

STONES CC

SWIFT CROSS STALWARTS

DAVID NORMANTON



David Normanton has given a lifetime of devoted service to Stones C.C. as both player and administrator. He is also currently President of the Halifax Cricket League and through this role played an important part in making this Cricket Heritage Project possible.

His enthusiastic backing of the HLF bid helped secure the grant which has funded the Project. David has also given us access to a wealth of material which has been used in this Exhibition. Thanks David!



STUART MILNER

MILNER CLEANS UP

STONES second teamer Stuart Milner fulfilled every bowler's dream when he skittled the entire Blackley team in Division One of the Halifax League.


Medium quick bowler Milner (pictured right), a former first team captain at the Ripponden club, bowled three of his victims and took a smart caught and bowled for another.

Wicketkeeper David Normananton held two catches and boosted Milner's tally with a stumping, while Nick Smith did his bit with a useful slip catch.

Milner's "full house" came when Stephen Heptinstall held a fine boundary catch to end a 25-run 10th wicket partnership. Milner's 10 for 25 haul in 17.2 overs dismissed Blackley for 83 and gave his side a 42-run win.

Milner is not the only current Stones player to take 10 wickets in a match. First team skipper Chris Houlker achieved the feat in 1984 when he claimed 10 for 56 in a second team match against Mytholmroyd.

The last occasion it happened in the Halifax League was during a first team game in 1989 when Neal Pettengell took all Stones wickets for 36.



In 1993 Stuart Milner fulfilled every bowler's dream by taking 10 wickets in an innings. A medium-fast bowler, the former 1st XI skipper took 10 for 25 against Blackley.

RONALD PALMER



Ronald Palmer was a member of the 1958 Halifax Cricket League Second Division Championship- winning team.

In 1995 he was asked to give the prizes at the Stones C.C. annual presentation evening. He began his speech by making the following statement: 'My life has always connected to the Club and I'm now 77 years of age.'

The rest of what he said revealed more about his close association with the Club - and those reminiscences have proved extremely valuable as we have compiled this Exhibition.

KENNY BROWN



In his speech at the Club's 1992 presentation night, Stanley Palmer gave the following tribute to Kenny Brown and his contribution to Stones Cricket Club.

**'In the History of Stones Cricket Club there should be a special paragraph given over to Kenny Brown for the dedication, effort, time, enthusiasm that he gave to the Club. Positions he held in the club: all of them from President, Chairman and Secretary for 30 years, and he gave us excellent annual reports. He was also League Representative and he was involved with all the work that went on. Every project he had seen completed from a hen pen to a cricket ground that we are proud of. Looking after the Under-18 team, transporting them, umpiring, all for pleasure. He found time to play, opening batter for many years, scoring many 50s. His top score was 133 at Copley. In the two Parish Cup wins he was top scorer in one and in the other next-to-top scorer. Let this be an example to us all -
DEDICATION to the Club.'**



ELSIE BOTTOMLEY, JESSIE BROWN & ADA HOLLAND



Elsie Bottomley, Jessie Brown and Ada Holland pictured in
1948.

MISS SELINA BARRETT



Miss Selina Barrett was clearly an important supporter of Stones C.C. during the inter-war period. She took centre stage when the 1938 Halifax Parish Cup-winning team was photographed, and appears in photographs of other successful teams of the period. Can any one tell us who she was and what her connection with the Club was?

MALCOLM ELLIS



A latecomer to cricket, Malcolm Ellis did not start playing the game until 1977, when in his early 30s he began playing in the Stones 2nd XI, but was soon promoted to the 1st XI.

In 1982 he left the Club to spend 4 years with Illingworth, returning in 1986. Since then he has remained a loyal servant to Stones Cricket Club, becoming 1st XI skipper and groundsman by 1995.

That year also saw his efforts rewarded by the Halifax League Umpires, when he was given the award for services to cricket.

HAROLD WHITEHEAD & DAN HAMER



Harold Whitehead (above) and Dan Hamer were the stars of the 1954 Parish Cup final victory. In a low scoring match, Whitehead's vital 41 was the main contribution to the Stones total of 116. He then combined with Hamer, who took 6 for 32, to dismiss Northowram for 104.