

EARLY YEARS RULES & ROSETTES

It was in 1868, under the name of the
Society Bridge Cricket Club, that the
first rules for the game were laid down.
The Club is actually the one referred to in the
history of Somerset Bridge Cricket Club which
was published on one of the rosettes of the
Society Bridge Cricket & Hockey Club in 1925.



A photograph of the rosettes and also a photograph
taken five years before the present Somerset Bridge
Club was formed in 1927.

There is a list of the first Somerset players to
play for the club, which commences in 1868.
In writing on the history of the club, it is
interesting to note that the first match was
played in 1868.

As the ground between the club being abandoned
and the formation of the present Somerset Bridge
Cricket Club, it is interesting to note that the
club was formed in 1927.

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Messrs. W. A. Smith, son of Messrs.
Frank Clay, of Wood Lane, and Mr. L. J.
James, of the present Somerset Bridge
Cricket Club, who were present at the
first match.

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The original club played at the present
ground. The first match was played in
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WON BY JUST ONE WICKET!

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This match was one of the club's first matches.
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WEST END BOYS

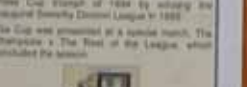
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BAD ATTITUDE

It was stated in the history of Somerset
Bridge Cricket Club published in 1925, that
in the early years... a heavy roller was
purchased from Mr. Albert Smith, Engineer,
and although this roller has since been many
times repaired it is yet one of the most useful
articles under the heading of 'ground tools'.
Fitted with strong wheels, it can be used either
drawn or by manual help.



Some of the present younger members of the
club remember with a small roller was
attached to it. But perhaps that roller is not
one of the present day youth, when it
comes to the top of least resistance. If a word
of advice is needed here on the point, let it be
known that an extra hour spent in playing with
the use of the heavy roller may mean a
weekend of hours longer for our side at the
weekend or a Saturday afternoon.

LATER YEARS THREE FINE MEN



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BLAZE TRAGEDY



It was decided to burn down what was left of
the 'Clubhouse' in 1927. The club house
was burnt down in 1927.

GREY, URBAN SKYLINE



This is a typical suburban Somerset Bridge
scene - but can anyone tell us the year in which
the photograph was taken?



The burnt out Club set

BOUNCING BACK



Piecing together
blaze club's history

BIG SWITCH

For the duration of 26 years, between 1927 and
1954, Somerset Bridge Cricket Club in the Central
Districts League.



Somerset Bridge won Division 1 of the League in
1927 - the first year it had won - under the
captaincy of Brian Lawrence. They won it again,
with T. Martin as skipper, in 1972 and 1973.



Mark evidence of damage

Cricket club to get pavilion cash

Many cricket clubs find strength in adversity... and
Somerset Bridge was no exception.
In the end, the Club gained financial help from a
variety of sources.
Pavilion may cost
£80,000 to rebuild

Club hopes for cash help

Club plans
to rebuild

Sponsored by the
Heritage Lottery Fund

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