

# HISTORY OF WELLESBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## Part 1 The Early Days

There is no doubt that the Wellesbourne Cricket Club is a very old club, probably one of the oldest in the country. This book will hopefully lay down the facts that are known to us, in chronological order as we have something here that must be preserved.

In a report of a meeting of the Sports Club on 31<sup>st</sup>. January 1946 which appeared in the Stratford Herald, Owen England Esq., Chairman, stated that cricket had been played at Wellesbourne for almost 180 years; if this is true the game has been played here as we know it for over 230 years. It is not known exactly where much of the early cricket was played but it is safe to say that the existing ground must be one of the oldest in the country.

The first record of the club was in the novel "Tom Brown's School Days" (Page 309) when a match against the men of Wellesburn is mentioned. This must have been in the 1840's as Tom went to Rugby School at that time. An article by Rowland Bowen in the Wisden of 1963 refers to the Wellbourne Club in South Warwickshire in 1826 calling itself the Warwickshire Cricket Club but later reverting to it's original name.

A team playing under the name of Warwickshire, probably the Wellbourne side, met the famous I Zingari Club at Leamington in September 1852 on the ground now known as Victoria Park and scored a notable victory. Warwickshire had George Parr of Nottingham and John Wisden, who gave his name to the cricketers' bible. Also Col. Swynfen Jervis. They made 145 and dismissed their opponents for 84 and 69. -

At first cricket was mainly the domain of the rich amateurs who paid professional cricketers to join their team. The records of the Club show this to be a fact because the majority of the teams in the early 1800's were local landowners, officers in the army and vicars. In 1847 the Factory Act restricted work to a 55 ½ hour week which meant that people were free to play and watch sport on a Saturday afternoon. Cricket grew in popularity very quickly after this.

In March 1882, five men met in Leamington Spa, probably in the Regent Hotel, and formed the present Warwickshire County Cricket Club. The five men were, David Buchanan, one of the leading amateur players of the day, who on occasion represented the Rugby Cricket Club; M.P. Lucas representing Leamington Cricket Club; the Rev.G.Cuffe Rector of St.John the Baptist Church Coventry; Col.W.Swynfen Jervis, later to be joint secretary of the new club and William Ansell, a Birmingham schoolmaster, then honorary secretary of the Birmingham and District Cricket Assoc. It was probably then that Wellesbourne Cricket Club reverted back to it's original name.

The mainstay of its earlier years was the Rev. Osbert Mordaunt the Rector of Hampton Lucy. The ground was preserved for cricket by Major Arthur Huntington until it was sold in 1935, more of that later.

Records show that cricket has been played at Wellesbourne for many years and the club has copies of scores compiled of matches in the 1850's and onwards when the sides were made up of local gentry and clergy. One match consisted of 22 clergy players. The clergy in those days seemed to have had more time to play cricket than they do today. In the '1880's Wellesbourne played against Alveston, Ashorne, Southam, Kineton, Combroke, Ettington and Shipston amongst others. Some of the away games must have taken longer to get there than to play the game. One game on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1890 was against Sparkhill another on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1890 was against Moseley Olympic. Imagine going to these away games by horse and carriage!

Many of the old scores make interesting reading, not only the scores themselves but the make up of the teams. Some of the names from the old score sheets include H.R.Fairfax Lucy; Hon. R.G.Verney; Capt. Webb; Rev.F.Tobias; Rev.A.Hartigan; Sir.F.Hamilton;

Rev.O.Mordaunt; Lord Rathdonnell; Rev.F.A.O'Brian; Capt.Cowan. Most of the scores were low in those days, as games were probably played on pitches quite unlike today's, but on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1887 playing against Shipston A.E.Passman scored 128 and Shipston were dismissed for 46. In another strange match on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1891 against Alderminster at Wellesbourne, Wellesbourne batted first and scored 99 all out and then dismissed Alderminster for 29 and 47. It must have been a two innings game. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 1894 Wellesbourne played Ettington at Wellesbourne. Ettington batted first and scored 44, Wellesbourne went in and scored 82 and then proceeded to dismiss Ettington for 35. On the other hand Wellesbourne played Kineton at Kineton on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1895 and were dismissed for 29 in reply to Kineton's 162. Lord Willerby de Broke played for Kineton on that day, scoring 5. A certain Captain Alfrey took seven wickets for Kineton on that day. He played for both Kineton and Wellesbourne in his time because his name appears in the Wellesbourne handbook for 1914.

