

THE HISTORY OF CRICKET IN ASHBY FOLVILLE AND BARSBY

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This document is still work in progress, we hope to bring up to date and include the more recent history of Ashby Carington CC. Please feel free to comment on any inaccuracies or gaps. Any contributions whether they be photos/recollections/old stories/etc would be greatly appreciated.

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Introduction

Ashby Carington Cricket Club is a traditional village cricket club running three teams in the local Leicestershire Leagues. On Saturdays, the club participates in Division 9 of the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League with a team focused on developing the younger players. The Sunday team plays in Division 2 of the Melton and Grantham League and the Midweek team plays in the Tuesday night Burrough Cricket League.

Cricket has been played in the local villages surrounding Ashby Folville and Barsby since the start of the early 19th Century. The very first local match reports in 1802 included a joint team from Great Dalby, Thorpe Satchville and Twyford along with matches played by Melton, Syston and Asfordby. Over the next few years cricket teams were also recorded to be representing the nearby villages of South Croxton, Rearsby and Queniborough.

At one time nearly every village had its own cricket team, in the immediate vicinity of Ashby Folville there would have also been teams in Barsby, South Croxton, Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Hungarton, Tilton, Pickwell & Leesthorpe, Somerby, Burrough, Gaddesby, Rearsby, Brooksby, East Goscote, Thrussington, Hoby, Rotherby, Kirby Bellars, Quenby, Frisby, Lowesby, Great Dalby. All but the last three have disappeared.

Before moving to Ashby Folville in 1971 the Ashby Carington Cricket Club was based in Barsby and called the Barsby and En Tout Cas Cricket Club. Pre WWII there were several incarnations of clubs based in both Ashby Folville and Barsby with the first recorded game taking place in 1806 when a joint Barsby and South Croxton team beat Asfordby and Grimstone at a spot near Kirby Bellars. Local cricket strongest period was before the end of the Second World War when both Ashby Folville and Barsby villages independently had their own flourishing cricket teams, although no records exist of a game between the two villages.

As one of the few remaining traditional village teams from our local area we thought it would be a good time to record some of the history of the club. There are many gaps in the history especially during the 1960's and 1970's when newspaper reporting of local cricket wasn't as widespread as previously. Any contributions to fill these gaps is greatly appreciated.

PART I: The History

Chapter One: The Early Years (1800 - 1850)

The first records of cricket involving Ashby Folville or Barsby are found in EE Snow's History of Leicestershire Cricket where he mentions a game in August 1806, a joint team from Barsby and South Croxton beat Asfordby and Grimstone at a spot near Kirby Bellars.

No further records of cricket in Barsby or Ashby Folville are available until 1827 when a team representing Barsby and Twyford played a two-day game at Burley near Oakham against the Rutland Union Club. This was an auspicious location to play with the cricket ground situated in the grounds of the mansion of George Finch, 9th Earl of Winchilsea (founder member of the MCC) at Burley-on-the-Hill in Rutland. The ground had been used for first-class cricket in 1790, when an early All-England team played a Hampshire team. Also in 1791, an Old Etonians side used the ground for a game against the Marylebone Cricket Club and in 1793, England played a Surrey team at the ground. The site continued to be used for local cricket matches until the outbreak of the Second World War

The Barsby game must have been a big occasion as reports of the game along with a scorecard were to be found in the National newspaper "*Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle*". Reports stated: "Barsby and Twyford were victorious, beating their opponents in one Innings, by three runs; and including their second innings, concluded the game with a majority of 41 in their favour".

Bell's Life in London and Sporting Chronicle was a sporting paper published as a pink broadsheet between 1822 and 1886.

Match report from the Bells Life in London and Sporting chronicle 30/9/1827

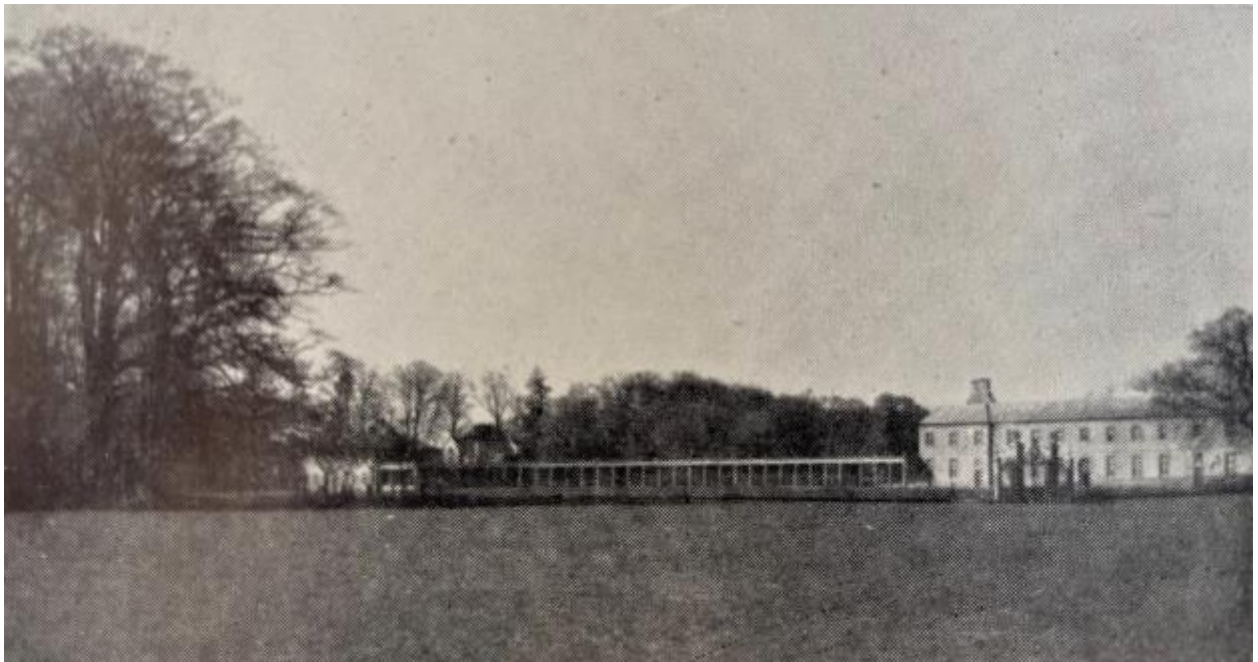
BARSBY AND TWYFORD against RUTLAND.			
A match was played on Thursday and Friday, the 20th and 21st instant, at Burley, near Oakham, between Eleven of the Rutland Union Club and Eleven of the Barsby and Twyford Clubs, Leicestershire, when the latter were victorious, beating their opponents, in one innings, by three runs; and, including their second innings, concluded the game with a majority of forty-one in their favour. The following is a statement of the game:—			
BARSBY.		1st inn.	2d do.
Mr. J. Warrington ..	31	7	
— James	8	0	
— S. Warrington ..	9	8	
— H. Warrington ..	15	0	
— Marshall	11	4	
— R. Whitwell	5	1	
— Ward	6	1	
— J. Whitwell	3	1	
— Fairbrother	3	3	
— White	3	3	
— Gregory	3	4	
Byes	3	6	
Total	100	38	
RUTLAND.		1st inn.	2d do.
Mr. Sellers	0	8	
— Broom	5	3	
— Fryer	4	3	
— Stimson	25	3	
— Brown	4	4	
— Nedham	5	0	
— S. Tirril	10	10	
— S. Tirril	0	2	
— Mawby	3	2	
— Tyler	2	0	
— Lester	0	3	
Byes	2	6	
Total	61	38	

The Barsby and Twyford Players are willing to play the Rutland Club a return match, for from twenty to fifty sovereigns a-side, if they think proper.

The Warrington family whose name crops up regularly in the history of Barsby and Ashby Folville cricket were represented by J, S and H Warrington, John Warrington starting with the bat scoring 31 in the first innings. This was not too surprising as he later represented Leicestershire from 1828 and played in a match against Sheffield in 1839 and again in 1848 against Manchester where he was both the top scorer and leading wicket taker. As appeared customary at the time there is evidence the match was played for a cash reward with reports stating that the Barsby and Twyford players were

willing to play the Rutland club in a return match for “from twenty to fifty sovereigns a side, if they think proper”.

Burley on the Hill Cricket Ground



On the 11th and 12th of September 1828 Barsby played Melton in a two-day game that was widely previewed and reported in the press. Reports of the game were to be found in the Stamford Mercury, Leicester Herald, Leicester Journal and Bells Life. Friends of the Barsby team were reported as being confident—betting 2 to 1 at the commencement. Perhaps again due to John Warrington who now represented Leicestershire being part of the team (reports of the time incorrectly refer to him as “John Waddington”)

Match report from the Bells Life in London and Sporting chronicle 21/9/1828

MELTON AGAINST BARSBY.			
This match was played at Melton Mowbray, on the 10th and 11th inst. The Barsby Club included John Waddington, one of the first eleven of the County Club, notwithstanding which, they were beaten in fine style by the Meltonians in one innings, although the friends of the Barsby Club were confidently betting 2 to 1 at the commencement of the game. The following is a statement:			
BARSBY.			
	1st inn.		2d inn.
Mr. J. Waddington, b. by Cooke	2	c. by Manchester	18
— Jas. Waddington, b. by ditto	17	run out	8
— Marshall, c. by Brown	2	b. by Cooke	0
— Henson, b. by Cooke	1	c. by Lundice	9
— W. Waddington, b. by Barker	1	run out	18
— R. Whitwell, run out	1	b. by Cooke	7
— White, b. by Cooke	2	b. by ditto	0
— J. Whitwell, b. by Lundice	2	b. by ditto	0
— Baker, not out	2	run out	7
— Guess, run out	2	b. by Lundice	8
— Gregory, b. by Cooke	0	not out	0
Byes	1	Byes	0
Total	—34	Total	—59
MELTON.			
	1st inn.		
Mr. Hewardine, c. by J. Whitwell	17		
— Lundice, leg before wicket	1		
— Hubbard, c. by Henson	8		
— Brown, b. by W. Waddington	0		
— Manchester, b. by ditto	11		
— Cooke, c. by Marshall	4		
— Marshall, c. by J. Whitwell	14		
— Barker, b. by W. Waddington	0		
— W. Willis, b. by ditto	2		
— J. Willis, b. by ditto	4		
— Williams, not out	0		
Byes	26		
Total	—67		

Single Wicket Cricket

In 1831 the first reports of “single wicket cricket” games involving Barsby start appearing in the press.

The 1831 issue of New Sporting Magazine stated: “single wicket cricket was not a one-on-one competition but was defined as cricket with less than five players per team. In this modified form, runs could only be scored by hitting the ball to an area forward of the wicket, halving the zone in which runs could be scored”. Otherwise, the rules were like ordinary cricket, which the publication referred to as “double wicket”. Single wicket cricket has known periods of huge success when it was more popular than the eleven-a-side version of the game. Its popularity soared in the first half of the 19th century; single wicket matches however were riddled with gambling-related match fixing.

A single wicket game against Melton was played on the Melton cricket-ground on Wednesday 5th of October 1831, between four of the Barsby Club and four residents of Melton, for five-pound, a-side. It was reported to have “created great interest and led to much speculation”. The Barsby team comprised four members of the Warrington family, with Melton containing a player called “Hubbard” surely not a relative of Nigel who currently plays for Ashby Carington?

The game was won by Melton who scored 19 across their two innings to 11 from Barsby. Not lacking in confidence Barsby were reported after the game to be offering to play four of any one town in Leicestershire.

Match report from the Stamford Mercury 7/10/1831

A single-wicket match took place this week on the cricket-ground at Melton Mowbray, between four of the Barsby club and four residents of Melton, for 10l: the following is a statement of the game:—

Melton First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Bishop—b. by T. Warrington.....	1	c. by J. Warrington... 1	
Hubbard—c. by T. Warrington.....	8	b. by J. Warrington... 6	
J. Willis—b. by W. Warrington.....	0	b. by W. Warrington... 1	
E. Langham—b. by S. Warrington... 0	run out	run out	2
	—9		—10

Barsby First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J. Warrington—c. by Willis	1	c. by Hubbard	2
T. Warrington—b. by ditto.....	0	b. by J. Willis	0
S. Warrington—c. by ditto	1	b. by ditto	1
W. Warrington...run out	2	c. by ditto	1
	—4		—4

Betting 2 to 1 on Barsby; after the first innings, any odds on them.—The Barsby players have been open to play four of any one town in the county of Leicester for 12 months past.

By 1834 the Barsby players were still not having much luck at Single Wicket cricket. A game between Sam Dakin, of Leicester, and Warrington, was began on Wednesday October 8th, Dakin staking £6 to £4. In his first innings, Dakin faced 60 balls, had 49 hits, scoring 39 runs, and was then bowled out. Warrington, in his- first innings, faced 50 balls, 28 hits, 11 runs, and was also bowled out. Dakin then went in a second time, and faced 44 balls, 30 hits, 35 runs, when the match was adjourned to Thursday morning. At the appointed hour, Dakin was ready to resume his innings, but Warrington failed to appear, and, as matter of course, his opponent claimed the stakes. This would have been a challenging match as Sam Dakin who was born in Sileby represented Leicestershire from 1829 and played for the All England X1 in 1847.

Barsby Cricket Club in the 1830 and 1840's

Hostilities were resumed with Melton in 1835 when a joint Barsby and Twyford team played at Melton in an early season June game on Whit-Wednesday. The game was described as "between eleven of the Melton Senior Club, and twenty selected from Twyford, Barsby, and the neighbourhood". There was much anticipation, and it was reported that; "with the selection the county gents, have made, some very superior play is confidently expected". The game was scheduled to begin at nine o'clock in the morning – clearly no concern about dew on the pitch. Unfortunately, no record exists of the result.

Two Further games were scheduled against teams from Melton in 1838. The first of the games due to be played on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th of September was between a joint Barsby/Twyford team and the newly formed New Tradesmen's Club. Proceedings were scheduled to start at 9am at a new cricket ground in Priors Close. The ground is believed to have been on the land between Waterfield Baths and the railway line. Previews of the games were to be found in the Leicester Herald, Stamford Mercury, and Leicester Journal.

The match interestingly featured eleven of the Melton Club, and thirteen selected from the Twyford and Barsby Clubs, Barsby won the match by 52 runs. Newspaper reports described the bowling and batting of the Twyford and Barsby teams as "very good indeed", while on the other hand the Meltonians performance was described as "inferior to anything ever witnessed in this town". The return match was scheduled to be played at Barsby on Wednesday October 10th although no reports of the outcome of this game are available.

Scorecard from the Leicestershire Journal 5/10/1838

TWYFORD, BARSBY, &c.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
T. Foster, run out	2	bowled by Campion	0
J. Warrington, caught by Bishop	7	caught by Bishop	5
Jos. Warrington, ditto by Willis	9	bowled by Etches	0
W. Warrington, run out	7	bowled by ditto	15
Henson, bowled out by Campion	0	run out	4
S. Warrington, stumped by Willis	25	caught by Bishop	15
J. Adams, stumped by ditto	1	bowled by Etches	0
Bugge, stumped by ditto	1	caught by Smart	8
S. Fairbrother, run out	6	caught by Etches	2
Dicks, bowled by Campion	2	bowled by Campion	2
Clark, bowled by ditto	2	not out	0
Brown, not out	0	bowled by Campion	0
Lee, caught by Willis	0	bowled by Etches	2
Byes	3	by: 1 wide & no ball	2
Total	68	Total	69
MELTON.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Jos. Willis, run out	16	caught by Warrington	0
S. Willis, bowled by J. Warrington	8	caught by Lee	2
Campion, stumped by S. Warrington	3	caught by ditto	3
Etches, bowled by Jos. Warrington	2	run out	1
Bishop, bowled by J. Warrington	5	b. by J. Warrington	0
Smart, bowled by ditto	2	bowled by ditto	0
Tyler, bowled by ditto	1	not out	3
Short, bowled by ditto	7	caught by Henson	1
Sharp, bowled by ditto	0	b. by Jos. Warrington	1
Dormall, caught by S. Warrington	3	bowled by ditto	5
Bugge, not out	3	caught by Bugge	5
Byes	5	Byes	0
Total	53	Total	21

The next mention of Barsby Cricket was a six a side match against Mountsorrel on 2nd and 3rd September 1844. The two-day game was played at Barsby who won in one innings, with nine runs to spare.

The return match was played at Mountsorrel on the 9th and 10th September 1844. In the 1st innings Mountsorrel scored 21, and the second 8 runs. Barsby's, first innings totalled 22; however, in the second when three of the players were out for 5 runs a dispute arose respecting a wide ball, the game was left undecided.

It appears that controversy was not unusual in local cricket at this time. Following the first recorded match involving South Croxton at Queniborough in August 1844 several players were arrested and charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance after the game.

Chapter Two: The Start of Organised Cricket (1850 – 1900)

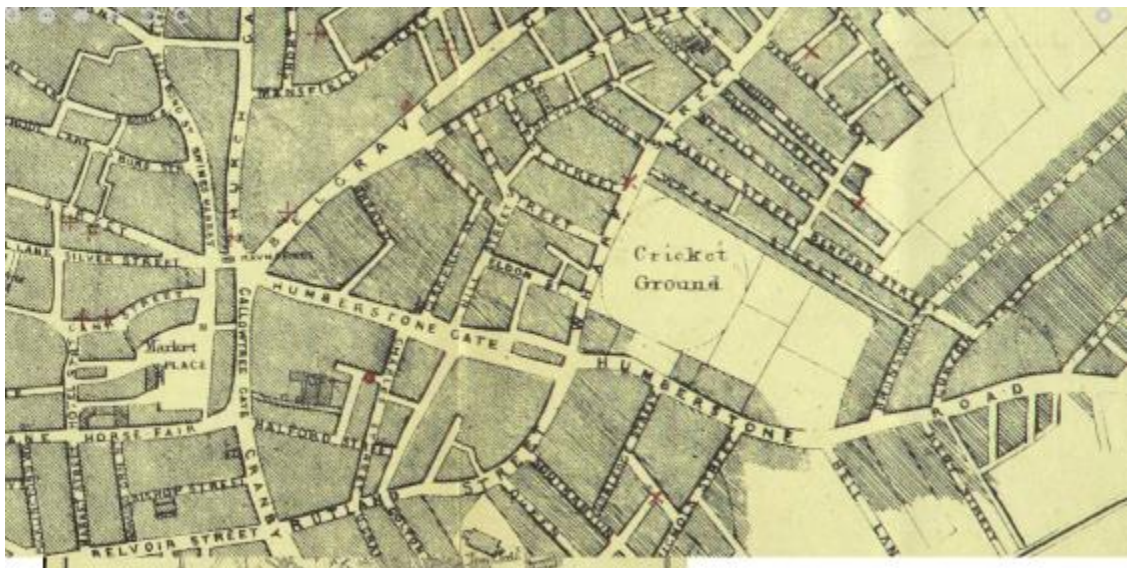
The Warrington's and Single Wicket Cricket

In the second half of the 19th Century Single Wicket Cricket seemed to be to the fore in Barsby. Between 1850 and 1860 six games were recorded with Barsby still represented mainly by members of the Warrington family. Many of these games were played for money and against high profile opponents.

On Monday 13th of September 1852, a match of Single Wicket Cricket was played on the “Barker's ground”, between W. Warrington junior of Barsby, and W. Allen, of Leicester. Warrington at this time had already represented Leicester in 1845. Warrington was victorious scoring 74 in 41 balls, a performance described by the Leicester Chronicle: “We understand such a feat has never before been accomplished”. The full scores were Warrington 1st innings. W. Warrington, 69, wides 5, total 74. Allen 1st innings. W. Allen, 4, wides, 2, total, 6.

The Barker's Ground (mainly referred to as “Wharf Street” was the home of Leicestershire cricket having opened in 1828. The owner of the ground was “Old Barker”, the landlord of the Anchor Inn, Halford Street, who did very well from the gate money. The ground was located on the east side of Wharf Street, near the Humberstone Road. Following the final match held at Barker's Ground, it was sold for building. Today, the ground would be located along Wharf Street, which is in the centre of Leicester. Unfortunately, no known pictures exist of the Wharf Street ground.

Plan of Leicester from 1860 showing location of Wharf Street Cricket Ground



Later in 1852 three of the Warrington family (William, Joshua, and Samuel) represented Barsby in another single Wicket game at Wharf Street against three from Sileby. An extensive report in the Leicester Chronicle described the game. “The match was held on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th of September. The Sileby men had recently played Barrow for £5 a side and were victorious. They followed up their victory with offering to play three of their men against the three Warringtons of Barsby for £5.” The Chronicle had the Warrington's as favorites due to their cricketing celebrity, and the fact that the Sileby men had not hitherto distinguished themselves. Messrs. T. Barker, of Nottingham, and W. C. Smith, of Leicester, were, after some discussion, appointed umpires. The Sileby players fielded rather loosely and missed two or three chances, but Mr. Kirkby bowled admirably. The

result of the first day's play was that both parties had had an innings, and the Warringtons led their opponents 33 runs. The day was brought to a close with an excellent dinner at Mr. Henson's, the *Cap and Stocking*, and arrangements were made to stay Tuesday and play the match out.

The Cap and Stocking was a pub in Eastgates area of Leicester pulled down in 1865.

Tuesday opened with bleak, wet, and altogether miserable weather; but the Sileby men, nothing daunted, sent Kirkby to the wicket soon after eleven o'clock. Joshua Warrington took the ball, and bowled for nearly an hour, but the batter managed to guard them off his wicket, though his leg stump had two very narrow escapes. As the bowling had no effect and the runs began to count up, young Warrington (William) was "put on," and he quickly sent a ball which the batter put into Samuel Warrington's hands. Mr. Smith then went and scored two, when he was bowled out and Widdowson's wicket met with a similar fate, the player finding a "nought" affixed to his name. Thus, the Warrington's won the game in one innings, with 20 runs to spare, after a very plucky attempt on the part of their opponents to wipe off the score.

Several further Single Wicket challenges were played in 1854. The first being a match for £5. A-side again on the Barker's ground, between John Antill, of Leicester, and William Warrington, of Barsby. The publicity of the match, and the ability of the combatants, were sufficient to attract a large crowd especially of the friends of Warrington from Syston, Barsby, and the surrounding villages. John Antill was the son of a Leicestershire cricketer and was himself a Leicestershire player being described as a right arm round bowler and the best fielder in the county. At the commencement of the game Antill was the favourite, and a good amount of money changed hands in the shape of bets. Some splendid play was exhibited by both men, and the bowling of Antill was superior to that of his antagonist, but in the last innings Warrington batted so admirably and with such safety that it appeared questionable if the finest bowler in England could have lowered his stumps. In the first innings Antill scored 9 and Warrington 4. In the second innings Antill scored 19 and Warrington 25 not out. There was one "no ball" thrown during the game by Warrington, and a "wide" by Antill. The umpires were Messrs W. Smith and J. Slawson. Afterward William Warrington, of Barsby, having heard that the friends of Antill were dissatisfied with the result of the match, says that he is willing to play any man in the county of Leicester for £5 aside, on Barker's ground.

It appears the challenge was taken up by a cricketer from Grantham. A single wicket match was played at Harby on Wednesday, the 25th October, between Mr. Wilson, of Grantham, and Mr. W. Warrington, jun, of Barsby. A single innings on each side was to decide the game, and at the close Wilson had scored 7, and Warrington 8 (not out) and therefore victorious.

In 1853 Joseph Warrington became the third Warrington of Barsby to represent Leicestershire at Cricket following John in 1828 and William in 1845. William Warrington later in 1855 representing Leicestershire against a strong All England X1 at the Wharf Street ground in Leicester. He performed well scoring 18 and 23 in the drawn game.

Another Single Wicket match was scheduled in 1858 on Monday 16th of August, for £2. a-side, between the young Warrington (Brothers) from Barsby, and the two young Adcocks of Syston. However, the stake posted for this match were forfeited by the Warringtons, in consequence of the inability of one of them to play from illness. A second match was then agreed upon between three of the brothers Warrington (S, J and R), and the Adcocks with another Syston man named Ratcliffe. It was anything but an interesting game to the public, due to the inequality of the players. The Warrington bowled the Syston trio out for 4 in the first innings and scored 59 in response. Syston were again bowled out cheaply for 5 in their second innings. S.Warrington taking five of the six wickets the other being a run out.

Barsby Cricket Club in the 1850's and 1860's

In 1859, Barsby were again reported as playing a 11 a side game. The match was against Melton 2nds and took place on Wednesday September 28th. Despite the Melton side consisting of boys between the age of 12 and 18 they still won easily with 8 second innings wickets to spare.

Scorecard from the Grantham Journal 1/10/1859

MELTON v. BARSBY.—A match was played on the Melton Ground, between these clubs, on Wednesday, 25th September, which resulted in favour of Melton, with eight wickets to fall.

First Innings.		MELTON.	Second Innings.	
H. Goodacre c Chandler	8	0	b Brown	7
W. Goodacre b Pearcey	0	14	b Pearcey	0
W. Palmer ditto	14	9	not out	6
Wilson c ditto	9	8		
Gatridge b Brown	8	7	not out	2
Wright not out	7	1		
Langham b Pearcey	1	1		
Wilcox c Dalks	1	2		
Wesson b Pearcey	2	4		
Hinman run out	4	0		
harnes b Brown	0	8	Bye	1
No balls 1, byes 5, leg byes 2	8			
Total	53	Total	16	

First Innings.		BARSBY.	Second Innings.	
Brown b Langham	15	0	b Wilcox	2
Brewin run out	0	0	c Wesson	2
E. Pearcey b Langham	0	0	not out	5
J. Dalks b Wilcox	3	3	b Wilcox	15
Spencer b Langham	3	7	b Langham	8
J. Warrington b Wilcox	7	run out		1
G. Greaves b Wilcox	0	0	b Wilcox	0
G. Chandler run out	2	2	b Langham	0
E. Warrington b Wilcox	0	0	c ditto	0
Black not out	0	0	b Wilcox	0
No balls	1	1	Byes 2, no balls 1	3
Total	31	Total	56	

The following year 1860, Barsby had more success in a game against Great Dalby winning easily by an innings and 15 runs. In the return match at Great Dalby there was a similar outcome with Barsby winning by an innings and 10 runs.

Scorecard from the Leicester Mercury 25/8/1860

CRICKET.

BARSBY v. GREAT DALBY.—Eleven of Great Dalby went to Barsby to play a match on August 6, Barsby beating in one innings, with 15 runs to spare. The return match was played on August 20, at Great Dalby. The following is the score:—

DALBY.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
J. Fisher, c E. Percy	0	b J. Warrington	0
R. Gun, hit wicket	0	b S. Warrington	2
John Wild, c J. Warrington	6	c Joshua Warrington	2
T. Bloom, b ditto	5	c E. ditto	3
J. Leadbetter, c J. Brown	0	b J. ditto	0
J. Walker, b S. Warrington	3	c J. Brown	2
Joseph Wild, b J. Warrington	1	b J. Warrington	6
J. Parker, b S. Warrington	3	not out	1
T. Measure, c E. Percy	6	c J. Warrington	2
Joseph Warner, c Joshua Warrington	3	b S. ditto	2
John Warner, not out	1	b S. ditto	0
Leg bye	1		
Total	29	Total	20

BARSBY.	
H. Brown, run out	3
E. Warrington, b J. Fisher	18
James Warrington, b ditto	9
J. Brown, b ditto	0
Joshua Warrington, run out	1
S. Warrington, b J. Fisher	7
E. Percy, run out	11
N. Percy, c T. Measure	0
T. Spenser, c J. Fisher	9
G. Greaves, not out	4
Wide 4, leg byes 3	7
Total	69

The Beginning of Cricket in Ashby Folville - 1860

Both the Leicestershire Mercury and Leicester Guardian from the 8th of September 1860 have the first recorded cricket for Ashby Folville. The reports describe a “return” match against Gaddesby Second XI from Monday September 3rd. No details exist of the preceding game. The match was held on the day of the “Ashby wake” on what was described as a “fine day” with “numerous company (including a good sprinkling of the fair sex) assembled”.

The term “wake” was originally used to denote a prayer vigil, often an annual event held on the feast day of the saint to whom a parish church was dedicated.

Possible site of Ashby’s first game at back of Nether House – Gaddesby



For the occasion, a field was kindly lent by Mr. Hall (probably William Hall of Little End, Gaddesby). It’s not clear where this field was located but it’s reasonable to assume it could have been on the Gaddesby Road as “Little End” now referred to as “Nether End”, lies at the Ashby Folville end of Gaddesby. Ashby batted first, but through the excellent fielding and bowling of their opponents, they were only able to make 39. Gaddesby then went in, and some fine batting ensued, in which Messrs. F. Foster and W. North chiefly distinguished themselves. The first innings closed for 82. Ashby second innings, only succeeded in obtaining 45, thus leaving their opponents only 3 to get to win, which were soon obtained without the loss of wicket.

Report and Scorecard from the Leicester Guardian 8/9/1860

ASHBY FOLVILLE v. GADDESBY SECOND ELEVEN.—		ASHBY.	
Monday last being Ashby wake, and the day very fine, a numerous company (including a good sprinkling of the fair sex) assembled in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Hall, to witness the return match between the above parties. Ashby was the first to take possession of the wickets, but through the excellent fielding and bowling of their opponents, they were unable to make a long score, their last wicket falling for 39. Gaddesby then went in, and some fine batting ensued, in which Messrs. F. Foster and W. North chiefly distinguished themselves. The latter added 25 to the score in first-rate style, and carried out his bat. The first innings closed for 82. Ashby, in their second innings, only succeeded in obtaining 45, thus leaving their opponents only 3 to get to win, which were soon obtained without the loss of a wicket. The following is the score:—		1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
S. Black, c S. Foster	7	run out	6
T. Brewin, c H. Foster	9	b R. Carr	3
W. Hinman, c J. Underwood	3	c J. Underwood	3
J. Black, run out	3	run out	3
J. Johnson, b R. Carr	11	c W. North	0
H. Kettle, b S. Foster	0	b S. Foster	0
D. Ward, b ditto	2	b ditto	1
W. Adcock, b R. Carr	3	run out	0
T. Brown, b S. Foster	0	not out	9
W. Black, b ditto	0	c C. Bland	2
H. Whait, not out	0	b S. Foster	4
Bye	1	Byes	5
	39		45
GADDESBY.		1st Innings.	2nd Innings.
F. Foster, c S. Black	15		
W. Hardy, c ditto	4		
R. Carr, c ditto	6		
S. Foster, c H. Kettle	9		
W. North, not out	25		
H. Mason, run out	4		
J. Underwood, run out	5		
J. Johnson, b S. Black	5		
J. Clark, c S. Black	0	not out	0
H. Foster, run out	0	not out	3
C. Bland, b S. Black	5		
Bye	2		
	82		3

Late 19th Century Cricket in Ashby Folville and Barsby

For the remainder of the second half of the 19th Century it seems likely that cricket continued in both Ashby Folville and Barsby in parallel. Barsby were likely the preeminent club, reports on Ashby Folville being quite sporadic with only nine games recorded before 1900. Interestingly there are no reports of the two villages ever competing against each other, but they did join forces to beat a Gaddesby team in 1885.

In September 1863 Barsby entertained a team from Gaddesby on Tuesday 25th to celebrate the village feast. This game itself was eventful probably due to overindulging in the public house between innings.

To suit all parties, it was agreed to play the game fully out. Gaddesby won the first innings, and they left host Nichol's cricket ground, and went to an adjoining public house, known by the name of the "Shoulder of Mutton" to take a little refreshment; there they stayed for a period of two hours or more. When they came back, they informed the Barsby side that they did not intend to lose the game. The Grantham Journal reported that the conduct of some of the players on the Gaddesby side, as well as their umpire, in drawing the stumps before the time, was anything but gentlemanly or even manly. This was the third match between the two the teams this season.

Richard Nicholls was the landlord of the King William IV Public House from 1863-1870 and owned four closes of the adjoining pastureland. It is therefore likely that this game was played at the same venue next to the King William that Barsby was still playing on when cricket ceased in the late 1960's.

The Shoulder of Mutton pub was probably located opposite the King William IV public house. It burnt down in 1882 and finally closed in 1895 There was also a third pub in the village in 1863 called the Plough.

