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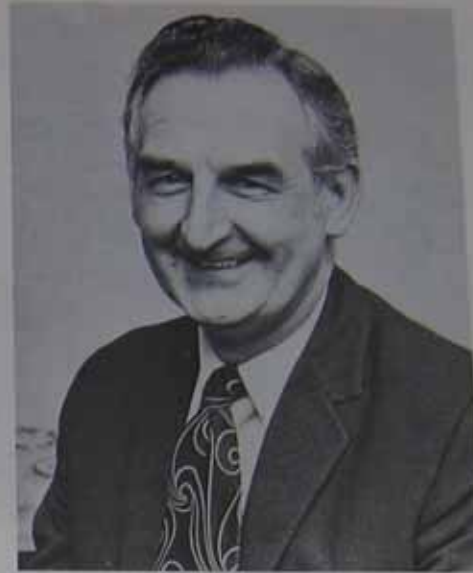
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We are now in our Centenary Year and I feel personally honoured to be President at this auspicious time.

To provide cricket less than a mile from the town centre reflects great credit on all the past and present members of Bradley Mills Cricket Club.

This is the time to acknowledge the work of the members who have worked so hard over the years for the survival of the club through floods, gaping holes and financial difficulties.

I hope this brochure will serve as a tribute to all the people who have helped the club to overcome all these adversities to reach its centenary.

It would be invidious of me to mention any one person by name for the time spent on compiling this record of the Clubs history, so let me as President say a sincere thank you, to one and all.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish the Club every success this coming season and may the future be happy and prosperous.

Joe Taylor

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe Taylor', written over a horizontal line.

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Every club in the Huddersfield Cricket League has some individual characteristic capable of identifying it from other clubs.

Many years ago, when I first became associated with the League, I wondered how on earth Bradley Mills managed to survive. This was in the days when Huddersfield, Elland, Slaithwaite, Paddock etc were the really fashionable clubs, drawing large numbers of spectators.

Once I started meeting members of the club it soon became apparent why the club continued to live. There was, and still is, a terrific team spirit throughout the club. This identifies Bradley Mills.

Members have their differences, as members have differences in every club, but these are voiced and not allowed to smoulder. A spade is certainly called a spade at Bradley Mills and this way prolonged sulking at each other is avoided.

No club has had to put up with the trials and tribulations suffered by the Leeds Road Club. They range from sheer vandalism to odd occasions when parts of the field just vanish. I know of no other club in the world where parts of the field have just vanished overnight on more than one occasion.

Yet survive, they do and will do. I at any rate am proud to be associated with the club. I know that no club has a better record of junior cricket activity. I am also fully aware that league officials can expect support on any matter of importance from the Bradley Mills Cricket Club.

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As President of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, I am delighted to send congratulations to the Bradley Mills Cricket Club on the occasion of their Centenary.

In this part of the world, we all consider that the heart of cricket is in Yorkshire, and certainly Bradley Mills, who have played at Barr Street for 100 years, are a good example of our enthusiasm and tenacity.

Although they have not won any major trophies, many well known cricket names appear in their records, of whom Alec Coxon, Harold Beaumont, and Mel Ryan all played for Yorkshire with distinction.

Others who have contributed much to Bradley Mills and cricket generally are Peter Booth, R. Lisle, and, last but not least, the W. H. Bolts, senior and junior.

But it may be that the Club will best be remembered for the opportunity it has given to countless other people in the Huddersfield district to play, watch, and enjoy cricket.

I congratulate Bradley Mills Cricket Club on keeping the flag flying for so long, and hope that 1975 will be a highly successful and memorable year.

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To have reached the ripe old age of 100 is a remarkable feat in itself. To have done so and still remain young at heart, with a vigorous approach to the many problems which beset cricket clubs at the present time, is even more remarkable. Bradley Mills Cricket Club has done just that.

