



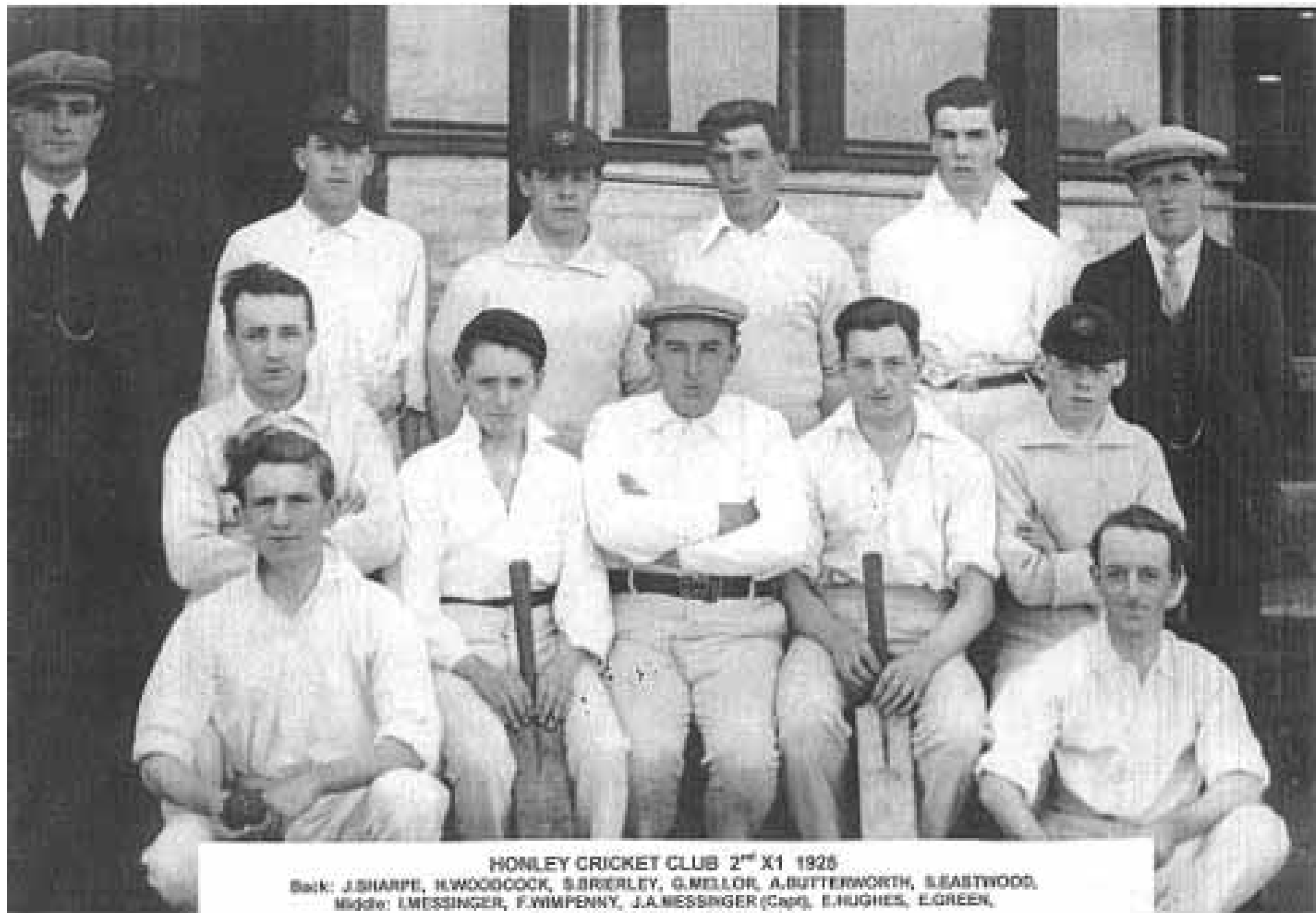
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HONLEY CRICKET CLUB 1st XI 1925
Back: A SYKES (Serj), P. SHAW, E. GREEN, D. ROBINSON, W. FINDER,
Middle: M. L. MESSENGER, B. BROOKE, L. BUCKLEY (Capt), T. BOOTHROYD, N. SHEARD,
Front: E. WALKER, B. ELLAM, C. SYKES.