Disputed Scorecard from the Grantham Journal 5/9/1863

GADDESBY.			
T. North, b J. Warrington	.. .. 17	lbw b S. Warrington	0
J. North, b ditto	.. .. 8	b J. Warrington	.. 0
F. Foster, b ditto	.. .. 6	b E. Percy	.. .. 0
T. Baker, run out	.. .. 2	b J. Warrington	.. 0
W. North, b E. Percy	.. .. 0	b ditto	.. .. 2
J. Ward, b E. Percy	.. .. 7	b ditto	.. .. 9
W. Brown, b J. Warrington	.. .. 6	b T. Brewin	.. .. 2
Jos. Underwood, b ditto	.. .. 3	run out	.. .. 2
H. Brown, c Brewin, b ditto	.. .. 1	not out	.. .. 24
Joshua Underwood, not out	.. .. 2	b J. Warrington	.. 4
J. Smith, b J. Warrington	.. .. 0	run out	.. .. 2
Byes	.. .. 10	Byes	.. .. 5
	Total—61		Total—50
BARSBY.			
T. Brewin, b J. North	.. .. 0	b J. North	.. .. 0
J. Dilks, c W. Brown	.. .. 0	b ditto	.. .. 26
R. Brewin, b H. Brown	.. .. 5	b ditto	.. .. 4
J. Warrington, b H. Brown	.. .. 21	not out	.. .. 4
E. Percy, c J. North	.. .. 0		
S. Warrington, b ditto	.. .. 3	b H. Brown	.. .. 11
James Warrington, b Foster	.. .. 7		
T. Spencer, run out	.. .. 1		
S. Warrington, not out	.. .. 1	b ditto	.. .. 1
W. Smith, b Foster	.. .. 1		
J. Draycot, b H. Brown	.. .. 1		
Byes	.. .. 8	Byes 5, wide 1—6	
	Total—43		Total—52

Ashby Folville Cricket Club were back in action by 1864 losing a two innings game at home to Thorpe Satchville.

Scorecard from the Grantham Journal 9/9/1864

CRICKET.			
THORPE SATCHVILLE V. ASHBY FOLVILLE.—This match was played at Ashby Folville, on Monday, August 29th, which resulted in favour of Thorpe Satchville. Subjoined is the score:—			
THORPE SATCHVILLE.			
G. Yates, b J. Black	... .. 3	c and b G. Brewin	... 7
J. B. Leadbester, run out	... .. 7	c J. Black, b H. Kettle	... 2
E. Black, run out	... .. 8	b H. Kettle	... 0
F. Foster, b H. Kettle	... .. 24	b G. Brewin	... 3
W. North, c G. Brewin, b J. Black	... 0	c and b H. Kettle	... 11
W. Fisher, c Johnson, b Kettle	... 1	b H. Kettle	... 8
W. Smith, b H. Kettle	... .. 4	b H. Kettle	... 2
J. Beadle, b J. Black	... .. 2	not out	... 6
W. Hardy, b J. Black	... .. 3	b J. Black	... 0
J. Walker, b H. Kettle	... .. 4	b H. Kettle	... 1
J. Huddlesone, not out	... .. 3	b H. Kettle	... 0
Byes	... .. 7	Byes	... .. 3
	72		42
ASHBY FOLVILLE.			
T. Smith, st. Foster, b Leadbester	... 7	c Yates, b E. Black	... 5
H. Waite, b Foster	... .. 2	l b w, b Foster	... 3
S. Hodgkin, b Foster	... .. 0	run out	... 4
J. Johnson, b Foster	... .. 2	run out	... 0
J. Black, b Foster	... .. 10	b Leadbester	... 17
H. Kettle, b E. Black	... .. 6	b Foster	... 3
G. Brewin, c Leadbester, b Foster	... 3	c W. Smith	... 0
W. Black, jun., c E. Black, b Foster	... 4	b Foster	... 0
W. Black, b E. Black	... .. 0	not out	... 0
G. Freckingham, b Fisher, b Leadbester	... .. 12	run out	... 2
M. Scarbow, not out	... .. 0	run out	... 1
Byes	... .. 9		
	55		35
BARSBY V. MELTON.—The return match was played at Melton			

In 1870 Barsby joined with South Croxton to play a game against Houghton Juniors. Unfortunately, Houghton won easily winning by 10 second innings wickets having bowled Barsby out for 37 and 47 in their two innings.

Between 1874 and 1878 reports of several Barsby games were in the local press. These included two games against Tilton and District, three against Thrusington, three against Twyford, plus single games

against, Hoby, Asfordby, Belgrave, Great Dalby and finally “Leicester Elastic Weavers”. Twelve of these were won, one drawn against Leicester Elastic Weavers and one lost away to Twyford in 1876.

An unusual name on the Barsby fixture list was “Mr. Turners (Leicester) Elastic Weavers”. In the mid-19th century, the manufacture of elastic webbing for boots, stockings, braces etc. was a very profitable business in Leicester. Luke Turner was from a prominent family of elastic weavers and established his own company in 1858 building an impressive factory in 1862 on Grange Lane. Like many companies of the time, Luke Turner ran a company cricket team. This is probably not surprising given his interest in cricket being one of the original shareholders in the Leicester cricket Club in 1877.

Luke Turner’s son, John Alfred Turner played first-class cricket for Cambridge University and the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) between 1883 and 1890.

Scorecard from the Grantham Journal 17/8/1877

BARSBY V. LEICESTER ELASTIC WEAVERS.			
A match was played at Barsby on the 11th inst. between the Barsby club and eleven of Mr. Turner's elastic weavers, Leicester. Score:—			
		BARSBY.	
G. Walker, b Robinson	...	4	b Robinson 5
E. Adams, b Spence	...	2	b Spence 0
F. Foster, b Spence	...	6	b Robinson 5
R. Harris, b Robinson	...	1	c Sharp, b Norton ... 5
Y. Barsby, b Spence	...	0	not out 5
T. North, b Robinson	...	0	c Cowell, b Robinson 0
Mr. Balarg, c Wildbore, b Robinson	...	1	b Robinson 0
R. Barsby, c and b Spence	...	2	c Cowell, b Robinson 0
T. Bruen, b Spence	...	2	b Norton 3
J. Sanders, not out	...	1	c Spence, b Robinson 7
W. Greaves, b Robinson	...	0	b Robinson 0
Extras	...	7	extras..... 6
		Total..... 29	Total..... 36
ELASTIC WEAVERS.			
Hubbard, c and b Foster	...	0	
Robinson, b Walker	...	4	
Cowell, b Walker	...	5	b Walker 7
Spence, b Walker	...	2	b Walker 11
Shenton, run out	...	0	run-out 1
Sharp, b Foster	...	0	b Foster 6
Norton, b Foster	...	2	
Worrell, c and b Foster	...	4	
Glover, b Walker	...	0	
Wildbore, b Foster	...	2	
Smith, not out	...	2	
Extras	...	1	extras 0
		Total 23	Total 25

During this late 19th Century, the Warrington family were still very active in Barsby cricket with four family members representing the club, H Warrington, M Warrington, William (Commercial Traveller), Samual (Manufacturer).

Other prominent family names in the Barsby teams of the time included the following with many running local businesses in the village.

- E and William Bonshor (William Bonshor - Grazier)
- T and H. Brown - (Henry Brown – Farmer/Miller)
- Job and Samual Dilkes, (Job Dilkes – Cottager, Samuel Dilkes – Farmer)
- T North (Thomas North – Carpenter)
- T Randell (Thomas Randell – Farmer)
- John Powell (Grazier)
- Edward Percy (Blacksmith)
- John Walker (Farmer/Shoulder of Mutton in 1884)
- Samuel Walker (King William in 1884)
- W Greaves (Grazier)

Other players included:

E Adams, J. Barratt, John and R Barsby, J Baker, W Bent, J. Clarke, B Cliff, F Foster, G. Hunt, C. Littlewood, N. Long, J, D and E. Mansfield, R and T Pears, AB and E Platts, R Harris, W Richardson, C Ploughman, A Tunicliffe, T Smith, D Whitish, S Whait, L and E. White.

In 1879 Barsby played two games against Hoby. For the first game the Barsby team was named the "Barsby Rose Club" and for the second game the team was described as "Barsby Rovers" For both games the Hoby team was described as "Hoby Rising stars" The reason for these team names seems unclear (perhaps it might have been a Ladies team or junior team) however the Barsby team contained many of the same players that had represented Barsby in previous games.

Throughout the remainder of the 19th Century further Barsby games were recorded against Gaddesby, Hungarton, Twyford, Asfordby, Great Dalby and Somerby. Three of these games were won, two lost with the remainder being drawn. The games all took place on weekdays, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesdays and were usually two innings matches, so it is likely many of these games coincided with local Feast days.

In 1885 the Barsby and Ashby Folville teams joined forces to beat Gaddesby. The game was played at Ashby Folville with the home team scoring 85 in their first innings. A very respectable score for the time. Gaddesby were bowled out for 32 and 17 in their two innings. The star of the day was H Brown who took 14 wickets the majority being bowled. Interestingly he appears to have been poached from Gaddesby by Barsby having previously represented Gaddesby earlier in the season.

Scorecard from the Grantham Journal 5/9/1885

ASHBY FOLVILLE AND BARSBY UNITED V. GADDESBY.			
A cricket match was played at Ashby Folville on Monday, August 31st, between Ashby Folville and Barsby United and Gaddesby, and resulted in a victory for the home team by an innings and 37 runs. Score:—			
ASHBY FOLVILLE AND BARSBY UNITED.			
H. Brown, c Ward, b Brown	15	G. Crawford, c S. Whait,	
S. Robinson, b E. Whait	4	b Walpole	5
J. Barratt, c Ward, b Brown	2	S. T. Black, b E. Whait	0
H. Greaves, b Ward	38	D. Baker, b Whait	4
W. Underwood, c Ward,		J. Baker (capt.), not out	1
b E. Whait	2	Extras	4
C. Pykett, b Brown	1		
T. Black, c Knapp, b E.			
Whait	10	Total	86
GADDESBY.			
E. Whait, b Brown	3	b Brown	0
S. Whait (capt.), b Brown	4	b Pykett	4
W. Walpole, c Barratt, b Brown	6	b Pykett	0
D. Johnson, b Greaves	6	c Greaves, b Pykett	5
J. Dalrymple, b Brown	3	b Brown	0
J. Knapp, b Brown	0	b Brown	1
J. Ward, b Brown	0	b Brown	0
T. Brown, b Greaves	0	b Brown	4
J. Hillyer, c Greaves, b Brown	3	c T. Black, b Brown	1
J. Cooper, not out	4	c Greaves, b Brown	0
G. Baker, b Barratt	0	not out	1
Extras	3	extras	1
Total	32	Total	17

The following day an interesting game at cricket was played at Ashby Folville, between the Married and Single. The Single men gained an easy victory by an innings and 33 runs, the scores: Married, 17 and 38; Single, 88.

Formation of the Ashby Folville Cricket Club – 1890

According to EE Snow in his excellent book "County House Cricket Grounds of Leicestershire and Rutland" he states that Ashby Folville were formed around 1890 by HH Smith-Carington. This date does tie in with an upturn in reported cricket matches in Ashby Folville and probably represents the

start of an organised Cricket Club with only a few ad-hoc games played previously. This is further corroborated by reports in 1892 that the newly constituted John O'Gaunt and Twyford C. C had decided to send challenges to the teams of Abb Kettleby, Tugby, Somerby, Barsby, Ashby Folville, South Croxton, Leicester Tradesmen and Leicester Borough Police Force.

The Ashby Folville estate was bought in 1890 by Herbert Hanbury Smith-Carington, then mayor of Worcester (died 1917), who built cottages and a village institute and restored the church. His grandson, Wing Commander John Smith-Carington (a long time President of the current Ashby Carington club) inherited the Ashby Folville Estate, which extends to approximately 1200 acres, just after the Second World War. After the Wing Commander's recent death, the responsibility of running the Estate is now in the hands of his grandson, Alex Stroud (current Ashby Carington Cricket Club President).

From 1893 five further Ashby Folville games were recorded up to the end of the 19th Century against Frisby, Wymeswold, Great Dalby, Rearsby and Thorpe Satchville. Like Barsby many of these games coincided with local Feast Days. The game away to Frisby was on July 11th, 1893 (Feast Tuesday). Ashby also visited Great Dalby on the 18th of June 1898 as part of the Dalby Feast. The Dalby Village Feast was celebrated during the week with the principal point of interest being the cricket ground where during the first three days matches were played with Ashby Folville Thorpe Satchville and Gaddesby each time the home team proving themselves "masters" according to the Grantham Journal.

The final recorded game of the 19th Century was on Monday 27th August against Thorpe Satchville. A report in the Grantham Journal hints at the possible decline of the village "Feast Week" although the link to cricket was still very evident.

Grantham Journal report: "The Feast. —Although the Church here is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin the Feast falls during the present week, within the octave St. Bartholomew telling no doubt, of an earlier dedication, and the tenacity the people towards old customs and dates. Suitable allusion to the event was made Sunday the Vicar, the J. Godson, R.D., but otherwise there was no special celebration the Church. None of the usual paraphernalia of the holiday, in the shape of stalls, etc., were evidence. There was cricket match on Monday, Ashby v. Thorpe Satchville. When the former proved victorious. Dancing in the Carrington Arms attracted a fairly large company in the evening".

There appeared to be some movement of players between the Ashby Folville and Barsby clubs in the late 19th Century with H. Brown, J. Clarke, J. Tyres, J. Walker and H Warrington representing both clubs.

Chapter Three: Before the War (1901 – 1914)

Ashby Folville Cricket Club and the Springfield Road Ground

In the early part of the 20th Century nine games were recorded for Ashby Folville many again coinciding with Feast Days.

1900 Season:

The first such game was against Rearsby on Tuesday 4th of September 1900. Monday's cricket was described as somewhat disappointing, as at the eleventh hour the expected visitors from Thorpe notified their inability to fulfil the engagement. A scratch match was arranged for the local team and passed off very pleasantly. The fixture with Rearsby was played on the Tuesday and resulted in a victory for Rearsby by the narrow majority of 4 runs. The Feast Week had attractions including, dancing each evening at the " Carrington Arms," and for the juveniles shooting galleries, swings, skittles, and cocoa-nut shies.

1901 Season:

The following year Ashby Folville provided the opposition for the Kirby Bellars Village Feast. Four days of cricket had been arranged, Kirby were disappointed by the standard of cricket provided by Frisby in the first game having compiled 101 and then dismissing Frisby for 21 and 11 in their two innings. Hopefully, they were more satisfied by the game against Ashby Folville on the Tuesday although no record exists of the result.

1904 Season:

In 1904 Ashby Folville played a game against Melton Wyvern, included in the Ashby teamsheet was W.S Carington. Reports describe "a very pleasant game" being played at Ashby Folville the visitors winning by 34 runs with a wicket to spare. The home team batted first, and scored 58, Mr. Carington and J. Walker batting well for their runs. S. Spencer brought off two brilliant catches, and Hazlewood again bowled well. H. Muff and T. Bursnell started well for Wyvern, and subsequently good scores were made by Hazlewood and Nudds. Walker bowled effectively for Ashby.

Scorecard from the Grantham Journal 27/8/1904

ASHBY.		WYVERN.	
W. S. Carrington, Esq., c		G. Day, b Walker	2
Nudds, b Smith	10	H. Muff, b Walker	10
E. Hollier, c Spencer, b		T. Bursnell, run out	14
Hazlewood	5	N. Spencer, b Walker	0
H. Warrington, c Burr-		K. Herring, run out	8
nell, b Spencer	0	J. Hazlewood, b Sreaton	24
F. Sreaton, c Spencer, b		A. Nudds, b Sreaton	13
Smith	5	E. Spawton, c & b Srea-	8
J. Adams, c Day, b		ton	8
Hazlewood	9	H. Ackroyd, b Walker	4
J. Walker, b Hazlewood	11	A. Smith, not out	1
J. Jones, b Day	1	J. Mann did not bat.	
W. Percy, run out	0		
P. Day, b Hazlewood	0		
A. Adams, not out	8		
J. Blockley, c Mann, b			
Hazlewood	0		
Extras	2	Extras	8
Total	58	Total (3 wickets)	92

The Wyvern Spinning Mills owned by T. W. Rust and Co were located in Mill Street. They were later used by Patons and Baldwins and in 1951, Petfoods moved to the site.

WS Carington was the son of Herbert Hanbury Smith-Carington. Neville Woodford Smith-Carington (1888-1933) who was born at the manor would have been 16 years old at the time of the game. He stood for the Conservative Party in Loughborough at the General Election of January 1910 but was not elected. He then stood again in the 1923 Rutland and Stamford by-election, winning the seat, which he held until his death in 1933.

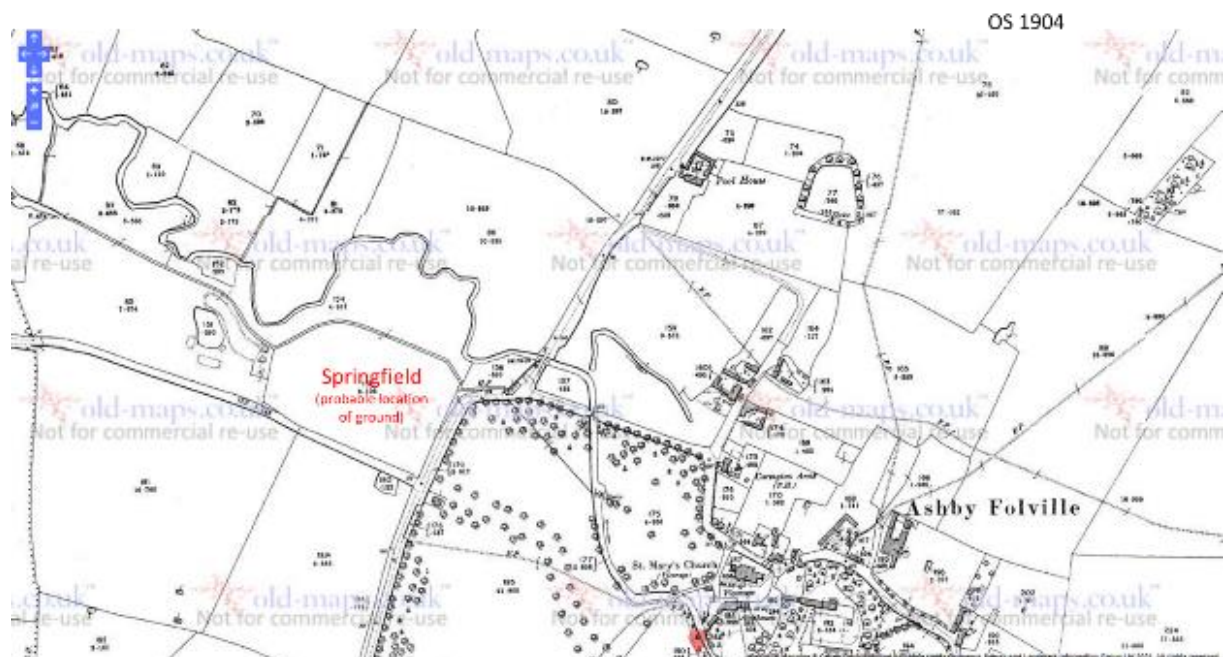
1905 Season:

In 1905 Ashby Folville along with Little Dalby and Somerby provided the opposition for the Great Dalby Feast Week. Ashby were victorious in their game played on the Tuesday. The games were played on what was described as the “new ground” in Great Dalby.

Cricket was certainly gaining popularity in the local villages at the start of the 20th Century. South Croxton and Baggrave Cricket Club were formed in 1904 and moved to their new ground in 1905. The new cricket-ground, in great measure due the interest and support extended to the Club by the president, A. E. Burnaby, of Baggrave Hall. Gaddesby also had renewed interest in cricket with a meeting arranged in 1906 attended by twenty-two supporters with the objective of organising a Club. They agreed to contact Great Dalby, Frisby, Ashby Folville, Rearsby, and Thrusington CC to arrange fixtures.

Springfield Ground: A report in the Grantham Journal on the 8th of September 1906 made the first reference to the Springfield Ground. The ground was described as “on a field off Springfield Road”. Almost no reference exists to a Springfield Road but it possible this could have been the South Croxton to Ashby Road. Springfield itself is located on the corner of the Barsby and Gaddesby roads and is probably the field referred to. EE Snow in his book “County House Cricket Grounds of Leicestershire” claimed Ashby had been at the ground since 1890 and describes the ground as being “almost opposite the Lodge”

1904 OS Map showing probable location of “Springfield Road” Ground



1906 Season:

The game at Springfield Road was held on the Monday against Somerby as part of the Annual Feast Week. The proceedings near the Carington Arms Inn were described as very lively during the earlier part of the week, and the various amusements appeared to be well patronised. The visitors had first innings, soaring 64 runs. A. Smith bowled in such good form that the first two wickets fell in less than six balls. Messrs. Tinkler (16 runs) and Pepper (10 runs) played well but were not able stem the adverse tide. Then came the turn of the Ashby team, who obtained 148 runs for five wickets when the time limit was reached. The highest scorers were W. Davis 47, J. Adams not out, J. Smith 21, A. Percy 14, C. Martin 11, and T. Wright 6 not out. On Tuesday, the Thorpe Satchville cricketers came over to play Ashby. Thorpe had the first innings and declared 120 for 5 wickets Ashby replying with 60.

1907 Season:

Three games were recorded in 1907, two against Melton WMC 2nd XI and one against Gaddesby. The first of the games against Melton was held on the All England Cricket Ground, the game was curtailed by rain with Melton 37 for 9. The return game in September along with the Gaddesby game were part of the Ashby Feast Week.

On the afternoon of Monday September 2nd, the Gaddesby cricketers played Ashby on the Springfield Road pitch. However, the heavy showers stopped play between four and five, leaving the score as follows: Gaddesby 32 runs, Ashby Folville 12 runs for no wicket. Mr. F. Walker's bowling was described as "very accurate" and was highly applauded when three wickets fell for about six balls or so. On the Saturday afternoon, Melton Working Men's Club had played on the same ground, but the game resulted in draw, owing to the sharp showers.

1911 Season:

W. Allen of Ashby Folville was selected for a Leicestershire 2nd XI game against Warwickshire 2^{nds} on the 17th of August. There appeared to be several debutants including W. Allen for the game. Allen was described by the Leicester Mail as a "fast bowler hailing from Ashby Folville with a good reputation. and considered a most likely man"

No records have been found of Allen representing Ashby Folville Cricket Club, however he did play for Barsby in 1921 in a game against Thorpe Satchville. He also played in a representative game for a *Baron de Forest XI* at Gaddesby in 1912 against a side selected by a Mr J. A. Walker of Ashby Folville.

Maurice Arnold de Forest (9 January 1879 – 6 October 1968) was an early motor racing driver, aviator and Liberal politician

1912 Season:

The Leicester Mail reported on Syston's Feast Week celebrations; "Great interest has been displayed in revival of the old custom of having a cricket week at the feast". After defeating Thurmaston, Syston entertained Ashby Folville and were defeated 78 runs to 52.

No further records exist of cricket at Ashby Folville under after the Second World War.

Barsby Cricket club

Reports of Barsby playing cricket were sparse in the early 20th Century. The four recorded games include two against Mr. E Clarkes Firm (Melton) in 1901 and 1902 followed by games against Great Dalby and Gaddesby in 1909 and 1910.

1901/1902 Season:

Unusually the first game against Mr. E Clarkes Firm was held in June on a Saturday at Barsby. The game was won by Barsby 50 runs to 38 with J Haines taking 7 of the Barsby wickets. In 1902 Barsby met the same opposition on the 15th of August as part of the Feast Week. The Grantham Journal described the festivities. "The Feast passed off quietly in-the early part of this week. On Monday, the chief entertainment was found watching a contest between the home cricket team and a team made from among the employees of Messrs. Clarke, builders, Melton. Other attractions included a couple of toy and sweet stalls catering for the children, and dancing was indulged in during the evening the King William the Fourth."

1909 Season:

Barsby provided the opposition for Great Dalby as part of their Feast Week. Cricket must have played an important part in the festivities at Great Dalby as they also had games against Gaddesby and Pickwell. Despite the game taking place in June the weather was described as being "a bit cold for flannels". Against Barsby on the Monday, Great Dalby made 54 and 87, the Barsby getting 30 and 69 for seven wickets.

1910 Season:

For the 1910 Barsby Feast Week Gaddesby were the visitors. There were a large number of visitors on the Sunday, when the old time custom of baking the Feast Sunday dinner was kept by Mr. H. Rodely. The great attraction on Monday was the meeting of the neighbouring villages, Gaddesby and Barsby, in a friendly contest on the cricket field. The result was described as a "draw in favour of the Barsby team by 30 on the first innings" A small array of stalls was located at the entrance the cricket paddock, near the King William IV Inn, where dancing was carried on in the evening.

1911 Season:

The members and friends of the Barsby Cricket Club held their Annual gathering on Thursday November 16th when upwards of 40 sat down to an excellent spread at the King William the Fourth. Amongst those present were: - Barsby: Messrs J. Adams (captain), H. Brown (vice-captain), E. H. Adams (umpire), H. Roberts (honouree secretary), W. Roberts, L. Roberts, M.R.H. Rodely, E. Hawkins, F. Hawkins, C. Hawkins, T. Dilkes, H. Riley, A. C. Adams, A. G. Platts, and J. Smith. Representatives from other local clubs also attended including: - Baggrave: J. Earp, jun.; Gaddesby: A.C. Goodwin; South Croxton: B. Broadwell and J. Muggleton, Queniborough: S. Mansfield, G. Gill, H. Sarson, S. Black, and T. Black; Ashby Folville: W. Warrington, H. Warrington, W. Langdon, and T. Pears and several others.

After the repast the company retired to the smoke room where Mr Bowly occupied the chair. The toast, "The King, Queen, and Royal Family" was duly honoured. "Success to the Barsby and District Cricket Club" was given from the chair. In his response Mr. H. Roberts (hon. secretary) said the club had enjoyed a most successful season both from a sporting and financial point of view and the honorary subscriptions had kept them free from deficit. Mr. S. Mansfield proposed "The Honorary Members" in an able and jocular speech. The Chairman, in supporting made a special reference to

Capt. Forester. M.F.H. and Mrs Forester. He said the popular Master of the Quorn was always to the fore upholding good sport, his gracious consort was the upholder of cricket as the master of fox hunting. Mr. Gill gave "The Host and Hostess, "musical honours" and Mr. Roberts suitably replied. Mr. Goodwin presiding at the piano and The National Anthem brought to a close a very convivial and successful gathering.

1914 Season:

The final records of a match played before the outbreak of WWI was away at Queniborough in June 1914. The Barsby team could only muster 47 runs, J. Adams top scoring with 13. However, in reply Queniborough were bowled out for 36, J. Adams taking six wickets and A.G. Platts four. The team included J. Bowley, J. Earp, T. Palethorpe, A. Adams and A.G. Platts who all continued to represent Barsby after the War. H. Bonshaw later also played for Ashby Folville CC. The other players were J. Adams (who had represented Ashby Folville from 1899), J. Cooke, W. Glover, H. Howkins and S. Hunt (all of which we have no other records).

South Croxton Cricket Club

One of the reasons for the lack of games recorded for Barsby might well have been the resurgence of cricket in South Croxton. The club had an active social calendar as well as a full fixture list against the like of Thorpe Satchville, Midland Railway Clerks, Melton WMC, Syston and Thurmaston Band.

A highlight of the local cricket calendar was the South Croxton and Baggrave Cricket Club Cricket Week. In 1907 the second of the annual cricket weeks was held on the Croxton ground with the event attracting a large crowd of spectators. Representatives of the game gathered from Ashby, Barsby, Gaddesby, Beeby, Baggrave, Syston, Thorpe, Somerby, Rearsby. A splendid lunch for 150 guests was organized the catering was this year entrusted to local hands, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, of the "Cheney Arms," Gaddesby.

Chapter Four: Between the Wars (1921 – 1940)

By 1921 Barsby Cricket Club had resumed playing cricket as had South Croxton Cricket Club (now without the Baggrave suffix). Several of the pre War players still represented the club including, A. Adams (ex-Ashby and Barsby), H. Brown (ex-Ashby), AG Platts, W. Warrington J. Bowley, J. Earp and T. Palethorpe. However, no records of any games for Ashby Folville exist until 1929 around the time that South Croxton Cricket Club appear to have played their last game.

1921 Season:

On the 27th of August 1921 Barsby played a game against Lowesby. The venue for the game was *Quenby Hall*. Lowesby won the game easily scoring 79 with a struggling Barsby scoring only 12 and 17 in their two innings.

The Quenby ground was situated to the right of the footpath that leads to Hungarton about ½ a mile from the church. A separate ground was later opened at Quenby in 1932 and used by the village team.

Two games were also played against Thorpe Satchville in 1921, no record exist of the first game but the return game at Thorpe on Saturday 3rd September was easily won by the home team who scored 110 to 65 scored by Barsby. The Barsby team included: H Brown, AG Platts, E Gutteridge, H Heard, Sam and Sid Warrington, W Allan, AS Platts, A. Adams, A Morris, J Bowley.

1922/1923 Season:

Games were played at Thrussington and Kirby Bellars, Barsby again losing both games. Not much is known about whether results improved in 1923 as the results of the only two known fixtures against Melton British Legion were not recorded.

Barsby and The Hospital Cup - 1923

In February 1923 a meeting was arranged by the Committee organising a knock-out competition in connection with the newly established Melton and District War Memorial Hospital Cricket League. The competition was to be used to raise funds for Melton Hospital. Ashby Folville and Barsby Cricket Clubs joined forces to enter the tournament.

Sixteen Clubs were admitted Saxby, Twyford, Rotherby and Hoby, Somerby, Old Dalby, Harby, Barsby and Ashby Folville, Waltham, Great Dalby, Wymondham, Melton Midland Railway, Holwell Works, Abb Kettleby, Melton British Legion, Asfordby, Frisby-on-the-Wreake. It was agreed the draw for the first round would be made at the next meeting.

It's not clear who Barsby and Ashby Folville played in the first round but in July it was reported at a meeting of the Management Committee by Honorary Secretary (Mr. J. W. Hubbard) that Holwell Works and Frisby-on-the-Wreake had qualified for the final, and arrangement were made for the match played the ground of the Egerton Park Cricket Club, Melton, on Saturday August 4th. The Hospital Cup Final was quite an occasion with 750 spectators present raising £19 at the gate, the competition raised £28 for Melton Hospital.

Despite the Competition Committee noting in October 1923 that the Hospital Cup should be competed on a league basis (in 1923 it was organised as a cup format due to the short notice of setting up the competition), it appears 1924 was also run along the lines of a cup competition.

1924 Season:

For the 1924 season from the draw made in February it appeared that Barsby Cricket Club entered as a standalone team without Ashby Folville. However later in the year when the umpires were announced Barsby had been replaced in the draw by Rotherby.

Apart from the Hospital Cup there was also a schoolboy's fixture against Twyford.

1924 Draw for Hospital Cup – Grantham Journal 9/2/1924



1925 Season:

By 1925 there was an entry of 26 teams into the competition, adding to those entered in 1924 were: Melton Bible Class, Wymondham, Somerby, Waltham, Great Dalby, Branston, Long Clawson, Scalford, Melton Young Liberals, Eaton and Stonesby. No entries were received from Melton British Legion and Holwell. Barsby were drawn at home to Thorpe Satchville in the Preliminary Round in Division A. Although no record exists of the scores Thorpe Satchville progressed to the 1st round so, we presume Barsby lost.

Barsby played a 13 a side friendly against Melton British Legion in 1925. Barsby won that game by one run, H. Riley top scoring for Barsby with 19.

Barsby and the Burrough League – 1926

1926 Season:

From 1926 Barsby competed in the newly formed Burrough League. A competition that is still going strong in 2021 with Ashby Carington competing in Division 2. The competition however seems to have changed somewhat. In 1926 the games were played on Saturdays (and presumably not over limited), today's competition is played on a Tuesday night league limited to 18 overs.

