

**Bitteswell Cricket Club  
1903 – 2003**

**Centenary Booklet**

Compiled by Brian Burningham

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What no one told me was how long it takes to compile a cricket club history!

My grateful thanks to Janet Ogden for agreeing to scan the jumble of photos and merging them with my garbled text to produce this brief history of Bitteswell Cricket Club.

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## **Bitteswell Cricket Club**

A cricket match took place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1789 between the villagers of Lutterworth and Ullesthorpe and was recorded in the Leicester Journal of that year. "On Saturday last was play'd (sic) at Lutterworth in this County a match of cricket between the players of that town and Ullesthorpe which was won with great ease by the latter, though the odds were 2 to 1 the first innings on Lutterworth. The game was played with the strictest attention by both parties and indeed with the greatest harmony". This is an extremely early date for cricket in the Midlands and was probably only a group of villagers challenging another to a game and involved a wager. At the time the population of Lutterworth was only 1800 and Ullesthorpe was about 400, and almost certainly the teams would have included some players from Bitteswell, unfortunately no score book has been found.

The earliest known record of the Club was in 1903, it was a formally run club at that time and in 1905 won the Aikman Cup. This was a Lutterworth & District Village Cricket Challenge Cup presented by The Rev C Rodwell and Capt Hugh Harry Robertson-Aikman, who later became Major Aikman, he was the Lord of the Manor of Dunton Bassett and was captain of Lutterworth CC in 1914 and also President of the Lutterworth League in the 1920's, the Rev Christopher Rodwell was Vicar of Kimcote. Bitteswell won this Cup many times right through to the late 1930's, and eventually Major Aikman donated the Cup to Bitteswell.



### **Bitteswell, Winners of the Village Cup 1913**

J Barlow, G Wilder, Gillespie-Stanton, H Richardson, H Ford, M Smith, C Sanders  
C Peabody, J Reed, H Randle (Capt), G Crisp-Clarke, A Peabody  
N Garner, W Johnson, A Chamberlain



### **The Aikman Lutterworth & District Village Cup**

The list of winners engraved on the Cup gives the names of a number of local village cricket clubs that sadly no longer exist, such as Leire, Kimcote & Walton, Ashby Magna, Willoughby Waterleys and Arnesby.

Like most cricket clubs Bitteswell ceased games during the First World War, but was reformed in 1919. 'Bib' Peabody was elected Treasurer and Secretary and held the position of Treasurer for 58 years and Secretary for 65 years, consequently the present Secretary, Brian Burningham, is only the third since 1919.

During the inter war years the Scotton Family became heavily involved with the Club. Eric Scotton (Pete Smith's Grandfather) was a major supporter of the Club and was Captain and Chairman for many years and also umpired.

In the early years the cricket ground was in Ashby Lane in Bitteswell on land owned by Mr Masters. It was clear that the relationship between the Club and Mr Masters were often strained. The minutes of the Committee Meeting of November 1924 record that the Club had been asked to quit the field, however the Club managed to retain it by improving the fences and paying an increased rent of £5. At this meeting it was agreed to join the Lutterworth Village League and Eric Scotton resigned as captain and was replaced by Major Bromilow and Bib Peabody offered to look after the ground in addition to being Treasurer and Secretary.

At the Lutterworth Village League AGM held in 1925 it was recorded that there were 291 players registered. Gilmorton had won the Championship Cup, and it was decided to split the League into two divisions. The secretaries of the various clubs formed a committee, clubs involved included Bruntingthorpe, Bitteswell, Dunton Bassett, Gilmorton, Leire, Walton, Willoughby Waterleys, Peatling Parva, Ullesthorpe and of course Bitteswell.

In an end of season match between a League XI and Lutterworth, Richardson of Bitteswell top scored for the League with 28 and the League won by 15 runs.



### **Bitteswell CC 1926**

E Timms, B Reeves, C Peabody, M Calver, A Dunkley, G Harrison, Rev Toplis, A Clarke, E Scotton  
A Peabody, C Harrison, D Marlers

An entry in the Minutes of a Committee Meeting held in 1931 makes interesting reading and would not be considered politically correct in these times. "It was resolved that the Secretary be asked to ask Mrs Peabody Senr and Mrs Peabody Junr if they would kindly undertake to arrange for a supper and if so, that it would be held in the schoolroom on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1931. It was suggested that Ladies might be allowed to come to the Supper but after some discussion this suggestion was dropped".



### **Bitteswell CC Winners of the Aikman Cup 1932**

G Palmer, E Timms, M Stevens, W Masters, ? , ? , C Smith, C Peabody, G Sharpe, F Ivens  
S Grundy, A Sharpe, E Scotton, T Carver, E Peabody, C Harrison, R Ivens

Eric Scotton farmed in Bitteswell and in 1935 he offered the Club the use of one of his fields for a cricket ground and in 1936 the club moved to this new ground which continues as the ground today.

# CRICKET

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“HOUNSFIELD” CHARITY CUP  
COMPETITION.

