

THE HISTORY OF CRICKET IN ASHBY FOLVILLE AND BARSBY

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This document is still work in progress, we hope to bring it 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 and District 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.

By the late 19th Century 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, Ratcliffe, 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.

For a small village the cricket club has had some noteworthy players. In the 19th Century two of the Warrington family represented Leicestershire, more recently one of the best batsmen in local cricket Andrew Townley played and captained Ashby Carington, Andy making his 100th Century whilst playing for Ashby. Mathew Hoggard (Ashes hero and once rated the best bowler in the world) has also played the occasional game for the club.

The club has played at three locations in Ashby Folville and one in the village of Barsby. GQ magazine recognised the quintessential nature of the Ashby Carington ground in a feature article entitled "Village People" published in the mid 1990's on a year in the life of our club. The previous ground next to the King William in Barsby was believed to be the oldest ground in Leicestershire.

Having read several books on local village history I was struck by the almost complete omission of any mention of the role sport played in village life. As one of the few remaining traditional village teams from our local area we thought it would be a good time to research the history of the Ashby Carington Cricket 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.

Timeline of Cricket in Ashby Folville and Barsby

	Ashby Folville	Barsby	Ashby Carrington	Key Events	Trophies
1801					
1802					
1803					
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1805					
1806				First record of Barsby playing at Kirby Bellars	
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1835					
1836					
1837				First record of game played at Barsby	
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1859					
1860				First record of cricket at Ashby Folville against Gaddesby	
1861					
1862					
1863					
1864				First record of game at Ashby Folville	
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1891				Ashby Folville CC formed by Herbert Hanbury Smith-Carrington	
1892					
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1898				Only junior cricket now plated at Barsby	
1899					
1900					
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1906					
1907				Ashby playing @ Springfield road Ground Barsby Club Reformed	
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1910					
1911					
1912					
1913					
1914					
1915		WAR			
1916					
1917					

	Ashby Folville	Barsby	Ashby Carrington	Key Events	Trophies					
1918										
1919										
1920										
1921										
1922										
1923										
1924		H		Barsby enter Hospital Cup						
1925		H								
1926		BL/H		Barsby enter Burrough League						
1927		H								
1928		BL								
1929		BL		Ashby Folville reformed by Rev CA Turner at Melton Rd ground South Croxton CC folds						
1930		BL								
1931		BL								
1932		BL								
1933		BL		Barsby withdraw from Burrough League						
1934										
1935		BL		Ashby enter Burrough League						
1936		BL								
1937		BL								
1938		BL								
1939		BL								
1940		WAR		Ashby Folville withdraw from Burrough League						
1941										
1942										
1943										
1944										
1945										
1946				Barsby resume as Barsby & En-Tout-Cas						
1947		BL		Barsby enter Burrough League						
1948		BL								
1949				Barsby withdraw for one year from Burrough League						
1950		BL								
1951		BL								
1952		BL			BL Runners up					
1953		BL								
1954		BL								
1955		BL			BL Runners up					
1956		BL								
1957		BL			BL Winners					
1958		BL			BL Winners					
1959		BL			BL Winners					
1960		BL			BL Runners up					
1961		BL								
1962		BL			BL Runners Up					
1963		BL			BL Winners					
1964		BL			Salaman Cup RU					
1965		BL								
1966		BL								
1967		RL								
1968		BL								
1969		BL			BL Cup Runners Up					
1970		BL			BL Div winners					
1971				Club move to Ashby Folville	BL Div 1 winners	BL Cup RU to Syston				
1972		BL			BL Div 1 winners					
1973		BL								
1974		BL			BL Cup Runners Up					
1975		BL			BL cup Runners Up					
1976		BL			BL cup Runners Up					
1977		BL								
1978		BL								
1979		BL			BL Div 2 Runners Up					
1980		BL			BL Div 1 runners Up					
1981		BL								
1982		BL								
1983		BL								
1984		BL								
1985		BL								
1986		BL			Nutting Cup Winners					
1987		BL/NL		Enter North Leicestershire League	North Leicester Div 4 Winners	BL Cup Runners Up				
1988		BL/NL			North Leicester Div 3 Winners	BL Div 2 Winners				
1989		BL/NL			North Leicester Div 2 Runners Up					
1990		BL/NL			Brian Clarke Cup runners Up					
1991		BL/NL								
1992		BL/NL			BL Div 2 winners					
1993		BL/RL		Move to Rutland League	Rutland League Div 3 Runners Up					
1994		BL/RL			BL Cup winners v Barkby	Nutting Cup winners				
1995		BL/RL/RL2		Enter 2nd Team in Rutland League	Nutting Cup winners v Syston	BL Cup Winners v East Gostcote	BL Div 1 Runners Up			
1996		BL/RL/RL2			Combined cup winners v Syston	BL Cup Runners Up v Syston	RL Div 3 winners	Nursing cup Winners	BL Div 1 Runners Up	
1997		BL/RL/GL		2nd team moves to Grantham League	Grantham League Div 3 Winners					
1998		BL/RL/GL								
1999		BL/RL/GL								
2000		BL/RL/GL			Grantham League Div 3 runners Up					
2001		BL/RL/GL			BL Cup Runners up to Syston	Grantham League Div 2 winners				
2002		BL/RL/GL								
2003		BL/RL/GL			BL Cup Winners against Syston	BL Division 2 winners				
2004		BL/RL/GL								
2005		BL/GU/GL2		1st team moves to Grantham League						
2006		BL/GU/GL2								
2007		BL/GU/GL2								
2008		BL/GU/GL2			Golding Cup Runners Up					
2009		BL/GU/GL2								
2010		BL/GU/GL2			BL Cup runners Up v Pickwell					
2011		BL/GU/GL2								
2012		BL/GU/GL2			GMCA Div 1 Winners					
2013		BL/GU/GL2								
2014		BL/GU/GL2								
2015		BL/GU/GL2								
2016		BL/GU/GL2								
2017		BL/GU/GL2								
2018		BL/GU/L&R		Enter Leicester League and 2nd team withdrawn from GL	LRCL Div 10E Runners Up					
2019		BL/GU/L&R								
2020		BL/GU/L&R								
2021		BL/GU/L&R								
2022		BL/GU/L&R			LRCL Div 9E Runners Up					
2023		BL/GU/L&R								

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. For these early cricket matches it appeared common for villages to join forces. In 1802 there was a game played at Melton against villagers from Twyford, Great Dalby and Thorpe Satchville.

No further records of cricket in Barsby or Ashby Folville are found 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 both the Leicester Journal and 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

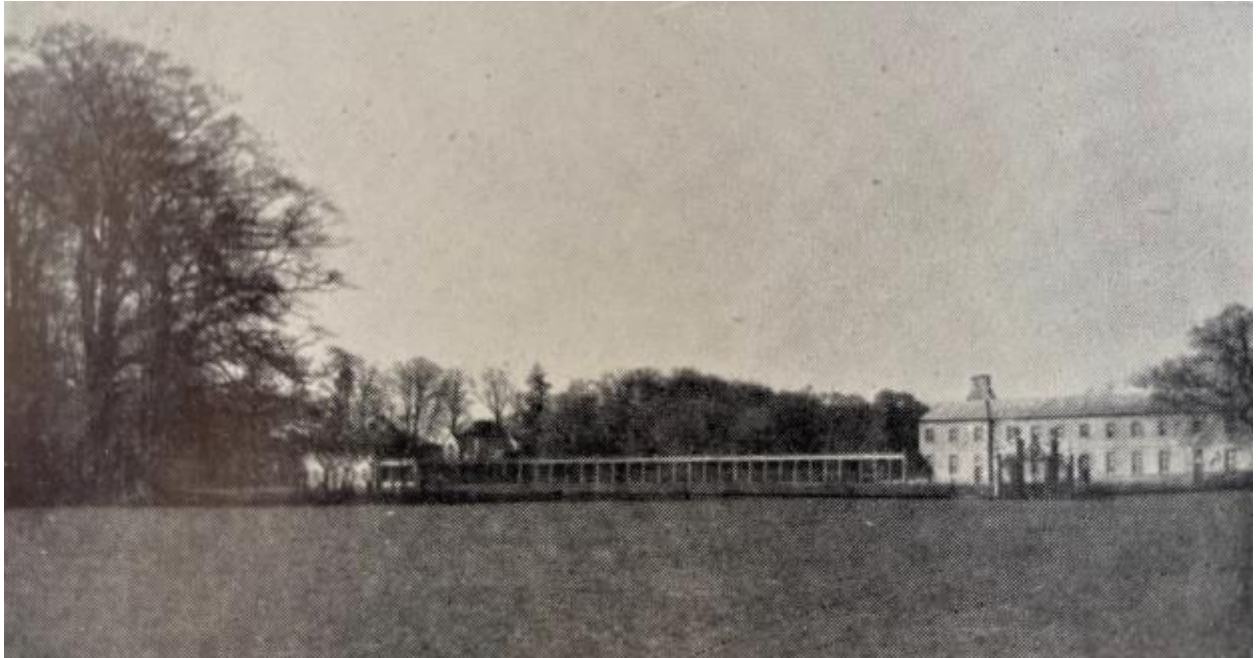
BARSBY AND TWYFORD against RUTLAND.							
A match was played on Thursday and Friday, the 20th and 21st instant, at Burley, near Oakham, between Eleven of the Rutland Union Club and Eleven of the Barsby and Twyford Clubs, Leicestershire, when the latter were victorious, beating their opponents, in one 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.	RUTLAND.		1st inn.	2d do.
Mr. J. Warrington ..	31	7	—	Mr. Sellers ..	0	0	—
— James ..	8	0	—	— Broom ..	5	3	—
— S. Warrington ..	9	3	—	— Fryer ..	4	3	—
— H. Warrington ..	15	0	—	— Stimson ..	25	3	—
— Marshall ..	11	4	—	— Brown ..	4	4	—
— R. Whitwell ..	5	1	—	— Nedham ..	5	0	—
— Ward ..	6	1	—	— A. Tirril ..	10	10	—
— J. Whitwell ..	3	1	—	— S. Tirril ..	0	2	—
— Fairbrother ..	3	3	—	— Mawby ..	3	2	—
— White ..	3	3	—	— Tyber ..	3	0	—
— Gregory ..	3	4	—	— Lester ..	0	2	—
Byes ..	3	6	—	Byes ..	2	6	—
Total ..	100	38	—	Total ..	61	36	—

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 19th 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.			
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 . . .	9
— Henson, b. by Cooke . . .	1	c. by Lundice . . .	9
— W. Waddington, b. by Barker . . .	1	run out . . .	18
— E. Whitwell, run out . . .	1	b. by Cooke . . .	7
— White, b. by Cooke . . .	2	b. by ditto . . .	9
— J. Whitwell, b. by Lundice . . .	2	b. by ditto . . .	9
— Baker, not out . . .	2	run out . . .	7
— Guess, run out . . .	3	b. by Lundice . . .	6
— Gregory, b. by Cooke . . .	0	not out . . .	9
Byes . . .	1	Byes . . .	0
Total . . .	—34	Total . . .	—59
MELTON.			
Mr. Hewardine, c. by J. Whitwell . . .	17		
— Lundice, leg before wicket . . .	1		
— Hubbard, c. by Henson . . .	8		
— Brown, b. by W. Waddington . . .	9		
— Manchester, b. by ditto . . .	11		
— Cooke, c. by Marshall . . .	4		
— Marshall, c. by J. Whitwell . . .	14		
— Barker, b. by W. Waddington . . .	9		
— W. Willis, b. by ditto . . .	3		
— J. Willis, b. by ditto . . .	4		
— Williams, not out . . .	0		
Byes . . .	20		
Total . . .	—57		

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	2	
	—9		—10

Barsby First Innings.		Second Innings.	
J. Warrington—c. by Willis.....	1	c. by Hubbard	9
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	9	c. by ditto	1
	—1		—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	-	3	bowled by Campion
J. Warrington, caught by Bishop	7	7	caught by Bishop
Joe. Warrington, ditto by Willis	9	9	bowled by Etches
W. Warrington, run out	-	7	bowled by ditto
Henson, bowled out by Campion	0	run out	-
S. Warrington, stumped by Willis	23	caught by Bishop	15
J. Adams, stumped by ditto	-	1	bowled by Etches
Higgs, stumped by ditto	-	1	caught by Smart
S. Fairbrother, run out	-	6	caught by Etches
Dilks, bowled by Campion	-	2	bowled by Campion
Clark, bowled by ditto	-	2	not out
Bowen, not out	-	0	bowled by Campion
Lee, caught by Willis	-	0	bowled by Etches
Byes	-	3	by: 1 wide & no ball
Total	-	68	Total
MELTON.			
1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Joe. Willis, run out	-	16	caught by Warrington
S. Willis, bowled by J. Warrington	8	caught by Lee	2
Campion, stumped by S. Warrington	3	caught by ditto	3
Etches, bowled by Joe. Warrington	2	run out	-
Bishop, bowled by J. Warrington	5	b. by J. Warrington	0
Smart, bowled by ditto	-	2	bowled by ditto
Tyler, bowled by ditto	-	1	not out
Short, bowled by ditto	-	7	caught by Henson
Sharp, bowled by ditto	-	0	b. by Joe. Warrington
Dormal, caught by S. Warrington	3	bowled by ditto	5
Higgs, not out	-	3	caught by Higgs
Byes	-	5	Byes
Total	-	55	Total

The next mention of Barsby Cricket was a six a side match against Mountsorrel on the 2nd and 3rd of 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)

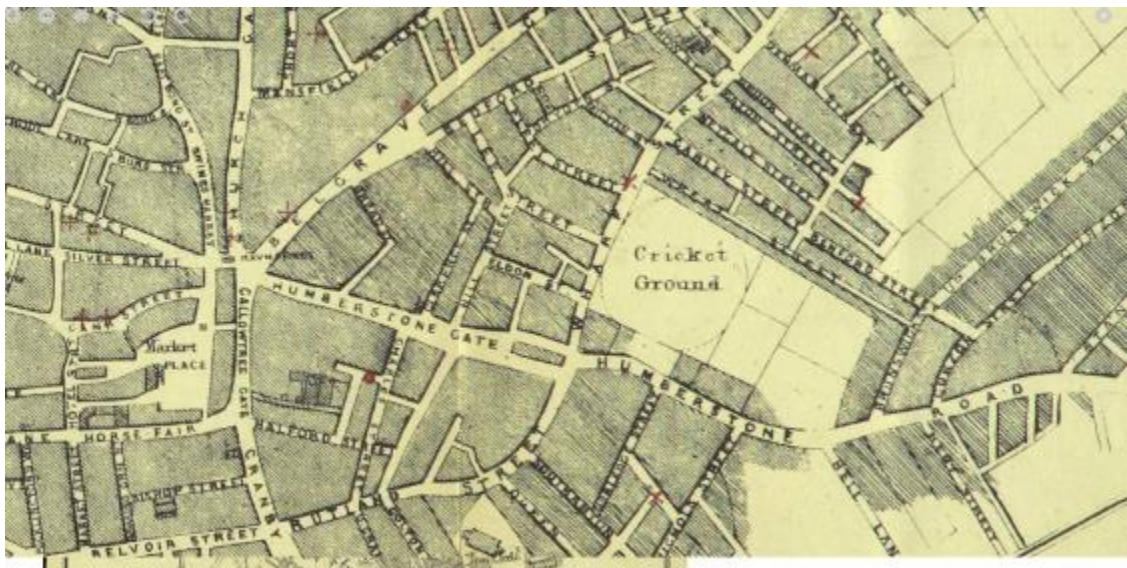
The Warrington's and Single Wicket Cricket

In the second half of the 19th Century Single Wicket Cricket seemed to be to the fore in Barsby. Between 1850 and 1860 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 favourites 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 undaunted, 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.

By 1958 William Warrington had teamed up with Bishop of Mountsorrell and was offering £5 or £10 at the *Fox Inn* in Humberstone Gate to make the match.

The Fox Hotel recorded from had its own brewery and was the headquarters of carriers and carts from east Leicestershire villages. The brewery was sold off in 1872. It had now become an All Saints Brewery House. 1934, saw the largest property deal in the heart of the city – £5000,000 – when a scheme was undertaken to purchase the Fox and other properties in order to build a new department store, Lewis's. The Fox closed the following year for the iconic Lewis's (its tower still remains today). All that remains to remind us of the old coaching Inn is Fox Lane.

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.

The Leicester Guardian reported on Saturday 21st August 1958 W. Warrington was to play a cricket match against Hartshorn of Barkby for the stakes of £2 on the Leicester Cricket Ground. To provide an even contest it was agreed Warrington would have two innings and Harshorn four. The game was to commence at 11am.

Barsby Cricket Club 1850 to 1860

The Leicester Advertiser reported Barsby playing an 11 a side game was on Monday June 21st at Thrussington. Few details were given except that Barsby won by 16 runs to spare in one innings. This would have been an impressive victory as Thrussington had a well established team and regular fixtures.

In 1859, Barsby were again reported against Melton 2nds 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	b Brown	7	
W. Goodacre	b Pearcey	0	b Pearcey	0	
W. Palmer	ditto	14	not out	6	
Wilson	c ditto	0	not out	6	
Gatridge	b Brown	8			
Wright	not out	7	not out	2	
Langham	b Pearcey	1			
Wilcox	c Dicks	1			
Wesson	b Pearcey	2			
Hinman	run out	4			
Barnes	b Brown	0			
No balls	1. byes 5. leg byes 2.	8	Byes	1	
Total		53	Total		16
First Innings.		BARSBY.	Second Innings.		
Brown	b Langham	15	b Wilcox	2	
Brown	run out	0	c Wesson	2	
E. Pearcey	b Langham	0	not out	5	
J. Dicks	b Wilcox	3	b Wilcox	15	
Spencer	b Langham	3	b Langham	8	
J. Warrington	b Wilcox	7	run out	1	
G. Greaves	b Wilcox	0	b Wilcox	0	
G. Chandler	run out	2	b Langham	0	
E. Warrington	b Wilcox	0	c ditto	0	
Black	not out	0	b Wilcox	0	
No balls		1	Byes 2, no balls 1.	3	
Total		31	Total		26

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.		BARSBY.	
1st Innings.	2nd Innings.		
J. Fisher, c E. Percy	b J. Warrington	0	3
R. Gun, hit wicket	b S. Warrington	0	18
John Wild, c J. Warrington	c Joshua Warrington	6	9
T. Blount, b ditto	c E. ditto	5	0
J. Leadbetter, c J. Brown	b J. ditto	0	0
J. Walker, b S. Warrington	c J. Brown	3	1
Joseph Wild, b J. Warrington	b J. Warrington	1	7
J. Parker, b S. Warrington	not out	3	11
T. Measur, c E. Percy	c J. Warrington	6	0
Joseph Warner, c Joshua Warrington	b S. ditto	5	0
John Warner, not out	b S. ditto	1	0
Leg bye		1	7
Total		29	29
		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. Measur	0
		T. Spenser, c J. Fisher	0
		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 cover the first recorded cricket for Ashby Folville. The reports describe a “return” match against Gaddesby Second XI on 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.

Late 19th Century Cricket in Barsby (1860 to 1899)

From 1860 although it seems likely that cricket continued in both Ashby Folville and Barsby in parallel, Barsby were likely the preeminent club. 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.

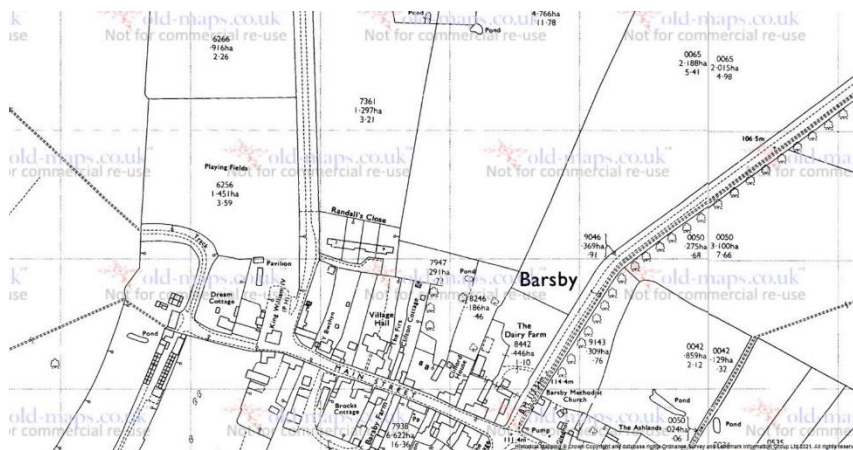
The Shoulder of Mutton pub was probably located opposite the King William IV public house. It burnt down in 1882 and finally closed in 1895 There was also a third pub in the village in 1863 called the Plough.

