

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1909

COPLEY CRICKET PAVILION

OPENING THIS AFTERNOON

Copley cricket Club are to be complimented on their splendid new pavilion which they opened this afternoon. Copley are in the second division of the Halifax and District Cricket League and last year they finished fourth. This season they have the same team as then with the addition of A. Beresford who played with Siddal last year. Unfortunately he was away to-day.

There was a good gathering of members, players and village people in addition to Warley cricketers who had come to play after the opening. Mr A Briggs, president of the club was in the chair and said that it was a red letter day in the history of Copley Cricket Club. They had felt many times they needed better accommodation for meeting visitors and for themselves. They decided that when they did make the effort that it should be no half-hearted fashion, and they would agree with him that a good job had been made of it. He hoped that for many years to come that the pavilion would be used for the sport of the district. They feel that very year sport takes a higher place in village and town life than it had done in the past, and sport was one of the influences which helped elevate the tone of people. Because of that they were anxious that they might have good support in the village. Mr Walter Beresford on behalf of his father presented a silver key to Mrs Jenkins. That lady accepting the key, expressed her pleasure in declaring the pavilion open, and hoped the happy days of the past would continue, and that success would attend their club.

Loud applause greeted the actual opening of the structure.

Mr C.H.Ellis (treasurer), in moving a vote of thanks to the opener, mentioned that the pavilion had cost £34, towards which £13 had been received

Leaving a balance of £21 yet to be raised. The pavilion was first mooted in 1904 by Mr J.W. Hartley. On the suggestion of the president a yearly subscription was started, which raised £6. The committee was thankful for the support they received from Messrs Jas. Ackroyd and Sons. Mr B. Firth and Mr J.T. Bottomley.

Mr Bottomley seconded the vote of thanks, and was heartily accorded, the President replying. Subscriptions of 10s. 6d. each were announced, the contributors being the President, his wife and Mr D.A. Womersley.

It is understood several offers have been made to rent the Copley field but that the present side is assured of the tenancy.

Owing to the inclement weather a start was not made till four o'clock when Ackroyd and Lamb opened out for Warley and foiled Hardy and Lawson. One run was scored and one extra went down in the score book, and then it was decided to abandon the game.

WARLEY

Lamb	not out.....	1
Ackroyd	not out.....	0
	Extras.....	1
	Total for none..	2
	Match abandoned	