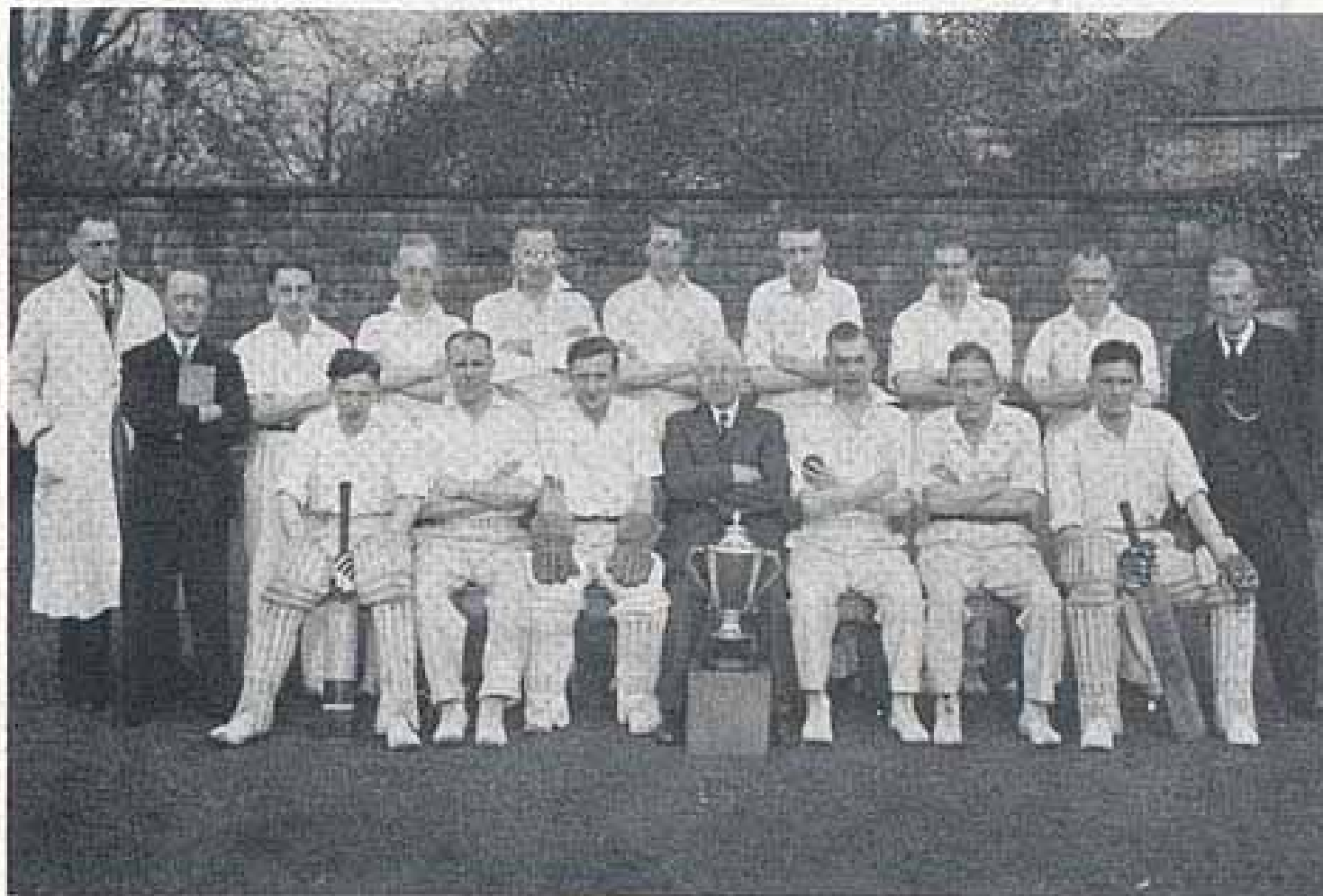
HONLEY CRICKET CLUB 2nd XI 1925

Back: J.SHARPE, H.WOODCOCK, S.BRERLEY, G.MELLOR, A.BUTTERWORTH, S.EASTWOOD,
Middle: I.MESSINGER, F.WIMPENNY, J.A.MESSINGER (Capt), E.HUGHES, E.GREEN,
Front: J.THEAKER, J.HAWKYARD.



HONLEY CRICKET CLUB 2nd XI 1942

**Back: L.NOBLE, G.KILNER, F.HALL, E.FISHER, L.CROSSLAND, B.BURHOUSE.
Front: E.THORPE, G.MARSH, G.HOBSON, E.GREEN (Capt), T.LOCKWOOD H.WOODCOCK.**



HONLEY CRICKET CLUB 1st XI Season 1943 Section 'B' Champions
G. Bruty(Umpire), J. Hawkyard(Scorer), S. Ricketts, E. B. Green, H. Swift,
G. Oldham, W. Poole, E. Fisher, H. Walton, J. A. Messenger(Secretary).
R. Mellor, B. Brooke, A. Hawkyard, G. F. Thornton(President) L. Green(Capt),
N. L. Messenger, K. Sykes.