The road has not been an easy one. There have been grave problems with the ground but these have been met with courage and a lot of hard work and finally overcome. In a lighter vein, the late W. H. (Billy) Bolt often told me that spectators coming to watch your home games were "spellbound" (through sitting on the railway sleepers which served as seats). I hope they are still "spellbound" but for different reasons!

As one involved in Junior Cricket, I congratulate your Club on its youth policy which has achieved considerable success over the years. Peter Booth, now playing for Leicestershire County C. C. is only one of many fine players who started their career with Bradley Mills. My old friend, Jack Senior, tells me that you are firmly committed to this policy of producing your own players of the future. I am delighted to hear it.

With enthusiasm running high in your Centenary Year you can face the future with confidence. May I add my congratulations and best wishes to the many which you will most certainly receive.

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE CLUB

Bradley Mills Cricket Club was formed in 1875 in Bradley Mills School Working Mens Club or as it is sometimes known the "Pop and Pasty Club". The reason for this name would appear to be obvious but it is by no means an apt description for the present day club.

The Cricket Club however was formed, one presumes, by disillusioned members of the Pop and Pasty and although the names of all the founder members cannot be traced the following are but a few:—

George Mallinson
Harry Hellowell
John Beaumont
Harry Birkenshaw
Harry Mellor

Past and present members of people connected with the Club will recognise some if not all the above names as being predecessors of present day members.

For instance George Mallinson was the father of our oldest member Walter Mallinson who still does work on the ground at the ripe old age of 92.

It appears that during the twenty five years from 1875 to 1900 another cricket club existed alongside our present field where the Bowling Club now stands. This club was known as "Zingari" and in those days the present cricket field was possibly half its present size as both Zingari and Bradley Mills played on the land now occupied by our club and the Bowling Club. It is probably a little known fact but nonetheless true that another of our senior members Harold Brook helped to tip the filling material to raise the level of the ground to form the present day bowling green when he was a lad some seventy years ago.

Also in those early days a football field existed where the Post Office property now stands and the area was known as "Paraffin Park" which it appears served as both a soccer and rugby ground.

One might say therefore that the new concept of a Sports Centre or Sports Complex is not as new as it may seem.

One of our earliest records is a photograph of the team and officials taken in 1894. This photograph was presented to the Club by Mrs Joe Robinson, wife of our League Chairman who was herself one of the well known Mallinson family of Bradley Mills.

At that time the President was Mr Willie Hanson who kept the shop at the corner of Canal Street. Unfortunately the photograph can not be reproduced but the players were:—E. Jackson, F. Mallinson, T. Mallinson, J. Halstead, W. P. White, C. Barlow, H. Cheetham, N. Jessop (capt), S. Smith, T. Hamer, H. Goodyer. Officials were H. Birkenshaw, H. Mellor and J. W. Dickenson (vice presidents), H. Hellowell (secretary), G. J. Johnson (umpire) and Walter Mallinson now our senior member is scorer.

In 1904 the president of the club was Charlie Barlow and the first professional was a man named Billy Kemp. Little is known about the team in those days but even then the Wagon and Horses was the centre for the players and the team sheet was displayed in one of the pub windows.

Also in those days dances were held in the cricket field on a Saturday evening to the accompaniment of a brass band. BMCC Carnival was also an attraction and matches were arranged so as not to clash with the date of the Carnival which was the 3rd Saturday in July.

Two practice nets were used in 1904 and Harold Brook recalls that he used to go straight to the ground from work in order to practice. After he had batted he had to ask the captain's permission to go home for his tea. This was usually granted providing he came back to field afterwards. Herbert Cheetham was the captain and it is reputed that he used to call his players to practice by standing in the middle of the field and whistling. Coaching was given by Roland Cheetham, a slow bowler who used to stand at the back of the net and instruct the younger players.

In those days the club played in the Central League of which they were founder members with Almondbury, Hall Bower, Primrose Hill, St. Andrews and Salendine Nook. Stories are told of Charlie Land's Wagonette journeys to Scholes and Denby Dale and of journeys from Deighton to Kirkburton by train on the "Burton Dick"! Harold Brook was the bag boy and for his troubles he received one penny from each member of the team.

