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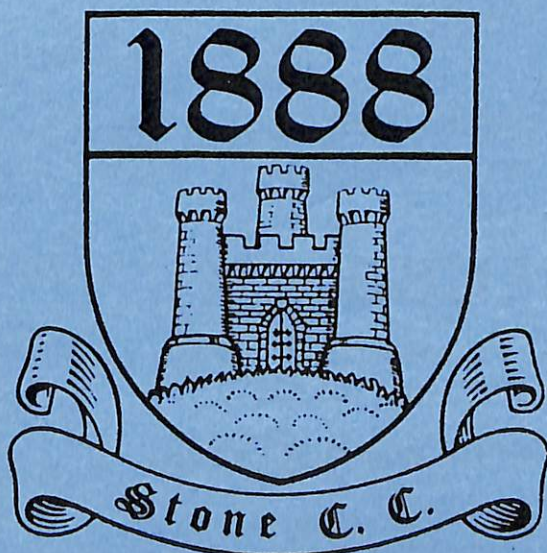
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CENTENARY YEAR CRICKET WEEK FIXTURES

Saturday	July 23rd	 Home
Sunday	July 24th	Crayford (League) Away
Monday	July 25th	Stone Parish Council Home
Tuesday	July 26th	Horton Kirby Home
Wednesday	July 27th	Don Wykes XI Home
Thursday	July 28th	Invicta Ladies Home
Friday	July 29th	The President's XI Home
Saturday	July 30th	Gillingham (League) Home

League matches start at 2.00 p.m. All other matches start at 2.30 p.m.

THE CLUB PRESIDENT 1988
Mr. J. Turnbull.



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I feel both honoured and proud to have been a member of Stone Cricket Club since 1924 and to have been its President since 1975.

Cricket has played an important part in my life and through the sport, played largely with Stone, I have made numerous lasting friendships and derived enormous pleasure.

It is, I believe, through the spirit in which cricket has been played and the strength of its administration that the Club has survived to reach its centenary year.

The names of a number of those who have worked most skilfully and diligently in administering the Club are mentioned in the following pages, but I am certain that I shall not offend anyone in daring to pick out one person for special mention. All members, I am sure, feel most indebted and grateful to the late Arthur J. Woodward, whose contribution to the Club from when he joined in 1929 until his death in 1984 was outstanding.

The Club has developed a large number of fine cricketers over the years and their talents, together with the enthusiastic support of some less gifted players, have produced some splendid performances and endless enjoyment for all concerned.

Needless to say, the contribution of many non-playing loyal subscribers has been an important factor in the Club's continuance and this support is much appreciated.

These days I am unable to attend more than a few matches in a season but follow with interest the achievements of the teams.

I wish all members of Stone Cricket Club every success and enjoyment for many years to come.

J. Turnbull

INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I must say that I am proud to be the Chairman of a Club with the History of Stone. The present day Club Committee has endeavoured to trace as much information as possible to give interesting reading to our supporters.

This year means a great deal to both the Club and me personally, showing to all that the dedication and sporting spirit started so long ago still prevails in our Village Cricket

My first recollections of Cricket in Stone are when as a young schoolboy of eight I would sit on one of the benches surrounding the ground with my father and watch the players of the day hammer the ball around the ground. I officially joined the Club at the grand old age of ten, becoming the Scorer for the Second XI; this was all at the end of the Second World War and, in itself, seems to me to be a century ago.

I was able to start playing for the Club on a regular basis only after persuading a younger friend, Kevin Burnett, to take on the scoring duties. Those were extremely happy fun-type days, and today we continue to try to instil in our younger players an attitude of playing for enjoyment.

The Club ran a Colts side in the early 1950's and we were able to achieve many good performances, beating the larger clubs such as Gravesend and Dartford. Those Colts became the backbone of the Club and many are still associated with, or play for, the Club today.

We all owe a lot to our seniors of that time: our President Jim Turnbull, Sandy Message, Jim Harwood, Arthur Coomber, Fred Rees and, of course, the late Arthur Woodward. These people, along with many others, encouraged, roasted and helped us not only to become better cricketers but also better people. One of the great assets of all these past players is their ability to tell some of the most imaginative stories that anyone would wish to hear about our own members and opponents. I think I have now joined this band of story-tellers.

As a young player I could not say that drinking after the match was discouraged but it certainly wasn't encouraged. In today's enlightened society, I feel that hospitality of this kind, all in moderation, of course, is part of social proceedings needed to foster lasting good relations with opponents whom we invite to join us after the game at the 'Lads of the Village' Public House.

Particularly with the advent of League Cricket, there are occasions when gamesmanship creeps into matches and some people forget that playing the game is more important than the result. It is our vowed intention that this should never be the case in Stone Cricket Club.

In the Hundred Years which have elapsed since the Club started, we have had many 'characters' in the membership and although other members of the current committee and I have known a number of them our qualifications to comment on them all are dubious. However we will try to mention most in the following pages.

I would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking all those people too numerous to mention by name who over the years have supported the Club both financially and by services. As an example of this, Hilda Matthews is in her 26th year of preparing the cricket teas. To Hilda and all others – Thank you, and I wish you well.

I sincerely hope that I shall be involved with Stone Cricket Club for many years to come. Through the Club I have made many friends and I hope to make many more. I would like to think that any changes we will see in the future will all be for the better and that the Cricket environment will equal that which existed when I first joined Stone some 41 years ago.

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HOW IT BEGAN

Canon Roger Dalison, Curate of Stone in 1888 and his Rector the Reverend Murray called a meeting with a number of local enthusiasts to discuss the formation of a Cricket Club in Stone. It is doubtful that anyone of those good people thought that the results of their decision would not only survive two World Wars but would continue to flourish for 100 years. The early days of the Club were spent at a secluded spot adjacent to the historic 12th Century St. Mary's Church, a noted landmark on the river Thames and reputed to have been called 'The Lantern of Kent' by Queen Elizabeth I, on her frequent journeys by Royal barge from the Palace of Greenwich down the river to the Ingress Abbey at Greenhithe to listen to the nightingales. The ground was eventually lost to mineral quarrying but now, after so many years, is being infilled to be restored to its original level.

The first Club President, C.H. Watson, Esq., J.P., lived at Stone Castle, was a Manager of the Cement Manufacturing Company, and a keen Cricket enthusiast.

All the usual problems associated with preparing a new cricket ground were most evident: lack of money, lack of a water supply and extreme difficulties with preparing a wicket and cutting the grass. Cutting the grass was partly solved by allowing Dr. McReddy to graze his goats on the outfield and for this he paid one sovereign a season, a princely sum in those days. The Stone Tennis Club solved the water problems by generously allowing the Cricketers to lay a water pipe 70 ft. long from their supply. This was greatly appreciated by the joint groundsmen George (Laddie) Burt and Harry Weston. Subsequently the Tennis pavilion was offered and purchased for £3; Stone Cricket Club was in business!

At that time the Club had a very flourishing social side. There are many reports of successful Soirees, Dinners, Dances and Smoking Concerts. These social events were mostly held at the Brent School where R.W. (Bobby) Allen was a master. They were very much supported by the Staff of Stone, Darenth and Bexley Asylums which seem to have had an abundance of gifted musicians and artists to provide the entertainment.

The following is an account of the Club's first recorded Match played on 14th May 1888 and reported in the Dartford Reporter on May 19th 1888.

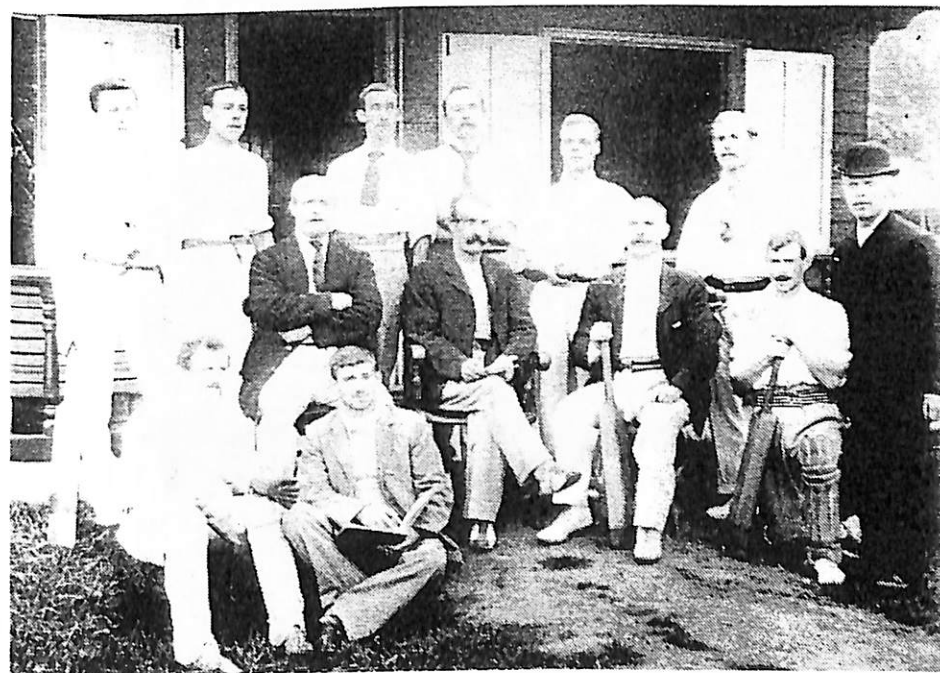
White Star (Greenhithe) v Stone

This match was played at Stone and resulted in a victory for White Star by 18 runs. In the second innings Stone were all out for 27 runs.

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G. Burt	caught & bowled Chapman	2
F. Bartholomew	caught Lahy bowled Chapman	0
A. Murrey	L.B.W. bowled Lahy	1
C. Murrey	bowled Lloyd	24
Rev. Dalison	bowled Lloyd	4
J. Richmond	L.B.W. bowled Lahy	7
A. Homewood	caught Wiggins bowled Hudson	1
T. Homewood	caught & bowled Hudson	1
H. Sparrow	bowled Lloyd	0
H. Weston	NOT OUT	0
J. Weston	bowled Lloyd	1
EXTRAS		1

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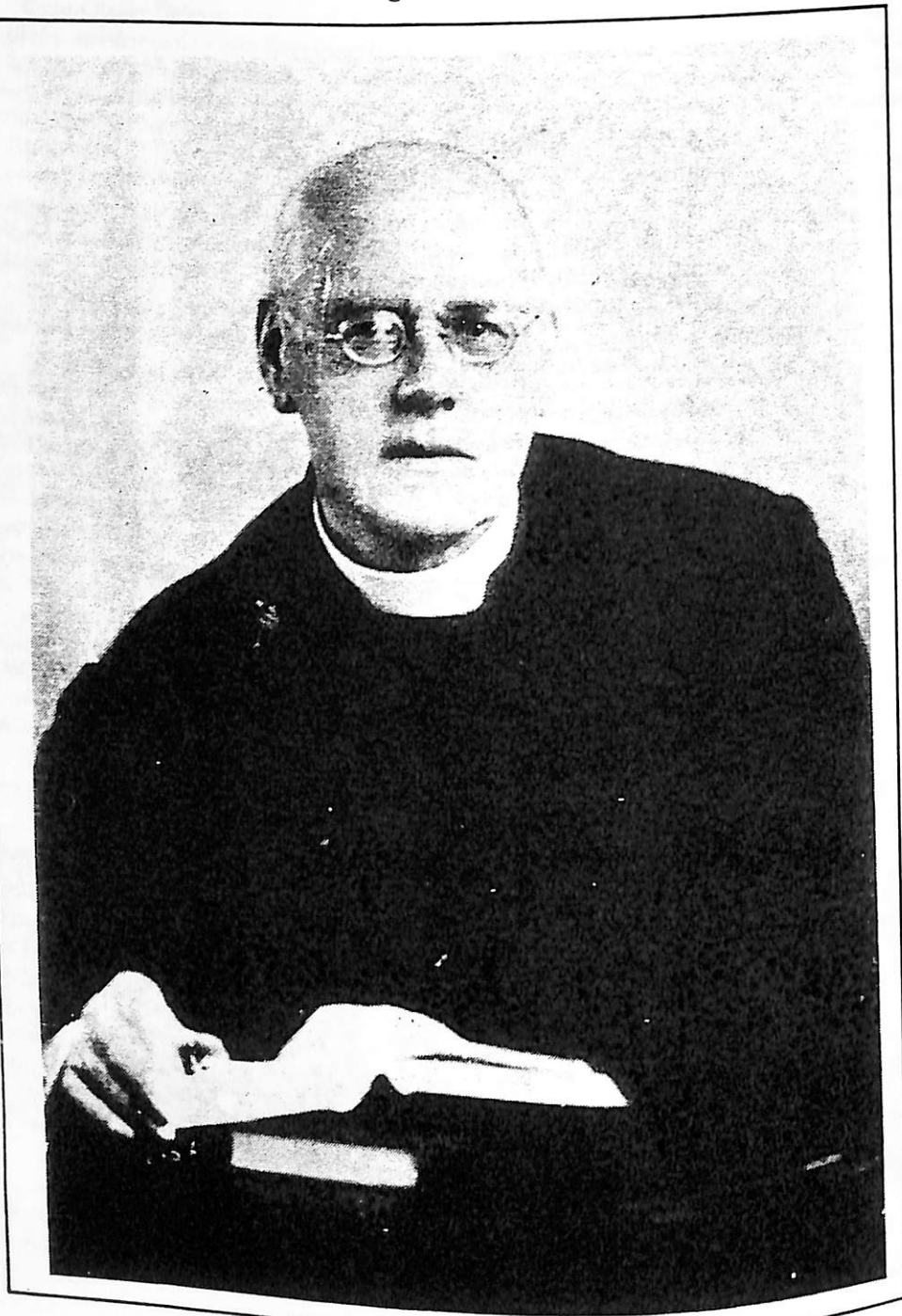
T. Hudson	caught A. Homewood bowled T. Homewood	6
F. Bullock	bowled A. Murrey	14
H. Chapman	bowled A. Murrey	14
D. Lahy	caught Sparrow bowled A. Murrey	0
W. Lloyd	caught Sparrow bowled A. Murrey	7
G. Watson	bowled A. Murrey	0
T. Newman	bowled A. Murrey	0
W. Smith	bowled T. Homewood	3
J. Laby	bowled T. Homewood	3
W. Wiggins	NOT OUT	2
W. Brisley	caught J. Weston bowled T. Homewood	2
EXTRAS		9



An early photograph approximately 1900

W. Hoadley, F. Simmons, G. Burt, J. Sparrow, F. Ferrell, W. Sparrow,
N. Weston, D. Nettlingham, R. Allen, Ware, Hoadley
G. Judd, A. Hardy.