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**FINAL TIE.**

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**COUNTSTHORPE BAPTISTS**

v.

**BITTESWELL**

TO BE PLAYED AT

**DUNTON BASSETT,**

ON

**TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1937**

PLAY COMMENCES AT 7 P.M.

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**ADMISSION, 3d. - - School Boys, Free.**

Poster advertising an early Match  
(Courtesy Lutterworth Museum)



With the advent of war it was hoped to play a few games in 1940 but none were recorded. In 1946 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War a meeting was held to restart cricket again, the Subscriptions were agreed at 10/- (50p) and the bank balance was £9.



### **Bitteswell CC c1940**

? , E Jesson, A Peabody, A Sharpe, D Bevin, H Stevens, ? , E Timms  
P Betts, S Grundy, E Scotton, S Spencer

After much discussion and consultation with the Rev Toplis, the Vicar of Bitteswell, it was agreed that the Club could play some cricket on Sundays in 1951 and six games were arranged, but stumps had to be drawn by 6pm.

In 1951 Eric Scotton acquired an ex RAF hut which he offered to the Club as a pavilion. The President, Mr Clark, offered a donation of £100 towards the cost of the Pavilion, provided it was erected within one year. The Club started to use the new Pavilion in 1952.



**Bitteswell CC 1953**

E Timms, F Darling, A Sharpe, R Smith, D Ogden, B Sutton, Mrs Scotton  
S Spencer, A Peabody, J Beaton, E Scotton,, S Grundy, B Johnson

## BITTESWELL Cricket Club

*Officers - Season 1953*

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*Selection Committee :*

*Captain, Vice-Captain and J. E. Timms*

*Captain : J. Beaton*

*Vice-Captain : T. E. Scotton*

*Hon. Secretary-Treasurer : A. E. Peabody*

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### FIXTURES 1953

Date	Opponents	G'nd
May	2 Oakfield	A
	9 Old Wyggestonians	H
	16 Willans	A
	23 Lutterworth	H
	25 (Whit Monday) Atherstone	A
	30 Veronique	H
June	6	
	13 Wolvey	H
	20 Lutterworth	A
July	27 Corahs	H
	4 Oxford & Wycliffe	H
	11 Corahs	A
	18 East Haddon	A
Aug.	25 Oakfield	H
	1 Atherstone	H
	3 (Aug. Mon.) Globe Trotters	H
	8 Old Wyggestonians	A
	15 Nomads	H
	22 Leicester Town	H
	29 Wolvey	A
Sep.	5 East Haddon	H
	12 Nomads	A
	19 Willans	H
	26 Leicester Town	H

**Fixture Card 1953**

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# BITTESWELL CRICKET CLUB

Season 1958

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H. Bryan, Printer, Leamington

## FIXTURES, 1958.

May 3	...	Victoria Road Church	...	...	home
" 10	...	Wanderers	...	...	home
" 17	...	Oxford and Wycliffe	...	...	home
" 24	...	Lutterworth	...	...	home
" 26	(Whit-Monday)	...	Leicester University	...	home
" 31	...	Veronique	...	...	home
June 7	...	East Haddon	...	...	away
" 14	...	Y.M.C.A., Leicester	...	...	home
" 21	...	Nomads	...	...	away
" 28	...	East Haddon	...	...	home
July 5	...	Dunchurch	...	...	away
" 12	...	Oxford and Wycliffe	...	...	away
" 19	...	Ivanhoe	...	...	home
" 26	...	Dunchurch	...	...	home
Aug. 2	...	Leicester Town	...	...	away
" 4	(August-Monday)	...	Globe Trotters	...	home
" 9	...	Hinckley	...	...	away
" 16	...	Y.M.C.A., Leicester	...	...	away
" 23	...	Corahs	...	...	home
" 30	...	Lutterworth	...	...	home
Sept. 6	...	Hinckley	...	...	home
" 13	...	Nomads	...	...	home
" 20	...	Leicester Town	...	...	home

### SUNDAY MATCHES

June 15	...	Mills & Rockley	...	...	home
July 13	...	Ramblers	...	...	home
Aug. 17	...	Mills & Rockley	...	...	home

### EVENING MATCHES

May 29	...	Old Guard	...	...	home
July 15	...	Lutterworth	...	...	away

Fixture Card 1958

In the 1960's the Club used to have a Lamb Supper at the end of every season. A mixed Club game was played followed by a meal of roast lamb. Marcus Stevens, the Ullesthorpe butcher, supplied the lamb and John Dickinson, the Lutterworth baker, roasted the lamb in one of his bread ovens. It is hoped to resurrect this event for the Centenary Celebrations, although the cooking arrangements will be changed.



**Team taking part in the Lamb Supper Match September 1964**



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**A cricketing family**  
**A young Pete Smith with his father, Roy Smith and his grandfathers Cecil Smith and Eric Scotton (Sept 1964)**

(Probably taken at the Lamb Supper Match)

The Club had a good season in 1968, Richard Cooper scored 103 not out against Walton le Wolds, Joe Tallis scored 100 not out against Leicester Nomads, and Brian Hoggarth scored 90 against Walton.