SWIMMING NOTES

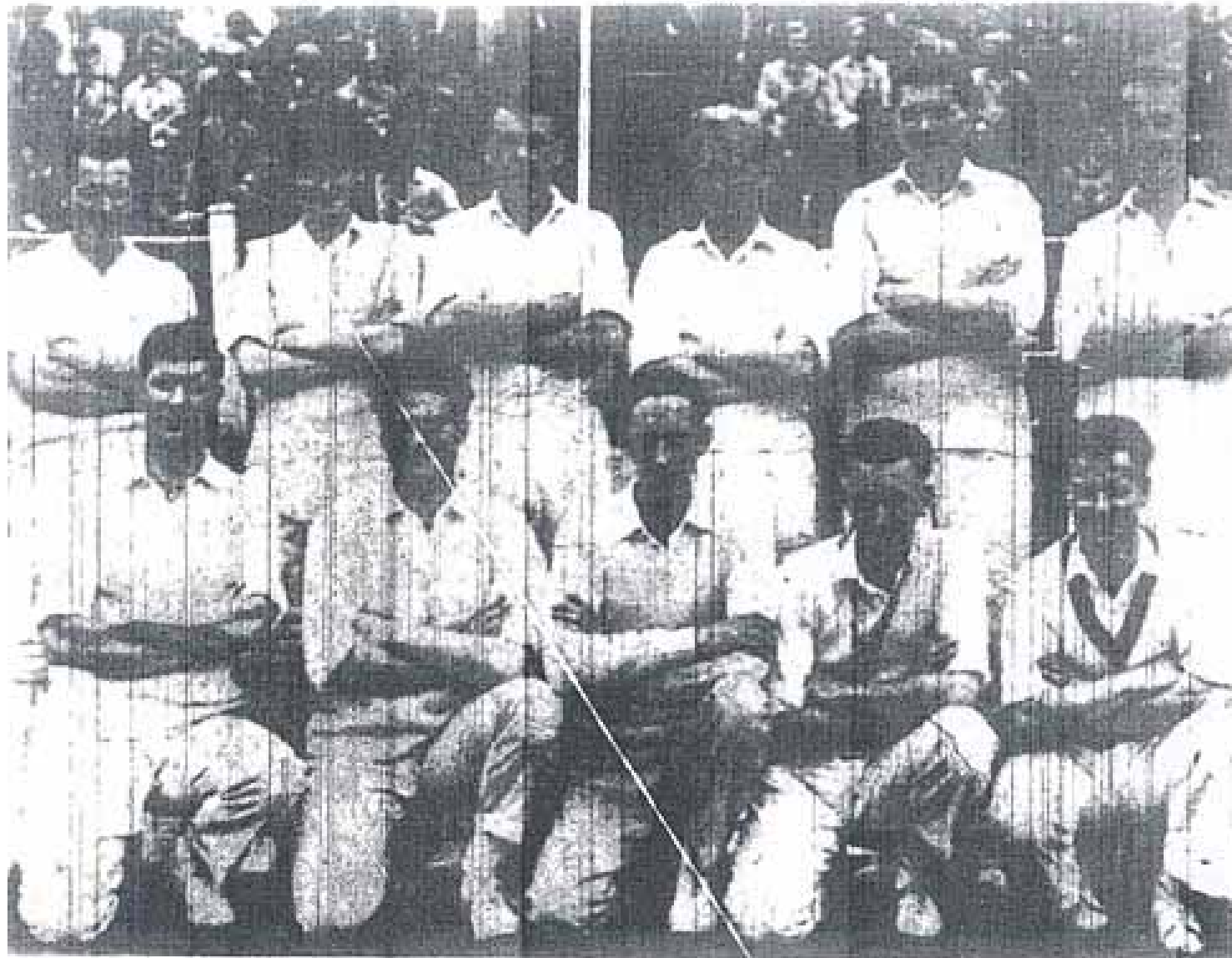
Swimmers Turn

Honley: Back row, H. Thorpe, B. Wilson, E. Heat (twelfth man), B. James, P. Dibb, E. Thorpe, J. Wood, A. Littlewood (scorer). Front row, J. P. Wilkinson, L. Green, C. Sykes, H. Heeley, R. Mellor.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Emley Victory

1st AUGUST 1964 v KIRKBURTON



Honley cricketers, beaten by Kirkburton in last Saturday's Sykes Cup final at Fartown. Back row (left to right): L. Heap, I. Kenworthy, C. Peacock, J. S. Sanderson, A. Farrand and I. Waddington. Front row: W. Large, T. Gill, B. James, T. Brierley and A. Hargreaves.