## Part 2 The Early 1900's

There is not a lot of information available relating to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century but what we do know is that the pavilion was erected some time in 1902/1903. Prior to that the club used three caravan type constructions that were towed to the ground before the start of the season and towed away at the end of the season. They were kept over the winter at Thorpe's garage which is where Shakespeare's garage is now. The pavilion was erected, we understand, by one of the Lowes family that lived in what is now known as Lowes Lane. They lived in the house on Lowes Lane which has a barn attached to it and this building has a date over it which is 1902 the same date as the pavilion was erected. We have a letter written in 1968 by a certain Alfred E. Partridge of Loxley. He was obviously an old member who had been invited to the club dinner of 1968. He writes as follows:

Dear Members May I take a few minutes just to say thank you to all the members of the Wellesbourne Cricket Club for the kind invitation to their dinner.

When I first came to the club on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the ground was surrounded with elm trees, and the pavilion was a thatched one.

It has been a great pleasure to be on such a good ground and over the years we have seen some splendid players-

S. Barns, F. Perkins, F. Hobbs, P. Baker, B. Granville, J. Horton, R. Lawrence, D. Butcher, T. Overbury, J. Pitcher, P. P'anson and T. Gutheridge - those were some of our players who made cricket enjoyable and a pleasure to watch.

After the cricket was over there was another enjoyment- tennis. Out came the tennis nets so that the wives and lady loves could join in. There were three double courts, on which, once again, some fine games were to be seen.

The week following came the task of preparing the ground for the next game. This was so different years ago. One would have to get the horse in his boots and harness hitched to a roller and off one would go making the pitch worthy of its players.

We also had another yearly occasion - that was the big flower show, sports and side shows etc. which was a very enjoyable time for young and old alike. The Shipston Town Band marched through Wellesbourne down to the show and I think this was the only day you had to pay to go on the field.

I am only sorry the winter is on us once more and the 1968 season is over. We must now sit back and hold tight to our Mackie by a nice fire and if I am still around I hope to see you all next year - 1969. And now may I say how nice it has been with you all during 1968. I hope it will my luck to be with you all again for the 1969 season, when we look forward to some more good cricket.

I think I may say that the only time I had to leave the cricket was when I went into the Army on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1914 till I was discharged from the R.F.A. on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1925 holding the rank of a Corporal Rough Rider. I played football for the Battery and also did a little boxing and I am pleased and proud to say that I won the title for this latter sport as a light weight. Coming back to Loxley I came back to my old cricket ground and have been down here ever since. It was wonderful to be back to see so many new faces.

Once again I thank you all Ladies and Gentleman.

Alfred E. Partridge.

Mr. Partridge refers to the pavilion and roller in his letter. He refers to the pavilion being thatched and it may be that the existing pavilion is not the original one built in 1902. We think that the pavilion may have been rebuilt in circa 1920.

As far as the horse goes, we do know that this mode of power was used to pull the roller and the horse was fitted with special leather shoes so that it would not damage the ground.

Mr. Partridge also refers to tennis being played. In the handbook of 1914 it indicates that not only was tennis played but also croquet. The club was then called just Wellesbourne Club. In 1914 it cost

£1 for Gentlemen and 15 shillings for Ladies to be members, and you could have a Family Membership for £3.

In the 1914 Handbook are the accounts for 1913 and in that year the club took £123 of which £14 10s was Rent for Grazing, Liquor and Balls sold was £2 19s. On the other side the club paid nearly £36 in wages and £1 3s to the saddler. One of many strange rules operating in 1914 was one asking members not to hold parties at their homes on match days. It was possible to hire the club and grounds for £1 to hold a private party. Tennis and croquet were played on Mondays and Thursdays. One rule typical of the era we are talking about was that "All Officers in the Army, quartered in the County, shall be considered Honorary Members, except those on the permanent staff". At this time this area must have been one where people came to spend the spring and summer because one of the rules of the club was "Persons taking a house in the neighbourhood for any part of the Spring or Summer months may be elected for the season without payment of an entrance fee".

During the Great War we understand that whenever possible cricket was played on the field but immediately after the War the club resumed it's activities as soon as possible. It was during these years that moves were going on to establish something more organised and more open to all. The previous club had been more of a Gentlemans club and the war years had changed people's thinking and men had come home from the war wanting more free time and facilities to spend it. It took until 1920 to get any changes to be made.