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 1968 at Lutterworth, Bitteswell beat Lutterworth by 109 runs

**Bitteswell 149** - J Tallis 55, B Wood 50

**Lutterworth 40** - E Smith 17, D Brunskill 5 for 18, B Sutton 3 for 13

In 1976 Pete Smith had an exceptional season scoring 994 runs and taking 96 wickets, unfortunately the last game of the season was rained off, other wise he would have achieved the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets. Nevertheless this is a Club record.

In the 1970's the Club was extremely strong and was probably the best village side in Leicestershire, if not the East Midlands, it won the Village Cricket Championship (also known as the Village Cup) for the area in 1977, 1978, and 1979. In those days the Daily Mirror presented bats for best performances and a number of Bitteswell Players won these, including Pete Smith, Ernie Stanford and Tony Hudson.

The **1977** Area Final of the Village cup, Bitteswell played Buckminster from Leicestershire who had dominated the Cup for several years and Bitteswell won by 5 wickets. (see press cutting).

**Buckminster** 151, - Ernie Stanford 2 wickets for 22.

**Bitteswell** 152 for 5 wickets, - Robert Ogden 41, Ernie Stanford 76 no

In the Regional Round, Bitteswell played Collingham from Yorkshire. It was alleged that Collingham played a ringer in this match as spectators around the ground did not know his identity and had not seen him before. He scored 109!

**Collingham** 229 for 3.

**Bitteswell** 176 for 5 - Robert Ogden 32, Ernie Stanford 51, Tony Hudson 31. Lost by 53 runs.

In one of the **1978** Village Cup matches Bitteswell played Higham on 14th June.

**Bitteswell** scored 137, - Pete Smith 70,

**Higham** scored only 15, - Tony Hudson 8 wickets for 4 in 9 overs, it should have been 9 wickets but a simple catch was dropped (we all know who dropped it!), Pete Smith 2 wickets for 10 in 8.1 overs.

In the **1978** Area Final Bitteswell played Fulbeck from Lincolnshire.

**Fulbeck** scored 86, - Pete Smith taking 5 wickets for 15, and Tony Hudson taking 2 wickets for 6 in 9 overs.

**Bitteswell** scored 87 for 7, - Robert Ogden 16, Ernie Stanford 24 and Brian Hoggarth 19 no.

In the Regional Final, Bitteswell played Isleham from Cambridgeshire.

**Bitteswell** 116, - Robert Ogden 27, Tony Hudson 20.

**Isleham** scored 116 for 7, - Pete Smith 2 wickets for 7 in 9 overs and Tony Hudson 1 wicket for 11 in 9 overs. Isleham winning by losing less wickets.

In the 1979 Area Final Bitteswell played Fulbeck from Lincolnshire again. Bitteswell winning by 7 wickets.

**Fulbeck** scored 121.

**Bitteswell** scored 123 for 3 wickets, - Robert Ogden 27, Tony Hudson 46 no, Pete Smith 43 no.

In the Regional final Bitteswell played Firbeck from Yorkshire and lost by 30 runs.

**Firbeck** scored 146.

**Bitteswell** scored 116, - Tony Hudson 22, Brian Hoggarth 26.

**BITTESWELL WIN  
IN HAIG  
MATCH**

BUCKMINSTER, who have dominated the Leicestershire group in the Haig National Village competition in recent years, were beaten in the area final yesterday when Bitteswell took a five-wicket win playing on their own ground.

Hero for Bitteswell was all-rounder Ernie Stanford who cracked an unbeaten 76 after taking three Buckminster wickets for 22 with his medium pace.

Buckminster chose to bat after winning the toss and were all out in the final over for 151. They were well contained by Stanford and David McNought (1-24 in his nine overs) but Bitteswell were handicapped by injury to front line bowler and skipper Pete Smith, who ricked his back after three overs and had to retire.

Match-winning partnership for Bitteswell—beaten by Buckminster in the second round last year—was the second wicket stand of 92 between Stanford and Robert Ogden (41) and the winning run came off the penultimate ball of the innings.