1926 Final Burrough League Table 1926 – Grantham Journal 25/9/1926

Burrough and District League.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Burton Lazars ...	10	8	1	1	17
Thorpe Satchville	10	5	3	2	12
Burrough	10	6	4	0	12
Barsby	10	5	4	1	11
Somerby	10	2	8	0	4
Great Dalby	10	2	8	0	4

Burton Lazars have thus won the Cup given
by Mr. Lindsay Everard, M.P.

Barsby had a commendable season winning five of their ten games although no record exists of any of the individual results. It was also interesting to note that the cup was donated by *Sir Lindsey Everard* (Everards are still supporting the league to this day).

SIR WILLIAM LINDSAY EVERARD, D. L., J. P., died at Torquay on March 11th 1949, aged 57. He played twice for Leicestershire and was Hon. Secretary of Leicestershire Gentlemen's Club 1914-35. President of County Club 1936 and 1939; member of the M.C.C. Committee 1938-45. One of the pioneers of private flying at his own aerodrome near his Leicestershire home, Ratcliffe Hall. Sir Lindsay took over the business of Everards Brewery in 1925 and remained in that position until his death.

In the 1926 Season there were 28 teams entered in the Hospital Cup, Barsby were drawn away to the previous year's finalists Frisby. Not surprisingly Barsby lost being bowled out for 35 chasing 62 for 8 scored by Frisby.

1927 Season:

Barsby entered the Burrough League along with Somerby, Great Dalby, Burrough, Thorpe Satchville and Burton Lazars. It was however the final year we can find records of Barsby entering the Hospital Cup. It also turned out to be their most successful. Somerby were defeated in the 1st Round before Whissendine visited Barsby to win in the 2nd round encounter.

In January 1927 a Fancy-Dress Dance was held at Ashby Folville village hall in aid of Barsby Cricket Club. The competitors were judged by Mrs. A. E. Burnaby, of Baggrave Park, and Miss Monica Sheriffe, of Goadby Marwood, their decisions being as follows: Ladies I. Mrs. Dalby (Great Dalby), Gipsy; 2. Miss Dudgon (Leicester), Carnival; 3. Mrs. Paling (Nottingham), Pied Piper. Gentlemen I. Mr. R. Wilson (South Croxton), Nurse; 2. Mr. W. Andrews (Barsby), Cupid; 3. Mr. P. Hart, jun. (Gaddesby), Dutch Boy. Music was provided by the Melton Mowbray Scouts' Orchestra.

1928 Season:

Barsby were included in the 1928 fixture list for the Burrough League which also included Twyford extending the league to seven teams. Barsby finished as runners up and Burton Lazars were champions. The trophies were awarded at the presentation evening at Twyford. Captain Otto Paget of Burrough presided and Mr W.L. Everard MP presented the trophies.

We have records of four of the matches. At home to Great Dalby on May 19th Barsby were soundly beat with Dalby scoring 94 to Barsby' 57. A Walker took five wickets for Barsby. Barsby also lost at home to Somerby on June 2nd by 118 runs to 63. For Somerby C. and G. Underwood (father and son) played a sterling game, the father scored 32 and the son 54. For Barsby H. Riley with 22 being the only player to reach double figures.

Barsby's form improved in August with victories over Great Dalby and eventual champions Burton Lazars. Against Dalby, Barsby won by 115 runs scoring an impressive total of 145, A Walker scoring 41. The game against Burton was closer with Barsby scoring 71 to win by 9 runs, A. Walker again top scoring with 25 and AG Platts taking six wickets.

Burrough League Fixture List 1928 and 1929 – Grantham Journal

Burrough and District League. Fixtures 1928.		Burrough and District League.	
May	5—Barsby v. Twyford. 5—Somerby v. Thorpe. 5—Burton v. Great Dalby. 12—Somerby v. Burrough. 12—Thorpe v. Barsby. 12—Burton v. Twyford. 19—Burrough v. Thorpe. 19—Twyford v. Somerby. 19—Great Dalby v. Barsby.	June 1st. Somerby v. Burton. Great Dalby v. Barsby. Twyford v. Burrough. June 8th. Burrough v. Burton. Great Dalby v. Thorpe. Barsby v. Somerby. June 15th. Burton v. Thorpe. Somerby v. Twyford. Barsby v. Burrough. June 22nd. Burrough v. Somerby. Barsby v. Thorpe. Twyford v. Great Dalby. June 29th. Twyford v. Barsby. Thorpe v. Somerby. Great Dalby v. Burton.	
June	2—Burton v. Burrough. 2—Thorpe v. Great Dalby. 2—Barsby v. Somerby. 9—Somerby v. Burton. 9—Burrough v. Barsby. 9—Great Dalby v. Twyford. 16—Twyford v. Thorpe. 16—Barsby v. Burton. 16—Great Dalby v. Burrough. 23—Burrough v. Twyford. 23—Somerby v. Great Dalby. 23—Burton v. Thorpe. 30—Twyford v. Barsby. 30—Thorpe v. Somerby. 30—Great Dalby v. Burton.	August 3rd. Twyford v. Thorpe. Barsby v. Burton. Great Dalby v. Burrough. August 10th. Burton v. Somerby. Burrough v. Barsby. Great Dalby v. Twyford. August 17th. Burton v. Burrough. Thorpe v. Great Dalby. Somerby v. Barsby. August 24th. Burrough v. Thorpe. Twyford v. Somerby. Barsby v. Great Dalby. August 31st. Somerby v. Burrough. Thorpe v. Barsby. Burton v. Twyford.	
July	26—Burrough v. Somerby. 26—Barsby v. Thorpe. 26—Twyford v. Great Dalby.		
Aug.	4—Thorpe v. Burton. 4—Somerby v. Twyford. 4—Barsby v. Burrough. 11—Burrough v. Burton. 11—Great Dalby v. Thorpe. 11—Somerby v. Barsby. 18—Burton v. Somerby. 18—Barsby v. Great Dalby. 18—Twyford v. Burrough. 25—Thorpe v. Twyford. 25—Burton v. Barsby. 25—Burrough v. Great Dalby.		
Sept.	1—Twyford v. Burton. 1—Great Dalby v. Somerby. 1—Thorpe v. Burrough.		

1929 Season:

For 1929 the Burrough League continued with the same seven teams.

In mid-June Barsby entertained Thorpe Satchville. Ashby set a target of 57 (A. Walker 11, A. Adams 14, L. Roberts 11, B. Burgin 11). In reply Thorpe were bowled out for 25 with A. Platts taking six of the wickets.

From the reports of Barsby's home game against Burton Lazars it appears they were again the team to beat. The "Leicester Illustrated Chronicle" reported: Burton Lazars continue their victorious career in the Burrough and District League by defeating Barsby. The latter were keeping the Feast, and they had hopes of lowering the champions colours, but Burton fielded their strongest XI. and won "In a canter." The home side were sent back for 50 (R. E. Prior five wickets for 22; J. E. Wild three for 17 and C. Prior two for 9), and Burton replied with 53 for the loss of 3 wickets (W Prior 20, and RE Prior 23 not out) when the game was stopped for rain. It appears that Burrough League games were played until all players were out even if the opposition score had been surpassed.

Burton Lazars were duly awarded the cup for the third successive year at the end of season Presentation Meeting held at the Oddfellows Hall Twyford. Chief guest Mr. Packer (Secretary of the Leicestershire County C.C), gave useful advice respecting the game, and outlined a scheme whereby it, was hoped to interest all villages the Melton Mowbray district in League cricket.

In the final table for 1929 Barsby finished 4th winning five of the eleven games played. Several Barsby players performances were recognised in the league averages including L. Roberts with a batting average of 12.5. Bowling, P Warrington and A Walker both averaged 4 runs a wicket. A Walker was also recognised for taking 7 wickets for 10 runs in a game.

In the late 1920's the regular players representing Barsby included, A. Adams, W. Baker, S and T. Bowley, R. Burgin, G and J. Goddard, E. Guttridge, W. Morris, AG Platts, AS. Platts, H. Riley, L. Roberts, J. Springthorpe, A. Walker, F. Warrington, S. Warrington, T. Warrington.

Burrough League Averages and Table 1929 – Grantham Journal

Burrough and District Cricket League.					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Burton Lazars	12	9	1	2	19
Thorpe Satchville.....	12	3	0	4	16
Twyford	11	7	0	4	16
Barsby	11	5	0	6	12
Somerby	10	4	0	6	8
Great Dalby	10	3	1	6	7
Burrough.....	12	2	0	10	4

Twyford and Barsby awarded 2 points for matches not played.

Leading Averages.				
	BATTING.			
	Inns.	Total Runs.	Not Out.	Average.
R. Pryor, Burton	10	174	2	21.75
W. Prior, Burton	10	147	0	14.70
J. E. Wild, Burton	10	126	1	14.00
S. P. Jones, Great Dalby	7	87	0	12.42
L. Roberts, Barsby	9	103	1	12.50
F. Baker, Great Dalby	10	91	2	11.37
R. Thody, Twyford	11	113	0	10.23
G. Underwood, Somerby.....	10	106	0	10.60
A. Cooke, Twyford	8	81	0	10.10

Best individual performances:—R. Pryor, Burton, 55 not out; A. Topley, Thorpe, 54; W. Pryor, Burton, 53; L. Roberts, Barsby, 51.

BOWLING.			
	W.	R.	Average.
G. Underwood, Somerby	29	108	3.72
J. Bowley, Twyford	56	227	4.05
F. Warrington, Barsby	16	75	4.69
A. Walker, Barsby	11	53	4.82
J. E. Wild, Burton	23	113	4.91
J. Gould, Somerby.....	29	145	4.96
H. Hlard, Twyford	43	214	4.98

Bowler to take most wickets, J. Bowley, Twyford, 56.

Ashby Folville Cricket Club Reforms - 1929

In September 1929 it was reported that Rev C Turner was largely responsible for reforming the Ashby Folville cricket club, the last games being played prior to the First World War. In the "Village People" article in GQ magazine (September 1993), Bert Slater also recounts Teddy Guttridge (previously a Barsby player), the odd job man at the manor and the chauffeur Hake Baker starting the team.

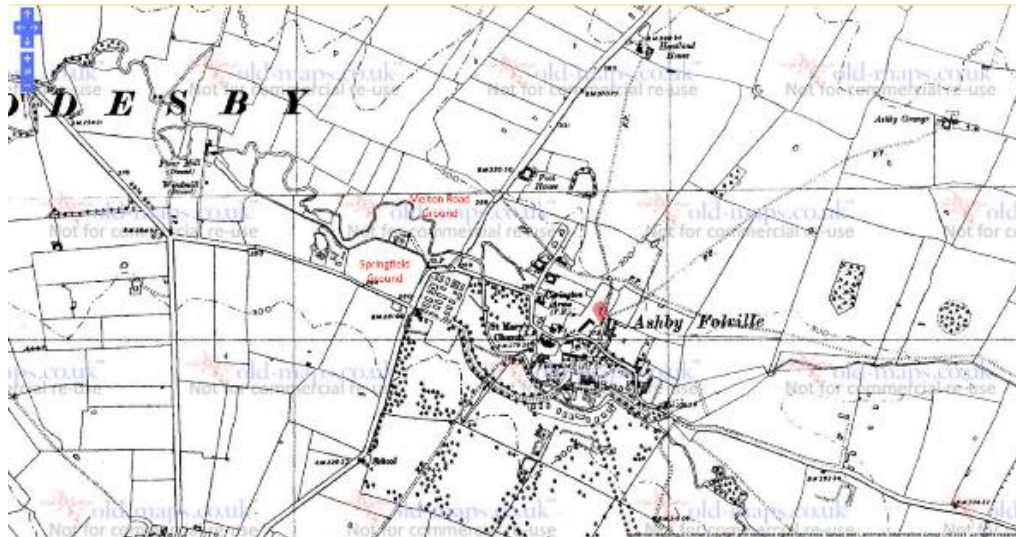
Reverent CA Turner was appointed vicar of Ashby Folville in 1929 and remained until 1935 when he was succeeded by Rev Francis George Bullock

As was often the case, cricket and the Village Feast were intricately connected. Following festivities in the village on Saturday and Sunday evenings the newly formed Cricket Club had a Feast Monday match against Mr. M Rankins XI on 2nd of September 1929. Although the opposition had included the Kirby Bellars club's star players and a few from Egerton Park and Asfordby the Ashby side won by 96 runs to 33, S. Warrington (22) and Police-sergeant Jones (15) were the top scorers. Jones, with his famous deliveries also took seven wickets. A dance at the Village Hall concluded the festivities.

Melton Road Ground: The reformed club were playing at a new ground in 1929. EE Snow in his book "County House Cricket Grounds of Leicestershire" describes the new ground as being at the bottom of the Melton Road. This being the current "Dalby Road". It is understood this field was used by the club until it ceased activities at the onset of the Second World War. The location is corroborated by local farmers who still refer to the field as the "Old Cricket Field", Bert Slater referred to the ground at the bottom of the hill in the GQ article and one former player still remembers playing on the ground.

In February 1930, a dance at the Village Hall was arranged that raised £9 for club funds. The event was described as one of the most successful and gay social functions ever held in the Village Hall. The Rev. C. Turner oversaw the arrangements, and he had assistance of his enthusiastic Committee. The quaint variety of get-ups made a striking spectacle, and Commander and Mrs. Colin Buist, who kindly came over from Ashby Pastures in order to judge, awarded the prizes follows – Ladies: 1. Miss Jordan "Old Mother Hubbard and her dog"; 2. Miss Spencer Twyford "Chips Off the Old Block", 3. Miss Connie Hartshorn "Night", Gentleman: 1. Mr. Parker (Great Dalby) "Quorn Hunt Hedge Cutting Competition", 2. Mr. Frank Terry (Barsby) "Prison Garb", 3. Mr. Pert Richardson (Twyford) "Restless Nights" prizes, which were presented Mrs. Ruish, were given by Mrs. Smith-Carrington, Messrs Simpkins and James (Leicester), Mr. G. K. F. Ruddle and Messrs. Clarke (Melton). The music was by Mr. George Clarke's Band (Syston), and the ladies in charge of the refreshment buffet, were Mrs. Hartshorn, Mrs. Allen, and Miss Roberts.

1952 OS Map showing location of "Melton Road Ground".



1930 Season:

Ashby Folville Cricket Teams only known fixtures in 1930 was a game at home to Holwell works 2nd XI in July and the return fixture in August.

1931 Season:

An early season game was arranged at Ashby Folville against St Mary's Junior Bible Class. Ashby's team was described in the Melton Times as a 2nd XI. St Mary's made 67 runs for the loss of eight wickets. A. Smith and E. Whaithe taking three wickets a piece, W. Allen one wicket. In reply, Ashby Folville scored 55 for the loss of nine wickets. S Warrington batting at 10 was the only Ashby player to make double figures scoring 16. It must have been an impressive win by the bible Class as the Ashby team contained several players who were to go onto regularly represent Ashby Folville Cricket Club

Two further friendly were arranged against Holwell in 1931 towards the end of August.

1933 Season:

The Melton Times published the first complete fixture list we can find for Ashby Folville Cricket Club. Sixteen games were organised mainly on Thursday's and Saturdays. The season started with a game against "Shipmans CC" presumably LT Shipmans Cricket Club who at the time were a successful team from the Belgrave League playing on Rushey Fields. Most of the remaining opponents were local village teams, Twyford, Great Dalby, Hoby & Rotherby, Thorpe Satchville Rearsby, Queenborough and Tilton. However, there were some more unusual fixtures including "Mr Walkers Team" and "Mr Ellison's Team" along with a long trip to *Stocken Hall*.

Stocken Hall was an unusual fixture as Stocken Hall is located in Rutland on the outskirts of Stretton close to the Great North Road (A1), most fixtures were far more local. The only possible connection we can find is that Stocken Hall in the 1930's was venue for the final of the Smith-Carington Cup which had been donated by Mr. Neville Smith-Carington, M.P (a former Ashby Folville player). who was also honorary President of the Cup. It is known the cup which was competed for by teams in the Grantham area was still being contested in 1958.

On the 19th of August Tilton St Peters visited Ashby Folville. H Hubbard and Smith bowled unchanged for Ashby taking five wickets a piece and dismissing Tilton for 41. With none of the Ashby players making double figures they were bowled out for 31.

1934 Season:

Ashby Folville had several friendly games arranged on Saturdays including Kirby Bellars, Stocken Hall, Twyford, Hoby and Rearsby. These fixtures were regularly placed in the Melton Times but only the game against Kirby Bellars carried a match report. Ashby were soundly beaten scoring on 24 runs in response to 56 from Kirby Bellars. Ashby started poorly losing the first two wickets for one run. Fred Warrington gave some resistance but was dismissed by a fine one-handed catch by Sammy Brutnell. For Kirby, Walker and Bevan bowled unchanged.

In the Ashby team that day was Ed Gutteridge who was credited with reforming the club in 1929. Other players in the team were J. Hack, S. Warrington (who first played at Barsby in 1921), A. Queenborough, J. Smith, F Warrington (snr), E. Whait, E. Hubbard (a regular until WWII), H. Queenborough, W. Howkins and S. Hubbard.

Barsby in the 1930's- Burrough League and return to Friendlies.

1930 Season:

Barsby continued playing in the Burrough League until 1932. Lowesby joined the league in 1930 with Somerby departing. The Burton Lazars games were widely reported in the local press; Leicester Illustrated Journal, Grantham Journal, Leicester Mail and Nottingham Journal. The game at Burton was won by the home team in convincing style by 40 runs to 21. For Burton, R. E. Prior, of Melton, took seven wickets for 7 runs, and also headed his side's score with 25. For Barsby, F. Warrington took four wickets for 12, F. Broadley three for 8, and Adams two for 11.

1930 was a successful season for Barsby finishing runners up to surprise champions Burrough who had finished bottom in the previous season. At the league presentation About 120 cricketers associated with the Burrough and District League, assembled at the Oddfellows' Hall. Major Burnaby presided in the absence of Colonel Crawford, who was ill. The cup and medals were presented by Mr. W. Lindsay Everard, M.P. for Melton, he presented the cup to the captain of Burrough, and medals to the members of the team, medals to Burton Lasars and Barsby teams, who tied for the position of runners up. Major Clarke, Lowesby, received the medal for best batting average. and R. Prior, Burton Lazars, for best bowling analysis.

1930 Barsby Fixture List – Melton Times

BARSBY AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.		
FIXTURES 1930.		
May 31.—Crittalls	.....	Home
June 7.—Burton Lazars	.....	Home
„ 9.—St. Barnabas	.....	Home
„ 10.—Adult School	.....	Home
„ 14.—Lowesby	.....	Away
„ 21.—Whissendine	.....	Home
„ 28.—Somerby	.....	Away
„ 28.—Crittalls	.....	Home
July 5.—Great Dalby	.....	Home
„ 12.—Twyford	.....	Home
„ 19.—Somerby	.....	Home
„ 26.—Thorpe Satchville	.....	Away
Aug. 2.—Burrough	.....	Home
„ 4.—Mr. Lowe's	.....	Home
„ 5.—	.....
„ 9.—Burton Lazars	.....	Away
„ 16.—Lowesby	.....	Home
„ 23.—Great Dalby	.....	Away
„ 30.—Whissendine	.....	Away
EVENING MATCHES.		
May 15.—Rearsby	.....	Home
„ 28.—Shipmans	.....	Home
„ 29.—Ratcliffe	.....	Away
June 8.—Quenby	.....	Away
„ 5.—Rearsby	.....	Away
„ 17.—Great Dalby	.....	Home
„ 19.—Quenby	.....	Home
„ 24.—Queniborough	.....	Home
July 1.—Great Dalby	.....	Away
„ 3.—Ratcliffe	.....	Home

Barsby's fixture list also included several daytime and night friendly fixtures. Saturday fixtures included Crittalls and Whissendine, the other daytime fixtures arranged were against "Mr Lowes", "St Barnabas" (presumably associated with the church in Humberstone) and "Adult School", probably coinciding with holidays. The night games were played on Tuesdays and Thursdays against local village teams including Rearsby, Ratcliffe, Quenby, Great Dalby and Queniborough.

1931 Season:

Barsby were placed in the B division of the Burrough League. The League had expanded to 11 teams with the addition of Whissendine, Rearsby, Pickwell and Queniborough. These teams were split between two divisions with the winner of each section playing each other in a Final. Barsby's group included, Rearsby, Lowesby, Queniborough, Thorpe Satchville and Great Dalby. No records of any results have been found but we do know that Barsby won two of the first three Burrough League games

Recognition for Barsby came as E. Springthorpe was selected to play in the Burrough League Representative side against Leicestershire Club and Ground staff.

1932 Season:

This was the final year Barsby entered the Burrough League prior to the War, they were again placed in the B Division playing the same opposition as in the previous year. Whissendine withdrew from the league after a single season. No record exists of any of Barsby's results although we know that Rearsby won Division B but then lost to Pickwell in the final.

The 1932 annual meeting of the Barsby Cricket Club was held at the King William IV. Inn and presided over by Mr. H. Brooks. The balance sheet showed an expenditure of £19 15s 6d against an income of £13 6s 8d a deficit of £5 19s 10d. which was considered favourable in view of the extensive ground improvements over the last year. A vote of thanks to the Westleigh club for their generous support was carried. It was decided not to enter the Burrough and District League for the 1933 season. The following officers were elected: President. Major E A. Burnaby, Captain: H. Brooks, Vice-Captain: H Riley, Committee H. Adams. G. Swain. S. W. Warrington. W. Morris and P. Hart jnr; Umpire; P. Hart snr; Groundsmen. H. Riley and W Morris.

1933 Season:

For 1933 Barsby had returned to friendly cricket, perhaps a bit surprising given the investment in the ground. After pulling out the Burrough League there must have been a shortage of fixtures as the Leicester Evening Mail reported a request from. Mr. H. Roberts of Barsby Cricket Club, for fixtures. The request looks like it was successful as the Melton Times published a full list of fixtures for Barsby CC in their May 12th edition.

The fixtures contained the usual games against the local villages, one new addition to the fixtures being Hungarton. The other new additions to the fixture list included *Cliffe Hill*, North Evington, Leicester Power Station, Leicester Harlequins, and De Montfort.

Cliffe Hill quarry reopened in 1891 and is situated on the southern edge of Charnwood. In 1929 Cliffe Hill sports club formed and by the summer two cricket and football teams existed. The company gave 2 fields for use by the club and built a pavilion.

Barsby Cricket Club Fixtures – 1933

Tuesday	09/05/1933	Burrough	Friendly	Home
Saturday	13/05/1933	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home
Tuesday	16/05/1933	Burrough	Friendly	Away
Saturday	20/05/1933	Thrussington	Friendly	Away
Tuesday	23/05/1933	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away
Thursday	25/05/1933	Hungarton	Friendly	Home
Thursday	01/06/1933	Twyford	Friendly	Away
Saturday	03/06/1933	Tilton	Friendly	Home
Monday	05/06/1933	North evington	Friendly	Home
Thursday	08/06/1933	Twyford	Friendly	Home
Saturday	10/06/1933	Queniborough	Friendly	Away
Tuesday	13/06/1933	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home
Thursday	15/06/1933	Hungarton	Friendly	Away
Saturday	17/06/1933	Harlequins	Friendly	Home
Thursday	22/06/1933	Rearsby	Friendly	Away
Saturday	24/06/1933	Thrussington	Friendly	Home
Saturday	01/07/1933	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Away
Saturday	08/07/1933	Harlequins	Friendly	Home
Saturday	15/07/1933	Leicester Power Station	Friendly	Home
Saturday	29/07/1933	De Montfort	Friendly	Home
Saturday	05/08/1933	Braunston	Friendly	Home
Monday	07/08/1933	Queniborough	Friendly	Home
Saturday	12/08/1933	Cliffe Hill	Friendly	Home
Saturday	19/08/1933	Birstall	Friendly	Away
Saturday	26/08/1933	Braunston	Friendly	Away
Saturday	02/09/1933	Leicester Power Station	Friendly	Away

The weekend fixtures started with a game at home to Kirby Bellars. Despite dismissing Kirby Bellars for 28 the Barsby batsmen were out of touch losing two wickets in the first over and being all out for just 13. T. Warrington took five of Barsby's wickets. Things weren't much better in July when De Montfort visited Barsby. The excellent performance of the De Montfort bowlers dismissing Barsby for 31 headlined the sports news in the Leicester Daily Mail. The Barsby team that day included: M Riley, G Swain, J Springthorpe, W Morris, P Hart, H Hawley, F Warrington, A.Terry, M Evans, A Lambert, Rev Turner.

De Montfort game makes the Headline News – Leicester Daily Mail 2/8/1933

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LEICESTER EVENING MAIL, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1933

Seven Wickets For 11—Five Clean Bowled



DE MONTFORT BOWLER GETS BARSBY IN A TANGLE

Measham Red Banks' Trundler Also Claims Seven Victims

MID-WEEK LEAGUE AND FRIENDLY CRICKET

SEVEN wickets for eleven runs—five clean bowled—was the splendid return of J. Smith (De Montfort), who played a big part in the dismissal of Barsby for 31. Another fine performance was that of W. Jones (Measham Red Banks), who secured seven victims for a cost of 47 against Denisthorpe Colliery II.

BRITISH TENNIS TEAM FOR THE STATES

The British team, consisting of E. G. H. Lee, E. R. Arvey, F. J. Perry and F. R. H. Wilde, which is to compete in the American championship at Forest Hills and then proceed to Australia, will leave England by the Aquitania on Saturday. Lee will act as captain of the side, and Arvey will manage the team.

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1934 Season

A number of friendly fixtures were placed in the Melton Times including games against Kirby Bellars, Cliff Hill CC, Belgrave, Thrussington, Mountsorrell and Burrough. The game against Kirby Bellars resulted in a heavy defeat. Chasing 108 Barsby were bowled out for just 13. The chief destroyer was Burton who took 6 wickets for 7 runs. The Barsby team included J. Springthorpe, H. Brooks, E. Riley,

E Weight (possibly E. Whit who played for Ashby!), W. Dawson, A. Knapp, A. Lambert, T. Stubbs, M. Evans, W. Andrews and the Rev Turner.

1937 Season:

No records exist of any cricket at Barsby in 1935 or 1936. However, in 1937 two friendlies were played home and away against Brooksby.

1939 Season:

No games were recorded in 1938. In 1939 two games were played against Frisby on the Wreake, and one against Birstall 2nd XI. It's not clear what the result of this game was but Dennis Lee of Birstall took seven wickets for no runs in 5 overs so signs were not good. The game at Frisby in May was won by Frisby scoring 118 runs to 40 from Barsby.

Barsby Ladies Team - 1933

Little is known of Ladies cricket at Barsby although in 1933 it was reported that the Thorpe Arnold Ladies Team had a fixture list that included: Holwell, Cossington, Leicester Ladies, Great Dalby, Oakham, and Barsby.

Reverent Turner

In March 1935, the Grantham Journal reported the departure of The Rev. C. A. Turner, the popular sporting Vicar of Ashby Folville since 1929. He had been credited with the formation of the Ashby Folville Club in 1929 and had been a stalwart of the Barsby Club, also playing for Leicestershire Gentlemen.

Rev Turner arranged some of his own games on the Ashby Folville Ground. On such game was reported in the Grantham Journal on the 19th of September 1931 against Melton Police. The report describes the day: "The weather was glorious, and a most enjoyable game resulted in a win for the Police, for whom Sergeant Jones took seven wickets for 3 runs. For the Rev. Turner's XI., W. Allen took five wickets for 5 runs. Sergeant Jones (15) and Supt. Smith (14) were the chief scorers for the Police. Both teams were entertained to tea by Mrs. Smith-Carington, of Ashby Folville Manor, and Supt. Smith, on behalf of all, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to her for her kindness, which was enthusiastically accorded; and to the Rev. Turner for inviting the Police to Ashby Folville to play the match, which they had all thoroughly enjoyed.

Rev. Turner team included.: V. R. Pochin, P. Heggs, Rev. H. B. Holderness, S. Warrington, J.H.H. Salaman, E. Gutteridge, R. Thody, Rev. B. Hunt, J. Desborough. W. Allen, Rev.C. Turner. The team was a mixture of local players (Warrington, Allen, Gutterage, all representing Barsby at some point) and some local dignitaries. VR Pochin had captained the Gentlemen of Leicester and been Chairman of Leicestershire County Council.

Ashby Folville and the Burrough League - 1935

1935 Season:

Following the withdrawal of Barsby from the Burrough League at the end of the 1932 season Ashby Folville Cricket Club had entered the competition in 1935. Records exist of fixtures against Melton Mission Church, Burton Lazars, Burrough and Thorpe Satchville. Great Dalby and Pickwell were also in the league.

In May Ashby lost to Melton Mission Church who finished near the bottom of the league the previous season. The scores were Melton 50, Ashby Folville 43. For the return match in July at Melton, Ashby Folville won by 50 runs to 23. For the Mission XI, Fred Moss gave an exhibition of caution in batting which can rarely have been surpassed. He was at the wicket one hour and a half and scored six runs.

The only other recorded win was at home to Burrough with Ashby scoring 60 runs to 47 by Burrough. Ashby recorded a heavy loss against Burton Lazars who scored 105 runs to 29 from Ashby. Away at Thorpe Sachville Ashby lost scoring 105 in reply to Thorpe's 126 runs. Playing for Ashby Folville that days were: M. Riley, C. Ledger, S. Warrington, J Hack, D Lambert, E Hubbard, W Morris, T Trivitt, T Rhodes, G Morris, J Favell. Ledger top scored with 43 and the best bowling was by Hack who took three for 48. Several of these players had represented Barsby in the past.

Ashby Folville Cricket Club Annual Dinner 1935 – Leicester Evening Mail 6/2/1935



1936 Season:

Ashby Folville entered the Burrough League again in 1936 remaining in the league through to the outbreak of War in 1939. Still a Saturday league the fixtures for 1936 included Burrough, Great Dalby, Kirby Bellars, Thorpe Satchville, Cold Overton and Burton Lazars. The only result recorded was a victory at home to Cold Overton 64 runs to 63. By mid-July Ashby Folville were 5th of 7 in the league having won two of their five games. Burrough and Thorpe Satchville were leading the league

Fundraising events at the end of the season seemed quite tame compared to the modern day with a Whist Drive being held in the Village Hall.

1937 Season:

The Burrough League had Twyford returning after a two-year absence. The season started poorly for Ashby Folville with a heavy loss away at Kirby Bellars the opposition amassing 165 runs. According to the Grantham Journal this is the tale of a pair white flannel trousers and a spot of ill-luck. The owner of the "bags" is L. Gane, the Kirby Bellars player, and it seems that every time he wears them, he is out of luck at the wicket. On Saturday he cast them aside and wore an ordinary pair. Ashby Folville were the visitors and scored 67 in two hours, and after a spot of tea Kirby went three wickets went down for 25—a dismal outlook—and then Gane took his place at the crease. Partnering Brutnell and later, Charles, he saw Ashby's score passed comfortably, and to finally settle the ill-luck bogy he started to punish the bowling, aided by J. Elson. Every ball that came along was banged unmercifully to the boundary. Three were lost, and the score mounted to 152—the 9th wicket put on 61—when Gane was stumped with 54 to his credit. The innings closed at 165 within five minutes from time.

The following game away at Thorpe Satchville was no more successful this time the tea was to blame! The Grantham Journal reporter commented: "I think they must serve strong tea at Ashby Folville, because, immediately after the interval in the Burrough League game with Thorpe Satchville on Saturday Ashby went all to pieces. Thorpe had first knock and sent up 41. Then came tea. after which Ashby lost 1 for 10 and the following nine batsmen had six runs between them! Sumner, four for 2, Morris, one for 2, and Foxon. four for 10 were responsible."

Burrough League Scorecard v Thorpe Satchville – Grantham Journal 26/6/1937

BURROUGH LEAGUE	
ASHBY FOLVILLE v. THORPE SATCHVILLE	
Thorpe Satchville	
L. Roberts c Bolland b Hack	3
A. Heard b F. Warrington	1
G. Bradley b F. Warrington	0
G. Sumner run out	0
A. Queenborough b F. Warrington	16
C. Morris b F. Warrington	2
E. Foxon c Bolland b Smith	4
A. Cooke lbw b F. Warrington	2
J. Denny b Smith	5
R. Quinsey c Riley b F. Warrington	1
S. Wass not out	2
Extras 5	Total 41
Hack 1 for 11. F. Warrington 6 for 19. Smith 2 for 6.	
Ashby Folville	
S. Warrington b Sumner	1
W. Baker b Morris	8
J. Hack b Sumner	2
M. Riley c Quinsey b Sumner	3
W. Smith run out	0
D. White c Morris b Foxon	0
D. Bolland c Cooke b Sumner	0
E. Hubbard c Morris b Foxon	1
Alf Queenboro' c Roberts b Foxon	0
W. Morris not out	0
F. Warrington b Foxon	0
Extra 1	Total 16
Sumner 4 for 2. Morris 1 for 2. Foxon 4 for 10. Heard 0 for 1.	