**HONLEY CRICKET CLUB 2nd XI 1970
PADDOCK SHIELD WINNERS**

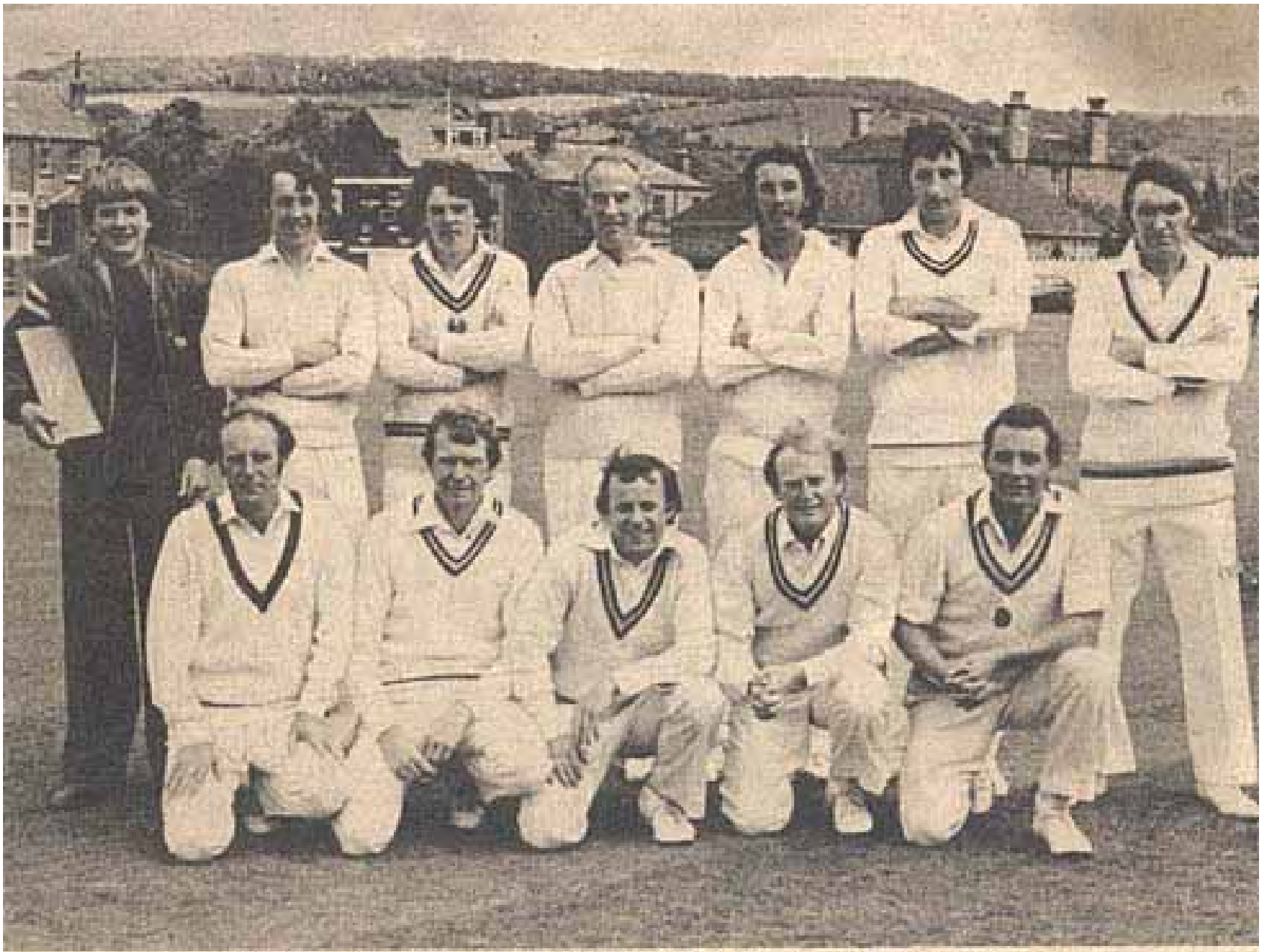
**Back: P HUDSON (Secy) R.HARDY, M.HEAP, B.JAMES, P.TAYLOR, M.BROOKER, J.MELLOR,
Front: D.HIBBERT, N.THORNTON, C.WAKEFIELD (Capt), R.A.HIRST, A.HAMPSHIRE,**



SYKES CUP RUNNERS-UP 1972.