THE FOUNDER
Rev. Roger Dalison



CANON ROGER DALISON

Roger William Hammond Dalison was born in 1860. Whilst Curate at Dartford between 1884 & 1887, he obtained a M.A. Degree in 1886. He served at Stone between 1887 & 1889 and it was during this period that he encouraged the Youth of the district to start a Cricket Team.

During 1902 he made a World Tour visiting, Tasmania, New Zealand, the South Pacific Islands and Canada.

In 1906 he returned to Stone to become Rector after the retirement of Canon F.W. Murray. The following is an account of the event as reported in the 'Dartford Chronicle' at that time:

"We are pleased to learn that the Rev. R.W.H. Dalison has accepted the Rectorship of Stone, recently vacated by Canon F.W. Murray. Mr. Dalison was formerly curate at Stone, and also held a curacy at Dartford under the Rev. F.S. Dale, Vicar. Mr. Dalison resigns a living at Powerstock, Melplush, Dorset, to take over his new work. The Rev. Gentleman, who married Miss Lucy Montgomery, only daughter of the late Sir Robert Montgomery, and left Dartford 17 years ago, will commence his duties as Rector of Stone at the beginning of May. When resident in his district Mr. Dalison was most popular and his departure was widely regretted — his return will be generally welcomed".

He continued his work in the district until 1926 when he retired to Seaton, South Devon to enjoy his retirement until his demise.

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England hath played at many a game,
And ever her toy was a ball,
But the meadow game, with the beautiful name,
Is King and Lord of them all;
Cricket is King and Lord of them all,
Thro' the sweet green English shires,
And here's to the bat, and the ball (HOW'S THAT?)
And the heart that never tires.

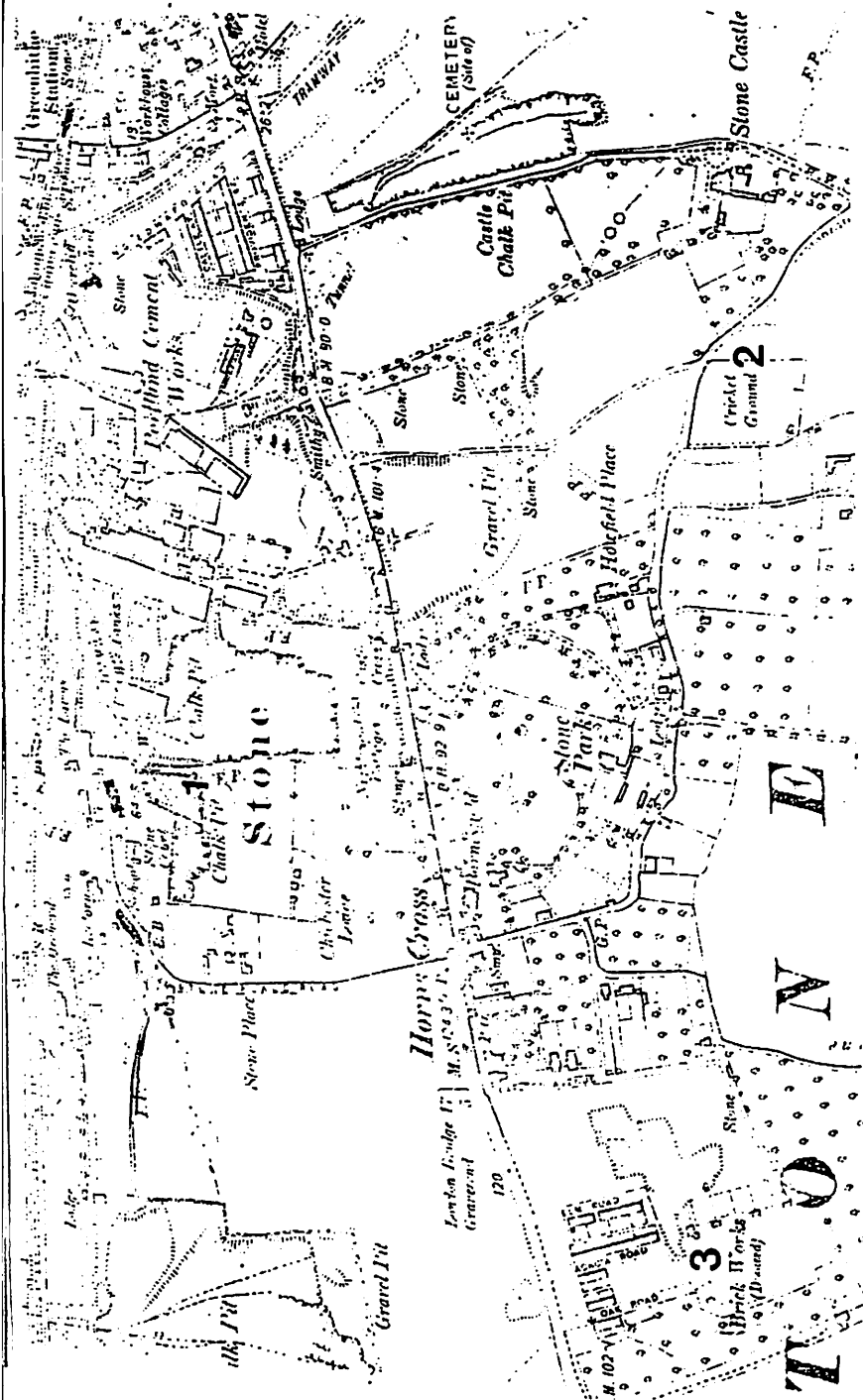
O, the glance of the bat, and the dip of the ball
As it hums thro' the crouching slips;
O, the buzzing wail of the flying bail,
And the grin on the bowlers lips,
O, the blind, blind swipe and the cut that's caught,
And the terribly quick throw in;
Ah, there's to the wit of the bat (well hit)
And here's to the ball with a spin.

The soul is glad in the thick of the game
A song through the spirit swims
For the brain is king of the muscles swing,
And Lord of the eager limbs;
And its joy, pure joy, for the hearts of men,
The clean, the strong, and the sage.
Till the pulse is cold, we're out (well bowled)
To a flattering lob from age.

O, it's sweet to talk through the summer eves
Of the game we have lost and won,
Of the quick turned wrist, of the shooting twist,
Of the catch and the stolen run;
It's good to show on the stinging hand
How the hot return was stopped;
And what of my duck, if we lost (Hard Luck!)
But what of the catch you dropped!

But when we are puffing thro' middle life
And it's time for the last sweet knocks
When our average falls and we fear fast balls
And the young 'uns call us "Crocks".
Well, watching the young 'uns play with verve
And still with our latest breath
"Well played!" we'll shout from the ropes (Not Out!)
And follow the game till death.

Harold Begbie (1871 – 1929)



Map of the area showing the three homes of
Stone Cricket Club

1. Church Path.
2. Hedge Place Road.
3. London Road.

THE EARLY YEARS

Over the last 100 years, the Club has produced many fine cricketing elevens and equally many outstanding cricketers, but without doubt the greatest strength has always been in the quality of the Club administration. This high standard has earned the respect of Cricket Clubs and enthusiasts far beyond the borders of Stone.

In the earliest days progress was slow mainly due to the lack of good facilities, a shortage of clubs in the district and the difficulties of travelling further afield. By 1898 things were on a fairly sound footing and the Club was allowing Stone Athletic Club to use the Ground for football. The Club joined with a number of others to play league cricket. It is recorded in the Minutes of the General Meeting held in October 1901 that the league side should be selected by taking the first eight players in the averages to fill eight regular places and that the remaining three positions should be taken by selection from the next best six positions in the averages.

Law and order was considered by the Club to be in its own hands; it was recorded in Committee Minutes on the 28th January 1903: — 'The Honorary Secretary reported catching a party of Boys in the Pavilion and that considerable damage had been done. He had the names of five of them and had written to their parents informing them that a Committee Meeting would be called to consider prosecuting them. However they were given the opportunity of appearing in front of the committee and they all did so. They pleaded guilty and begged to be forgiven. They were all spoken to and promised not to offend again.' It is of interest they they or their sons at some time later joined the Club.

One of Stone's proud boasts is that fairness is paramount in the playing of the game. It is thought that most Clubs respect us for this attitude, and this is supported by the fact that back in 1903 Wilmington C.C. requested Stone's umpire to officiate in a Wilmington & District versus The Kent Club and Ground match.

In 1905 the Club was asked to look for an alternative ground as the Cement Company would soon be ready to start quarrying. Subsequently, thanks to the good offices of the President, a parcel of some three acres of ground at Swansfield Farm adjoining Stone Castle was offered and accepted at a yearly rent of £6. The move was finally made in late 1906 but the opening match on the new ground did not take place until June 1907 when the Club played Mr. Douglas Watson's XI. At about the same time efforts were made to form a Quoits section within the Club, this being a very popular sport in the district, with most public houses boasting a quoit bed, and in May 1906 Mr. Pauling was elected Quoits Captain. Mr. J. Hewitt provided sufficient Clay to make the beds and initial fixtures were arranged with Windmill Tavern, The Albion and Artillery Cement Works. The Section continued for a number of years until the popularity of the game waned.

Reported facts and figures relating to the move to the new ground make interesting reading. The Cricket table and surrounding areas were hand dug by fork at the cost of 6d per rod. The wicket area was laid by a Kent County Cricketer, Mr. George Collins for a fixed fee of £25, while the limited outfield was sown with quality grass seed supplied by Carters, who also supervised the job. The pavilion was dismantled and transported to the new ground by Dierdons for the sum of £4 and it was eventually re-erected on concrete foundations. It is recorded in committee minutes that the Club was indebted to Messrs. Judd and Farrance for the able way in which they and fellow members had carried out the erection work without incurring any further expense to the Club.

Having previously been arable land under cultivation, it was not surprising that during the first season the outfield produced quite a crop of self-sown potatoes, much to the consternation of the groundsman and the delight of certain members who arrived for matches fully equipped to harvest the crop as well as to play cricket. This ground proved to be a peaceful and pleasant spot and the home of Stone Cricket Club for the following thirty very happy and successful years. Up until the first World War improvements were continually being made, with fencing being erected around the ground and a toilet being erected behind the pavilion. In 1913 Mr. G.B. Livingstone, the Club Chairman and his sons generously provided the Club with sight screens, improving playing conditions.

Fourteen of the Club members served in the armed forces during the war years and hence fielding a regular team was virtually impossible and the number of games played was extremely limited. Sadly not all returned when the war was over and during the following season the Club could only field one team. During the War years George Branton, Percy Sanders and Bill Hoadly represented the Club in a local XI selected to play an Australian XI at Darenth Park. The Club allowed the Stone Club and Institute Football Club use of facilities during the football season. On August Bank Holiday 1920 the Club held a Memorial Benefit Match and the proceeds were donated to a Stone World War I memorial. The Club sold 400 tickets for the game priced at 6d each, raising £10.

BILL HOADLEY

Bill opened the batting for Stone for very many years, modelling his batting on professionals and playing all his strokes in an orthodox manner (Cow shots were unknown). Bill was rated as one of the best Captains in the District and carried out the job admirably for the Club for many years. He took on the role of groundsman when the ground was at Hedge Place Road and made such an impression that when a vacancy occurred at the Recreation Ground Bill became the automatic choice. In the 1920's, Bill spent a lot of time with younger players and his practice nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays were not to be missed. His wise counselling paved the way for the Club's future playing strength.

PERCY SANDERS

Percy was noted for his steadying influence in the Club and with his presence members felt confident that the Club's business affairs were always kept in first class order. Percy became the Club's general secretary in 1913, a position he held for many years. As a player Percy was an extremely good batsman and headed the batting averages on more than once occasion. He was a sound club captain and very astute when it came to changing his bowlers.

In memory of Percy's long association with the Club, his son Denis Sanders has generously presented a trophy in this centenary year to be presented annually within the Club as the general committee shall decide.

In the early 1920's the ground took on a vastly improved appearance as it was possible to cut the grass on the whole of the field due to the purchase of a pony mower. Jim Turnbull recalls that he, along with seven or eight other young boys were asked to join the Club in 1924 by the Groundsman of the day Bill Hoadly. Bill was not only a very fine cricketer but an excellent club captain. He would cut a strip of the ground for the wicket using the pony pulled mower and then ask Jim and Cecil Dalton to continue cutting the ground while he went off to practice. The use of the pony supplied by a local entrepreneur was not without incident which did not escape the notice of the more observant members, who attended practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, while sitting comfortably awaiting their turn to bat or bowl. It was clear from the beginning that the pony, after carefully inspecting the mowing machine, did not like what it saw and had no wish to build up any form of rapport with it. Little things seemed to upset the animal, not least the groundsman who were seen hanging on for dear life as they galloped round the ground. A full blooded drive from the practice area would suddenly set the Pony off in a dead straight line for its ancestral home in the New Forest. It soon became apparent that as the animal became more manageable and on christian name terms with its handlers, the enlightened owner, Mr. Chapman of Saint James' Lane, would replace it with another straight from the New Forest ready to be broken in. Stone Cricket Club was in the horse breaking business without approval of the members. Interesting facts about the cutting of the ground, are that 32 bags of grass would be collected during the course of an evening and were later sold to Seers in Hedge Place Road for 6d per bag to feed their cows.