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	5	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	2
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
H. 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—48		Total—52

Five years later in 1868 Barsby won a close game against a joint Thorpe Satchville and Twyford team by 99 runs to 88. Described as the "return" fixture the game was played late in the season on Monday September 14th. Players in the Barsby team included T. Smith who had opened the batting for Ashby in 1864 along with Richard Nicholls (landlord of the King William), William Warrington (famous for his single wicket exploits), H. Barsby and Thomas Randell (both who were to become regular players for the remainder of the 19th Century).

Location of Barsby Cricket Ground and pavilion shown on 1973 OS Map



It is likely that Barsby only ever played on one ground which was in a field adjacent to the King William pub on the road to Gaddesby. The Barsby club used the ground until 1971 when a dispute with the landowner resulted in the club moving to Ashby Folville. The ground was subsequently used by Leicester Pilgrims and hosted testimonial matches for Leicestershire legends Brian Booth in 1973 and Jack Birkenshaw in 1974. It was claimed that the ground was the oldest in use in Leicestershire.

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 Thrussington, 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.

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. Eshard, c Wildbore, b Robinson	1	b Robinson	0
R. Barsby, c and b Spence	2	c Cowell, b Robinson	0
F. Bruen, b Spence	2	b Norton	3
J. Sanders, not out	1	c Spence, b Robinson	7
W. Graves, 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	b Walker	7
Cowell, b Walker	5	b Walker	11
Spence, b Walker	2	run out	1
Shenton, run out	0	b Foster	6
Sharp, b Foster	2		
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

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.

During this period, the Warrington family were still very active in Barsby cricket with four family members representing the club, H. Warrington, M. Warrington, William (Commercial Traveller), Samuel (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)
F, T and H. Brown - (Henry Brown – Farmer/Miller)
Job and Samuel 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, C. Ploughman, R Harris, J. and R. Nicholls, W. Richardson, T. Riley, A Tunicliffe, T. Smith, D. Whitish, E. and S. Whit, 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, four 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. GADESBY.			
A cricket match was played at Ashby Folville on Monday, August 31st, between Ashby Folville and Barsby United and Gadesby, 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. What,	
S. Robinson, b E. What	4	b Walpole	5
J. Barratt, c Ward, b Brown	2	S. T. Black, b E. What	0
H. Greaves, b Ward	38	D. Baker, b What	4
W. Underwood, c Ward,		J. Baker (capt.), not out	1
b E. What	2	Extras	4
C. Pykett, b Brown	1		
T. Black, c Knapp, b E.			
What	10	Total	86
GADESBY.			
E. What, b Brown	3	b Brown	0
S. What (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.

Two games were recorded in 1887 coinciding with the Feast in August. On Monday the 8th Twyford won a two innings match by 4 runs. Against Asfordby on the Wednesday Barsby lost again getting 48 runs in their first innings to 96 from Asfordby who also scored 95 in their second innings. Time must have run out as Barsby did not bat again. In the Barsby team against Twyford was J. Dilkes who was playing his 40th season and H. Brown who was still playing at Barsby after the First World War until 1923.

Scorecard from 1887 Bank Holiday Games – Melton Times 19/8/1887

BARSBY V. TWYFORD.—Played at Barsby, on Monday, August 8th, the visitors proving victorious. Score:—				ASFORDBY V. BARSBY.—A match was played at Barsby, on Wednesday, Aug. 10th, between the above clubs. It being the feast a goodly number assembled to witness the match, which they much enjoyed throughout and the victory was achieved by the visitors as will be seen from the score below:—			
BARSBY.		and innings.		ASFORDBY.		and innings.	
1st innings.				1st innings.			
J. Clark, c Flavel, b Mandy	3	b Underwood	2	W. A. Heap, b Brown	6	b Brown	40
G. Hunt, b Underwood	20	c and b Underwood	8	F. Hill, b Long	52	b Haines	7
W. Beadle, c E. Hollier, b Mandy	12	b Haines	12	R. Brown, b Brown	0	b Randall	0
Richardson, c Underwood, b Mandy	0	b Underwood	0	J. Draycott, b Brown	0	c and b Haines	5
R. Barsby, b Underwood	1	b Haines	0	C. Brown, b Haines	8	b Randall	7
E. Bonshor, b Underwood	5	b Underwood	2	J. Nadin, b Greaves	0	b Long	2
H. Greaves, c Haines, b Underwood	5	b Haines	2	A. Ladbury, b Greaves	0	c Clarke, b Randall	3
W. Bonshor, b Underwood	0	b Haines	0	W. Bishop, b Haines	5	not out	5
T. Hunt, c and b Underwood	1	b Underwood	6	A. Linnell, b Haines	0	c Dilk, b Haines	0
W. North, not out	4	b Haines	5	J. Dale, run out	2	b Long	9
H. Barsby, c and b Underwood	0	not out	3	J. Rhucroft, not out	1	c Clark, b Long	4
Extras	14	Extras	5	Extras	16	Extras	13
	65		45		96		95
TWYFORD.		and innings.		BARSBY.		and innings.	
1st innings.				1st innings.			
F. Reeve, run out	1	b Beadle	0	N. Long, b Nadin	5		
J. Barker, st Clark, b Beadle	3	c Greaves, b Beadle	4	J. Clarke, b Hill	0		
T. Waite, b Greaves	3	b Greaves	0	G. Haines, b Nadin	0		
W. Mandy, b Beadle	0	c Bonshor, b Beadle	0	G. Hunt, b Nadin	0		
A. Underwood, b Beadle	27	not out	8	R. Barsby, b Nadin	0		
J. Haines, c Bonshor, b Beadle	23	b Greaves	3	H. Brown, b Hill	0		
A. Hollier, c Clark, b Bonshor	2	b Greaves	0	J. Dilk, not out	16		
H. Flavel, b Bonshor	0	b Beadle	0	E. Adams, b Nadin	0		
E. Hollier, 1-b-w, b Beadle	0	not out	5	H. Greaves, c Ladbury, b Hill	1		
A. Greasley, b Bonshor	0	run out	0	T. Randall, b Hill	6		
H. Miles, not out	3	Extras	12	C. Littlewood, b Hill	5		
Extras	14	Extras	12	Extras	6		
	88		32		42		

Feast Week in 1890 saw the visit to Barsby of neighbouring cricket teams South Croxton on the Monday and Great Dalby on Tuesday. South Croxton who had a strong team at the time won a two innings match scoring 41 and 42 to Barsby's 31 and 25. No Barsby batsman got double figures in either of their innings. H Greaves took five wickets in the first innings and J Wilmore took five in the second innings. The following day Barsby had made seven changes to the team and put up a better performance. Great Dalby scored 61 in their first innings and were bowled out for 29 in the second, H. Brown taking seven wickets. Unfortunately, although only needing 35 to win time ran out with Barsby on 11 for no wickets.

The only other game recorded in the press in 1890 was on Saturday August 30th when Asfordby visited Barsby. In a two innings game Barsby scored 38 and 52 to the 49 runs in the single innings completed by Asfordby. A. Smith and T. Tyres were the top scorers in each innings with 25 runs.

Feast Week in 1891 saw a fixture billed as "H. Brown's XI v Hewitt's XI". Brown was a regular player in the Barsby team since 1886 and continues to play until the 1920's. It is presumed he was the captain. Charles Hewitt was the landlord of the King William Inn. Browns team consisted of regular Barsby players whilst Hewitt seems to have assembled a team from further afield. The two innings game ended in a tie both teams scoring 65 runs across their two innings.

By 1893 Ashby Folville cricket club had reformed but Barsby Cricket Club seems to have been largely unaffected with fixtures continuing and no noticeable defection of players. Two games against South Croxton and one against Lowesby Hall were reported in the Melton Times. The away game on Tuesday May 2nd was of particular interest with a number of players being given out *Leg Before wicket (LBW)*. Despite being a method of dismissal since 1774 it was almost unheard of in local cricket. Unlike current practice the LBW dismissals were not attributed to the bowler.

Leg before wicket first appeared in the laws of cricket in 1774, as batsmen began to use their pads to prevent the ball hitting their wicket. Over several years, refinements were made to clarify where the ball should pitch and to remove the element of interpreting the batsman's intentions. The 1839 version of the law used a wording that remained in place for nearly 100 years. However, from the latter part of the 19th century, batsmen became increasingly expert at "pad-play" to reduce the risk of their dismissal.

Barsby lost both games two South Croxton with Croxton scoring more runs in their single innings to Barsby in two innings. An improved performance against Lowesby Hall gave Barsby a comfortable win by 20 runs with eight 2nd innings wickets remaining. Thomas Randell who first played for Barsby in 1868 top scored with 23.

During 1894 the fixture list again contained games against the local village teams of Lowesby Hall, Gaddesby and Great Dalby, and a game against "Mr Widdowson's Team" from Sileby. The first three of those games were all won thanks largely to the batting of A. North who regularly scored twenty plus runs. He was also a handy bowler taking nine wickets in the Gaddesby game. The game against Sileby was lost heavily, Sileby setting a total of 117 only for Barsby to be dismissed for 40 and 21 in their two innings. The final game of 1894 saw a decisive win for Barsby bowling out Queniborough for just 7 runs. Possibly the lowest ever total recorded against an Ashby or Barsby team.

CRICKET.

QUENIBOROUGH C.C. v. BARSBY.—Played at Queniborough on Tuesday, and ended in a win for the visitors. Score :—Queniborough : W Toone 3, W Sarson 0, G Pickard 0, E. Riley 0, R Sarson 2, T Glover 0, T Cooke 0, T Garner 0, T Riley 0, W Riley 0, F Mansfield 0, extras 2, total 7. Barsby : H Brown 2, E Adams 11, T Cook 1, T Mansfield 2, A North 19, H Adams 0, T Adams 10, W North 1, T Thompson 0, H Greaves and A Barker did not bat, extras 6, total 52.

Similar opponents were faced during 1895 with local games against Lowesby Park and Somerby, a Feast week game at home to Sileby and a game in July against “Mr Conquests XI”. Lowesby easily beat Barsby on Monday June 3rd scoring 116 runs in the first inning and 46 in the second innings. Barsby batted a single innings scoring 77 runs. Barsby’s opening batsman H. Brown was also the star performer with the ball taking 8 wickets in the first innings. It’s not clear who “Mr Conquest XI” were but they were easily beaten by Barsby being dismissed for 27 runs.

The visiting cricket team on Feast Week Tuesday were Sileby. Sileby were a strong team at the time becoming founder members and champions of the North Leicestershire cricket league in 1896. Not surprisingly Sileby out played Barsby who were dismissed for 34 and 9 in their two innings. The season finished with another defeat to Lowesby.

The Feast Tuesday visitors in 1896 were Thrussington who again provided strong opposition winning the game by 38 runs. The Barsby team contained some familiar faces who were long term representatives of the club including, J. Mansfield, J. Haines, H. Greaves and H. Brown. For the remainder of the 19th Century there are no further records of cricket at Barsby, possibly as a consequence of many of the regular players now representing the newly formed Ashby Folville Cricket Team. It is likely the club was dormant until it reformed in 1907.

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 the Ashby Folville Cricket club was 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).

During 1893, probably the new Ashby Folville Cricket Club’s first active season eight fixtures were recorded against the local teams of Kirby Bellars, Rearsby (two), Frisby (two), South Croxton (two) and Somerby. The earliest game we have a record for was played on a Monday in mid May away at Kirby Bellars. In a close two innings game Ashby lost by 14 runs. T. Thompson top scored with 17 runs across the two innings and J. Thompson took five wickets in the first innings followed by four in the second.

1893 Match Report v Kirby Bellars– Melton Times 26/5/1893

KIRBY BELLARS v. ASHBY FOLVILLE.—Played at Kirby on Monday, and ended in a win for the home team. — Score:			
KIRBY BELLARS.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
J Brutnell, b Greaves.....	5	bowed.....	5
R Astill, played on.....	1	b T Thompson.....	23
Cole, b Thompson.....	5	c Clements b Greaves 0	0
E Chandler, b Greaves.....	0	b Thompson.....	3
W Shipman, c Thompson, b Greaves.....	18	run out.....	3
W Chandler, b Thompson.....	1	c and b Thompson.....	8
E Chandler, b Thompson.....	0	b Cable.....	3
Joe Chandler, run out.....	3	not out.....	0
J Randall, c Greaves, b Thompson.....	0	b Thompson.....	0
J Brutnell, not out.....	0	b Greaves.....	14
J Baker, c W Piggott, b Thompson.....	0	b Greaves.....	0
Extras.....	7	Extras.....	6
	35		54
ASHBY FOLVILLE.		2nd Innings.	
1st Innings.			
W Clements, b Astill.....	0	b Chandler.....	1
E Cable, run out.....	1	b Astill.....	0
T Thompson, b Astill.....	10	run out.....	7
J Thompson, b ditto.....	5	c Chandler, b Astill.....	6
H Greaves, b ditto.....	0	not out.....	0
T Black, b ditto.....	0	run out.....	8
A Wells, run out.....	0	b Astill.....	4
O Pykett, c Joe Chandler, b E Chandler.....	0	c Chandler, b ditto.....	0
A Peare, not out.....	0	b ditto.....	1
H Barsby, b Astill.....	3	b ditto.....	2
A Feroy, run out.....	0	c E Chandler, b do.....	2
Extras.....	4	Extras.....	13
	26		44

Rearsby defeated Ashby in another close game by 10 runs, J. Thompson taking five wickets again in the first innings. Two games followed against a strong Frisby team who posted scores over 100 on both occasions to outscore Ashby’s total in both innings. On Monday 28th August we have our first record of a win for Ashby. Playing a two innings game Ashby scored 84 and 34 in their two innings, largely due to openers LB Stallard and H. Whitehouse who scored 30 and 34 respectively. Visitors Somerby managed 76 and 16 in their innings losing the match by 26 runs.

One unusual fixture in 1893 were two games played home and away between “Ashby Folville Manor Workmen” and South Croxton. The workmen won the home fixture scoring 90 runs in the first innings and then dismissing Croxton for 36 and 42. B. May stared with the bat for the “workmen” scoring 32.

The Melton Times reported that Croxton won the return fixture although the published score card indicates an Ashby victory. Several of the Manor Workmen's team were also regulars for Ashby Folville Cricket Club (R. Barsby, S. and B. May, R. Capel and W. Barrett).

From 1894 to 1896 games were played against Wymswold, Rearsby, Scalford, Gaddesby and Lowesby Park all of which were lost. The regular players during this period included J. Adams, A. North, W. North, H. Warrington, J. Clarke, W. Percy, H. Greaves, J. Thompson and A. Watts.

Two joint games were played with Barsby during September 1895. The first played on a Tuesday at Ashby was won by Gaddesby, the visitors making 57 in their first innings to 25 from Ashby & Barsby. Ashby did play a second innings in which they scored 52 so it is presumed the game was decided on the 1st innings score alone. In the return match at Gaddesby on the Saturday Gaddesby were dismissed for 57 with Ashby & Barsby easily getting the runs finishing on 111 for 8. H. Brown hit an impressive 47 runs. What was very evident from the two games was the amount of crossover of players between Ashby Folville and Barsby. No less than seven of the players in the team had represented both of the local teams.

Like Barsby many of the games in the late 19th Century coincided with local Feast Days. Ashby 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.

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".

Rearsby and Thorpe Satchville again provided opposition in 1899, Ashby winning a low scoring game in late June by 37 runs to 31. H. Warrington winning the game almost single handily opening the batting with 21 runs then taking six wickets. The final recorded games of the 19th Century were on Saturday 25th August on Monday 27th August 1899 at home to Thorpe Satchville and Rearsby. Ashby won the two innings game at home to Thorpe, J. Adams taking seven wickets in the first innings and opener J. Clarke top scoring in the second innings and taking six wickets. On the Monday Rearsby batted first scoring 51 runs, in reply Ashby Folville scored 84 with opener J. Adams scoring a fine 42. The game closed with Rearsby on 63 for 6 in the second innings (presumably declared a draw).

There appeared to be some movement of players between the Ashby Folville and Barsby clubs in the late 19th Century with A. Adams, J. Adams, T. Ball, W. Barrett, H. Barsby, H. Brown, J. Clarke, W. Digby, H. Greaves, G. Haines, J. Haines, J. Knapp, A. North, W. North, A. Smith, J. Tyres, J. Walker and H. Warrington, J. Warrington all 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 Ashby Folville continued to play games against local village teams many again coinciding with Feast Days.

1900 Season:

The new century kicked off with a win on Monday June 4th (Whit Monday) away at Thorpe Satchville. Ashby closing the second innings on 53 for 2 to win by eight wickets. As was the norm at the time the top batsmen also did most of the bowling. Opening batsman J. Clarke taking seven wickets in the second innings and number three, A. Percy taking seven wickets in the first innings.

On whit Tuesday a remarkable performance by Rearsby saw them score 258 runs (Stafford 80 not out), in an era when scores over 100 were unusual. Ashby batsmen at least put up some defence scoring 69 in reply.

The Feast Week 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:

In early August Ashby visited Frisby losing a close game by 3 runs. J. Clarke a regular in the team since 1894 and occasional Barsby player took eight wickets for Ashby.

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 which Kirby Bellars won 87 runs to 77.

There was great disappointment at the Ashby Feast as the Kirby Bellars team didn't reciprocate and sent a telegram at the last minute to inform Ashby of their non attendance for the Feast Monday game. Undaunted the Ashby cricketers had a game amongst themselves. The "team of six" beating the "team of seven" by 70 runs to 25. The players included H. Brown, H. Warrington, Huddleston, G. Hill, J. Lowesby, W. Bradley,, E. Hollier, J. Clarke, J. Haines, JW Smith, A. Adams, W. Watts and J. Jones.

1902 Season:

For the 1902 season a strong Rotherby team were new opponents for Ashby in late June. Having set a total of 103 they dismissed Ashby for a paltry total of 14. Familiar opponents Rearsby were also easy winners when they visited Ashby in August winning by 29 runs. G. Hill took five wickets for Ashby.

1904 Season:

No records of cricket in Ashby Folville have been found from 1903 but it is presumed the club did continue to play fixtures. Fixtures were played against local teams Gaddesby, Queniborough and South Croxton (home and away). All the games were lost apart from a 19 run victory at home to Gaddesby. A key player at this time was bowler J. A. Walker who often took the majority of Ashby's wickets. His eight wickets against Gaddesby being a typical match winning performance.

The match against South Croxton was the first game for the reformed club. In their team were a significant number of the old Barsby team that has ceased playing in 1896. Their captain Jonathon Clarke who was a regular Barsby player since 1884. To mark their victory a *poetic verse* was placed in the Melton Times.

"Ashby scored but 27
From bat 16 extras 11.
Oh dire result for friends to see.
They lost the match by 23."

Mid-August 1904 Ashby Folville played 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. Carington, 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	S. Spencer, b Walker	0
H. Warrington, c Bursnell, b Spencer	0	E. Herring, run out	8
F. Scraeton, c Spencer, b		J. Hazlewood, b Scraeton	24
Smith	5	A. Nudds, b Scraeton	13
J. Adams, c Day, b		E. Spawton, c & b Scraeton	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	4		
J. Blockley, c Mann, b			
Hazlewood	0		
Extras	3	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 formed in 1904 moved to their new ground in 1905. The new cricket-ground was 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 Thrussington CC to arrange fixtures.

A successful season for the Ashby Folville cricket Club (now occasionally referred to as the Ashby and Barsby Cricket club) saw victories against Gaddesby, South Croxton, Frisby, Great Dalby (twice) and Melton Wyvern. The only defeats recorded were against Thorpe Satchville and Queniborough. J. A Walker was still a key player for Barsby, taking seven wickets and scoring 22 against South Croxton and again taking seven wickets in the win against Frisby.

The only blot on the season was in July when Ashby Folville felt it necessary to write a letter of complaint to the Melton Times regarding Rotherby’s refusal to play a game due to a wet pitch. According to the letter the Ashby team arrived at Rotherby at 3:45 indicating that Saturday games probably didn’t commence until around 4pm.

1906 Season:

New fixtures for 1906 included games against Melton WMC, Lowesby Park, Twyford, Thrussington and Somerby, no mention of a game against Rotherby! The season started with a defeat at home to Lowesby Park, a win against Twyford and a tied game against Thrussington for what was now referred to as the “Ashby Folville & District Cricket Team.

Ashby were clearly not making friends with their local rivals. For a Thursday game at Somerby the home team complained that instead of Ashby bringing a “village team” it appears there were players from Syston, Rearsby, Gaddesby, Thorpe Satchville, Barsby, Melton and south Croxton (sounds very similar to the current Ashby Carington team!). Despite this the game was played, Somerby not being as fainthearted as the previous weeks opponents who refused to play the same Ashby team. Ashby won the game by 11 runs with new recruit H. Walker of Thorpe Satchville taking eight wickets. The Melton Times described him as the “knight of the turf”.

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”

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 30 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.

1904 OS Map showing probable location of "Springfield Road" Ground



1907 Season:

Three games were recorded in 1907, two against Melton WMC 2nd X1 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.

