

## LEPTON CC

# LEPTON LEGENDS

## RONALD SYKES

1926-1989



Ronnie was described fondly as a 'character of the "old school"' by the Club president in a commemorative programme.

Ronnie provided long service and contributed enormously to the Club.

A memorial match between the then 1<sup>st</sup> XI and an 'old boys' side was staged to commemorate his death.

The match was held to raise funds for a commemorative bench at the ground for Ronnie.



## Highlanders remember



LEPTON Highlanders unveil their Ronnie Sykes memorial seat.

Chairman of the cricket club Gilbert Earnshaw cuts the ribbon while president Stuart Haynes and Ronnie's son Robert (right) look on.

Mr Sykes, who died last year, was a life-long member of the club.

A memorial match between the present team and an old boys' team of 12 years ago was held to commemorate the occasion.

A picture on the seat shows the team of 1978 when Mr Haynes was captain and Robert Sykes the scorer.

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Ronnie's family had considerable involvement at 'a grass roots level.' He himself was an excellent batsman. But as well as this, he was often seen coming off the field to help the ladies make the teas!

bench was unveiled in 1990 by the Chairman of the Cricket Club, Gilbert Earnshaw, and Club President, and Ronnie's son, Robert Sykes.

# **HAROLD BUTCHER**

**1911-1991**



**Harold is fondly remembered for his devotion to Lepton Highlanders CC.**

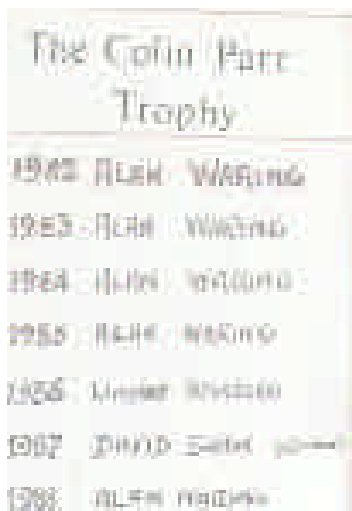
**After playing for the Club for a number of years, Harold took on the coaching of the Juniors.**

**He then umpired for around 30 years.**

**A trustee of the Club, Harold was totally devoted to Lepton Highlanders until his death in 1991.**



# ALAN WARING



The Colin Parr Trophy	
1982	ALAN WARING
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1984	ALAN WARING
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1986	ALAN WARING
1987	DAVID SMITH
1988	ALAN WARING

During the 1980s Alan was particularly successful, winning the Club's Colin Parr Trophy in four consecutive years between 1982 and 1985.

Also in 1985, Alan won the prestigious Huddersfield Central League Section 'B' batting prize.

Alan is pictured here in 1992, playing against Holmbridge in a Section 'B' fixture. Lepton gained a two-wicket victory.



# GILBERT EARNSHAW



**Gilbert has dedicated many decades to the wellbeing of the Club.**

**Gilbert has had an important role in things such as fundraising.**



**In 1994 his efforts were rewarded by the Huddersfield Central Cricket League when he was presented with the Fred Stallard Trophy for 'outstanding service to cricket.'**

in the cricket league.  
Mr. Gilbert Earnshaw, chairman of the club and also of the Sports Centre committee, tells me that the Highlanders need at least £50,000 to develop their twelve-and-a-half acres of land.

**Newspaper  
cutting, 1974**

# JACK WARING



The Barak Ellis Trophy	
1971	Jack Waring
1972	Jack Waring
1973	Jack Waring



*“We’ve been here a long time and it’s a nice spot. I’ve got so many memories of this place. I loved playing here as a player, and now as a cricket-watcher I love to bring my granddaughter and relax. In summer it’s a real sun-trap.”*

## JACK WARING

Jack Waring has been a part of the Club for around 60 years. He was recognised as being an excellent batter and won the Lepton Highlanders’ Barak Ellis Trophy three times between 1971 and 1973. He now takes pleasure in seeing his son and grandson playing for the Highlanders.

# **LES BREARLEY**



**Les played for the Highlanders for more than 50 years.**

**Les travels from Honley to all the team's home and away matches.**

**This in itself is praiseworthy, but what makes this even more extraordinary is the fact that Les achieves this without a car!**

# THE ELLIS FAMILY



**Barak (left) and Victor Ellis**

The Ellis family feature heavily in the Highlanders' cricketing history.

When the club bought its HQ from the Whitley Beaumont Estate in 1953, Barak Ellis signed the key document as treasurer. He also played in the Holden Cup-winning team of 1930. He later became the groundsman for Highlanders and remained in this position for many years. As a reward for his efforts, a Club trophy for batting was given his name.

Barak's sons carried on the tradition with Joseph becoming a league rep, and Victor also working for the Club.