When Jim Turnbull, Cecil Dalton and the other youngsters were asked to join the Club none of them knew that Mr. Killick of Stone Park had previously offered to subsidise subscriptions, which then stood at five shillings for an under eighteen year old, of up to eight young people. This was his way of assisting in forming the nucleus of a team for the future. This was not Mr. Killick's only generous action which benefited the Club, as on many occasions he provided the season's batting and bowling awards.

Sadly it has not been possible to trace the official Club records between 1920 and the early 1930's but from subsequent records it is clear that through this period both the playing strength and ground conditions were continually improving.

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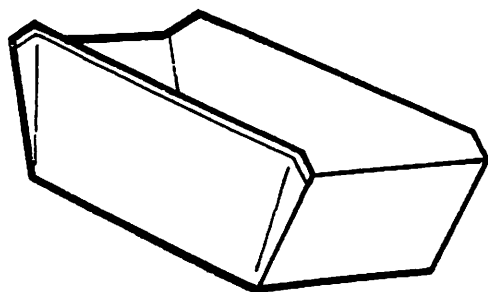
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In 1932 the Committee voted overwhelmingly that no member should be allowed to play in a match unless he was properly attired in a white shirt and white flannels. It also agreed to award prizes to the value of 10/6d to successful players in the averages of both teams. The Club allowed the local ladies to use the ground for Hockey during the Winter months and in return they paid a sum of £3. This was a particularly eventful year as the Club acquired its first Motor mower and the ground improvements progressed more rapidly.

In 1934 the Club lost R.W. Allen, the last of the founder members, who had given the Club 46 years of loyal service.

1935 brought the news that a second change of home ground would have to take place and the discussions which ensued between the Club and Stone Parish Council continued through 1936 until an agreement was reached for a move to the recreation ground which has remained the home of Stone Cricket Club until this its centenary year.

The mid 1930's was a period in the Club's history when the playing strength was probably at its best with defeat being a rarity and in 1937, the year in which the first match was played on the Recreation Ground, not a single match was lost. The Parish Council were unable to provide any facilities at the new ground and once again the mammoth task of moving the pavilion was undertaken. The cost to the Club was £40.16.00, leaving the Club with a financial deficit of £16.17.111/2 at the commencement of the 1937 season. No records can be found showing to whom the money was owed but it is highly likely that Percy Sanders, who was the Treasurer at the time, was once again the Club's Saviour. Apart from the work carried out by contractors in moving the pavilion, a great deal of effort was put in by Fred Branton to ensure the job's success. Bill Bevis, a club supporter, also carried out some additional boarding work to make the Pavilion completely weatherproof and secure. Part of the agreement with the Council was that immediately the pavilion was re-erected, it would become the property of the Council. Although at this point the Club lost some of its freedom as far as making improvements to the ground and facilities were concerned, good progress was aided by co-operation between the Parish Council and the Club committee.

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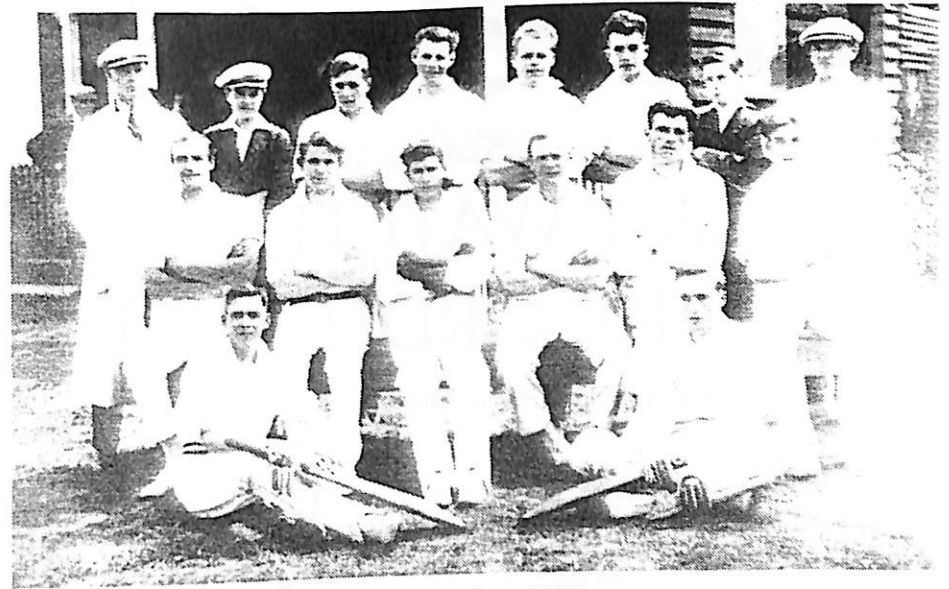
FRED BRANTON

Fred was recognised as being the best fast bowler of his time in the district and it was not unusual for him to break a stump, a most expensive time for the Club. Fred also liked to hit the ball hard and when batting at number 7, sixes back over the bowlers head were the order of the day. When Fred's pace bowling started to wane, he changed to bowling leg breaks with equal success. Fred was Clerk of the Parish Council and the guiding force which made the introduction of a cricket pitch on the Recreation Ground a reality.

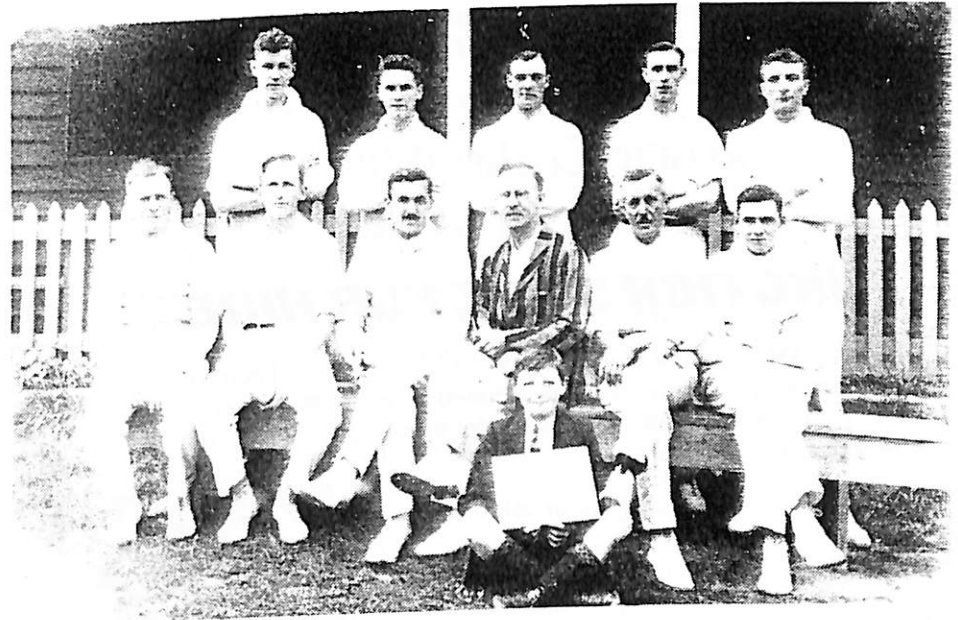
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2nd XI about 1930.



1st XI about 1930.

Jack Hoadley, Arthur Woodward, Archie Holland, Dick Reed, Sam Stevens,
W.S. Branton, Jim Turnbull, Percy Sanders, G.F. Branton, Bill Hoadley, Cecil Dalton,
W. Edgar (Scorer).



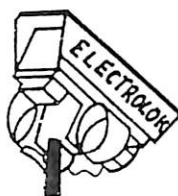
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JIM TURNBULL

In this centenary year Jim Turnbull enters his sixty fourth year as a member of the Club, a record matched only by his incredible performances on the field.

In a recent discussion Jim recalled that it was on a Saturday afternoon in 1924 when he, then aged 14, and a group of pals including Cecil Dalton, Dick Moyste and Charlie Green, were watching Stone play at the Hedge Place Road ground when they were asked by Bill Hoadly if they would like to join the Club.

In their first season the boys were charged a fee of 2/6d and did not find out until later that their subscriptions had been subsidised by Mr. Killick of Stone Park. Jim recalled how the late Arthur Woodward, his great friend of many years and a man to whom all members owe so much for his services to the Club, joined the Club a few years later. In only his second season with the Club Jim played a number of matches for the first eleven. He scored his maiden century against Cobham Cricket Club when he was 20 and this proved to be the first of between 30 and 40 centuries scored during his 46 playing years.

Jim's initial overs as a bowler were bowled at a medium to quick pace but during a match against Erith Town, when called upon by his skipper, Jim requested and obtained agreement to try bowling leg breaks, having in the back of his mind the thought of filling a vacancy in the team for a spinner which would soon arise as the main spin bowler of the side at that time, Fred Branton, was nearing the end of his playing career. Erith Town had scored 200 for 2, when Jim was handed the ball and he returned bowling figures of 8 for 18. This was the start of a most successful spin bowling career which included taking all ten wickets on two occasions.

Jim's fine performances as an all-rounder are too numerous to mention in detail, but his younger playing colleagues remember with pride a match against Southborough in one of their cricket weeks in the 1950's when Jim scored 122 not out and followed this by taking 7 wickets for 24 runs.

At the age of 24 Jim was asked if he was interested in having a trial for the County but he declined owing to his farming commitments with his father at the farm behind Hedge Place Road where Jim continued to operate until his retirement.

In addition to Playing for Stone, during the 1939-45 war years Jim played in more than thirty matches against the London Counties and played for the Erith & District, Dartford & District and Swanscombe & Greenhithe & District sides. For a number of years he played three or four times a year for the local farmers side which he captained on a number of occasions when the job was not being undertaken by his good friend and former colleague Bill Murray-Wood, the former Kent Captain. Jim became Vice Captain of the Club in 1930 and Captain for the first of several occasions in 1935.

Jim served the Club as a committee member for many years and served as its Chairman from 1961 to 1967 before being succeeded in this position by another long serving and loyal member of the Club, Stuart (Sandy) Message.

In recognition of his services to Stone Cricket Club Jim was elected as its first life member in 1970. In this centenary year Jim continues to be the Club's President having taken over the role from Mr. A.H. Warr in 1975.

Jim has always recognised that the game is bigger than the individual and throughout his long playing career his colleagues recall his gentlemanly manner, his good sportsmanship on and off the field and his patience with and encouragement of other players regardless of their cricketing ability.

It is worthy of note that Jim's sporting abilities did not finish on the Cricket field. He was a fine hockey player and Captained the Stone Hockey Club.

Jim and his charming wife Violet have lived in New Barn for some while since Jim retired from farming, but from time to time he still delights Club members by appearing at matches to meet his younger colleagues and watch the cricket.

Cricket In North Kent

YOUNG PLAYER WORTH WATCHING

Turnbull's 206 In Two Innings For Stone

"T" ICH" FREEMAN is arranging a match at the end of the season between teams of young hopefuls

He might give consideration about including J. Turnbull, of Stone. There is not a more consistent batsman in North Kent club cricket, and with the ball he is in the useful class.

Playing against Loosenders on Saturday he hit up an undefeated 111

In his previous innings Turnbull missed the century by only five runs. Thus he has an aggregate for the two knocks of 206 runs.

This latest venture was notable for the fact that Turnbull hit the ball nine times out of the ground, and altogether 84 of his runs came from boundaries

Stone were able to declare at 185—0.

Loosenders' trouble didn't end there. They had not a player in their side like Turnbull, and were all out for 44

Giving their best performances of the season, A. Petty and F. Simmons took 6—16 and 4—15 respectively.

Loosenders will like to forget this game.

Turnbull's Century.

STONE v. LOOSENDERS.

This match was played at Hedge Place-road on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for Stone who were never extended. A feature during the Stone innings was the batting of J. Turnbull who distinguished himself with yet another excellent display. Driving the ball out of the ground on no fewer than six occasions, his century included 84 runs from boundary hits. F. Simmons and T. May also batted in a carefree manner, and at the fall of the sixth wicket the innings was declared closed. Loosenders, in reply, fared disastrously, and with the departure of R. Moon half the side was out for only 17 runs. Loosenders finally totalled 41, R. Murray being top scorer. A. Petty and F. Simmons gave their best performances of the season to return 5 wickets for 16 runs and 4 wickets for 15 runs respectively. Petty in particular seemed to have captured the "carnival" spirit after his enforced absence

STONE.	
J. Turnbull, not out	111
A. Stevens, b H. Simmons	2
F. Simmons, c A. Hoadley, b Butters ..	35
A. Woodward, c Simmons, b Seal	1
T. May, c Smart, b Seal	23
A. Petty, b H. Simmons	6
E. Walsar, c Seal, b H. Simmons	1
Extras	6

(For 6 wks.) 165

Innings declared closed.—F. Gee, J. Harwood, G. Tracy and A. Smith did not bat.

LOOSENDERS.	
H. Simmons, b Petty	3
A. Hoadley, b May	1
R. Moon, b Petty	6
J. Booker, c Stevens, b Petty	2
F. Butters, lbw, b Petty	6
R. Murray, b Petty	12
W. Parmenter, b F. Simmons	1
H. Smart, b F. Simmons	0
R. Hoadley, c F. Simmons	7
S. Woodward, b F. Simmons	0
G. Seal, not out	8
Extras	4

44

STONE II. v. GRAY COTTAGE.

