

## WALSDEN CC

The Later Years

# BRADMAN'S BAT

## SECOND WORLD WAR

During the War the Home Guard, ARP and Air Training Corps all played games on the Walsden ground and the Club provided a 'Don Bradman bat' to be raffled as part of the 'Todmorden Wings for Victory Week'.



Money and players were in short supply during both wars, although there was a little compensation after World War II.

A minute for 25 March 1946 states: ***'That the secretary write [to] the Borough Surveyor re. seating from air raid shelters.'***

# MOOR TRAGEDY

1947 - FIRST WOOD CUP FINAL APPEARANCE

**WALSDEN WELL BEATEN**

**Hallows 2 Off Century**

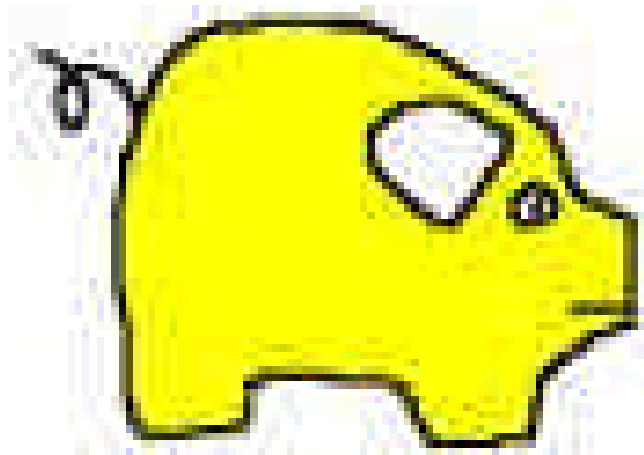
**ST. HILL WALSDEN'S MAINSTAY**

E. St. Hill again came into the picture as a batsman when Walsden visited Castleton Moor last Saturday. His valuable contribution of 47 was the best knock he has had this season. He was supported by Albert Connor and A. Brown each with 28, the latter having struck form after a bad spell, and E. Brewer, a recent addition to the team, with 19, in a total of 157. Achong the Castleton Moor professional and a countryman of St. Hill's captured 7 wickets for 57, including that of the Walsden "tower of strength," J. Threlfall for the cheap cost of 8 runs. Highlight of the match was a glorious 98 not out by C. Hallows, who opened for Castleton Moor and collected most of his runs by well placed singles.

WALSDEN			
R. Heaton	c Gilbertson b Achong	2	
R. Gladwell	c Milne b Achong	7	
J. Threlfall	st McDonough b Achong	9	
Albert Connor	c Hallows b Gilbertson	28	
A. Brown	lbw Achong	28	
H. Duffell	st McDonough b Achong	4	
Arthur Connor	c McDonough b Achong	0	
St. Hill	b Milne	47	
E. Brewer	b Gilbertson	12	
J. Wilkinson	c Milne b Achong	3	
E. Wilkinson	not out	4	
Extras		5	
Total		157	
2	13	44	49
80	60	125	135
146	157		
CASTLETON MOOR			
C. Hallows	not out	98	
A. Mitchell	b St. Hill	8	
J. McDonough	lbw b St. Hill	2	
H. McKeen	b St. Hill	0	
R. H. Schofield	b St. Hill	79	
S. W. Barlow	not out	14	
Extras		12	
Total (for 4 wickets)		191	
11	27	27	131
BOWLING—Castleton Moor			
		O.	M.
E. Achong		22	5
F. Milne		12	2
R. C. Gilbertson		53	0
C. Hallows		4	0
		R.	W.
		57	1
		47	2
		21	0
		27	0
Walsden			
		O.	M.
St. Hill		19	0
E. Wilkinson		14	3
J. Threlfall		1	0
R. Duffield		5	0
		R.	W.
		72	4
		39	0
		15	0
		23	0

# WHAT WAS THE YELLOW PIG?

1950 – CLUB MINUTES



On 19 June 1950 the committee recorded: *‘complaint made to League re. conduct of the Captain of Castleton Moor...in the manner of speech to [Walsden captain] Mr H. Walker insomuchas he said, “Don’t play the yellow pig.”’*

A press cartoon from the same year depicted some of Walsden's post-war heroes: Messrs Davies, Achong and Craven.



In Rigby's parade of personalities from the Radcliffe and Walsden Central Lancashire League teams are: Amarnath (Radcliffe) and Davies. Ellis Achong and scorer Mr. Craven (Walsden).

**ELLIS ACHONG**, whom Walsden secretary, Mr. S. Shann, described to me on Saturday as "the whitest man in cricket," is a dusky-skinned West Indian who bowls slow left-arm spinners. And on that beautiful little Walsden ground tucked amongst the towering hills, Ellis took seven Radcliffe wickets for 42 runs in Walsden's four wickets Central Lancashire League victory.

He found a grand companion for his "orgy" in wicket-keeper Davies. From Achong's bowling he claimed five victims (three stumped; two caught) and then took one from Alex Smith's bowling to make it a round half dozen.

Hurry Davenport, Radcliffe's

**By PETER THOMAS**

batting star (not so much for his brilliance but for his reliability), tried hard to inspire his colleagues to conquer Achong. It was a great deal to ask.

In all, six boundaries came in Radcliffe's 28. Most of the runs came from Achong's 15 overs. Most of them came when Achong set his "A little shorter next time" trap. Runs meant wickets.

