

TWO BUCKETS OF COLD WATER!

Ronnie Wolfenden on Grassy Bottom and his early years

I was born in 1920 and joined Triangle in 1928 at the age of 8. I had watched the 1st XI and 2nd XI in action and had aspired to play for the club.

Grassy Bottom was very different then. There were no showers and the players had to wash in buckets of cold water – one bucket per team! The pavilion was where it is now but it was a much smaller version; it's been significantly extended since.



I remember the admission charges at the ground – one old penny for boys and four old pennies for adults.

I attended the local school. It had two club membership cards it could pass around the scholars. But I used to hog one of the cards!

Derby matches – against Sowerby St. Peter's – were significant events. You could get 300-500 people watching and they'd sit right round the boundary.