This match was played at Stone Recreation Ground on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors, who, batting first, made 151, thanks to an excellent innings by F. Fox, which included 10 boundaries. Stone never recovered from a poor start, and with the exception of A. Thomas offered little resistance to a keen attack. Thomas shows promise, and with practice should develop into a useful cricketer. Score:—

GRAY COTTAGE.—F. Brown, b Thomas, 10; A. Mercer, b Bignell, 5; B. Harris, b Thomas, 14; C. Ansell, c Young, b Bignell, 16; A. Finch, b Thomas, 0; A. Lowther, b Thomas, 0; J. Carr, c Bignell, b Thomas, 10; F. Fox, not out, 62; C. Cunnew, run out, 7; C. Mercer, c Young, b Bolton, 8; F. Mercer, c and b Bignell, 11; extras 8.—Total 151.

STONE II.—Titchall, b Harris, 0; J. Bolton, c Cunnew, b C. Mercer, 9; A. Thomas, c A. Mercer, b Harris, 35; F. Young, c Cunnew, b Harris, 9; F. Bignell, lbw, b Mercer, 4; R. Fowers, run out, 5; A. Walters, c Fox, b Brown, 2; G. F. Branton, b Brown, 1; R. Archer, c and b Brown, 1; H. Thomas, not out, 2; E. Dalton, st Cunnew, b Carr, 1; extras 4.—Total 61.

Two Stone Centuries.

DARENTH PARK v. STONE.

Stone visited Darenth on Saturday, and it was the first occasion on record of two Stone centuries in a single innings. Simmons included 24 boundaries and two sixes in his innings, while that of Turnbull included 17 boundaries. The rate of scoring was such that innings lasted exactly 1 hr. 5 mins., and the last 60 runs occupied 15 minutes. Darenth opened disastrously, losing their first five wickets for only 19 runs, but "Skipper" Reynolds filled the breach, and receiving ex-



F. SIMMONS, 136.

cellent assistance from Bennett and Hobbs, he punished the Stone attack to such effect that with the drawing of stumps he was within eight of his century. Score:—

STONE.	
J. Turnbull, c sub, b Bates	112
R. Springate, b Durham	10
F. Simmons, c Durham, b Bates	136
J. Hoadley, not out	0
Extras	5

(For 3 wks.) 263

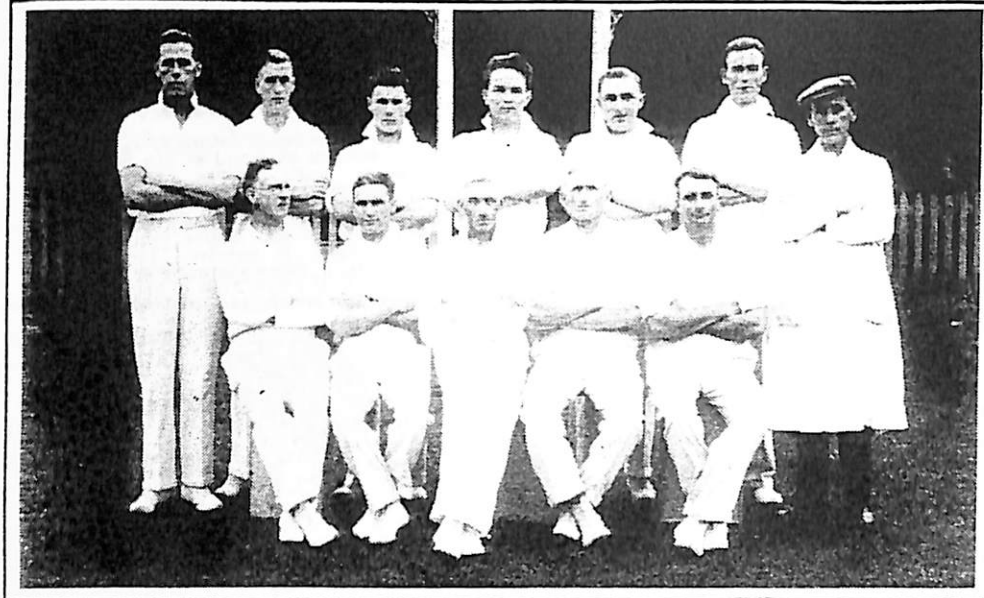
Innings declared closed. T. May, A. Woodward, C. Smith, A. Warland, R. Fowers, E. Walker and C. Dalton did not bat.

DARENTH PARK.

C. Gellatly, c Simmons, b May	2
W. Connell, lbw, b Walker	5
S. Durham, b Walker	12
F. Harvey, b May	1
H. Takes, b May	24
A. Reynolds, not out	92
H. Poultney, c Hoadley, b Simmons ..	0
R. Bennett, c Walker, b Simmons	20
J. Hobbs, not out	17
Extras	12

(For 7 wks.) 165

J. Bates and A. Hedley did not bat.



1st XI in the 1930's

Tom May, Archie Holland, Fred Simmons (Jnr), Roy Springate, Jim Harwood, Fred Simmons (Snr), George Branton, Arthur Woodward, George Gurney, Jim Turnbull, Sam Stevens.



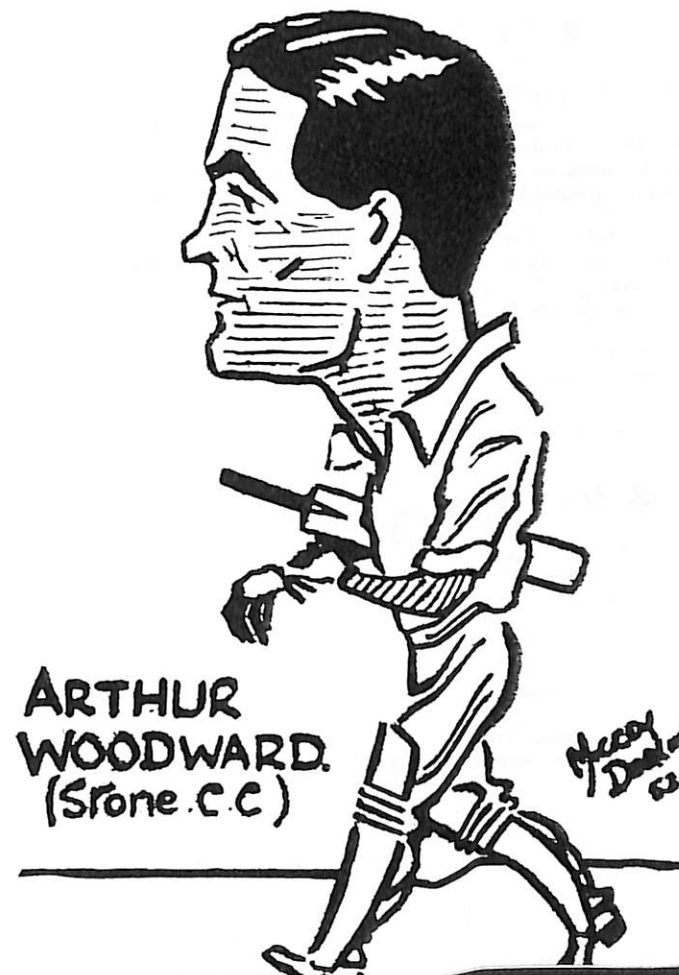
1st XI 1935

Tom May, Fred Simmons (Snr), Roy Springate, Bill Howes, Chris Burnett, Arthur Petty, Jim Turnbull, Sam Stevens, Cecil Dalton, George Gurney, Fred Simmons (Jnr), Ted Dalton, Arthur Woodward.

ARTHUR WOODWARD

Arthur loved cricket and it was with a deep sense of sadness and loss that Club members and other cricket lovers learned of his death in April 1984. He joined the Club in 1929 and gave a lifetime of devoted service both on and off the field. Arthur always thought a lot about the game and this quality combined with his personal knowledge of individual opponents made him one of the best Captains the Club has ever had. Of his 55 years as a Club member, 43 were devoted initially to being Treasurer and then General Secretary, a position he held until 1973. Arthur always conducted his duties in a manner beyond reproach and the Club recognised him for his service in 1974 by making him a life member, only the second since the Club's formation. He was a gentleman and had a philosophy that village cricket is a generator of friendships to foster and cherish.

Over many years Arthur obtained considerable encouragement and help in his administrative roles for the Club from his lovely wife Winnie. She unselfishly gave a lot of her spare time in providing efficient secretarial support and entertaining members when committee meetings were held at their home. The gratitude of members was expressed when Winnie was made the first lady life member of the Club following Arthur's death.



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A few "Overs"

The Club was founded in 1888 by the
 REV. CANON R. W. H. DALISON.

During the early days of the Club Mr. G. Ferroll had the distinction of taking six wickets in six balls in a match versus City of London Mental Hospital.

Mr. J. Turnbull, during the season 1934, scored three centuries and narrowly missed two others after reaching the nineties, scoring eight hundred and eighty-six runs in twenty innings and returning the excellent average of 46.6.

The Club enjoyed one of the most successful seasons since its inception, in completing season 1937 without defeat.

A few "Good Innings"

Messrs. W. Hoadley and G. F. Branton have been playing members of the Club for forty-three years and thirty-six years respectively.

Mr. F. Simmons (Umpire) has been an active member for forty years, while Mr. G. B. Livingstone (Chairman) has over thirty years service.

The present Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. J. W. Sanders, has completed twenty-five years as an officer of the Club.

Extracts from the 50th Anniversary Souvenir Programme

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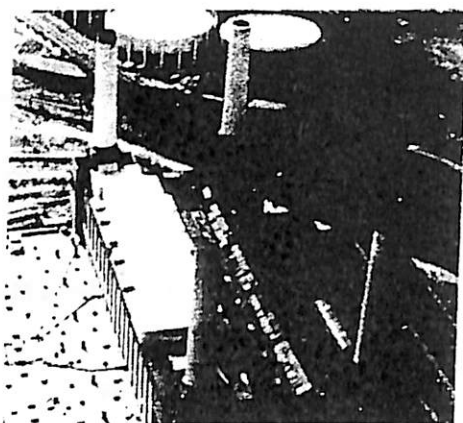
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WORLD WAR II

The start of World War II created a number of problems and it is felt that if Adolf Hitler had played cricket Stone Cricket Club would have subjected him to a few bouncers. An extract from a Committee Meeting held on 2nd March 1940 reads:-

Following a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously decided that every effort be made to run an XI during the coming season and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Food Control Officer for a sugar allowance.

The following a year a similar pre-season Committee Meeting recorded the following:

*The question arose of running an XI during 1941 and lengthy discussion covered many problems such as restricted travelling in the district owing to the defence regulations, rationing of food, and the difficulty of fielding an eleven owing to the calls made by War Work and the Forces. It was unanimously agreed that every effort should be made to continue throughout the 1941 season and - * * * - the Germans.*

At the same meeting, Jim Turnbull was presented with a mounted cricket ball in recognition of his achievement in capturing all 10 Old Erithian wickets for 36 runs in a match during the 1939 season.

During 1943, enemy action caused a great deal of damage when ten bombs fell on the Recreation Ground and the number of wickets on the cricket table became limited. However, during this and all the war years the Club continued to operate and prove that Germany or any other foe could not prevent Englishmen from playing their beloved game of Cricket. It is noteworthy that throughout these war years, Jim Turnbull continued to top both the Batting and Bowling Averages.

The 1947 Season brought the restoration of a 2nd XI and the Club started the Season with a bank balance of £13,15.10. Jim Turnbull ended a long period as Club Captain, and the job was placed in the capable hands of Arthur Woodward.

All bomb damage repair work on the cricket square was organised by Club members and during this time most 1st XI fixtures had to be played away from home and some 2nd XI fixtures had to be cancelled. Sadly, in late 1947 the Club lost Mr. G. Livingstone who had been Chairman on a number of occasions since 1909.

ALAN LARNER

Alan joined the Club as a batsman but was noted more for his agility in the field, particularly close to the bat. He played in the 1st XI for the majority of his playing career but took over the Captaincy of the 2nd XI at a time when the development of younger players was a major requirement to secure the Club's future. Alan held the office of Fixture Secretary for 25 years, as far as can be established, longer than any other person in the Club's history. In this role he continually produced fixtures of a strength which would flatter our Club today. However, Alan is not infallible and is noted for one humorous occasion when, in a fixture with Rainham, each team went to the other's ground. Alan swears this was the fault of Rainham's fixture secretary, and we all believe him? Alan's father Charles and son Jeffrey have also played for the Club.

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As time progressed and thanks to a lot of enthusiasm and effort by Club members things began to improve for the Club once again and with Club membership continuing to grow a concrete practice wicket was laid and organised practice was resumed on two nights per week. This led to increased demands on the Club Committee to ensure good playing surfaces and well maintained equipment. Good quality seed and marl were purchased for the cricket table and work undertaken by members, particularly Arthur Woodward and Jim Harwood produced wickets which matched the best in the district. The committee also found time to think of other people and presented gifts to Cecil and Ted Dalton the 1st XI Umpire and Scorer respectively, Bill Dodd the Second XI Scorer, Mrs. Waldock the tea lady and the popular Captain of the 1st XI, Sandy Message on his marriage to Ida.