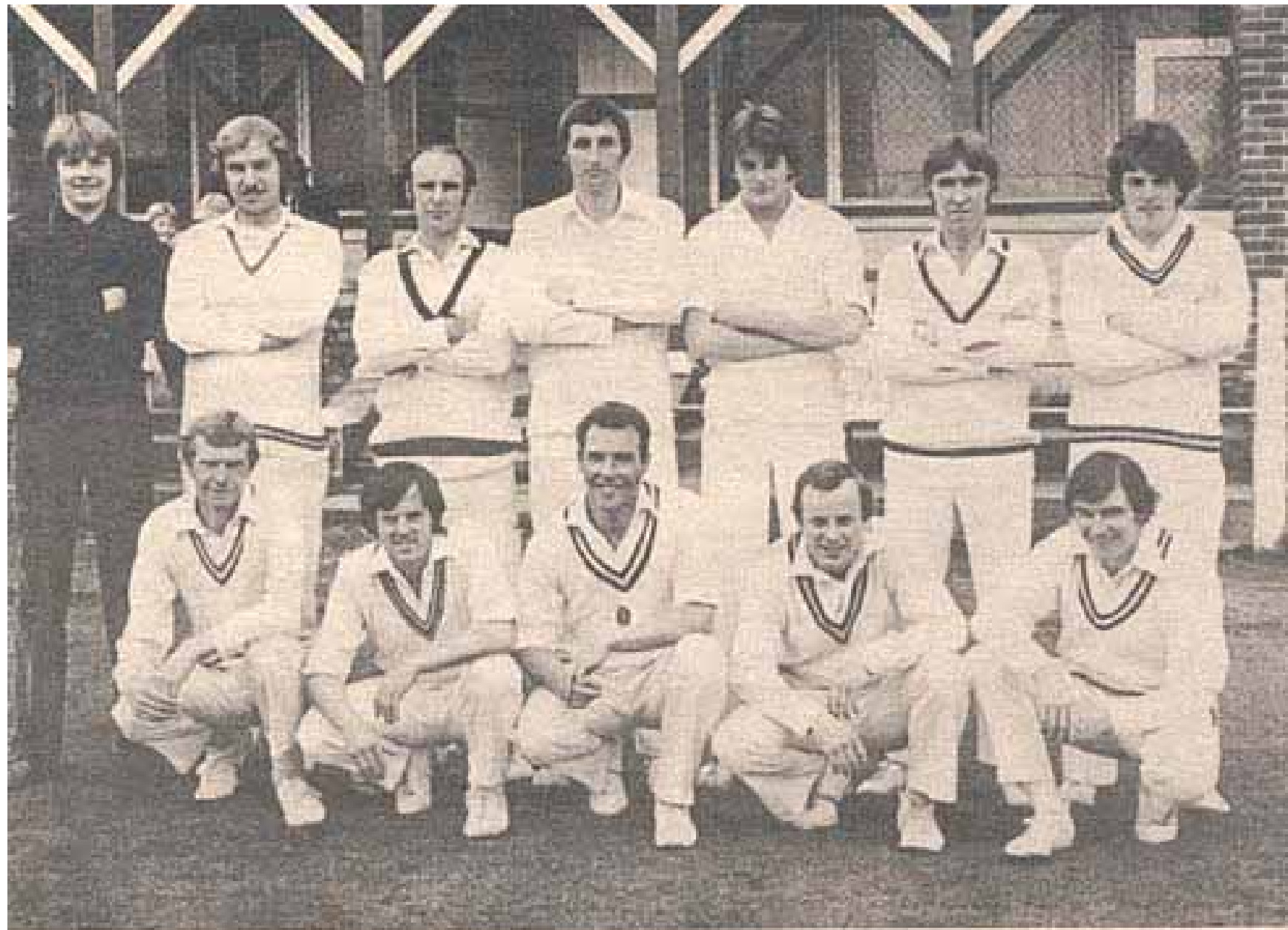
HONLEY CRICKET CLUB.

M. Lawrence, E.J. Holdroyd, R. Eastle, A. Walker, K.J. Weadington, M. Naylor, M. Tindall (Capt),
F. Fisher, R. Hardy, F.B. Green, J. Lawrence (Capt), J. Mullanell, J.S. Sanderson.



Honley 1st XI, back row (from left) - scorer R. Marshall, A. James, A. Hinchliffe, I. Waddington, A. Hampshire, J. Tinker, R. Peel. Front row (from left):- J. Hodgson, P. Green, B. Jakeman, J. Sanderson and B. Lymberry.

