

SHELLEY CC

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NEVILLE TAYLOR



By 1988 Neville Taylor had already served as financial secretary for 28 years. He also captained the Club's 2nd XI for many years.

FRANK WADSWORTH & HARRY METCALFE

The contribution of Frank Wadsworth and Harry Metcalfe to Shelley C.C. was recognised in 1998 when a plaque was erected in their honour. Harry played for the Club in the 1950s and was a member of the 1951 Championship-winning side. He later became heavily involved in the Junior section and the became the Club's league representative.



Harry Metcalfe

Frank Wadsworth had been a spectator in 1920 when the Club played its first match in the Huddersfield Central League.

He served the Club in many capacities until his death in 1998. He captained the 1st XI for two years in the 1940s. His greatest moment as a player came on Whit Monday 1941, when he scored a century against Thurstonland.



DAVID WILSON

David Wilson won the Huddersfield Central League bowling prize in 1971 when the First XI lifted the Section B championship.



ARTHUR KILNER

When Arthur Kilner retired as Club treasurer in 1953, he had held the post for 18 years and been a member of the committee since 1905.

He was presented with an engraved Tea Pot in recognition of his devotion to the Club and was also made a life member.

BOB SYKES



Although his career had begun almost a century before, in 1988 (according to the Club's history brochure) Bob Sykes was still regarded as the greatest cricketer ever produced by Shelley.

After starting his career with the Shelley Church Cricket Club, he was professional with Holmebridge by the age of 18. By 1906 he was back playing in his home village, this time as part of the Shelley side that won the Dearne Valley League.

The next few years saw his career blossom with Barnsley, Hopton Mills and Kirkburton, before earning a call to play for Yorkshire Colts.

Following the interruption of the Great War, he returned to Shelley, winning the Central League batting prize in 1921, with a record average of 60.19, and 1926.

After winning the Central League title in 1922 and the Tinker Cup in 1926, his last trophy for the Club came in 1935 when, at the age of 50, he scored 78 in the Holden Cup final against Cumberworth.



WILLIE MEECH

In 1988 a special tribute was offered to Willie Meech in the Club's special history booklet. It recounted how, 'over recent years there have been times when Willie Meech has virtually carried the club single handed.' In that time he served as secretary, junior coach and groundsman.

GEORGE SCHOFIELD



The signing of George Schofield as professional, from Kexborough, just after the Second World War, heralded a successful era for Shelley C.C..

The Club won the Huddersfield Central League championship in 1945, 1947 and 1951. Schofield played as an amateur with the Club from 1947 onwards and won the League batting prize in 1947 (ave. 48) and again in 1948 (ave. 435.6) and 1950 (ave. 45.85).

IRVIN DYSON

After occupying the post of financial secretary as early as 1928, Irvin Dyson had become Club President by the 1950s. He also served as the Club's League representative and was President of the Huddersfield Central League in 1949. A seat on the ground was dedicated to him in 1966.



SHELLEY WOMEN

The huge contribution of Shelley C.C.'s women supporters was recognised in the Club's special history brochure, when special mention was made of the following dedicated workers:

Denise Mitchell, Anne Shepperd, Judith Frost, Joanne Coverdale, Madge Bentley, Evelyn Stephenson, Joan Taylor, Jean Burgin, Jean Sheffield, Barbara Wadsworth, June Archer, Maureen Matthews and Sheila Harrison.

LAWRENCE AUCKLAND



Lawrence Auckland was one of the Club's most successful captains. Under his guidance the 1st XI lifted the Huddersfield Central League championship in 1945 and 1947. He was also President of the Club from 1958 until 1980.

BOB HAIGH



Bob Haigh captained the Shelley 1st XI from 1965 to 1967 and has served as the Club's financial secretary and president. He also writes about the exploits of his beloved club in the local press.

In 1988 he researched *Century Plus*, a special publication which charted the history of Shelley C.C. from its origins in 1871.

The brochure has been invaluable to us as we have compiled this exhibition and we are indebted to Bob for this excellent work.