Ashby also lost to heavily against Burton Lazars at the end of June only scoring 13 runs to 76 by Burton. However, they had more luck at home to Cold Overton beating them by 1 run 64 to 63, Cold Overton only had 10 men only. For Cold Overton. G. Underwood took six for 17. W. Smith, of Ashby Folville was top scorer with 28. Smith also had the fine bowling analysis of five for 5.

The following week at home to Burrough the bowlers had the upper hand, with Burrough winning 57 runs to 26. F Warrington took seven for 16 for Ashby and for Burrough R Mclean took five for 8. On Saturday August 7th Ashby won their second game of the season away to Great Dalby. Ashby batted first scoring 55 runs, S Warrington top scoring with 24. Dalby were dismissed for just 46 mainly due to

tight bowling from Fred Warrington who took 5 for 15. J. Hack also too two wickets and W. Smith one wicket.

Curiously at the end of the season the Final Table for the Burrough League was decided on “% of maximum points available”. This was probably due to several unfulfilled fixtures. Ashby won three of their 10 games gaining 6 points which gave 30%. This left Ashby in sixth place, one above bottom team Cold Overton. Kirby Bellars won the league with 85% (17 points from 10 games) but interestingly with two points less than second place Burton Lazars 79% (19 points from 12 games).

Ashby also played a couple of friendly matches in 1937 against Brooksby and Pickwell & Leesthorpe.

1938 season:

Following a heavy defeat at Burton Lazars in May where Ashby lost 154 runs to 40, Ashby entertained Burton on Saturday July 2nd, having an unexpected victory winning 125 runs to 80.

Rain not only spoilt the Burrough League match between Great Dalby and Ashby Folville on July 16th but also gave Great Dalby a serious setback in their championship race with Kirby Bellars. Dalby opened with 123 (E Sharpe 40) and when Ashby had lost 4 wickets with only 35 on the board a deluge fell so according to league rules the points were shared. In the return match Great Dalby who were leading the table beat the bottom side Ashby Folville 35 to 25. Police Sergeant P Jones and his son Herbert Jones did wonders with the ball for Great Dalby taking seven for 7 and three for 5 respectively.

In the final game of the season on August 20th Ashby lost to Burrough 111 runs to 76. Ashby’s wicket takers were F. Terry (4), H. Bonshor (3), W. Smith and W. Dawson. W. Smith top scored with 23.

Scorecard from Final game of 1938 Season v Burrough

BURROUGH v. ASHBY FOLVILLE	
Burrough	
J. Meadows lbw b F. Warrington	20
G. Burnett lbw b Dawson	2
J. Hayes c Baker b Terry	1
T. Simpson not out	38
F. Davison c Smith b Terry	4
R. MacLean b Terry	5
E. Lewin b Smith	8
E. Burnett c Warrington b Boncher	18
E. Riley b Terry	3
A. Riley c Dawson b Boncher	4
A. Slater lbw b Boncher	1
Extras 7.	Total 111
Boncher 3 for 8, Terry 4 for 17, Smith for 19, F. Warrington 1 for 32, Dawson for 28.	
Ashby Folville	
W. Smith c Meadows b Simpson	23
W. Baker c E. Burnett b Hayes	13
M. Riley b MacLean	4
F. Warrington c G. Burnett b Simpson	8
S. Warrington run out	2
E. Waite b Hayes	12
W. Dawson c MacLean b Hayes	2
H. Boncher b MacLean	2
W. Morris not out	0
F. Terry b Simpson	7
W. Hubbard b MacLean	0
Extras 3.	Total 76
MacLean 3 for 34, Hayes 3 for 13, Simpson 3 for 14.	

Burrough League Table at end of July 1938

Burrough and District League					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Cold Overton	2	5	2	0	10
Great Dalby	2	4	2	1	9
Kirby Bellars	4	3	1	0	6
Burton Lazars	5	3	2	0	6
Thorpe Satchville	7	2	4	1	3
Burrough	5	1	3	1	3
Ashby Folville	7	1	5	1	3

1939 Season:

The 1939 season commenced with a Whist Drive in March with the winners claiming a “box of biscuits”. Cricket wise, the season wasn’t very successful with all five recorded results ending up in defeats. In early May Ashby Folville lost at Tilton on the Hill 83 runs to 29. Later in the month Pickwell & Leesthorpe scored 76 to Ashby’s 36 runs. Great Dalby convincingly beat Ashby with Police Sergeant P Jones again starring for Dalby taking six wickets for 14 runs and top scoring with 56. Ashby scored 50 runs to 145 from Dalby. On the 17th of June Ashby visited Kirby Bellars and only managed 40 runs to 77 from Kirby, S Warrington top scoring for Ashby with 17.

For Ashby’s final year in the Burrough League the league comprised of seven teams, Great Dalby, Burrough, Thorpe Satchville, Cold Overton, Kirby Bellars and Frisby. In the final Burrough League game of the season Ashby Folville paid a visit to Frisby-on-the Wreake. but travelled two men short and lost easily, 31 runs to 14. Best return among the Ashby bowlers was M. Riley, who claimed six for 13.

Scorecard from Burrough League Game at Frisby on the Wreake – Grantham Journal 26/8/1939

Burrough League	
FRISBY-ON-THE-WREAKE v.	
ASHBY FOLVILLE	
Frisby	
J. Stubbs b Riley	3
A. Pearce run out	5
E. Hoyles c Walker b Riley	4
F. Skinner not out	14
R. Jaggard lbw b Riley	0
G. Skinner c Hubbard b Riley ..	2
H. Palmer b Riley	2
A. Copley b Watts	0
W. Pym b Watts	0
W. Skinner c Walker b Riley	0
L. Fox b Terry	0
Extra 1 Total	31
Hubbard 0 for 11. Riley 6 for 13. Bonshor 0 for 4. Watts 2 for 1. Terry 1 for 1.	
Ashby Folville	
M. Riley b Pearce	3
G. Hubbard b Jaggard	1
H. Bonshor b Pearce	2
A. Watts b Jaggard	1
J. Terry b W. Skinner b Pearce ..	5
W. Smith b Jaggard	1
B. What b Pearce	0
J. Flavell not out	1
H. Walker c Jaggard b Pearce ..	0
Total (8 wk's.)	14
Jaggard 3 for 9. Pearce 5 for 5.	

In March 1940 it was reported in the Leicester Evening Mail that two old- established cricket clubs Ashby Folville and Cold Overton had withdrawn from the Burrough and District League. The league now consisted of five teams: Great Dalby. Thorpe Satchville. Burrough. Frisby-on-the-Wreake and Kirby Bellars.

The Billesdon League

Between the Wars it is worth noting one other short lived Cricket League that some local teams competed. South Croxton entered the Billesdon League in 1929. Other members of the league were Quenby, Tugby, Scraftoft, Billsedon, Thurnby and Oadby.

Chapter 4: Barsby and En-Tout-Cas Cricket Club (1946 – 1970)

Following the War Ashby Folville Cricket Club did not reform owing to the “lack of local youths” according to EE Snow. The club from 1947 were referred to as the Barsby and En-Tout-Cas Cricket Club. It is believed that one of the Barsby players had connections with the Syston based *En-Tout-Cas* who had provided support in preparing the cricket ground.

En-Tout-Cas is better known for providing artificial tennis court surfaces. The original En-Tout-Cas surface was first manufactured in 1909. Commander GW Hillyard, secretary of the All England Lawn Tennis Club Wimbledon and captain of the Great Britain tennis team had seen artificial courts made from crushed ant heaps in South Africa. He asked Claude Brown, the manager of a coal merchants and a brickyard in Leicestershire, if he could produce something similar.

After 1945, the combination of enormous amounts of rubble and brickwork and the large open spaces left by bomb damage in the centre of British towns and cities made for an ideal scenario for the speedy development of shale tennis courts and sports amenities. In 1948, the Olympic Games were staged in London, at very short notice. The main venue was Wembley Stadium, which had no athletics track. With just eight weeks to go to the opening ceremony, the company was asked to provide a world-class running track. The company came up with a completely new cinder formulation and completed the track with just two days to spare.

Season 1945

Following the War there were little signs of cricket being played by local village teams only Pickwell and Thorpe Satchville having fixtures. However, the Melton League and its cup competitions were resumed, Ab Kettleby won the Melton League, Holwell Works won the Nursing Cup and St Dunstons Cup and the RAF won the Red Cross Cup.

Season 1946

Barsby Cricket Club resumed fixtures in 1946. Several players from the pre-War period were still playing including, Billy Baker, John Favell, Bill Smith, F. Terry and Fred Warrington (all ex Ashby Folville players).

The Melton Times on June 14th shows Barsby visiting Frisby for the first known post war game for Barsby. Two games were also played against Rothley Park 2nd X1. In the first game Barsby scored a credible 160 with Rothley replying with 61. The second game was close, but Barsby were again victorious scoring 110 to 102. In July, the Leicester Evening Mail also had reports of Barsby beating a Leicester 2nd X1 by 130 runs to 56. G Smith top scoring for Barsby with 37 and taking eight wickets for 13 runs.

Season 1947

The Burrough League resumed in 1947 with Barsby entering a team along with Somerby, Great Dalby, Burrough, Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Rearsby, Pickwell, Kirby Bellars and Frisby. The only recorded result was a defeat away to Pickwell & Leesthorpe on Saturday 27th June. Having been set 100 for 6, Barsby were bowled out for 50, T. Spencer top scoring with 15. Barsby bowlers were T. Spencer 2 for 36, Illife 2 for 29, Cope 0 for 16, Hoare 0 for 14, Favell 1 for 9.

Season 1948:

Barsby again entered the Burrough League which still had ten teams with the addition of Gaddesby (who had reformed after a gap of 20 years) and Lowesby and the withdrawal of Pickwell and Frisby. A fixture at home to Great Dalby on Thursday June 24th was reported in the Melton Times (presumably a Burrough League fixture).

In early July Barsby had a Saturday fixture at home to Frisby. Frisby batting first set 111, the wickets being taken by J. Favell, F.Hoar and Whitton). Barsby's batsmen mustered 75 runs with Whitton top scoring with 15.

A friendly fixture was held on the 13th of September 1948 with Barsby beating a Barkby 2nd XI scoring 69 for 4, Barkby replying with 47 for 8. Top scorers for Barsby were E Walker 20 and D Heggs 24. In November at the annual dinner Leslie Berry. Leicestershire captain. spoke. on the importance of giving encouragement to the younger players. Other speakers were Mr. Ronald Brown president, Mr. Burgin (chairman) and Mr. L. R. Cursley (Captain).

Season 1949

Barsby did not feature in the Burrough League in 1949 and 1950. Other teams to leave the league temporarily in 1949 were Kirby Bellars, Twyford, Rearsby and Gaddesby. Several members of the Barsby cricket club were present at the end of season dinner for Barsby Football club. Captain R. Cursley gave a reply for the guests and recalled the very good game of cricket played between the two clubs the previous summer.

Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo 1949



Back Row: ?, ? John Favell, ?, ?, ?, middle row: Billy Baker, Clewle Iliffe, Charlie Whitton, Front Row: ?, Geoff Meadows, Ron Cursley, Jack Hepwell

On June 27th Barsby lost heavily at Syston being bowled out for 54, Syston scored 144 for 8. The first known team photo understood to be from 1949 includes Ron Cursley who was the captain and John Favell who continued to play for Barsby until the move to Ashby Folville in the early 1970's.

Season 1950

The club must have taken on board the words of Leslie Berry at the 1948 dinner as by 1950 Barsby were fielding a junior team. Two games were recorded for the junior team against Syston. In the first game Barsby scored 20 to Syston 50 runs. They had no more luck in the second game scoring only 17 in reply to 74 for 7 from Syston.

In early July, the senior team of the Barsby and En Tout Cas Cricket team lost to Hoby by 15 runs. Hoby set a total of 74 (Spencer 3 for 13, Whitton 3 for 23, Webb 17 for 1, Sanderson 12 for 1, Elliot 2 for 1), top scores in Barsby's reply were Spencer 23 (who scored 19 singles and a four) and Meadows 13.

Later in July Barsby won games against Thornton and Stoughton. Against Stoughton, Barsby scored 118 for 7 and bowled Stoughton out for 64. Top scores were R. Cursley 53 not out, J Straw 26, best bowling was from Webb five for 11 runs. Barsby scored 121 for 9 declared against Thornton who scored 69 in reply. Top scorer was Meadows with 38 and the best bowling by Spencer with five wickets.

Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo 1950



Back Row: John Favell, ?, ?, ?, Clewe Iliffe, Billy Baker, Front Row: Jack Hepwell, ?, ? Ron Cursley

The Grantham Journal carried an extensive report on the Barsby Fete Day at the on the August 7th Bank Holiday Monday. Proceeds of the Fete were to be split between the Barsby Cricket Club and the Football Club raising £81. The Fete was opened by Mr RHS Brown president of the cricket club. He congratulated the members having what was recognized as a village wicket second to none in the county. A cricket match between Barsby and Quenby provided interest, Barsby scoring 190 for 9 (Meadows 89, Favell 51), Quenby replying with 74 (Webb eight for 22). The Fete was clearly a big occasion for the village with amusements including Skittling (organised by D Palethorpe & P Terry), Spinning Jenny (N. Mansfield), Hoola (M Riley), Roll Penny (Ivor Dilkes), Hit the Topper (G Dilkes & F Warrington), Table Skittles (G. Smith & N Crawford, Hidden Treasure (J Smith), Ices (E Walker), Donkey Rides (W Adams).

In July and interesting article appeared in the Leicester Illustrated Chronicle. The article discusses the history of the Gaddesby Cricket Club. Intriguingly it also mentions the reforming of the Gaddesby Club in 1947 "incorporating Ashby Folville and a small part of Barsby" The amusing article talks about the challenges of village cricket with cows and sheep entering the field of play. Some of the current Ashby Carington team will have more recent memories of several of Alan Smith's cows walking out of their paddock and into the cricket field at Ashby.

Article on reformed Gaddesby Club from Leicester Illustrated Chronicle Journal -29/7/1950

14 ILLUSTRATED LEICESTER CHRONICLE, JULY 29, 1950
CRICKET SKETCHBOOK . . . Written And Drawn By R.A.P.
COWS STOPPED PLAY

IF I speak of Washbrook's sparkling knock for Gaddesby and District, or of Ramadhin's courageous attempt to bowl in plimsolls on wet grass, you must have patience.

I have not yet recovered from a sort of Marx brothers' cricket match played at a village whose only pub has the front door at the back.

Y ES, Gaddesby's place, where the cricket field lies smack in the middle of what is claimed to be some of the finest grazing land in Leicestershire, and where, in the long walk from the main road to the nearest boundary, the cows are apt to found at you if you step off the path on to their best meal.

Even the wicket has had its adventures, not to mention the small pavilion but which still shows ample evidence of being kicked by a horse.

The large square of choice turf was laid more than 40 years ago by one Baron de Forest, who, despite his continental extraction, had a passion for cricket and who lent his name to an eleven made up of his own friends and a sprinkling of Gaddesby villagers. Upon the outbreak of the First World War the Baron departed, and cricket in the village virtually came to an end.

The wicket, however, miraculously survived. The fact that it lay smack in the middle of some of the finest grazing land in Leicestershire saved it from the plough during two world wars, and, during the second, it came safely through an intensive onslaught of American baseball.

Three years ago the wicket was re-laid by the members of the newly-formed Gaddesby and District Cricket Club (incorporating Ashby Folville and a small slice of Barsby). But it is to be doubted whether any wicket saw such strange cricket as that on Saturday.

Gaddesby's normal fixture had been cancelled, and, instead, they entertained a works team from Melton Mowbray. One's first clue that they played cricket was the sight of bats and leg pads in the matter of dress they were better equipped for an afternoon in the garden. If, indeed, any sartorial line were drawn at all, it was that shirts, whatever colour, should be collar-attached and no studs showing.

Footwear was left to personal taste, which varied from calf-leather shoes to open-work sandals and plimsolls. Freedom from the irritating flapping of full-width, lounge trousers was obtained by what appeared to be bicycle-clips or some other form of anchorage.

Yet, listening to the Trent Bridge Test commentary, on a portable set in the pavilion, one realised that some form of individualism in the matter of clothing might be beneficial to cricket. While John Arlott, for instance, was dealing in such obtuse terms as extra fine, shortish square leg to define a fielder, the men in and around the Gaddesby hut were gun-pointing a man quite readily with such lucid phrases as "the bloke in the green pull-over," or "the chap in the navy-blue pin-stripe."



In fact, the only thing in common between the two games were the interruptions caused by scattered showers, and the fact that the wind was blowing from Gaddesby to Nottingham produced a very convenient form of staggering.

When they were sheltering at Trent Bridge they were playing at Gaddesby. And when it was raining at Gaddesby they were able to crowd into the hut and listen to the happenings at Trent Bridge. It was unfortunate, I thought, that an oversight on the part of the B.B.C. made it impossible to return the favour.

The Test players would have been interested to know that the Gaddesby game had to put up with interruptions, not only from rain, but also from cows and sheep; that a miniature sheepdog trial was not the least of the attractions, and that, round about four-thirty a hen laid an egg not far from the off boundary.

One cannot really blame the cows—they are not to know of the atmosphere of sacrosanctity that hangs over a piece of ground where Cricket is in progress. In moving from point A to point B they had no thought of skirting the boundaries, but merely obeyed the elementary logic of the shortest possible route. Play stopped while this migration was executed in the longest possible time.

Then sheep broke on to the field in all directions and threatened complete chaos. But, like something set-pieced, a sheep dog streaked on to the scene, and players and spectators alike stood still and marvelled at the skill and cunning with which this remarkable animal went about its work. In a few moments, a wild-eyed rabble was re-ordained into a compact, woolly mass, and shepherded into captivity.

Despite all these counter-attractions, Gaddesby and district managed to discharge the opposition for 22 runs, and make 53 for none—all before tea.

Which, I should think, was just as well; for, after the sort of tea that Ted Batcliffe serves up at the pub with the front door at the back, any further form of physical activity would go against the grain. Gaddesby cricketers are very proud of Ted's teas, and make a point of saying so. "Never mind," I was told as I watched the cricket, "you'll get a good tea."

The men from Melton were similarly consoled over their defeat. But they were a sporting lot, and, of all places, they couldn't have been better treated than at Gaddesby, where they really love cricket, and where they are inclined more to talk about their lackings than their victories. There was certainly plenty of time for talk on Saturday night, and it was only a short walk from the tea-room to the back parlour.

"Remember that pasting we got last season," recalled one. But by this time I was closing the back door and trying to persuade myself I was at the front. What was it they said? The pub was the right way round until they altered the main road?

Oh, well, probably they were pulling my leg.

FAMILY AFFAIR

WHEN Gaddesby and District cricket club was formed three years ago, the G.P.O. had quite a little picking in stamp duties.

Their benefactor was Bill South (pictured here), electrician by trade, and fire warden of the club. He was the man who revived Gaddesby cricket, but, when he sent out the notices concerning the first meeting, he overestimated the amount of postage that the postman would carry for trespass.

The club now has a membership of 54, including 40 players, which means that there is hardly a family in the district that is not represented. There are nine Whites, six Smiths, and six Bakers, counting 52-year-old Bill Baker, the undertaker, who is still active on the pitch, and who puts up with a lot of cracks about dead bats. He is a mere lad, however, compared with umpire Fred Pepper, who is 73 years of age, not out.



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Season 1951

Barsby re-joined the Burrough League after a two year absence along with Twyford, Rearsby and Kirby Bellars, Gaddesby had re-joined in 1950. It is unclear why these five clubs dropped out of the league and re-joined at the same time. The league now had ten teams also including Knossington, Somerby, Great Dalby, Burrough and Thorpe Satchville. Barsby were to remain in the league until the club moved to Ashby Folville in 1971.

Barsby reached the Semi Final of the Burrough League Cup losing a close game to Kirby Bellars. Barsby batting first struggled to 19 for 3 before being all out in the last over for 52. Two Kirby bowlers S. Brucknell and H.Perry bowled unchanged. In reply Kirby also found batting difficult and still needed 12 to win with 8 wickets down and 2 overs remaining. Another wicket was lost in the last over leaving 6 needed off the final four deliveries. With a four and a two, Kirby got the runs with two balls remaining. Barsby's team was : G. Meadows, J. Favell, C.Whitton, A. Heard, R. Cursley, J. Straw, J. Burgin, M. Brookhouse, H. Webb. No batsmen made double figures, top bowling performance came from H. Webb (4 for 14) and John Burgin (3 for 14).

Kirby Bellars lost in the Final to Twyford played at Burrough on the Hill.

In late August Barsby lost to Hoby & Rotherby in a friendly. Hoby scored 150 for 9 with all ten of Ashby's players having a bowl. Hartshorn took 4 for 2, Webb 2 for 33, Walker 1 for 12 and Burgin 1 for 18. Geoff Meadows led Barsby's reply scoring 65 (an innings including 11 fours), but wasn't given much support. Barsby were eventually all out for 91 with no other batsmen making double figures.

In 1951 we have the first records of John Burgin playing for Barsby, John was a regular until 1970 when the club moved from Barsby.

Season 1952

The Burrough League must have been going through some interesting times as in 1952 five of the long standing members (Somerby, Great Dalby, Burrough, Thorpe Satchville and Knossington) did not compete for one season.

Still referred to as the Barsby and En Tout Cas Cricket Club, one friendly game was recorded against Dunlop (members of the Leicester and District Mutual League in 1960) who won easily. Barsby were all out for 40 with Dunlop scoring 45 with no loss of wickets.

Season 1953:

No reports of Barsby Cricket Club have been found for 1953 although we do know that the club continued to compete in the Burrough League which was now back up to 10 teams with return of Great Dalby, Somerby, Burrough, Thorpe Satchville and Knossington.

Season 1954:

Barsby continued in the Burrough League facing Kirby Bellars in the Second Round of the cup. Barsby confident in their bowling declared on 75 for 9 (John Favell 20, D. Palethorpe 13). Tight bowling from P. Palethorpe (4 for 25) and E. Powell (6 for 11) restricted Kirby Bellars to 44 all out. The game is the first record we have of long serving players Bas Dilkes, Peter Palethorpe and Derick Palethorpe representing Barsby.

The earliest evidence of the pavilion at Barsby appears on the team photo from that year.

Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo 1954



*Back: Matt Riley, Bill Rawson, Peter Palethorpe, ?, John Burgin, Bill Morris
Front: John Mitchell, John (Straw?), Bill Smith, Bas Dilkes, Derek Palethorpe, Geof Meadows, Colin Rendell*

Season 1955:

Barsby had a successful Burrough and District league campaign finishing as runners up. The league now contained eleven teams with the addition of Queniborough. Derick (DK) Smith still has his runners up medal.

BURROUGH League Cup Final 1955 Scorecard

BARSBY	
G. Dilks o Paulson b Markham	22
D. Smith b Thornton	6
P. Palethorpe b Thornton	0
P. Burgin b Markham	16
J. Flavell b Thornton	0
D. Palethorpe b Markham	12
G. Cope b Markham	0
F. Terry b Markham	0
W. Smith not out	1
F. Warrington c Stubbs b Thornton	8
B. Burgin b Markham	4
Extras 11. Total 80.	
BOWLING: A. Thornton 4-38, A. Markham 6-34.	
REARSBY	
J. Flint not out	22
J. Woodward not out	52
Extras 10. Total (0 wkts) 84	
BOWLING: P. Palethorpe 0-27, D. Smith 0-30, J. Flavell 0-17.	

The Final was against Rearsby and a rather one sided affair. Batting first Barsby made 80 all out, Bas Dilkes top scoring with 22. In reply Rearsby only required 54 deliveries to score the required runs for the loss of no wickets. John Woodward (later to play for Barsby) made 52 and J. Flint 22.

Notable debutants in 1955 were batsman Brian Burgin who played until 1967 and Derick (DK) Smith who played on into the Ashby Carington era till around 1983.

Season 1956

In the Burrough League Somerby had withdrawn from the league for the final time leaving ten teams. The Melton times reported on the results from the two games against Kirby Bellars and an away game at Rearsby. All three games were lost so its unlikely that Barsby had a very successful season. The most notable performances were from John Favell who top scored for Barsby in all three games, including a fifty at home to Kirby Bellars.

Rearsby	108 for 9 (M. Brookhouse 4 for 23)
Barsby	64 for 10 (J. Favell 28, G. Meadows 18)
Barsby	101 for 7 (J. Favell 54, DK Smith 11)
Kirby Bellars	105 for 8 (DK Smith 2 for 27, C. Whitton 3 for 25, M. Brookhouse 2 for 25)
Kirby Bellars	49 for 2 (P. Palethorpe 1 for ?)
Barsby	46 for 10 (J. Favell 13, G. Dilkes 12)

Now often referred to as the Barsby cricket Club in the press, two results from friendlies were recorded in the Leicester Evening Mail. The first being an early season game in late April against Westfields who scored 124 for 5 with Barsby scoring 118 all out. Powell top scored for Barsby with 38. Later in the season Barsby played *Parmeko*, Barsby batted and scored 72. No record if opposition batted.

Parmeko were a Leicester based works team who in 1960 were playing in the Leicester United Trades Cricket League Div. 2 and the Leicester Amateur Evening Cricket League.

Season 1957

A successful season saw Barsby finally win the Burrough League. No record exists of the final, it is presumed as in previous season the winners of the A and B section meet in a final. Both the games against Kirby Bellars were reported in the Melton Times with Barsby getting their revenge for the previous season by doing the double.

Barsby	104 for 9 (P. Palethorpe 23, G. Dilkes 14, J. Favell 18, F. Warrington 12)
Kirby Bellars	99 for 2 (E. Walker 1 for 19)
Kirby Bellars	63 for 9 (P. Palethorpe 5 for 33, C. Whitton 3 for 27)
Barsby	78 for 5 (P. Palethorpe 23, B. Dilkes 21)

In the team photo dated 25/9/1957 the team are displaying the Burrough League Trophy won by Barsby in 1957, for what is believed to be the first occasion.

Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo 1957 (game v Rest of League)



*Back row: Bill Rawson, John Favell, Peter Palethorpe, Derek Palethorpe, John Burgin, Tony Evans, Brian Dennis
Front row: Matt Riley, Charlie Whitton, Brian Burgin, Eric Walker, Bas Dilkes, Fred Warrington*

The league arranged a 30 over game in late September where a “Rest of the League” side visited Barsby. Batting first Barsby and scored 125 (J. Burgin 26, E. Walker 21, G. Dilkes 18). In reply the visitors were restricted to 77 with both Peter Palethorpe and Charlie Whitton taking three wickets. The other wicket takers were B. Dennis and John Burgin.

Notable debuts in 1957 included batsman Tony Evans who continued playing until 1973.

Season 1958

Barsby won the Burrough League for the second year in 1958. The league now consisted of 10 teams, Barsby, Great Dalby, Burrough, Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Rearsby, Rearsby, Kirby Bellars, Knossington, Tilton and Gaddesby.

The Grantham Journal reporting on a victory against Kirby Bellars. Barsby 82 for 3 with Kirby Bellars scoring 76 for 6. The Barsby team that day included T Evans, G Dilkes, D Palethorpe, J Burgin, P Burgin, C Smith. Colin Smith took 4 for 33 and T Evans top scored with 21. In the return fixture Barsby were again victorious, winning by four wickets and restricting the opposition to 53 runs. John Burgin top scored with 24 and Colin Smith was again the chief bowler taking 3 for 21.

Making his debut for Barsby in 1958 was all-rounder Colin Smith who was a regular in the Barsby and Ashby Carington teams until 1986.

Season 1959

For the third successive season Barsby won the Burrough League. Against the games against Kirby Bellars were reported in the Melton Times. Barsby won both tight games.

Kirby Bellars 70 for 4 (C. Smith 2 for 35, D. Palethorpe 1 for 15, J. Burgin 1 for 9)

Barsby 77 for 6 (T. Evans 22, G. Dilkes 15, J. Burgin 12, P. Palethorpe 11)

Barsby 76 for 7 (B. Burgin 18, C. Smith 17, J. Favell 12, G. Dilkes 11)

Kirby Bellars 70 for 8 (P. Palethorpe 4 for 19, C. Smith 1 for 11, B. Dennis 1 for 14)

The final was held on Thursday the 6th of August at Great Dalby against Twyford. Twyford batting first were in trouble in the first over when Peter Palethorpe dismissed their captain H. Jones in the first over. A. Hewitt top scored for Twyford but eventually lost his wicket for 25 to the bowling of Colin Smith who finished with impressive figures of 6 for 29.

In reply the Barsby opening pair of Bas Dilkes and Tony Evans put on 31 before Dilkes lost his wicket. Evans went on to top score with 29. With support from the middle order of F. Terry and P. Palethorpe Barsby easily scored the required runs.

The annual Fete in August raised £100 and was split equally between the cricket club football club and village hall.

Season 1960

Barsby competed against eight other teams in the Burrough League, Thorpe Satchville, Great Dalby, Twyford, Knossington, Frisby, Tilton, Kerby Bellars and Gaddesby. They had a successful campaign finishing as runners up in the Final against Thorpe Satchville.

A good crowd attended the Final which was held at Twyford with Thorpe Satchville winning the toss and electing to bat. Colin Smith bowled well and took a wicket in his first over, ending with figures of

BURROUGH CUP FINAL	
Barsby had easy task	
<p>BARSBY were fairly easy winners in the final of the Burrough Cup, played at Great Dalby on Thursday. First to bat, Twyford lost captain H. Jones in the first over to the bowling of P. Palethorpe. Top scorer A. Hewitt included two sixes in his 25, but, like five other batsmen of Twyford, he fell to the bowling of C. Smith.</p> <p>The middle men failed and it was F. Higgins and J. Queenborough who raised the final score to 75.</p> <p>The Barsby openers, C. Dilks and T. Evans, carried their score to 31 before Dilks's wicket fell. Evans, backed up by F. Terry and P. Palethorpe, hit a valuable 29. Barsby passed their opponents' total with six wickets in hand. Details:—</p>	
TWYFORD	
C. Forsdick c Palethorpe b C. Smith	3
H. Jones b Palethorpe	2
A. Hewitt c Dennis b C. Smith	25
N. Vines b C. Smith	9
J. Bonshor c J. Burgin b C. Smith	1
N. Queenborough b J. Burgin	0
A. Marston c Dilks b C. Smith	1
F. Higgins b C. Smith	11
J. Queenborough not out	17
Extras 6. Total (8 wkts)	75
Bowling: C. Smith 6-29, P. Palethorpe 1-22, J. Burgin 1-18.	
BARSBY	
C. Dilks c Townley b J. Queenborough	15
T. Evans b H. Jones	29
J. Burgin c Vines b N. Queenborough	0
F. Terry b J. Queenborough	10
P. Palethorpe not out	14
C. Smith not out	4
Extras 5. Total (4 wkts)	77

3 for 20. John Burgin was the other wicket taking with 2 for 36. Thorpe closed their innings on 63 for 5. E Morris top scoring with 15.

Barsby found runs hard to come by against the father and son attack of N. Morris and E. Morris who took seven wickets between them. Barsby finished their inning on a paltry 36 for 9. The scores were: G. Dilkes 1, D. Smith 1, C. Rendell 0, J. Burgin 13, J. Favell 3, F. Terry 2, C. Smith 1, D. Palethorpe 7, T. Rhodes 3, M. Brookhouse 1, C. Whitton 1. The trophies were presented by league chairman J. Desborough and Lt Col. E Kirkpatrick.