1909 Season:

This year's visitors for Feast Week were Thorpe Satchville who entertained the crowd with a close fought game on the Monday. Thorpe had a two run advantage after their first innings score of 33 but were then dismissed for 17 in the second innings. Ashby were 12 for 6 at the close falling 7 runs short when the game ended.

1910 Season:

Syston invited Ashby Folville to their Feast Week celebrations, apart from JA Walker Ashby's team was unrecognisable from previous Ashby teams so presumably contained a number of guests. Unfortunately, the guests didn't perform and Syston amassed 124 runs for the loss of six wickets which was far too much for the Ashby side who fell 77 runs short. Only F. Hingley who scored 18 came out of the game with any credit, he was never seen playing at Ashby again.

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 – Juniors

It seems likely that regular senior cricket in Barsby ceased at the end of the 1896 season a couple of years following the formation of the Ashby Folville Cricket Club. Cricket didn't recommence at Barsby until 1907.

During this period however there were two reports of games being played as part of the Feast week celebrations against Mr. E Clarkes Firm (Melton) in 1901 and 1902. From 1902 occasional Junior ("Boys") games were played by Barsby with the teams made up of many players who were later to represent the reformed senior club.

1901 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. Feast Week in early August was according to the Melton times correspondent very disappointing with a solitary stall for the children and a cricket match described as a "tame affair".

1902 Season:

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."

In early September a "boys" game was played at South Croxton. The two innings game was won by Barsby who 73 runs to 41 for South Croxton. Several of the Barsby players were either already or in the future representing the senior teams of Ashby and Barsby. These included, A Platts, H. Bonshor, W. Watts and A. Bonshor.

1903 Season:

South Croxton again provided opposition and venue for a "Boys" match played on the august Bank holiday Monday. The two innings game resulted in an easy win for South Croxton by 29 runs, not too surprising as Barsby only fielded nine players : A. Baker, A.G. Platts, F. Barratt, W. Watts, J. Bonshor, C. Hawkins, A. Randle, A.S. Platts, E. Barratt. The Platts brothers (presumably) were to go on and play for Barsby regular until 1929.

1904 Season:

This season the "Boys" visited Queniborough losing heavily. Having scored just 6 runs in the first innings an improved performance restored some pride in the second innings with Barsby scoring 34. Queniborough scored 88 in their two innings.

1905 Season

The "Boys" game played on Easter Monday resulted in controversy with the Barsby team accused of mis reporting the outcome of the game in the local press. This resulted in a *formal apology* from Barsby

that appeared in the Melton Times on May 3rd. It appears that Barsby did win the game scoring 97 runs in their two innings to win by 6 runs.

Melton Times apology: "All went well with the exception of a little unpleasantness caused by the wrong statement sent to the Melton times last week by one of our extraordinary players living at an outlying lodge. Our secretary having received a postcard from Queniborough stating us to be liars which is quite correct by the former statement of the above. We are sorry to have caused such unpleasantness this being the first match of the season for which we apologise. Also the extraordinary "hat trick bowler" who made the wrong statement in the Leicester Mercury on Tuesday week. The above took one wicket in 100 balls."

A motto followed: "Self-praise is no recommendation" – Yours truly from three in long breeches

"Barsby Boys" visited South Croxton again in June losing a close game by one run. The South Croxton club had reformed their senior club the previous season and were now recruiting a strong side. The season rounded off with a 21-run victory against Gaddesby in late August, A. G. Platts taking five wickets and W. Hunt top scoring with 21.

Barsby Cricket Club – Reformed Club in 1907

Interest in senior cricket at Barsby was evident during 1905 when several of the matches played at Ashby Folville were reported in the press as the “Ashby Folville and Barsby Cricket Team”. However, things didn’t appear quite so cordial the following year when the inhabitants of Barsby had “very strong feelings” against the proceeds of a music event on the green being used for the benefit of the Ashby Folville cricket club.

It wasn’t until 1907 that the Barsby reformed a club of their own. Former player A.B. Platts (presumably father of junior players A.G. and A.S. Platts) was appointed secretary. Pre-season the players had been reported as training enthusiastically on a field lent by Mr Ralf Ladkin. (Grazier from Barsby).

1907 Season:

Barsby’s first game was against New Barkby, a team based at Wanlip. The game played on Saturday 4th of May resulted in an easy win for Barsby who having bowled out Barkby for 28 runs managed a total of 40 for 7 when stumps were drawn. The following week Barsby had an even more impressive win of 40 runs at Hungarton. The first defeat came against local rivals South Croxton who having scored 41 won by two runs

The reformed Barsby Cricket Club had some of its former players from the late 19th such as, A, H and J. Adams and H. Brown. There were also a number of younger players stepping up from the Boys team, A.G Platts, W. Allen, H. Bonshor, C. Hawkins, W. Hunt and W. Smith. Junior cricket was still alive and well despite the progression of many of the players to the senior team. A combined Ashby and Barsby team beat Gaddesby by 22 runs in early June.

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:

In early June Barsby visited Burrough losing a Saturday game by 50 runs to 30 with a familiar looking team containing regulars, A. Adams, J. Adams, W. Warrington, H. Brown and H Bonshor.

For the 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.

The season climaxed with the visit of local rivals South Croxton who were a strong team having a full fixture list of games since their reformation in 1903. In a one sided games Barsby were dismissed for 31 with only W. Hunt making double figures. South Croxton were still batting on 101 for 8 when time was called.

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 (honoured 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.

1913 Season:

Reports of two games against Queniborough and Gaddesby were in the Melton Times, both resulting in convincing defeats for Barsby. Only wicket keeper H. Riley appeared to be in form scoring 27 and 29 in the two games. The game against Queniborough was lost by 61 runs and against Gaddesby by 68 runs the visitors amassing an impressive 161 for 7. One interesting name on the Barsby team that day was L. Zankerc Eden.

1914 Season:

The season started with a home game to Queniborough. Despite a fine 29 runs from Howkins Barsby could only score 47. Queniborough replied with 69, A. Adams (5 wickets), W. Allen (2 wickets) and H. Herd (2 wickets). Barsby also lost a high scoring Tuesday night game at Gaddesby, the home team winning 154 runs to 116. J. Adams top scored for Barsby with 22 runs and WC Lowe took six wickets.

The final records of a match played before the outbreak of WWI was away at Queniborough on a Saturday in early 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).

At the end of the season many of the Barsby cricketers joined the War Effort. In 1969 John Earp recalled how eight men met on the cricket field on September 23rd 1914 and went by horse and cart to John O'Gaunt station, travelling onto Glen Parva to join the 9th Leicester's, they were later all transferred to the 9th South Staffs. They were set on their way with a crate of beer provided by landlady and club secretary H. Roberts of the King William.

The eight men under Arthur Platts who was made up to sergeant during the war remained together and served in the infantry transport at now familiar sounding places such as the Somme, Arras, Vimy Ridge and other famous Western Front zones. Mr Earp who was 19 when he joined up and his companions all around the same age went to Italy in 1916 and was stationed there for the remainder of the war. The other soldiers included Arthur Platts, Harry Walker, Billy Percy and Tom Palethorpe all regular players at Barsby Cricket Club. All returned safely and continued playing cricket after the War.

1915 Season:

In 1972 an advert appeared in the Leicester Mercury claiming to show the bat presented to H. Riley of Barsby in 1915. Riley first played at Ashby Folville in 1904 before playing for Barsby from 1910 through till 1933. The bat was presented for having the best batting average in the Melton League in 1915. This is a bit of a mystery as Barsby did not play in the Melton League.

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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.

The South Croxton club were active between 1904 and 1914 and again reformed after the War to play from 1922 to 1929. There are also some early records of occasional games between 1844 and 1895.

Chapter Four: Between the Wars (1921 – 1940)

By 1919 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), J. Smith, A. Underwood, J. Haines, H. Brown and W. Davis, F. Walker (all ex-Ashby), G. Hunt, AG Platts, AS Platts, E. Walker, W. Warrington J. Bowley, J. Earp, H. Bonshor 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.

1919 Season

Resuming after the War Barsby are known to have two away fixtures in June against Frisby and Birstall. Barsby had a 30 run victory in a Saturday game against Frisby. The Melton Times commented on the fielding of the Barsby team “every man was smart and keen”. This was probably due to the four run outs which contributed to Frisby being dismissed for 31 chasing Barsby’s total of 61. P. Pickwell top scored with 17 and picked up four wickets.

The following Saturday against Birstall, Pickwell was again on form taking 7 wickets. However, the Birstall score of 91 was too much for Barsby who were all-out for 47. There are no records of Pickwell playing again for Barsby despite his two man of the match performances

1920 Season

The Melton Times carried extensive coverage of Barsby during the 1920 season with match reports from fourteen games. It was either an incredibly successful season or the Barsby press officer only sent reports in for selected games as Barsby won thirteen of these games. Most games were against the local village teams of Keyham, Lowesby, Frisby, Tilton, Rearsby, Twyford Thrussington and Thorpe Satchville. The other opponents were “Wilks Bros” and “Mr Stokes XI”

It is presumed that “Mr Stokes XI was connected to JD Stokes of Twyford who owned local gravel pits and was associated with the Twyford Cricket club. In The 1920’s he arranged some cricket matches in aid of the Melton Flood Relief Fund.

“Wilkes Bros” were a Boot and Shoe manufacturer based in Bruin Street Leicester. They had a cricket team playing in the United Trades Cricket League.

The season started in May with an 8 run win at home to Lowesby, Barsby scoring 55 runs. Slow bowler A. Adams took six wickets. In the following game away at Rearsby Adams was also instrumental in the win taking another six wickets. On Saturday May 22nd away to Frisby, Barsby batted first amassing 111 runs, regular players, H Riley 38 and E. Gutteridge 30 getting the majority of the runs. Frisby were only left 45 minutes for their reply so not surprisingly fell short. Wicketkeeper Riley took four stumpings.

June commenced with comfortable wins and home to Tilton and Mr Stokes XI. AG Platts taking six wickets against Tilton and Bowley and Adams both taking five wickets in the game against Mr Stokes XI.

On Saturday June 19th at Keyham came probably the most comprehensive victory in the history of Barsby cricket club. Batting first on what was described as a “rough wicket” Barsby had little problem scoring 137 for 6. Wicketkeeper Riley was not out on 55 and “promising young player A. Walker” carried his bat for 24. The Keyham innings didn’t last long, A. Adams took 5 for 2 and J. Bowley 5 for 2 to dismiss the home team for just 5 runs.

Match Reports from 1920 – Melton Times 26/6/1920 and 2/7/1920

TILTON v BARSBY.		BARSBY v KEYHAM.	
<p>Played at Tilton on Saturday. Tilton batted first, and H. Ellis, the only one to get into double figures, played well for his 19, all being out for 37. The visitors soon got to work, and won by 17 runs. R. Burgin, a promising young player hit out in good form, and showed a good square bat for his 31. A Adams, the slow tricky bowler, took all 10 wickets for 19 runs. Scores:—</p>		<p>Played at Keyham on Saturday. The visitors, batting first on a rough wicket, to their surprise soon ran a good score up to 137 for six wickets, then declared. H. Riley played in his good old form, and made 65 not out. A. G. Platts, still up to date with the willow, was well worthy of his 29. A. Walker, a promising young player, batted with confidence, and carried out his bat for 24. A. Adams captured five wickets for two and A. G. Platts five for two. Score:—</p>	
<p>Tilton.</p>		<p>Barsby.</p>	
H. Ellis, st Riley b Adams	19	H. Brown, b Green	6
Roberson, b Adams	1	H. Bonshor, b Kirk	2
E. Ellis, c Platts b Adams	8	A. G. Platts, b Perkins	29
A. Hubbard, b Adams	0	H. Riley, not out	65
H. Cookson, not out	0	E. Gutteridge, c and b Basford	1
Rodkin, b Adams	1	F. Burgin, c Timson b Perkins	11
Wright, b Adams	1	F. Terry, b Basford	3
L. Hubbard, st Riley b Adams	2	A. Walker, not out	24
J. Bradley, c Bonshor b Adams	0	H. Baker, A. Adams, and T. Palethorpe did not bat	
J. Palmer, st Riley b Adams	3	Extras	6
A. Scattergood, b Adams	0		
Extras	3	Total (for 6 wickets)	137
	37	Keyham:	
A. G. Platts, not out	1	S. Timson, b A. G. Platts	1
J. Bowley, c Hubbard b Ellis	0	F. Taylor, b Adams	0
E. Gutteridge, b Broadley	3	J. Kirk, c and b A. G. Platts	0
R. Burgin, c Cookson, b Hubbard	31	A. Flint, c and b A. G. Platts	0
A. Walker, c Palmer b Broadley	0	G. Basford, b Adams	0
H. Riley, b Broadley	0	H. Green, b A. G. Platts	0
H. Bonshor, b H. Ellis	1	A. Gamble, not out	1
S. Warrington, c Roberson b Hubbard	4	Perkins, b A. G. Platts	0
H. Baker, b Roberson	1	T. Keyham, b Adams	0
F. Terry, not out	0	A. Clarke, b Adams	0
A. Adams, b L. Hubbard	1	R. Kirby, b Adams	1
Extras	12	Extras	1
	54		

The following week at Tilton came another outstanding performance this time by an individual player. A. Adams “a slow and tricky bowler” took all ten of the Tilton wickets for 19 runs dismissing the home team for 37. The only occasion we know this has been achieved at either Barsby or Ashby Folville (Carington) cricket clubs. Another “promising younger R. Burgin hit out in good form with a good square bat” to score 31 of Barsby’s 54 runs.

Into July Keyham suffered another heavy defeat at Barsby losing by 87 runs. Wilkes Bros lost by 24 runs, this time J. Bowley being the top bowler with seven wickets. At home to Rearsby in a fine batting performance Barsby scored 139 (Underwood 38, Carington 23, Hancock 25) to win by 93 runs.

Barsby’s good form continued in August with a win in a two innings game against Twyford played on a Tuesday night. There was an unusual dismissal with Hollinghead of Twyford being given out for obstructing the field. Further wins came at Thrussington and Thorpe Satchville. Adams taking another seven wickets at Thorpe. After thirteen successive wins Barsby finally lost the final game of the season at home to Frisby by 61 runs to 38.

Barsby had a fairly regular team during the season, E. Gutteridge and H. Riley were every presents playing 14 games, A. Adams 13, J. Bowley 10, R. Burgin 10, H. Bonshor 9, AG Platts 9, S. Warrington 8. H. Riley was top scorer with 214 runs and A. Adams top bowler with an amazing 65 wickets (an average of five wickets a game!)

1921 Season:

Barsby had fixtures against the local village teams of Thorpe Satchville, Frisby, Lowesby and Kirby Bellars.

Barsby visited Frisby in early May and despite an opening stand of 40 between H. Brown and AG Platts Barsby were bowled out for 81. Frisby in their opening game of the season won easily scoring 131 for 5. Later in May Lowesby visited Barsby for a Thursday evening game and gave Barsby a lesson in how to bat. Before an “many excited spectators” Lowesby amassed 194 runs to win the game by 111 runs.

The return fixture at home to Frisby gave Barsby their first known victory of the season. Barsby's game didn't start well with their first four batsman all getting ducks, G. Goddard, S. Warrington, J. Goddard and AS Platts. A fine 36 from H. Riley enabled Barsby to reach a total of 86. Excellent bowling from G. Goddard who took six wickets for just four runs help to restrict the visitors to 83 giving Barsby a tight three run victory.

In a low scoring game against Kirby Bellars Barsby lost by 3 runs. In fact, the game finished so early both captains agreed to play a 45 minute a side game after tea. Barsby lost that game as well.

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 112 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 Season

The fixture list for 1922 again was mainly against local village team, this time also including South Croxton, Thrussington and Hungarton. Frisby visited Barsby early in the season and lost by six runs. Batting first on what was described in the local press as a "poor wicket", R. Burgin took three wickets for Barsby. A.G Platts captained the Barsby team and led by example scoring 33 runs including several "powerful drives".

June saw a win against South Croxton and defeats to Thorpe Satchville, Great Dalby, Kirby Bellars and South Croxton. The game against Great Dalby being particularly one sided. Having been put into bat Dalby made 114 runs before bowling out Barsby for just 14 runs.

The Melton Times described the two fixtures in July against Hungarton and *St Pauls* as Barsby and Ashby Folville joint teams. Why this was the case is unclear as the Barsby & Ashby team was very similar to previous teams simply described as Barsby. Thursday evenings game against Hungarton resulted in a defeat despite a fine knock of 48 from opener R. Burgin. Burgin was again in form against St. Pauls scoring 37 but this time was supported by his fellow batsmen, H. Riley making 20 and S. Warrington 40 enabled Barsby to set a target of 167. This was sufficient to secure a 58 run victory.

St Pauls CC formed in 1888 played in the Leicester Town League and playing on Victoria Park.

A further victory came against Kirby Bellars before a weakened Barsby team visited Barsby in late July. With six players in the team who appear to have never played before (certainly not for Barsby) a heavy defeat ensued. Described in the Melton Times as an "inglorious display" Barsby were bowled out for 21 to lose the game by 81 runs.

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.

When the rules for the tournament were agreed it was decided that no innings should last more than 2 and ½ hours, games to be played on Saturdays starting at 3pm with a 15 minute break between innings. Entries were limited to 8 miles radius of Melton. 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.

Barsby and Ashby Folville played Somerby in the first round losing heavily. Despite using nine bowlers Barsby couldn't stop Somerby amassing 132 runs. Barsby made 68 in reply with only AG Platts and E. Gutteridge making double figures.

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 arrangements were made for the match played on 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.

1923 Season:

Friendly fixtures included games against Melton British Legion, Rearsby, Twyford and Frisby. Games against Melton RBL and Twyford were lost before Barsby managed a draw in a Thursday night game at Rearsby. When stumps were finally drawn at 9:30 Barsby were 40 for 9 chasing 58 so probably a lucky escape. In the return game in June Barsby won by 25 runs, A. Adams and A. Walker sharing eight wickets.

Reports from a game against Frisby on August Bank Holiday Tuesday again referred to the state of the wicket describing it as a "worn wicket". Despite having a "ringer" in from Gaddesby – C. Bates taking eight wickets, Barsby lost by 2 runs. Frisby were clearly very proud of their wicket as in the return game which they won describing their own wicket as a "good hard wicket".

Playing on the All England Ground Melton in late August Barsby defeated Melton British Legion by 36 runs. H. Riley scored 56 not out in one of the highest individual scores by a Barsby batsman in this era. The season finished with a game billed as "Mr E. Kirks Barkby XI" v "Mr J. Burgin's Barsby XI". The Barsby team was similar to many of the teams that had represented the village in 1923 with the addition of R. Weston of Frisby. Weston was the difference between the teams taking six wickets and opening the innings with 25. Barsby won a close game by 7 runs.

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. The Grantham Journal reported in February that Barsby had

been drawn against Hoby & Brooksby in the 1st Round, however when the umpires were announced in May the fixture was corrected to be against Hoby & Rotherby.

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



The umpires for the Hospital Cup clash were Tiley and Felstead. Played at Rotherby the game was disrupted by prolonged rain, so much so that at the interval it was reported that Mrs E James entertained the teams to tea. Hoby & Rotherby set at a total of 70 with G. Goddard taking five of Barsby's wickets. After the interval Barsby were soon in trouble losing both openers S. Riley and E. Waite for a single run. E Gutteridge 10 runs and AS Platts 19 runs put up some resistance, but Barsby were finally bowled out for 50 thus ending their involvement in the cup. A collection at the ground raised £1 for the Hospital Fund.

Later in June there was what was described as a schoolboy's fixture against Twyford. However, there was the familiar name of E. Gutteridge in the line-up. Also playing were two players who were to become regulars for Barsby, F. Warrington and M. Riley. The game was played over two innings with both teams scoring 30 in the first innings. In the second innings Barsby scored 31 to Twyford's score of 41.

The only other game recorded in the press was played on the Leicester Road ground on Melton against Melton LMS. In a one sided game Barsby were dismissed for 29 with LMS scoring 78. A. Adams took four wickets for Barsby.

At the end of the season veteran JH Haines a local farmer retired from playing at the age of 60. Haines was first known to have played at Barsby in 1890 also playing games for Ashby Folville. Commenting to reporter a few years later he complained about "getting stiff whilst running", he continued his involvement at the club as an umpire.

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. Thorpe Satchville were convincing winners scoring 93 to win by 37 runs. Three Barsby players made double figures AG Platts, J. Goddard and H. Riley.

We know Barsby had a friendly game scheduled against Frisby on May 23rd but no reports on the game are available.

Melton LMS again had friendly fixtures against Barsby. In what was described as the return match played at Barsby on a Saturday in July the home team got revenge for their heavy defeat in 1924 by dismissing LMS for just 13. Mainly thanks to a fine score of 45 from AS Platts Barsby made 65 runs. The win was so comfortable the Barsby number 11 L. Cropper left the game early and did not bat.

