

Bernard Haikings - Upper Hopton CC

(Bench Plaque)



Bernard Haikings and his family are well-known in the village of Upper Hopton and also within the club. Bernard was vice-president for many years, helping the club to make several key decisions with regards to its long-term future. He, along with several other members of the committee, dedicated money for the benches that now line the boundary at the Sutcliffe Memorial Ground.

The Haikings family have also contributed to the team's success on the field as well as off it. Bernard's son David played for the club for many years. As a prolific middle-order batsman, Haikings made this position his own during the 1970s and was made captain at the beginning of the 1980s (see team photo below), a position he maintained for most of the 1980s, overseeing the rise of the Upper Hopton team in the Central League, with both his captaincy and batting contributing hugely.

David's son, and Bernard's grandson, also played at Upper Hopton for a short time before moving on to Morley and playing in the Bradford League.



Upper Hopton 1st XI 1983
M. Kaye, P. Ramsden, D. Thorpe, A. Lockwood, S. Clarke, D. Blackburn
M. Pidsley, K. Walker, D. Haikings (Capt), K. Stones, P. Stones