The only other records of the Cricket Club in 1960 refer to the Garden Fete in aid of the village hall and the village cricket and football clubs. The Fete was opened by Mr. R. H. Brown, with the highlight of the evening programme, being team skittling for the Sir Harold Nutting Challenge Cup. Seven teams competed and the cup was won by the holders Queniborough. At cricket the Barsby team beat Fleckney.

Season 1961

In a mid-May Burrough League game Barsby had a good win over Kirby Bellars. Barsby batting first scored 97 for 3 with top scores of 55 by G. Dilkes and 19 by J. Favell. In reply, Kirby Bellars scored 63, DK. Smith taking four wickets for 11 runs. At the end of June Barsby were competing towards the top of the league and met Rearsby in a game to decide who would play Thorpe Satchville in the final of the Burrough League Championship. At this time, the league was competed in two groups with the winner of each group meeting in the final to decide the overall champions.

The game against Rearsby was played at Thorpe Satchville. Barsby batting first were all out for 54, J. Burgin top scoring with 27. Rearsby easily made the required runs in 12 overs for the loss of one wicket taken by B. Dennis. The Barsby scorecard: W. Dilkes 6, J. Burgin 27, J. Favell 0, B. Burgin 3, C. Smith 4, D. Smith 2, E. Walker 3, J. Cockeram 0, D Callthorpe 4, B. Dennis 1. Rearsby went onto win the final the following week against Thorpe Satchville which was played at Kirby Bellars.

Barsby played St Peters in a friendly on June 17th being bowled out for 103 chasing St Peters total of 119 -9 declared.

Season 1962

Barsby's group in the Burrough League included Sysonby, Rearsby, Gaddesby, Kirby Bellars and Great Dalby. Group B consisted of Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Lowesby, Pickwell, Tilton, Saxby & Stapleford.

In the June 5th game against Sysonby, the toss was won by Barsby who soon found that the Sysonby bowlers were in good form. Aided by good work in the field the visitors dismissed the first five Barsby batsmen for 26 runs. J Burgin and P Crawford then helped Barsby lift the score to 69 for 7. Sysonby made an even more disastrous start losing their first five batsmen for 19 runs, the visitors eventually being all out for 50. The star bowlers were J. Burgin who took three for 25 and DK. Smith took 5 for 21. The Barsby team was G. Dilkes, J. Favell, T. Evans, J. Cockeram, J. Burgin, B. Burgin, D. Smith, P. Crawford, C. Smith.

On June 19th Barsby visited Great Dalby for a Burrough League game. Batting first Barsby scored an impressive 100 of their 18 overs with contributions of 32 from T. Evans and 21 from B. Burgin. Dalby started badly, losing three wickets for 10 runs and were well behind the clock when Chapman and

Armson came together. They set about retrieving the situation gallantly hitting three sixes and four fours including 18 off one over by Burgin. However, the score was too much with Dalby eventually falling 9 runs short on 91 for 6. The Barsby team was the same as for the game earlier in the month against Sysonby.

In May, Barsby had an early season game against Barkby. The Leicester Evening Mail describes Barkby as having *"one of the most green and picturesque grounds in the County. Although a number of the trees surrounding the playing area have disappeared in recent years, the old chestnut tree which encroaches almost to the square, causing both gladness and annoyance to batsmen and fieldsmen, still retains its position of prominence"* Many current players will remember that tree (with catches being allowed off it) that only disappeared in recent years.

Barsby batted first and declared with a score of 116-5. Top scorer for Barsby was Derek Smith 61 not out while Colin Smith gave him valuable support with 35 not out. Barkby's most successful bowler was, yes, a Smith—George who bowled 15 overs, taking three wickets for 19 runs. The match ended in a draw with Barkby 81- 6 at the close. Brian Kirk was top scorer with 39. George Smith gave him no help—"he got a duck". Barsby's Colin Smith took four wickets for 29 runs while Derek Smith, although taking no wickets bowled half -a - dozen economical overs.

Few records exist of friendly fixtures from the early sixties, but it is known in late July Barsby lost to a team from Thorpe Satchville. Barsby scored 56 for 7 in reply to Thorpe Satchville 71 for 4 wickets.

Season 1963

Barsby finished the season as winners of the Burrough and District League in a league comprising of Sysonby, Saxby & Stapleford, Pickwell & Leesthorpe, Thorpe Satchville, Tilton, Great Dalby, Twyford, Rearsby, Midland Woodworkers.

Barsby's final over victory over Great Dalby in the final proved to be one of the tensest and closely fought in the Burrough League for many years. Dalby batted first with Gilbert Tipping and Henry Johnson having a second wicket partnership of 18. Tipping was particularly severe on the loose balls with his 21 including 3 fours. When the last four Dalby wickets fell for 2 runs, they were all out for 68.

Barsby started well, Tony Evans and Bas Dilkes putting on 30 in 7 overs for the first wicket. Number 3 Favell was soon out but Peter Palethorpe hit a quick 12 to take the score to 48 for 3. Dalby's bowlers put a brake on the scoring rate and Barsby found it difficult to keep up with the required rate. With 3 overs left 10 runs were needed. Tension amongst the players and the large crowd mounted when 3 runs were need off the final over. Bowler Loddington managed to run out two batsmen at the bowler's end in the first 3 balls. D Palethorpe finally managed to pierce the tight ring of fielders with a powerful off drive to get the 3 runs required for victory.

The Barsby scores were T. Evans 11, B. Dilkes 24, J. Favell 0, P. Palethorpe 12, C. Smith 0, J. Burgin 1, Don Smith 4, D. Palethorpe 3, B Burgin 0. The bowling figures were J. Burgin 5 for 36, Evans 2 for 29 and Palethorpe 3 for 1.

In the friendly fixtures Barsby were the visitors for Barkby's first game of the season. Barsby started well scoring 30 for the first wicket. Each of the first five batsmen scored double figures, Barsby reaching 100 for 5. Barsby finally declared on 123 for 9. Barkby got off to a good start, Richardson and H Kirk putting on 25 before Kirk was bowled. Wickets began to tumble and Barkby were 6 down for

47. Barkby finally made 97 for 7. The pick of the Barsby bowling was J. Burgin 4 for 27 and D Smith 3 for 18.

Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo (probably from 1963 Burrough League Final)



*Back Row: Matt Riley, Colin Smith, John Burgin, Tony Evans, Derek Palethorpe, John Evans, Peter Palethorpe
Front Row: David Burgin, Danny Smith, Brian Burgin, Bas Dilkes, John Favell*

Season 1964

In 1964 we find the first record of Barsby entering a team in the *Salaman Cup* and finishing Runners up to Buckminster. From the photo below it appears that Barsby were the 19th of 19 entries the others including: ATC, Avro Whitworth, Kirby Bellars, Stonesby, Sproxton, Plungar, Rearsby, Thorpe Arnold, Saxby & Stapleford, Twyford, Granby, Great Dalby, Salford, Buckminster, Old Grammartonians, Asfordby, Langham, Thorpe Satchville, Ab Kettleby.

In 1947, the Rev G. H. Salaman became club president of the Egerton Park Cricket Club and a new legacy was born. The clergyman initiated a new local village limited overs competition, the Salaman Cup, which aside for a five-year hiatus between 2000 and 2005 still survives near enough in its original format.

Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo 1964 (Salaman Cup Final)



*Back row: Stuart Terry, Norman Vines, Peter Palethorpe, Derek Palethorpe, Tony Evans, Colin Smith, Matt Riley
Front row: Bas Dilkes, David Burgin, Brian Burgin, Danny Smith, John Favell*

Barsby were given a bye in the 1st Round and went onto have a successful competition to reach the Final which was held over two nights (18 overs an innings) at Egerton Park towards the end of July. Buckminster who themselves were having a successful season easily won the game dismissing Barsby for 69 after scoring an impressive 184 on the first night.

Buckminster's opening pair of Trevor Wild and Bunty Death put on 126 for the first wicket, Wild hitting 8 fours before finally being caught and bowled for 82 by Colin Smith. Colin Smith finished with figures of four for 74 with John Burgin taking two for 46. P. Palethorpe, N. Vines and J. Favell all failed to take a wicket. Barsby captained by Brian Burgin scored seven runs in the first over but were soon in trouble against the Buckminster opening attack, quickly losing wickets, and falling behind the run rate required. First change bowler Reg Exton did most of the damage taking five wickets for 10 runs.

The final Barsby batting analysis was G. Dilkes 5, J. Favell 17, D. Palethorpe 6, P. Palethorpe 16, N. Vines 2, B. Burgin 9, J. Burgin 0, C. Smith 0, T. Evans 6, D. Smith 0, D. Burgin 2.

Barsby who were the reigning Burrough League champions didn't have such a successful year in 1964 finally fishing third in Group A behind Kirby Bellars and Rearsby. The other team in Barsby's group was Thorpe Satchville. Results from three of the games were recorded:

Barsby	64 for 7 (P. Palethorpe 11, T. Evans 15, C. Smith 14)
Rearsby	64 for 9 (P. Palethorpe 3 for 11)
Rearsby	79 for 5 (Smith 3 for 46, P. Palethorpe 2 for 15)
Barsby	51 for 8 (Smith 12, P. Palethorpe 12, Dan Smith 10)

Barsby 45 for 9 (Dilkes 10)
Thorpe Satchville 46 for 4 (Smith 1 for 13, D. Smith 2 for 8)

Few records exist of weekend friendly matches that were played although it is known that Barsby played Great Dalby on Saturday June 6th.

Season 1965

Little is known about the 1965 season with reports of the Burrough League extremely limited in the local press. Barsby did enter the competition along with Great Dalby, Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Rearsby, Pickwell, Kirby Bellars, Saxby & Stapleford.

Season 1966

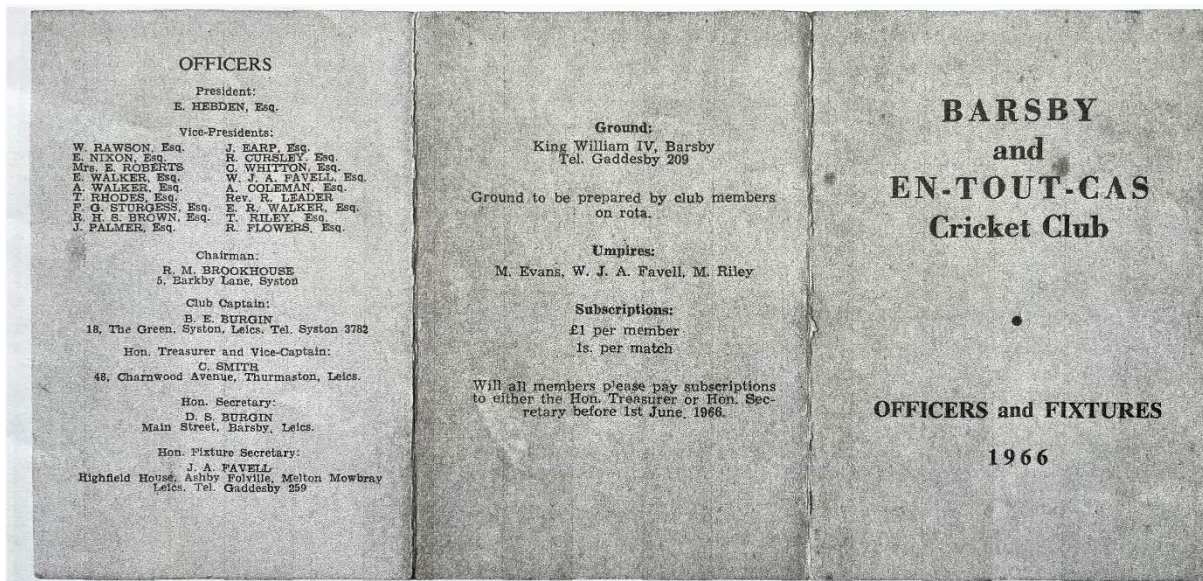
An interesting memento from 1966 is a copy of the fixture card. It shows that the club had a full list of Saturday and Sunday fixtures running from May to early September. The team was also competing in the Burrough League group against Rearsby, Barkby, Thorpe Satchville and Kirby Bellars. The other Burrough League group would have comprised of: Pickwell & Leesthorpe, Great Dalby, Saxby & Stapleford, Whissendine, Twyford. The fixture list mentions the Burrough League Knock Out Cup, this is the first reference found of Barsby competing in this competition.

The weekend fixture list looked strong with games against the likes of Houghton, Barrow, Houghton and Thurnby. There were several local village teams including Twyford, Gaddesby, Great Dalby and Kirby Bellars. Amongst the more unusual teams who no longer exist were Wimbleton CC (who played in the Belgrave Evening League), Parkside, *Park Vale*, Echo Press, Pilgrims, *Leicester Veronique*, Taverners and Evington Waverley. Also, three fixtures had been arranged against teams called *Len Shipmans XI*, Stanley Timms XI, Johnny Woodmans XI.

Len Shipman was Chaiman of Leicester City FC until 1956 and the Football league President in the 1960's. Park Vale played in the Leicester City Cricket League. Leicester Veronique were a nomadic Leicester based team where Terry Spencer one of Leicestershire's greatest bowlers first played.

The Vice Presidents included W. Rawson (played mid 50's), E. Nixon, E. Walker (played 1948 to 1961), A. Walker (played in 1920's), T. Rhodes (played briefly in 1960), F. Sturgess, R. Brown, J. Palmer, J. Earp (played 1914 to 1922), R. Cursley (played early 1950's), C. Whitton (played from 1948 to mid 60's), W.J.A Favell, A. Coleman, E.R Walker, T. Riley, R. Flowers (played late 60's), Rev R. Leader, Mrs E. Roberts. The Chairman R. M. Brookhouse (played briefly during the 1950's), also of note was umpire Matt Riley who was a regular player in the 1930's for Ashby Folville Cricket club. All the other officials were current players.

Barsby & En-Tout Cas Cricket Club Fixture Card 1966



On May 25th Barsby entered a "Threes" tournament at Egerton Park. Barsby progressed to the Semi Final by beating Sysonby and Thorpe Arnold. In the Semi Final Barsby faced Asfordby who scored 69 for 1 with Barsby replying with 49 runs.

Little is known about the Burrough League campaign as only one result was recorded for the game at Rearsby. The result was:

Barsby 95 for 5 (C. Smith 37 not out, John Woodward 30)
Rearsby 85 for 6 (P. Palethorpe 2 for 35, R. Cropper 2 for 16, J. Burgin 2 for 9)

Colin Smith and John Woodward made the Melton Times Honours Board on August 5th for their exploits.

It appears there had been some movement of players with Roger Cropper and John Woodward both ex Rearsby players now representing Barsby (both players as is Colin Smith are Life Members of the current Ashby Carington Cricket Club). Three of the Rearsby players that day, V Whitfield, R Jaggard and D Glover also later played for Ashby Carington.

A representative game was played in September between the Burrough League and the Leicester Amateur League. The game was won by the Burrough League who scores 161 for 8 in 36 overs, the Leicester League replied with 126. Tony Evans who scored 26 and Norman Vines who had both played at Barsby were in the team.

Season 1967:

The 1967 season was comprehensively covered in the local press with results and match reports appearing in the Melton Times for both Burrough League and Friendly matches. Barsby entered both the Salaman Cup reaching the 2nd Round and the Burrough League. Egerton Park Cricket Club's annual "Threes" competition was also entered with Barsby playing ATC in the first round.

Salaman Cup

Barsby entered the Salaman Cup and beat Melton Nomads in the 1st Round. In the 2nd Round they faced a team from Belvoir Estates in late June. The game was won easily by Belvoir who scored 121 for 4 with none of the Barsby bowlers able to stem the run rate. Colin Smith took one wicket for 54, J. Burgin 2 for 33 and P. Palethorpe 1 for 27. In reply Barsby scored 98 for 6. The Barsby scores were J. Woodward 0, G. Dilkes 9, T. Evans 13, P. Palethorpe 19, J. Burgin 11, J Favell 19, C. Smith 1, D. Burgin 6.

Burrough League

In the Burrough League Barsby were in a group with Queniborough, Barkby, Kirby Bellars, Thorpe Satchville. We know Barsby won four and lost three of these games, so it is unlikely they progressed as group winners to the Final. The results recorded were:

Barsby	86 for 5 (J. Woodward 53, P. Palethorpe 12)
Queniborough	73 for 7 (J. Burgin 3 for 32, C. Smith 2 for 38)
Barkby	57 for 7 (J. Burgin 4 for 22, C. Smith 3 for 27)
Barsby	59 for 6 (J. Woodward 25)
Kirby Bellars	61 for 5 (J. Burgin 2 for 26, Colin Smith 2 for 31)
Barsby	62 for 3 (J. Woodward 27, G.Dilkes 15, P. Palethorpe 14)
Thorpe Satchville	64 for 9 (J. Burgin 7 for 24, C. Smith 2 for 37)
Barsby	62 for 10 (P. Palethorpe 13, C. Smith 15)
Barsby	77 for 9 (G. Dilkes 14, J. Favell 23, P. Palethorpe 11)
Thorpe Satchville	91 for 8 (J. Burgin 4 for 4, C. Smith 3 for 49)
Barsby	85 for 2 (J. Woodward 23, J. Burgin 29, C. Smith 27)
Kirby Bellars	78 for 7 (J. Burgin 2 for 26, C. Smith 4 for 45)
Queniborough	93 for 8 (C. Smith 4 for 46, J. Burgin 1 for 45)
Barsby	46 for 10 (J. Burgin 19)

It appears that Barsby operated with just two bowlers Colin Smith and John Burgin who took 20 and 23 wickets respectively in the recorded games. The outstanding performance was in the defeat against Thorpe Satchville when John Burgin took seven wickets for 23 runs. Against Queniborough John Woodward starred, carrying his bat for 53 in the Barsby total of 85 for 5.

Friendlies

Friendly matches were played on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season. There were a few new teams on the fixture list including Loughborough Colleges, Barden Hill, Syston, Cropston and the Coop Traffic Department.

Barsby faced Pilgrims in early May and had a convincing win scoring 102 to Pilgrims 51. A Fine knock of 49 by John Burgin was followed by a bowling spell of 6 for 15. Derick Smith 19 and Peter Palethorpe were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. Against Houghton despite a gallant innings of 50 by opener John Woodward Barsby were dismissed for 96. Houghton got the runs for the loss of four wickets.

June started with a Saturday friendly against Twyford who were dismissed for 69 thanks mainly to fine bowling by D. Franks who took four wickets for just 2 runs in his 3 overs. Barsby reply was led by Bas Dilkes and R. Flowers who put on 20 for the first wicket. John Woodward batting at four saw Barsby home with 27 not out. Later in the month Barsby played another local team Kirby Bellars. Another fine knock of 62 by John Woodward helped Barsby to 139. Tight bowling by Peter Palethorpe 6 for 23 and Colin Smith 4 for 22 restricted Kirby Bellars to 119.

At the end of June Barsby had easy wins over Park Vale and Loughborough Colleges. In the game against Park Vale Colin Smith scored 54 not out and Peter Palethorpe 49 in a total of 187 for 8. Park Vale were dismissed for 57. Against Loughborough the bowlers were on top limiting the college team to 86. D. Palethorpe 4 for 50, Roger Cropper 3 for 14 and Colin Smith 2 for 17 did the damage.

Thurnby and Stoughton were easily defeated in early July. Bardon Hill were the opposition later in the month and were dismissed cheaply for 74. John Burgin 7 for 20 did the damage with the ball before Bas Dilkes hit 51 to help Barsby easily reach the target for the loss of four wickets. There were further wins against County Officers and Syston. July ended with another win against Taverners CC, half centuries by Tony Evans and John Woodward made up for the failures of their teammates taking Barsby to 140. Taverners were dismissed for 111.

August started with a remarkable game against local rivals Gaddesby. Barsby posted a competitive score of 147 for 5 declared, Bas Dilkes, Peter Palethorpe and Derick Smith all scoring 30's. Gaddesby batted well and with one wicket remaining the scores were tied before J Meason was run out attempting to get the winning run. Later in the month Barsby lost to Great Dalby and County Officers despite fine batting by John Woodward who scored 48 and 63 in the two games. Another defeat came against Cropston on a Sunday.

Barsby Cricket Club 1967 Team Photo v Leicester Coop



Barsby's poor form continued being dismissed for 74 against Stoughton & Thurnby, the only significant contribution coming from John Favell who scored 32. Stoughton made the runs for the loss of five wickets. Against Coop Traffic Department Barsby's batsmen were back in form scoring an impressive 267 for 8. Brian Burgin 54 and Colin Smith 66 both made fifties. Colin Smith scored his 66 runs off 17 balls in 20 minutes. In response Coop scored 74 runs. The final recorded game of the season was a draw against Great Dalby.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press Barsby won 11, lost 5, tie or drawn 2. At least 28 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 571, Colin Smith 302 and Peter Palethorpe 291. Top bowlers were John Burgin 46 wickets, Colin Smith 38, Roger Cropper 24, Peter Palethorpe 22.

The full list of players known to represent Barsby in 1967 were: P. Asher, K. Barker, Brian Burgin, David Burgin, John Burgin, D. Cotterall, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Ashley Evans, Tony Evans, John Favell, I. Flowers, R. Flowers, S. Flowers, D. Franks, E. Jackson, Derick Palethorpe, Peter Palethorpe, N. Pizer, J. Sarson, P. Shipley, Colin Smith, Derick Smith, P. Taylor, M. Townley, Charlie Whitton, C. Woodward, John Woodward

Season 1968:

There was again extensive coverage in the Melton Times of Barsby's matches. Barsby for the second year running lost in the 2nd Round of the Salaman Cup. The Burrough League position is unknown, in the Knockout Cup Barsby got through at least two rounds.

Salaman Cup

In the Salaman Cup Barsby were given a bye in the 1st Round and were drawn to play the winners of the clash between South Witham and Egerton Park 2nd XI. The Park won and entertained Barsby at the end of June. Egerton scored 92 for 7 off their 20 overs but were let off the hook as at one stage they were 17 for 4. Roger Cropper was the key bowler taking six wickets for 40. In reply Barsby only scored 63 thus losing the game.

Burrough League

In the Burrough League results were recorded in the press against Thorpe Satchville, Kirby Bellars, Barkby. In total there were ten teams entered into the league the others being Great, Dalby, Twyford, Whissendine, Pickwell, Queniborough, Saxby & Stapleford. Additionally, Syston, Hoby & Rotherby only entered the Cup competition. The results in the league games were:

Thorpe Satchville	88 for 8 (J. Burgin 2 for 40, C. Smith 3 for 34)
Barsby	92 for 8 (C. Smith 31, G. Dilkes 19, J. Favell 11)
Kirby Bellars	70 for 7 (J. Burgin 4 for 40, C. Smith 2 for 24)
Barsby	68 for 5 (J. Favell 28, C. Smith 15)

Both were close games, against Thorpe Satchville Barsby won with three balls to spare with the help of four buys. In the game against Kirby Bellars poor running cost Barsby as four players were run out leaving Barsby two runs short of their target.

Burrough League K.O.Cup

In the Burrough League K.O Cup Barsby faced Hoby & Rotherby winning the game comfortably with John Burgin taking seven wickets. In a later round Barsby played Pickwell, again winning a low scoring game by 24 runs bowling Pickwell out for just 29. Unfortunately, we don't know how Barsby fared in the subsequent rounds.

Barsby 98 for 6 (John Woodward 42, G. Dilkes 14, J. Favell 13, J. Burgin 11)
Hoby & Rotherby 24 all out (Colin Smith 2 for 1, J. Burgin 7 for 16, R. Cropper 1 for 4)

Barsby 53 for 8
Pickwell & Leesthorpe 29 for 10 (J. Burgin 5 for 11, C. Smith 4 for 18)

Friendlies

Three new opponents appeared on the fixture list for friendlies in 1968, Glenthorpe, Great Glen and Braunstone.

In early May Barsby won against Glenthorpe in a Saturday friendly, batting first Barsby scored 128 and then dismissed Glenthorpe for 119. John Woodward and Bas Dilkes put on 42 for the 3rd wicket after Derick Smith and A. Evans were dismissed cheaply. Woodward finished with 67 runs. The wickets were shared between Roger Cropper, D. Franks, S. Flowers and M. Hull. Later in the month Barsby had an easy win against Wimbledon who were dismissed for 47 in response to Barsby's 131. Colin Smith 4 wickets for 18 and John Burgin 5 for 26 led the bowling attack whilst J. Shillock took two brilliant leg side stumpings off the fast bowlers.

June started with a defeat to Loughborough Colleges who easily surpassed Barsby's score of 98 for the loss of two wickets. The Melton Times reported a game against the "Jolly Woodman". I suspect this is the same opposition referred to as the Johnny Woodman XI in the 1966 fixture card. They perhaps weren't so jolly after Barsby scored 168 for 7 with John Woodward scoring 63. In response the Woodman scored 114 for 8 with T. Riddington taking 3 wickets for 8 runs.

Three further games were reported on in June. L.T. Shipman dismissed Barsby for 73 in response to their 134 for 5. Rearsby were soundly beaten being bowled out for 48 in response to Barsby's 169 for 7. Ex Rearsby player John Woodward scored 76 before Colin Smith backed up his score of 39 by taking 5 wickets for 15 runs. The month ended with a home win over local rivals Great Dalby in a Sunday friendly. John Woodward again starred with the bat scoring 62 along with bowler Roger Cropper scoring 44 not out in Barsby's total of 150 for 7. In reply Dalby scored 132 with Chris Woodward taking 4 for 11.

July started with a tied game on a Saturday at home to Twyford, both teams only managing to make 56 runs. With two wickets remaining Twyford needed just one run for victory. Roger Cropper took two wickets in two balls. Parker being caught at mid-on by Chris Woodward and Mayes edged to the slips Whaite taking the catch. Cropper finished with figures of 4 for 11. Later in the month Barsby had a low scoring game at home to Victoria Road Church. Barsby made 62 for 4 whilst Victoria Road scored 68. John Burgin took 5 for 38 and Colin Smith 4 for 16. July finished with an easy win against Thurnby and Stoughton whose score of 47 was reached for the loss of one wicket.

August started with contrasting batting displays. On the Saturday Barsby were bowled out for 69 by Loughborough Colleges who easily made the runs required for the loss of four wickets. On the Sunday with a superb batting display away to Braunstone, Barsby posted an imposing total of 210 for 4 with John Woodward scoring 86, Roger Cropper 51 and Colin Smith 36. In response Braunstone scored 115

for 8. Later in the month against Gaddesby the batsmen again performed scoring 204 for 7 (John Woodward 61, Peter Palethorpe 60). Gaddesby were bowled out for 110, Tony Riddington taking 5 wickets for 5 runs. The only other friendly reported was a loss at home to Great Glen, Barsby making 91 runs.

In mid-August the Melton Times carried an extensive report on a charity match between Barsby and "Lorraine CC". Batting first Lorraine CC made 153 for 4 before declaring with H. James scoring 102 runs. Only Roger Cropper of the bowlers made much impression taking 3 for 37. Barsby made a poor start losing Tony Evans and Roger Cropper before the score reached 30. However, John Woodward was joined by John Favell and took the score to 78 before he was caught behind. Woodward continued finally losing his wicket for 61. When the 9th wicket fell Barsby still needed two runs to win, Ashley Evans seeing them home.

Leicester based Lorraine CC played a number of charity game in the 1960's. An incident witnessed by Mr Larry Peace in 1961 of a blind women finding herself in difficulties in a busy Leicester street inspired him to found the Lorraine Cricket Club to raise money to buy a guide dog. The club was named after his daughter.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press Barsby won 9, lost 5 and 1 tie. At least 25 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 611 and Colin Smith 217. Top bowlers were Colin Smith 39 wickets, John Burgin 35, Roger Cropper 30,

This was final season for Peter Palethorpe who had played for Barsby from as far back as 1954. The full list of players known to represent Barsby in 1968 were: H. Asher, T. Bishop, David Burgin, John Burgin, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Ashley Evans, Tony Evans, A. Favell, John Favell, R. Flowers, S. Flowers, D. Franks, M. Hull, Derick Palethorpe, Peter Palethorpe, A. Riddington, J. Shillock, Colin Smith, Derick Smith, R. Smith, M. Watchhorn, D. Whaite, C. Woodward, John Woodward.

Season 1969

No records have been found from 1969 of Barsby's participation, or not in the Salaman Cup. Barsby entered the Burrough League and the Burrough League Cup finishing 3rd in the League and Runners Up in the cup.

Burrough League

In the league games Barsby were in Group B with Thorpe Satchville, Kirby Bellars, Queniborough and Barkby. Group A consisted of Great Dalby, Twyford, Whissendine, Pickwell, Saxby & Stapleford. In the Cup there were also entries from Syston and Tilton. It is known that Barsby beat Barkby but lost to Kirby Bellars at the start of the season. The following records exist of the remaining League games:

Barsby	61 for 4
Kirby Bellars	29 for 10 (C. Smith 6 for 21)
Thorpe Satchville	61 for 10 (C. Smith 5 for 31, R. Cropper 4 for 26)
Barsby	62 for 3 (G. Dilkes 12, John Woodwood 32)
Barsby	75 for 10 (G. Dilkes 14, C. Smith 14, D. Palethorpe 11)
Queniborough	78 for 5 (B. Jaggard 5 for 33)
Barsby	99
Barkby	66 for 6

Barsby	129
Thorpe Satch.	100
Queniborough	63
Barsby	28

Barsby ended the league season winning four games and losing four games finishing 3rd behind Queniborough and Thorpe Satchville. Queniborough met the winners of Group A, Saxby & Stapleford in the Final played at Barsby. John Woodwood was presented with the League Batting Award.

In the K.O. Cup Barsby fared well winning games against Saxby& Stapleford and Kirby Bellars before losing to Thorpe Satchville in the final. In the Semi Final against Kirby Bellars Colin Smith was in fine form with the bat hitting 18 off one over to see Barsby home with four overs to spare.

Burrough League K.O.Cup

Barsby	133 for 4 (J. Woodwood 43)
Saxby & Stapleford	127 for 6
Kirby Bellars	80 for 6 (B. Jaggard 3 for 21, J. Burgin 2 for 24, C. Smith 1 for 20)
Barsby	82 for 5 (J. Woodward 26, C. Smith 24, G Dilkes 11)
Thorpe Satchville	71 for 8
Barsby	70 for 5

Friendlies

The weekend friendly fixture list contained two new teams, Leicester Coop and *Bream CC*, a touring side from Gloucestershire.

Bream Cricket Club currently play in Division 1 West of the Cheltenham/Gloucester/Forest of Dean League

On a wet Saturday in May Barsby played Houghton. After posting 99 for 9 largely thanks to John Woodwood 34 runs and Colin smith 29, Barsby declared. Only a few overs were possible before rain called a halt to proceedings with Houghton on 8 for 1.

In June Barsby had a draw with Pickwell and a win over Braunstone. Against Pickwell Barsby scored 151 for 8 with a half century (56 runs) from Derick Smith. Barsby were unable to get the final Pickwell wicket who finished on 122 for 9. Barsby scored 194 against Braunstone before bowling the opposition out for 92 thanks to five wickets for 16 from Colin Smith.

Evington Waverly were easily beaten in June being dismissed for 45 in reply to Barsby's 97, Roger Cropper taking 6 for 10. Twyford were the opposition for a Saturday friendly. Barsby amassed 177 for 5 before Twyford batted out a draw scoring 75 for 9. This game had the first recorded Century by a Barsby batsman, 110 not out from John Woodwood.

Into July Barsby comfortably beat Leicester Coop, recovering from 13 for 3 to post a score of 174 for 9 thanks again to John Woodward who scored 56. Coop were dismissed in just 17 overs for 44 runs, Colin Smith taking five wickets. County Officers proved too strong scoring 98 and bowling out Barsby for 55.

Great Glen scored 105 in their opening innings, R. Jaggard taking five for 30. The Barsby response started poorly with openers A. Evans and John Favell out for ducks. Barsby recovered with Jaggard

scoring 40 before the innings finished with Sutton taking the last three Barsby wickets with a hat trick. Barsby were all out for 90.

Barsby visited Houghton for a Saturday friendly winning easily dismissing the home team for 60 with the help of 6 wickets from Colin Smith. It only took 17 overs for Barsby to chase down the required runs, DK Smith scoring 31. The following Saturday against Thurnby & Stoughton the bowlers were on form again dismissing the opposition for 38 (Colin Smith 4 for 11, T. Riddington 5 for 21) in response to Barsby's 133 all out.