### Part 3 Between The Wars

The only sport played on the ground after the 1914/18 war was cricket but on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1920 it was proposed by E.H.Frost Esq. and seconded by J.T.Thorpe Esq. "that a Sports Club be formed with powers to arrange Cricket, Tennis, Bowls and other games". This was able to be established by the generosity of Major A.W.Huntington who purchased the ground from the Granville family. He continued as President until his death and Major Huntington was succeeded by his son V.W.Huntington in 1933. The first new section to be formed after the start of the Sports Club was the Hockey section in 1921.

Sport, mainly cricket, was continually played on the sports field without any problems until the death of Major Huntington. At that time there were two parishes in the village, Wellesbourne Hastings and Wellesbourne Mountford and in 1935 when the time came to break up Major Huntington's estate the following letter was sent out to all inhabitants of the village.

#### PURCHASE OF THE CRICKET FIELD BY THE PARISHES OF WELLESBOURNE HASTINGS AND MOUNTFORD

Dear Sir or Madam

The breaking up of the Estate of the late Major Huntington made it very probable that the above field would be lost by the inhabitants of the above parishes as a playing field. It was thought that an effort should be made to retain the field, especially remembering the long history of cricket and other games played on it.

The combined Parish Councils met and determined to try and acquire the field for a Playing Field for the children and adults for all time.

In this they were greatly helped by the promise of large subscriptions towards the purchase price.

After much negotiation the vendor agreed to accept the sum of £874 for the field, and this to include the timber, shed and Pavilion.

Towards this sum Mr.V.W.Huntington has generously given £300, Mrs.Caversham Simonds £50, the vendor-Mr. Place £24 and the Playing Fields' Association £50, while there is a possibility of the Carnegie Trustees contributing £150.

There remains the sum of £300 to be raised, and the Parish Councils in appealing for subscriptions confidently believe that everyone will contribute willingly in this effort to secure a Playing Field for the children and young people.

Subscriptions can be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Councils, or paid to the Collectors who will call.

(Signed) O.ENGLAND(Chairman) Wellesbourne Mountford.  
E.H.FROST (Chairman) Wellesbourne Hastings.  
PERCY CHARLES, Clerk to the Parish Councils.

The total cost of the field with all the additional costs was eventually £1128 4s 6d. The people of Wellesbourne collected £513 4s 6d and the balance came from grants. This meant that the upkeep of the ground was now the responsibility of the Parish Council and the Cricket Club.

Cricket carried on as before with a full programme of friendly matches against all the local teams and the Cricket Club slowly but surely progressed and improved its facilities. It was not to be long though before all this came to an end with the outbreak of the Second War.

On the outbreak of War in 1939, arrangements were made to carry on on a limited scale and games were played mostly by the R.A.F. It is said, although there is no actual proof, that Wally Hammond played at Wellesbourne during the War years because he was stationed at Wellesbourne for some period during the War.

It was not until 31<sup>st</sup> January 1946 that the Sports Club started up again in full. On June 25<sup>th</sup> 1946 the Football Club was affiliated to the Sports Club.

The President of the Club in 1935 was V.W.Huntington but in 1936 Mrs.Caversham Simonds became President and was President up until the outbreak of War. As far as is known this was the only time a lady was President of the Club. When activities commenced again 1946 the President was Lt.Col.R.H.L.Brackenbury and the Secretary was W.Mathews. The subs for the Cricket Section were 15 shillings and the subs for the Tennis and Bowls Sections were each 10 shillings. The combined subscription for all sections was £1.1.0d.

#### Part 4 Leading up to League Cricket.

It is not clear as to how long Lt. Col. Brackenbury was President but in 1958 A.E. Wood was President of the Cricket Section and Cuth. Brown was by this time captain of the Club. There was only one team at this time and they played most of the teams that they had played for years before and are still playing at the present time. In fact the fixture card for 1952 indicates that the fixture against Bablake Old Boys started at 11.30 a.m. so they must have had an all day game and had lunch. In fact in 1952 the Club had 3 games at home starting at 11.30 a.m. In 1953 T.E. Overbury became captain of the Club but it went back to Cuth. Brown again 1955.

In 1960 Mr. Hammerton presented a score hut to the Cricket Section and also in 1960 the Bowls Section were given approval to buy a plot of land outside the railings to build a bowling green. Previously they had bowled on a portion of land on the cricket outfield which of course made it inconvenient for both sections.