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Honley 1st XI: Back (left to right) — R. Marshall (scorer), C. Green, G. Hodgson, J. Tinker, R. Denton, R. Peel, A. Hinchliffe. Front — P. Green, P. Holdsworth, B. Lymberry, B. Jakeman, P. [unclear]

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Back Row: D. Brooker (12th Man), M. Bocarro, A. Jamm, R. Denton, J. Hinchliffe, M. Peters, S. Himmington, D. Brooke (Scr).

Front Row: D. Hinchliffe, P. Green, B. Jakeman (Capt), M. Lindley, N. Horsman

Committed for ¹⁸⁷⁹ days.

HONLEY CHURCH CRICKET CLUB.—The first annual general meeting of this club was held in the National School, on Saturday evening last. There was a good attendance of members, who, after doing justice to a substantial tea prepared by Mrs. Donkersley, assembled to transact the general business of the club. Mr. J. A. Jones was unanimously voted to the chair, and after duly acknowledging the honour conferred upon him, called upon the secretary and treasurer (Mr. C. Wall) to read the report and balance-sheet. The report showed that the club had been very successful during the season, having played 17 matches, of which nine were won, four lost, and four drawn. The balance-sheet, however, was not so encouraging, there being a deficit in the accounts of £2 8s. 10½d. The members then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to revise the rules of the club. On reviewing the old rules it was found that, to improve the efficiency of the club, some changes were necessary, among which the most important were that the title should be altered to that of "The Honley Cricket Club," and that the club should be open to any one, subject to the approval of the committee. These changes, it is hoped, will give the club a better chance of competing with its neighbours; and the members are unanimous in wishing that all who desire to encourage the national game of cricket will do so by annual subscriptions, so that Honley in this respect may not be behind the neighbouring villages.

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AS in the case of so many local clubs, the record of the beginning of Honley are not available, but there is reasonable ground for believing that it was founded in the forties.

During last century Honley were one of the strongest sides in the district, and during best weeks especially many fine games were played on their ground.

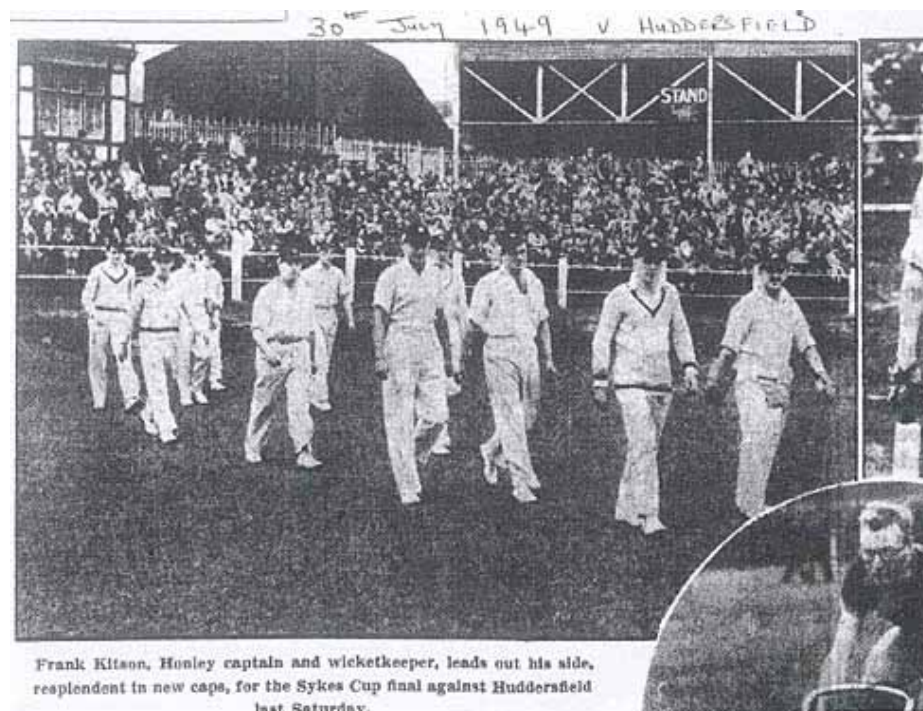
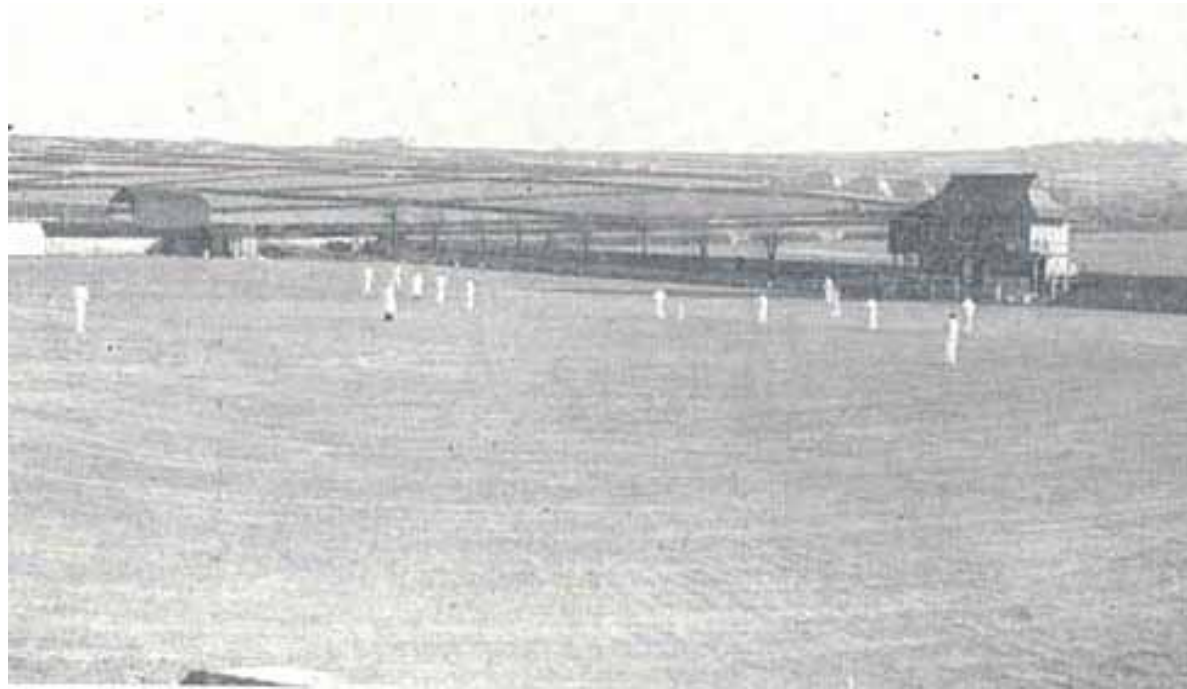
Honley have been members of the Huddersfield League since its inception, and while they have not won the championship, they have usually had a strong side.