Walsden's batsmen batted like the weather, fierce and bright and strong. With Barker sent a six over the wall and Davies hit a four that prompted a hurdle jump from fielder Ron Jenkins over the seats.

Parsonian Olive showed the

best bowling figures for Radcliffe with 5-23, but Amarnath, the Indian pro, gave a lesson in how to make a ball kick from a good length.

If ever Walsden should miraculously come into a fortune, what a magnificent ground they could build with the aid of Nature's grandstands about two sides of the field. Those hills were rather politely vacant of people who might have shirked their shifting at the gate for a free view from the hillside. Reason, maybe, is that this Cinderella of the Central Lancashire League is loved by them all, like a good Cinderella should be loved. Finally, a tip of the hat to Walter Craven, who has had 41 years with the Walsden club as scorer.

# PITCHES & POLLING!

1951 – ON-FIELD & OFF-FIELD

In 1951 a concrete practice pitch was installed thanks to a donation by Club president Mr R. Tatham.



In the same year the pavilion was used as a polling station and the dressing rooms were let as committee rooms for the Labour Party.

# GOOD NEIGHBOURS

## BRIDGEHOLME'S ORIGINS AT WALSDEN

Walsden C.C. hosted the Todmorden Works league matches for many years. Two of these teams, Nanholme and Bridgeroyd, joined forces to form a Saturday team – Bridgeholme C.C. – in 1951.

There is no place called Bridgeholme; its name derives from the names of the two mills. The driving forces behind B.C.C. were Percy Sowden of Bridgeroyd Mill and Walsden president R. Tatham, the Nanholme Mill boss.

Bridgeholme is the only surviving team from the old Todmorden & District Cricket League which folded in 1959.



**The new scoreboard at Bridgeholme's ground**

# SILVERWARE JOY

## 1954 - FIRST WOOD CUP FINAL VICTORY

THE NEWS AND AD

**Weekes the Walsden "Prince Charming"**

The legendary Wood Cup final of 1954 between Walsden and Middleton came to an end at Coppice, Werneth, on Wednesday night. To Arthur Connor fell the honour of making the winning stroke—a four through the covers—putting the name of Walsden on the Central Lancashire League's honours list for the first time in the club's 63 years as members of the league. At a ceremony surpassing any Wembley presentation for sincerity, Mr. William Wood—brother of the founder of the competition, the late Ald. John Henry Wood—presented Walsden skipper Len Moss with the cup.

Walsden reached the final in 1947 but were comfortably beaten by the then league leaders, Milnrow. The three Connor brothers of the present Walsden side were members of the 1947 final team.

Mr. W. W. Grundy, president of the league, and Mr. G. Cockcroft, J.P., C.C., chairman, were among those who offered congratulations to the Walsden team as a large crowd gathered on the steps of the Werneth pavilion to watch the presentation. Moss and Middleton's captain, Harry McDougall, spoke on behalf of the teams, and Mr. J. Nelson (president)

MIDDLETON			
J M Hyde lbw b Weekes	3	43	
E J Price b Coupe	17		
H McDougall c Coupe b Weekes	82		
J M Fisher b Weekes	3		
K Collinge b Weekes	0		
P Fawkes lbw b Weekes	19		
A Barlow lbw b Weekes	4		
W Lee c Potts b Weekes	19		
A L Moss st Alp. Connor b Weekes	0		
K Crook not out			
D Broome c Sub. b Weekes			
Extras			
Total	228		
34 91 103 103 158 172 213 213 227 220			
WALSDEN			
A Sutcliffe b Fisher	7		
C Potts c Price b Collinge	9		
Alb. Connor st Barlow b Collinge	20		
A L Moss c Hyde b Fisher	4		
J T Connor b Fisher	0		
K Henfrey b Price	6		
J Wilkinson c Fawkes b McDougall	17		
E Weekes not out	151		
Art. Connor not out	11		
Extras	4		
Total (for 7)	224		
12 29 33 33 38 46 104			
BOWLING			
Walsden		O.	M.
J Coupe	28	7	76
E Weekes	43.5	10	92
A L Moss	17	3	30
Middleton		O.	M.
E J Price	34	8	104
K Collinge	9	2	30
J M Fisher	16	2	60
Mr. H McDougall	17	2	26



Walsden Cricket Team, winners of the Wood Cup. Left to right: Back row: L. Daniels, K. Hontrey, J. Coupe, Albert Connor, A. Cordingley, Arthur Connor, Mr. J. Woodhead (scorer). Front row: A. Sturcuffe, J. Wilkinson, Mr. J. Nelson (president), A. L. Moss (captain), E. D. Weekes (professional), Mr. R. Tailham (chairman), W. Barker, C. Potts.

### LYDGATE HELD TO A DRAW

Lydgate Did. 19 Catholic Old Boys 2

Lydgate United, Pallister, A. Crabtree, M. Hornfall, Hartley, Rawthorne, Wilkinson, Jenkins, Ramsay, F. Crabtree, Holroyd, K. Brough.

