



Rastrick New Road are pictured before Saturday's victory over Birkby FMA. Back row (from left)—Alan J Bottomley, Bryn Mordecai, Ian Thornley, Graham Wilson, Peter Bennett, Allan Bottomley, John Garratt. Front row—John Woodruff, Adrian Gingell, Gary Holland, Renny Taylor, Mungo Sheppard

RASTRICK New Road is the oldest club in the Association, being founded in 1896.

There is also evidence that a cricket club existed there 125 years ago. The club has played on its current ground at Badger Hill since 1896 and they joined the Association from the Sheepridge and District League in 1917.

The Sunday school club have won the Section "A"

Centenary corner

title 22 times—the first being 1925 and the last 1977—Section "B" three times and Section "C" 11 times. They first won the Lumb Cup in 1923 and clinched it for an 18th time in 1983. They have also won the Crosland Trophy 14 times.

Despite constant flooding of the outfield and a ground

which has a steady slope, Rastrick have produced a level square, which produces batting strips to rival any others in the Association.

Rastrick have had many loyal servants over the years, including Alderman John Thornton and Arthur Reeve, who were both presidents

for 34 years, Albert Bottomley, who was club president for 10 and Association president for 19. Brother Arnold was club treasurer for 26 years, Brian Whiteley was secretary for 11 and was succeeded by Wilfred Bottomley, who did the job for 22. Today, Malcolm Whitaker and Trevor Bottomley, have both played over 30 years and have helped keep the New Roaders on the right track.