In a close contest Barsby played a 13 a side friendly against Melton British Legion at home in August. Barsby scored 57 and won the game by one run, H. Riley top scoring for Barsby with 19 with J. Goddard taking five wickets.

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 2023 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. The game was umpired by Felstead and Preston.

The only game reported in the local press in 1926 was a Wednesday night encounter with local neighbours Gaddesby in early June. This resulted in an easy win for Gaddesby who surpassed Barsby's total of 66 for the loss of just two wickets. One of Barsby's best performers was J. Smith who scored 18, we presume the same J. Smith that played for Ashby in 1894.

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. 13—Burrough v. Thorpe. 13—Twyford v. Somerby. 13—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	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.	June 15th. Burton v. Thorpe. Somerby v. Twyford. Barsby v. Burrough.	June 22nd. Burrough v. Somerby. Barsby v. Thorpe. Twyford v. Great Dalby.
July	26—Burrough v. Somerby. 26—Barsby v. Thorpe. 26—Twyford v. Great Dalby.	June 29th. Twyford v. Barsby. Thorpe v. Somerby. Great Dalby v. Burton.	July 27th. Burrough v. Twyford. Somerby v. Great Dalby. Thorpe v. Burton.
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.	August 3rd. Twyford v. Thorpe. Barsby v. Burton. Great Dalby v. Burrough.	August 10th. Burton v. Somerby. Burrough v. Barsby. Great Dalby v. Twyford.
Sept.	1—Twyford v. Burton. 1—Great Dalby v. Somerby. 1—Thorpe v. Burrough.	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.	

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.

At the end of June a Burrough League representative team played the Leicestershire Club and Ground at Burrough on the Hill, the side included S.. Warrington and AG Platts from the Barsby team.

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.

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	100	1	12.50
E. 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. Popley, 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. Mould, Somerby.....	29	143	4.93
H. Hazard, Twyford	43	214	4.98

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

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

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.

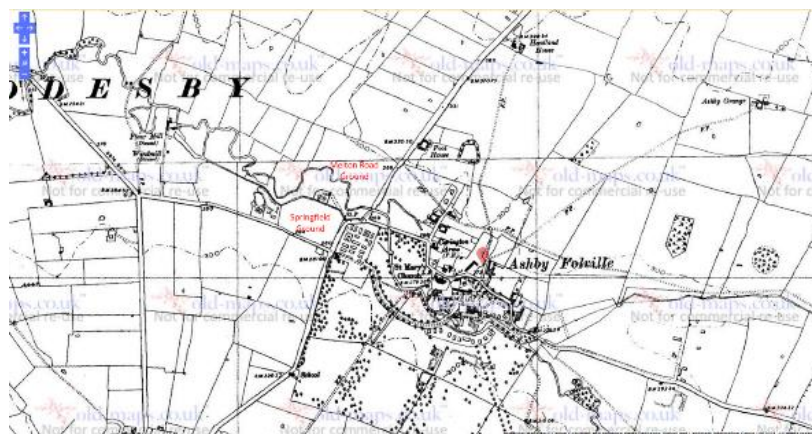
Reverent CA Turner was appointed vicar of Ashby Folville in 1929 and remained until 1935 when he was succeeded by Rev Francis George Bullock

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 away to Holwell works 2nd XI in July and the return fixture in August. The away fixture was won 80 runs to 60 despite W. Newham taking eight wickets for Holwell.

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. Waite 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, Queniborough 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.

Ashby's visit to Stocken Hall was successful and resulted in a seven-run victory, E Gutteridge contributing 18 of Ashby's 42 runs

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.

Queeniborough, J. Smith, F Warrington (snr), E. Whit, E. Hubbard (a regular until WWII), H. Queenborough, W. Howkins and S. Hubbard.

The social side of the club was active with reports in the Leicester Mercury of a successful end of season Whist Drive in the village hall raising £12 for the club. Regular players Fred Terry and Matt Riley amongst the prize winners.

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. Bradley 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 tennis team, composed of E. G. S. Lee, E. R. Arvey, F. J. Perry and F. R. D. 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.

This season was also memorable for a charity cricket match played in mid June to raise funds for the Melton War Memorial Hospital. Barsby were challenged to a match by the customers of the Harborough Hotel in Melton. The Melton Melton Mowbray "rag party" arrived on a decorated lorry and marched down the wicket. When the Melton bowled threw down the ball in disgust, W. O. Andrews the Barsby captain hit the ball into the adjoining field. Upon the departure of the rag party the match continued and it was thought Melton had won until it was discovered that someone had altered the scorebook and clock in the interval. A draw was declared.

1935 Season:

The only known match in 1935 was a high scoring affair played on Rushey Fields against *Walker & Wickens* in early July. Barsby scored an impressive 171, the visitors finishing on 98 for 5 in reply. Top score for Barsby was Hayes with 78 (a player with no other records of games at Barsby), Baker scored 43 and Walker 21.

Walker & Wickens Its were dairymen based on Haynes Road Leicester just of Uppingham Road

1936 Season:

Fixtures in 1936 included another trip to Rushey fields to play Walker & Wickens this time resulting in a 51 run for the home team despite Scarboro taking six wickets for 26 runs. Other fixtures included home games against Peckleton (of the South Leicestershire League) and Belgrave Parish Church.

1937 Season:

In 1937 two friendlies were played home and away against Brooksby.

1938 Season:

From 1938 till 1958 Elizabeth Roberts ran the King William pub at Barsby during this acted as Secretary of the Barsby Cricket Club. No games were recorded in 1938.

1939 Season:

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. The game against Holwell resulted in Holwell winning 52 runs to 21.

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. In mid June the second game of the league season brought a victory at home to Great Dalby 73 to 69. This was followed by a rain affected game at Kirby Bellars where Ashby set 46 before the home team's response was interrupted with the s score at 5 for one wicket.

Two week later Ashby won their second game 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. Towards the end of the season Ashby had a heavy defeat at Kirby Bellars being bowled out for just 27 in response to 67 from the visitors (S. Charles and L Ganes taking

nine of the wickets). The season finished with another defeat at Burton Lazars by 90 to 43 runs, F.E. wild scoring 50 for the home team.

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.

The annual dinner and concert were held at the end of April 1937. Mr Brown (vice president) presented cups to Mr C. Ledger (batting), Mr J. Hack (bowling), Mr M. Riley (fielding). Mat Riley was also made captain for the 1937 season following the retirement of Mr. S. Warrington. It appears from later reports that Warrington continued as a player.

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 bogey 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	15
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	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	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.

The final league game away at Burton Lazars ended in a comprehensive defeat by 80 runs to 48, J.E. Wild taking six wickets for Burton.

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 is 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.

The Burrough League Table published at the end of July showed Ashby Folville bottom with just one win from seven games. By Aug 13th the table indicated that Ashby had not played any further games and were still joint bottom with Burrough. Great Dalby were in top spot with five wins, one tie/abandoned game and three losses.

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 24, 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	8	5	2	0	10
Great Dalby	8	4	3	1	9
Kirby Bellars	4	3	1	0	6
Burton Lasars	5	3	2	0	6
Thorpe Satchville	7	2	4	1	3
Burrough	6	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.

Friendly fixtures included an early May game when 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.

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

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. By the start of August Ashby sat bottom of the Burrough League having lost all four games played.

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.

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, Billesdon, 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 Cricket Club* 2nd X1 by 130 runs to 56. G Smith top scoring for Barsby with 37 and taking eight wickets for 13 runs.

Leicester Cricket club were formed in 1866 as the Victoria Park club changing their name in 1878 to the Leicester Cricket Club (often referred to as the “Town” or “Leicester Town” club). Along with Leicester Ivanhoe they were one of the strongest Leicester clubs in the early 20th Century. The team for a time were based at the county grounds at Aylestone Road and Grace Road. By the mid 80’s the club were £100,000 in debt playing at Winchester Road Blaby forcing the club to sell the ground to Leicester United Football Club. This resulted in the demise of the cricket club.

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.

For the second year running Barsby played a friendly in June against Leicester 2nd Team. Barsby were bowled out for 82, Leicester closed their innings on 104 for 5.

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, Clewe Iliffe, Charlie Whitton, Front Row: ?, Geoff Meadows, Ron Cursley, Jack Hepwell

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.

On the pitch Barsby lost two games to Syston. At home on June 11th Syston surpassed Barsby's score of 101 for the loss of four wickets. The return game on 27th resulted in a heavy loss for Barsby being bowled out for 54, Syston scored 144 for 8.

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 is a mere smudge 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 bound 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, 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 pointing a man quite readily with such lucid phrases as "the bloke in the green pull-over," or "the chap in the navy-blue pu-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, unfortunately, 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 jet-propelled, 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 Batistole 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 licks 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?"

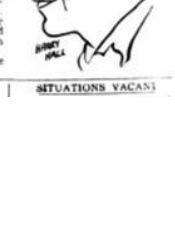
Oh, well, probably they were pulling my leg.

FAMILY AFFAIR

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

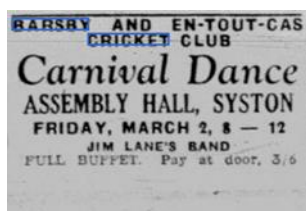
Their benefactor was Bill Smith (pictured here), electrician by trade, and life wire of the club. He was the man who revived Gaddesby cricket, but, when he sent out the notices concerning the first meeting, he overestimated the amount of postage that the postman would carry for trespass.

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



The progression of the club is indicated by the nature of the fund raising activities advertised in the Leicester Mercury.

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: 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).

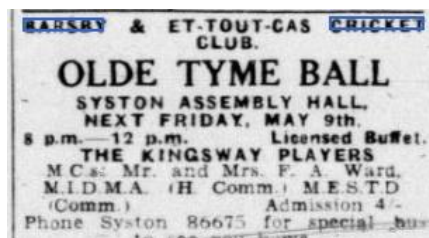
Kirby Bellars lost in the Final to Twyford played at Burrough on the Hill.

Leicester Wanderers defeated Barsby in a late July friendly notable for Wanderer's bowler Wright taking a hat trick dismissing Barsby for 66. Wanderers had earlier declared their innings on 156 for 8.

In late August Barsby lost to Hoby & Rotherby in a friendly which had an end of season feel to it. Hoby scored 150 for 9 with all ten of Barsby'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.

The first records of John Burgin playing for Barsby appeared in 1951, John was a regular until 1970 when the club moved from Barsby.

Season 1952



The Syston Assembly Hall was again the location for the pre season dance.

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. That left just five teams, Barsby, Twyford, Rearsby, Kirby Bellars and Gaddesby. Barsby reached the Final which was played on the August Bank Holiday Thursday against a

strong Rearsby team who were already in the Nursing and Melton charity cup Finals. The result of the game is unknown.

Still referred to as the Barsby and En Tout Cas Cricket Club, five friendly games were reported in the local press against Newton Harcourt, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Dunlop and Globetrotters. Barsby lost all five games failing to score over 100 in any game.

Despite some fine bowling from John Burgin (six wickets for 25 runs) Newton Harcourt beat Barsby by 11 runs setting a target of 102. J. Straw top scored for Barsby with 43 in a total of 91. Another defeat came against Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Barsby being bowled out for 50 despite 24 from Dilkes, Ratcliffe lost only three wickets in chasing the target.

Dunlop (members of the Leicester and District Mutual League in 1960) won easily home and away to Barsby. In the away fixture Dunlop declared on 120 for 6 before dismissing Barsby for 55 (former Leicester City footballer Roger Haywood taking 6 for 28 including a hat trick). In the return fixture Barsby were all out for 40 with Dunlop scoring 45 with no loss of wickets. In early September Globetrotters outclassed Barsby winning by 166 runs to 66.

The annual Fete was reported to have raised £82 2s 8d for cricket club funds.

Season 1953:

Barsby 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, however we have no reports of any results.

A high scoring friendly away at Syston was reported in the Leicester Mercury. Syston set a mammoth 173 all out leaving Barsby time to only make 91 for 4. M. Brookhouse who played the occasional game for Barsby during the 1950's took five wickets and Bill Rawson (28 non out) and G. Cope (27) top scored for Barsby.

Quenby cricket club provided the opposition for Barsby at the Annual Fete.

Season 1954:

The earliest evidence of the pavilion at Barsby appears on the team photo from 1954.

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, Geoff Meadows, Colin Rendell

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.

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.	

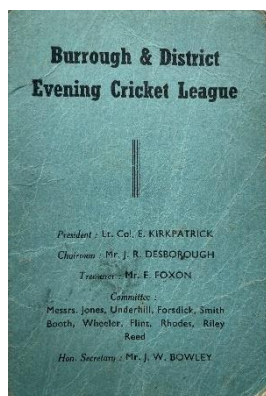
The Final was against Rearsby and a rather one sided affair. Batting first Barsby made 80 all out, Bas Dilkes top scoring with 22. In reply Rearsby only required 54 deliveries to score the required runs for the loss of no wickets. John Woodward (later to play for Barsby) made 52 and J. Flint 22.

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 league was split between an A and B division, Barsby being placed in Section B with Gaddesby, Rearsby, Kirby Bellars and Queniborough. The annotations to the fixture page from the 1956 *Burrough & District Evening Cricket League Handbook* are misleading as they refer to the results from 1957.

Burrough League Handbook - 1956



FINAL BARSBY v QWENIBORO

Section A		Section B	
May 14	Knossington v Burrough Twylford v Thorpe Satchville	May 14	Gaddesby v Barsby <i>won.</i> Rearsby v Queniboro <i>76-71</i>
28	Twylford v Knossington Burrough v Great Dalby	28	Rearsby v Gaddesby <i>won.</i> Barsby v Kirby Bellars <i>99-104</i>
June 4	Knossington v Thorpe Satchville Great Dalby v Twylford	June 4	Gaddesby v Queniboro Kirby Bellars v Rearsby
11	Great Dalby v Knossington Thorpe Satchville v Burrough	11	Kirby Bellars v Gaddesby <i>won.</i> Queniboro v Barsby <i>103-74</i>
18	Burrough v Twylford Thorpe Satchville v Great Dalby	18	Barsby v Rearsby <i>won.</i> Queniboro v Kirby Bellars <i>100-96</i>
25	Burrough v Knossington Thorpe Satchville v Twylford	25	Barsby v Gaddesby <i>won.</i> Queniboro v Rearsby <i>137-73</i>
July 2	Knossington v Twylford Great Dalby v Burrough	July 2	Gaddesby v Rearsby <i>won.</i> Kirby Bellars v Barsby <i>63-78</i>
9	Thorpe Satchville v Knossington Twylford v Great Dalby	9	Queniboro v Gaddesby Rearsby v Kirby Bellars
16	Knossington v Great Dalby Burrough v Thorpe Satchville	16	Gaddesby v Kirby Bellars Barsby v Queniboro
23	Twylford v Burrough Great Dalby v Thorpe Satchville	23	Rearsby v Barsby <i>won.</i> Kirby Bellars v Queniboro

The Burrough & District League confusingly refer to their competition as the "Knockout Cricket Cup" in their rules. It was played as a Monday night league in two sections with the winning teams meeting in the Final. Games started at 6:45 and consisted of 18 overs. Abandoned games were allowed to be replayed up till the following Friday. Wins resulted in 2 points or 1 point for drawn or abandoned games.

The Melton times reported on the results from the two Burrough League games against Kirby Bellars and an away game at Rearsby (presumed to be a Saturday friendly). 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. It is also known that in late May Barsby visited a Wigston based team called Outfielders, the game appears to

have been abandoned with the hosts on 48 for 6. The Leicester Mercury reported a very one sided friendly against Quenby in June when Barsby were dismissed for just 19 runs losing the game by ten wickets

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

The annual fund raising dance was held in June at the Palais de Danse in Leicester. An advert appeared in the Leicester Mercury "dancing 8 – 1, 2 bands, 3 bars, payment on door 4/". Barsby had an extensive fixture list with a Saturday "A" Team, Saturday "B" Team, Sunday Team, Midweek Burrough League Team and Midweek friendly fixtures.

The officers in the 1957 Fixture card make interesting reading with many ex-players featuring.

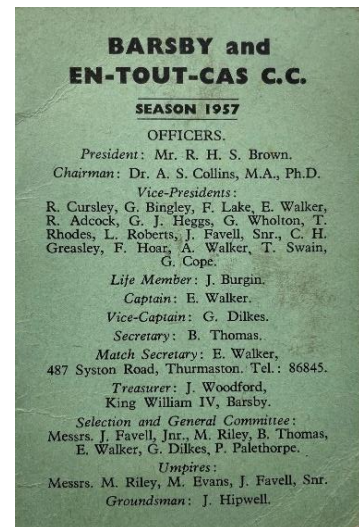
President: H. Brown, regular player for Barsby from 1886 to 1922 also playing for Ashby Folville.

Vice Presidents: E. Walker (1948–1961), R. Cursley (1950–1951), R. Adcock (1910-1914), T. Rhodes (1960), L. Roberts (1910 – 1929), J. Favell snr (1921 – 1939 mainly Ashby Folville CC), F. Hoar (1947 – 1948), A. Walker (1921 – 1929), G. Cope (1947 – 1955)

Life Member: John Burgin (1951- 1970)

Secretary: B. Thomas (1956)

Umpires: M. Riley (1924- 1939), M. Evans snr (1933 1934)



The fixtures card contained details of the club Rules. Membership was open to anyone nominated by a club member with annual subscriptions set at 15/ (25p in todays money) and match subs at 1/ (5p). Teams were selected on a Tuesday evening and published on a notice board in the King William IV. It was the responsibility of members to ascertain whether they had been selected. This method of selection wasn't unusual as I can remember Syston selecting in a similar fashion in the early 1990's. I am sure in todays gage however this would result in quite a few teams not having eleven players!

The Burrough League had moved to its now familiar slot as a Tuesday night league. Since the 1956 handbook was annotated with the 1957 results it is presumed Section A and Section B comprised the same teams as the previous year. This indicates Barsby won all their games played. It also captures the run scored from batsman Bas Dilkes who calculated his average of 20.4 on the reverse! His best performance came at home to Gaddesby scoring 56 in an impressive Barsby total of 137.

The games against Kirby Bellars were reported in the Melton Times with Barsby getting 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)

Barsby finished top of Section A and met Twyford in the Final. No scorecard has been found but we know Barsby won the game with Bas Dilkes scoring 16 runs. 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.

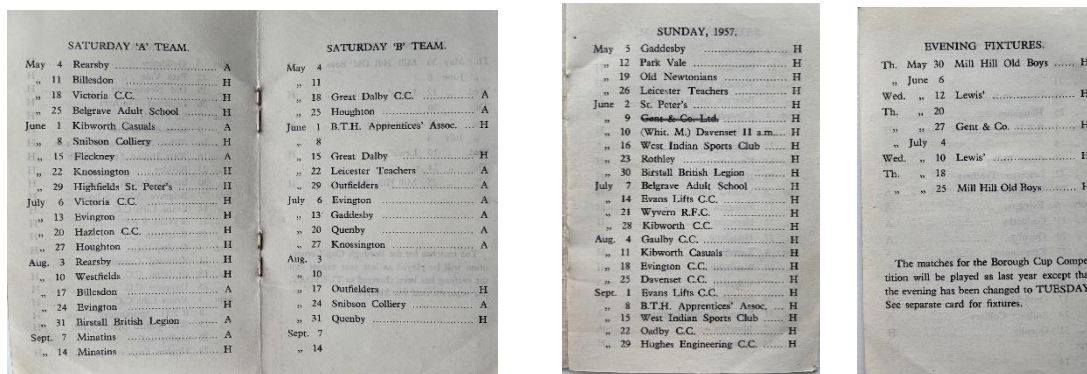
Barsby Cricket Club Team Photo 1957 (game v Rest of League)



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

As a condition of winning the Burrough League a 30 over game was arranged 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.

Fixture Card from 1957



There was an extensive Saturday, Sunday, and even Midweek Friendly fixture schedule. In total their were 73 scheduled fixtures including the Burrough League. Note, however how many home games were scheduled. Every Sunday game was at home as were the vast majority of the Saturday "A" team games. Teams must have liked travelling to Barsby. No mention was made of the start times in the Fixture List except for the Whit Monday match against Davenset which was scheduled for an early 11am start. Some interesting and long lost teams played included *Hazelton, Minatins, Outfielders, B.T.*

H Apprentices, Lewis's, Gent & Co, Davenset, West Indian Sports Club, Evans Lifts and Hughes Engineering. This list highlighting the large number of works-based teams at the time. Local team played included Rearsby, Gaddesby, Billesdon, Knossington, Houghton, Quenby and Great Dalby.