Cricket was still being played on a friendly basis although some say that no cricket match is friendly if you are playing to win. League Cricket as we know it now was still some years away. One thing we do know that started in the 1960's was the tour to Sussex. This started in 1966, the year of the Football World Cup in this country. We know that some who went on that tour first of all went to see the World Cup Final before proceeding down to Sussex. John Camkin obtained tickets for them. In that first tour the players stayed at Hastings at the Castle Hotel at a cost of £2 per night bed & breakfast. We played at Eastbourne, Horsham, Sidley, Bognor, Bexhill and we played a second game at Sidley that year against Horsleydown. So we played 6 games on that first tour.

The 1960's was a decade in which many changes seem to have been made at the Club. Apart from the tour to Sussex starting in 1963 saw the Club committed to considerable expenditure towards the cost of alterations and extensions to the pavilion. The improved facilities were said to be long needed by both players and spectators alike. The bar was first opened in 1964 and the kitchen was extended at the same time. The Handbook of 1964 indicates that the Full Playing Members subs. were £1.10.0 and regrets having to put up the price of teas to 2/6d. It was in 1965 that Joffre Pitcher became President of the Club on the death of A.E. Wood., Joffre remained as President until 1979 when John Camkin took over. Prior to becoming President John Camkin had become captain of the Club. The Handbook of 1962 shows he was captain then and he appears to have been captain until 1968 when W.J. Reed took over.

It was during the 1960's that the Club started to organise six-a-side tournaments using Test and County cricketers, together with other professional sportsmen such as footballers and jockeys. This was all possible with the good auspices of John Camkin. On those days the ground was packed with spectators. The Club also helped organise benefits during the 1960's for County cricketers such as Colin Milburn and Tom Cartwright. Many of the great names of cricket have played on the ground and at the end of this book will be a list of players who we know for a fact have played at Wellesbourne. These events proved very profitable to the Club but unfortunately the advent of the Sunday John Player League put a stop to it.

The Club had progressed slowly but surely over the years, for instance since 1957 a second team had been formed and although only four fixtures had been obtained in that first year it was not long before a full fixture list was acquired. The Pairs Knock Out Competition started in 1965 with two trophies provided by the then Flowers Brewery, the first Competition started at 9.30 a.m.

Looking through old records reveals some quite interesting facts and one of the most surprising is that in 1966 the first team had 14 games cancelled or abandoned as a result of unprecedented weather conditions and the second team lost 24 games for the same reason. These were of course Saturday and Sunday games. Another unusual item revealed is that starting in 1967 there were occasions when a Deputy Vice Captain was appointed for the first team only. In 1967 the first team captain was J. Camkin the vice captain was C.H. Burrell and the deputy vice captain was J. Lilwall, this happened on several occasions after that. The weather was kinder to cricket in 1967, only 6 matches were cancelled for each team.

Sid Baker became captain in 1973 and Robin Ogg took over in 1976. It would seem that 1976 was not a good year for the Club financially because in the Chairman's report at the 1977 A.G.M. he expressed great relief at seeing the balance sheet in the healthy position that it was. Apparently at the beginning of that year the Committee had to ensure that a profit was made and the Chairman expressed thanks to Messrs. White, Calcott and Hayden for their work on the Social Committee. The Joffre Pitcher Mid Week League had started by now and the second team were in the Shipston Engineering Knock Out Cup.

The Club progressed slowly but surely over the next few years playing friendly cricket on Saturdays and Sundays and trying to maintain the pavilion and square from whatever resources they could muster.

## Part 5 League Cricket

In 1981 a major change took place when the Club became founder members of the Mike Proctor Cotswold Hills League. This came about because the clubs who formed the new league had played each other for many years and wanted to ensure that they retained the fixtures. They considered that the best way to achieve this was to establish a league. During the summer of 1980 we were invited to join the Mike Proctor Cotswold Hills League but the committee first of all turned the request down as they felt that it dominated the season on Saturdays to the detriment of our established fixtures. When a second opportunity to join was presented though, the Committee unanimously decided to accept the offer and we entered two teams in the League as it was decided to have two divisions. Geoff Calcott had represented the Club at the initial meetings of the League. In the first year the first team were runners up and the second team won their division. The Captains in this first season of league cricket were Robin Ogg for the first team and Sid Baker for the second team. In that first league season Geoff Calcott won the first team batting prize and Mike Kiernan the first team bowling prize. The second team prizes were won by Cliff George batting cup and Fred Hutchinson the bowling cup. Although one or two members were against playing league cricket by the end of that first year most, if not all, members were for it. Robin Ogg in his captain's report at the end of the season said that he found himself looking forward eagerly from one fixture to the next and he suggested that this was the response of others too, since for much of the season the Club maintained a very settled side.