Catholic Old Boys kicked-off against the sun and the strong breeze, but were soon finding it hard to penetrate the strong Lydgate defence. Lydgate were soon on the attack, Jenkins giving the left flank plenty of work to do. After about

### Walsden's Memorable Season

A frequent criticism of cricket coaching is that it tends to produce text book robots, suppressing natural movement, thus robbing the game of much character. In the season just ended—in which a coach was appointed for the first time in the history of the club—the Walsden players have revealed no such

The club's most successful bowler has been Jack Coupe, who has enjoyed his best season. There is more variation in his bowling and his aggregate tally of 89 wickets is more than any other amateur in the league. Coupe recorded a hat-trick against Littleborough and a nine for 18 return against Oldham. He has also had one or two useful innings and is frequently the most

## Review of the season



# 'A DOUBLE OF SORTS'

1962 – SUCCESSFUL SEASON

'*A double of sorts*' was the *Todmorden News and Advertiser's* understated verdict on Walsden's triumphant season of 1962. The Club won the Wood Cup and became champions of the Central Lancashire League for the first time, sharing the title with Stockport after a dramatic final day.



Nothing had seemed less likely at the end of June. Walsden were languishing in ninth place, 13 points behind leaders Stockport and had won just 3 of their last 11 games.

Progress was smoother in the Wood Cup. In the first round professional Bob Bartels (6 for 36 and 74 not out) was magnificent against Milnrow.

Jack Coupe (7 for 34) demolished Heywood in round 2 and the team received a huge confidence boost by beating Gary Sobers' Radcliffe over three nights in the semi-final at the start of July. Bartels and Peter Green

both took five wickets as Radcliffe were dismissed for 145.

Sobers, batting extremely low at number six, was left stranded with the tail and made 38. A whirlwind 42 in 36 minutes by Allan Stuttard, who struck Sobers for two sixes in an over, put the result beyond doubt and although the great West Indian took three wickets, his 14 overs cost 74 runs.



Despite ignominious defeat to Castleton Moor, who won only twice all season, Walsden closed on the League leaders in July. At the end of the month Radcliffe were despatched a second time, Sobers' 71 and 8 for 78 not enough to prevent defeat by 91 runs, and Middleton were defeated in the Wood Cup final at Milnrow, the match running to four evenings.

Basil D'Oliveira made 40 of Middleton's 156, but solid batting right down the order steered Walsden to victory by five wickets.

With three matches left, the 'Double' was 'on'. Walsden were third, four points behind joint leaders, Stockport and Radcliffe. Victory at Stockport was essential and duly

achieved, and a home win over Rochdale put Walsden top with one match to play as Radcliffe and Stockport slipped up against lowly opposition.



Three points ahead of Stockport and four ahead of Radcliffe, victory in the last match at Milnrow would guarantee Walsden the title. A draw would guarantee a share of it.

All looked fair as Milnrow were dismissed for 120 and Walsden cruised to 81 for 3. Then the wheels came off: Milnrow professional Cec Abrahams ran through the middle order.

At 95 for 9 with 20 minutes to play, Walsden's title dreams were hanging by a thread.

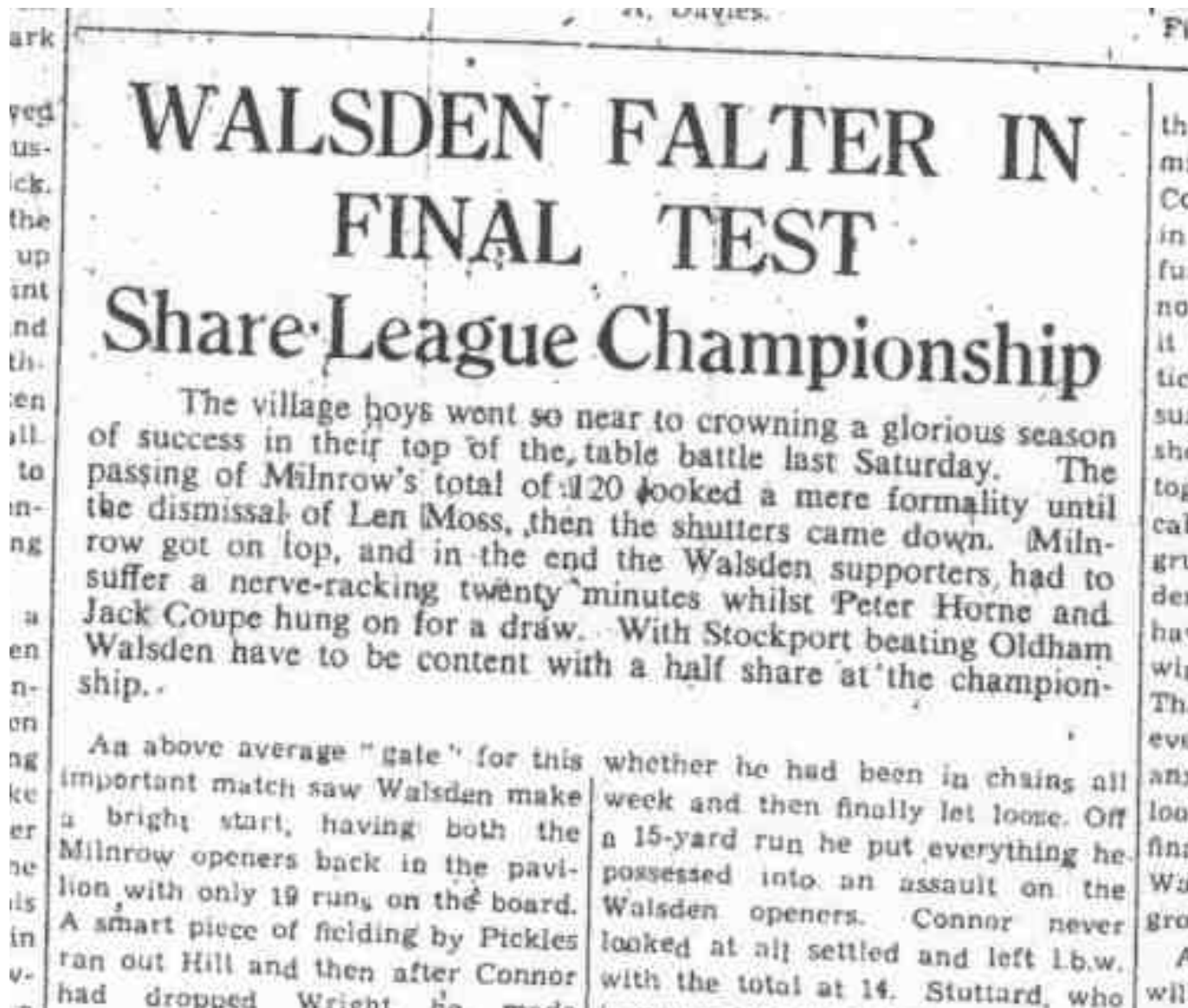
An appeal against the light was rejected and last pair Peter Horne and number 11 Jack Coupe defended grimly in the gathering gloom.