In 1914 Willie Stead's father John Stead came to Bradley Mills from Launceles Hall. It is said that John Stead was a talented player and so he must have been for he possessed three Huddersfield League gold medals for notable cricketing achievements and he became captain in 1920. It is not known for how long he remained captain but he played for a number of years and Willie played with him in the same team being second bowler and always bowling uphill from the Canker Lane end.

During 1914 the roller which was horse drawn disappeared down a mine shaft which had subsided and amazingly enough this happened again within 2 weeks of the first occurrence.

The fact was recorded in the "fifty years ago" column of the Huddersfield Examiner in 1964. Both horse and roller were however recovered and the hole was filled in. Evidence of this can still be seen at the far side of the square near the bar. It will be recalled by many players and spectators that a similar event occurred again in 1969 just off the square in front of the pavilion. Fortunately neither players nor equipment were involved but these events give proof to the statements that the ground is undermined. The fact that it is undermined probably explains why the ground or more precisely the wicket dries quickly in comparison with other wickets although no explanation can be given for the flooding which occurred in later years when the area adjacent to Canker Lane was used by at least one canoeing enthusiast.

During the War Years 1914-1918 Bradley Mills felt the effects along with most other clubs one of which seems to be the lack of records over the period.

An interesting fact has emerged however in that following a League Committee meeting in early 1920 Herbert Cheetham suggested that Sir Charles Sykes might possibly present a trophy to the League if he was approached. Following this the Secretary wrote to Sir Charles who kindly agreed to the suggestion and the Sykes Cup competition came into existence.

INTERESTING BITS OF CRICKET

Like all clubs, we have had some rather spectacular performances down at the "Mills". Two of these are particularly outstanding, possibly even unique in local cricket.

From 1930 to 1955 we had playing for us a fast bowler by name of Jack Hunt. Jack came to us as professional from King Cross, the Halifax League Club and quickly became a favourite with the umpires of Huddersfield because of his ability to bowl No Balls!



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Six in a match was quite modest and three in one over not unknown; the umpires liked him because he never complained, even when the "no ball" took a wicket.

On Saturday April 23rd 1955 we played Almondbury down at the "Mills" and Jack, who had by this time reverted to playing amateur, opened the bowling. His first and second balls both hit the wickets and as the field closed in for the hat-trick ball we all held our breath, Jack had an additional hazard, he had to keep his foot behind the line to avoid the umpires shout. He bowled and the batsman duly popped up a dolly to the youngest player on the field, a junior, Ken Burgess, who took the catch at silly mid-on.

Jack Hume had done the hat trick with the opening 3 balls of the Almondbury innings, so far as we know the only time it has been done in Huddersfield. It is of interest to note that Jack had performed the hat trick when we played Almondbury in 1954.

On May 25th 1940 we were playing Slaithwaite at Bradley Mills. Although the war was in progress cricket was not too badly hit as conscription had not started to bite too hard and even the lads who had joined the forces could frequently get weekend leave. Both teams were therefore quite strong and on a good day Slaithwaite who batted first, put on 241 runs for 8 wks. This was quite a reasonable score even for this period where 200 runs was far more common than it is today.

Bradley Mills started their reply and batted steadily without really making any effort to get the runs. At 91 the second wicket fell and J. K. (Jack) Senior went in to join Stanley Beaumont.

Jack asked Stanley—"Shall we have a go for em?" Stanley nodded, and they set about the Slowitt bowling with a severity unknown to this illustrious team, Jack Habergham had 50 runs hit off 2 overs and Tommy Lodge 40 runs off 2.3 overs. Although T. Walker took a wicket with his first ball his 3 overs yielded 47 runs. This wicket being the one which prompted Jack and Stanley to go for the avalanche of runs. The score advanced from 91 to 245 in 7.3 overs and Jack Senior had scored 82 runs and Stanley Beaumont 72.