Outfielders CC and Davenset CC both had interesting connection to Barsby. Wigston based Outfielders were active from around 1950 often touring Oxford. However in 1958 they amalgamated with Wigston Nomads to form Leicester Pilgrims, the team that in 1971 took over the tenure of the Barsby ground. Davenset CC was the works team of the factory of Electrical Manufacturers Partridge Wilson based on Evington Valley Road. In WWII director Hubert Ross Wilson lived in Gaddesby and used outbuilding of his Oaklands home to manufacture battery chargers employing local women from Barsby and Gaddesby. Their cricket team was active from the mid 1930's till the early 1990's when they were competing in the Mutual League.

BTH were British Thompson Houston Company later Marconi with a factory in Blackbird Road, their cricket team was in the City League in 1957. Hughes Engineering based in Briton Street were in the Mutual League as were Evans Lifts. Haxleton CC were active from early 1950's till the early 1970's and presumably connected to the Publishing company. One other unusual name was Minatins CC. A relatively short lived team active during the 1950's they quickly rose to Division 1 of the Mutual League. The team played their early home games at Coalpit Lane (now Braunstone Lane East) later playing at the Abbey Oval Ground.

Friendly fixtures were occasionally reported in the Mercury, these included against Park Vale, St Peters Highfields and Quenby. In early May Barsby lost a low scoring game to Park Vale who scored 69 by three runs. Barsby scored an impressive 149 against St Peters Highfields (members of the City League) before restricting the visitors to 106 for 5 by close of play. Towards the end of the season Quenby and district were the visitors losing by 19 runs chasing Barsby's total of 74.

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.

For the second season running Barsby could not dismiss the St Peters batsmen. Having set 127 for 5 declared Barsby could only take eight wickets restricting the visitors to 98. Brian Burgin top scored for Barsby with 53 not out. July brought another drawn game against Evington Barsby declaring on 113 for 9 (Brian Dennis scoring 39) before Evington closed innings on 101 for 4. The following week Barsby beat Westfields by one run, Peter Palethorpe scoring 30 in Barsby's total of 95.

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. The Annual Fete raised £100 to be split with the Barsby & District Football Club, the cricket club winning the skittles tournament.

Season 1959

For the third successive season Barsby won the Burrough League. 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.

A friendly fixture against Old Newtonians was reported in the Mercury in mid June. Barsby set a score of 126 with John Burgin scoring 58, in reply Newts finished on 89 for 8. Rearsby were beaten by 17 runs in early August.

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 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

BURROUGH CUP FINAL

Barsby had easy task

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.

The middle men failed and it was F. Higgins and J. Queenborough who raised the final score to 75.

The Barsby openers, C. Dilks and T. Evans, carried their score to 31 before Dilks' 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:—

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

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

Our earliest surviving scorebook dates from 1962 and contains many of the Burrough League and Friendly fixtures played. The page below from the friendly against Leicester Taverners is not representative of the quality of the scoring in the book which to a large extent was as poor as today's efforts!

Scorecard from game against Leicester Taverners 24/6/62

HOME CLUB		INNINGS OF		CRICKET CLUB V		PLAYED AT		VISITORS		ON		C. CLUB			
Barsby		Barsby		Leicester Taverners		Leicester Taverners		Leicester Taverners		Leicester Taverners		Leicester Taverners			
BATSMEN	TYPE	IN	OUT	RUNS SCORED		SCORING RATE	HOW OUT	BOWLER	TOTAL						
1 Smith DK		1	1	1	1	100		Not out	39						
2 Evans		2	2	4	2	200	ct Smith & Smith Jr	Smith Jr	6						
3 King		3	3	1	4	133	Bowled	Parker G	22						
4 Cockerham J		4	4	1	2	100	Bowled	Spencer D	15						
5 Burgin J		5	5	1	4	133	Bowled	Brown G	12						
6 Smith G		6	6	2	1	133	ct Burgin	Spencer D	16						
7 Burgin B.P		7	7	1	2	100	ct Burgin	Spencer D	0						
8 Burgin B		8	8	1	2	100		Not out	12						
9 Dilkes J		9	9	1	2	100									
10 Whittier G		10	10												
11 Hall H		11	11												
NOTE: Batmen RUN OUT, or 3 runs out for OBSTRUCTION, HIT BALL TWICE, HONORABLE BALL, OR NOT OUT BY BOWLER WICKET.										BYES 5 1 1 1 1		LEG BYES 2 1		NO BALLS	
TOTAL AT THE FALL OF EACH WICKET AND NO. OF OUTGOING BATSMAN										EXTRAS 12		TOTAL 134		FOR 6 WKTS	
1 FOR	2 FOR	3 FOR	4 FOR	5 FOR	6 FOR	7 FOR	8 FOR	9 FOR	10 FOR						
7	35	74	95	118	118										
2	3	4	5	6	7										

It's interesting to note there were several new opponents on the fixture list including Leicester Taverners (based at Braunstone Lane East), Ashwell & Nesbit and Mantle Road Old Boys (both from the Belgrave Cricket Association Evening League).

The top wicket takers in 1962 were Colin Smith (71 wickets), John Burgin (50 wickets) and J. Cockerham (28 wickets) in probably his only season at Barsby. Leading run scorers were Derek Smith (396), Tony Evans (320), Bas Dilkes (304), John Burgin (264), Colin Smith (217), Brian Burgin (208), P. Crawford

(195), D. Calthorpe (194). All of these players are likely to have scored more runs and taken more wickets in some of the missing scorecards, but it gives us a clue who the key players were at the time.

Burrough League

In the Burrough League Barsby were captained by John Burgin and were placed in Group B which included Systonby, Rearsby, Gaddesby, Kirby Bellars and Great Dalby. Group A consisted of Thorpe Satchville, Twyford, Lowesby, Pickwell, Tilton, Saxby & Stapleford. Barsby won 5, lost 3 and had one tie, the results of the away tie at Systonby and the home tie with Great Dalby are unknown.

The Burrough League campaign started with what looked like an easy win over Gaddesby. Chasing just over 80 Gaddesby made less than 50 runs with regular night bowlers John Burgin and Colin Smith taking four wickets apiece, Colin's wickets only cost five runs. An unusual, tied game was witnessed at home to Kirby Bellars. Chasing a target of 73 the visitors final pair needed just three to win off the last over to be bowled by John Burgin. With two singles scored off the six balls the game ended a tie. Colin Smith had earlier taken five wickets.

In the June 5th game against at home to Systonby, the toss was won by Barsby who soon found that the Systonby bowlers 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. Systonby 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 Colin Smith 5 for 21.

The trip to Gaddesby brought another comfortable win in the local derby. Tony Evans batting at number three scored 62 not out to take Barsby to 120 for 3. This gave Barsby the opportunity to use some part time bowlers and still win by 32 runs. The visit of Rearsby was a closer encounter. Steady batting from John Burgin (20) and P. Crawford (37) helped Barsby to 87 for 6. Rearsby needing 19 to win off the last over, Barsby must have thought they were safe until Clarke hit three consecutive boundaries off Colin Smith. The final two balls however only went for three runs handing Barsby a tight victory.

On June 11th Barsby visited Great Dalby for a Burrough League game. Batting first Barsby scored an impressive 100 off their 18 overs with contributions of 32 runs 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.

At this point in the season Barsby must have been top of their division. Barsby however lost their final two games away at Kirby Bellars by one wicket and at home to Rearsby. Rearsby easily chased 108 with John Woodward (later of Barsby) scoring 51 not out. With Barsby sharing the bowling around it suggests Barsby had already failed to gain top spot in their league. Kirby Bellars won the group and went on to beat the Thorpe Satchville in the final.

Friendlies

As for the friendly fixtures we have records of games played on both Saturdays and Sundays. There were early season games against Leicester Pilgrims and Park Vale. These were followed by a Saturday game on the 12th of May at 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. Barsby'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 Barsby 81- 6 at the close, Brian Kirk top scoring 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.

Two friendlies were played against Ashwell & Nesbit (Leicester based engineering company). The first an away game on the 20th of May resulted in a draw. Batting first Cockeram scored 84 and Derick Smith 85 as they put on 146 for the first wicket. Barsby eventually declared on 206 for 4 after 34 overs. The home team reached 129 for 3 when time ran out. The return game at Barsby brought an easy eight wicket victory with the visitors dismissed for 59, J Burgin taking five wickets and J. Cockeram four.

Houghton and Queniborough easily beat Barsby. So quick was the later defeat that there was time to play a 10 over game afterwards that Barsby actually won. The following day Leicester Taverners were the visitors, with a similar team albeit with eleven men not nine Barsby won a low scoring game. Having been dismissed for 84, Cockeram opened the bowling for Barsby taking seven wickets for 31 to dismiss the visitors for 63.

The Whit Monday game against Leicester Teachers ended in a draw. Barsby set a target of 183 in 48 overs with Tony Evans top scoring with 40 ably supported by Derick Smith 35 and J. Cockeram 34. Despite using nine bowlers, Barsby could only take seven wickets as the visitors closed the innings 73 short. In the return match the following week Barsby won a close game by two wickets. The final pair of Bas Dilkes and B. Dennis put on 52 for the eighth wicket to seal an unlikely victory. Dilkes finished undefeated on 88.

St Peters were easily defeated by seven wickets after being dismissed for 66 thanks to tight bowling from openers Colin Smith and Cockeram. The following weekend on June 26th the trip to County Officers proved more challenging. Missing opener Bas Dilkes, ten-man Barsby crashed to 61 all out with only Brian Burgin making double figures with 19 runs. Some fine bowling from Colin Smith (who took four quick wickets) gave Barsby hope when the Officers were on 15 for 5, however a mid-order recovery gave the Officers a four-wicket victory.

The return visit of Leicester Taverners to Barsby saw the visitors score 132 all out off 35 overs. In reply opener Derick Smith held the batting together finishing undefeated on 34 to seal a four wicket victory. It was interesting to note the start time of 3:30 with the first innings finishing at 6pm. Nowadays weekend games start at 1pm and have less overs so we must be getting slow.

At the end of June Barsby had a drawn game with Victoria Road Church, the visitors finishing nine wickets down when time called. Mantle Road OB defeated Barsby, only number eight Colin Smith put up any resistance with 32 runs in Barsby's total of 84. A similarly poor batting performance the following week saw Barsby dismissed for 110 against Evington, this time number eight P. Burgin came to the rescue with 33 not out. This proved to be crucial as two five wicket hauls from Colin Smith and Cockeram dismissed the visitors for 79.

On the 17th of July Barsby faced Thorpe Satchville (in a Tuesday night friendly). Barsby struggled to 56 for 7 off their 18 overs with only P. Crawford and D. Palethorpe making double figures. Thorpe easily got the runs with three overs to spare for the loss of four wickets.

On Saturday July 21st Queniborough visited Barsby. An opening stand of 97 from Bas Dilkes and Brian Burgin got Barsby off to a good start scoring 51 and 52 respectively. Barsby eventually declared on 152 for 6 after 37 overs. Opening bowlers John Burgin and Colin Smith made short work of the Queniborough batsmen dismissing them for a paltry 22 in just 12.5 overs. Colin Smith ended with impressive figures of 6 wickets for 4 runs, Burgin took the other four wickets. The following week Barsby visited local rivals Quenby and delivered another impressive performance. Opener Bas Dilkes and number four John Burgin featured in a 99 run third wicket partnership. Dilkes finishing on 70 and Burgin on 62 in Barsby's total of 176 for 5. Colin Smith was again in the wickets taking four as Quenby were dismissed for 103.

Barsby were also soundly beaten on a trip in late August to nomadic Leicester Veronique Cricket club being dismissed for just 15 runs chasing a total of 96. Wale took a hat trick for Veronique in his impressive bowling figures of seven wickets for 5 runs.

The 1962 scorebook also contained a few non Barsby games for the Twyford British Legion. Their team contained a number of Barsby regulars including John Favell, J. Cockeram, Bas Dilkes, Peter Palethorpe and John Burgin, another ex-Barsby player Fred Terry being the scorer.

The players representing Barsby in 1962 were drawn from a relatively small pool of players and included, Brian Burgin, John Burgin, P. Burgin, D. Callthorpe, J. Cockeram, P. Crawford, Brian Dennis, Bas Dilkes, I. Dilkes, Tony Evans, John Favell, Hudson, T. King, D.Orme, Derick Palethorpe, Peter Palethorpe, T. Rhodes, Colin Smith, Derick (DK) Smith, M. Tailby. One of the most consistent players in 1962 was J. Cockeram who was one of the leading wicket takers and a useful batsman. However, this appears to be his one and only season playing at Barsby.

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.

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*

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.

Towards the end of the season Barsby visited Wimbledon Works cricket club falling 46 runs short chasing a target of 103.

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, Scalford, 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 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 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 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.

In a friendly fixture Leicester Veronique suffered an unlikely defeat against Barsby. Having declared on 140 for 1 Barsby chased the runs for the loss of four wickets.

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 Wimbledon 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.

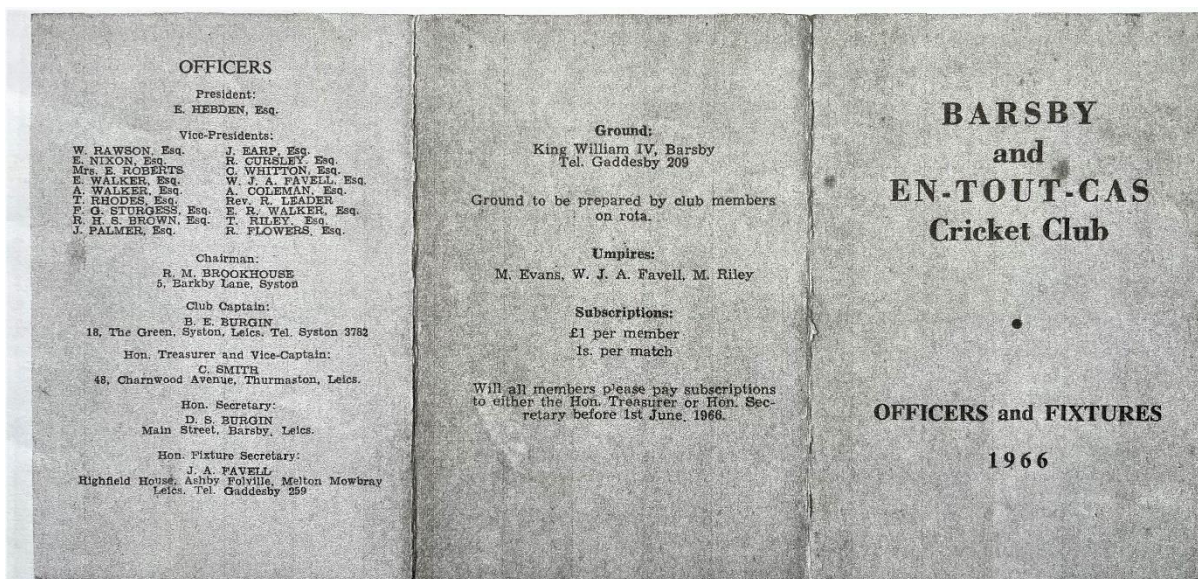
On May 25th Barsby entered a "Threes" tournament at Egerton Park. Barsby progressed to the Semi Final by beating Sysonby and Thorpe Arnold. In the Semi Final Barsby faced Asfordby who scored 69 for 1 with Barsby replying with 49 runs.

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.

Barsby & En-Tout Cas Cricket Club Fixture Card 1966



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.

There was little reporting of the friendly fixtures, however we know Barsby lost the regular fixture at home to Veronique in August by 2 wickets. Towards the end of the season there was a good win over the Taverners, Barsby declaring on 201 for 7 (Evans 71, Woodward 79) before dismissing the visitors for 112.

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. Woodwood 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.

The quality of the Barsby wicket resulted in the club being selected for the venue of the semi final of the Howard Clarke Cup. Holders, Leicester Amateur League played the Burrough and District League in a Sunday afternoon match.

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 bowing Pickwell out for just 29. Unfortunately, we don't know how Barsby faired 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 started 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 played at Queniborough. 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	91 for 9 (R Jaggard 3 for 24, C. Smith 2 for 53, Roger Cropper 2 for 2)
Barsby	93 for 4 (Tony Evans 38, John Woodward 26, G. Dilkes 15)
Saxby & Stapleford	64 for 9 (C. Smith 3 for 32, R. Jaggard 5 for 31)
Barsby	66 for 2 (Tony Evans 41, DK Smith 11)
Egerton Park	132 for 3 (R. Cropper 2 for 18, Colin Smith 1 for 48)
Barsby	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:

Barsby	76 for 3 (John Woodwood 38, D. Smith 24)
Pickwell	75 for 10
Queniborough	113 for 2 (R. Jaggard 1 for 32)
Barsby	115 for 7 (Colin Smith 75, John Favell 11)
Barsby	90 for 6 (John Woodward 32, G. Dilkes 16)
Great Dalby	79 for 9 (Colin Smith 3 for 37, R. Jaggard 3 for 33)
Pickwell	71 for 10 (C. Woodwood 5 for 34)
Barsby	74 for 9

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

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.

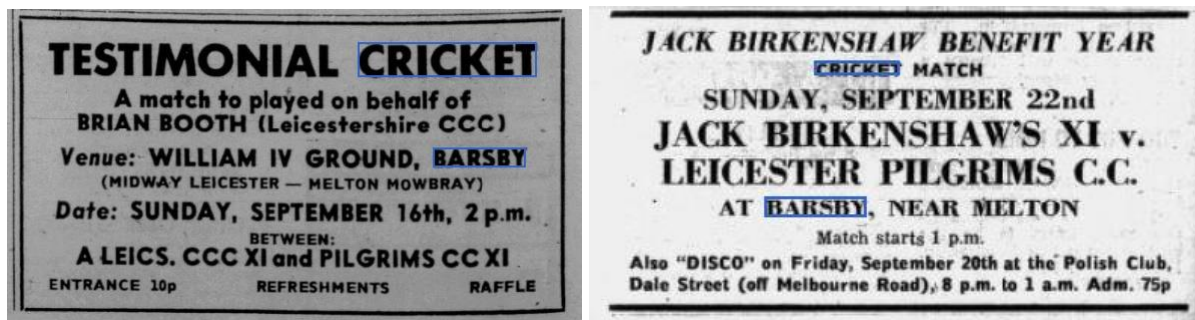
Notable new players in 1970 were youngsters Michael Evans (probably the best bowler to represent the club) and allrounder David Smith who played many years for Ashby Carington. The full list of players known to represent Barsby in 1969 were: P. Arnold, P. Asher, David Burgin, John Burgin, Roger Cropper, 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. It was sad to note the report in the Leicester Mercury on the 13th July that the vandals had ruined the cricket pitch and broken windows in the pavilion. The pitch had been dug up and six windows broken. Thomas Riley of the King William pub said "it appeared to be a deliberate attempt to stop people playing at the ground".

There were two notable testimonials played at the ground, on the 16th June 1973 for Brian Booth and 22nd September 1974 for Jack Birkenshaw.



The Brian Booth 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.

At the end of the season a ploughman's supper and dance was organised, an impressive 130 guests sat down to Stilton and Leicester cheese raising a sum of £55 for the cricket club.

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.

To bolster funds a dance was organised pre season in February raising £66.

Plaque to commemorate the erection of the pavilion



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. Ovans and Tony Evans who both scored 5 runs. Mr Tom Webster presented the trophy to captain John Woodward.



ASHBY CARINGTON	
W. Ovans 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. Longslade were the first visitors to Ashby losing a close game falling five runs short of Ashby's total of 74. Dave Smith took four wickets for a single run

Houghton on the Hill were the next 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 bowling 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 Loraine 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 8, 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. Ovans. 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. Ovans, 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

	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. Ovens 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. Ovens, 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. We also know from first hand accounts that in either 1976 or 1977 at Wymeswold's "old ground" behind the Three Crowns Pub Colin Smith took 9 wickets for 9 runs in a friendly game. These are the best recorded bowling figures for Ashby Carington.

Pre-Season, Ashby again entered an indoor 6-a-side tournament at Melton Leisure Centre. The tournament appeared popular with Melton Post Office, Thorpe Arnold, Melton sports Club, Great Dalby, Buckminster, Egerton Park, Ab Kettleby and Queniborough all entering teams. Whilst Ashby did not progress to the final stages they had victories over Melton PO and Great Dalby.

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 1					
	P	W	D	L	B	P
Thorpe Arnold	14	10	1	0	3	31
Ashby Crtn	14	8	2	0	4	26
Saxby/Stpl	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
Syston 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, Nigel Hubbard, N. Jaggard, Colin Smith, D.W. Smith, Peter Taylor, Alan Woods, John Woodward.

