club purchased memorial gates in his honour and memory and they can still be seen today.

LEWIS WADDINGTON

Lewis was a founding father of Bradshaw Cricket Club and worked at the local mill. Apart from his brilliant role as batsman, Lewis was also considered a 'very tight treasurer' during the 1950s and 1960s.



STEVE SMITH



SIMON LEES



KEN HUBBARD



In the 1940s Ken joined Bradshaw as a junior. Ken became one of the best opening bowlers and played for the Club continually apart from two seasons when he was at Copley. Ken was a regular winner of the League Bowling Prize and also captained the 2nd XI and scored 50 to prove that he was also an excellent batsman.

He also was captain when the Club won the Crossley Shield in 1974. Ken was also an excellent man off the field as well - he helped with the work on the pavilion and later oversaw work on the new clubhouse.

Even at this point, Ken's dedication did not fail. When the clubhouse was built he played a huge role with the interior fittings, helping with the plumbing and kitchen. Unfortunately Ken never got to see all his hard work completed as he died shortly afterwards but his dedication can still be seen and appreciated today.

DAVID EVANS

David, who recently completed 50 years with the Club, has an impressive cricketing CV. He first joined the Club as a junior in the 1940s and claims that he has played for the Club during seven different decades!

David played junior cricket with Crossley Carpets but like many of the other players he had links with the local mill in Bradshaw. Today he is best remembered for his role as groundsman, a position he held until 2004.



HARRY WALTON

Joining the Club after the War, Harry played in the Halifax Amateur, and later on the Halifax, League. The Club described Harry as ‘an outstanding all-rounder and probably the best the Club has ever had, dominating batting, bowling and fielding until he retired in the sixties.’

Harry once scored 143 against Hebden Bridge. He was also responsible for much of the ground upkeep.

LES DYSON



Les Dyson joined Bradshaw in the early 1950s. Les played out his later years in the 1st XI, eventually becoming one of the best bowlers in the Halifax League and he won prizes on numerous occasions.

In 1983 Les won the Halifax League Sportsman Trophy, which showed how much he was respected. Les also did a lot of work off the field and made an excellent contribution to the Club: he was treasurer and a key figure in converting a barn into the first mini-bar, putting a lot of his own money and time into the project.

Les served as president of the club for two years before his death.

TERRY WYNNE



Terry joined the Club in 1952 after leaving the forces and was persuaded to join by Donald Kershaw with whom he worked at the local mill.

Terry was a batsman and wicketkeeper. He also held the position of secretary for 15 years and chairman for 10 years before becoming president in 2002.

To celebrate 50 years of service to the Club, Terry was presented with a decanter and glasses. Terry was very pleased that Bradshaw won the Parish Cup for the first time in his first year as League President - and continued to win numerous honours until his retirement from that post in 2003.

Terry has also helped us research and prepare this Exhibition, so thanks Terry!



ANDY INGHAM

Andy was in his teens when he joined Bradshaw and took the remarkable figures of 8 for 20 in the 1991 victory against Triangle. It is estimated that by now Andy must have almost 1,000 club wickets to his credit!

Andy won the League's 2nd XI batting and bowling prizes in 2004 and has scooped many other individual awards.

TOMMY BALMFORTH



Tommy Balmforth was brought up in the Club as a junior. However, Tommy is perhaps best remembered for his work off the field. He loved working on the ground and would always be willing to repair anything.

This was so much the case that Tommy was presented with a mounted six-inch nail to celebrate his long time as president. Tommy was so popular in the position of president that nobody wanted to stand against him!

Tommy served as president from 1971 and was made life president during the 1980s. Technically, this record should never be beaten as upon Tommy's death in 1996 Bradshaw changed their rules, saying that a president could now only serve a maximum of two terms.

CHRIS SUTCLIFFE



Chris is the chairman of the Club and has only recently finished playing after joining in 1966. Chris's parents were licensees of the Bradshaw Tavern, the pub that overlooks the ground, so Chris never really had a valid excuse for not attending a practice!

However, Chris has really made his mark in his role as captain as he was the first skipper to lead the Club to the championship in 1992 as well as victory in the Parish Cup final in 1991.

As if this was not enough, Chris also won the Halifax Sportsman of the Year Trophy in 1998 and has been the League Vice-President.

SIMON LEES

Simon joined the Club when he was in his teens. Simon was the 1st XI captain for a number of years and he used to say that he softened the batters up for Andy Ingham to get them out.

He also dedicates a lot of time to the Club's junior teams. Together, Simon and Andy have appeared in six Parish Cup finals.



MIKE TURNER

Joining the Club in 1982, Mike became a hard-hitting opener with the 2nd XI, appearing occasionally with the 1st XI. This all changed in 1987, with Mike Eleven helping the 1st XI claim two League titles, two Parish Cup victories, three five-a-side victories and appear in other Parish Cup finals.

In 1997 Mike won the Briggs Priestley Trophy for most League runs in a season. Mike became Club secretary in 1984 and treasurer in 1988, and gives much help to the Club, running various junior teams.

Mike has also helped us research and prepare this Exhibition, so thanks Mike!

MAGGIE KERSHAW



Maggie Kershaw became known as 'Aunty Maggie' during the 1950s and 1960s as she always brought a bag of sweets for the children when she came to a match.

More often than not, Maggie could be found feeding the local players at her house!

Also, if anyone became ill she always did their washing and ironing. Maggie even extended this service to a visiting player when she saw his dirty whites and said, 'Give me those after the game and I will wash them for you!'

True to her word, Maggie did indeed wash his clothes!