Strangely no wicket had been prepared for this match. Slaithwaite were asked to pick a wicket which they did.

Another high scoring game was played against Kirkburton in the Sykes Cup in 1947.

BRADLEY MILLS

S. Beaumont ct Woodhead b Mellor D.	67		
W. H. Bolt ct Kaye J. b Sutcliffe E.	63		
H. Moorhouse b Sutcliffe E.	4		
F. W. Fox ct & b Sutcliffe E.	19		
S. Carter run out	51		
J. K. Senior ct Kaye J. b Tudor	24		
J. Hunter b Sutcliffe	178		
W. Wood run out	41		
F. Brooke b Kaye J.	2		
J. Clegg b Kaye J.	12		
T. Hodgkinson not out	8		
Extras	19		
		E. Sutcliffe	4 for 100
	488	J. Kaye	2 for 104
		E. Tudor	1 for 89

KIRKBURTON

C. Sutcliffe ct Hodgkinson b Beaumont	51
D. Woodhead ct Brooke b Beaumont	22
E. Sutcliffe b Beaumont	3
C. Haigh b Beaumont	8
R. Kaye ct Moorhouse b Beaumont	39
D. Mellor ct Hunter b Beaumont	0
E. Tudor b Hodgkinson	78
B. Mellor b Beaumont	3
J. Kaye ct Senior b Carter	9
H. Micklethwaite ct Carter b Bolt	32
N. Snow not out	23
Extras	6
	224
S. Beaumont	7 for 85

As can be seen over 700 runs were scored and memories of this game helped to get the Sykes Cup rules altered to 45 overs.

J. Hunter was the Australian full-back who was such a firm favourite at Fartown.

10 WICKETS AGAINST

On August 20th 1938 Joe Brook of Meltham had a unique bowling feat against Bradley Mills. He took all 10 wickets for only 8 runs and all except 1 was clean bowled.

F. Adams	b Brook	1
K. Gronow ct J. Hirst	b Brook	0
J. K. Senior	b Brook	12
A. Coxon	b Brook	8
S. Beaumont	b Brook	0
A. Cooksley	b Brook	1
T. Hodgkinson	b Brook	0
J. Ellis	b Brook	13
D. Senior	b Brook	2
G. F. Gawthorpe	b Brook	18
A. Haigh	not out	1
Extras		7
		63

J. Brook 9.4.0. 4.M. 8.R. 10.W.

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Bradley Mills and Dalton have played many interesting Whitsuntide games. One of the most sensational was on Tuesday 18th May 1948 when our professional, Hubert Trower took all 10 wickets for 27 runs.

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The strength of any cricket club lies, not only in its playing strength but in the quality of its officials and committee. These are the men who provide the necessary continuity through years of fluctuating fortunes. Some are ex-players, others never played, but one thing in common is a deep love of the game expressed through their commitment to club and league.

Any club having a continuous existence for a hundred years has been fortunate in its administrators and Bradley Mills is no exception, having had some of the finest this league has known.

A man who typifies these sentiments is the present club treasurer E. G. Nunns.

Now in his 21st year in this office, Gordon's name has become synonymous with that of Bradley Mills.

Always courteous and even tempered Gordon is respected and popular not only at Bradley Mills but throughout the league, and is the type of official of whom we can be justly proud.

He has not however confined himself solely to the post of treasurer, but has always been to the fore in helping and organising the maintenance work required in the club room and is a regular helper in the bar on most match days.

Controlling the finances of a small club is not an easy task, but under his careful stewardship the club has prospered from a position where no surplus balance was shown to one which will enable the purchase of a fine new club room this year, a truly fitting memorial to our centenary, and one of which Gordon can look upon with great personal satisfaction.

G. E. Hemingway

For many years treasurer at Bradley Mills, George was persuaded to take the post of league treasurer when that office was separated from the secretary's duties in 1945 and retained it until his too early death in 1953.

A quiet and unassuming man who took his duties at club and league level very seriously he was also responsible for compiling the league fixtures for this period.