1980 Egerton Park 3's team (Neil Jaggard, Nigel Hubbard, Dave Smith)



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 and Thorpe Arnold 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 had been 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 towards the end of the season performances picked up. Ashby got revenge against Pickwell bowling the opposition out for just 31 (Slater 5 for 17, Evans 5 for 12) to win by 27 runs. Thorpe Arnold were also beaten in a low scoring game, Ashby scoring 89 for 4 off 18 overs (a total that included 20 extras). However, some fine bowling by Nigel Hubbard taking 8 wickets for 36 gave Ashby a 12-run victory as Thorpe were dismissed with one over to spare. The season ended with a defeat against Great Dalby, Gilbert taking 8 of Dalby's wickets in their 57-run victory.

No records exist of Ashby's fete in the Knockout Cup but we know they did not reach the semi final stage.

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.

Older members of the club recall a game at Whissendine (almost certainly in 1982) when Tim Smith scored 100 and Alan Smith made 92. There are no other records of Tim playing at Ashby although we know that him and his brother Tony played a few games in the early 80's.

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.

Season 1983:

Ashby Carington remained in Division 1 of the Burrough and District League, although we don't have the final table, we do know Ashby were relegated after four successive seasons in the top division.

1983 Fixture Card

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The fixture card from 1983 demonstrates the long association many ex-players had with the club. Vice Presidents included A. Walker who played at Barsby from 1921 to 1929, Eric Walker (1948 – 1961), John Favell (1935 – 1976), Brian Burgin (1955 – 1967), Bas Dilkes (1954 – 1976), Peter Palethorpe (1954 – 1968), Fred Warrington (1937 – 1957) and still an active supporter of the club in 2021.

Burrough League

New additions to the Burrough League in 1983 were Thorpe B, Buckminster and Petfoods. Ashby captained by Phil Lane continued in Division 1 but had a disastrous season winning only one game.

The omens for the season were poor when Ashby only scored 34 in their 16 overs in the first game of the season at Pickwell. Andrew Townley batting at four for Pickwell wasn't required as they eased to a nine wicket victory. There was an improved performance at least by the bowlers in the second game against Melton, Hubbard taking 4 for 20 and Evans 5 for 24 restricting Melton to just 49 off 18 overs. Unfortunately, ten-man Ashby were bowled out for 42 with two overs remaining.

Further heavy defeats to Syston and Thorpe Arnold were followed by the only win of the season against Braunston. Tight bowling from Phil Lane 4 for 15 off seven overs restricted the visitors to 74 for 8. Ashby were struggling on 27 for 6 before Michael Evans batting at eight came to the crease and scored an excellent 25. He was out with Ashby requiring three to win with one wicket and one ball remaining. Nigel Hubbard kept his nerve and hit his first ball for six!

All the remaining league games were lost. The only highlight being Roger Cropper taking 5 for 29 against Melton, and John Woodward scoring 55 in the final game of the season away at Braunston.

No records have been found of the Knock Out Cup Preliminary tie with Hoby & Rotherby, however as Hoby were competing in later rounds Ashby must have lost or conceded the fixture.

Melton Cups

Melton played two cup games in June against Hoby & Rotherby and Asfordby. As these were not played on a Tuesday, they were probably Nursing Cup and Combined Cup games. The game at home to Hoby saw Ashby's best batting performance of the season scoring 119 for 3, opener Alan Smith getting 40. Hoby edged home winning by one wicket in the final over D. Wilkinson hitting a four then a six off M. Evans. In the other cup game Asfordby won by 8 wickets easily chasing Ashby's total of 59.

Friendlies

Ashby ran both a Saturday friendly team captained by Nigel Hubbard and a Sunday friendly team captained by Phil Lane. David Smith was vice captain for both teams.

1983 Friendly Fixtures

Saturday			Sunday		
Captain: N. HUBBARD			Captain: P. LANE		
Vice-Captain: D. W. SMITH			Vice-Captain: D. W. SMITH		
Date	Opponents	Venue	Date	Opponents	Venue
April 30	County Officers	A	April 17	Kirklands	A
May 7	Glenthorpe	H	April 24		
May 14			May 1	Woodhouse Eaves	H
May 21	Wigston Town	H	May 8	Sileby Town	A
May 28	Wymeswold	A	May 15	Houghton-on-the-Hill	A
June 4	Braunstone C.C.	A	May 22	Syston Town	H
June 11	Wymeswold	H	May 24	Twycross	H
June 18	Harborough South	H	June 5	Great Glen	A
June 25	County Offices		June 12	Kinoulton	A
July 2	Great Dalby	H	June 19	Rolls Royce	H
July 9	Wigston Town	A	June 26	Sileby Town	H
July 16	Medbourne	H	July 3	Harborough South	A
July 23			July 10	Barrow Town	A
July 30	Victoria C.C.	H	July 17	Queniborough	H
Aug. 6	Medbourne	A	July 24	South Leicester Welfare	A
Aug. 13	Glenthorpe	H	July 31	Great Glen	H
Aug. 20	Braunstone C.C.		Aug. 7	Twycross	A
Aug. 27			Aug. 14	Leicester Teachers	H
Sept. 3			Aug. 21	Bharat Sports	H
Sept. 10	Westfields	H	Aug. 28	South Leicester Welfare	H
Sept. 17	Coalville Town	A	Sept. 4	J. L. Kings XI	A
Sept. 24			Sept. 11	Gracedieu Park	H
Sept. 31			Sept. 18	Kirklands	H
			Sept. 25	Clarendon Park	H

The gaps in the Saturday fixture list were probably an early indication of the general move of most teams to playing league cricket on Saturdays.

The highlights from 1983 included bowling Braunstone out for 41 on Saturday June 4th then the next day bowling Great Glen out for 36, youngster Richard Slater taking three wickets for four runs. Two weeks later in a low scoring game Ashby set Harborough South a meagre total of 77 to chase. Fortunately, Ashby's bowlers were on form with Roger Cropper taking 5 for 14 to dismiss Harborough for 67.

By late June the batsman had found their form chasing 195 set by Sibley to win by two wickets. Number 9 Dave Smith scoring 41 and putting on 36 for the ninth wicket with Richard Slater to win the game. Against Wigston in early July steady batting from John Woodward 58, and number three David Smith 81 in a partnership of 100 helped Ashby set a target of 176 in 48 overs. Wigston however held out for a draw scoring just 94 for 9 in their 35 overs.

It wasn't until August that we saw another fifty by an Ashby batsman. Opener John Woodward again leading by example scoring a six off his first scoring shot in his total of 63 against Medbourne. Ashby closed on 165 for 8 in 39 overs. There was no need to worry about time remaining in this game as Evans took 6 for 11 as Medbourne were bowled out for 32 in just 13 overs.

Against Glenthorpe Ashby won by 16 runs bowling the visitors out for 80 with Michael Evans again starring by taking 6 for 25 in his twelve overs. In the end of season game against Lord Kings XI at Wartnerby there was a tied game with both teams scoring 154. With three wickets remaining Lord Kings required three runs off the final over to win. Despite Dave Smith bowling a no ball one was still required off the last ball. Fortunately, the last ball resulted in a run out.

In the final game of the season at home to Clarendon Park captain Phil Lane led by example taking 6 for 14 in his nine overs to restrict the visitors to 87. Unfortunately, he was let down by his batsman as they capitulated and were all out for 83. R. Woods, D. Favell, M. Evans, and N. Hubbard all getting ducks.

Of the friendly games recorded in 1983 Ashby Carington won 14, lost 9 and had 3 draws. At least 35 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were John Woodward 508, Colin Smith 318 David Smith 267. Top bowlers were Michael Evans 79 wickets, Nigel Hubbard 62, Roger Cropper 42.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1983 were Kevin Baker (a future captain of the 2nd team, Steve Barnes, John Whiting, Dave Brightwell, Nigel Hough and Dave Favell (our current groundsman in 2021). There were also a significant number of one season wonders including M. Baggley, E. Kirk, S. Gill, N. Graham and J. Vora It was also the final season for several long serving players. Also in their final season was R. Jaggard who first played at Barsby in 1969 and Derick Smith who had played at Barsby since at least 1955.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1983 were: M Baggley, Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, David Brightwell, Roger Cropper, B. Drake, Michael Evans, David Favell, S. Flear, S. Gill, Goodson, Michael Home, W. Holloway, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, R. Jaggard, B. Johnson, E. Kirk, Phil Lane, S. Martin, R. Miller, Robert Slater, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith, Derick Smith, Robert Spence, J. Vora, Vinny Whitfield, John Whiting, S. Williams, Alan Woods, Robert Woods, John Woodward.

Season 1984:

Ashby Carington were back in Division 2 of the Burrough and District League, although we don't have the final table, we do know Ashby neither got promoted or relegated. No records have been found of Ashby's participation in the Melton Cups but we know Ashby did not feature in any of the Semi Finals.

One interesting artifact from 1984 is a copy of the accounts prepared by treasurer Stuart Beeken. Money was clearly very tight for the club. The opening cash balance was £32 and it was only loan of £300 from players that enabled the club to meet its outgoing throughout the season

Burrough League

There were two new additions to the Burrough League in 1984, Melton Post Office and Buckminster B, Norton and Gaulby left, bringing the total number of teams to 21 across three divisions. In Division 2 with Ashby were, Asfordby, Thorpe B Hoby, Tilton, Buckminster and Braunston.

We only have records of two of the games. In late June Thorpe Arnold easily beat Ashby restricting the home team to 57 for 7. Thorpe won by 8 wickets with Roger Cropper getting both the wickets to fall. In mid July Ashby beat Asfordby by 16 runs. Alan Smith 48 and Peter Hebden 21 helped Ashby to 86 for 4. Asfordby were all out for 70.

Tilton were crowned Division 2 champions.

1984 Club Accounts

ASHBY CARINGTON CRICKET CLUB		CASH ACCOUNT - 1984 SEASON	
OPENING CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK	32.03	RENT	90.00
MATCH SUBSCRIPTIONS	141.00	RATIOS	17.47
DONATIONS	10.00	INSURANCE	50.00
GRAND NATIONAL PRIZE DRAW	64.00	PURCHASE AND REPAIRS TO KIT	21.13
RENT OF GROUNDS	56.00	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	37.44
RACCLA	23.30	FIXTURE CARDS	32.00
LOANS	300.00	CUP ENTRY FEES	6.00
		LEAGUE FEES	15.00
		MOWING SHAB	14.30
		MOWING	300.00
		CLOSING CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK	43.09
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Friendlies

In an early season game on the 22nd of April Ashby suffered a heavy defeat away to Syston side Kirklands. Ashby were all out for 49 in just 25 overs. The only other game recorded was a draw against regular opponents Wigston. Ashby batted first and set an impressive total of 219 for 4. Wigston had lost six wickets for 152 when time ran out.

Season 1985:

Ashby Carington remained in Division 2 of the Burrough and District League, again we don't have the final table, it is likely Ashby finished 4th out of eight teams. Both the Melton Cups and the Burrough League Knock-Out were entered.

The financial situation of the club had improved slightly with £250 in the bank at the end of the season, mainly due to more than doubling the income from match subs.

Burrough League

Cottesmore left the Burrough League and Syston entered a second team. Ashby had a difficult season winning just five of their fourteen games. Thorpe Arnold B were defeated both home and away, thanks an undefeated 48 from Nigel Hough in the first game and 63 from David Smith in Ashby's score of 122 in the second encounter. The other wins came at home to eventual champions Buckminster, Dave Smith scoring a valuable 33 and Hubbard taking seven wickets for 28 to restrict Buckminster to 56 runs. Cottesmore and Hoby & Rotherby (Alan Smith 44, J. Shackle six for 29) were also beaten.

Ashby had a remarkable win in the Burrough League Knock Out Cup against Cottesmore. Having set an under-par score of 57 for 7 Ashby bowled Cottesmore out for a lowly 11. Both Nigel Hubbard and Michael Evans got hat tricks, Evans finishing with 6 for 5 and Hubbard 4 for 5.

Cup defeats came against Upper Broughton (Melton Cup), Nether Broughton and Saxby. It's not clear which of these were the Melton Cups or the Burrough League Cup.

David Smith (205), Alan Smith (176), Peter Hebden (144) were the top run scorers at Night with Nigel Hubbard taking 30 wickets, J. Shackle (25), Phil Lane (20).

Friendlies

A rather weather-beaten scorebook was recently found at the back of the mower shed containing results from this season's friendlies.

Visits to Woodhouse Eaves (Michael Evens six wickets for 16 runs) and Braunston provided Ashby with two early victories. Despite 60 runs from Colin Smith Ashby lost the next game at home to Westfields. Braunstone were defeated by seven wickets in early June, Evans taking six wickets to restrict the home team to just 60 runs off 26 overs. The following day Ashby lost a high scoring game at home to Great Glen despite fine knocks from veteran batsman John Woodward (41 runs) and Colin Smith (50 runs).

In mid June Harborough South were the visitors, Ashby's batsmen scored 166 thanks to K. Starkey 71 and another 66 from Colin Smith. The visitors were never in contention falling 73 runs short of Ashby's total. Medbourne provided Ashby's heaviest defeat in late June bowling Ashby out for 78 chasing a total of 141. July saw wins against Corby Glen (R. Spence 76), Queniborough and Hoby & Rotherby, and defeats to Barrow, Wymeswold and Pickwell.

August started with Ashby's best performance of the season away at Great Glen. Having scored 152 off their 42 overs Ashby dismissed the home team for 50 runs Nigel Hubbard and Richard Slater taking seven wickets between them. Even very occasional bowler John Whiting took two wickets.

August ended with a tour to Wales playing two games in Cardiff (at least one at Caedelyn). The touring players included; Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Dave Brightwell, Dave Favell, Nigel Hough, B. Jordan, Phil Lane, Rob Spence, Alan woods and Rob Woods. The standout performance was Phil Lane taking eight wickets for 4 runs against the Biochemistry team (presumably from the University).

An interesting game was played the following week between an “old Ashby team” and a “young Ashby Team”. Experience proved valuable with the old guys winning by 60 runs. In the “old Ashby” team were Vernon Woods, Bas Dilkes and Tony Evans all of whom hadn’t played for around ten years. The season was rounded off with victories over Braunston, Soar Valley and Wigston 2nds in a one sided game in which Wigston were bowled out for 36, Ashby getting the runs for the loss of four wickets.

1985 Annual Dinner



We suspect this was opening batsman John Woodward final season having joined the Barsby club from Rearsby in 1966. He is pictured above with Roger Cropper who also joined from Rearsby in 1966 and still an active supporter of the club. Making their first appearance for Ashby in 1985 were K. Starkey and bowler J. Shackle who took 25 wickets in his one and only season at Ashby.

Of the friendly games recorded in 1985 Ashby Carington won 15 and lost 11. At least 35 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were Colin Smith 581, Robert Spence 419, Nigel Hough 344 and Steve Barnes 308. Top bowlers were Nigel Hubbard 77 wickets, Phil Lane 61, Michael Evans 51.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1985 were: Kevin Baker, R. Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, David Brightwell, P. Brightwell, M. Bruce, Robert Cooper, D. Copeland, Roger Cropper, Bas. Dilkes, Michael Evans, Tony Evans, Mick Farmer, David Favell, S. Flear, Peter Hebden, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, B. Jordan, Phil Lane, Colin Pembleton, J. Shackell, , Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith, Robert Spence, K. Starkey, John Whiting, Vernon Woods, Alan Woods, Robert Woods and John Woodward.

Season 1986:

At weekends Ashby Carington continued to play friendly fixtures whilst on Tuesday nights they competed in Division 2 of the Burrough and District League, finishing 5th. Ashby had their first silverware in the Melton Cups winning the Nutting Cup (competed by the 1st round losers of the Combined and Nursing Cups).

Burrough League

This was the Diamond Jubilee season of the Burrough League, and a special celebration was arranged in August with a celebratory team organised by Central TV'S Dennis Coath played a league XI at Pickwell. The league had three departures Edmonthorpe, Baunston and Cottesmore, joining the league were Greetham. Ashby were still competing in Division 2 and had another reasonable season winning six of the twelve games played. Thorpe B won the Division.

The season started well with a win at Asfordby, Alan Smith, K. Starkey and Bob Cooper getting the majority of the 93 runs scored. Tight bowling from Hubbard and Lane kept Asfordby to 80 for 6. In the next game at home to Great Dalby the Smith brothers Alan and David batted the whole 18 overs unbeaten for 102 runs. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough, and Dalby got the required runs in just 14.4 overs for the loss of two wickets.

After playing several Cup games Whissendine were the opponents on June 11th beating Ashby by 5 wickets. This was followed by an easy win over Hoby & Rotherby who were restricted to 55 runs thanks to 4 for 21 from Richard Slater. Against Thorpe B, K. Starkey's 46 wasn't enough, and Ashby lost by one wicket. This was followed by a 4 wicket win at home to Asfordby a defeat to Syston and wins against Great Dalby and Whissendine.

The season concluded with a loss to champions Thorpe B and a convincing win away to Hoby & Rotherby. Batting first Hoby made 88 for 7 with slate and Evans taking three wickets a piece. An opening partnership of 63 from Michael Home and Kevin Starkey ensured an easy victory with Starkey the only wicket to fall for 45.

In the KO Ashby lost in the 1st Round at home to Whissendine by 22 runs.

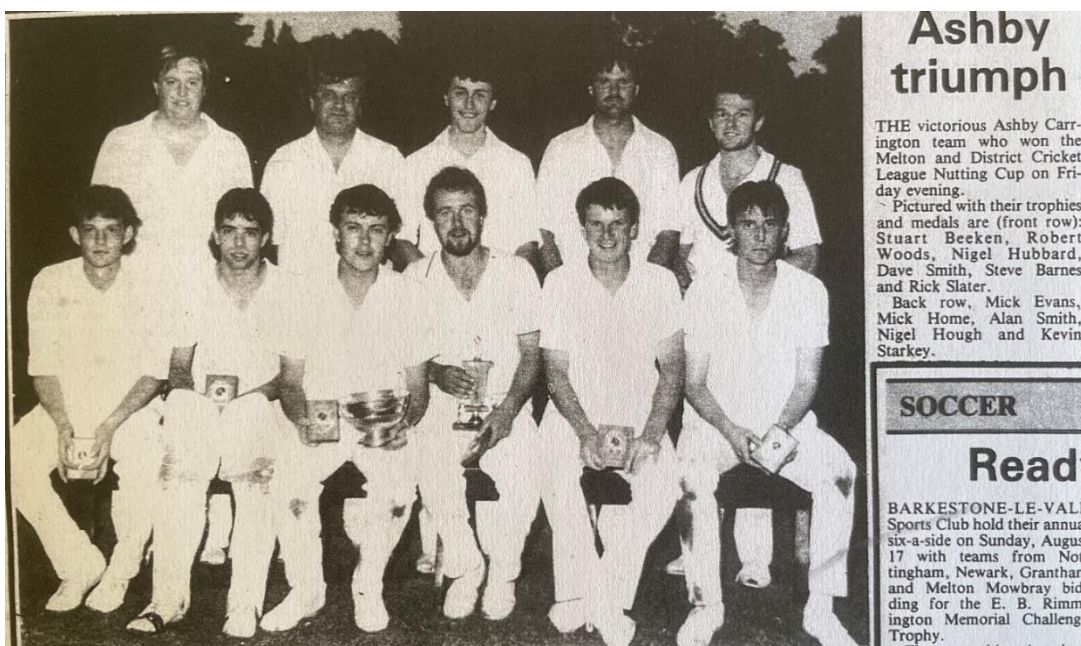
David Smith, Kevin Starkey, Alan Smith and Steve Barnes all scored over 100 runs in aggregate in all Night matches. Richard Slater, Michael Evans and Phil Lane all took over 20 wickets.

Melton Cups

Ashby reached the 2nd Round of the Nursing Cup and lost in the 1st Round of the Combined Cup. In the Nursing Cup Ashby started with a win over a strong Thorpe "B" team who were to go on a win the league. Batting first Ashby scored 109 for 5 with Dave Smith scoring a fine 54 and some big hitting from Steve Barnes who scored 27. Thorpe who included both Rob and Barry Leycote in their line-up (two brothers who often played well against Ashby), were all out for 83, Hubbard and Lane taking three wickets apiece and Evans two. The 2nd Round saw Thorpe take their revenge as Ashby lost to Thorpe Arnold "A". Scoring 146 Thorpe (A. Newton 66) had a comfortable 68 run victory.

Ashby entertained Melton Town in the 1st Round of the Combined Cup. Ashby batting first could only muster 60 for 9 in their 16 overs, M. Evans top scoring with 20. Despite tight bowling from Lane (3 for 19) and Evans (3 for 23) Ashby's lack of a strong third bowler cost them as Melton won with two balls to spare. As 1st Round losers Ashby went into the Nutting Cup.

Nutting Cup 1986 Final Winning Team – Melton Times



Sproxtton were beaten by 26 runs at home in the first round of the Nutting Cup setting up a Semi Final against Melton Post Office played on the Petfoods Ground. First change bowler Richard Slater taking 7 for 26 ensured Melton were bowled out cheaply for 68 runs. These were easily chased down as opening pair Dave Smith and Kevin Starkey knocked the runs off in 13 overs.