For the second year running Barsby faced *Lorraine CC* in a charity game. Barsby posted a first innings score of 118 largely thanks to 63 runs from Colin Smith. In response Lorraine required 10 runs off the final over to win. They fell just short closing the innings on 112 for 6 (Colin Smith 5 for 40) to draw the game.

Into August Barsby held out for a draw against Loughborough Colleges. Loughborough declared on 168 for 7, in response Barsby struggled to 115 for 7, Colin Smith making 33 runs. Touring team Bream CC from Gloucester visited Barsby scoring 114 in their innings. Barsby had just 90 minutes to chase the total, this was achieved comfortably with the loss of just three wickets. D Franks and John Woodward seeing Barsby to victory with an unbeaten partnership of 88. Barsby's good form continued with an easy win over Great Glen. Batting first Barsby declared on 140 for 5 (John Woodward 65). Great Glen were dismissed for 82.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press Barsby won 7, lost 2 and 4 draws. At least 22 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 572 and Colin Smith 264. Top bowlers were Colin Smith 45 wickets, Bob Jaggard 24, Roger Cropper 18,

Notable new players in 1969 were Robert Jaggard who was a key bowler in both the Burrough League and friendly matches. In later years he also went on to be one of Ashby's top batsman. The full list of players known to represent Barsby in 1969 were: M Bishop, T. Bishop, David Burgin, John Burgin, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Ashley Evans, Tony Evans, John Favell, R. Flowers, S. Flowers, D. Franks, R. Jaggard, B. Jameson, Derick Palethorpe, R. Richardson, A. Riddington, Colin Smith, Derick Smith, R. Stone, C. Woodward, John Woodward.

Season 1970

The 1970 season was Barsby's final year before the club moved to its current location in Ashby Folville renaming the club to Ashby Carington Cricket Club. It is understood that the move was largely because of a dispute with the landlord of the King William IV pub. He also owned the cricket ground and was unhappy with the level of support the team gave to his Public House.

Barsby had a successful season winning the Burrough League and reaching the Quarter Finals of the Salaman Cup.

Salaman Cup

In the Salaman Cup Barsby won against Thorpe Satchville in the first round, beat Saxby & Stapleford in the second round before losing to hosts Egerton Park in the Quarter Final. Tony Evans was Barsby's star of the competition top scoring in each game. Against Thorpe his aggressive batting ensured he got 38 of the first 41 runs scored.

Thorpe Satchville Barsby	91 for 9 (R Jaggard 3 for 24, C. Smith 2 for 53, Roger Cropper 2 for 2) 93 for 4 (Tony Evans 38, John Woodward 26, G. Dilkes 15)
Saxby & Stapleford Barsby	64 for 9 (C. Smith 3 for 32, R. Jaggard 5 for 31) 66 for 2 (Tony Evans 41, DK Smith 11)
Egerton Park Barsby	132 for 3 (R. Cropper 2 for 18, Colin Smith 1 for 48) 76 for 7 (Tony Evans 24, John Woodward 24, B. Palethorpe 19)

Burrough League

In the league games Barsby were in a group with Pickwell, Queniborough and Great Dalby. The remaining entries were the same as 1968 except for Thorpe Sachville who did not enter a team. In the Cup there were also entries from Syston. The following records exist of the League games:

Pickwell Barsby	75 for 10 76 for 3 (John Woodwood 38, D. Smith 24)
Queniborough Barsby	113 for 2 (R. Jaggard 1 for 32) 115 for 7 (Colin Smith 75, John Favell 11)
Barsby Great Dalby	90 for 6 (John Woodward 32, G. Dilkes 16) 79 for 9 (Colin Smith 3 for 37, R. Jaggard 3 for 33)

Following the game against Great Dalby in late June Barsby and Dalby were joint top with two games to play. Barsby went on to finish top. John Woodward again won the top league batsmen's trophy.

The final played between to winners of Group A and Group B was played on a Friday 1st August at Queniborough. Barsby batted first setting 97 for victory, Twyford falling 20 runs short in their chase. The Barsby team in the final included, DK Smith, Tony Evans, John Woodward, Colin Smith, Bas Dilkes, Bob Jaggard, John Favell, Derick Palethorpe and three unknowns.

Barsby Twyford	97 for 6 (DK Smith 33, Colin Smith 16, Tony Evans 11, John Favell 9, D. Palethorpe 7) 67 for 9 (R. Jaggard 5 for 25, Colin smith 4 for 34)
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Friendlies

New teams on the fixture list included, Rothley British Legion, Billesdon, Oadby and Hertfordshire side *Old Millhillians*.

The Old Millhillian Club was founded in 1878 to enable former pupils to continue playing rugby and cricket. in 2008 the Old Millhillians Cricket Club moved from Headstone Lane to merge with a long-established Club and neighbour, Totteridge CC. It is not clear how or if this club is connected to the Barsby fixture.

In early May Barsby beat Leicester Teachers in a Sunday game. Teachers set 108 which Barsby knocked off for the loss of five wickets, John Woodward scored 42, whilst Chris Woodward took five wickets for 17 runs. Against Wimbledon the opposition declared on 102 for 8, Barsby again successfully chasing the target this time for the loss of six wickets, John Woodward scoring 69.

Jolly Woodman the touring Surrey club made another visit to Barsby and set the home team a meagre target of 81. Barsby got the runs in just 70 minutes for the loss of five wickets, Vernon Woods top scoring with 29.

May ended with two drawn games against Houghton and Barkby. Against Houghton Barsby declared on 140 for 6 but couldn't dismiss the final Houghton batsmen as they finished on 83 for 9. John Woodward continued his fine batting form with another 50. In the match against Barkby it was a weakened Barsby side who were hanging on for the draw. Having been set 131 for victory Barsby struggled to 78 for 8. Rob Jaggard and Derick Smith being the only batsmen to make double figures.

June started with a narrow two run defeat to Rothley British Legion, John Woodward top scoring with 37 in Barsby's total of 119. Billesdon were then faced in another tight game which ended in a draw. Barsby declared on 183 for 5, Billesdon replying with 161 for 6. John Woodward scoring 61 and Rob Jaggard 38.

Hoby and Rotherby easily beat Barsby in a Sunday friendly with the help of a 4th wicket stand of 148 by G. Burton and M Watchorn in their total of 170 for 3. Barsby reply stuttered to 74 all out. The month ended with a drawn game against Syston. Barsby scored 133 for 7 in response to 164 for 6 declared. John Woodward again top scoring with 62 not out.

Into July County Officers game to Barsby for a Saturday friendly and set a target of 129. Barsby reply reached 97 for 8 when time was called, ending the game in a draw. On the Sunday Barsby narrowly won a low scoring game against Walton. Chris Woodward took an impressive 8 for 23 to dismiss Walton for 49 runs. Barsby got home for the loss of eight wickets only John Woodward scoring double figures.

The following week Great Glen were victorious in another low scoring game at Barsby. The home teams total of 71 was reached by Great Glen for the loss of six wickets. At home to Thurnby & Stoughton Barsby lost being bowled out for 70 chasing 103. One of Barsby's new players this season T. Taylor took five for 25.

August started with a win over local village team Twyford. Barsby chasing down the target of 133 for the loss of six wickets. John Woodward scored 52 and Rob Jaggard taking five wickets for 25 runs. This game was followed by a defeat away to Great Glen, Barsby falling 8 runs short of the target of 129.

Barsby won against Cropston by 11 runs, dismissing their opponents for 111. Colin Smith took seven wickets for 30. The following Saturday rain intervened when Oadby were 37 for 4 chasing Barsby's total of 116. On the Sunday Barsby visited Old Millhillians and set a challenging target of 166 for 6 declared. John Woodward scoring 87 and P. North 41. Old Millhillians made little attempt to get the runs finishing on 85 for 5. Barsby used seven bowlers to get the final wickets.

Barsby had an easy win against Braunstone who were dismissed for 121. Barsby reached the target for the loss of two wickets, C Knapp retiring on 56. The game was the first record of a young Michael Evans bowling taking two wickets for 12 runs. The following day Barsby had another convincing win against Rearsby. Barsby setting a target of 165 for 9 thanks to another 50 from C. Knapp. Rearsby were bowled out for 119.

In the final game recorded for Barsby and En-Tout Cas Cricket Club Barkby were the visitors in early September 1970. Barsby were bowled out for 85 a total easily reached by Barkby. The players in the final game were D. Smith, T. Evans, P. North, J. Woodward, V. Woods, J. Evans, R. Jaggard, D. Palethorpe, R. Cropper, C. Woodward.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press Barsby won 8, lost 7 and 5 draws. At least 36 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 790, C Knapp 282, and Colin Smith 265. Top bowlers were Colin Smith 44 wickets, Bob Jaggard 48, Roger Cropper 35.

Notable new players in 1970 were youngsters Michael Evans (probably the best bowler to represent the club) and allrounder David Smith who played many years for Ashby Carington. The full list of players known to represent Barsby in 1969 were: P. Arnold, P. Asher, David Burgin, John Burgin, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, John Evans, Michel Evans, Tony Evans, A. Favell, John Favell, G. Forsdick, Steve Forsdick, Stu Forsdick, D. Franks, R. Jaggard, B. Jameson, C. Knapp, N. North, P. North, B. Palethorpe, Derick Palethorpe, J. Porter, A. Riddington, J. Shillock, Colin Smith, D. Smith, Derick Smith, T. Taylor, D. Thornley, R. Tyler, M. Watchorn, V. Woods, C. Woodward, P. Woodward, John Woodward.

Leicester Pilgrims

Following the departure of Barsby Cricket Club the Leicester Pilgrims team played on the Barsby ground for a few seasons. One notable game was recently mentioned in the letters page of the Leicester Mercury 23rd December 2020. Tony Holyoak, Secretary, Pilgrims CC 1963-1979 wrote: I thought the following might be of interest as a tribute to Brian Booth who died recently:

Brian Booth was a batsman who carved his name in County's history died at age of 85. As part of his testimonial year in 1973, Pilgrims CC were hosts to a strong Leicestershire CCC side, captained by Brian, played on the pretty village ground at Barsby on Sunday September 16th. The following is how the event was reported in the Pilgrims' weekly newsletter: "On a gloriously warm and sunny afternoon, Brian's side scored 242-7 in 40 overs on a magnificent wicket and John Steel, George Knew, Jeff Tolchard, Barry Dudleston, Mick Norman and Paul Haywood all scored between 25 and 50, thereby treating a crowd exceeding 300 to some memorable batting. Pilgrims fielded virtually without blemish, David Wills being outstanding in the deep, while Jim Reeves and John Larder bowled remarkably well in the face of a never-ending succession of gifted professional batting."

It was worth 20 times the admission fee just to watch Graham McKenzie bowling at two-thirds his usual pace and throwing in from the boundary like a siege gun. However, his presence did little to overawe Michael Tyack, who smacked him heartily into the covers and twice hooked him confidently to square leg in an innings of 51 in 44 minutes, during which he took seven boundaries in the space of four overs by John Steele and Terry Stretton and was playing with rare panache when well caught by Brian Booth at short midwicket.

His dismissal prompted a collapse, with five wickets falling in three overs for two runs, two to quite staggering close in catches. Fortunately, the rot was stemmed by the late middle order and at the close of 40 overs, 156-8 represented a salvaging of honour. Brian Booth bowled his leg spin and googlies to great effect and Jack Birkenshaw claimed three wickets in a long and testing spell.

Apart from some outstanding cricket, the ladies dined the players right royally, non-playing members worked unceasingly to relieve the crowd of their small change and during and after the match presentation ceremony the Pilgrims' president handed over a substantial cheque to Brian, who made a short but courteous speech, much appreciated by a happy crowd gathered around the rabbit hutch of a pavilion.

Finally, the Pilgrims' secretary presented Jack Birkenshaw with a white leather travelling bag in recognition of his selection for the forthcoming MCC tour to the West Indies. It was a very special occasion to which Brian's contribution as batsman, bowler, captain and guest added much to a memorable day.

Chapter 5: Ashby Carington Cricket Club (1971 – 2020)

Sir Ian Botham described Ashby Carington perfectly in his preface to the GQ book “More than a Game”. Describing an article on Ashby Carington he says: *“I’ve always thought sport should be played as competitively as hell – you don’t give an inch, and you don’t expect an inch, but when you come off the pitch you’ve got to be able to slap each other on the back and have a laugh. The article that illustrates the point best is Village People, on the local cricket team in Leicestershire. This to me is what cricket is all about. It is about guys who’ve worked hard all week relishing their Saturday or Sunday game. It is about guys who want to have a bit of rivalry, a bit of fun and who dream of pumping a six out of the ground or of taking a vital wicket with a late in swinger. Oh, and just as importantly, it’s about having a few beers afterwards.”*

Season 1971:

The 1971 season started with the cricket club moving from Barsby to its new ground “Parkfield” opposite the Carington Arms pub in Ashby Folville. The team also changed its name to Ashby Carington Cricket club. The land for the ground was provided by Wing Commander John Smith Carington who had earlier represented Ashby Folville Cricket club and whose grandfather formed the original Ashby Folville Cricket Club.

Pitch being prepared at new Parkfield Ground



In an article published in GQ magazine the Wing Commander recounts how the pavilion (pictured above) arrived on an Easter Sunday, "I stepped out of church and there it was, so Christ wasn't the only one that rose early that day".

Ashby Carington Cricket Club took over Barsby's place in the Burrough League and ended as Winners for the second successive year. In the Burrough League KO Cup Ashby finished Runners Up to Syston in the Final. Ashby also entered the Salaman Cup reaching at least the 3rd Round and the Charity Cup (35 over competition) result unknown.

Salaman Cup

Still referred to as "Barsby" in the Melton Times Ashby Carington were given a bye to the 2nd Round where they were due to play the winners of the clash between Nether Broughton and Leicester. Nether Broughton played Ashby towards the end of June. Winning the toss Ashby batted first setting a good target of 98 for 4. Broughton were restricted to 74 for 5 with some tight bowling from Colin Smith and Bob Jaggard.

Ashby Carington	98 for 4 (DK Smith 32, T. Evans 26, J. Woodward 17, J. Favell 16, G. Dilkes 4)
Nether Broughton	74 for 5 (C. Smith 32 for 3, R. Jaggard 34 for 2)

It is not known who Barsby faced in the 3rd round.

Charity Cup

This was the only year that Ashby Carington are known to have entered the *Charity Cup*. It was a 35 over competition comprising of clubs from the Melton area. The known entries were Ab Kettleby, Great Dalby, Thorpe Arnold, Nether Broughton, Hoby & Rotherby, Saxby & Stapleford. Ashby were drawn against Great Dalby in the first-round fixture due to be played at Dalby on June 11th. The result of the fixture is unknown.

The Melton Charity Cups were organised by the Melton & District Cricket League. The league was formed by Mr Disley in 1934 who also initiated the Red Cross Cup and Nursing Cups. By 1946 there were three cup competitions, Nursing Cup, St. Dunston's Cup and British Legion Cup. All three Cups were still going strong in the 1958. The Nursing Cup continued until 2003, the other cups were replaced by the Combined Cup competition.

Burrough League

In the Burrough League Thorpe Satchville returned after a one-year gap, along with Hoby & Rotherby and Whissendine with Queniborough leaving. Ashby were in a group with Hoby & Rotherby and Kirby Bellars plus one unknown, in total there were eight teams in the league. Two of the league games were reported in the Melton Times, both being low scoring matches with Bob Jaggard being the key bowler.

Ashby Carington	74 for 3 (T. Evans 26, DK Smith 18)
Hoby & Rotherby	13 all out (R. Jaggard 7 for 6, C. Smith 3 for 4)
Kirby Bellars	26 all out (R. Jaggard 4 for 6, C. Smith 2 for 18)
Ashby Carington	28 for 5 (J. Woodward 19, DK Smith 6)

In the Final Ashby faced Twyford at the Thorpe Satchville ground on Friday August 6th.

Twyford	47 (R. Jaggard 4 for 19, C. Smith 4 for 21)
Ashby Carington	48 for 6 (John Woodward 15, John Favell 13, Tony Evans 12)

Chasing 47 runs to win Ashby lost their first wicket without scoring, before Woodward, Favell and Evans steadied the ship. Despite Ashby's last four wickets falling quickly they got the required runs with 3 overs to spare. The cup was presented to captain John Woodward by League President Rev. R. Leader.

Scorecard from 1971 Burrough League Game against Hoby & Rotherby

ASHBY CARINGTON			
T. Evans	b Paulson	..	26
D. K. Smith	b G. Asher	..	18
J. Woodward	not out	..	16
R. Jaggard	c Hackett b Paulson		1
G. Dilkes	not out	..	4
Extras	9. Total for 3 wkts.	..	74
Bowling: G. Asher 1-37, R. Paulson 2-10.			
HOBY AND ROTHERBY			
R. Tyler	c Taylor b Jaggard	..	8
P. Asher	b Jaggard	..	1
G. Burton	b Jaggard	..	0
R. Paulson	b Jaggard	..	0
R. Massey	c Evans b Jaggard		0
M. Curtis	b Jaggard	..	1
P. Hackett	b Smith	..	0
G. Asher	b Smith	..	0
T. Marshall	b Smith	..	0
P. Burton	not out	..	0
S. Hackett	b Smith	..	0
Extras	3. Total	..	13
Bowling: C. Smith 3-34, R. Jaggard 7-6.			

In the Knock Out Cup Ashby played away at Thorpe Satchville in the Semi Final winning with three overs to spare.

Ashby Carington 86 for 6 (DK Smith 13, T. Evans 9, G. Dilkes 9, J. Beeton 9)
 Thorpe Satchville 84 for 8 (J. Woodward 4 for 23, C. Smith 2 for 24, P. North 1 for 25)

In the Final Ashby lost to Syston, no records of the game have been found.

Friendlies

The friendly fixture list for the first season at Ashby Folville had many of the same opposition from Barsby's final season. It seems likely that most of the games were played away from home with only one of the fifteen reported games being known to played at Ashby Folville.

The season started with a convincing win at Houghton on the Hill. Ashby set 114 with John Favell scoring 44. In response Houghton scored 38, Colin Smith taking 4 for 12 and Roger Cropper 3 for 1. The following week Empingham easily beat Ashby scoring 110 and bowling out Barsby for 46.

On Sunday June 6th Ashby played Rearsby in the first game to be played at Parkfield. Ashby scored 115 for 8 declared in 30 overs, John Woodward 35 and R. Jaggard 33 topping the scoring. Rearsby replied with 70 all out, R Jaggard backing up his batting performance by taking 6 for 1. Other players known to have played were, P. North, C, Knapp, G. Dilkes, V. Woods, J. Favell, C. Smith, R. Cropper, D. Franks.

Scorecard from first game played at Parkfield ground at Ashby Folville – 6/6/71

ASHBY CARINGTON			
P. North	c Johnson	b Hartshorn	9
C. Knapp	run out	.. ..	3
J. Woodward	b Shorter	.. ..	35
G. Dilkes	b Hartshorn	.. ..	1
V. Woods	b Shorter	.. ..	11
J. Favell	not out	.. ..	16
R. Jaggard	c Riley	b Wells	33
C. Smith	lbw Shorter	.. ..	0
R. Cropper	b Wells	.. ..	1
D. Franks	not out	.. ..	5
Extras 1. Total for 8 wkts dec.			115
Bowling: J. Shorter 3-53, D. Hartshorn 2-54, M. Wells 2-10.			
REARSBY			
G. Singh	b Jaggard	.. ..	10
G. Spencer	b Jaggard	.. ..	3
S. Rowe	b Jaggard	.. ..	0
M. Wells	b Jaggard	.. ..	8
P. Jarvis	st Woods	b Woodward	33
J. Riley	b Jaggard	.. ..	2
D. Hartshorn	b Jaggard	.. ..	2
M. Cross	b Smith	.. ..	0
R. Johnson	b Cropper	.. ..	0
D. French	c Jaggard	b Cropper	0
J. Shorter	not out	.. ..	7
Extras 14. Total			79
Bowling: C. Smith 1-13, R. Jaggard 6-15, R. Cropper 2-16, J. Woodward 1-1.			

June 17th Ashby visited Oadby scoring 147 for 6 declared (D.K Smith 72 not out). Oadby lost their first six wickets for 21 runs being finally bowled out for 62. Ashby also batted well in their win against Braunstone scoring 168 for 6 (DK Smith 46), bowling out Braunstone for 91.

In early July Ashby lost narrowly to Great Glen. Chasing 129 Ashby required 8 off the last over to win finally falling 4 runs short. The following Saturday Ashby visited Glenfield to play County Officers. Ashby started well with DK Smith and P. North putting on 58 for the first wicket before the tail collapsed leaving Ashby with a total of 110 runs. County Officers got the required runs for the loss of 8 wickets.

Ashby continued the annual fixture against charity team Lorraine CC. In the match played at Victoria Park Ashby scored 162 for 8 (Colin Smith 53). Lorraine were in trouble on 70 for 5 before a thunderstorm saved them from defeat. The following week Ashby lost to Empingham. Winning the toss and batting first Ashby lost the first three wickets for 2 runs before recovering to 91 all out. Empingham got the runs for the loss of seven wickets. The local press were clearly still struggling with the name change as the Stamford Mercury still referred to Empingham playing Barsby.

On a Sunday in late August Ashby visited Brooksby to play Hoby & Rotherby where they won by 6 wickets. The star of the day was Ashby wicket keeper Bas Dilkes who took two catches, two stumping and scored 50 runs. In Ashby's second visit of the season to Glenfield, Ashby got revenge over County Officers winning by 39 runs.

The September 10th Melton Times reported on a victory against Braunstone and a drawn game against South Leicester Welfare. At their Blaby ground Ashby chased down Braunstone's target of 126 (John Woodward 58). Against South Leicester Welfare Ashby set a challenging 156 for 9 declared. In response Welfare were 26 for 5 before recovering to 91 for 8 to hold out for a draw. Roger Cropper took 6 for 33 in 20 overs.

The season finished with two local derbies. At Queniborough, Ashby were bowled out for just 55 chasing the home teams total of 94. The following Sunday Ashby had more luck scoring 105 for 5 declared then bowling out Twyford for 79.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press in 1971 Ashby Carington won 8, lost 5 and had 2 draws. At least 23 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 436, DK Smith 257, and Colin Smith 199. Top bowlers were Colin Smith 39 wickets, Bob Jaggard 38, Roger Cropper 31.

Notable absentees from the Barsby days were the Burgin family none of whom were reported as playing for Ashby Carington in 1971. Four other players from Barsby appeared to have only played one season at Ashby, D. Franks, C. Knapp, D. Thornley and T. Taylor.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1971 were: J. Beeton, M. Bruce, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Michael Evans, Tony Evans, A. Favell, John Favell, D. Franks, R. Jaggard, H. Johnson, C. Knapp, P. North, Derick Palethorpe, F. Parker, Colin Smith, D.W Smith, Derick Smith, T. Taylor, D. Thornley, V. Woods, C. Woodward, John Woodward.

Season 1972:

Ashby Carington had another successful season winning the Burrough League for the third successive season. The team also entered the Nursing Cup organised by the Melton League and continued to compete in the Salaman Cup reaching the quarter Final.

Salaman Cup

Ashby drew Upper Broughton at home in the 1st round of the Salaman Cup winning a low scoring game with a total of 46. The results from the second-round game against Nottinghamians are not known. In the Quarter Final Ashby lost another low scoring game to Belvoir who went on to be losing finalists.

Ashby Carington	46 for 10 (R. Jaggard 23)
Upper Broughton	37 for 8 (R. Jaggard 5 for 15)

Ashby Carington	scores not known
Nottinghamians	

Ashby Carington	36 for 9
Belvoir	37 for 7

Burrough League

In the Burrough League the only change was the withdrawal of Hoby & Rotherby after just one season. None of the league games were reported in the press. As in previous years the league was split into two groups with Ashby winning their group to meet Kirby Bellars in the Final on Thursday 4th August at Pickwell. Ashby batted first scoring 92 for 3 thanks largely to the unbroken 4th wicket partnership

between Colin Smith and John Woodward. In reply to Kirby Bellars were bowled out for 53, Bob Jaggard impressing with 6 for 16.

Ashby Carington 92 for 3 (John Woodward 21, Colin Smith 46, DK Smith 9)
Kirby Bellars 53 for 10 (R. Jaggard 6 for 16, C. Smith 3 for 26)

The other players known to have played were W. Ovens and Tony Evans who both scored 5 runs. Mr Tom Webster presented the trophy to captain John Woodward.

1972 Burrough League Final Headline and Scorecard– Melton Times



ASHBY CARINGTON	
W. Ovens b C. Baker	5
D. K. Smith lbw b Asher	9
T. Evans b C. Baker	5
J. Woodward not out	21
C. Smith not out	46
Extras 6. Total (3 wkts)	92
Bowling: C. Baker 2-31, P. Asher 1-56.	
KIRBY BELLARS	
T. Baker c C. Smith b Jaggard	9
B. Crabtree b C. Smith	4
P. Asher b Jaggard	2
C. Baker lbw b Jaggard	23
M. Parker c and b C. Smith	0
W. Handley c Woodward b Jaggard	9
K. Adcock b Jaggard	0
M. Ecob b Jaggard	0
R. Large run out	3
B. Baker b C. Smith	0
R. Pearce not out	1
Extras 2. Total	53
Bowling: R. Jaggard 6-16, C. Smith 3-36.	

No records exist of Ashby Carington in the Knockout Cup.

Nursing Cup

Ashby entered the Nursing Cup for the first time in 1972 and were drawn against the Syston based team Kirklands. The opposition batted first and were dismissed for 28 runs, Roger Cropper taking 6 wickets. In reply Ashby were quickly in trouble on 3 runs for the loss of 2 wickets, R. Pratley, T. Evans, John Favell all getting ducks. John Woodward led the recovery scoring 8 not out supported by Bas Dilkes 15 and Bob Jaggard 10 not out.

Kirklands 28 for 10 (R. Cropper 6 for 14, R. Jaggard 4 for 10)
Ashby Carington 33 for 5 (G. Dilkes 15, R. Jaggard 10 n.o.)

It is not known who Ashby faced in the next round.

Friendlies

Ashby Carington continued to have a both a Saturday and Sunday friendly fixture list with many of the games reported in the press.

The season started with a visit to Woodhouse Eaves who set a target of 110. Ashby got the runs for the loss of five wickets with new recruit W. Ovans scoring 44. Houghton on the Hill were the first visitors to Ashby. The visitors set a target of 100 with a young Andrew Favell taking 3 for 31. Ashby lost the game, managing just 69 in reply (D.K. Smith 22, R. Pratley 19). In the following game Ashby won a low scoring contest at home to Leicester Veronique who were bowled out for 55 (R. Jaggard 5 for 27).

At the end of May Ashby had a low scoring game against the Syston based Kirklands team. Roger Cropper with six wickets and Bob Jaggard four dismissed Kirklands for a meagre 28. The wicket must have been poor as Ashby struggled to 33 for 5 with R. Pratley, Tony Evans and John Favell all getting ducks. On the Sunday Ashby visited Ellistown to play South Leicester Miners Welfare. The home team declared on 140 for 6, Jaggard again taking four wickets. In reply Ashby reached 118 for 6 before time ran out and the game was drawn. John Woodward scored 59 not out of Ashby's total.

June started with two defeats. The first game against Bingham was low scoring (presumably rain affected), Ashby scoring 52 for 7 in reply to Bingham's 61. Bob Jaggard continued his fine form with the ball taking another six wickets. The same weekend Ashby also lost to Empingham, only mustering 85 runs chasing Empingham's 125 for 9 declared. Jaggard took another five-wicket haul for 17 runs.

Against Rearsby the following weekend Ashby were back in form bowling out the visitors for 58 with Jaggard again helping himself to five wickets along with ex Rearsby player Roger Cropper. Tony Evans led Ashby's reply of 59 for 4 scoring 39 runs. The following day Ashby drew against Egerton Park falling just short of Park's total of 154 on 142 for 7. Tony Evans continued his good form scoring 53. Ashby's wickets were shared between P. North, J Woodward, Bob Jaggard and Roger Cropper.

Into July Ashby had a close draw with Great Glen falling three runs short of Great Glens total on 113 for 7. The following day, presumably at Ashby due to the low scores! County Officers were bowled out for 56. Ashby got the runs with four wickets to spare largely due to Bob Jaggard who scored 19 not out and had another good bowling performance taking 4 for 13.

Against Thurnby & Stoughton on the Sunday Ashby had a tight victory bowing Thurnby out for 132 just three runs short of Ashby's total. Colin Smith who took three wickets in his opening spell returned to take the final three wickets to secure victory. At home the following week Ashby faced charity side Lorraine CC. Posting a modest score of 94, Ashby then dismissed Lorraine for 17 runs in just 15 overs. A young Andrew Favell taking 3 for 0 in two overs.

On Saturday 30th of July Ashby were unlucky not to beat Loughborough Colleges. Having set a total of 134 for 8 declared (R. Pratley 38, C. Smith 28), Loughborough were 54 for 9 (R. Cropper 4 for 20) but managed to hold on for a draw. The following Saturday Ashby lost another close game to Houghton with the opposition passing Ashby's score of 97 for the loss of 8 wickets.

Ashby had a comfortable win over Adam Bros & Shardlow winning by 80 runs. Colin Smith top scored with 32 and took 3 for 12. In the final recorded friendly of the season a "weakened" Ashby team lost to Loughborough Colleges. Ashby were all out for 126 (B. Jaggard 53) in response to Loughborough Colleges total of 180 for 5.

Whilst it is not certain that all the low scoring games in 1972 were played were at Ashby, it is very likely that the new wicket wasn't at its best in the early years. Of the friendly games recorded in the press Ashby Carington won 7, lost 5 and had 4 draws. At least 20 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 348, Bob Jaggard 205, Tony

Evans 187 and Bas Dilkes 179. Top bowlers were Bob Jaggard 59 wickets, Roger Cropper 25, Colin Smith 17.

Debutants in 1972 included Alan Woods an excellent wicket keeper (son of Vernon and brother of Robert) who was still representing Ashby in 2021. The other key debutant was batsman W. Ovens. Playing their final season were Derick Palethorpe who had been playing at Barsby as early as 1954, along with fellow Barsby players Vernon Woods and Chris Woodward.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1972 were: J. Beeton, M. Bruce, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Michael Evans, Tony Evans, A. Favell, John Favell, S. Forsdick, R. Jaggard, W. Ovens, P. North, R. Pratley, Colin Smith, D.W. Smith, Derick Smith, A. Woods, V. Woods, C. Woodward, John Woodward.

Season 1973:

Ashby Carington continued to compete in the Burrough and District League finishing 3rd and had a successful season in the Knockout Cup reaching the Semi Final. It is not known if Ashby continued to enter the Nursing Cup.

Burrough League

This season saw Thorpe Satchville leave the league (never to return), with Melton Town taking their place. The league was run as one single division of seven teams.

Pickwell	93 for 7 (Jaggard 3 for 45, C. Smith 4 for 4)
Ashby Carington	55 for 5 (J. Favell 16, J Woodward 20 n.o.)
Ashby Carington	47 for 6 (W. Ovens 11, J. Woodward 14)
Saxby & Stapleford	44 for 7 (Jaggard 3 for 5, Cropper 1 for 12, C. Smith 2 for 11)
Ashby Carington	36 for 0 (T. Evans 14 n.o. W. Ovens 21 n.o.)
Great Dalby	35 for 10 (DW Smith 6 for 14, C. Smith 4 for 16)
Ashby Carington	35 for 9 (T. Evans 9, R. Jaggard 8)
Pickwell	36 for 1

Ashby lost convincingly in both of their Burrough League games to eventual league champions Pickwell. However, one of the performances of the season came in the game at home to Pickwell when a young David Smith took six wickets for 14 runs. In the final league table Ashby finished 3rd with Pickwell & Leesthorpe winning the league and Twyford runners up. John Woodward of Ashby Carington won the league batting award, the league bowling award went to 17-year-old David Smith from Ashby Carington in his first full season.