He fully deserved the honour of having the league second elevens stumping trophy named in his memory.

A. D. Mellor

Son of a local man who was a founder member of the club and now himself the second oldest member.

Mr Mellor was President from during the late 40s early 50s. He was President at a crucial time in our history and it was largely due to his encouragement and generosity that the club emerged on a sound footing and also during this period that a new score box and dressing rooms were built almost completely by voluntary labour.

For his service to Bradley Mills we offer him our sincere thanks and gratitude.

Despite the fact that the club has never been a major trophy winner, Bradley Mills has fielded many very good sides, both attracting and producing players of the highest calibre. A few of these became household names by attaining fame as first class cricketers and their names I along with others who gained prominence locally as award winners makes impressive reading and evokes many memories of their considerable contribution to the game.

Percy Holmes

This internationally known local product joined Bradley Mills on the termination of a brilliant first class career and played for over a season creating great interest and drawing good gates both in home and away games.

Alec Coxon

Is still vividly remembered as an outstanding local cricketer who played for his county and country, playing against Australia in 1948.

He was signed professional in 1937 and played for three seasons before moving into the Bradford league. He then went into the Yorkshire side on the resumption of first class cricket after the war.

During these years Alec not only quickly established himself as one of the best pro's in the league but as a good club member helping to prepare wickets and being genuinely involved in the welfare of the club. So much so that during his years with Yorkshire he would play with Bradley Mills when County calls and league rules permitted. It is an association of which we have always been justly proud.

Harold Beaumont

Another local cricketer who played with Yorkshire and brother of our own long serving Stanley, Harold was professional for 3 seasons.

A fine all rounder but best known for his batting, Harold's conduct and bearing on and off the field was exemplary and a model to all young cricketers. A measure of his ability was to have won the league batting prize on three occasions.

Melville Ryan

A product of our own junior side, he rapidly rose to prominence as an all rounder with the 1st XI and was soon attracting attention from other leagues.

Engagements in the Bradford league followed, and inevitably he became a member of the County team, giving great service from 1954 to 1965.

He is now the Yorkshire county committee representative for Huddersfield and we at Bradley Mills are proud that he is still a member and vice-president of the club.

Ralph Stewart

For the majority of the period between the end of the war and 1974 the club was exceedingly fortunate in having such a devoted cricket enthusiast as Ralph.

He held the positions of Honorary Secretary, League Representative and devoted much time preparing the wickets, Ralph is now a well respected Vice-President and his advice is still sought and readily given.

He can be justly proud in having such a record of dedication and loyalty to the club.

Peter Booth

Another product of our prolific junior side Peter came to Bradley Mills at the age of eleven. Probably the most outstanding junior and schoolboy cricketer in the league since the war, he gained almost every honour possible during his period as a junior. These honours included representing the Yorkshire and Huddersfield boys, the Huddersfield J. Lumb cup side, the Yorkshire federation, Northern and England schools,

M.C.C. schools and tours of India and the West Indies with the England junior sides.

Whilst playing with the Yorkshire federation team he was awarded the trophy for the outstanding player on tour.

During this time he was progressing through the 2nd XI to 1st XI status, chiefly as a bowler, but developing into a very good batter also.

At present Peter is qualifying for Leicestershire and has already played a number of first class games with that County.

We are confident that Peter will fulfil all our expectations and he has all our very best wishes for the future.

Many other players of outstanding ability have graced our teams and here we would like to pay tribute to some of them whilst stirring the memories of cricket lovers young and old not only at Bradley Mills, but throughout the district.

Herbert Haigh

'Owd Herbert' to distinguish him from his also talented namesake was professional at the club in 1933 and 34 leading the league averages with 62.25 in the first season. He was an outstanding batsman who is still considered by many good judges to have been amongst the country's best batters in his heyday and who was said to have turned down the offer of a Yorkshire county team place.

Albert Sykes

The first man to score 1,000 runs in a Huddersfield league season, (this with the Huddersfield club) a county colt and batter of such ability that in a different era he must have become a full county player, Albert came to Bradley Mills during the late 1940's leaving to take up a coaching post in Scotland.