The Nutting Cup final against Petfoods was held on July 25th at Thorpe Arnolds ground. Dave Smith was again Ashby's star batsman scoring 44 in Ashby's competitive total of 108 for 8. In a close-run game Petfoods required 9 off the final over to win. Evans bowled a tight over conceding only three runs giving Ashby a 5 run victory. Interviewed afterwards Ashby's captain Nigel Hubbard explained "with 6 wanted off the last ball the field was back and the Petfoods batsman could only force the ball along the ground".

This was Ashby's first Cup since winning the Burrough League in 1972. The newspaper cutting from the Melton Times above incorrectly names Richard Slater as "Rick"

Friendlies

Ashby continued to play friendlies on both Saturday's and Sundays. The new names on the fixture list included, Twycross, Kinoulton, Coalville and Newtown Strollers. The highlights of the season included a win in the first game of the season against Houghton. Five wickets from M. Evans restricted the visitors to 59 to give Ashby a 61-run win. The second game against Hoby & Rotherby gave Ashby another victory. A third wicket partnership of 103 between Dave Smith (59 runs) and Steve Barnes (67) helped Ashby set a total of 170 to give Ashby a 103-run victory.

A five-wicket haul by Nigel Hubbard against Wymeswold wasn't sufficient to avoid defeat for Ashby. This was followed with a heavy defeat to Twycross, Nigel Hubbard top scoring with 12. In a draw against Great Glen Alan Smith top scored with 53 only to be outdone by S. Smith from Glen who scored 56. Loses followed against Coalville and Kinoulton despite another five-wicket haul from Evans. The next win came against Sibley Town. Having bowled Sibley out for 162 in 40 overs openers Starkey (65 runs) and Alan Smith (72 runs) put on 140 for the first wicket, Ashby eventually winning by six wickets.

By mid-July Colin Smith was in good form scoring 43 not out in a drawn game against Queniborough followed by 67 the following week in a 10-run victory at Pickwell. Evans bowled 16 overs for 35 runs taking 7 wickets. The next day Evans followed this up with another five wickets in the 19-run win at Hoby.

Into August David Brightwell scored 73 in Ashby's 75 run win against Great Dalby. Evans took another 5-wicket haul. Evans was to go and get 7 for 17 against Teachers and 7 for 14 against Taverners giving him six weekend five wicket hauls. At the end of August Ashby played successive games on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday the first and last against touring side UHW Taverners.

Fixtures must have been hard to arrange in September as there were two inter club games. The first being "Old Ashby Carington" v "Young Ashby Carington". Experience won the day with the oldies winning by 56 runs thanks to 41 from Bob Cooper. The following week the "Ashby Cup Winners" played the "Ashby Non-Cup Winners" the Cup Winners securing a 4-run victory. The season finished with three defeats to Soar Valley, Westfields and Victoria Road.

Of the friendly games recorded in 1986 Ashby Carington won 13, lost 15 and had 8 draws. At least 35 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were K. Starkey 644, Dave Smith 526, Steve Barnes 441, and Colin Smith 417. Top bowlers were Michael Evans 135 wickets (102 of which were in weekend games), Nigel Hubbard 56, Richard Slater 53 and Phil Lane 49.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1986 were Ian Cooper (young bowler and son of Robert who played until 2017), Ian Sinclair and Rob. Kenyon. Playing their final game were long time servants of the club from the Barsby days Colin Smith and Roger Cropper.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1986 were: Kevin Baker, R. Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, J. Beeton, D. Bowen, David Brightwell, P. Brightwell, M. Bruce, Ian Cooper, Robert Cooper, Roger Cropper, Michael Evans, David Favell, S. Flear, P. Hebden, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, R. Kenyon, Phil Lane, D. Merriman, R. Neal, Colin Pembleton, Ian. Sinclair, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Colin Smith, Dave Smith, Robert Spence, K. Starkey, John Whiting, Alan Woods, M. Woods, Robert Woods.

Ashby Carington in the North Leicestershire League 1987 to 1992

Season 1987:

With difficulty in finding good quality friendly opposition, it was decided for the first time in the history of Ashby and Barsby Cricket Clubs to join a weekend league. Ashby Carington joined the North Leicestershire League and were placed in Division 4 winning promotion at the first attempt. Sunday's the club continued to play friendly fixtures whilst on Tuesday nights they remained in Division 2 of the Burrough and District League and reached the Final of the Burrough League Cup.

The financial situation of the club was marginally improved with £500 in the bank. This was largely due to fundraising including the "100 club" set up by Nigel Hubbard. However, the club were still in debt to several players who had made loans to the club.

Burrough League

From the records we have Ashby won five games and lost six games in the Burrough League the remaining game at home to Buckminster probably being rained off. Two new teams joined the Burrough League, Sproxton and Pickwell 2nd team with Tilton departing. Ashby were in Division 2 alongside Egerton Park, Buckminster A, Whissendine, Syston, Petfoods and Barkby. It is likely that Ashby finished the season in 4th place in the league.

The league campaign started with a heavy ten wicket loss at Egerton Park who easily chased down Ashby's total of 58 in just 11 overs. Next up were Whissendine who were bowled out for 63 with three wickets apiece for Hubbard, Evans and Slater. Steady knocks from Dave Smith, Ian Sinclair and Steve Barnes got Ashby in sight of the total before Mick Evans hit a four to win off the final ball. Ashby's good form continued beating Petfoods by eight wickets Kevin Starkey top scoring with 38.

From the end of June Ashby lost four games in succession to Buckminster, Egerton Park, Whissendine and Syston. The next victory came on July 23rd against visitors Barkby. A superb spell of bowling by Michael Evans who took four wickets for 7 runs in his 6 overs restricted the home team to a total of 47. Tight bowling from Barkby opening bowlers Hendry and Flowers who between them went for 23 runs in their 12 overs delayed Ashby who needed 16 overs to get the required runs. Petfoods were defeated easily in another low scoring game the following week. The final win of the season was at home to Syston. Rob Woods hit 46 to ease Ashby to victory with two overs to spare. The season ended with a defeat at home to Barkby.

In the Knockout Cup Ashby reached the Semi Final. Pickwell B were dismissed for 13 runs in the 1st Round, M. Evans four wickets for 9 runs and R. Slater four wickets for 4. In the 2nd Round Ashby won easily against Saxby & Stapleford from Division 3 who were bowled out for 33.

The Final was played on the 16th of July at Melton Town's ground, Egerton Park providing the opposition. Ashby started poorly with both openers Alan Smith and Rob Woods getting ducks before Dave Smith 14 runs and Nigel Hough 22 runs steadied things. Ashby finished on 73 for 8 wickets. Egerton Park were undaunted by this total getting the runs in the 15th over beating Ashby for the third time in 1987. Despite playing in an earlier round for Ashby, Andrew Favell represented Egerton Park in the game.

Ashby Carington Team v Egerton Park in BL Cup Semi Final – Melton Times



Back Row: Alan Woods, Mick Evans, David Smith, Phil Lane, Kevin Starkey Front Row: Alan Woods, Rob Woods, Nigel Hubbard, Richard Slater, Stuart Beeken

Melton Cups

In the Nursing Cup the first-round encounter with Melton Town required a replay with the first game ending in a tie. In the replay a strong Ashby team made 100 for four largely due to 59 from Andrew Favell. Melton were all out for 91 with Richard Slater taking four for 22 runs off his six overs. Ashby lost in the 2nd Round to Pickwell "A" , being bowled out for a paltry 27 runs in 13 overs. Bob Abrahams took seven wickets for Pickwell.

The Combined Cup brought more joy with Ashby reaching the Semi Final beating Melton Town in the 2nd Round, Ashby getting a bye in Round 1. The Semi Final against Syston was played at Thorpe Arnold. Batting first Syston made 108 in their 18 overs (P. Gibson 54). Phil Lane was the pick of the Ashby bowlers taking six wickets for 25 runs. In Ashby's reply, Alan Smith and Rob Woods put on 71 for the first wicket which fell in the 11th over. However tight bowling from Mills who took 7 wickets ensured Ashby fell one run short when the last man was ran out with one ball left. Ashby were playing with ten men so had nobody to potentially hit the winning runs off the last ball.

Rob Woods scored 276 runs in nights games with Dave Smith, Steve Barnes and Stuart Beeken all scoring over 100 runs. Richard Slater took 32 wickets, Michael Evans 28 wickets, Nigel Hubbard and Phil Lane also both over 20 wickets.

North Leicestershire League

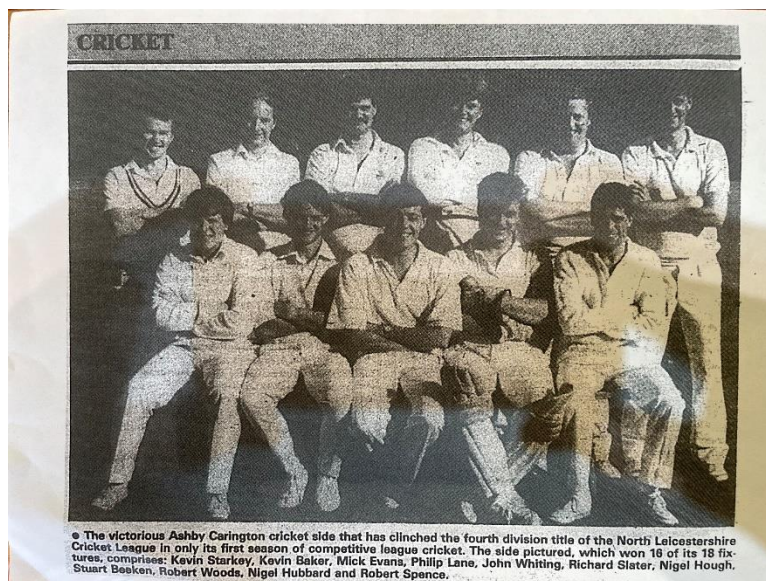
For the first time in the history of the club it was decided to enter a weekend League. Ashby Carington were placed in Division 4 of the North Leicestershire League.

The North Leicestershire League was a long-established league first competed for in 1896. The founding members being Sileby, Shepshed Parish Church, Barrow, Mountsorrell, Loughborough, Hathern, Quorn, Sutton Bonington, Donnington and Rothley. By 1960 the league had grown to four divisions and included several reserve teams. When Ashby joined in 1987 the team consisted of six divisions. Ashby started in Division 4 which consisted mainly of reserve teams.

No scorebooks have survived from the first league season, but several results were reported in the Leicester Mercury and Loughborough Echo. Ashby played 18 games winning 16, one game rained off against Glenfield and a single defeat to Soar Valley. Soar Valley were the only team to score more than 100 runs against Ashby.

The first ever league game was away at Hathern OB 2nd team. Batting first Ashby set 134 for 6, before securing an easy win bowling out the home team for 48 runs. Notable victories followed, dismissing Birstall BL 2nds for 28 runs and Loughborough Tec 2nds for 38 runs (Phil Lane five wickets for 10, Slater four wickets for 24). In the return games Ashby clearly wanting a full day of cricket batted first scoring 183 against Birstall and 175 against Loughborough. In the Birstall game Ashby bowler Michael Evans scored his only century for the club finishing on 108 not out. Winchester were dismissed for 41 runs in both the home and away fixtures, Evans taking seven wickets for 22 in the home fixture and Alan Smith scoring 58 in the away fixture.

Ashby Carington team that clinched North Leicestershire League title – Melton Times



Back Row : Kevin Baker, Kevin Starkey Nigel Hough, Phil Lane, Mick Evans, Richard Slater, Front row : Robert Spence, Stuart Beeken, Nigel Hubbard, John Whiting, Robert Woods

Other noteworthy performances included Phil Lave taking seven wickets for 26 in the home fixture against Ibstock Welfare. Hubbard took four wickets for 6 runs to dismiss Glenfield for 92. Hubbard and Slater took four wickets apiece to dismiss Hathern for 66. Richard Slater was again in the wickets at home to Bal Gopal taking seven for 40 restricting the visitors to 76 chasing a below par Ashby total of 93.

In the final game of the season Ashby gained revenge on Soar Valley scoring 142 and winning by 61 runs with Michael Evans taking five wickets for 16 runs. This secured top spot and promotion for Ashby.

North Leicestershire League Final Table

DIVISION FOUR						
Ashby Carington	18	16	1	1	12	332
Birstall Bl. 2	18	14	4	0	23	303
Bal Gopal Mandal 2	18	13	3	2	33	293
Soar Valley 2	18	12	5	1	34	274
Glenfield 2	18	8	8	2	47	207
L'bro Tech College 2	18	7	9	2	63	203
Ibstock Welfare	18	3	13	2	79	139
Thornton St P. 2	18	4	11	3	58	138
Hathern Old 2	18	3	14	1	76	136
Winchester	18	2	14	2	65	105

Friendlies

Record exists of all the Sunday friendlies and one Saturday friendly against Great Dalby. The fixture list was strong playing mainly teams that were already regularly playing league cricket. The fixtures included, Houghton, Twycross, Coalville, Great Glen, Rolls Royce, Barrow Town, Queniborough, Syston, Medbourne, Soar Valley and Newtown Strollers.

The season started with a home win over Newtown Strollers, Michael Evans taking five wickets to restrict the visitors to 67 runs. Later in May, Evans again was the match winner taking seven wickets for 10 runs in 12 overs against Twycross limiting the opposition to 42 runs. Against Coalville the batsmen were the match winners, Alan Smith scoring 104 not out, Steve Barnes 54 and Rob Woods 41 in Ashby's total of 211 for 3. Coalville were all out for 61.

Into June Ashby won again against Great Glen, opener Rob Woods scoring 51 not out to secure a five-wicket victory. Ashby visited Barrow in early July who proved to be strong opposition amassing a score of 242 for 4 to win by 102 runs. Ashby did put up a commendable rear-guard action with a 9th wicket partnership of 73 (still a club record for Friendly fixtures), number 10 Michael Evans scoring 50.

The home fixture on July 12th against Queniborough was unusually played at Gaddesby, presumably due to the Church Fete taking place on the cricket ground. The game ended in a draw with Queniborough batsmen making slow progress taking 46 overs to score their 92 runs. The final friendly fixture of the season was against Soar Valley with Ashby losing by 32 runs. Michael Evans was the top performer with bat and ball scoring 34 and taking five wickets.

Over the August bank holiday Ashby went on a tour to Cardiff playing two games against Heath Taverners at Llandaff and Whitchurch, games ending in a tie and a draw. The touring party included: Steve Barnes, Nigel Hough, Rob woods, Stuart Beeken, Nigel Hubbard, Rob. Kenyon, Richard Slater, Michael Evans, Phil Lane, Ian Cooper, John Whiting.

Of the friendly games recorded in 1987 Ashby Carington won 7, lost 5 and had 4 draws. At least 24 different players represented the club during the season (far less than in previous years). The leading run makers were Rob. Woods 427, Stuart Beeken 364, Steve Barnes 308. Top bowlers were Michael Evans 72 wickets, Richard Slater 54, Phil Lane 28 and Nigel Hubbard 27.

Playing their final game at Ashby in 1987 after two years at the club was K. Starkey the previous year's top scorers. K. Mattock played his one and only season at Ashby in 1987. Returning to the club after an 11-year absence was local player Andrew Favell who had been playing at Egerton Park.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1987 were: Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, David Brightwell, Ian Cooper, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, D. Kenyon, R. Kenyon, Phil Lane, K. Mattocks, Ian Sinclair, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, K. Starkey, John Whiting, Alan Woods, Robert Woods.

Season 1988:

Newly promoted to Division 3 of the North Leicestershire League Ashby Carington gained promotion for the second year running finishing top of the league. A successful campaign of Evening cricket resulted in Ashby winning Division 2 of the Burrough League and reaching the Semi Final of the Nutting Cup. Ashby also entered the Combined Cup, Burrough League Cup and Nursing Cup being knocked out by Pickwell twice and Melton Town.

Burrough League

Captained by Nigel Hubbard Ashby won eleven out of their twelve Burrough League Games with the sole defeat away at Syston. Two new teams had joined the league, Melton WMC and Uppingham with Asfordby departing. Joining Ashby in Division 2 were, Syston, Greetham, Great Dalby, Whissendine, Barkby and Grange Estate.

The season started with a win in a low scoring game against Melton based team Grange Estate. Followed by a convincing 62 run win against Great Dalby, Andrew Favell hitting 50 not out in Ashby's score of 116 for 3. Next up Whissendine were defeated by 52 runs, Alan Smith scoring 65 and putting on 106 with Rob Woods for the second wicket. Ashby finished on 127 for 2. Opener Alan Smith followed this up with another 57 not out in the next game against Barkby. Richard Slater however was the man of the match taking seven wickets for 15 runs to ease Ashby to another victory by 30 runs.

The only defeat of the season came against Syston who despite losing their first three wickets for four runs managed to post a competitive total of 106. This proved too much for Ashby who fell short by 28 runs. Revenge came the week after when tight bowling from Evans (3 wickets for 6 runs in 6 overs), Lane (2 for 11), Hubbard (1 for 4), Slater (1 for 1) and three run outs ensured that Syston were all out for a meagre 28. Ashby knocked the runs off for the loss of two wickets.

Ashby sat at the top of the table at the midpoint of the season with Syston in second place, Grange Estate were bottom. Despite some tight games Ashby went on to win all their remaining matches. Some of the highlights were, Richard Slater (5 for 31) against Great Dalby, Michael Evans (5 for 21) against Whissendine, Rob Woods (53 not out) against Barkby.

Fixture Card from 1988

BURROUGH & DISTRICT (Evening Cricket League) Division 2			ASHBY CARINGTON CRICKET CLUB	
Captain: N. HUBBARD (Rotherby 483)			Fixtures 1988	
Date	Opponents	Venue	HEADQUARTERS — CARINGTON ARMS GROUND — PARKFIELD, Ashby Folville	
Tue May 3	Bye		President: Wing Cmdr. J. H. SMITH-CARINGTON, A.F.C., D.L.	
Tue 10	Syston	Away L	Chairman: W. HEBDEN, Esq.	
Tue 17	Grange Estate	Away W	Hon. Vice-President: H. HALL, Esq.	
Tue 24	Gr. Dalby	Home W	Life Members: J. Woodward, C. Smith	
Tue 31	Greetham	Away W	Vice-Presidents: E. WALKER, Esq. G. B. DILKES, Esq. B. BURGIN, Esq. R. H. HOLLAND, Esq. B. SLATER, Esq. P. PALETHORPE, Esq. J. A. FAVELL, Esq. F. WARRINGTON, Esq. M. PRATT, Esq. M. HAINES, Esq. M. FARMER, Esq. D.K. SMITH, Esq.	
Tue June 7	Whissendine	Away W	Treasurer: S. BEEKEN (Leicester 602087)	
Tue 14	Barkby	Home W	General Secretary: M. EVANS (Melton 840 471)	
Tue 21	Bye		Fixture Secretary: R. CROPPER (Rotherby 253)	
Tue 28	Syston	Home W		
Tue July 5	Grange Estate	Home W		
Tue 12	Gr. Dalby	Away W		
Tue 19	Greetham	Home W		
Tue 26	Whissendine	Home W		
Tue Aug. 2	Barkby	Away W		
KNOCK-OUT CUP PRE-ROUND				
Thur May 12	Uppingham Town	Away W		
MELTON CUPS				
Wed May 4	Pre-Round Nether Broughton (Combined)	Home W		
Wed May 25	1st Round Melton Town (Nursing)	Away L		
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Whilst we know Ashby Carington entered the Burrough League Cup, it is unclear from our records how far they progressed. It is likely Ashby reached the 3rd Round.

Melton Cups

Ashby played nine evening cup games in 1988 but we don't know the specific competition for each game. However, we do know for sure that Ashby reached the Semi Final of the Nutting cup losing to Syston. The game was played on a neutral venue at Thorpe Arnold. Batting first Ashby set a competitive total of 111, with top scores from Dave Smith 26 and Andrew Favell 28. Syston were never really in trouble in their reply only losing five wickets and getting the winning runs off the first ball of the final over. Richard Slater's elder brother Robert top scored for Syston with 48.

In the other cups Ashby won the Preliminary round of the Combined Cup against Nether Broughton by ten wickets. Further cup wins came against Uppingham, Buckminster, Whissendine and Upper Broughton. Ashby were knocked out of the Nursing, Combined and Burrough League cups by Pickwell and Melton Town.

Andrew Favell scored 401 runs in nights games with Alan Smith, Rob Woods and Dave Smith all scoring over 200 runs.

North Leicestershire League

Captained by Nigel Hubbard Ashby were in the J&N Lawnmowers Division 3 of the North Leicestershire League. Ashby won the league comfortably winning 15 of the 18 games, two loses (Thornton St Peters and Walton on the Wolds) and one tied game.