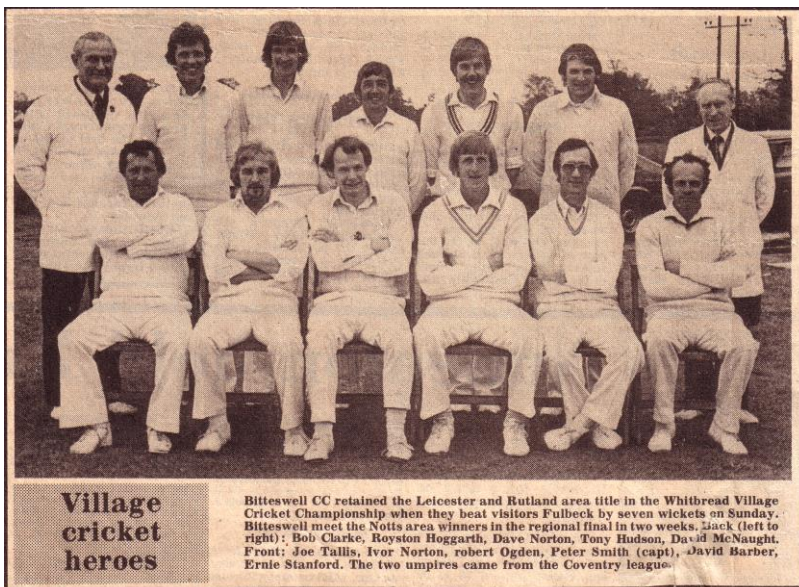
Bitteswell now go on to meet Collingham from Notts on July 10.

A batsman who normally goes in at number 10 or 11 pleaded with his skipper to be given a chance higher in the order. As a result John Norris opened the innings against Notts Amateurs on Sunday — and both hit career best scores in an undefeated opening stand of 201.

Knew led the way with 130 not out, while Norris was 62 not out when Nomads closed their innings. Notts Amateurs were 120-3 at the closed of play.

**HAIG NATIONAL VILLAGE CUP**  
Area Final  
Buckminster 151, Bitteswell 152-5  
(E. Stanford 76 n.o.).





### **Newspaper cuttings of the Haig Village Cup Wins**

Taken from the Leicester Mercury 1977 and the Rugby Advertiser 1979

Although the above shows the strength of the Club, it is of note that the scores in those days were fairly low and only rarely exceeded 200 and frequently the opposition was dismissed for less than 100.

One interesting result in 1979 was when Bitteswell played Corley who only scored 50 in reply to Bitteswell's 139, Pete Smith taking 4 wickets for 1 in 7.1 overs, Tony Hudson 3 wickets for 9 and David McNaught 3 wickets for 12.

The old RAF hut which had served as the pavilion since 1952 was getting rather dilapidated, so in 1976 it was decided to make plans for a modern brick pavilion. Various fund raising schemes were set up including loans from many members and it is a credit to the Club that with the addition of only a couple of external grants and loans, the cost of this huge project was virtually covered. On completion in 1979 it was opened by Roger Tolchard of Leicestershire and England.



### **Opening of the New Pavilion**

Arthur Sharpe, Pete Smith, 'Bib' Peabody, Roger Tolchard



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MR. PEABODY

Leicester and Desford Collieries, as well as those from Donisthorpe, Daw Mill, Cadley Hill, Birch Coppice and Lea Hall collieries.

### Think carefully

Now 24 winders at the various pits will be going to work this weekend along with other associated workers next Saturday, such as banksmen, boiler men and onsets, the men who operate the cages.

But the chairman of the meeting, Mr. Gerald Chamberlain, a winder at South Leicester Colliery, said everyone had to think carefully about this decision.

"We don't want anyone getting cold feet and ringing up during the week saying that they won't turn up next weekend."

They were trapped on a beach by an incoming tide and decided to climb a 200-foot cliff. It was on this climb that Private Bowen disappeared.

Private Bowen had only been in the REME for 12 weeks before the incident.

### Assets rise to £2,000m

The Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society who have a branch in Leicester have increased assets by 42 per cent to more than £2,000 million.

The preliminary figures for 1983 on assets are expected to be more than double the average growth rate for the building society movement as a whole.

## Cricket club treasurer dies,

## aged 82

The treasurer of Bitteswell Cricket Club for the past 65 years, Mr. Albert Peabody, has died aged 82.

Mr. Peabody, of Powell Row, Bitteswell, was largely responsible for re-starting the club in 1919 after the 1st World War, and was secretary and treasurer up until 1977. From then on he was treasurer and chairman of the club.

He had 35 years' playing service with the club, as wicket-keeper and opening bat.

Mr. Peabody began work aged 14 at a solicitor's office in Lutterworth, and later became a peripatetic clerk, travelling to county courts in Warwickshire.

He was churchwarden and treasurer of St. Mary's Church, Bitteswell, for 28 years, and a bell-ringer and choir member from his early youth.

He was clerk to the Robert Dowse charity and

Almshouse charity in the village from the 1930s and was a governor of Bitteswell Church of England Junior School, and treasurer of the governors.

He was secretary of the local Independant Order of Oddfellows for 45 years, and was also a member of the local Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Peabody leaves a wife Mona, who he married in 1927, two daughters, Anne and Elizabeth, and three grandchildren.