A close lbw appeal against Coupe in the final over was turned down and Walsden survived, Coupe 7 not out and Horne still on zero after the longest half hour of his cricketing life.



News of victory for Stockport confirmed two things.

The title had been shared – and Peter Horne had just played the most valuable nought not out in the history of the League.



# Match Results 1962

## League Matches

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Total For</i>	<i>Total Against</i>	<i>Result</i>
<b>April</b>					
Sat 21	MIDDLETON	HOME	Abandoned		D
Sat 28	Crompton	away	148	46	W
<b>May</b>					
Sat 5	Castleton Moor	away	97(1)	96	W
Sat 12	OLDHAM	HOME	113 (7)	111	W
Sun 13	ROYTON	HOME	94	130	L
Sat 20	Radcliffe	away	Abandoned		D
Sat 27	ASHTON	HOME	230(5)d	169	W
<b>June</b>					
Sat 2	Littleborough	away	203	112(6)	D
Sun 3	Royton	away	116	118(3)	L
Sat 9	STOCKPORT	HOME	92	162	L
Fri 15	Heywood	away	122	106	W
Sat 16	Rochdale	away	89	213(8)d	L
Mon 18	HEYWOOD	HOME	126	55	W
Sat 23	MILNROW	HOME	147(9)	257(8)d	D
Sat 30	Middleton	away	145	148(4)	L
<b>July</b>					
Sat 7	CROMPTON	HOME	142(3)	140	W
Sat 14	CASTLETON MR	HOME	207	210	L
Tues 17,					
Wed 18	Werneth	away	195(7)d	40(0)	D
Sat 21	Oldham	away	206(9)d	147	L
Sat 28	RADCLIFFE	HOME	244	153	W
August					
Sat 4	Ashton	away	140	142(7)	L
Sun 5	WERNETH	HOME	144(3)	136	W
Sat 11	LITTLEBOROUGH	HOME	Abandoned		D
Sat 18	Stockport	away	116(7)	113	W
Sat 25	ROCHDALE	HOME	127(7)	53	W
Sept					
Sat 1	Milnrow	away	107(9)	120	D

## Wood Cup

<b>May</b>					
Sun 21	MILNROW	HOME	116(5)	105	W

<b>June</b>					
Sun 3	Heywood	away	55(5)	51	W
<b>July</b>					
Mon 2 -					
Wed 4	RADCLIFFE	HOME	146(6)	145	W
Mon 30 -					
<b>August</b>					
Thurs 2	Middleton	away*	157(5)	156	W

- played at Milnrow



**The Boys of '62**



## **Central Lancashire League Final Table 1962**

<i>Position</i>		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Points</i>
1=	Walsden	26	12	7	7	55
1=	Stockport	26	11	11	4	55
3	Radcliffe	26	11	10	5	54
4	Ashton	26	12	5	9	53
5	Middleton	26	10	9	7	49
6	Werneth	26	9	11*	6	48
7=	Heywood	26	9	11	6	47
7=	Rochdale	26	9	11	6	47
7=	Royton	26	9	10*	7	47
10	Littleborough	26	7	14	5	42
11	Crompton	26	6	9	11	33
12	Milnrow	26	5	11	10	31
13	Castleton Moor	26	2	9	15	17
14	Oldham	26	1	10	15	14

Walsden and Stockport joint champions; Win 4pts; Draw 1pt; Loss 0pts; \* denotes two points for a tied game

# CINDERS AND THE CRICKET BALL

1963 – COUNCILLOR’S COMMENTS

*‘Walsden are known as the “Cinderella” club and are content to stay that way. We don’t want to have to work all season just to pay one star his wages.’*



So commented Coucillor Fielden at the club’s AGM of 1963, and it seemed that the rest of the League was, temporarily at least, in agreement.



