

# BRIAN LAYCOCK

Brian is a Sowerby St. Peter's stalwart. He has served the club in a variety of capacities over the decades, not least as player and umpire.

He is the Halifax Cricket League's Fixture Officer and has been a wonderful friend of the Cricket Heritage Project.



Brian Laycock, Sowerby's opening batsman, turns a ball to leg during the "derby" duel.

## Sowerby shocked as Singleton takes over

By ALEC REYNOLDS

SOWERBY BRIDGE CHURCH INSTITUTE, who are chasing the leaders in Division Two of the Halifax Amateur Cricket League, were hoping to strengthen their challenge by defeating their local rivals Sowerby, who were visitors to the Astleys this afternoon. Hall and Laycock opened the Sowerby innings and Hall faced the first over from Tyas, whose fourth ball Hall tried to turn to leg but missed. The ball however, was deflected off the batsman's bats for a leg bye — the only score of the over.

Hampshire took over at the opposite end and his first ball was promptly dispatched by Hall through the slips to the boundary.

Both Tyas and Hampshire were getting the occasional ball to hit but neither batsman seemed to be in difficulty although once Hall survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket of Tyas.

A maiden over from Hampshire followed and then Hall missed out by leaving the ring of stumps when in the next over he cut Tyas for two.

### Played late

RIGHT then, struck when Hall, playing in his 100th game, was hit with the second ball of the over.

The next over saw one of those balls from Hampshire which were sent to the slips by the batsman. The batsman's bats hit the ball and it was caught in the hands of the fielder.

The first bowler, Hampshire, played a brilliant over in the second over of the match. Hampshire, kept three wickets in the first over of the match.

Then to the bowler, who was sent back to Hampshire, and Laycock suffered a similar fate with the next over. Hampshire's bowler, in the third over, kept three wickets in the first over of the match.