### Newspaper cutting recording the death of 'Bib' Peabody in 1984

(Leicester Mercury January 9<sup>th</sup> 1984)

The Club played some local league cricket in the early years plus some cup matches, but most of the games were friendlies. In 1987 it joined the Warwickshire League. After several enjoyable years a number of the better clubs were leaving the League and there were signs of the dropping of standards. About this time the Leicestershire Club League (renamed The Everards County Cricket League in 1993) was expanding and the Club was invited to join. After much discussion it was decided that as this League would be the premier league in Leicestershire we should

join it. In 1989 the Club was accepted and resigned from the Warwickshire League. It did not take Bitteswell long to climb up the divisions, and in 1990 the 1st's won their division and were promoted and the 2nd's were promoted in 1991.

Since the building of the new Pavilion all mowers etc were stored in an old wooden shed away from the Pavilion. There had been several break-ins resulting in mowers being stolen and in 1985 the Committee made plans to build an extension to the pavilion to provide a tool shed, an additional toilet and some extra storage. The cost of this was £3344, but nearly 50% was covered by grants from The Leicestershire Playing Fields Association and Harborough District Council. The rest was covered by fund raising by members.

The number of juniors had been steadily growing for many years and with the increase in net practice, the grass practice wicket was proving difficult to maintain with this heavy usage. In 1990 an artificial practice mat and netting cage were purchased for £3300, grants were obtained from The Lords Taverners and Harborough District Council, plus an interest free loan from the League.

For years the Club had the annoying presence of electricity poles on the ground. These frequently interfered with play, but even more frustrating was the fact that there was no electricity supply to the Pavilion and all the heating and lighting was by Calor Gas. Various attempts had been made to rectify the situation but the prices quoted were always exorbitant. However in 1994 the electricity company decided to upgrade the power line and the poles, and this time the Club negotiated a more reasonable price for moving the poles from the Ground and connecting the Pavilion to the electricity supply. As part of the project the Pavilion was wired and electric lighting installed. A few years later electric showers were installed in both changing rooms.

In 1994 Keith Dand who had only just joined the Club, scored 174, the highest ever score for the Club

In 1995 the Club staged a testimonial match for Nick Cook of England, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire and who now lived in Bitteswell. This was very successful event and raised a lot of money for Nick and some for the club. This was followed by a Testimonial for David Millns, and a Testimonial for Phil Whitticase and Russell Cobb of the Leicestershire County staff. These events provided money for the beneficiaries and the Club, but they did entail a lot of hard work.

The Management Committee of the Club has continued to improve facilities and over recent years has obtained two large sight screens, a separate brick score box, seating in the visitors changing rooms, installed replacement new gutters and fascia boards on the Pavilion, acquired several bags of junior cricket gear from the Lords Taverners, fitted doors on both sets of showers and provided a car park.

Most of these projects could not have been completed without the financial support from The Leicestershire Playing Fields Association, Harborough District Council, The Lords Taverners and Gazely Properties. They have also relied on the Secretary's persuasive begging letters which were invariably successful.

In 2000 there were some outstanding batting performances and 9 individual centuries were scored which was a record for the Club, and George Fox averaged 123 for the 2nds.

Then in 2001, 11 centuries were scored creating another record, Andrew Smith scored 6 of these and this is an individual record for the Club.

## Club History in Brief

1903 - Club formed, the ground located in Ashby Road.

1905 - Club won the Aikman Cup.

1906 - Club won the Aikman Cup.

1912 - Club won the Aikman Cup.

1913 - Club won the Aikman Cup (see team photo).

1914 to 1918 World War I, the Village lost 18 of its young men in the war.

1919 - Club reformed. Won the Aikman Cup. Bib Peabody was elected Treasurer And Secretary and the Scotton Family became involved with the Club.

1923 – Won the Aikman Cup.

1924 – The AGM was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, these are the earliest minutes available.

1929 – Won the Aikman Cup.

1930 – Eric Scotton was married.

1936 – Moved to the present ground in Ullesthorpe Road, the ground being leased to the Club by Eric Scotton.

1939 to 1945 – World War II, no games played. Thankfully no villagers lost their lives.

1940 – After the war a Meeting was held and agreed to reform the Club, Eric Scotton stated that the ground in Ullesthorpe Road would again be available for use by the Club.

1947 – The Club applied to the Food Executive Committee for a catering licence to enable the Club to prepare teas and it was refused!

1951 – Eric Scotton offered an ex RAF hut for use as a pavilion. Sunday cricket started.

1976 – Eric Scotton passed away.

1977 – Won the Area Village Cup. Bib Peabody stood down as Secretary, but continued as Treasurer. A Junior side was set up with 4 games with Dave Norton as Manager. Club constitution and rules agreed. (This was a requirement for the grants for the new pavilion).

1978 – A 2nd XI was formed. Formal lease document was signed between Roy and Jill Smith (who now owned the Ground) and the Club This security of tenure was another requirement of the grants for the new pavilion.

1979 - Moved into the new Pavilion.

1983 – Calor gas heating installed in the Pavilion.

1984 – Bib Peabody died after 65 years of service to the Club.

1987 – Joined the Warwickshire League.

1989 – Joined the Leicestershire Club League. Added a garage and toilet to the Pavilion.