1973 Burrough League Table – Melton Times

BURROUGH AND DISTRICT EVENING CRICKET LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts
Pickwell & Leesthorpe	12	11	0	1	22
Twyford	12	10	0	2	20
Ashby Carington	12	6	0	6	12
Melton Town C.C.	11	4	0	7	8
Saxby & Stapleford	10	3	0	7	6
Great Dalby	10	3	0	7	6
Kirby Bellars	9	1	0	8	2

The final match is on Saturday, September 8. The League Champions Pickwell, will play the rest of the league in a 30-over match, followed by the presentation of trophies.

The winners of the league batting cup is J. Woodward, and the league bowling cup goes to 17-year-old David Smith in his first full season. Both play for Ashby Carington.

No records have been found of Ashby Carington games in the Knockout cup although it is known they lost in the Semi Final to Kirby Bellars who went on to lose in the Final to Syston at Saxby Road.

Friendlies

On Saturday 19th May Ashby had a comfortable win in a 35 over friendly away at Houghton on the Hill. Ashby set 124 for 4 putting on 45 for the loss of the first wicket, W. Ovans top scoring with 37. In reply, Houghton could only manage 93 for 5 with the wickets being shared between A. Favell, S. Forsdick, R. Jaggard and Colin Smith (2).

The following day, Ashby had their first ever encounter at home to Wigston, who secured a sizeable win. All the batsmen were made to struggle for their runs and Ashby's 91 looked a reasonable score in view of the "lengthy grass in the outfield". For Wigston Paul Bell bowled superbly well for an unchanged twenty over spell in which he claimed eight wickets, six of them bowled. For Ashby, Jaggard put bat to ball scoring 30 in a most belligerent manner and his was the most forthright innings of the day. Jim Colver and Bob Markham gave the visitors a sound start which paved the way to a seemingly easy victory. Markham's half century was full of good shots and his efforts were well backed up by David Gibbins. David Loydall and Roy Mason saw Wigston home and dry with half an hour to spare.

May ended with a Saturday game at home to regular visitors LT Shipmans XI. Chasing 93 Ashby could only score 74, Colin Smith top scoring with 24. New recruit R. Ingram took 3 wickets for Ashby. It was certainly a good bowling wicket that day as 15 of the 20 wickets were bowled. Into June Ashby had a comfortable win over Rearsby who were bowled out for just 45 chasing Ashby's score of 72. The Melton Times commented on the young team with Ashby fielding four 16-year-olds; Andrew Favell, Michael Evans, Alan Woods and David Smith who took five wickets for 12 runs in his 10 overs. All four players went onto play for Ashby for many years to come.

Saturday 16th of June saw the visit of Belgrave St Peters to Ashby. Having set a target of 125 for 6 (J. Favell 40, G. Dilkes 43), Belgrave were dismissed for just 51. Roger Cropper was the chief wicket taker with five for 7.

Ashby got their revenge over Wigston in the return game at Willow Park on July 14th. restricting the home team to 117 for 7 before making 123 for the loss of 4 wickets. J. Woodward, Bas Dilkes and Derick Smith all scored 30's.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press Ashby Carington won 4 and lost 2. At least 20 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 122, John Favell 91. Top bowlers were Colin Smith 15 wickets, Dave Smith 15, Bob Jaggard 12.

Debutants in 1973 included G. Essex who appears to have only played a single season. Playing their final season was S Forsdick who had been playing at Barsby in the final season of 1970.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1973 were: J. Beeton, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, G. Essex, Michael Evans, Tony Evans, A. Favell, John Favell, S. Forsdick, R. Ingham, R. Hensman, R. Jaggard, W. Ovans, P. North, J. Richardson, Colin Smith, D.W. Smith, Derick Smith, A. Woods, , John Woodward.

Season 1974:

Ashby Carington continued to compete in the Burrough and District League and entered the Nursing Cup.

Burrough League

The Burrough League expanded to ten teams with the addition of Egerton Park, Braunstone, and Syston who had previously only entered the cup. The league appears to have reverted to its previous structure with an A and B division the winners of each meeting in the Final. The Final was won by Pickwell against newcomers Egerton Park. Nothing is known of Ashby's results.

In late July the Burrough League representative XI reached the Final of the *Howard Clarke Cup* beating the Belgrave League in the Semi. The Final was played on the YMCA Ground against the Leicester Amateur League. Ashby Carington all-rounder Bob Jaggard was selected for the Burrough League team.

The Howard Clark Cup was competed between representative sides of the numerous Leicestershire based Leagues. It is known the competition was running as early as 1956.

Nursing Cup

Ashby entered the Nursing Cup losing in the Quarter Final to Thorpe Arnold.

Thorpe Arnold	96 for 4	(Jaggard 3 for 27, P. Lane 1 for 34)
Ashby Carington	84 for 7	(G. Dilkes 28, R. Jaggard 22)

In a close game Ashby lost by 8 runs. Ashby would have been hampered by both opener Derick Smith retiring hurt along with Bob Jaggard unfortunately having to retire hurt having scored 22.

Friendlies

The only records of Friendlies are from two games against Wigston 1st team. In the first game at Ashby lost by 22 runs chasing Wigston's total of 96.

In the return game on July 17th, according to the Wigston club reporter, Wigston were robbed of what surely must have been certain victory, when Saturday evening's thunderstorm brought an abrupt finish to their home game with Ashby Carrington. Chasing a total of 170, the Ashby had only made 48 for the loss of six wickets when the heavens opened.

Paul Dunkley and Eugene Harvey put on 77 for the first wicket before the latter was bowled by Cropper for 44. After this, the middle order faltered against an all-spin attack with wickets falling at fairly regular intervals. Dunkley went on to make 63 before becoming the eighth wicket to fall. A young Clayton took the first three Ashby wickets at a personal cost of only eight runs in his seven overs. In

failing light, he was replaced by Richard Carter who also bowled exceptionally well taking three wickets for nine runs in three overs.

One notable debutant in 1974 was Phil Lane who played for Ashby until the year 2000 and is still involved in the club as Charman in 2021.

Season 1975:

Ashby Carington continued to compete in the Burrough and District League and had a successful season in the Knockout Cup ending runners Up. The Salaman Cup along with a new competition called the Salaman Village cup were entered, Ashby reaching the Semi-Final in both competitions.

Salaman Cup

In the Salaman Cup Ashby reached the Semi Final following a tied game against Keyworth which went to a replay which Ashby won by 8 wickets. In the Semi Final Oakham were too strong for Ashby winning by 60 runs.

Round 1: Leicester Nomads v Ashby Carington

Quarter Final:

Keyworth	105
Ashby Carington	105

Quarter Final replay:

Ashby Carington	75 for 2
Keyworth	74 for 10

Semi Final:

Oakham	127
Ashby Carington	67

Salaman Village Cup

The Salaman Village Cup had the format of 18 eight ball overs. It is suspected this was a short-lived competition as nothing more is known about it being competed for in later seasons. Ashby were drawn against Pickwell in the Semi Final and lost by 9 wickets

Ashby Carington	68 for 10 (John Woodward 32)
Pickwell	71 for 1

Burrough League

The Burrough League again changed its format reverting to one single division of 11 teams with each team playing each other only once. Hoby & Rotherby had joined the league. By mid-June Ashby sat 5th in the league having won two and lost two games. Pickwell ended the season as league winners for the third consecutive year. Ashby's final position is unknown.

Pickwell	64 for 4 (R. Jaggard 2 for 28, Dave Smith 2 for 28)
Ashby Carington	32 for 7 (R. Jaggard 7, P Lane 6 n.o.)
Hoby & Rotherby	72 for 6 (C. Smith 3 for 39, D. Smith 1 for 11)
Ashby Carington	73 for 7 (C. Smith 25, W. Ovans 15)

In the KO Cup Ashby were drawn away to Syston Colts in the Semi Final. The scores of the game are unknown but it is presumed Ashby won and reached the Final as Syston's own records don't show them playing in the Final in 1975. Pickwell were the victors in the Final.

Nursing & Combined Cups

In September there was some concern over the future of the Melton Cups with a meeting being held to decide their future. It appears 14 clubs entered in 1975 (probably not including Ashby Carington). The meeting must have had a positive outcome as the cups continued for many years to come, thankfully as Ashby were in later years to have much success.

Friendlies

Results from three friendlies were recorded. On the 21st of May Ashby visited Wigston to play their 2nd XI. In a low scoring game Ashby lost by 15 runs chasing a total of 78.

In the return match on July 12th Ashby played hosts to Wigston 2nd XI. The wicket apparently was still poor being described by the visitors as "a none too true wicket". In steady drizzle, Wigston 2nd XI managed to haul themselves from a precarious position to come away with a draw. Ashby scored 109 runs from the 48 overs dispatched. With Wigston nine wickets down and requiring 18 off the last over for a victory they settled sensibly for a draw.

Later in the month Pickwell scored 123 for 9, Ashby responded with 198 all out. Colin Smith top scored with 69 with Roger Cropper and Michael Evans both taking 3 wickets.

In 1975 we have the first record of Alan Smith playing for Ashby in the Burrough League game at Hoby (although it is believed he first played in 1971). Other debutants who may have only played a single season were T. Shillock and McDonald. From the few records exist from 1975 the leading run maker was Colin Smith 163, and top bowlers Roger Cropper 6, Michael Evans 6.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1975 were: J. Beeton, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, John Favell, , R. Jaggard, Phil Lane, W. Ovans , McDonald, T. Shillock, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, D.W. Smith, John Woodward.

Season 1976:

Ashby Carington continued to compete in the Burrough and District League finishing 4th and had a successful season in the Knockout Cup finishing Runners Up for the second successive year.

Burrough League

The Burrough League remained as a single division of 12 with the addition of Asfordby and Thorpe Arnold. Long-time members Kirby Bellars departed.

In mid-June after six games Ashby had only lost one game and sat joint top after a win against the leaders Pickwell. The visitors were bowled out for 45 runs thanks to fine bowling from Phil Lane and David Smith who both took four wickets. Openers Derick Smith and Peter Hebden (formally North) got Ashby off to a strong start scoring 18 and 13 respectively. Defeats to Hoby and Thorpe Arnold left Ashby finishing the league in 4th place winning seven and losing four games, Pickwell again finishing as champions for the fourth year running.

Ashby Carington	69 for 8 (Derick Smith 18, Peter Hebden 13, R Baker 10)
Pickwell	45 for 10 (Dave Smith 4 for 24, Phil Lane 4 for 17)
Hoby & Rotherby	65 for 8 (Dave Smith 4 for 36, R. Jaggard 4 for 24)
Ashby Carington	45 for 10 (J Beeton 10)
Thorpe Arnold	72 for 9 (A Smith 2 for 16, N Jaggard 2 for 19, R. Cropper 2 for 9)
Ashby Carington	52 for 7 (Dave Smith 24 n.o., Alan Woods 10)

Ashby reached the Knockout Cup Final where they lost to the all-conquering Pickwell team. Having set an impressive total of 116 for 8 Pickwell restricted Ashby to 61 for 6.

Ashby Carington	61 for 6 (P. Hebden 18, A. Favell 15 n.o.)
Pickwell	116 for 8

Six a Side Knock Out Cup

Ashby entered a six a side tournament, other entries including Thorpe Arnold, Great Dalby and Pickwell. By early June Ashby had reached the Quarter Finals when they faced Thorpe Arnold on a Friday night. Ashby's fielded a young team comprising of Dave Smith, Dave Hebden, Rob Jaggard, Andrew Favell, Phil Lane and Michael Evans. Thorpe batting first set a target of 33, in reply, Dave Smith led the way scoring 17 but Ashby ultimately finished 1 run short on 32 for 5.

Friendlies

The season started with a Sunday game at home to Leicester Teachers, Ashby won the toss and asked the visitors to bat. Teachers were dismissed for just 57, David Smith taking 5 for 10 in his six overs. Ashby lost their first four wickets for 7 runs until a 5th wicket stand of 42 between Colin Smith and John Woodward steadied the ship. Ashby finally won by four wickets.

In a low scoring game Asfordby were bowled out for 65 in 31 overs (Dave Smith 3 for 13, Roger Cropper 2 for 5, Colin Smith 2 for 8). Tight bowling from Whitfield who bowled 19 overs taking 6 for 11 restricted Ashby to 48 all out. The following week Ashby's batsmen were in better form scoring 114 at home to Stoughton & Thurnby. Phil Lane took 5 for 17 helping to restrict Stoughton to 79 all out. Sunday's game at Woodhouse Eaves was lost, the home team declaring at tea on 78 for 7 (Cropper 3 for 17 in 11 overs) before bowling Ashby out for 68. Ashby lost their last five wickets for eighth runs.

Later in May Ratcliffe College had an easy eight wicket victory over Ashby chasing down the target of 118 in just 14 overs. On a damp wicket Ashby had an improved performance against Wymeswold. Having put the opposition into bat Colin Smith took 5 for 11 in 12 overs restricting Wymeswold to 60. John Favell led the Ashby reply scoring 29. Colin Smith was again in top form the following Saturday taking 7 for 27 in a 32-run win against Wigston. Andrew Favell scored 47 in Ashby's total of 126. On the Sunday Ashby won again scoring 137 for 4 declared against South Leicester Welfare. Both John Woodward and Peter Hebden scored 54. Fine bowling by R. Jaggard who took 7 for 13 restricted Welfare to 119 all out.

Into June Wymeswold got their revenge in the return fixture posting a challenging total of 172 for 7. Despite losing the first five wickets for 21 Ashby rallied thanks to 46 from Rob Jaggard before falling 26 runs short. Against Sileby, tight bowling (Dave Smith 5 for 34) had Ashby's opponents struggling on 41 for 6, unfortunately only two further wickets were taking leaving the game drawn.

Ashby had an easy 114 run victory over Braunstone with Colin Smith scoring 61. In a close game against Great Glen, the game was lost on the last ball of the game with Glen surpassing Ashby's total of 137

with two wickets remaining. Adam Bros & Shardlow were easily beaten by 72 runs in late June. Colin Smith scored 64 in Ashby's total of 154 for 5. Wigston 2^{nds} were dispatched for just 36 runs at Ashby chasing the home teams total of 137 for 7.

In early August Ashby faced new opponents Pancholi. Despite declaring on 155 for 1 Ashby could not take the required wickets for victory, Pancholi finishing on 112 for 8. Andrew Favell was clearly now focusing on his batting scoring an unbeaten 86 ably supported by John Woodward who was 51 not out. The following week Ashby drew again against Kibworth.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press in 1976 Ashby Carington won 8, lost 5 and had 2 draws. At least 19 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 302, Colin Smith 245, Peter Hebden 221 and Andrew Favell 207. Top bowlers were Colin Smith 21 wickets, Roger Cropper 20, Dave Smith 20 and Bob Jaggard 19.

Playing their first games for Ashby in 1976 were Nigel Hubbard (still a regular in the GMCA team in 2021) and N. Jaggard, two other players appeared to play for a single season in 1976, J. Sutherland and R. Baker. Several long-term players from the Barsby era appeared to play their final season, Bas Dilkes (first playing for Barsby in 1954), John Favell (played for Ashby Folville CC as early as 1935). Finally, J. Beeton who had been playing for Ashby since 1971 primarily in night games played his final game.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1976 were: R. Baker, J. Beeton, Roger Cropper, Basil Dilkes, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, John Favell, P. Hebden, Nigel Hubbard, N. Jaggard, R. Jaggard, Phil Lane, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith, D.W. Smith, J. Sutherland, Alan Woods, John Woodward.

Season 1977:

Few records exist from 1977 but it is known that Ashby Carington continued to compete in the Burrough and District League probably finishing 3rd.

Burrough League

The Burrough League remained as a single division now with 14 teams with the addition of Holwell Works and Tilton. By the end of July Ashby Carington were in 3rd place having won seven of the nine games played. Leaders Braunston had won eight from ten, second placed Great Dalby seven from twelve. Records exist from two games played:

Pickwell	87 for 4
Ashby Carington	54 for 4 (Favell 21)
Great Dalby	66 for 2
Ashby Carington	64 for 4 (DK Smith 31)

Friendlies

The regular fixture against Wigston took place again with Ashby visiting Wigston to play the 2nd team in May. Setting a relatively small total of 78 Wigston bowled out Ashby for just 63. In the return fixture Wigston hung on for a draw when nine wickets down chasing Ashby's total of 109.

Season 1978:

Ashby Carington were placed in Division 1 of the now two division Burrough League finishing bottom but one. The Salaman Cup was also entered with Ashby losing away at Notts forest in the first Round. Ashby didn't enter the Melton Cups, the cup committee expressing concern in the local press about the lack of interest.

Burrough League

With the size of the Burrough League again increasing to 16 teams it was finally decided to split into two divisions. Ashby were placed in the top division along with Melton Town, Pickwell, Great Dalby, Syston, Thorpe Arnold, Braunston and Egerton Park. New to the league were Whissendine, Barkby and Edmonthorpe. Long term members Twyford departed from the league.

Ashby finished the season in 6th place winning just 3 of the 14 games and were related along with bottom team Thorpe Arnold. Syston were League champions with Pickwell winning the Knockout cup.

After a lapse of several years the "Threes" Competition was revived on the May Bank Holiday Monday. The competition was held at Melton Town starting at 10:30 with the final scheduled for 8pm, Ashby drew Syston in the 1st Round. The final was won by Braunston who defeated Thorpe Arnold.

Friendlies

The only records of friendlies were again against Wigston 2nd X1. Wigston won their home game in May chasing Ashby's total of 156 for 6 and obtaining the runs for the loss of six wickets. Ashby got their revenge in the August game at home bowling out Wigston for 76, seven runs short of Ashby's total.

Season 1979:

Ashby Carington were now in Division 2 of the Burrough League having been relegated in 1978. However, a successful season saw Ashby finishing 2nd and clinch promotion back to Division 1.

Burrough League

The Burrough League remained as two divisions with Norton & Gaulby and Syston RFC joining and Egerton Park departing

Ashby finished the season in 2nd place behind Thorpe Arnold. Syston won Division 1 and Pickwell beat Thorpe Arnold in the KO Cup Final. Ashby results against Thorpe Arnold were recorded in the Melton Times:

Ashby Carington	45 for 9 (B. Rowe 13)
Thorpe Arnold	48 for 1 (Phil Lane 1 for 7)
Thorpe Arnold	84 for 4 (D. Smith 2 for 40)
Ashby Carington	88 for 2 (Woodward 22, D. Smith 22 n.o., Rowe 16 n.o.)

At the end of the season there was discussion about the Burrough League launching a Weekend League with games on a Saturday or Sunday.

Friendlies

The regular fixture against Wigston 2nd XI again took place, with Ashby scoring an impressive 235 for 7 in the home game. What must have been a weakened Wigston team were then dismissed for just 84.

In 1979 we have the first record of R. Underwood playing at Ashby. Four other players are first recorded as playing at Ashby in 1979 and appear to have only played a single season. J. Burton, B. Rowe, J Underwood and G. Woods

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1979 were: J. Burton, Roger Cropper, Michael Evans, N. Jaggard, Phil Lane, B. Rowe, D.W. Smith, J. Underwood, R. Underwood, Alan Woods, G. Woods, John Woodward.

Season 1980:

Ashby Carington remained in Division 1 Burrough and District League, finishing as runners up. For the first time since 1974 (probably) Ashby entered the Melton Cups reaching the Semi Final in both the Combined Cup and Nursing Cup.

Melton Cups

Ashby Carington were amongst 15 entries into the Melton cups. The cups were still supporting local charities with the previous year's competition raising £25 for the British Legion, Melton St. Mary's Hospital and the Leicester Roya Institute of the Blind. Ashby were given a bye in the 1st Round of the Combined Cup and were drawn away to Melton Police in the Nursing Cup.

Other Entries included: Asfordby, Nether Broughton, Great Dalby, Old Dalby, Kirklands, Buckminster, Lord Kings, Melton town, Thorpe Arnold, Edmonthorpe, Pickwell, Saxby & Stapleford Melton Police and Upper Broughton.

In the 2nd Round of the Combined Cup Ashby won away at Upper Broughton and progressed to the Semi Final where they faced Great Dalby. Unfortunately, Ashby lost mainly due to the fine bowling of P. Loddington who took 7 wickets for 6 runs in his six over spell.

Great Dalby	88
Ashby Carington	45

In the Nursing Cup Ashby also progressed to the Semi Final this time facing Upper Broughton. Ashby lost a close fought game when they were dismissed for 57 with two balls left chasing the Broughton total of 58 for 8.

Saxby went onto win the Nursing Cup and Buckminster the combined cup.

Burrough League

The Burrough League remained as two divisions with 16 teams competing. Syston RFC left after just one season, Cottesmore joining. Ashby won eight lost four and had two games counted as draws presumably rained off.

1980 Burrough League Table – Stamford Mercury

FINAL chart of the Burrough and District Cricket League:

	Division I					
	P	W	D	L	B	P
Thorpe Arnold	14	10	1	0	3	31
Ashby Crtn	14	8	2	0	4	26
Saxby/Stpi	14	8	0	0	6	24
Braunston	14	7	1	0	6	22
Melton SC	14	6	1	1	6	21
Pickwell	14	6	1	0	7	18
System Town	14	3	1	1	9	12
Gt Dalby	14	3	1	0	10	9

In early May new recruit Peter Taylor was instrumental in leading Ashby to a convincing eight wicket win at Pickwell, taking just 12 overs to get the 58 runs. Dave Smith and Peter Taylor took eight wickets apiece for Ashby. Woodward and Jaggard got Ashby off to a swift start in their reply putting on 31 in the first 5 overs Taylor top scored with the bat with 20 runs. The victory against Great Dalby was a tighter with Ashby getting the winning runs off the last ball of the game. Michael Evans was the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 26.

Pickwell	57 for 9 (P. Taylor 4 for 11, D. Smith 4 for 38)
Ashby Carington	58 for 2 (Jaggard 19, P. Taylor 20)
Ashby Carington	87 for 7
Thorpe Arnold	88 for 5
Ashby Carington	88 (J. Woodward 26, Woods 13, C. Smith 20)
Great Dalby	87 for 6 (M. Evans 4 for 26)

Friendlies

In late May Ashby had the customary friendly with Wigston. Playing at home Wigston 2nd XI scored 95 which Ashby passed for the loss of six wickets. Ashby won the return fixture by 34 runs. The only other friendly we have records of was in June against Great Glen. Ashby scored 195 for 5 off 45 overs, Colin Smith top scoring with 52. Opening bowler Nigel Hubbard took the first four Great Glen wickets for 17 runs of 7 overs before the rain robbed Ashby of a likely victory.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1980 were, Michael Evans, N. Jaggard, Colin Smith, D.W. Smith, Peter Taylor, Alan Woods, John Woodward.

Season 1981:

Ashby Carington remained in Division 1 Burrough and District League, no record exists of the final position. We also have our oldest scorebook from 1981 with records of the Burrough League, Saturday and Sunday friendlies from the second half of the season.

Burrough League

Ashby were in Division 1 of the Burrough League with Barkby, Pickwell, Whissendine, Melton, Thorpe Arnold, Braunston and Saxby & Stapleford. Records exists from the back end of the season with Ashby winning three and loosing 3 games. The victories coming against Saxby, Melton and Pickwell.

One of the team's best batting performances came in the away game at Melton Town. Batting first Ashby set a total of 122 for 2. Openers Alan Smith and John Woodward put on 19 for the first wicket before Smith was out for 20. Dave Smith joined Woodward who was run out for 32, Colin Smith then came to the crease and was undefeated on 35, Dave smith making 34 in a unbeaten partnership of 54. Melton ran Ashby close finishing 5 runs short on 117 for 7.

Regulars in the Burrough League team were John Woodward, Colin Smith, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, N. Jaggard; bowlers, Robert Cooper, Michael Evans, Nigel Hubbard; wicket keeper Alan Woods. One of the best individual performances was in mid May when Robert Cooper was in the Melton Times Honours Board for taking 5 for 12 (against unknown opposition).

Friendlies

The only records of friendlies in the first half of the season was a drawn game away against Wigston 2nd XI. Despite Ashby only setting 103, Wigston struggled to 87 for 7 to draw the game. The return game in July at Ashby was another low scoring game with Ashby bowling out Wigston for just 78 having themselves been bowled out for 96.

Medbourne and Queniborough visited Ashby on the weekend of the 17th / 18th July and were both defeated. Batting first against Medbourne Ashby set 165 for 9 with Ala Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith and Michael Evans all making useful contributions with the bat. Opener Nigel Hubbard took 6 for 19 in just 6 overs restricting the visitors to 81 all out. In a closer game against Queniborough on the Sunday Queniborough made 192 for 5 (Stimpson 90 not out). Ashby took 41 overs to get the runs for the loss of 7 wickets, Colin Smith top scoring with 49. The following weekend was not so successful with Ashby losing at Gaddesby by 13 runs then having to be content with a draw on the Sunday against South Leicester Welfare with Ashby just 8 runs short of the required total of 155 (John Woodward scoring 55).

Ashby only win in August came against Braunstone in a low scoring game presumably reduced in time for bad weather. Ashby made 92 for 7 in 25 overs, Colin Smith top scoring with 27. In reply Braunstone were bowled out for 74 in 24 overs, Dave Smith and Roger Cropper both taking 4 wickets. Games were lost against Victoria Road Church, Leicester Teachers and Bharat. The game against Bharat was a particularly heavy defeat with Ashby only making 67 chasing a total of 196 (Bharat's two openers having a stand of 140). Michael Evans with figures of 4 for 32 was the only player to perform on the day. Games against Great Glen, Glenthorpe and south Leicester Welfare were drawn. Two standout performances were 75 by Colin Smith in the game at home to Glenthorpe, and Nigel Hubbard's 7 for 7 in 11 overs in the drawn match at Ellistown against south Leicester Welfare.

The season finished with a easy 8 wicket win in the local derby at Gaddesby, a loss against Lord Kings XI at Wartnaby, a tie at home to Westfields and a loss in the final game at Syston against Kirklands.

The game against Westfields was contested over 35 overs with Ashby scoring 92 for 8. In reply Westfields needed two to win off the last over being bowled by Phil Lane. With only one run scored Westfields final man was run out off the last ball of the game with the scores level.

Of the friendly games recorded in the press in 1981 Ashby Carington won 5, lost 6 and had 6 draws. At least 29 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 417, Colin Smith 363, Alan Smith 220. Top bowlers were Michael Evans 51 wickets, Roger Cropper 28, Phil Lane 18.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1981 were youngsters; Stuart Beekan, Rob and Richard Slater, Rob Spence and Robert Woods (still an active player in 2021). Also making his debut was Michael Home who went onto be club Secretary and Robert Cooper who played for many years and supported the ground staff. Several others players appeared to have played in 1981 and in no other seasons including E Blout, P Blout, D. Carington, M. Flowers, Ant G Smith, A and R Underwood. It was also the final season N. Jaggard played at Ashby.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1981 were: Stuart Beeken, E. Blout, P. Blout, D. Carington, Robert Cooper, Roger Cropper, Michael Evans, M. Flowers, Michael Home, Nigel Hubbard, N. Jaggard, R. Jaggard, R. Kenyon, Phil Lane, R. Pratley, Robert Slater, Richard Slater, Ant G Smith, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith, Derick Smith, Robert Spence, A. Underwood, R. Underwood, Alan Woods, Robert Woods, John Woodward.

Season 1982:

Ashby Carington remained in Division 1 Burrough and District League, no record exists of the final position although its likely Ashby narrowly avoided relegation. The Nursing Cup was also entered with Ashby losing to Thorpe Arnold in the first round.

Melton Cups

Ashby were drawn against Thorpe Arnold in the 1st Round of the Nursing Cup. Batting first Ashby set a under par score of 73 for 6. John Woodward was top scorer with 40, For Thorpe Asher took 6 wickets for 18 runs. It took Thorpe 15 overs to score the required runs.

Burrough League

Ashby were in Division 1 of the Burrough League with Syston, Braunston, Whissendine, Saxby & Stapleford, Great Dalby, Pickwell and Thorpe Arnold. From the records we have Ashby lost to Pickwell, Thorpe Arnold and Great Dalby but beat Pickwell towards the end of the season. In late June Ashby were in 7th place of 8 teams in the table with just two wins from six games. Syston sat top with seven wins from seven and Saxby were bottom with just one win.

There were several heavy defeats, in May Pickwell won by 10 wickets having bowled Ashby out for 42. Into June Thorpe Arnold amassed a massive score of 157 for 7, Ashby replying with 94. However, Ashby did get revenge against Pickwell bowling the opposition out for just 31 (Slater 5 for 17, Evans 5 for 12) to win by 27 runs. The season ended with a defeat against Great Dalby, Gilbert taking 8 of Dalby's wickets in their 57-run victory.

Friendlies

The only records of friendlies were the regular games against Wigston and the Syston based Kirklands team.

Ashby won the encounter in April with Kirklands the game being a 35 over match played on the Saturday. Ashby batted first setting a total of 114 for 6, largely due to a sixth wicket partnership of 65 between R. Jaggard and wicket keeper Alan Woods. Kirklands were bowled out for 68 runs in just 28 overs. Nigel Hubbard dismissed the first four batsman and finished with figures of 4 for 16, the other wickets being taken by Phil Lane 3, Dave Smith 2 and R. Pratley. Ashby won the home game to Wigston 2nds but lost in the return fixture.

In mid-august Ashby Folville hosted the Young Farmers cricket trophy with Melton beating Rearsby in the Final.

R. Pratley appears to have played his final game for Ashby in 1982. With few records existing of the scorecards from 1982 our list of players is almost certainly incomplete. Those we know played were:

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1981 were: Michael Evans, Nigel Hubbard, R. Jaggard, Phil Lane, R. Pratley, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith, Alan Woods, Robert Woods, John Woodward.