Jack Threlfall

An expatriate Lancastrian who played for his county under the great McLaren, Jack joined us after many years as an outstanding Lancashire league player and although then a veteran showed on many occasions proof of his outstanding class as an all-rounder.

Reggie Lisle

A Bradley Mills local who played with us from boyhood until taking professional engagements in the Bradford and Huddersfield leagues.

During his career with the club, Reggie, a prodigious off-spinner was regularly called for coaching by the county and played several games with the county colts.

W. H. Bolt junior

'Young Billy' deserves a long and special mention in any history of the club, but we must attempt to do him justice in the short space available.

Inevitably a member from early boyhood he made his debut with the 1st team at the age of eleven in 1939, and with the exception of three seasons has served the club ever since both as player and committee man.

Still a member of the first team, his batting technique remains a model for any young cricketer. Although primarily known as a batter winning the league prize in 1951 he was a fine medium pace bowler and in his younger days was probably the best close in fielder in the league being a joint league prize winner in 1942.

Small wonder then that he was chosen on several occasions for the county 2nd XI aquitting himself well but unfortunately never making the full county side.

How many people know that he was once rushed to Leeds to be twelfth man for England in a test match but was not required to field.

Captain of our side for several seasons he has always held the respect and admiration of all who have had contact with him, players, umpires and spectators alike, and is one of the supreme club players of this or any other league.

Roy Sykes

Along with Billy the name of Roy Sykes must be mentioned. Roy came to Bradley Mills as professional and captain in 1961 and stayed on as amateur until his retirement from playing and is still on the club committee. For many years the pair were the most prolific openers in the league, and indeed the sum total of their opening stands must near record proportions in this league.

Fred Gawthorpe

A great opening bowler who had a successful career with several clubs in the league, he played with Bradley Mills in the late 1930's early '40s winning the league prize whilst with the club in 1938.

Maurice Thompson

Our other league prizewinner since the war was Maurice Thompson who won the bowling prize in 1960.

Again a recruit who stayed with the club until retirement from playing Maurice who still serves on the committee must hold the record for the number of overs bowled for the club.

The club has always brought out a great sense of service in players and members and we have many examples of long service both on and off the playing field.

Some recognition of this has been by the award of the Lady Sykes candlesticks to several of our players these were:

Stanley Beaumont

A member of the famous Thongsbridge cricketing family, (his brothers Harold and Jimmy both served at Bradley Mills as professional).

Stanley joined the club in 1936 and played with the club for the remainder of his long and very successful career. He was 1st XI captain for thirteen seasons, being a fine attacking bat and a good left arm slow bowler. Having on one occasion taken the first nine wickets he personally ran the last man out. One of the most popular figures in the league he is still a vice president and renders us most useful service.

Jack K. Senior

Contemporary with Stanley and also a past captain, Jack was a prolific run getter and a terrific hitter of the ball.

He is a great worker for junior cricket and has been in charge of the junior team for twenty five years, during which time he has set a standard of cricket, team smartness and behaviour which has made our junior teams not only consistently successful but a source of pride to all those connected with the club. Many fine present day cricketers freely acknowledge their debt to J. K. and still respect him as they did when juniors.

Norman Lodge

A lifelong member of the club and coming from a family connected with the club from its inception, Norman has long been one of the league's most popular and cheerful characters.

A good opening bowler he gave long service in both 1st & 2nd XI's and whilst always a keen worker on the ground since giving up playing has been even more fully engaged in voluntary duties, and was committee chairman for many years.

Roy Stevenson

Yet another member from boyhood and still a committee member, Roy gave over thirty years service as a player with both 1st & 2nd XI's.

Captain of the 2nd XI for many years his proudest moment was in 1970 when he led a team regularly fielding eight or nine juniors to the league 2nd XI's championship.