SANDY MESSAGE

Sandy (real name Stuart) joined the Club in 1939 and has remained a member to the present day, giving 49 years of loyal service. He has served the Club in many ways, on the General Committee, as Club Captain and as Chairman, a position he held until 1982. Sandy was a very good batsman and in consideration of this and all his other services, was made the Club's third life member in 1983. An article written in the Reporter in June 1964 stated the following about Sandy:-

Throughout all his years in local cricket, his manner both on and off the field provides a fine example for any youngster to follow. Anyone who has played with or against him will vouch for the fact that it is a privilege to take part in any game in which he is playing. No one has ever seen a show of temperament from him, or a word out of place. Never does he dispute any decision or "cross" another player. In short, Sandy is the kind of man that makes the game worthwhile and one of the true Gentlemen of local cricket.

Stone Cricket Club members endorse that article unanimously.



Press cuttings from the 1940's

DARTFORD v. STONE

Played at Hesketh Park on Saturday. Stone opened well with 79 for 4 and had little difficulty in passing the Dartford total. Turnbull (8 for 49) bowled well. Score:—

DARTFORD.—8 Message 4, R Hicks 4, J. Ralph 6, W. Quant 12, A Hawkins 0, J. Willows 12, A Pollock 8, 2 Pearce 0, S Herbert 6, A Taylor 0, D. Bolly not out 3; extras 5.—Total 34.

STONE.—J. Turnbull 17, R. Springate 21, A. Bamfield 10, A. Woodward 36, L. Dunmall 14, J. Harinup 0, A. Larnar 6, R. Skillett 0, F. Rogers 1, P. Crouch not out 3, O. Dalton 0; extras 6.—Total 113.

ERITH TOWN v. A. J. WOODWARD'S XI (STONE)

Played at Erith on Sunday. For Woodward's XI, Davis took 3 for 23 and Turnbull 4 for 26; for Erith Gilbert took 5 for 21 and Bungay 2 for 10. Score:—

ERITH TOWN.—J. Dawson 0, W. Driver 1, P. Beaurain 12, G. Upham 1, P. Pettit 0, H. Neaves 2, E. Bungay 0, D. Drake 19, C. Farrelly 5, J. Strickwick 2, G. Gilbert not out 0; extras 3.—Total 53.

A. J. WOODWARD'S XI.—J. Turnbull 10, S. Message 7, A. Woodward 23, J. Harinup 1, P. Russell 5, H. Dunmall 7, A. Larnar 6, R. Springate 4, A. Cherry 10, J. Pearson 0, H. Davis 2; extras 9.—Total 66.

STONE v. OLD CHARLTON

Played at Stone on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home side, thanks to an excellent sixth wicket stand between Turnbull and Douglas which put on 60 runs. Bowling for Old Charlton, Blanchard took 4 for 36; for Stone, May took 3 for 27. Score:—

STONE.—A. Woodward 1, S. Message 1, R. Game 4, L. Dunmall 7, L. Thomas 7, T. May 0, J. Turnbull 42, N. Douglas not out 52, P. Russell 1, A. Larnar not out 16; extras 15.—Total (for 8 wks, dec.) 146. R. Springate did not bat.

OLD CHARLTON (Kemp 44, Jones 11).—Total 71.

STONE v. HORTON KIRBY

At Stone on Saturday, Horton Kirby batting two short were dismissed in 8 overs:—

Stone 88 (A. Woodward 14, A. Larnar not out 24, K. Matthews 17, Addis 4 for 24, Gentry 3 for 11, Ovenden 2 for 13).

Horton Kirby 16 (J. Mannion 6 for 8).

STONE II v. SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE II

At Stone on Saturday.

Stone II 132 (A. Woodward 28, D. Dabnor 40, E. Sinclair 21, n.o., S. Message 17, A. Dixon 6 for 38).

Swanscombe and Greenhithe II 74 (A. Wharton 25, A. Dixon 21, W. Sargent 10, R. Hawkesby 6 for 18).

Stone v. Wilmington, at Wilmington, cancelled (ground unfit).

STONE v. GRAVESEND

Played at the Bat and Ball, Gravesend, on Saturday. Score:—

STONE.—A. Woodward 0, J. Turnbull 12, S. Message 41, J. Hoadley 17, R. Springate 4, L. Dunmall not out 60, J. Strickwick 4, F. Rogers 9, A. Larnar 0, C. Dalton not out 8; extras 5.—Total (for 8 wks, dec.) 164. H. Nutt did not bat.

GRAVESEND (J. Walker 35, W. Dalton 24, G. Stratton 12, G. Lawson not out 29, R. Humphries 18;—(For 5 wks.) 124.

STONE v. SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE

At Swanscombe on Saturday, the coaters were on top throughout in reply to Swanscombe's modest score of 34. Stone lost eight wickets before the winning run was made. For Stone Turnbull took 5 for 13 and F. Pettit, on a promising newcomer to the side, 4 wickets for 11; for Swanscombe R. Hills took 3 for 28. Score:—

SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.—A. Hills 3, E. Hills 0, F. Pettit 11, B. Gurn 5, C. Stanley 2, C. Pinner 2, D. Lane 1, R. Hills 2, L. Brasher 0, G. Peirgram 0, C. Brown not out 3; extras 15.—Total 53.

STONE.—A. Woodward 11, S. Message 2, J. Hoadley 2, J. Turnbull 27, R. Springate 1, T. Pearson 0, P. Russell 0, L. Dunmall 13, A. Larnar 0, F. Rogers not out 3, H. Nutt 1; extras 19.—Total 79.

STONE v. HORTON KIRBY

At Horton Kirby on Saturday. Horton Kirby 122 (A. Reeves 12, M. Gentry 53 n.o., A. Hocking 13, J. Mannion 4 for 21, S. Durrant 3 for 29). Stone 126 for 3 (S. Message 19, A. Larnar 42 n.o., A. Bamfield 20, A. Woodward 33 n.o.).

STONE v. GILLINGHAM

At Stone on Saturday:—

Gillingham 63 (R. Davis 10, A. Williams 13, S. Haas 17, L. Dunmall 3 for 11) and 52 (S. Whitaker 13, F. Holter 5 for 10).

Stone 125 for 3 dec. (S. Message not out 71, A. Larnar 16, J. Turnbull 18).

STONE v. BEXLEY-MENTAL HOSPITAL

Played at the hospital on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Stone by 13 runs. For the Hospital, E. Thomson took 5 for 23; for Stone, J. Turnbull took 6 for 16. R. Springate had a share of five Hospital wickets stumping two and catching three. Score:—

STONE.—A. J. Woodward 32, S. Message 21, J. Turnbull 2, L. Dunmall 0, R. Game 0, L. Jarvis 9, R. Springate 0, A. Larnar 5, P. Russell not out 4, T. May 1, D. Horlock 0; extras 9.—Total 83.

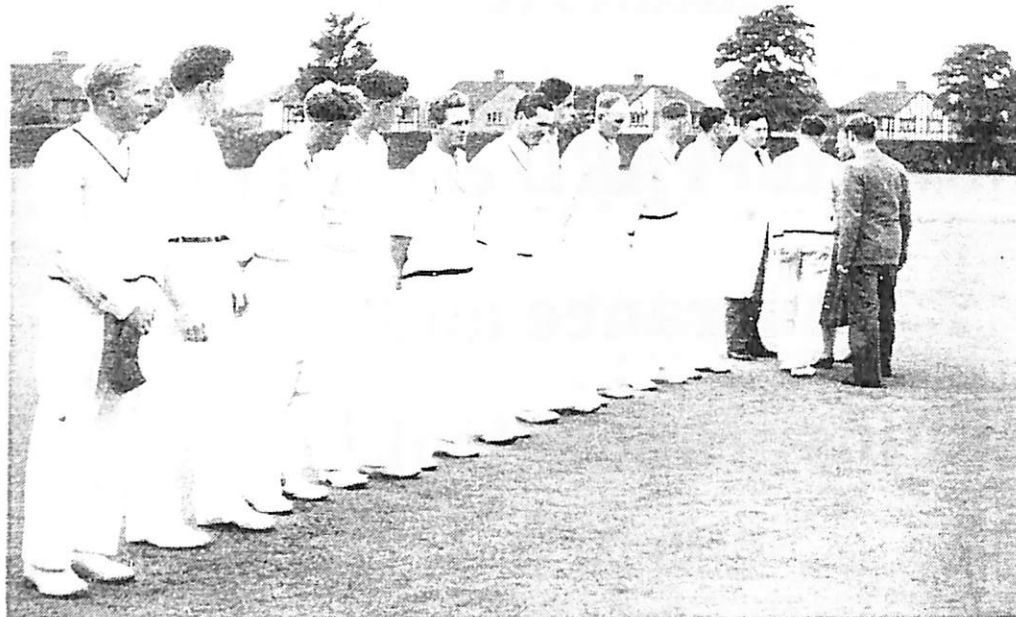
BEXLEY M.H.—E. Thomson 1, R. Pontun 5, N. Pettis 24, D. Wren not out 29, W. Francis 0, L. Elliot 2, W. Tucker 5, Dr. May 2, P. Piper 0, W. Charles 0, Dr. Cook 0; extras 3.—Total 72.

It was recognised that continued progress would require financing and towards the end of 1951 Len Ridd started the first of the Club's fund raising schemes, specifically to purchase a new motor mower and to erect a Score Box.

1952 saw the introduction of a Colts side made up of youngsters under eighteen. This proved to be an enlightened move undertaken by the Club as a high proportion of those youngsters became the backbone of the Club and many are still associated with it in its Centenary Year.

Things were never easy; it was recorded at a Committee Meeting held in September 1952 that the meeting went on into the twilight with the Secretary forced to guess or remember all the items under any other business as there was no lighting in the pavilion.

1953 and 1954 were particularly eventful years. Unfortunately, during this period our neighbouring club, Swanscombe and Greenhithe, suffered a disaster when its ground and pavilion were flooded as the River Thames burst its banks. Stone helped out by contributing five guineas to the flood relief fund. Successful fund raising enabled a score box to be erected at the south east corner of the Recreation Ground, Mrs. Herrington the new tea lady was allowed to purchase new cups and tea towels, the Club took out insurance against player injury for the first time and boasted a bank balance of £80 which it was pointed out took 10 years to accumulate.



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BILL DODD

An examination of the Club records from the mid-1940's to the present day reveals in Bill Dodd a consistently good all round cricketer and a tireless worker for the benefit of the Club and his colleagues.

As an eight-year-old Bill used to sit with his father on the bench at the London Road end of the current ground to watch Stone play and very soon was given a score book to record his version of the action. By the time he was ten Bill became the Club's official second eleven scorer and he progressed to become a member of the team at thirteen, but only after he had found his successor as scorer in Kevin Burnett who later also played for the Club.

Bill was soon opening the batting for the second eleven and captained one of the very strong colts teams which the Club produced in the early-1950's. He subsequently became a regular first eleven player for many years and for a number of seasons was appointed Club Captain.

The quality of Bill's bowling, often opening the attack, is shown in performances such as 7 for 24 in 12 overs against Town Malling in 1963, 6 for 29 against GEC in 1964 and 8 for 23 against Rainham in 1964, to give but a few examples.

Consistency has been the keynote of Bill's batting, as opener for many years and later often in the middle order where his fighting qualities have resulted in many a match being saved from the brink of defeat.

During an enforced break from playing cricket for Stone, for National Service duty, Bill played for the Royal Air Force. He also played for the local very successful Horns Cross Cricket Club, which for a number of years in the 1950's shared use of the current ground with Stone.

Bill has served as an officer of the Club for very many years leading to his appointment as Chairman in 1982, the position which he fittingly continues to hold in this centenary year. Bill has spent an exceptional amount of his time in fund raising, organising functions and performing other administrative activities for the Club and has extended his service to local cricket through his chairmanship of the Gravesend and Dartford Cricket League, of which the Club is a member, since its formation in 1979.

PHILIP RUDMAN

Phil is one of those people who never seem to get recognition but continue to contribute without due reward. Phil is the present Club Captain and although he does not claim to be the best the Club has ever had, the members recognise in him a spirit and attitude which makes him the right man for the job. Joining the Club from School in 1951, he demonstrated a will to score runs and was promoted to the first XI where he has remained ever since. He was also most useful with a ball and his left-arm-over quickies always kept him high in the bowling averages. Phil's sense of humour and concern for other people put him in a very special category and he commands the respect not only of the members of Stone Club but the vast majority of our opponents. Members hope that Phil, with continued enthusiasm, will stay with the Club for many years to come.

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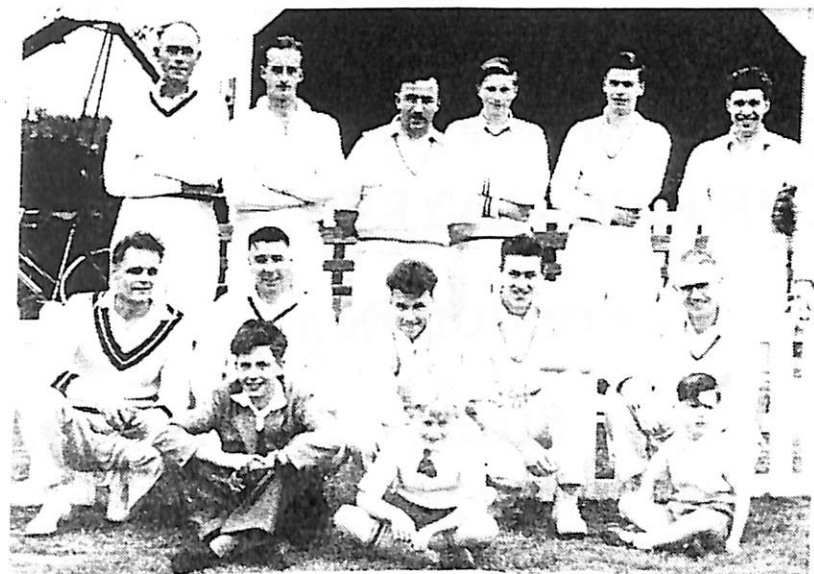
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THE ISLE OF WIGHT TOUR

Stone Cricket Club benefited greatly when in about 1950 the A.P.C.M. asked Len Ridd to transfer his place of employment to the "Garden of England". He took up residence only 400 yards away from the ground, and being a dedicated disciple of the "noble game" lost no time in contacting the club to offer his services on the field. His enthusiasm, his love of the game and his ability where it really counts, out in the middle, were soon apparent. Stone had found a gem.

