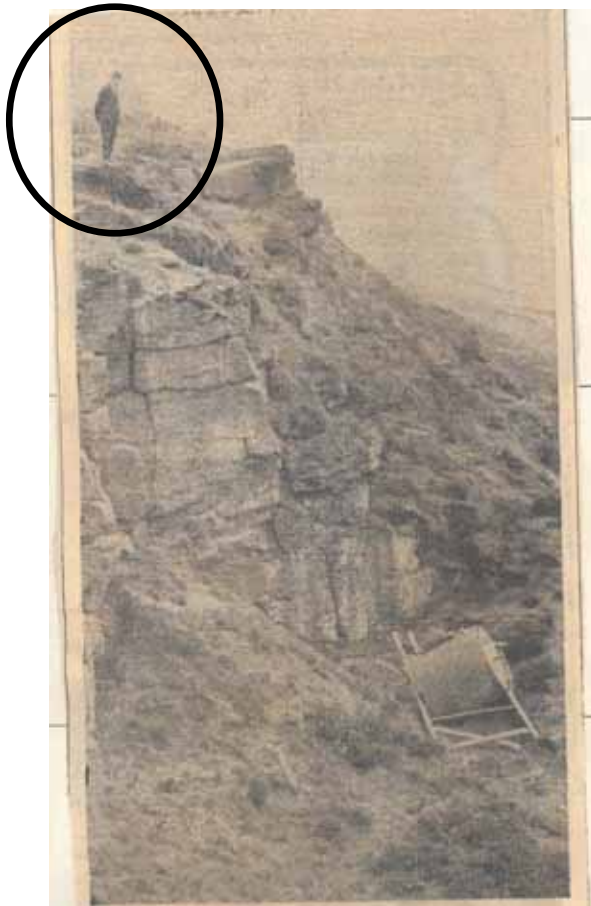


ANDREW WRAY



A long-time Outlane CC official, Andrew was club secretary in the 1960s and did a great deal of research for the Centenary brochure. He is also a respected local umpire.





Cricket club secretary Mr. Andrew Wray looks down at the roller.

A 'piece of mischief' that could have killed

POLICE were today investigating "a piece of mischief" that could have killed.

Somebody shoved a two-ton wicket roller at Outbane cricket club over a 60ft quarry edge.

And it landed a few feet away from Linsley Road.

Said the club's secretary, Mr. Andrew Wray: "It's a miracle the roller made a soft landing. Had it rolled into the road, and then gathered speed downhill, it might have killed somebody."

It will cost the club about £15 to repair the roller — the latest in a series of blows to hit the struggling club.

Outbane play in the Holdersfield Cricket Association and they have had to get used to playing all their fixtures away from home for three summers.

For the M62 motorway sliced right through the middle of their wicket.

There was a real threat, at one stage, that they might lose their ground altogether.

But talks with the motorway planners led to a compromise solution. Part of a quarry at one side of the playing area was filled in and the pitch "pushed" wide of the motorway's path.

Said Mr. Wray: "In spite of compensation from the motorway people and help from

to restore the ground satisfactorily.

"You can envisage the feelings of members who have been turning up night after night to get the ground ready when they found what had happened in the roller."

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