

HAPPY FACES AT UPPER HOPTON CRICKET GALA

Inclement weather was the only sportsport at Upper Hopton Cricket Club gala on Saturday and a fairly good attendance was well rewarded for braving the elements. The match between Upper Hopton and Ossett St. Aidan's Cricket Club was one of the most exciting games of the season, and resulted in a narrow victory for the home team by two wickets.

Ossett took first knock, and George Redfearn and Norman Pearson opened the bowling. With the score at 12, Redfearn clean bowled E. Ellis for 9, and with only two more runs on the board the same bowler had E. Thompson caught by Midwood for none.

Four wickets were down for 38 when

Cassell and John Denison were put on to bowl. Sheldrake, Ossett opening batsman, soon fell to Denison, caught by Midwood. Sheldrake was top scorer for the visitors with 37, which included a couple of fine boundaries. After his dismissal four more wickets fell for two runs, making the score 42 for 8, and the visitors' innings closed at 49.

E. Denison and A. Dransfield opened for Hopton but with only four runs on the board Dransfield was out, caught by Dewes off Crossland. Wickets fell very cheaply and with the score 24 for 5, things did not look too bright for the home team. The game was in a very interesting position, and the rain did not dampen the spirits of the supporters.

David White scored two runs before he was caught by Crossland off Farrar, and Harold Dransfield was bowled by Sheldrake for nine. It was a fine fighting innings under the circumstances, and helped the home team to victory. Jack Cassell, seventh to fall, was out for four, clean bowled by Sheldrake at 45, and N. Pearson scored four before he fell to the same bowler at 46. E. Midwood and J. Denison scored the remaining three runs to give their side victory by two wickets.

In the evening Whitley Lower Brass Band played for dancing. Competitions were won as follows: ladies bowling, Miss L. Kaye; darts, Mr. David White;

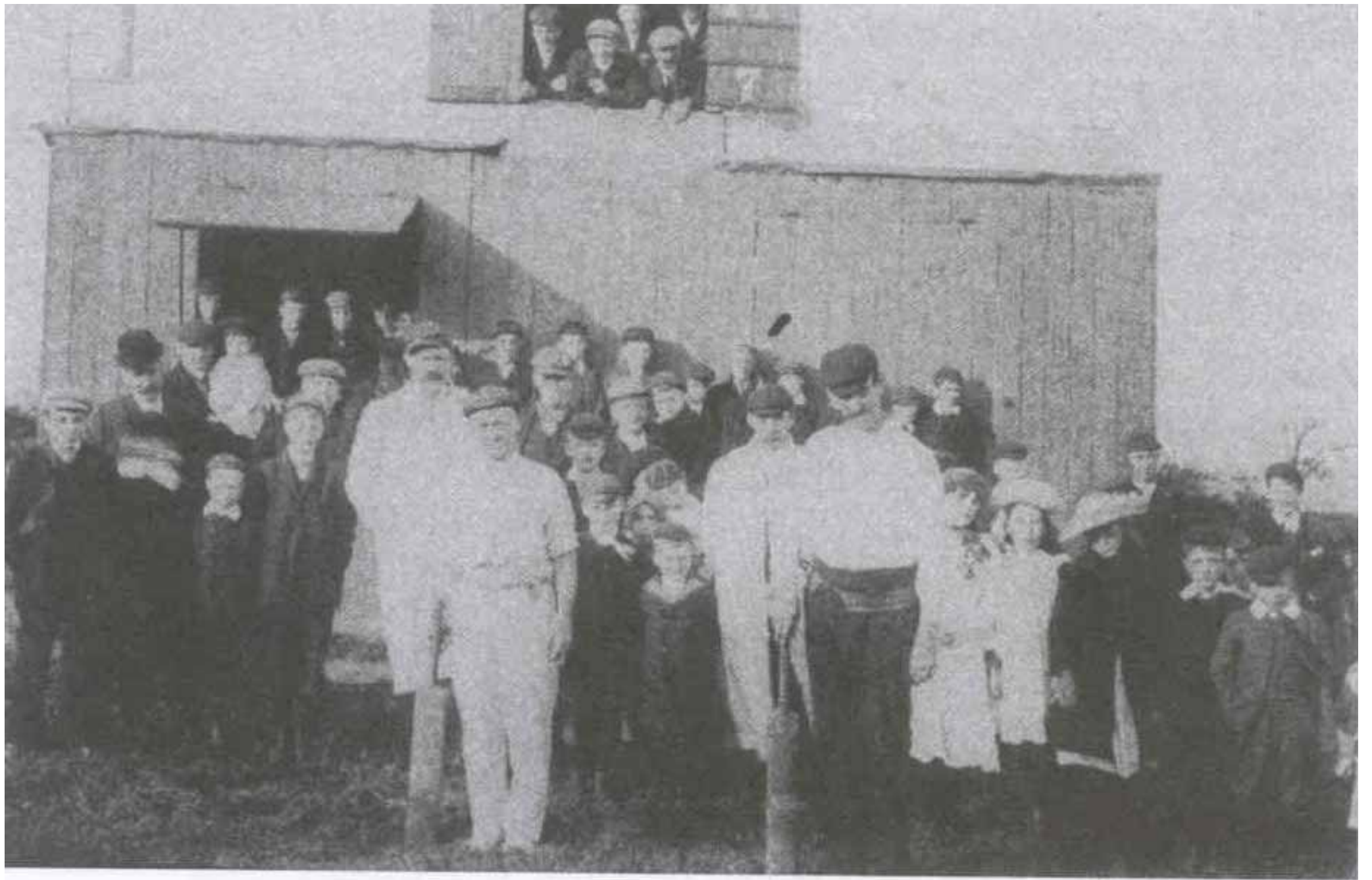
guessing number of beans, Mr. Norman Pearson; men's bowling, 1. Mr. M. Oldham, 2. Mr. T. H. Laycock; hidden treasure, Mr. L. Giggal; guessing the cake, Mr. G. Redfearn; tickets, Mr. S. Hodgson.

The effort, which raised about £5, was organised by Messrs. Harry Woodhouse (secretary), David White (treasurer), W. Knowles (chairman) and committee, Messrs. J. Haw, J. Denison, J. Parker, H. Lloyd, E. Denison, W. Cassell, N. Pearson, H. Bottom, W. Sheard, P. Kiburn, E. Midwood and T. Driver.

Tea helpers were Mrs. Rushworth, Misses S. Kaye, Nellie Rushworth, Minnie Rushworth and Doreen Rushworth.



Included in the exclusive "District News" picture of Upper Hopton Gala are the following members of the cricket team and committee: Messrs Willie Cassell, John Denison, George Redfearn, John Parker, Norman Pearson, David White, Harold Lloyd, Ernest Denison, Willie Sheard, Ernest Midwood, Tom Driver, Ralph Eliam, Albert Dransfield, Jack Cassell, Harold Dransfield and Harry Woodhouse.



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