Len's organising ability was soon directed towards a Club Tour of the Isle of Wight, which took place in July 1953. He marshalled a sub committee to promote the project and its members greatly enjoyed the ensuing meetings, not least because they were so well looked after by Eva and Anne, Len's wife and young daughter.

The morning of Saturday 18th July arrived. The coach driver, Peter, introduced himself and was immediately enrolled as one of the party. Most people boarded the coach at The Bull Hotel at Horns Cross, but a few required picking up en route. Many of Gerry Smith's neighbours had their Saturday morning "lie in" somewhat rudely disturbed by catcalls from the coach and hooting by the driver, as Gerry lingered long over a fond farewell to his bride of just a few months.

The party consisted of eleven Stone players, guest players Bobbie Blackwell (Erith Town), Len Burch (Bexleyheath), Ian Hodgson (Swanscombe & Greenhithe), Alan Taylor (Horton Kirby) and David Woolhouse (Halls), plus our memorable Scorer/Umpire duo of Ted and Cecil Dalton and luxury of luxuries, a second splendid umpire in Big Bill Lockyer of the Bexleyheath Club. Some wives, families and parents completed the party. The weather was great, the company was great, the driver was great and the coach kept going. Everyone was happy with their thoughts of the week ahead as the coach joined the queue for the ferry across to the island. However an ominous quietness descended upon the party when the embarkation officer announced that no booking had been made for the crossing. Apparently the coach proprietor had made a slip.

Len's persuasive powers just have to be seen to be believed, he "told the story", as he so often did, including the disappointment to the island clubs etc. The ferry officer relented, providing that the party could produce the fee for the coach and passengers. At Len's invitation, the sub-committee members turned out their wallets and somehow managed to muster the required money.

Arriving at the Belmont Hotel the party was met on the steps by the hosts for the week, no doubt wondering what they had let themselves in for when they saw the luggage being unloaded. They soon made all feel at home and provided a super evening meal. The buoyant atmosphere prevailed once again, although one felt that Ted and Cecil were somewhat apprehensive about sharing a rather large dormitory room with three of the younger members of the party.

After the evening meal, some thought that a little gentle exercise would be useful. They made their way to the local Pitch and Putt course where one member, not so familiar with golf clubs, managed to land a rather lofted pitch on the corrugated iron roof of the clubhouse. People poured out of all doors of the clubhouse, Stone Cricket Club had arrived.

WHAT IS AN UMPIRE?

AMONG THE EQUIPMENT considered essential at most cricket matches, to the regret of most of the players some of the time and some of the players all of the time, there is a gentleman who is known, among many more colourful titles, as an umpire.

AN UMPIRE can be distinguished from the players by the fact that he wears a long white coat rather like a dentist. Moreover, to at least some of the batsmen in every game, he proves to be just about as popular. AN UMPIRE is a magistrate who is often called upon to pronounce judgment more times in the course of one afternoon than his opposite number on the bench encounters during the whole of a judicial term. He must often make, in an extremely short space of time, a decision which could affect the course of cricket history for a decade: not to mention the extremely delicate ego of the individual performer.

IT IS NO HELP at all to realise that he is, on these occasions, in the presence of at least eleven other umpires who are often convinced that their own quite different opinion is correct and that the official who disagrees with them is either prejudiced, corrupt, short-sighted, mad or a person regarding whose parentage there exists the gravest possible doubts.

AN UMPIRE must always keep his eye on the ball, not only that he may be ready to observe the exact result of each delivery, but also to escape decapitation in the event of its sudden return to the bowler's end!

AN UMPIRE is all things to all men. At different times in the same match he may be seen by some as a white knight valiant for truth, by others as a black devil and daft to boot – which is exactly what some of these others would most like to do to him.

A GOOD UMPIRE must possess the courage of a lion, the wisdom of an owl, the hide of a rhinoceros and the staying power of a pedigree stallion, yet none of these things will save him from sometimes having to accept the kind of unpopularity usually reserved for Nero, Hitler, Jack the Ripper or Roger the Lodger.

IT THEREFORE makes the most prejudiced cricketer realise, in his quieter moments, that to this necessary evil, the Fellow with the Finger, the game is just as much the Thing as it is to every one of those who obey his first exhortation – 'Play!'

FOR, APART FROM anything else, unless they had such an amiable portable coat-hanger always available, where else could they possibly dump their discarded caps and sweaters?



Sunday came, and the first match. Shanklin always attracted a good holiday crowd and they were delighted when the home team dismissed Stone's last batsman when the Club was seven runs short of victory. A good entertaining match had been enjoyed by all. Other matches were played during the week against Northwood, Fairlee, West Wight and Ryde. Two matches were lost, two were won and one ended in a tie, a very satisfactory state of affairs, with everyone enjoying the cricket and the comradeship. Bert Ewers produced the best bowling performance of the tour, keeping immaculate length and taking 6 for 51 against Shanklin on a splendid batting wicket, of which the Stone batsman failed to take full advantage. Half centuries were recorded by Alan Taylor at Shanklin and Ken Matthews and Sandy Message at Ryde.

As much as the matches were enjoyed, so was the rest of the tour. Impromptu training and matches took place on Shanklin beach in the mornings before the real games. Friendships were quickly forged with holiday makers, who, by midweek, would clear a space on the beach ready for the "invaders". They seemed to revel in the enthusiasm and antics of Stone's rather boisterous party, with some deciding to take part in the action. Then there were the evening activities, perhaps the less said the better. However the sight of Bobbie Blackwell with a cock-eyed "kiss me Kate" hat, and supported heavily on either side, saying goodnight to a full size statue of a somewhat scantily clad lady at the foot of the Belmont stairs springs very readily to mind. The young Anne Ridd will surely remember being hounded by some of the boys and being locked in a bedroom wardrobe for some time.

It was mentioned earlier that Ted and Cecil Dalton appeared a little apprehensive about the shared accommodation. Well, they both enjoyed a pint or two in the evenings, and it so transpired that this meant a necessary journey at some time during the night. They were considerate to their room-mates, did not put the light on, but found their way with the help of a torch on Cecil's command of, "are you ready Ted?" On the last evening of the tour, it was decided that a black cord should be tied between the legs of the two beds on the nightly route after Ted and Cecil had "hit the hay". It was as well that the Club's founder, Canon Dalison was not present at this point in the Club's history. Words were used which had only previously been heard when one of the younger members in the dormitory, who had recently acquired a Rolls Razor, vigorously sharpened it before shaving each morning. Needless to say many other amusing incidents were created many times every day of the tour.

Bill Lockyer, the guest umpire and his wife were not youngsters when they joined the tour, but no one was younger in heart. They really enjoyed the company of the lads. Peter, the coach driver, offered the party a Mystery Tour of the island one evening and many other hotel guests joined in. He charged nine pence and organised a sweepstake on where the party would finish up. Needless to say Peter won. He had quite a good week financially. It was not until the last morning of the tour, when those who had risen a little earlier than usual, went to load some of the gear on the coach, that he was found "out to the wide" on the back seat. His boarding allowance had apparently been at least partly invested in "liquid assets". The tour fittingly ended with a convincing five wicket win over Ryde.

Club members and past members continue to talk about the tour some thirty five years after the event and it is therefore fitting that some of the details are recorded in the centenary booklet together with a special Thank You to Len Ridd without whom the tour would not have taken place.

Press cuttings from the 1950's

BAD START FOR V.C.D.

ON Saturday V.C.D. opened the season with a home match against Stone C.C. and lost by 39 runs.

Stone batted first and were given a good start by Dodds and Holter before the latter was out for 38 with the score 63.

Four more wickets fell for only 19 runs. Turnbull and Huckstepp stopped the collapse and only one more wicket fell, when Turnbull was lbw for 39.

For V.C.D. Mosely and Blackwell opened steadily until, with the score at 29, Mosely was bowled for 15. Wickets fell at regular intervals and only Buckswell (30), Robinson (16), and Evans (13), who was last out, showed any form.

V.C.D. 100 (J Turnbull 5 for 25).

Stone 139 for 6 dec (J Turnbull 39, J Holter 35, W Dodds 34).

POLY HUNG ON FOR A DRAW

BOROUGH POLY v. STONE

Batting first at Dulwich on Saturday, Stone recovered from an indifferent start, thanks to F Rees, who batted well for an undefeated 59.

In reply, Borough Poly were always behind the clock against a steady attack, but managed to hold on for a draw.

Stone 166 (F Rees 59 n.o., J Turnbull 28).

Borough Poly 90 for 9 (A Petty 31; Turnbull 5 for 46).

CENTURY OPENING AT STONE

STONE v. LENHAM

BATting first on an easy-paced wicket, Stone scored at a steady rate and openers Woodward and Message put on 122 before the latter was out for 60.

Woodward continued in confident mood, but in going for runs mis-hit and was caught for a well-played 91. Later batsmen, Dodds in particular, took toll of the tired Lenham attack and the innings was declared closed at 222 for eight.

Smith and Chambers, the Lenham openers, attacked the bowling from the start and scored 60 in just over 30 minutes. However, with the fall of Smith's wicket the scoring rate slowed down considerably and a stubborn third wicket stand of 37 between Phillips and Clark resulted in the game ending in a draw.

Stone 232 for 8 dec (Message 60, Woodward 91, Dodds 39).

Lenham 152 for 5 (Smith 46, Phillips 33).

STONE BOWLER TAKES TEN WICKETS

STONE v. TOWN MALLING

IN a spell of 12 overs Doug Burgum took all 10 wickets for 23 runs, including a hat-trick with his last three deliveries.

This will be recorded as a great achievement, as are the performances of another member, Jim Turnbull, who has taken 10 wickets on two occasions.

Stone 174 for 7 dec (K Scott 42, P Rudman 32, J Valentine 22 n.o.; Chambers 5 for 41).

Town Malling 47 (D Burgum 10 for 23).

LATER YEARS

In 1954 seven of the Club's young players were selected for the final trials for the Association of Kent Cricket Clubs area youth matches and a number of them subsequently represented the area on a number of occasions. In the same year the Club was honoured by having the great Jim Laker as principle guest at the Club's annual dinner held at the Greenhithe Village hall. Len Ridd left the district but has remained a club member in the role of Vice President until the present day.

The Club 1st XI has visited Southborough for an annual match with the local side on over thirty occasions and during one of the early matches, in 1956, Jim Turnbull won the respect of the local team and spectators by scoring 122 not out followed by taking 7 Southborough wickets for 24 runs. The initial games with Southborough took place during its annual cricket weeks and the Stone players enjoyed the experience of playing against such class players as Peter Hearn the Kent Batsman and Bob Woolmer the Kent and England allrounder. The hospitality extended by the Southborough side and the quality of its game are always of a high standard and our Club is indebted to the Southborough team for the pleasure which the visits bring.

1956 proved to be a particularly good year for run scoring as Fred Holter in making 102 not out at Henley's and Don Bailey in scoring 117 not out at J & E Hall added to the list of Century makers.

The Club's cricketing strength in 1957 became evident when the 2nd XI reached the final of the Dartford Borough Knockout Competition and remained undefeated in all of its Saturday matches.

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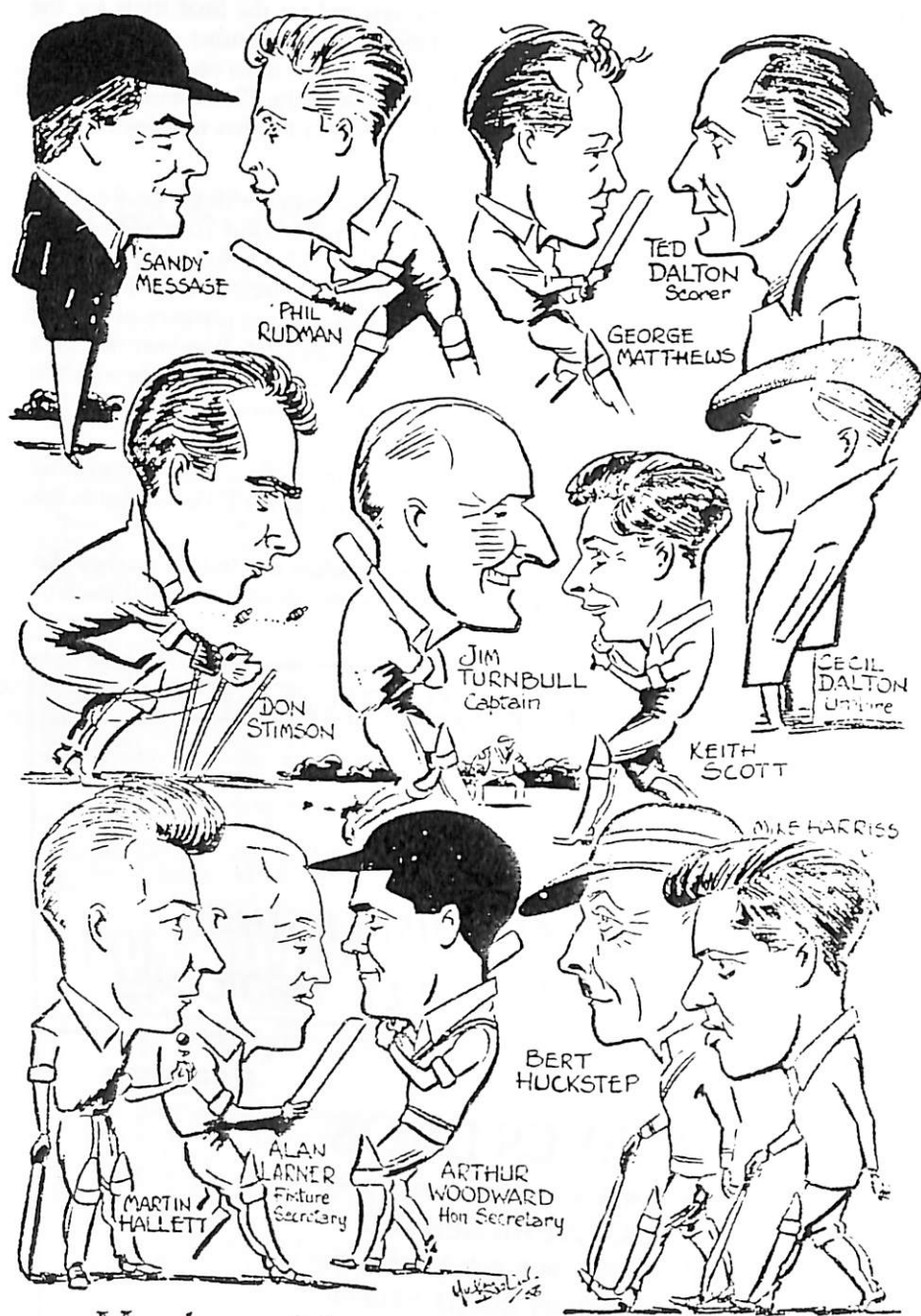
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Members of Stone 1st XI are sketched by
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Greenhithe Village was honoured by a visit from Her Majesty the Queen in 1962 and as part of the celebrations the Stone Club played a match against a team from H.M.S. Urchin. After an enjoyable game the Club acted as Host at the Bull Hotel at Horns Cross and subsequently accepted an invitation to visit the ship.