1990 – Purchased artificial practice wicket and nets. 1<sup>st</sup> XI promoted to the 1st Division of the League.

1991 – The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI promoted.

1994 – Removed electricity poles from the ground and installed electricity to the Pavilion.

1995 - Two large sightcreens were purchased. Testimonial Match for Nick Cook.

1997 – Seat in memory of Roy Smith purchased. Seat stolen a few weeks later. Testimonial Match for Phil Whitticase and Russell Cobb.

1998 – Replacement seat in memory of Roy Smith purchased.

Testimonial match in aid of David Millns.

1999 – New car park, gates and entrance built next to the Pavilion on land loaned by Pete Smith.

2001 – Replacement fascia boards fitted and new seating provided for the visitors dressing room. Shower doors fitted. Club web site set up by Ian Bateman.

2002 – A severe storm blew down and damaged one of the sight screens.

## **Junior Cricket**

Since 1977 the Club has provided cricket and coaching for juniors, in the main boys but some girls have shown an interest in the game. Over the years cricket has been provided for a wide age range (although not all in the same season), for Under 18's, under 17's, under 16's, under 15's, under 13's, under 12's and since the advent of Kwik Cricket and Incrediball the under 11's and under 10's have been catered for.

A constant problem with junior cricket has been obtaining transport to away matches. In the first match at Langtons in 1977, the team travelled in a Joe Tallis's elderly van. Other hair raising stories abound, frequently the team travelling in only two cars.

Numerous managers of the youth teams have generously given up their time to provide cricket and coaching, these include Dave Norton, Ivor Norton, Pete Smith, Rob Ogden, David Maund, Brian Burningham, Grahame Bateman, Eric Barker, Jim Matthews, Paul Collett, John Heavisides, Ian Foster, Ian Quick.

## **Cricket Tours**

Tours have been a feature of the Club for many years, they are a great social events involving a fair amount of imbibing and normally have lots of silly fund raising rules, plus some cricket.

The first tour by the Club was in 1983 around Cambridge area and was organised by Rob Ogden, playing Fordham, St Giles, Grasshoppers, Isleham, Worlington, Elmdon, Ely, Godmanchester and Over, this area was used for some years. In 1988 it was then decided to try a different location and the next tours were based around Hunstanton, playing against Grimston, Castle Rising, Fosters, Dersingham, Kings Lynn, Coopers, Wisbech, Narborough, Downham Market then due to problems with the accommodation, the base was moved to Kings Lynn, still playing against some of the teams as before, Pete and Anna Smith took over the organising of the tour for some years, then Rob Ogden took over again. In 1999 it was decided to again move to a different area and Stuart Long arranged a tour of Somerset, based at Weston Super Mare playing against Wedmore, Glastonbury, Barrington, North Perrott, Dumbleton, Portishead Overbury & Winscombe.



In 2001 the tour moved to the Cotswolds, based at Winchcombe and played teams from Winchcombe, Frocester, Apperly, Overbury, & Bredon. To celebrate the Centenary, a really exotic tour has been arranged, this time the Club is going to Barbados in the West Indies in October 2003. In addition to the players, a large number of wives, children and non players will also be going and it promises to be a holiday and a cricket tour of a lifetime.



### **Cotswold Tour August 2002**

Dax Miller, Stuart Long, Bob Wyatt, Richard Philpott, Pete Smith, Rob Ogden, Marcus Crone,

Richard Pearson, Graham Porter, Andrew Smith, Richard Day, Rory Long

## Selected Averages

The earliest scorebook to hand is for 1950, unfortunately the averages were rarely shown in the older books. Therefore availability of information has largely governed the selection shown here.

### 1958 Batting

Name	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
S Spencer	13	3	373	74*	37.30
B Johnson	17	-	438	81	25.76
R Smith	10	2	124	39*	15.50
A Sharpe	13	1	177	32	14.75
J Beeton	14	-	198	43	14.14
D Ogden	16	5	85	18	7.72

### 1958 Bowling

Name	O	M	Runs	W	Avge
A Sharpe	110	39	170	31	5.48
B Sutton	149	41	301	31	9.71
B Johnson	90	17	254	17	14.94

### 1968 Batting

Name	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
R Cooper	10	2	316	103*	39.50
B Hoggarth	25	3	444	90	20.18
D McNaught	17	3	257	59	18.36
J Tallis	17	1	291	100*	18.19
D Brunskill	10	2	131	25	16.38
B Wood	18	2	256	50	16.00
R Gibbins	23	6	255	60*	15.00
B Johnson	15	2	152	51*	11.69
R Ogden	20	2	200	58*	11.11

### 1968 Bowling

Name	O	M	R	W	Avge
R Cooper	109	47	154	26	5.92
B Johnson	110	39	185	29	6.38
R Ogden	104	11	104	11	6.93
D Brunskill	83	27	169	24	7.04
P Smith	73	24	139	19	7.32