King Willow's Haunts—No. 8

HONLEY

The Club Which Produced

Alonzo Drake



Frank Kitson, Honley captain and wicketkeeper, leads out his side, resplendent in new caps, for the Sykes Cup final against Huddersfield last Saturday.



HONLEY CRICKET CLUB

This is a slight token of appreciation of the long and varied services rendered by

Mr. JOHN ARMITAGE MESSENGER

as Secretary, Groundsman and friend to the
HONLEY CRICKET CLUB
for many years.

He has carried great responsibility for the Club on very many occasions. He has given cheerful and helpful service at all times, and so enriched the circle of the grand and noble game of Cricket in Honley and Huddersfield district.

We thank him for what he has done and assure him of our indebtedness and also our affection.

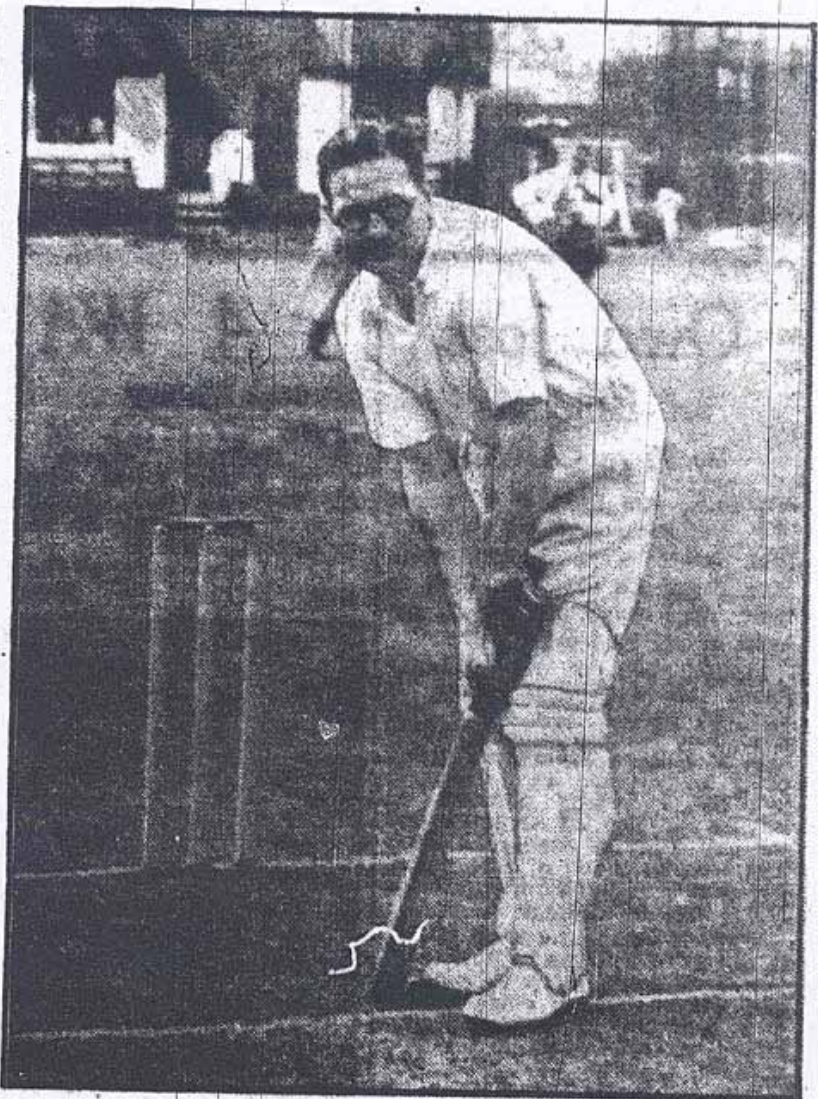
Honour where honour is due.