In the second season of the League Wellesbourne shared the Championship along with Winchcombe. The 1stXI Captain was Jonathan Howell and the 2ndXI Captain was again Sid Baker. Geoff Calcott again won the 1stXI batting cup and Dave Derbyshire the 1stXI bowling cup. This was Geoff Calcott's last season with Wellesbourne as he left to join Stratford for season 1983. The 2ndXI batting cup in season 1982 was won by Richard Hayden and the bowling cup by Brian Rose.

The 1980 A.G.M. reported that two serious developments faced the Club creating considerable uncertainty. First the new Football and Social Club had been formed and was to be built and secondly the Club had made a significant loss during the season. There was doubt whether the cricket section would be permitted to stay in the Pavilion and then whether it could afford to do so. In actual fact the transitional arrangements involving the Football and Social Club went far more satisfactorily than might have been feared. The Cricket Section now had sole use of the Pavilion. From this time each section became responsible for its own day to day running with Sports Club acting as a parent body to hold the sections together. The significant loss, referred to earlier, was in fact turned into a profit during the following season. So, as the Chairman at the time recorded, the Cricket Section proved that we can survive in the Pavilion on our own. During 1981 the Sports Club became known as the Sports Association and our Chairman J. Miller became the Association's first Chairman.

In season 1982 the Club played a fixture against Gibraltar who were in this country for the qualifying rounds of the World Cup, and on the day after a World Cup qualifying round match was played between Canada and Israel. Both these games proved very beneficial financially for the Club.

All Clubs, though, have ups and downs and season 1983 was no exception for Wellesbourne. In that season Wellesbourne won the Second Division of the League but at the end of the season the second team captain, Sid Baker, died and in that same season the Club lost Alf Shuker and Nigel White. These were three stalwarts of the Club and although the Club had obviously lost other members over the years to lose three such members in one year was a severe blow. The Club would find it hard to replace them.

The Club progressed on an even keel during the rest of the 1980's, players retired and new players arrived. In 1990 the League decided to expand by taking more clubs in. This meant that the 1<sup>st</sup> Division became the Premier Division and promotion and relegation was brought in. This was not popular with every one of the original Cotswold Hills League clubs and in season 1992 Bredon, Dumbleton and Moreton in Marsh left the League. It was sad to see them leave because one of the reasons to form the League in the first place was to make sure that long standing fixtures against these clubs were retained.

In season 1992 we had the services of an overseas player for the first time in Mick O'Neill and although we only just escaped relegation in that year from the Premier Division it encouraged the Club to enquire about an overseas player for the next year. Mick O'Neill was an Australian and for 1993 we were lucky to get a New Zealander called Gerald Barrett who was known by everyone as "Sticky". This boy could play cricket. He could bat, bowl quick and field anywhere. He knew where every fielder was when he came into bat and he enabled the Club to have their best season for years.

They won the Premier Division and the Joffe Pitcher Cup and played good cricket in winning these trophies. Phil Rothwell was the 1<sup>st</sup> team Captain and Richard Hayden was the Captain for the Joffe Pitcher Cup. The President of the Club in this championship year was Joe Townshend and the chairman was Tony Gibbon.

In season 1993 "Sticky" won the batting cup with 718 runs and an average of 79.78, Nick Gardner won the bowling cup with 26 wickets and an average of 16.27, but "Sticky" won the fielding cup with 20 catches and the sixes cup with 34 sixes. His influence on the team for that one season was tremendous and he came back to the club for the following season, but as often is the case he could not repeat his success of the previous season. In season 1994 we were fortunate enough to be awarded three matches during the Golden Oldies Cricket Festival which was held during August in the Midlands. This is a Festival held in different countries every two years for cricketers over forty years of age. Wellesbourne entertained teams from Kimberley in South Africa, Gibraltar, Switzerland and Gladstone in Queensland Australia. These games proved to be of great benefit financially for the Club.