### 1977 Batting

Name	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
A Hudson	22	5	532	80	31.29
E Stanford	20	3	482	76*	28.35
P Smith	37	8	706	65	24.34
R Ogden	41	1	971	128*	24.27
D Norton	19	5	310	46	22.14
I Norton	22	5	368	78*	21.64
J Tallis	22	0	425	49	19.31

### 1977 Bowling

Name	O	M	R	W	Avge
A Hudson	229	68	444	51	8.70
P Smith	315	115	629	68	9.25
J Marsh	175	38	457	36	12.52
D McNaught	143	32	325	24	13.54

### 1981 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batting

Name	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
A Hudson	13	3	397	62	39.7
R Ogden	32	5	915	90*	33.89
D Norton	25	1	726	127*	30.25
I Norton	14	5	256	54*	28.44
R Cooper	7	1	157	39	26.16
M Stoton	9	1	188	57	23.62

### 1981 1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowling

Name	O	M	R	W	Avge
P Smith	N/A	N/A	651	68	9.57
A Hudson	N/A	N/A	225	21	10.71
P Freeston	N/A	N/A	342	26	13.15

### 1981 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Batting

Name	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
J Collinge	5	1	195	71	48.7
R Cooper	8	2	227	68*	37.8
P O'nion	11	2	292	59	32.4
D Maund	5	4	31	12*	31.0
G Cheverton	6	0	124	58	20.6
A Swalwell	11	0	208	58	18.9

**1981 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Bowling**

<b>Name</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Avge</b>
D Maund	57	11	185	12	15.4
R Philpott	65	13	179	11	16.2
E Stanford	45	10	107	6	17.8
D Barber	58	13	133	10	18.3
A Swalwell	116	19	386	21	18.3

**1989 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Avge</b>
R Ogden	41	4	1141	88*	30.83
R Philpott	12	1	318	87	28.90
B Ward	13	1	336	64	28.00
J Rogers	35	6	752	74	25.75
S Chapman	19	7	309	80*	25.75
A Hudson	15	5	240	48	24.00
D Norton	22	4	360	84*	20.00

**1989 1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowling**

<b>Name</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Avge</b>
P Smith	401	106	1064	81	13.13
D Norton	62	6	222	16	13.87
A Hudson	154	43	394	27	14.59
R Philpott	26	3	123	8	15.37
N Llewlyn	290	54	970	45	21.55
G Bateman	270	43	1052	48	21.91

**2001 1<sup>st</sup> XI Batting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Avge</b>
A Smith	30	7	1345	138*	58.48
C Maconnachie	11	1	407	127*	40.70
R Day	16	5	311	66*	28.27
G Porter	24	4	519	91	25.95
K Dand	22	4	434	81	24.11
A Whittaker	11	5	130	29	21.67

**2001 1<sup>st</sup> XI Bowling**

<b>Name</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Avge</b>
D Heavisides	199	38	670	49	13.67
G Porter	256	40	825	50	16.50
R Day	176	20	627	31	20.23
I Bateman	197	17	866	39	22.21
K Dand	144	25	534	24	22.25

**2001 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Batting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Avge</b>
I Quick	13	1	660	90	55.0
G Fox	12	1	539	106	49.00
G Bateman	16	7	320	73*	35.56
R Ogden	18	2	515	100*	32.19
D Young	6	1	154	49	30.80
M Crone	8	1	208	54	29.71
G Quick	6	4	51	23	25.50
P Smith	12	2	230	45	23.00
C Long	15	3	2361	48	21.75

**2001 2ndXI Bowling**

<b>Name</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Avge</b>
G Quick	87	16	326	21	15.52
P Smith	274	77	736	41	17.95
G Bateman	130	23	447	20	22.35
R Porter	120	24	382	12	31.83
C Quick	76	7	386	11	35.09

**2002 Combined Averages Batting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Avge</b>
G Fox	13	7	529	72	88.17
A Smith	33	9	1314	130*	54.75
I Quick	18	5	479	65*	36.85
K Dand	22	1	656	73	31.24
G Bateman	18	5	401	81	30.85
R Philpott	10	3	208	55	29.71
R Maconnochie	17	3	396	67*	28.29
R Ogden	19	6	343	54	26.38
R Day	20	3	439	62	25.82

**2002 Combined Averages Bowling**

<b>Name</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Avge</b>
P Smith	244	66	777	57	13.60
B Long	158	29	487	35	13.91
D Graham	126	9	550	37	14.86
G Bateman	220	51	662	41	16.15
K Dand	209	47	723	29	24.93
I Bateman	241	30	1115	35	31.86

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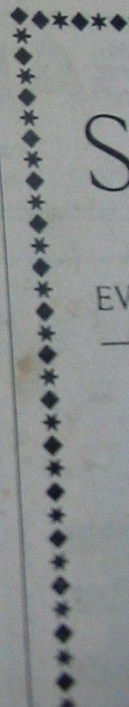
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F. Gamble, b Hancock .....	3
E. Pask, c Hancock b Wilson ...	7
H. Simons, b Hancock .....	3
G. Grant, c and b Wilson .....	1
G. Watkin, not out .....	5
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GILMORTON v. BITTESWELL.