The Club suffered a severe blow in January 1964 when the pavilion, which had survived being moved on two occasions over the years, was damaged beyond repair by fire, the cause remaining unidentified.

Tragically some of the Club's earliest records and team photographs were lost. For the 1964 season the football changing rooms on the Recreation ground and the former Stone fire station at the end of Elm Road adjacent to the ground were used to provide changing and catering facilities for the cricket teams.

A new pavilion was provided by the Parish Council and the Club's gratitude was publicly expressed by Jim Turnbull at the annual dinner in February 1965. Contributions of £50 from Stone and £25 from Horns Cross, the Sunday team which shared use of the cricketing facilities, assisted in the provision of furnishings for the new building.

In March 1967 the Club held its very first Dinner Dance which was extremely successful, particularly in making some recompense to the cricket widows for their endless patience shown throughout the playing season.

The number of playing members fell so dramatically in 1971 that the Club was forced into fielding only one side throughout the season. This state of affairs continued for three years before the situation improved and a second team was reinstated in 1974. During this period the Parish Council arranged for the cricket table to be relaid, preventing the Club from playing any matches on the Recreation ground in 1973. Home matches were played on the Stone House Hospital ground and the Club was most grateful to the hospital authorities for making it possible for all fixtures to be fulfilled.

During the winter months following the 1974 season facilities at the Downs School became available for indoor net practice and some Club members took advantage of the opportunity to improve their game. Later, a six-a-side winter indoor cricket league was formed, sponsored by Rediffusion and over the ten years from 1978, when Stone became a member, Club players have derived much pleasure from taking part and have produced some creditable performances.

The Club became one of the founder members of the Gravesend & Dartford Cricket League in September 1979 and Bill Dodd was elected as the League's committee Chairman, a position which he still holds. Although success in the league has eluded the Club, some individual performances have been good and Bill Dodd won the league Bowling Award for most wickets taken in the opening season. Jim Arnold also has achieved considerable success with unrivalled consistency in accurate bowling.

Unfortunately, with the introduction of league cricket it became impossible for the Club to retain long standing fixtures with some local clubs such as J. & E. Hall, Wilmington and Farningham. However, in addition to Southborough, clubs such as Horton Kirby and Swanscombe & Greenhithe have remained on Stone's fixture list for very many years and although matches with these clubs are played outside the league they are competitively contested and much pleasure is derived from them.

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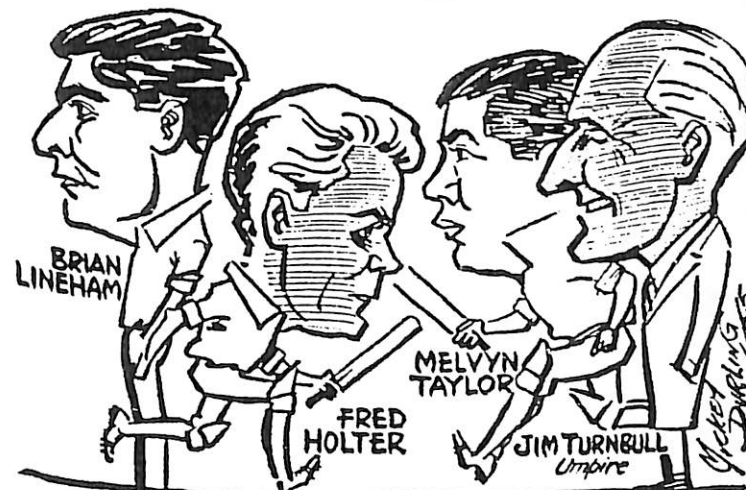
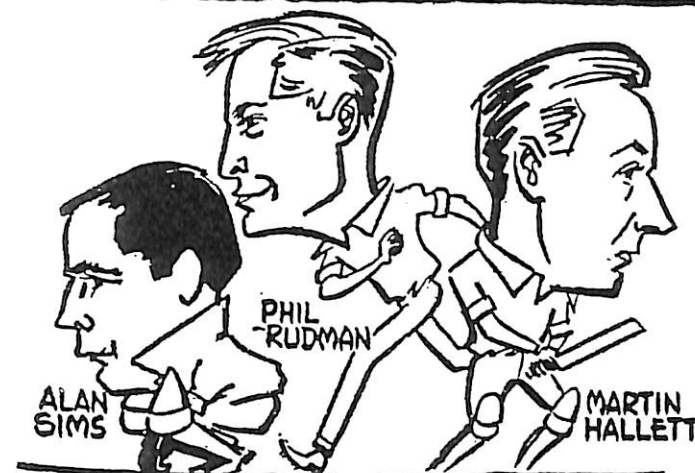
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NARROW WIN FOR STONE

STONE v. CHISLEHURST

Stone started the season with a narrow victory over Chislehurst. After losing three quick wickets, G Matthews, J Turnbull and D Burgum took the total to 128.

In reply, Chislehurst, mainly due to a good innings by opening bat Bovall, who almost carried his bat against some steady bowling, failed by 11 runs to reach Stone's total.

Stone 128 (G Matthews 36, D Burgum 39; Baker 4 for 21). Chislehurst 117 (Bovall 47; Burgum 4 for 30).

STONE v. RAINHAM

STONE, playing their first home game on Saturday since May 30, defeated Rainham by five wickets.

Rainham were all out for 63. Dodd bowling unchanged to take eight wickets for 23 runs in 10 overs. The other two wickets fell to Rudman and Valentine.

When Stone batted, they were soon in trouble with Rudman and Scott out for nine.

Rainham captured two more wickets before Hallett and Dodd came together to take the score past the Rainham total.

RAINHAM

R. Varley b Rudman	4
C. Varley b Valentine b Dodd	4
Whitman b Dodd	15
W. Varley b Dodd	0
Williams c Message b Dodd	14
Gould b Dodd	0
Harris c Hallett b Dodd	2
Mason b Valentine	0
Grainham not out	0
Croft c and b Dodd	0
Hodkinson b Dodd	0
Extras	12
	63

Bowling: Dodd 8 for 23.

STONE

Rudman c and b Williams	3
Hallett c and b Gould	28
Scott b Williams	1
Burgum b Gould	8
Pulgar b Gould	0
Dodd not out	10
Holter not out	0
Extras	9
(For 5 wickets)	63

VALENTINE'S EIGHT WICKETS FOR STONE

STONE v. HORTON KIRBY

STONE continue undefeated. After Horton Kirby had scored 128 on Saturday, Stone passed their total for the loss of eight wickets.

Hawkins was top scorer for Horton Kirby with 27, but bad fielding by Stone allowed the total to build up after they had been 49 for five.

Valentine bowled extremely well for Stone and finished with an analysis of eight for 64 in 20 overs.

For Stone, Rudman was top scorer with 41, while the tail-enders hit out to get the necessary runs in the last over.

DODD TOOK SEVEN FOR 24 IN 12 OVERS

TOWN MALLING v. STONE

BOWLING unchanged on Saturday for Stone. Dodd and Rudman had Town Malling all out for 50 runs.

Both bowlers got a lot of pace off the wicket and always had the batsmen in trouble. Dodd finished with the best figures, taking seven wickets for 24 runs in 12 overs. Rudman took three for 19.

Stone, going in to bat before tea, scored 21 for the loss of Message before the interval, and eventually passed the Malling total with six wickets in hand.

Town Malling 50 (Dodd 7 for 24).

Stone 51 for 4.

STONE v. SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE

S. & G. 105 (Lane 39; Dodd 4 for 11).

Stone 109 for 4 (Dodd 39, Bailey 26 n.o.).

STONE BEATEN IN LAST OVER

NORTHERN ASSURANCE v. STONE

STONE batted first at Beckenham on Saturday, and after losing their first wicket at four carried on steadily to 179 for eight wickets.

Dodd and Holter put on 87 for the second wicket before Holter was bowled for 51 invaluable runs.

Dodd was finally out for 73 when the total stood at 164. Scott, coming in at No. 8 scored 30 in even time before being out off the last ball before tea.

When the Northern started their innings runs came slowly at first, but at 6.45 p.m., with the score at 80 for two, they attacked the bowling and scored 100 runs in 45 minutes to win in the last over with two wickets in hand.

Locke was the outstanding batsman for the Northern, scoring 62 before being well caught by Scott off Dodd. Also adding to the Northern's total was a steady 36 by Rumbles and an equally good 32 by Townsend.

The Stone bowling although accurate, was again let down by poor fielding.

Stone 179 for 8 dec. (Holter 51, Dodd 72, Scott 30).

N.A. 180 for 8 (Locke 62, Rumbles 36, Townsend 32).

STONE v. SOUTHBOROUGH

Although losing by one wicket this was one of the most exciting matches Stone have had this season.

Stone 192 (Dodd 22, Holter 66, Bailey 54; Galbally 4 for 17).

Southborough 193 for 9 (Hearn 35, Langdale 26, Standen 48, Galbally 39 n.o.).

WILMINGTON SLOWED RIGHT DOWN

STONE v. WILMINGTON

STONE, batting first on Saturday on a wicket which helped the bowlers, made a poor start and the score slumped to 47 for five.

A partnership of 54 by Holter and Scott rallied the home side before Holter was bowled for a valuable 42. The score at tea-time, when Stone declared, was 157 for seven, Scott being undefeated with 49.

Wilmington started their innings well, Shuter immediately going for runs, but when he was out at 47, the scoring rate slowed right down and only another 50 were scored in the next hour for the loss of five wickets. Wilmington's total at the close was 104 for eight.

Stone 157 for seven dec. (Holter 42, Scott 49 n.o.; Hodson 4 for 15).

Wilmington 104 for eight (Shuter 47; Valentine 4 for 20).

STONE v. STONE HOUSE

Stone House 171 for 9 dec. (Colins 63, Aylmer 47, Coleman 31; Turnbull 5 for 27).

Stone 172 for 6 (Hallett 58 n.o., Bailey 33, Turnbull 29).

WILMINGTON v. STONE

Wilmington 53; A Chapman 5 for 24).

Stone 55 for 6 (A Williams 4 for 21).

LENHAM v. STONE

Lenham 101 (Smith 37; W Dodds 5 for 17).

Stone 104 for 2 (R. Rudman 45 n.o., D Bailey 33 n.o.).



