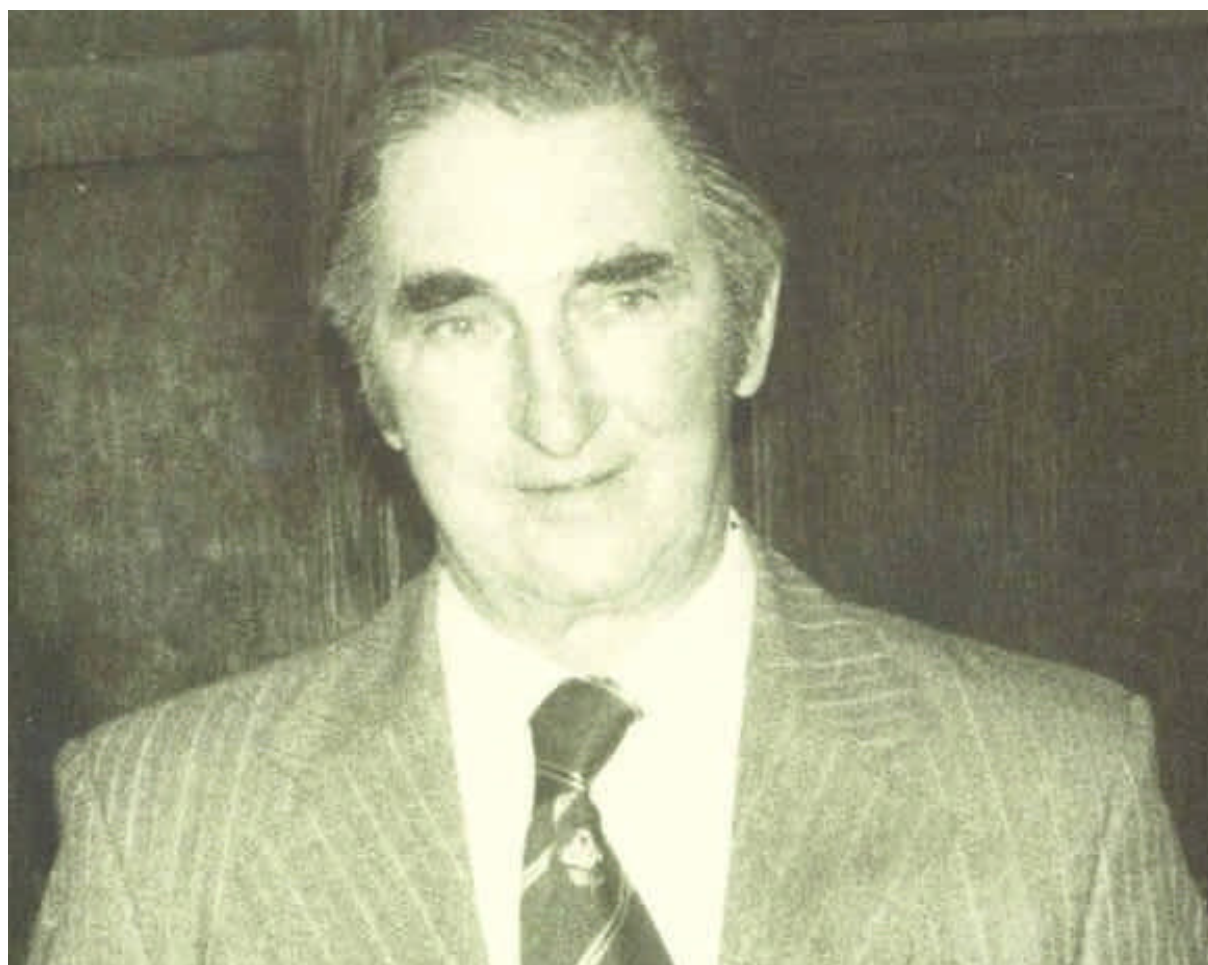


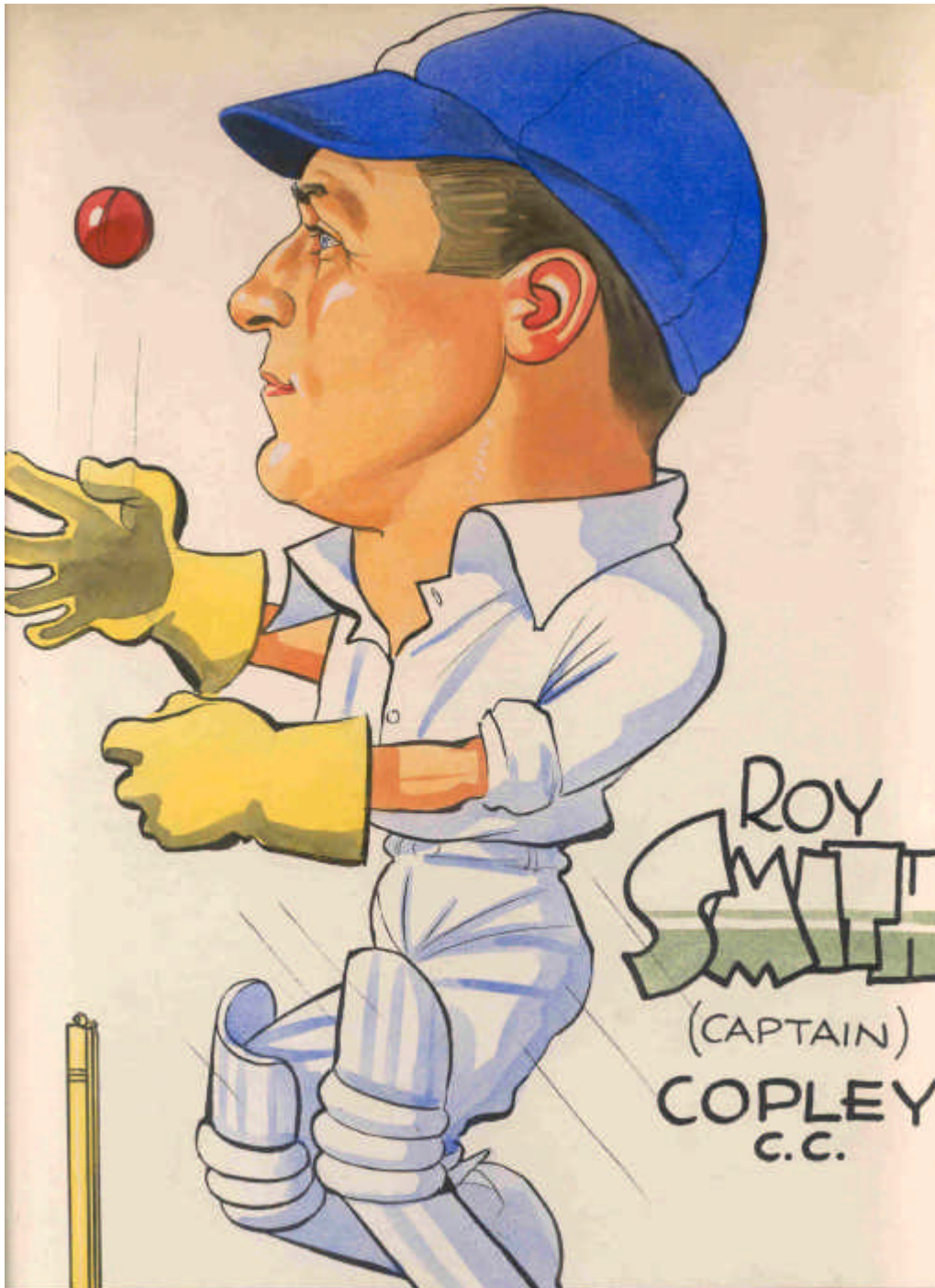
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### Roy Smith