# AT LONG LAST!

1964 – FIRST OUTRIGHT CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Previewing the 1964 season, 'Matt', the whimsical reporter at the *Todmorden News and Advertiser*, commented: ***'It seems that all the other clubs have answered "And so say all of us". Not one star name appears on the list. Gone are the names of yesterday – Cec Pepper, Gary Sobers, Sonny Ramadhin, Dattu Phadkar.'***



Nor did he welcome an extension of Sunday cricket introduced in the early 1960s, as the Wood Cup faced the prospect of ten 'double headers': ***'For players' wives who are not interested in cricket there are going to be many lonely weekends and for reporters' wives who are not interested in cricket – well, my divorce proceedings begin next week.'***

He felt, however, that the omens were good for Walsden: ***'On the administrative side it is pleasing to see at long last an old player on the selection committee – for let's face it, in the past some of the selectors would have been better suited to picking a tiddly-***

**winks side. Jim Wilkinson is the older player in question and his knowledge of the game should help a great deal.'**



With the pros all 'much of a muchness', the League would be a true test of amateur ability, and so it proved.

Walsden stayed with the leaders in the early weeks of the season and pulled away from the pack with six wins from eight games in June and July. With four matches to go, Walsden were six points ahead of second-placed Werneth and nine clear of Ashton in third.

Defeats to Heywood and Royton allowed Ashton to cut the lead to one point and Werneth to two. A repeat of 1962's shared title was a possibility, but Walsden held their nerve to beat Middleton by 36 runs on the final day.



Matt's predictions had proved correct:

***...their outstanding season of triumph has at last proved that Walsden have some of the finest amateurs in the Central Lancashire League.***

**Walsden's team has not greatly differed in the last ten seasons but whereas other clubs have had the big name professionals to pull them through Walsden have plodded along getting the best man possible at the price they could afford. Now when the stars have departed and the amateurs have come to the fore Walsden have at last proved themselves. For instance, where in the league is there a better opening attack than Jack Coupe and Steve Boam? Where is there a better opening bat than Bill Barker, and where is there a finer wicket keeper than Sammy Connor?**

## WALSDEN ARE CENTRAL LANC'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

### Green's Pace Proves Too Hot For Middleton

Hats were thrown in the air and spectators wept unashamedly at Middleton last Saturday evening when Walsden skipper Bill Barker received the league championship cup from the Central Lancashire League's president Mr. Hibbert-Johnson.

After a day of thrills in a match that had just about everything a cricket follower could wish for, Walsden, thanks to a whole-hearted team performance, were finally victorious and so claimed their first outright championship.

A fine innings of 39 not out by Alan Suttard and a brilliant bowling performance from Peter Green were two of the reasons for Walsden's victory but it was Walsden's crisp work in the field that finally saw them home.

Walsden have never forgotten Middleton's Wood Cup victory over them in 1951 and 1952, and skipper Peter Barker made it clear that it was going to be a hard struggle when he sent them to bat. He wished Bill Barker "the best of luck" and then added "I hope we win."

Walsden set off at a racing pace with Barker and Sammy Connor having 36 runs on the board in the first minutes play, but when Connor left with the total at 47 the outlook of the game changed completely.

That "wily old man" of Middleton, Eric Price, was introduced into the attack and the temperature of the game dropped from fever pitch to our freezing point. Suttard was out at 42 against the wiles of Price and he struggled for 43 minutes for his eight runs. This set the pattern for the rest of the Walsden innings, as they seemed content to "sit out the wicket" and get baffled by the frequent deliveries of the extraordinary spinner. It was just what Price wanted and as the Walsden batsmen remained glued to their crease they played right into his hands.

After a polished knock of 39 Barker was out in attempting to score the race and when Price

... of Middleton Peter Green. After... Green set into Middleton with some really accurate pace bowling and in his next eight overs he claimed four further wickets for just six runs. It was a truly magnificent performance backed up by some splendid work in the field. Most boys are good at hitting at backward points and in both of these efforts Green scattered the wickets of Gundry and Lennon.

Earlier, Coupe and Connor, the visiting wicket of Middleton, were out at 12 runs and another 12 minutes later the match was over. Barker made way for Steve Boam, Boam took the final two wickets and so made his presence and for an analysis of this match see page 10.

There was yet another highlight in the match. Walsden were declared a draw and that was the way they finished. The "wily" Albert Connor took 30 wickets. Price's "pace" took a further 20 wickets and a ball from Boam... and... as the new Connor... to a... leg. It really brought the home down and the Walsden... had... the...

#### Central Lancs. League

##### FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	P
Walsden	20	12	4	3	01
Ashton	20	12	5	3	07
Horwood	20	12	7	7	05
Werneth	20	12	7	1	02
Stockport	20	10	7	3	08
Lithamworth	20	10	6	4	03
Middleton	20	7	7	12	05
Cannington	20	4	11	5	09
Rochdale	20	4	7	13	07
Castleton Moor	20	0	9	11	05
Culham	20	0	9	11	05
Milnrow	20	0	10	10	04
Heyton	20	0	12	8	02
Radcliffe	20	0	15	5	02

#### CENTRAL LANC'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

##### WALSDEN 2ND XI VS MIDDLETON 2ND XI

Played at Walsden on Saturday

Walsden

M. Bailey c. Colshaw b. Price	5
P. Harris c. Partington b. Price	10
B. Hildon c. Horton b. Price	43
M. Hartley c. Horton b. Price	6
R. D. Lister c. Woodall b. Price	9
A. Hamblin b. Price	11
J. Smith run out	5
K. Buxton c. Harris b. Price	7
S. Sillar b. Colshaw	10
Sturges not out	10
D. Hartley b. Horton	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>11 10 29 30 07 06 24 27 114</b>	

