

Jack Messenger

Beginning in 1883, Jack Messenger's association with Honley Cricket Club lasted for 81 years. He was secretary from 1905 until 1946 and was still mowing the outfield with a 12" hand mower in 1947 at the age of 83.

According to the Huddersfield & District Cricket Association Diamond Jubilee brochure, when the club required £600 to purchase the field in 1928, 'the money was raised practically by one man and "Jack" Messenger was the gentleman who collected and "cadged"'.

His work for the club was also recognised when a motorised two-ton 'auto roller' was bought in 1949. And he was asked to carry out the naming ceremony for the machine... which was naturally christened 'Jack'.