Norman Swales

Will always be remembered as an immensely enthusiastic and dedicated 2nd XI cricketer. A bowler who won the 2nd XI's league prize, Norman captained the team which won the league championship in 1965.

Let us not however in remembering the more successful of our players forget the scores of others who have helped to complete the scene at Bradley Mills, players both amateur and professional along with those dedicated people who although never playing, served the club as voluntary workers and committee men.

Men such as Walter Mallinson still helping as a groundsman at the age of 92 after a lifetime membership, Jack Midwood who keeps our cricket tackle in such first class condition, and Sam Mallinson for many years groundsman and junior team coach. Then there are the players now passed on Ted Turner, Edgar Dransfield, John Stead, Harry Midwood, Herbert Cheetham, A. Pontefract, and Roy MacNairy a character on and off the field probably the tallest and one of the fastest bowlers the league has seen.

Finally there are the professionals such as the effervescent Jack Hume, Stanley Carter, George Harrison, Raymond Hall, Hubert Trower, Lewis Wood all of whom gave stalwart service to the club. It is obvious that the mentions over so many years can only be limited but to all those others thank you for your efforts and your share in the years of happy club life with its many memorable games and occasions.

Bruce Jakeman

Among the tributes paid to individuals in this brochure the name of Bruce Jakeman must figure prominently.

The longest serving professional in the club's history he was first signed for the season 1967 and stayed for the next eight years.

At the time of signing he was only 20 years of age but was in the opinion of the committee the most promising young player in the area.

This was a most careful judgement and was quickly vindicated not only by the player himself but by the subsequent keen interest in him from other clubs. His complete all round ability soon established him as one of the league's leading cricketers and his exciting performances created great interest throughout the league and inspired the team to some fine performances notably in the Sykes cup competition.

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Over this period Bruce scored almost 5,000 runs and took 400 wickets and in 1971 missed the magic thousand by only four runs, a feat commemorated by the presentation of a clock from the club committee. He was captain for several seasons, his magnificent fielding always being a source of inspiration to his colleagues.

His contribution to the club did not end there. A committee man who organised for several years a money raising scheme and a great sociable character he was a wonderful clubman and though he has now moved on he takes with him our thanks and best wishes.

The Juniors

Since the resumption of junior league cricket shortly after the end of the war, the clubs most consistently successful teams have been the junior sides.

Several times winners of the section championship and twice Walker Cup finalists they have almost every season been challengers for junior honours.

Of greater importance is the benefit to Bradley Mills of the emergence of so many good clubmen from these ranks, who have and still are playing with the first and seconds XIs or serving on the committee.

Of the many fine individual players to have graduated from the juniors too, namely Mel Ryan and Peter Booth have attained county standard whilst Reggie Lisle was a Yorkshire colt and at present Graham Taylor has been called up for county coaching.

Individual junior league prize winners have included our present 1st XI stumper Bob Simpson who has won or shared the stumping award on three occasions whilst David Maybury was a batting prize winner and John Brooke headed the bowling averages some years ago.

Since the league's entry into the Joe Lumb cup competition we have had a long record of representation, P. Booth, G. Taylor, R. Simpson, G. R. Steward and C. Hamilton being chosen (Geoff—any more?)

Several of these along with others are now regular 1st XI players and many of these former juniors are familiar names in the league such as Joe Wakefield, John Beard, C. Beaumont, Peter Armitage, Ricky Fitton, these and many others are testimony to the attention paid to junior cricketers within our club.

Two men must take most of the credit for this over the entire period, first Sam Mallinson who organised and looked after the team in the difficult years after the war, to be followed by Jack K. Senior who has now had continuous control for over twenty years coupling this work with that of junior league representative and Joe Lumb cup competition duties.

Both have firmly believed in young cricketers being made to feel a part of the club and have emphasised to their teams the value of correct turnout, discipline and attitude both on and off the field and for this have always received the utmost respect and loyalty from all the boys.

The club and league has gained much from the junior teams and an important factor has been the sense of continuity in the running of them, we must extend our sincere thanks to Sam and Jack and to their teams for the enjoyment they have given and the honours brought to the club.