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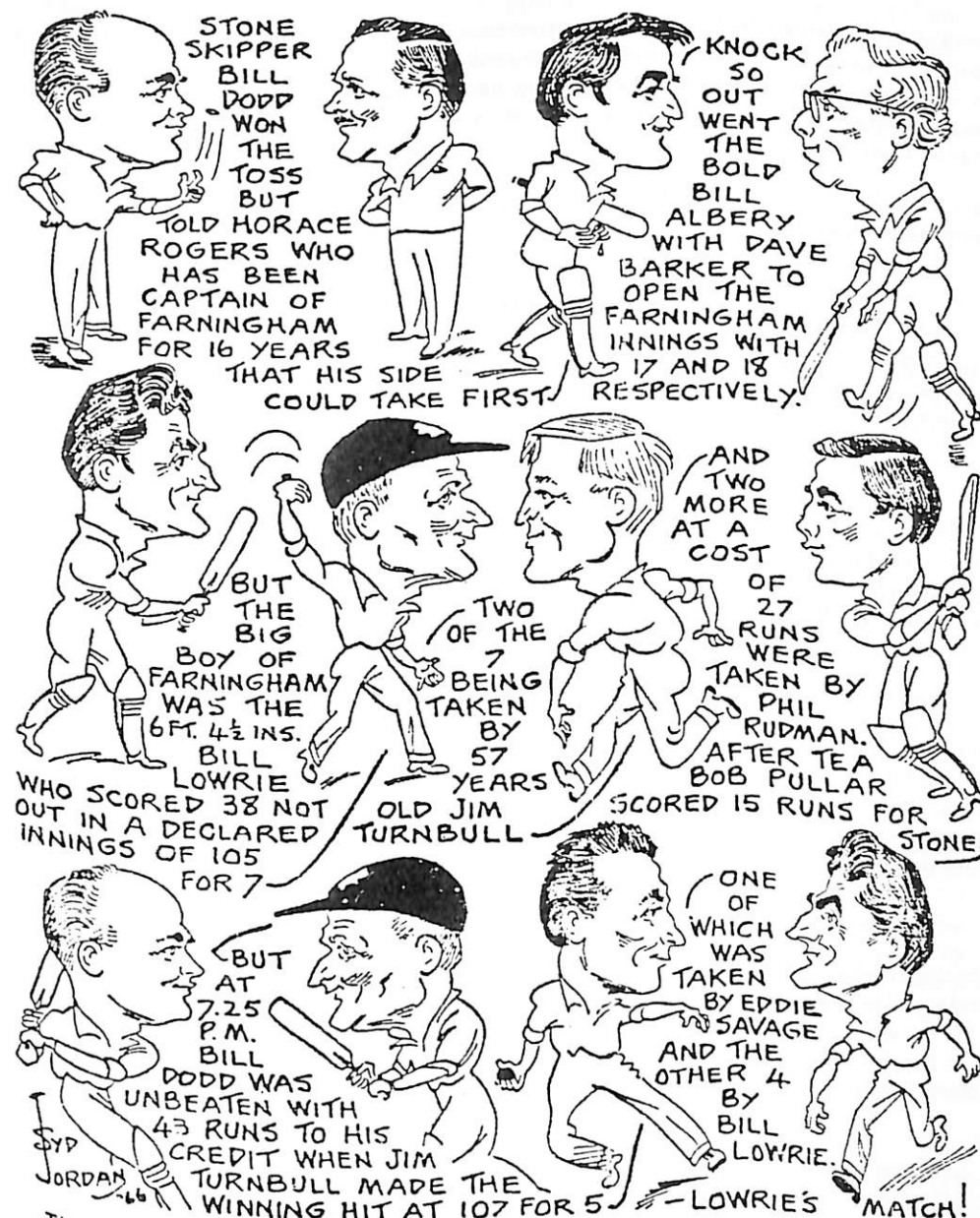
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These are Syd Jordan's impressions of Saturday's game at Stone in which the home side beat Farningham by five wickets after the visitors had declared at 105 for seven.

LOYALTY

One of the problems which many clubs experience, particularly in modern times, is maintaining a consistent nucleus within their ranks. On investigating Stone Club's history it is quite obvious that loyalty has been paramount in sustaining the Club's existence. Having members, playing or non playing, with 20 years of service to the Club is usual rather than unusual.

Apart from those people already mentioned, the following certainly warrant a word on their long-standing loyalty and support.

Cyril Smith

An unsung hero, Cyril was willing and able to carry out any task that the Club found for him. He enjoyed his cricket, playing regularly in the 2nd XI and contributing to the stability of the Club.

Roy Springate

The Club's wicket keeper for over 20 years, Roy was a big man and very intimidating to any batsman. Jim Turnbull recalls that without Roy his wicket tally would have been drastically reduced. Not only was Roy a very good wicket keeper, he was also renowned for getting runs quickly when necessary.

Arthur Petty

Arthur was a typical Yorkshireman; very blunt, but very honest; the sort of man from whom youngsters would learn how to conduct themselves. He was a long serving Club member and was rated highly as a bowler. Arthur was a very good Club man and served on the Committee for very many years. He was one of the stalwarts who kept the Club functioning during the 1920's and 1930's.

George Matthews

George started playing for the Club whilst still at school, was an extremely good slow bowler and could be relied on not to let the side down when required to use a bat. George took on the duties of Umpire when he felt that his playing days were over and was well respected in the district for his absolute fairness. He has served on a number of occasions on the Committee and is still a Vice-President of the Club.

Arthur Coomber

Arthur is an unflappable individual and when he took over the Captaincy of the 2nd XI he brought into the side a spirit of sportsmanship and social attitude which was to be highly beneficial to the young players passing through his hands. Arthur liked nothing better than to hit the ball hard but would always play the dogged innings when the situation called for it. Still a Vice President, he continues to support the Club with an enthusiastic attitude.

Fred Rees

One of the Club's many school-teachers, Fred was an excellent Treasurer and Committee member for many years. Fred is noted for having taken the 2nd XI to the final of the Dartford Borough Knockout competition when he was Captain in the late 1950's. He never liked to be beaten and stayed at the wicket scoring runs on the least likely occasions. Although having moved back nearer to his old home in Wales, Fred still keeps in touch and remains a Vice President of the Club.

Martin Hallett

Martin joined the Club as a schoolboy around 1950 and soon learned to be a good club man by fielding around the boundary on most Saturday afternoons, without getting an opportunity to pick up a bat. Always an excellent fielder, he earned his place in the 1st XI early for that ability alone. A very steady batsman, Martin has shown over the years that he is one of the most difficult to dislodge and has batted through an innings on many occasions. A former club captain, he still plays a very useful game today. He served on the general Committee and with Mike Harris ran a fund raising scheme for a number of years, which ensured that the Club did not want for reasonable equipment.

Mel Taylor

Mel joined the Club on leaving school in 1956 and soon developed into a good all round cricketer. After playing for a while in the 2nd XI he was promoted to the 1st XI and is noted particularly for scoring runs quickly when the need arises. An excellent club man and ex 1st XI Vice Captain Mel carried out the duties of General Secretary from 1974 until he went abroad to work in 1981. The Club is delighted that following his return to the UK late last year, we shall see him playing again for Stone during this centenary season.

Albert Chapman

Few players could have enthusiasm beyond that which Albert has for the game of Cricket. He lives at the Rochester end of Gravesend and is without any personal transport. For most people this would prevent them from playing for Stone, but not for Albert. He was a useful member to have in a side, he never complained about being number XI in the batting order and when he was given the ball, he bent it like a boomerang. Albert was unanimously elected as a life member in 1985 in recognition for the loyalty and support which he had given continuously for many years.

ROLAND (SONNY) SCOTT

It is particularly sad that Sonny did not live to enjoy the 1988 season. Just before he died in January of this centenary year, his thoughts were still with the Club which he had watched and for which he was scorer for several years. One of his last request was that on his death no floral tributes should be made but that any donations should go to the Club. The Scott brothers have decided that it would be fitting for the donations to be used to purchase a memorial trophy to be presented annually to the young player of the year. Sonny loved cricket and although he never said a great deal, all knew that he was very proud of his son Keith's many achievements for the Club. We shall miss him dearly and remember him as a gentleman and friend.

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To Stone Cricket Club on your Centenary

THE CLUB TODAY

In this centenary year Stone Cricket Club continues to be administered to the high standard which has been a key factor in its survival and success since its formation in 1888.

The current club officers stated below, together with those mentioned earlier and supported at General Committee by Andy Green, Daniel McTigue and Philip Danton, have the responsibility of guiding the Club in the initial stage of its second century.

Honorary General Secretary – David (Danny) Danton

Danny joined the Club in 1971 as an all-round player but circumstances forced him into a purely batting roll. One of the few players who have scored a century, Danny has also been noted for some brilliant fielding. A good Club man and former Club Captain, Danny took on the role of General Secretary when Mel Taylor went abroad in 1981 and has carried out his duties in the time-honoured traditional way of the Club.

Honorary Treasurer – Keith Scott

Although Keith started his playing career with our local rivals Swanscombe and Greenhithe, he soon recognised qualities at Stone which attracted him and he joined the Club in 1953. As one of the best slow bowlers in the District, one would place him on a par with Jim Turnbull and Don Wykes of Dartford. Keith learned his cricket well and must be rated as one of the best all-rounders the Club has ever had. A former Club Captain, Keith has shown unquestionable loyalty over many years.

Honorary Fixture Secretary – Andy Danton

Very few young men come into cricket today but Stone Club considers itself fortunate in having Andy as a member. With age in his favour, Andy has some way to go to reach his peak. He has already shown that he has the ability to perform on the field at a very high level in an all-round capacity and is the Vice Captain of the 1st XI. Taking on the job of fixture Secretary must have seemed daunting to him but his approach and achievements speak for themselves. We hope that Andy will stay with the Club for a very long time.

Honorary Match Secretary – Terry McTigue

Terry joined the Club in 1971 and has shown his bowling ability particularly by taking all 10 wickets in a match, a feat seldom achieved in the history of the Club. He is also noted for excellent fielding. When Terry took on the duties of Match Secretary in 1982 he probably did not realise that the task which faced him was so demanding. However, the spirit of Stone burns brightly within Terry and he has stuck at the job, producing players out of a hat when it seemed impossible to complete the teams. For a number of years he has also taken care of all arrangements in relation to the Club's participation at the indoor nets and in the indoor cricket league. The Club greatly appreciates Terry's dedication.



Phil Rudman, Natt Bishop, Andy Danton, Nigel Walker, Mark Dighton, Andy Diamond, Terry McTigue, Philip Danton, Ian Thompson, Bill Dodd, Jim Arnold, Danny Danton, Ray May.

Although recent match results have not reached the standard for which the Club would wish, a number of good young players are starting to prove their worth in the 1st XI and others are improving through experience gained in the 2nd XI.

Both Adrian Farley and Andy Danton are showing the kind of controlled aggression required from good fast bowlers. With this, their batting ability, the all round ability of Steve Brooks and Daniel McTigue and support from some of the more experienced campaigners, the Club can look forward with confidence to its future. Peter Davis keeps wicket for the first XI and contributes as a middle order batsman whilst the ageless John Harwick can be relied upon with both bat and ball. Jim Arnold, along with some other long serving members mentioned earlier are still capable of maintaining 1st XI places whilst being prepared to make way for other youngsters of considerable promise such as Philip Danton, noted particularly for his fielding, Andy Jones and John French.

Mark Dighton and Dave Phillips, the Captain and Vice Captain respectively of the 2nd XI, are currently charged with the responsibility of bringing youngsters through the 2nd XI whilst using their own cricketing skills to strengthen the side, ably supported by others not mentioned by name but nevertheless an important part of the team.

The Club continues to be indebted to its subscribers and in this special year for the Club the Committee trust that they will honour us with their presence at some of the matches and social functions.

Above all, Club members look forward to continuing to play cricket for enjoyment, to the best of their abilities, whilst remaining gentlemen.



A Recent Photograph

Terry McTigue, Mark Aymer, Adrian Farley, Peter Davis, Paul Stains, Andy Green.
Keith Scott, John Adams, Dave Danton, John King, Nigel Walker, John Simmons
John Harwick, Jim Arnold, Phil Rodman, Bill Dodd, Dave Phillips
John Ford, Andy Jones, Philip Danton.

CRICKETING TEACHERS

Over the years, the Club has attracted an abundance of School-teachers into its membership starting with Bobby Allen who was the Club's first Captain. Others who come to mind are Roy Springate, Fred Rees, a long standing Committee Member and Treasurer, Garry Simon, Hugh Solomon, John Simmonds Andy Green and Ivor Jones, better known for his dedication to Council Work, but nevertheless a very good cricketer and a very good friend to the Club. Some of the teaching traits have caught on with other members and when Sandy Message gave up his business and Dave Danton gave up engineering, both turned to teaching.

Cricket played a major part in School Sports immediately following World War II and this continued right up to the 1960's but has diminished considerably in later years. The Club regrets this as it is felt that our game is excellent for character building and we urge present day teachers to join Stone and help increase the popularity of the game once more, bringing it back into the Schools where it belongs.

CRICKET

(as explained to a foreign visitor)

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out.

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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

It is impossible to record all of the many outstanding performances by Club members in 100 years of cricket, achieved either with the bat or ball or in the field and the brilliance of many achievements is not reflected in statistics

However, it has been established that the list of century makers includes Jim Turnbull, Fred Simmonds, Sandy Message, Phil Rudman, Don Bailey, Fred Holter, Ivor Jones, Dave Collins, Mike Vincent, Ian Thompson, Danny Danton and Mark Aylmer.

A Stone player has taken all ten wickets in an innings on four occasions. Those who have achieved this are, Jim Turnbull on two occasions, Doug Bergum and Terry McTiague.

Perhaps the most notable recorded performance in the Club's history is that of G. Ferroll who in the early days took 6 wickets in 6 balls.

The Club Committee congratulates members on these achievements and looks forward to the enjoyment of witnessing many outstanding performances in the future, not least in this centenary season.

MEMBERS (PAST AND PRESENT)

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Mrs. H. Wood	Mrs. Simmons
Mrs. Waldock	Mrs. P. Read

LADIES OF THE CLUB

The involvement of the ladies in the Club's business affairs and social functions has increased over more recent years. A number have given of their spare time in working for the Club and many have graced the social functions with their presence.

Hilda Matthews

Hilda became the Club's tea lady when Mrs. Herrington retired from the position at the end of the 1962 season. This centenary year will be her 26th year of preparing teas for the players and everyone appreciates the magnificent job that she has done over the years. Visiting teams assess the teas received at Stone as of the best in both quality and quantity and are extremely envious of our good fortune. Such dedication is most difficult to replace. Hilda, when you read this brief note, be assured that Club Members can offer no praise too high for what you have done for them — Thank you.

Additionally the Club owes a great deal of thanks to Eunice McTigue, Pam Dodd, Ruth Danton, Enid Scott and Maureen Rudman for their help. Recently the teams have been fortunate and grateful for having Clare Rudman and Judith Chapple efficiently carrying out the scoring duties for the 1st and 2nd XI's respectively.

It is hoped that more ladies will take an active interest in the future adding to the spirit and enjoyment which is generated within the Club.



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