G. F. TILLY, President
A. F. BRITT, Treasurer

COMMITTEE—

L. BUCKLEY	F. HARGREAVES	H. SWIFT
E. BINDER	J. HUTCHINGS	F. HUTCHINGS
D. HELLING	E. BRIDGES	L. LONGDEN
E. HALLOR	H. HOLLINGWORTH	E. WOODHEAD
A. OLDHAM	A. BURBIDGE	W. POOLE
L. BUTCLIFFE	J. OLDHAM	P. IVISON

Heeley's Silver Jubilee



Harry Heeley, Honley's hard-hitting batsman who, it is believed, has set up a record for the Huddersfield Cricket League by playing for one club for twenty-five years. Honley have been given permission to play a testimonial match next Wednesday to commemorate the feat.

HONLEY CRICKET CLUB

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1880
CENTENARY BROCHURE
1980



I WANTED to write about a cricket enthusiast, a man who loved the game, who gloried in its many branches and who did not allow inclement weather to damp his enthusiasm—and goodness knows present climatic conditions are enough to dampen the spirit of the most ardent enthusiast. What better subject could be found than the Honley stalwart, George F. Thornton?

I have read of George Thornton's severance with the Honley club. What utter nonsense! He could no more sever his connection with Honley than fly to the moon. He loves every blade of grass on the Honley field; he treasures countless recollections and innumerable acquaintances; and no doctor's prescription could compare with the tonic the sight of the Honley ground gives him.

Have you ever met him on the ground? No matter what business may have taken you, it's

GALLERY OF
CRICKETERS

No. 17

G. F. Thornton

ten to one you are invited on an inspection parade. Setting off at a pace which belies his three-score years and ten, Mr. Thornton will carry you along until you marvel at his enthusiasm.

If George Thornton has severed his connection with Honley, then I am prepared to admit I know nothing of the game, the players or the enthusiasts and patrons of local cricket.

George Thornton attended the Honley National School, a fact of which he is justifiably proud. He played as a youth with the Honley Wesleyans and won renown as a fast right-arm bowler.

Some time ago I was giving a cricket talk in the Wesleyan School, and hanging on the wall was a photograph of a championship side of yesteryear. Inspecting the photograph I recognised "G.F.," and, asking an old man near by if he remembered him in his prime, was somewhat startled by the reply. "Remember him?" he said. "He wor that fast that if tha'd tooth-wark tha' didn't need a dentist, he'd knock thi' head off."

From Honley Wesleyans he joined the Honley club, and his association has lasted over forty years. He did play a couple of seasons with Meltham, but returned and for eighteen years has been president of the club.

Five times during his career he did the hat-trick. The feats were performed in the days when a firm of hatters gave away a hat as a reward. On one occasion he gave the token to an old Honley veteran who on presenting his credential was deemed to be the oldest fast bowler to lay claim to a prize.

It's good to write of a cricket enthusiast, and if George Thornton possesses a bias for the Honley club, I see little harm in that. Long may George Thornton and the Honley club continue association. May the recent difference of opinion soon be forgotten, for if cricketers cannot heal a breach, who in the world can?

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