Alterations now took place in the Club by knocking the two dressing rooms into one and making the one dressing room left into the home dressing room and building a new visitors dressing room. In addition some alterations were made to the lounge area. The cost of all this was met by a grant from the Foundation for the Sports and Arts and the balance was found from club funds.

If there is one thing that Mick O'Neill will always be remembered for it will be for organising the juniors and creating a platform that people following him with coaching have been able to build on. This has helped all the Club but without doubt it improved the second team and in season 1998 under the captaincy of Terry Hunt they won their Division. In season 1999 they played in division two of the League. In season 2000 the League expanded again by amalgamating with the Tapster Pennant League, this affected the lower divisions of the League more than the Premier Division but the 2<sup>nd</sup> team were able to hold their own in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division.

Since winning the 1<sup>st</sup> division title in 1993 the Club have been near on other occasions during the 1990's especially under the captaincy of Adrian Welsby who captained the side for five years. The Club again only just missed out in 2001 with Rupert Mulrairie as captain for they failed by three points having won every game in the second half of the season.

We sincerely hope that the Club will prosper in the future both financially and playing wise, but this can only be achieved by everyone pulling together, both players and ex players alike. The future of the Club is in every ones hands not just a few committee members. The Club has got where it is today through the hard work and dedication of a lot of people over the years and it must be maintained to remain as a lasting monument to all those people.

Part 6. Sportsmen and Personalities who have played at Wellesbourne.

Many people have said over the years that so and so has played at Wellesbourne, for instance, as we have reported earlier, it is claimed that Wally Hammond played on the ground during the war years but we have no evidence of this. We have, though, actual evidence both photographic and or written that the following sportsmen or well known personalities have played on Wellesbourne Cricket Ground.

Ted Dexter (Sussex & England) Fred Titmus (Mid'sex & England) Alan Moss (Mid'sex & Eng'nd)  
W.E.Russell (Mid'sex & Eng'nd) Peter Parfitt (Mid'sex & Eng'and) Barry Knight (Essex & Eng'nd)  
Tom Cartwright (War'ks & Eng) Tom Graveney (Glos. & Eng) John Price (Mid'sex & Eng)  
John Murray (Mid'sex & Eng) Eric Hollies (War'ks & Eng) Jack Bannister (War'ks)  
John Jameson (War'ks & Eng) R.N.Abberley (War'ks) Mickey Stewart (Surrey & Eng'nd)  
Don Wilson (Yorks. & Eng.) Fred Trueman (Yorks. & Eng.) John Hampshire (Yorks. & Eng.)  
Eddie Hemmings (War'ks & Eng.) Alan Smith (War'ks & Eng) David Brown (War'ks & Eng)  
Jim Laker (Surrey & Eng) Ritchie Benaud (Australia) Colin Milburn (Northants & Eng)  
Butch White (Hants. & Eng) Dennis Amiss (War'ks & Eng) K.Ibadulla (War'ks)  
David Steele (Northants & Eng) Peter Willey (Northants & Eng) Keith Andrews (Northants & Eng)  
Mushtaq Mohammad (Northants & Pak). Hylton Ackerman (Northants) Rohan Kanhai (War'ks & W.I)  
Lance Gibbs (War'ks & W.I) Frank Tyson (Northants & Eng) Sadiq Mohammad (Glos. & Pak.)  
Mike Brearley (Mid'sex & Eng) Andy Stovold (Glos) David Shepherd (Glos) Alan Jones (Som'set)  
Alvin Kallicharan (War'ks & W.I) Mervyn Kitchen (Som'set) Graham Burgess (Som'set)  
Trevor Jesty (Hants.) Francis Lee (Man.City Derby County & Eng) Colin Todd (Derby Cty. & Eng)  
Bill Glazier (Cov.City) Eddie Machin (Cov.City) Maurice Setters (Cov.City) Dietmar Buck (Cov.City)  
Terry Biddlecombe (Jockey) David Nicholson (Jockey/Trainer) Josh Gifford (Jockey/Trainer)  
David Mould (Jockey/Trainer) David Clements (Cov.City) Bobby Beesley (Cov.City)  
Bryan Richardson (War'ks Cricket & Cov.City Chairman) Neil Durdon Smith (T.V.)  
John Bromley (T.V.) Frank Bough (T.V.) Alan Hinton (Derby County & Eng)  
M.J.K.Smith (War'ks & Eng)