Gilmorton.

J. Hirons, run out .....	8
W. Wolfe, c and b Timms .....	5
O. Boulter, c Harrison b Smith ...	15
C. Rimmington, c Peabody b Timms	3
W. Matthews, not out .....	16
H. Measures, c Clarke b Timms ...	11
J. Kestel, c Williams b Scotton	0



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E. Angrave, c and b Timms .....	0
W. Wolfe, c Scotton b Timms ...	0
O. Boulter, b Timms .....	3
J. Kettle, b Timms .....	0
H. Measures, b Scotton .....	1
W. Matthews, c Smith b Timms ...	2
W. Harris, run out .....	0
Rimington, c Scotton b Sharp ...	16
P. Bennett, not out .....	7
H. Angrave, b Sharpe .....	5
Extras .....	4
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Bitteswell.	
C. Smith, c Rimington b Wolfe...	0
E. Scotton, b Angrave .....	11
E. Timms, b Wolfe .....	3
C. Hamson, c Angrave b Wolfe...	6
H. Colver, run out .....	2
S. Sharpe, b Angrave .....	1
C. Pebody, b Wolfe .....	4
A. Clarke, c Measures b Wolfe ...	1
E. Ford, b Angrave .....	0
W. Masters, not out .....	1
A. Newman, b Angrave .....	0
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<b>WALTON v. LEIRE.</b>	
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A. Abbott b Monk .....	8
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**BITTESWELL C.E. SCHOOL GIRLS  
v. MARJORIE BARLOW'S TEAM.**

An interesting cricket match was played at Bitteswell between Bitteswell C.E. School girls and Marjorie Barlow's team. Scores:—

Bitteswell.	
M. Killand, c Ford b D. Barlow	0
R. Rawling, b D. Barlow .....	2
J. Rawling, not out .....	29
C. Masters, c Masters b D. Barlow	3
M. Orme, b D. Barlow .....	0
N. Hubbard, c Ivens b D. Barlow	0
G. Arnold, run out .....	0
D. Harding, b D. Barlow .....	4
L. Hodsell, run out .....	2
E. Lucas, b D. Barlow .....	0
M. Hickman, c and b M. Barlow	0
Extras .....	0
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**M. Barlow's Team.**

D. Barlow, c Hodsell b Killand	2
E. Ford, c J. Rawling b Orme...	10
M. Ivens, c and b Kelland .....	0
M. Barlow, b J. Rawling .....	16
M. Rothwell, b J. Rawling .....	0
B. Chapman, b Kelland .....	5
E. Connor, b Kelland .....	2
F. Hill, b Kelland .....	10
F. Hussey, b J. Rawling .....	0
J. Smith, b Kelland .....	0
Extras .....	1
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## **The Future**

The Club Management Committee is continuing to improve facilities for members, but due to the isolated position of the ground and pavilion it is unlikely that a bar would ever be installed and this will always place the Club at a financial disadvantage. It is due to the members support of fund raising events that the present facilities are so good. One of the attractions of the Club is that in spite of its outstanding successes over the years it is still a village club and continues to play in this tradition and its club spirit is the envy of many other clubs.

The Committee will strive to maintain this great little cricket Club so that it will be able to celebrate its Bicentenary in 2103.

## **Club Officers for 2003**

President - Mike Entwistle

Chairman – Ivor Norton

Vice Chairman – John Heavisides

Members of the Management Committee

Grahame Bateman, Ian Bateman, Ian Bell, Brian Burningham,  
Keith Dand, Ian Foster, Paul Hickling, Stuart Long, Robert Ogden,  
Richard Pearson, Richard Philpott, Ian Quick, Peter Smith

Hon Secretary - Brian Burningham

Hon Treasurer - Paul Hickling

Hon Fixture Secretary - John Heavisides

Press Officer – Richard Pearson

Groundsman - Peter Smith

1<sup>st</sup> XI Captains, Sat Richard Pearson, Sun I Bateman

Vice Captains Sat K Dand, Sun D Heavisides

2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captains, Sat I Quick Sun S Long

Vice Captains, Sat R Ogden, Sun A Mattison

Junior Team Managers Ian Foster, I Quick

Centenary Celebration Sub Committee

Richard Philpott, Keith Dand, Pete and Anna Smith, Brian Burningham

## **Events being held in 2003 to celebrate the Centenary**

Dinner Dance at Lutterworth Golf Club -.May 9<sup>th</sup>

Club Trip to Test Match – 14<sup>th</sup> August

Match against The President's XI - August 25<sup>th</sup>

Lamb Supper - September 28<sup>th</sup>

Cricket Tour of Barbados - 13<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

Ladies Night – TBA

## **Thanks**

Finally, thanks to all the ladies who have prepared our delicious teas over the last 100 years. Without them we would not have played.