Barsby Cricket Club pre WW1																		
	First Game	Last Game	Years Played															
C. Littlewood	1886														1886	1887		
N. Long	1885														1885	1887		
J. Mayfield	1885														1885			
D. Mansfield	1885														1885			
E. Mansfield	1878												1878					
Marshall	1827	1827	1828															
G. Murden	1877												1877					
Thomas North	1877												1877					
T. Palethorpe	1914															1914		
R. Pears	1877												1877					
T. Pears	1877												1877					
W. Pearson	1879													1879				
Edward Percy	1859						1859	1860	1863				1876					
N. Percy	1860							1860										
A. B. Platts	1879													1879		1886		
A.G. Platts	1914															1914		
E. Platts	1879													1879				
John Powell	1874											1874						
C. Ploughman	1875											1875						
J. Randell	1886															1886		
Thomas Randall	1874											1874	1875	1876	1878	1879	1885	1887
W. Richardson	1876												1876				1885	1886
J. Sanders	1877													1877				
T. Smith	1864												1874					
W. Smith	1863											1863		1876				
T. Spencer	1859							1859	1860	1863								
A. Tunicliffe	1874												1874					
J. Tyres	1885																1885	
E. Walker	1876													1876				
John Walker	1874												1874			1878	1879	
Samuel Walker	1876													1876	1877			
Ward	1827	1827																
E. Warrington	1859								1859	1860								
H. Warrington	1827	1827																
H. Warrington jnr	1875														1875			
John (J) Warrington	1827	1827	1828	1831	1838	1852	1858	1859					1863					
James Warrington	1863													1863				
Joseph Warrington	1828		1828		1838													
Joshua Warrington	1860												1860					
M. Warrington	1874													1874				
R. Warrington	1858									1858								
Samuel (s) Warrington	1827	1827		1831	1838	1852	1858					1860	1863		1875			
T. Warrington	1831			1831														
William (W) Warrington	1828		1828	1831	1838	1852								1874				
S. Whait	1874													1874				
E. Whait	1884															1884		1886
Widdowson	1884															1884		
White	1827	1827	1828															
L. White	1874													1874			1878	
W.E. White	1875													1875		1877		
E. White	1878															1878	1879	
W. White	1879															1879		
D. Whitish	1875													1875				
J. Whitwell	1827	1827	1828															
R. Whitwell	1827	1827	1828															

KEY:		First played for Ashby Folville							
		First played for Barsby							

Ashby Folville Cricket Club pre WWI									
	First game	Last Game	Years Played						
A. Adams	1899						1899	1904	
J. Adams	1899						1899	1904	1906
W. Adcock	1860	1860							
W. Barratt	1899						1899		
J. Black	1860	1860	1864						
S. Black	1860	1860							
T. Black	1885			1885					
W. Black	1860	1860	1864						
W. Black jnr	1864		1864						
J. Blockley	1904							1904	
G. Brewin	1864		1864						
T. Brewin	1860	1860							
H Brown	1859			1885	1894				
T. Brown	1860	1860							
W. S. Carington	1904							1904	
J. Clarke	1884				1894	1899			
W. Davis	1906								1906
F. Day	1904							1904	
G. Freckingham	1864		1864						
J. Garford	1894				1894				
H. J. Gibson	1894				1894				
A. Greasley	1894				1894				
J. Haines	1894				1894				
W. Hinman	1860	1860							
S. Hodgkin	1864		1864						
E. Hollier	1904							1904	
J. Jones	1899						1899	1904	
J. Johnson	1860	1860	1864						
H. Kettle	1860	1860	1864						
C. Martin	1906								1906
A. North	1894				1894				
A. Percy	1899						1899		1906
W. Percy	1899						1899	1904	
C. Pykett	1885			1885					
S. Robinson	1885			1885					
F. Screnton	1904							1904	
A. Smith	1894				1894				1906
J. W. Smith	1894				1894				1906
T. Smith	1864		1864						
M. soarbow	1864		1864						
J. Tyres	1885						1899		
A. Underwood	1894				1894				
W. Underwood	1885			1885					
F. Walker	1907								1907
J. Walker	1874							1904	
D. Ward	1860	1860							
H. Warrington	1875						1899	1904	
A Watts	1894				1894	1899			
W. Watts	1899					1899			
H. Whait	1860	1860	1864						
T. Wright	1906								1906

Chapter 2 - Players – Between the Wars

	KEY:																	
			First played for Ashby Folville															
			First played for Barsby															
Barsby between the Wars																		
	First Game	Last Game	Years Played															
A. Adams	1899		1921	1922		1929	1930										1933	
H. Adams																	1933	
W. Allen			1921															
W. Andrews																	1934	
H. Baker				1922														
W. Baker						1928	1929											
W. Black																	1933	
J. Bowley	1914	1921																
S. Bowley						1928												
T. Bowley						1928												
F. Broadley								1930										
H. Brooks																1932	1934	
W. Brooks																	1933	
H. Brown	1885	1921	1922															
B. Burgin							1929											
R. Burgin				1922	1928	1929												
W. Dawson																		1934
E. Earp			1921															
J. Earp	1914			1922														
M. Evans																	1933	1934
G. Goddard				1922	1928	1929												
J. Goddard			1921	1922	1928	1929												
E. Gutteridge			1921	1922	1928													
P. Hart																		1933
H. Hawley																		1933
H. Heard			1921															
H. Hodges			1921															
A. Knapp																		1934
A. Lambert																	1933	1934
A. Morriss			1921															
W. Morriss						1928	1929										1933	
T. Palethorpe	1914			1922														
A.G Platts	1914	1921	1922	1928	1929												1933	
A. S. Platts			1921		1929													
H. Riley			1921		1928								1932	1933				
E Riley																		1934
M. Riley					1928	1929											1933	
L. Roberts						1929												
E. Springthorpe										1931								
J. Springthorpe							1929										1933	1934
T stubbs																		1934
G. Swain																	1933	
A. Terry																	1933	
F. Terry				1922														
Rev Turner																		1934
A. Walker			1921		1928	1929												
F. Warrington					1928	1929	1930										1933	
Sam (S) Warrington			1921	1922	1928													
Sid Warrington			1921															
T. Warrington						1929											1933	
W. Warrington	1874	1921																
E Weight																		1934

KEY:		First played for Ashby Folville							
		First played for Barsby							
Ashby Folville between the wars									
	First game	Last Game	Years Played						
A. Allen	1939								1939
W. Allen	1921		1931						1939
H. Baker	1931		1931	1933					
W. Baker	1928			1933			1937	1938	
D. Bolland	1937						1937		
H. Bonshor	1914						1937	1938	1939
W. Dawson	1934						1937	1938	1939
B. Deeks	1939								1939
J. Favell	1935					1935			1939
G. Flable	1931		1931						
E. Gutteridge	1921		1931	1933	1934				
J. Hack	1934				1934	1935	1937		
W. Howkins	1934				1934				
E. Hubbard	1933			1933	1934	1935	1937	1938	1939
G. Hubbard	1939								1939
H. Hubbard	1933			1933					
S. Hubbard	1934				1934				
W. Hubbard	1938							1938	
PC Jones	1929	1929							
E. Kirk	1939								1939
C. Lambert	1933			1933		1935			
W. Lane	1939								1939
C. Ledger	1935					1935			
G. Morriss	1931		1931			1935			
W. Morris	1928					1935	1937	1938	
R. Norman	1939								1939
Alf Queenborough	1934				1934		1937		
H Queeborough	1934				1934				
T. Rhodes	1935					1935			
M. Riley	1928			1933		1935	1937	1938	1939
G. Slenger	1931		1931						
A. Smith	1894		1931						
J Smith	1894		1931		1934				
W. Smith	1937						1937	1938	1939
F. Terry	1932							1938	1939
J. Terry	1939								1939
T. Terry	1939								1939
T. Trivitt	1935					1935			
H. Walker	1933			1933					1939
F. Warrington	1937						1937	1938	1939
F Warrington snr	1929				1934				
S. Warrington	1921	1929	1931	1934	1935	1937	1938	1939	
A. Watts	1894								1939
B. Whait	1939								1939
E. Whait	1934		1931		1934				
D. White	1937						1937		
E. White	1934							1938	
A William	1931		1931						

Chapter 3 – Players – Barsby post WW2

KEY:																															
		First played for Ashby Folville																													
		Last played for Ashby Carington																													
Barsby Cricket Club post WW2																															
	First Game	Last Game	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	Runs	Wickets		
Allsop	1951	1951						1																				1			
P Arnold	1970	1970																								1		1			
H Asher	1968	1968																							2			2			
P Asher	1967	1970																						15		0	15	5			
Billy Baker	1933	1949				0																						0			
K. Barker	1967	1967																						0				0	2		
M. Bishop	1968	1969																								6		6			
T Bishop	1968	1969																							0	37		37			
M. Brookhouse (Brookhurst)	1951	1960					0	3									1											4	6		
L. Bonshor	1956	1956										0																0			
Brian Burgin	1955	1967									4	7	1		20		3		0	9				121				165	1		
David Burgin	1964	1970																	0	2				84	72	4	0	162	2		
John Burgin	1951	1970						11		0			26	37	16	13	27	21	1	0			7	123	94	37	19	432	102		
P. Burgin	1955	1958										16			26													42			
W. Burgin	1958	1958													3													3			
D. Callthorpe	1961	1961																										4			
J. Cockeram	1961	1961																										0			
G. Cope	1947	1955	x									0	6															6	0		
D Cotteral	1967	1967																							1			1			
P. Crawford	1962	1962																										14			
Roger Cropper	1966	1986																						2	148	175	17	105	447	107	
R. Cursley	1950	1951					53	5																				58			
Brian Dennis	1957	1961												0														1	3		
G. (Basil) Dilkes	1954	1976								1	22	20	53	18	41	1	55			24	15				181	124	100	144	799	1	
W. Dilkes	1961	1961																										6			
R. Elliot	1950	1956					4						0															4	1		
Ashley Evans	1967	1969																							3	160	69		232	7	
John Evans	1963	1970																			0						21	21	6		
Michael Evans	1970	1994																									7	7	2		
Tony Evans	1957	1973												13	21	51				32	11	21			230	118	95	287	879		
Andrew Favell	1968	2010																									0	0	0		
John Favell	1935	1976	x	x		0	52	13			20	0	95	0	37		12	19		0	17		10	125	152	53	55	660	7		
I Flowers	1967	1967																								0			0		
R. Flowers	1967	1969																								24	14	25		63	
S. Flowers	1967	1969																								28	18	2		48	3
G. Forsdick	1970	1970																										0	0		
Steve Forsdick	1970	1972																										0	0		
Stu. Forsdick	1970	1970																									13	13			
D. Franks	1967	1971																								14	30	55	17	116	14
D. Grimmer	1967	1967																								0			0	2	
A. Hartshorn	1967	1956						0					8																8	4	
D Heggs	1948	1948			24																								24		
Jack Hepwell	1949	1950				0	3																						3		
F. Hoar (Core)	1947	1948	x		10																								10	2	
A. Heard	1950	1951					0	3																					3	1	
M. Hull	1968	1968																								0			0	1	
Clewe Iliffe	1947	1947	x																										0	2	

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	First Game	Last Game	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	Runs	Wickets						
E. Jackson	1967	1967																						9				9							
Robert Jaggard	1969	1983																								107	170	277	72						
B. Jameson	1969	1970																								0	5	5	1						
C. Knapp	1970	1971																									282	282							
Mansfield	1950	1950					2																					2							
Mann	1951	1951						1																				1							
Jeff Meadows	1949	1954		x	140	71					6																	217							
John Mitchell	1954	1954									9																	9							
A. Nixon	1956	1956										1																1							
N North	1970	1970																									11	11							
Peter North (Hebden)	1970	1986																									162	162							
B. Palethorpe	1970	1970																									9	9							
Derick Palethorpe	1954	1972									13	12	2	5	7	10	7			13	3	6			42	23	20	68	231	1					
Peter Palethorpe	1954	1968									7	0	0	52	8	27				12	43			1	291	162		603	42						
N. Pizer	1967	1967																							1				1	4					
J. Porter	1970	1970																									22	22							
E. Powell	1954	1954									1																	1	6						
Bill Rawson	1954	1957									0		0	4														4							
Colin Rendell	1954	1954									x						0											0							
T. Rhodes	1960	1960															3											3							
R.Richardson	1969	1973																									28	28	4						
A Riddington	1968	1970																								3	6	15	24	40					
Sanderson	1950	1950					1																					1	1						
J. Sarson	1967	1967																							5			5							
P. Shipley	1967	1967																							3			3							
J Shillock	1968	1970																									27	8	35						
Bill Smith	1937	1957						1			x	1		3														5							
Colin Smith	1958	1986													2	21	1	4	35	0	29			37	302	217	264	265	1177	178					
David (DW) Smith	1967	2007																							x		1	1	19						
Derick (DK) smith	1955	1983										6	12			5	1	2	61	0			6	96	29	120	171	509	5						
Don (Danny?) Smith	1963	1964																		4	10							14							
G. Smith	1946	1946	37																									37							
R Smith	1968	1968																									13		13						
T. Spencer	1947	1950	15				23																					38	4						
J. Straw	1950	1951					26	3																				29							
R.Stone	1969	1969																									0		0						
Symonds	1951	1951						0																				0		0					
P. Taylor	1967	1967																										3		3					
T. Taylor	1970	1971																										27	27	15					
F. Terry	1938	960						9				0	4			15	2											30							
Stuart Terry	1964	1964																			x							0		0					
B Thomas	1956	1956											0															0		0					
D. Thornley	1970	1971																										17	17						
M. Townley	1967	1967																									29		29						
R. Tyler	1970	1970																										10	10						
Norman Vines	1964	1964																				2						2		2					
Eric Walker	1948	1961		20				0			7		10	21	4	2		3										67	2						
M. Watchorn	1968	1970																									1	18	19						
H. Webb	1950	1951						0	4																			4	7						
D. Whait	1968	1968																									0		0						
Charlie Whitton	1948	1967		15	x		8	7			3		2	3			1										1	40	14						
Fred Warrington	1937	1957										8	6	12														26		26					
V. Woods	1970	1972																										64	64						
Chris Woodward	1967	1972																								6	0	38	30	74	30				
P.Woodward	1970	1970																										0		0					
John Woodward	1966	1983																											30	571	611	572	790	2574	9

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Barsby	Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Barsby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns			Barsby 2nd Inns			Opposition 2nd Inns		
						Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs
Saturday	02/05/1931	Lovesby	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	09/05/1931	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	06/06/1931	Queniborough	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	27/06/1931	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	04/07/1931	Rearsby	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	08/08/1931	Great Dalby	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	15/08/1931	Queniborough	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	30/04/1932	Lovesby	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	07/05/1932	Great Dalby	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	21/05/1932	Queniborough	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	04/06/1932	Rearsby	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	11/06/1932	Lovesby	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	18/06/1932	Great Dalby	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Saturday	02/07/1932	Queniborough	Burrough League (B)	Away													
Saturday	13/08/1932	Rearsby	Burrough League (B)	Home													
Tuesday	09/05/1933	Burrough	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	13/05/1933	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home		Lost	13	10		28	10						
Tuesday	16/05/1933	Burrough	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	20/05/1933	Thrussington	Friendly	Away													
Tuesday	23/05/1933	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away													
Thursday	25/05/1933	Hungarton	Friendly	Home													
Thursday	01/06/1933	Twyford	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	03/06/1933	Tilton	Friendly	Home													
Monday	05/06/1933	North evington	Friendly	Home													
Thursday	08/06/1933	Twyford	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	10/06/1933	Queniborough	Friendly	Away													
Tuesday	13/06/1933	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home													
Thursday	15/06/1933	Hungarton	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	17/06/1933	Harlequins	Friendly	Home													
Thursday	22/06/1933	Rearsby	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	24/06/1933	Thrussington	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	01/07/1933	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	08/07/1933	Harlequins	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	15/07/1933	Leicester Power Station	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	29/07/1933	De Montfort	Friendly	Home		Lost	31	10		50	10						
Saturday	05/08/1933	Braunston	Friendly	Home													
Monday	07/08/1933	Queniborough	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	12/08/1933	Cliffe Hill	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	19/08/1933	Birstall	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	26/08/1933	Braunston	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	02/09/1933	Leicester Power Station	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	09/05/1934	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home		Lost	13	10		108	10						
Saturday	19/05/1934	Cliff Hill GC	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	02/06/1934	Belgrave	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	16/06/1934	Thrussington	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	23/06/1934	Cliff Hill GC	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	07/07/1934	Burrough	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	14/07/1934	Burrough	Friendly	Away													
Saturday	15/05/1937	Brooksby	Friendly	Away													
	05/06/1937	Brooksby	Friendly	Home													
	10/05/1939	Frisby	Friendly	Home		Lost	118			40							
Saturday	19/08/1939	Birstall II	Friendly														
Saturday	26/08/1939	Frisby	Friendly														
	15/06/1946	Frisby	Friendly	Away													
	15/07/1946	Rothley Park Res	Friendly	Away		Won	160			110							
	15/07/1946	Leicester II	Friendly	Home		Won	130			56							
	22/07/1946	Rothley Park Res	Friendly	Away		Won	110			102							
	21/06/1947	Pickwell & Leesthorpe	Burrough League	Away		Lost	50	10		100	6						
	10/07/1948	Frisby	Friendly	Home		Lost	75			111							
	13/09/1948	Barkby II	Friendly	Home		Won	69	4		47	8						
	27/06/1949	Syston	Friendly	Away		Lost	54	10		144	8						
	01/07/1950	Hoby	Friendly			Lost	59			74							
	10/07/1950	Stoughton	Friendly	Home		Won	118	7		64	10						
	10/07/1950	Thornton	Friendly	Home		Won	121	9		69	10						
Monday	07/08/1950	Quenby	Friendly	Home		Won	190	9		74	10						
	20/07/1951	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League Semi			Lost	52	10		53	9						
	25/06/1951	Hoby & rotherby	Friendly			Lost	91	10		150	9						
	28/07/1952	Dunlop	Friendly	Away		Lost	40	10		45	0						
	09/07/1954	Kirby Bellars	BL Cup 2nd Round			Won	75	9		44	10						
	05/08/1955	Rearsby	Burrough League Cup Final	Neutral		Lost	80	10		84	0						
	30/04/1956	Westfields	Friendly	Away		Lost	118	10		124	5						
	12/05/1956	Rearsby	Burrough League	Away		Lost	64	10		108	9						
	02/06/1956	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Lost	101	7		105	8						
	07/07/1956	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	46	10		49	2						
	07/07/1956	Parmeko	Friendly				72	10									
	01/06/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	104	9		99	2	18					
	06/07/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	78	5		63	9						
	21/08/1957	Rest of League	Burrough League	Home		Won	125	10		77	10						
	30/05/1958	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	82	3		76	6						
	05/07/1958	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	55	6		53	5						
	06/06/1959	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	77	6		70	4						
	11/07/1959	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	76	7		70	8						
Thursday	06/08/1959	Twyford	Burrough League Cup Final	Neutral	Great Dalby	Won	77	4		75	8						
	29/06/1960	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away													
	11/07/1960	Fleckney	Friendly	Home		Won											
	05/08/1960	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League Final	Neutral	Twyford	Lost	36	2		63	5						
	23/05/1961	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	97	3		63	10						
	17/06/1961	St Peters	Friendly	Away		Lost	103	10		119	9						
	25/07/1961	Rearsby	Burrough League	Neutral	Thorpe Satchville	Lost	54	10		55	?	12					
Saturday	17/05/1962	Barkby	Friendly	Away		Draw	116	5		81	6						
	06/06/1962	Sysonby	Burrough League	Home		Won	69	7		50	10						
	18/06/1962	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away		Won	100	8		91	6						
	21/06/1962	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home		Lost	56	7		71	4						
	23/05/1963	Barkby	Friendly	Away		Draw	123	9		97	7						
	24/05/1963	Sysonby	Burrough League	Home													
Thursday	02/08/1963	Great Dalby	Burrough League Final	Neutral		Won	69	7		68	10						
	06/06/1964	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home													
	23/06/1964	Rearsby	Burrough League			Draw	64	7		64	9						
	24/06/1964	Rearsby	Burrough League			Lost	51	8		79	5						
	01/07/1964	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League			Lost	45	9		46	4						
	24/07/1964	Buckminster	Salaman Cup Final	Neutral	Egerton Park	Lost	69	10		184	6						

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Barsby												
Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Barsby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns			
						Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	
15/06/1946	Frisby	Friendly	Away									
15/07/1946	Rothley Park Res	Friendly	Away		Won	160			110			
15/07/1946	Leicester II	Friendly	Home		Won	130			56			
22/07/1946	Rothley Park Res	Friendly	Away		Won	110			102			
21/06/1947	Pickwell & Leesthorpe	Burrough League	Away		Lost	50	10		100	6		
10/07/1948	Frisby	Friendly	Home		Lost	75			111			
13/09/1948	Barkby II	Friendly	Home		Won	69	4		47	8		
27/06/1949	Syston	Friendly	Away		Lost	54	10		144	8		
01/07/1950	Hoby	Friendly			Lost	59			74			
10/07/1950	Stoughton	Friendly	Home		Won	118	7		64	10		
10/07/1950	Thornton	Friendly	Home		Won	121	9		69	10		
Monday 07/08/1950	Quenby	Friendly	Home		Won	190	9		74	10		
20/07/1951	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League Semi			Lost	52	10		53	9		
25/08/1951	Hoby & rotherby	Friendly			Lost	91	10		150	9		
28/07/1952	Dunlop	Friendly	Away		Lost	40	10		45	0		
09/07/1954	Kirby Bellars	BL Cup 2nd Round			Won	75	9		44	10		
05/08/1955	Rearsby	Burrough League Cup Final	Neutral		Lost	80	10		84	0		
30/04/1956	Westfields	Friendly	Away		Lost	118	10		124	5		
12/05/1956	Rearsby	Burrough League	Away		Lost	64	10		108	9		
02/06/1956	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Lost	101	7		105	8		
07/07/1956	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	46	10		49	2		
07/07/1956	Parmekeo	Friendly				72	10					
01/06/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	104	9		99	2	18	
06/07/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	78	5		63	9		
21/09/1957	Rest of League	Burrough League	Home		Won	125	10		77	10		
30/05/1958	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	82	3		76	6		
05/07/1958	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	55	6		53	5		
06/06/1959	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	77	6		70	4		
11/07/1959	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	76	7		70	8		
Thursday 06/08/1959	Twyford	Burrough League Cup Final	Neutral	Great Dalby	Won	77	4		75	8		
29/06/1960	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away									
11/07/1960	Fleckney	Friendly	Home		Won							
05/08/1960	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League Final	Neutral	Twyford	Lost	36	2		63	5		
23/05/1961	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	97	3		63	10		
17/06/1961	St Peters	Friendly	Away		Lost	103	10		119	9		
25/07/1961	Rearsby	Burrough League	Neutral	Thorpe Satchville	Lost	54	10		55 ?	12		
Saturday 17/05/1962	Barkby	Friendly	Away		Draw	116	5		81	6		
06/06/1962	Sysonby	Burrough League	Home		Won	69	7		50	10		
18/06/1962	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away		Won	100	8		91	6		
21/06/1962	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home		Lost	56	7		71	4		
23/05/1963	Barkby	Friendly	Away		Draw	123	9		97	7		
24/05/1963	Sysonby	Burrough League	Home									
Thursday 02/08/1963	Great Dalby	Burrough League Final	Neutral		Won	69	7		68	10		
06/06/1964	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home									
23/06/1964	Rearsby	Burrough League			Draw	64	7		64	9		
24/06/1964	Rearsby	Burrough League			Lost	51	8		79	5		
01/07/1964	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League			Lost	45	9		46	4		
24/07/1964	Buckminster	Salaman Cup Final	Neutral	Egerton Park	Lost	69	10		184	6		
Sunday 01/05/1966	Echo Press	Friendly	Home									
07/05/1966	Houghton	Friendly	Home									
08/05/1966	Park Vale	Friendly	Home									
15/05/1966	Parkside	Friendly	Home									
17/05/1966	Barkby	Burrough League	Away									
21/05/1966	Leicester Teachers	Friendly	Away									
22/05/1966	Ashton on Trent	Friendly	Away									
24/05/1966	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League										
28/05/1966	Evington Waverly	Friendly	Home									
29/05/1966	Johnny Woodman X1	Friendly	Home									
04/06/1966	Houghton	Friendly	Home									
05/06/1966	Taverners	Friendly	Away									
07/06/1966	Rearsby	Burrough League	Home									
11/06/1966	Walton le Wolds	Friendly	Home									
12/06/1966	Barrow Town	Friendly	Home									
18/06/1966	Couty Officers	Friendly	Away									
19/06/1966	Barkby	Friendly	Home									
21/06/1966	Barkby	Burrough League	Home									
25/06/1966	Pilgrims	Friendly	Home									
26/06/1966	Aston on Trent	Friendly	Home									
28/06/1966	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away									
02/07/1966	Thurnby & Stoughton	Friendly	Home									
03/07/1966	Gaddesby	Friendly	Away									

Barsby													
Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Barsby 1st Inns	Opposition 1st Inns	Runs	Wks	ovs
05/07/1966	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Home										
09/07/1966	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home										
10/07/1966	Stanley Timms XI	Friendly	Home										
16/07/1966	Twyford	Friendly	Home										
17/07/1966	Ashby road Sports	Friendly	Away										
19/07/1966	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home										
23/07/1966	Victoria Road church	Friendly	Home										
24/07/1966	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away										
26/07/1966	Rearsby	Burrough League	Away		Won	95	5			85	6		
30/07/1966	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home										
31/07/1966	Len Shipmans X1	Friendly	Home										
06/08/1966	Couty Officers	Friendly	Home										
07/08/1966	Barrow Town	Friendly	Away										
13/08/1966	Leicester Veronique	Friendly	Home										
14/08/1966	Stanley Timms XI	Friendly	Away										
20/08/1966	Barkby	Friendly	Away										
21/08/1966	Pilgrims	Friendly	Home										
27/08/1966	Walton le Wolds	Friendly	Away										
03/09/1966	Taverners	Friendly	Home										
04/09/1966	Thurnby & Stoughton	Friendly	Away										
11/09/1966	Park Vale	Friendly	Home										
??/??/1967	Melton Nomads	Salaman cup (1st RD)	Neutral		Won								
06/05/1967	Pilgrims	Friendly	Home		Won	102	10			51	10		
13/05/1967	Houghton	Friendly	Home		Lost	96	10			101	4		
Friday 02/06/1967	Queniborough	Burrough League	Home		Won	86	5	18		73	7	18	
Saturday 03/06/1967	Twyford	Friendly	Away		Won	71	5			69	10		
Saturday 10/06/1967	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home		Won	139	10			119	10		
Thursday 15/06/1967	Barkby	Burrough League	Away		Won	59	6			57	7		
Saturday 17/06/1967	Loughborough Colleges	Friendly	Away		Won	87	4			86	10		
Sunday 18/06/1967	Park Vale	Friendly	Home		Won	187	8			57	10		
Friday 22/06/1967	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	62	3			61	5		
Friday 23/06/1967	Belvoir Estates	Salaman Cup	Neutral		Lost	98	6			121	4		
Friday 29/06/1967	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Home		Lost	62	10			64	9		
Sunday 01/07/1967	Thurnby & stoughton	Friendly			Won	160	9			119	4		
Friday 07/07/1967	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Away		Lost	77	9			91	8		
Saturday 08/07/1967	Bardon Hill	Friendly	Home		Won	77	4			74	10		
13/07/1967	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	85	2			78	7		
Saturday 15/07/1967	County Officers	Friendly	Home		Won	93	6			91	10		
Sunday 16/07/1967	Syston	Friendly	Away		Won	85	6			82	0		
20/07/1967	Queniborough	Burrough League	Away		Lost	46	10			93	8		
Saturday 22/07/1967	Taverners	Friendly	Home		Won	140	10			111	10		
Saturday 29/07/1967	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home		Tie	147	5			147	10		
Sunday 30/07/1967	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away		Lost	134	10			137	10		
Saturday 05/08/1967	County Officers	Friendly	Away	Glenfield	Lost	154	9			155	2		
Sunday 06/08/1967	Cropston	Friendly	Home		Lost	131	10			134	5		
Saturday 13/08/1967	Thurnby & stoughton	Friendly			Lost	74	10			76	5		
Sunday 14/08/1967	Coop Trafuc Department	Friendly	Home		Won	267	8			74	10		
Sunday 28/08/1967	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home		Draw	131	10			127	7		
Saturday 04/05/1968	Glenhorpe	Friendly			Won	128	10			119	10		
Saturday 18/05/1968	Wimbledon	Friendly			Won	131	10			47	10		
Saturday 25/05/1968	Loughborough Colleges	Friendly			Lost	98	10			99	2		
Sunday 26/05/1968	Jolly Woodman	Friendly			Won	168	7			114	8		
04/06/1968	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League			Won	92	8			88	8		
Saturday 08/06/1968	L.T. Shipmans	Friendly			Lost	73	10			134	5		
Sunday 09/06/1968	Rearsby	Friendly			Won	169	7			48	10		
14/06/1968	Hoby & Rotherby	Burrough League Cup			Won	98	6			24	10		
21/06/1968	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Lost	68	5			70	7		
Sunday 23/06/1968	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home		Won	150	7			132	10		
Thursday 25/06/1968	Egerton Park "A"	Salaman Cup 2nd Round			Lost	63	10			92	7	20	
Saturday 28/06/1968	Queniborough	Burrough League			Lost	95	2			96	2		
Saturday 29/06/1968	Twyford	Friendly			Tie	56	10			56	10		
09/07/1968	Pickwell	Burrough League Cup			Won	53	8			29	10		
10/07/1968	Barkby	Burrough League			Won	91	10			73	3		
20/07/1968	Victotia road Church	Friendly	Home		Lost	62	4			68			
27/07/1968	Thurnby & stoughton	Friendly			Won	51	1			47	10		
Saturday 03/08/1968	Loughborough Tech Colleges	Friendly			Lost	69	10			75	4		
Sunday 04/08/1968	Braunstone	Friendly	Home		Won	210	4			115	8		
10/08/1968	Lorraine CC	Charity Match	Home		Won	154	9			153	4		
11/08/1968	Great Glen	Friendly	Home		Lost	91	10			92	4		
24/08/1968	Gaddesby	Friendly			Won	204	7			110	10		

Barsby												
							Barsby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns		
	Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs
Saturday	24/05/1969	Houghton on the Hill	Friendly		Home	Aband	99	9		8	1	
	03/06/1969	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Lost						
	10/06/1969	Barkby	Burrough League			Won						
	21/06/1969	Pickwell	Friendly			Draw	151	8		122	9	
	22/06/1969	Braunstone	Friendly			Won	104	10		92	10	
	24/06/1969	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League			Won	61	4		29	10	
	29/06/1969	Evington Waverly	Friendly			Won	97	10		45	10	
	01/07/1969	Thorpe satchville	Burrough League			Won	62	3		61	10	
Friday	04/07/1969	Queniborough	Burrough League		Home	Lost	75	10		78	5	
Saturday	05/07/1969	Twyford	Friendly			Draw	177	5		75	9	
Sunday	06/07/1969	Leicester COOP	Friendly			Won	174	9		44	10	
	08/07/1969	Barkby	Burrough League			Won	99	10		66	6	
	09/07/1969	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League			Won	129	10		100	10	
	10/07/1969	Saxby & stapleford	Burrough League Cup			Won	133	4		127	6	
	12/07/1969	County Officers	Friendly			Lost	98	10		55	10	
	15/07/1969	Queniborough	Burrough League			Lost	28	10		63		
	16/07/1969	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League Cup SF			Won	82	5		80	6	
Saturday	19/07/1969	Houghton on the Hill	Friendly		Away	Won	62	3		60	10	
Sunday	20/07/1969	Great Glen	Friendly			Lost	90	10		105	10	
Saturday	26/07/1969	Thurnby & Stoughton	Friendly			Won	133	10		38	10	
	27/07/1969	Lorraine CC	Charity Match			Draw	118	10		112	6	
Saturday	02/08/1969	Loughborough Colleges	Friendly			Draw	115	7		168	6	
	09/08/1969	Bream	Friendly			Won	119	3		114	10	
	10/08/1969	Great Glen	Friendly			Won	140	5		82	10	
	15/08/1969	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League KO Cup FINAL			Lost	70	5		71	8	
	03/05/1970	Leicester Teachers	Friendly			Won	112	5		108	10	
	16/05/1970	Wimbleton	Friendly			Won	104	6		102	8	
Tuesday	19/05/1970	Pickwell	Burrough League			Won	76	3		75	10	
Saturday	23/05/1970	Houghton on the Hill	Friendly			Draw	140	6		83	9	
	24/05/1970	Jolly Woodman	Friendly			Won	82	5		81	10	
	29/05/1970	Thorpe Satchville	Salaman Cup 1st RD			Won	93	4		91	9	
	30/05/1970	Barkby	Friendly			Draw	78	8		131	6	
	06/06/1970	Rothley British Legion	Friendly			Lost	119	10		121	8	
	07/06/1970	Billesdon	Friendly			Draw	183	5		161	6	
	12/06/1970	Saxby & stapleford	Salaman Cup 2nd RD			Won	66	2		64	9	
Sunday	14/06/1970	Hoby & Rotherby	Friendly			Lost	74	10		170	3	
	16/06/1970	Queniborough	Burrough League			Won	115	7		113	2	
	27/06/1970	Syston	Friendly			Draw	133	7		164	6	
Monday	29/06/1970	Egerton Park	Salaman Cup QF			Lost	76	7		132	2	
	30/06/1970	Great Dalby	Burrough League			Won	90	6		79	9	
	11/07/1970	County Officers	Friendly		Home	Lost	97	8		129	5	
	12/07/1970	Walton le Wolds	Friendly			Won	52	8		49	10	
Sunday	19/07/1970	Great Glen	Friendly		Home	Lost	71	10		73	6	
	25/07/1970	Thurnby & Stoughton	Friendly		Home	Lost	70	10		103	10	
Friday	01/08/1970	Twyford	Burrough League Final		Neutral	Won	97	6		67	9	
	08/08/1970	Great Glen	Friendly		Away	Lost	119	10		127	9	
Sunday	09/08/1970	Twyford	Friendly			Won	135	6		133	10	
	15/08/1970	Cropston	Friendly			Won	124	10		111	10	
Saturday	22/08/1970	Oadby	Friendly			Aband	116	10		37	4	
Sunday	23/08/1970	Old Millillians	Friendly			Draw	166	6		85	5	
	29/08/1970	Braunstone	Friendly			Won	122	2		121	10	
	30/08/1970	Rearsby	Friendly			Won	165	9		119	10	
Sunday	06/09/1970	Barkby	Friendly		Home	Lost	85	10		87	3	

PART 4 - The Records