Middleton

C. Hughes b. S. Sillar	10
R. Colshaw c. Smith b. Hartley	10
J. Partington c. Sillar b. Hartley	10
J. Davison b. Harris	10
P. Dickins c. Bailey b. Sillar	10
A. Morton c. Smith b. Hartley	10
P. Harris c. Bailey b. Sillar	10

#### Averages

##### BATTING

Player	Runs	Wickets	Runs per Wicket
K. Williamson	32	10	3.20
S. Oliver	11	4	2.75
H. Dawson	21	5	4.20
M. Heywood	24	4	6.00
A. Lowe	19	5	3.80
P. Threlkay	8	2	4.00
P. Brownbridge	14	3	4.67
M. Litch	15	3	5.00
J. Stanfield	17	3	5.67
H. Davies	10	3	3.33
S. Hallows	10	3	3.33
H. Mansell	9	3	3.00
H. Whitaker	12	3	4.00

#### Qualification Innings

\*Not out

##### BOWLING

Player	O	M	R	W	Av.
S. Oliver	28	7	51	10	5.10
H. Litch	54	0	104	12	8.67
G. Warren	22	0	100	11	9.09
B. Davies	63	0	229	13	17.61
H. Whitaker	173	10	673	30	22.43

Qualification: 5 wickets

#### Lancs. League

##### ALL LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	P
Barnley	20	14	7	1	00
Haslingden	20	12	0	8	00
East Lancashire	20	10	13	3	07
Clitheroe	20	9	0	11	00
Banstead	20	7	7	7	00
Calva	20	6	13	8	07
Walsden	20	12	4	3	07
Todmorden	20	4	16	4	00
Tandridge	20	4	15	6	01
Rawtenstall	20	4	10	2	00
Wharfedale	20	0	18	0	00
Bury	20	3	14	3	00
Spalding	20	0	20	0	00

## Match Results 1964

Date Result	League Matches		Total Against	Total
	Opponents	Venue For		
<b>May</b>				
Sun 3 W	Radcliffe	away	97	81
Sat 9 L	ASHTON	HOME	68	71(1)
Sat 16 W	Littleborough	away	150	71
Sat 23 W	STOCKPORT	HOME	97(3)	88
Sun 24 D	Castleton Moor	away	165(8)dec	91(7)
Sat 30 D	Crompton	away	Aban	94(8)
<b>June</b>				
Sat 6 D	ROCHDALE	HOME	Abandoned	
Sun 7 W	CASTLETON MR	HOME	114	112
Sat 13 W	Heywood	away	103(7)	100
Sat 20 W	ROYTON	HOME	124(3)	122
Sat 27 177(9)dec	Werneth L	away	145	
<b>July</b>				
Sat 4 W	MIDDLETON	HOME	150(2)	148
Sun 5 W	Milnrow	away	62(4)	61
Sat 11 D	RADCLIFFE	HOME	134(9)	167
Sat 18 W	Ashton	away	87(4)	86
Sun 19 158(9)dec	MILNROW D	HOME	59(4)	
Sat 25 158(7)dec	LITTLEBRO D	HOME	145(8)	

**August**

Sat 1 D	Stockport	away	114	39(6)
Sun 2 W	OLDHAM	HOME	134(8)	132
Sat 8 D	CROMPTON	HOME	54(1)	Aban
Sat 15 W	Rochdale	away	81(1)	75
Sun 16 W	Oldham	away	133(9)	132
Sat 22 L	HEYWOOD	HOME	94	96(8)
Sat 29 L	Royton	away	61	129
<b>Sept</b>				
Sat 5 D	WERNETH	HOME	Aban	102
Sat 12 W	Middleton	away	147	111

**Wood Cup****May**

Sun 17 W	Rochdale	away	217	197
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Sun 31,

**June**

Wed 3, Mon 8 L	CASTLETON MR	HOME	98	100(5)
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**Central Lancashire League Final Table 1964**

Position			Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1	Walsden	26	13	9	4	61	
2	Ashton		26	12	9	5	57
3=	Heywood		26	12	7	7	55

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5 Stockport	26	10	9	7	49	
6 Littleborough	26	10	8	8	48	
7 Middleton	26	7	12	7	40	
8 Crompton	26	8	7	11	39	
9 Rochdale	26	6	13	7	37	
10=	Castleton Moor	26	6	11	9	35
10=	Oldham	26	6	11	9	35
12 Milnrow	26	6	10	10	34	
13 Royton		26	5	9	12	29
14 Radcliffe	26	5	6	15	26	

Win 4pts; Draw 1pt; Loss 0pts



### Averages 1964

#### Batting (qualification 10 innings)

	Innings	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Total Runs	Average
W Barker	24	3	82	691	32.90
J Springall (pro)	25	5	56	413	20.65
A Connor	21	3	42	287	15.94
W Connor	23	1	58	323	14.68
A Stuttard	20	5	39	200	13.33
L Moss	17	0	37	213	12.52
G Pickles	20	3	53	202	11.88
A Sutcliffe	15	1	29	124	8.85
J Coupe	13	2	23	61	5.54
S Boam	12	9	8	16	5.33
P Green	15	2	14	59	4.53

#### Bowling (qualification 10 wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J Coupe	269.6	64	756	71	10.33
S Boam	195.6	48	643	54	11.90
J Springall (pro)	148.1	30	514	38	13.52
P Green	147.2	31	515	34	15.14
L Moss	63	18	217	13	16.69

# LOYAL SERVANTS

## CLUB WOMEN

Over the decades, Walsden's women members have made a massive contribution to the Club's wellbeing.



## HAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!



Relaxing Ascot style at Scott Street

PICTURE BY DAVID EVANS

WALSDEN Cricket Club chairman Allan Stuttard took his hat off to the club's ladies' section after a successful event last weekend.

Sunday was not the best of days on the field for Walsden's first eleven, who lost to Littleborough, but the Ladies' Day chiefly organised by Bev Rushton

and Nicola Gale proved to be a great success.

Proving Ascot isn't the only event where the fairer sex can parade their brightest headgear, Scott Street was packed with a fine selection of chapeaus being sported in the crowd.

The match formed only part of the day's entertain-

ment, said the chairman.

Explained Allan: "The ladies had plenty of entertainment laid on, including a buffet, a glass of Pimms while they watched the game, wine with their meal and a cabaret at night.

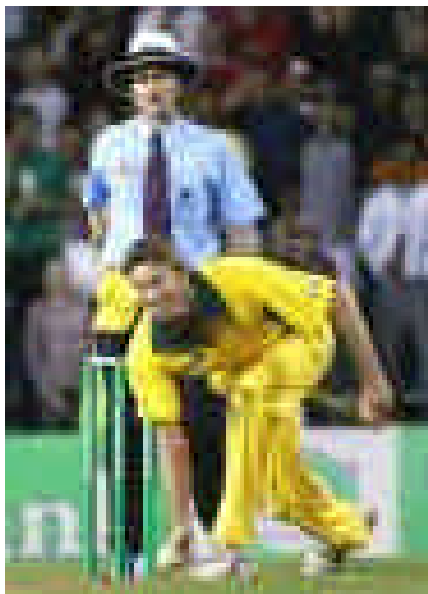
"It went down very well and was a great success."



# ALL-ROUND HERO

1975 – WOOD CUP WINNERS

Australian star Trevor Chappell inspired Walsden to Wood Cup victory over Werneth in 1975 – scoring 124 not out with the bat and taking 5-30 with the ball.



**Trevor Chappell: most famous – or infamous –  
for his underarm antics against New Zealand**

# CASTLE HEADQUARTERS

1978/9 – NEW VENUE

During seasons 1978 and 1979 Walsden 3<sup>rd</sup> XI played at Dobroyd Castle.



# MARVELOUS MOHSIN!

1983/4 – PAKISTANI STAR

In 1983 Walsden's signed stylish Pakistan opening batsman Mohsin Khan, shortly after he had scored a Test double century at Lords. In 1984 he thrashed 1,378 runs in total for Walsden.



**Photo: [www.sporting-heroes.net](http://www.sporting-heroes.net)**

# PRETTY PICTURE

1991 - SNOW-COVERED GROUND



And when it wasn't snowing, this was the Walsden 3<sup>rd</sup> XI.



# SPECIAL OCCASIONS

## 1992 – GAME FOR PARTIALLY-SIGHTED CRICKETERS

In 1992 Walsden put on a very special cricket match – for those with a seeing disability.

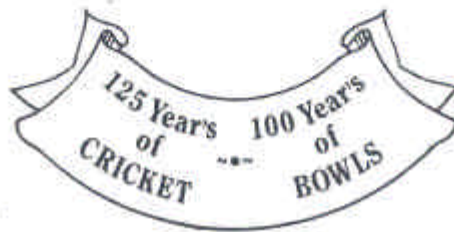


In the same year, Scott Street played host to archery.



# 125 NOT OUT!

1995 – SPECIAL CELEBRATION



# LADIES ONLY!

2000 – WOMEN'S GAME



In Millennium year, Walsden hosted a special women's cricket match.

# GROUND FORCE!

2000/1 – PAVILION PLANS



**MONDAY** marks a red letter day for Walsden Cricket and Bowling Club, when work finally begins on rebuilding the pavilion which has stood since 1910.

Back then the building was bought second hand and rebuilt on the Scott Street site, says chairman Allan Stuttard, at a cost of £25. A further £194 was raised to furnish and decorate the building.

"The club has seen two lottery bids turned down but a magnificent effort has seen the money raised to enable work to start, despite a few setbacks," said Allan.

"We would like to thank all those who have made the project possible - but we still need to raise money towards the ever spiralling cost of cricket and will be holding several major events to enable the pavilion to be improved when building work is completed in six months' time."

This atmospheric photograph - probably taken in the 1950s - shows the old dressing rooms, which were rebuilt in 1962, and the front of the pavilion which is now being replaced, before its alteration in 1986.



# TEST STARS LAUNCH 'BUY A BRICK' BID

By John Greenwood

WALSDEN Cricket Club launched their £30,000 "Buy a Brick" campaign at Scott Street last week with some good news to help the club's lottery bid.

Former Todmorden, Lancashire and England fast bowler Peter Lever, whose company has drawn up the bid, enlisted the support of former test colleagues Jack Simmonds and Ken Shuttleworth for the launch, and the Mayor of Todmorden, Coun Steve Martin, was able to give them some news regarding the club's lease.

