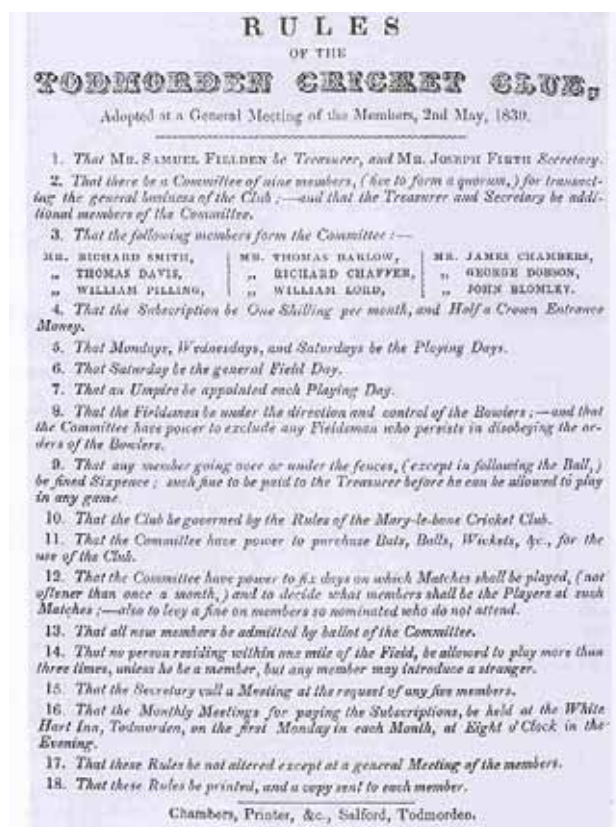


FANATICAL FIELDEN

Malcolm Heywood on early TCC history

The earliest records of the club are from 1835, which was the same time as the MCC legalised round-arm bowling.



It is believed that it was industrialists who started the cricket club and the local cotton factory owners at the time were the Fielden family. Their eldest son, Sam Fielden, was mad keen on cricket and so the team was started through him.

From the records we have it is clear they did not play many matches, only two or three against fairly local sides because the railways were not around at the time so travelling any distance was not possible.

Generally the team played among themselves at one-wicket cricket - like we used to play when we were kids.