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AN APPRECIATION TO THE MEMORY OF "BILLY" BOLT

by

Herbert Robinson

It has been suggested by many friends in the local cricket world that it would prove well worth while if a "write up" were made of the cricket stalwarts of Huddersfield cricket.

If this suggestion came about there is not the slightest doubt that "Billy" Bolt of Bradley Mills fame would figure largely in the pages of such a production.

When I first met him I was a comparatively young man yet he left his mark on my memory by his enthusiasm and exuberance. He loved sport and if he never became an expert in any special game it was an education to listen to his comments on the skill and expertise of various players who took part in a variety of games. I often accompanied him when "Town" were in their hey-day. He would point out the good and poor parts of an individuals play and one sensed the quality of his understanding. At his invitation I would join him by attending a Boxing match and quickly he would sum up the possibilities of the exponents future. He took to sport in a natural manner and I have heard Herbert Chapman ask him his opinion of a players ability. He liked and loved all kinds of sport but I doubt if any club or any sport could equal his love for the Bradley Mills Cricket Club. He refused to allow any disappointment to dampen his enthusiasm for his old club. He was the king of optimistic supporters. He firmly believed that Bradley Mills someday, somehow would become the leading club in the league and he would defend its players and its reputation in vigorous manner. While he stood for all manner of "leg-pulling" he fiercely resented unfair criticism. I have heard him hold forth on the ability of a minor player simply because he may have found in the lad a desire for the clubs success. He had a circle of friends who would try out practical jokes but "Billy" did not mind so long as the practical jokers took the "mickey" out of himself and not out of the club. He became President of the League which he served long and loyally. He rarely missed a function held by any club and he invariably created a story from which a Bradley Mills supporter emerged. He invariably spent his Sunday nights at the home of George Herbert Hirst for whom he held in the highest esteem.

I was a member of the League Committee when "Billy" was elected President, I was also a member when he relinquished the position. I am not likely to forget the expressions of loyalty and sincerity from his colleagues. Of course we had our differences but who in the world could "fall-out" with Billy Bolt the most generous of men, the most loyal of colleagues.

He is no longer with us yet I would doubt if there is one amongst those who knew him who would deny his spirit is not felt when a visit to Bradley Mills is made.

It is good to know "Billy" is remembered by his former colleagues in this, the centenary year of Bradley Mills. It is good to know his evergreen memory is retained and the feeling of pride and affection is felt for a person who loved the oasis of Leeds Road and made it all the better by his memory.

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The club would like to take this opportunity of recording its sincere thanks to all the tea ladies past and present who have willingly helped out at Bradley Mills.

CENTENARY YEAR FIXTURES
1975

Date	Opponents	Gd.	R't
19 Apl.	Shepley	A	.....
26 "	Golcar	H	.....
3 May	Thongsbridge	A	.....
10 "	Rastrick	H	.....
17 "	Scholes		
	(1st Round Sykes Cup)		
24 "	Armitage Bridge	A	.....
26 "	Huddersfield	H	.....
27 "	Huddersfield	A	.....
31 "	Linthwaite	H	.....
1 or 2/3 June	2nd Round Sykes Cup		
7 June	Primrose Hill	A	.....
14 "	Honley	H	.....
15 or 16/7 June	3rd Round Sykes Cup		
21 June	Paddock	A	.....
28 "	Lascelles Hall	A	.....
29 or 30/1 July	Semi Final A Sykes Cup		
5 July	Shepley	H	.....
6 or 7/8 July	Semi Final B Sykes Cup		
12 July	Golcar	A	.....
19 "	Thongsbridge	H	.....
2 Aug.	Rastrick	A	.....
9 "	Armitage Bridge	H	.....
10 "	Final Sykes Cup		
16 "	Linthwaite	A
23 "	Primrose Hill	H
30 "	Honley	A
6 Sept.	Paddock	H
13 "	Lascelles Hall	H

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