Walsden aims to secure around £250,000 of lottery

cash through the Sports Council by redeveloping large sections of the ground, creating a home for other sporting organisations and becoming a centre for sport and leisure 12 months of the year.

They will have to raise around £30,000 themselves and Todmorden Town Council has been working with the club to iron out a new lease, which would strengthen the club's bid.

The bid has a greater chance of success with a lengthy lease, for which the council are the legal tenants and are bound by the terms of the trust which left the land to the village, recognised by the Charities Commission.

At the council's meeting last Wednesday Coun Martin said several members of the council had asked him about progressing the bid and the time schedule was tight.

"We have managed to short circuit things a bit by the Charities' Commission letting us go ahead with a longer-



Pictured at the Scott Street "Buy a Brick" launch are, from the left, Jack Simmonds, Ken Shuttleworth, Peter Lever, the Mayor Coun Steve Martin, club secretary Paul Dawson, chairman Allan Stiffard and treasurer Colin Anker. The Mayor presented the club and former test star Mr Lever with letters aimed at helping the bid.

lease and questions over the pavilion have been waived. There seems to be more urgency now and the club have asked if they can have something like a draft lease or a letter expressing our intentions that the lottery board can use," he said.

He proposed that an official letter could be provided which outlined what the council had agreed in principle, namely its intention to grant the club a 50 year lease at a peppercorn rent to be kept at that until a time of review.

Councillors agreed such a letter could be drafted by the time requested by the club and Coun Martin presented copies to the club and Mr Lever at the Thursday launch.

Those wishing to help the club make their target can "buy a brick" at £10 per brick. Cheques should be made payable to Walsden CC Building Fund.

Test stars and club officials hosted the launch, with a

junior match against Todmorden played the same evening.

In addition to the redevelopment plans memorabilia from Walsden's history was also on show.

# President opens new lounge



**CUTTING the tape...**Mr Gordon Rigg, president of Walsden Cricket Club, officially opened Walsden Cricket and Bowling Club's new function room at the club's annual meeting last week.

The opening, at Walsden's Scott Street ground, was followed by a successful Sunday lunchtime event for visitors, said chairman Mr Allan Stuttard.

The annual meeting also saw Mr Gordon Rigg and Mr Allen

Marshall made life members of the club, he said.

Tonight's first evening event, featuring rock and roll group All-Stars, is now sold out, getting the new function room off to a great start, said Mr Stuttard.



**WALSDEN** Cricket Club's new weather vane was put in place before last Sunday's first eleven clash with Werneth.

The weather vane, designed by Todmorden sportsman Trevor Cryer, has been put in place in memory of club stalwart Frank Green, who was chairman at the Scott Street club for a decade.

Frank's brother Peter sponsored the match, in which Walsden just failed to make the Werneth target in a tight finish, and among the guests were Frank's sons Brian, Stuart and Ashley, along with other members of the Green family, who have ongoing links with the club.

Pictured above are Peter, Brian, Stuart and Ashley and club's new weather vane is pictured right.



# BLOWING A GALE!

2004 – SIGHTSCREEN PROBLEMS



# COMMUNITY CLUB

2005 – CHARITY DAY

As if to emphasise themes of family and community which characterise Walsden Cricket Club's history, 2005 saw the Club hosting a Charity Day for the Walsden Community Fund which raised £1,000 in aid of the St. Peter's Church Spire Fund.



**St. Peter's Church**

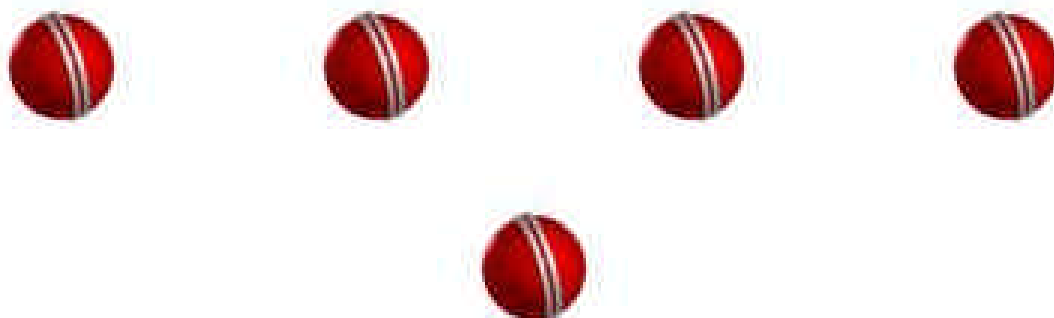
The photograph of the event in the *Todmorden News* of 1 July featured, appropriately, a latest generation Barker and Connor.

# BRIGHT FUTURE

## CLUB TODAY

Thirty years ago Walsden ran three teams. It now runs seven – three open- age teams, plus under-18s, -15s, -13s and -11s.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had forerunners in the Todmorden & District and Hebden Bridge cricket leagues until the 1950s, and was re-formed in 1978 when it joined the Halifax & District Cricket Association – where they met a few of the old local league teams such as Old Town and Bridgeholme.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI won promotion in their first season and won the Calder Valley Cup in 1991. During this time matches were played at Walsden, Dobroyd and Calder High School. After 24 seasons, the third team left to join the Central Lancashire 3rd Team League, winning the knockout cup in 2002.

Walsden have also entered the twenty-first century with an excellent website: [www.walsdencandbc.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.walsdencandbc.fsnet.co.uk).



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