

# STAYING INSIDE

## Mick Ellis on club people

Denis Johnson was a good Birstall cricketer. He started here as a junior and didn't play for another club. He was a fine bowler and slip fielder and became club president. He was 6ft tall and had this superstition about not venturing out of the dressing rooms while we were batting. It was comical!



Hugh Smith was the father of Mike (above). Hugh played at Birstall and the two of them also starred at Drighlington. Charles Manby was a good cricketer and secretary for a few years. He was a real motivator!

David Jones was a wicketkeeper and skipper. Andrew Townsley was a good professional. He was on Yorkshire's books – Charles Manby was responsible for signing him up.

Peter Hardy has done good work at the club and Ken Haley was a fine groundsman. He used to treat the ground like gold!