**Roy Smith was Club secretary, chairman, president and life president. He was also Chairman and then President of the Halifax Cricket League. He had very close links to Yorkshire County Cricket Club and was known as 'Mr Halifax'.**



**A top-order batsman and wicketkeeper, Roy was a character both on and off the field. Following his retirement from playing, he devoted his time to administering both the Club and the League, and establishing the highly successful Halifax Junior Cricket League.**

# **Jimmy Briggs**



**Despite never being a player, Jimmy has played a major part in the development of Copley Cricket Club. As Club secretary, he was largely responsible for starting the Club again after the Second World War, and was chairman when the Club celebrated their centenary in 1980.**

**Jimmy also spent many years on the League Umpires Panel.**

# **John Dixon**



**John Dixon has been a stalwart at Copley for many years. He spent 25 years as Club treasurer and later president.**

**A regular 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and occasional 1<sup>st</sup> XI player, he moved on to the Halifax League umpires list when he retired, before moving on to the Airedale-Wharfedale league.**

**John has retired from umpiring now but his experience and knowledge are still vital to the Club.**

# **Ian Ball**



**Following in the footsteps of his father (Walter), as both player and groundsman, Ian Ball has been at the Club since the day he was born.**

**An aggressive opening bat and wicketkeeper, he captained Copley to the League Championship in 1976. He has also held the position of Club secretary for 15 years and is currently the Club's chairman.**

**Along with current president Eddie Griffiths, Ian has overseen dramatic changes at Copley's ground over the past 25 years including the building of the new pavilion and scoreboard and an extension of the outfield. Ian can be seen at the Club almost on a daily basis cutting the outfield and doing odd jobs which nobody seems to want to do!**

# **Tom & Judith Thorpe**



**It seems that whenever you go down to Copley you see Tom Thorpe!**

**A good left-arm bowler who led Copley to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division title in 1966, he took over looking after the wicket when he retired from playing. Tom is a perfectionist who always produces wickets of consistent bounce and movement. Tom is one of the Club's most valued stalwarts.**

**Judith Thorpe is Tom's wife, brother of Ian Ball, and mother of Richard and Andrew Thorpe. Like all the family, Judith has been at the Club since the day she was born. All through this time Judith has kept the Ladies Section going and her ability to persuade people to prepare a tea is legendary!**

# Richard Thorpe



**Richard Thorpe came through the Copley junior set-up before playing for Copley, Illingworth, Farsley and Pudsey Congs where he had a successful time opening the bowling with Matthew Hoggard.**

**Big things beckoned for Richard when he played for Yorkshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI but a back injury curtailed what could have been a promising career.**

**An accurate opening bowler and batsman, Richard captained the 1st XI to two championships, in 1988 and 1989, and a Parish Cup success, in 1990, during his first spell at the Club.**

**On returning to Copley, Richard again brought the Club glory with championships in 2000, 2001 and 2003.**

# **Fred Hemmingway**

**Fred Hemmingway was brought to Copley by Roy Smith to look after the juniors.**

**Previously an opening bowler with Siddal, Fred also began playing again and turned himself into a solid opening batsman who shared many a stand late in this career with Derek Smith.**



**When Fred retired from playing for the second time, he devoted his time to the juniors. His enthusiasm held no bounds and he said that if he could get one junior each year who went on to play 1st XI cricket he had done his job.**

**The list of players that fulfilled this ambition includes Richard Thorpe, Tim Rushton, Neil Whittaker, Mark Baldwin, Paul Smith and Chris Goulden.**

**Fred was also club president for two years.**

# Keith Goulden



**Keith Goulden is currently the Club's League Representative. He is a seasoned administrator and recently organised the Club's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.**

**His son Chris has been a regular in recent Copley elevens Keith's help in compiling this exhibition has been invaluable.**

**Thanks Keith!**