Ashby league campaign started with a trip to Woodhouse Eaves resulting in an easy six wicket win, the home team being bowled out for just 45 runs on what was described as a "spongy" wicket. For the first home game against Walton pitch conditions still hadn't improved the ground being described as "softish" by the scorer. This didn't daunt Ashby who posted 125 in their 42 overs (Ian Sinclair scoring 50). Walton were bowled out for 74 with Hubbard and Houghton taking four wickets each.

The winning run continued for the first seven league games through May and into June. Mountsorrell beaten by 90 runs Ashby Northfields by 53 runs, Andy Favell scoring 64 and 77 in the two games. Birstall British Legion lost by 59 runs, Andy Favell again in form with 49 runs, Richard Slater taking six wickets for 34. Next up were Thornton St Peters were restricted to 78 runs in 38 overs. Spinners Evans and Lane bowling 35 of the overs on a wet pitch. Ian Sinclair with his second 50 of the season made easy work of the conditions as Ashby scored the required runs in just 17 overs. Westonians visited Ashby on June 11th and were another opponent who struggled with the Ashby spin attack scoring just 89, Evans taking five wickets and Lane three.

Ashby's first slip up came at home to Petronians. Batting first Ashby set a total of 175 for 7 off their 42 overs. Ian Sinclair (69 runs) and Andy Favell (48 runs) put on 90 for the third wicket. Petronians never really attempted to score the runs and finished on 132 for 8 to draw the game. Evans bowled 21 overs unchanged taking 2 wickets for 52 runs.

The mid-season blip continued away at Walton. Chasing 160 Ashby's weakened batting attack which was missing the Smith brothers and Andy Favell, mis fired and were all out for 49. The following week Ashby were back to winning ways being Wadkins by 62 runs, Ian Sinclair scoring 63 and Michael Evans taking seven wickets. The second loss of the season was at the Bagworth ground of Thornton St Peters. Playing with ten men Ashby were bowled out for 114 in the 40th over. This was to prove costly as Thornton won with one ball to spare in the 44th over (being able to use the two unused Ashby overs).

An exciting game at home to Westonians ended in a tie. Westonians set a modest total of 111 in 40 overs (Phillip Lane taking six for 14). Ashby's reply was progressing well until Andrew Favell was run out for 67 in the 35th over with just two required. With two wickets remaining this should have been a formality. Glover got a single but both John Whiting and Chris Houghton were run out in consecutive balls to make a hat trick of run outs in the over and end the game tied.

With five games remaining Ashby were back in form beating Woodhouse Eaves by four wickets and Ashby Northfields by 8 runs (Hubbard and Evans both taking five wickets). On what was described as a dangerous pitch at Wadkins Oadby ground Andrew Favell again was on form scoring 77 of Ashby's 167 runs. In reply Wadkins were all out for 32, Evans with his fourth five wicket haul of the season taking six for 13.

The season ended with two more wins the first by 58 runs at home to Birstall BL, Ian Sinclair scoring 63. In the final game Ashby clinched promotion away at Petronians who played on the Mossdale ground. Having bowled the opposition out for 84 a ten-man Ashby won by six wickets. Ashby were struggling until Evans and Lane who were more renowned for their spin bowling put on 50 for the fifth wicket.

Friendlies

Ashby continued with a full Sunday fixture list of friendlies captained by Nigel Hough. Opponents included Hoby, Twycross, Coalville, Great Glen, Rolls Royce, Sileby, Glenthorpe, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicester Teachers, Soar Valley, Medbourne, Syston, Lord Kings XI, Rearsby, Westfields, Victoria Road. Over the August bank holiday Heath Taverners from Cardiff visited Ashby playing a friendly on the Saturday followed by a two innings game on bank holiday Monday.

Regular players in the friendly team, included, Kevin Baker, Stuart Beeken, Dave Brightwell, Ian Cooper, Michael Evans, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, Phil Lane, Richard Slater, John Whiting and Rob Woods.

The outstanding individual performance included Michael Evans (7 for 14) against Leicester Teachers and (6 for 14) against Twycross, Steve Barnes getting 71 runs in the same game and Richard Slater (7 for 29) against Coalville. Of the friendly games recorded in 1988 Ashby Carington won 10, lost 6 and had 4 draws.

At least 28 different players represented the club during the season. The leading run makers were Andrew Favell 1103, Robert Woods 558, Nigel Hough 452, David Smith 474, Alan Smith 447. Top bowlers were Michael Evans 135 wickets Richard Slater 97 and Phil Lane 59.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1988 were Dennis Glover and playing their final season was S. Flear.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1988 were: M. Baggley, Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, A. Batchelor, Stuart Beeken, David Brightwell, Ian Cooper, R. Drake, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, David Favell, S. Flear, Dennis Glover, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, R. Kenyon, Phil Lane, R. Miller, Ian. Sinclair, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Robert Spence, John Whiting, Alan Woods, Robert Woods and Yates.

Season 1989:

Another promotion meant Ashby were now in Division 2 of the North Leicestershire League, this clearly didn't daunt Ashby who finished the season second to gain their third successive promotion. The league cup (Brian Clarke Cup) was entered with Ashby reaching the Semi Final. Night cricket was a bit more disappointing Ashby finishing 7th in Division 1 of the Burrough League and being relegated after just one season in the top flight. The Melton Cups and Burrough League Cups were entered, Ashby progressing to the 3rd Round in the Burrough League Cup and Quarter Final in the Combined Cup.

Burrough League

Ashby has a difficult season in their return to Burrough League Division 1. Despite a promising start winning two of the first three games, nine successive defeats saw Ashby finishing bottom of the league. One new team Wymondham had joined the league. Playing with Ashby in Division 1 were Pickwell, Barkby, Buckminster A, Egerton Park, Melton Town and Thorpe Arnold.

The season started with the visit of Pickwell who with the help of 65 from Andrew Townley scored 93 all out from their 18 overs. Richard Slater took six wickets for 25 runs including the wicket of opener Townley. Despite a fine 44 not out from Andy Favell Ashby fell 11 runs short due mainly to tight bowling from Townley who went for just 20 runs from his 6 overs.

The first win of the season came at home to Barkby who were to go on to be the eventual league winners. Having restricted Barkby to 83 for 8, Ashby made light work of knocking the runs off in just 11 overs. Opener Ian Sinclair was in belligerent form hitting four sixes in his total of 46.

The final win of the season came in just the third game away at Thorpe Arnold. Batting first Ashby amassed 118 with opening pair Ian Sinclair 33 and Steve Barnes 30 getting Ashby off to a solid start. Thorpe fell 18 runs short in their chase with the wickets shared between Derick Cooper, Phil Lane and Mick Evans.

Despite not winning any further league games there was a close game in the return match with Thorpe Arnold that Ashby lost by one wicket. Ashby scored 84 and in reply Thorpe had the game tied with 5 balls left and two wickets remaining. Ian Cooper had done most of the damage taking five wickets for 25. Bowling the last over Michael Evans bowled top scorer Helstrip with his second ball. Following two more dot balls Thorpe eventually ran a bye to win the match.

Ashby Carington progressed to the 3rd Round of the Burrough League Cup with wins over Greetham and Buckminster B before finally losing to Uppingham. It was a disappointing exit to Uppingham as Ashby were in a strong position restricting the visitors to 62 all out, Phil Lane taking seven for 17. However, the batting let Ashby down being dismissed for just 34 with none of the batsmen reaching double figures.

Melton Cups

Ashby entered all three of the Melton Cups going out in the first Round of the Nursing Cup and Nutting Cup to Buckminster and Old Dalby respectively. Against Buckminster, Ashby were set a total of 90 to win in their 18 overs. Despite steady knocks from Beeken, Favell and Barnes Ashby were always behind the required run rate losing by 14 runs. The match against Old Dalby was a low scoring affair with Ashby setting a total of 66 for 6. It took Old Dalby to the final over to score the final six runs required for victory off the bowling of Dave Smith.

In the Combined Cup Ashby beat Pickwell in the first round before losing in the Quarter Final to Syston. Against Pickwell a partnership of 53 between Stuart Beeken and Andy Favell gave Ashby a comfortable eight wicket victory. In the next round against Syston, the home team set a challenging target of 119. Ashby fell well short finishing on 82 for 9.

Andrew Favell scored 402 runs in nights games with no other player scoring over 200 runs. Michael Evans was the leading bowler with 28 wickets.

North Leicestershire League

Newly promoted Ashby were now in Princes Sports Division 2 of the North Leicestershire League. Another successful season ended with Ashby second in the league to Westonians, Ashby won 14 games, lost three and had one rained off.

Ashby league campaign started with easy wins at home to Wadkins Old Boys and Walton on the Wolds. In a tighter game at Desford the home team restricted Ashby to 117 for 9, Ashby's number 8 Derick Cooper scoring a quick 22. A fine bowling spell from Richard Slater who took six wickets in an unchanged 17 over spell won the game for Ashby by 18 runs.

The highest score of the season came in the next game against Woodhouse Eaves. Ashby batting first scored 167 with a fine partnership from opener David Smith (67 runs) and number three Rob Woods (36 runs). Woodhouse fell well short on 99 runs. Northfields were easily defeated the following week on what described as a "grassy wicket". Thanks to 54 from Andrew Favell Ashby set a total of 90. This proved to be more than enough with the poor wicket contributing to the home team falling 35 runs short.

A poor run of form saw Ashby lose three of their next four league games with defeats to Westonians, Thornton St Peters and Thurmaston. The only highlight was 88 runs from Andy Favell in Ashby total of 157 against Thornton. By mid-July Ashby's form returned with a win at Wadkins, Ashby chasing a target of 102 to win by three wickets.

Ashby went the rest of the season unbeaten with wins over Walton, Desford, Woodhouse Eaves, Ashby Northfields, Westonians, Ravenstone and Thornton St Peters. Notable performances included 63 from Andrew Favell against TI Desford, Michael Evans (five wickets for 31) and Andrew Favell (61 runs) against Woodhouse Eaves, Michael Evans (five wickets for 29) against Westonians in a game played at the Birstall Coop ground.

The biggest win of the season came at home to Ravenstone who's nine men were dismissed for 27 by opening bowlers Lane and Evans. The Smith brother Dave and Alan made short work of the reply winning the game in nine overs without the loss of any wickets. The following week in the final game of the season Ashby's bowlers were again on form at Thornton St Peters. Ashby set a score of 109, bowlers Evans and Slater bowling unchanged for 26 overs dismissed the home team for 69, Evans finishing with six wickets for 26 runs.

Ashby entered the North Leicestershire League cup competition (Brian Clarke Cup) for the first time. The first round saw Loughborough based team Navyug visit Ashby. Steady batting from Alan Smith 33, Andrew Favell 35 and Rob Woods 32 ensured Ashby set a challenging target of 189. Richard Slater wrapped the game up for Ashby taking the last four Navyig wickets in seven balls giving Ashby a 68 run victory. In the Second Round Ashby were well beaten by Bal Gopal Mandal losing by 36 runs in the game played on Loughborough's Derby Road Playing Fields.

Friendlies

Ashby continued with Sunday friendlies. New additions to the fixture list included Houghton, Newtown Strollers, Glenthorpe and Great Dalby.

The outstanding individual performance included a maiden century for Stuart Beeken against Newton Strollers. Stuart scored an unbeaten 121 in Ashby's total of 219 for 3, Ashby winning the game by 127 runs. Steve Barnes scored an unbeaten 78 in the home win to Glenthorpe. Ashby's top batsmen of the time Andrew Favell got two fifties during the friendly season, the first 71 not out at home to Houghton and the second 55 not out away at Great Glen. The only other player to score a fifty was David Smith who got 64 at home to Medbourne.

Michael Evans again led the bowling attack taking 5 for 38 at home to Medbourne, 5 for 37 at home to Soar Valley and 7 for 27 at home to Rearsby. Youngster Richard Slater also took 5 for 18 in the home win to Woodhouse Eaves, the visitors being dismissed for a paltry 58 in 18 overs.

Over the August Bank Holiday Ashby embarked on another tour to Cardiff playing two games at Whitchurch against Heath Taverners. The touring party including Stuart Beeken, David Brightwell, Dave Cooper, Derick Cooper, Ian Cooper, Michael Evans, David Favell, Andrew Favell, Nigel Hubbard, Richard Slater, Robert Spence, John Whiting, and Rob Woods,

Of the friendly games recorded in 1988 Ashby Carington won 9, lost 4 and had 4 drawn or abandoned.

A settled team saw 24 different players represented the club during the season, fewer than in recent seasons. The leading run makers were Andrew Favell 1102, Stuart Beeken 596, David Smith 525, Robert Woods 504. Top bowlers were Michael Evans 112 wickets Richard Slater 59 and Ian Cooper 56.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1989 were David and Derick Cooper and playing their final season was Robert Kenyon, wicketkeeper Alan Woods and Robert Spence (apart from a single friendly game in 1991).

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1988 were: Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, David Brightwell, Dave Cooper, Derick Cooper, Ian Cooper, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Dennis Glover, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, R. Kenyon, Phil Lane, N. Pizer, Ian Sinclair, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Robert Spence, John Whiting, Alan Woods and Robert Woods

Season 1990:

Off the field Ashby Carington Cricket Club were becoming more organised with a 29 year lease being agreed between the club and landlord JH Smith Carington. This was necessary as the club were forming plans to build a new pavilion. Rent was set at £150 a year to be reviewed annually, fortunately for the next 20 years there was no review, so the rent remained unaltered!

Following three successive promotions Ashby had progressed to the Cross Carpets Division 1 of the North Leicestershire League. Ashby's first season in the top flight proved to be a successful finishing 3rd. In the Brian Clarke Cup Ashby reached the Final at Desford, losing to Westonians. At Nights Ashby finished 5th in Division 2 of the Burrough League and reached the Semi Final of the Nursing and Nutting Cups.

"The old pavilion" in its last few years on Fete Day



Burrough League

There were five teams departing from the Burrough League, Whissendine who would later re-join, Pickwell dropping their 2nd team, Egerton Park leaving for a single season, Grange Estate and Greatham. Ashby had a mediocre season in Division 2 winning four games, finishing 4th out of six teams. Division 2 contained, Saxby & Stapleford, Syston, Spoxton, Great Dalby and Melton Town who won the league.

Saxby & Stapleford visited Ashby winning a high scoring game in June. Despite Ashby setting a challenging total of 134 for 2 (Woods 49, Beeken 77) this proved to be insufficient with Saxby winning by five wickets. Dave Brightwell was the only Ashby bowler to cause any damage taking three wickets for 21 runs.

Two of Ashby's four wins came in July against Great Dalby and Syston. On both occasions Ashby batted second winning both games by eight wickets. Stuart Beeken (25 runs), Andrew Favell (26 runs) top scoring against Great Dalby, Dave Smith (30 not out) and Steve Barns (35 runs) top scoring at home to Syston.

In the Knock Out Cup Ashby beat Wymondham in the 1st Round by four wickets after bowling the visitors out for 76, Phil Lane taking three of the wickets. In the 2nd Round Ashby faced a daunting trip

to Division 1 champions Pickwell. Rob Woods got Ashby off to a good start with 26 followed by a fine 56 from Andrew Favell enabling Ashby to set a target of 114. Tight bowling from Phil Lane (4 for 17) and Ian Cooper (4 for 21) restricted Pickwell to 78 for 8. Pickwell's star batsman Andrew Townley making just 2 runs and Carl Westerman being the only Pickwell player to make double figures. Both were to play for Ashby in later seasons. Unfortunately, no records can be found of how Ashby fared in the next round.

Melton Cups

In the Nursing Cup Ashby beat both Thorpe Arnold A and Thorpe Arnold B before losing to Melton Town in the semi-final. Both Andrew Favell (65 not out) and Stuart Beeken (57) made fifties in the high scoring game against Thorpe B, Ashby setting a target of 139 for 3 to win by 13 runs. The Semi Final was a close-run game. Chasing Ashby's total of 99 for 5 Melton finally got the required runs in the last over.

In the Combined Cup Ashby had a tied game with Upper Broughton, both teams finishing on 88 for 7. We presume Ashby lost the replayed game as they were playing in the Nutting Cup (entered by first round losers of the Combined and Nursing Cups) two weeks later.

Knossington were defeated by 23 runs in the 1st Round of the Nutting Cup, Rob Woods scoring 42 in Ashby's total of 103 for 4. We have no records of Ashby's results from later rounds.

North Leicestershire League

Following three successive promotions Ashby were now in Cross Carpets Division 1 of the North Leicestershire League. Ashby finished the season in third place behind Bal Gopal and Leicester Caribbean winning 12 games, losing four with two rained off.

Ashby's first year in the topflight started well with a 52-run victory away at British Telecom. Andrew Favell scored 42 and Nigel Hubbard 29 in Ashby's total of 145. In reply Telecom were soon in trouble with Evans taking two wickets before a run was scored. Phil Lane bowled tightly taking five wickets for 14 runs supported by Andrew Favell who took four catches.

The following week Ashby had their first defeat to eventual champions Bal Gopal. In a close game Ashby fell 6 runs short chasing 157 despite a knock of 65 from Andrew Favell. Five wickets from Dave Smith helped dismiss Long Whatton for 111 in Ashby's 7 wicket victory. Records were beaten by 19 runs, Steve Barnes scoring 53 not out and Phil Lane taking five wickets.

Into June Ashby had an easy win over bottom of the table Glenfield. Dave Smith (5 for 19) restricted the visitors to 97 before opening pair Ian Sinclair (67) and Alan Smith (33) knocked off the runs. It was the turn of Andrew Favell again to get the runs in the victory over Rolls Royce. Favell scored 71 of Ashby total of 171 for 3, Derick Cooper in his first outing of the season stared with the ball taking seven wickets for 45 runs.

The second defeat of the season came against Hathern, Ashby being bowled out for 97. Immediately followed by another loss against Caribbean in a close-run game. Chasing 146 the visitors won with two wickets remaining despite good bowling from Evans (6 for 37). Two weeks later came Ashby's best performance of the season beating top of the league Bal Gopal Mandal. Opener Rob Woods got Ashby off to a good start with 53 runs supported by Favell 41, Beeken 24, Sinclair 25 and Barnes 26. Ashby's total off 190 was the highest of the season and far too many runs for Bal Gopal who struggled to deal with the spin bowling of Evans who took seven wickets for 37 runs restricting the visitors to 84 runs.

Ashby went the rest of the season unbeaten with wins over Long Whatton, Records, Westfields, Glenfield, and Hathern. Standout performances included Ian Cooper and Michael Evans both taking five wickets away at Long Whatton. Ian Sinclair scoring 60 at home to Records with Evans taking yet another five wicket haul. In the home game against Westonians Ian Sinclair scored 86 of Ashby's total of 187 and followed this up with another 50 away at Hathern. Towards the end of the season Ashby had a tied game against Rolls Royce, both teams scoring 177. Andrew Favell made 103 which we believe is the first century by an Ashby player in a league fixture.

Ashby entered the Brian Clark Cup and reached the Final. First Round opponents were Division 4 side Belton. Smith brothers Alan 44 and Dave 59 helped Ashby post a total of 175 to win by 44 runs. High flying Bal Gopal visited Ashby for the 2nd Round fixture, Ashby winning the low scoring game by 14 runs. Ashby played hosts to Records in the Semi Final in what proved to be a one-sided game. Having dismissed the visitors for 132 (Evans 6 for 46), Ashby got the runs for the loss of just two wickets (Woods 49 not out, Sinclair 60).

The Final was against Westonians who had defeated Ravenstone in the other Semi Final and was played at Desford. We don't have any record of the scorecard but we understand Ashby did lose the Final. The team was Derick Cooper Mick Evans Ian Cooper, Dave Smith, Steve Barnes, Ian Sinclair, Phil Lane, John Whiting, Andrew Favell, Rob Woods and Stuart Beeken.

Team for Brian Clark Cup Final in 1990 played at Desford



Back row: Derick Cooper Mick Evans Ian Cooper, Dave Smith, Steve Barnes, Ian Sinclair, Front Row : Phil Lane, John whiting, Andrew Favell, Rob Woods, Stuart Beeken

Undoubtedly the stars of the league campaign were Andrew Favell who scored a Century and two fifties, Ian Sinclair with four fifties and Michael Evans six, five wicket hauls.

Friendlies

From the very few records that have survived of the friendly fixtures for 1990 the fixtures appear similar to previous seasons with the only new opponent being local rivals Barkby. From the four results we have records Ashby beat Great Glen and Rolls Royce and lost to Syston. Against Great Glen, Ashby set 225 their highest score of the season. Opener Rob Woods scoring 113 supported by 52 from Steve Barnes. It was clearly Rob's day as he followed his batting performance up by taking three wickets to help Ashby to a 52-run victory. The following week in a friendly against Rolls Royce Ashby again set a target of 225. This time Rob Woods scoring 88 supported by 43 from Barnes and 44 from occasional player Dennis Glover. Ashby won comfortably by 102 runs.

Ashby lost a close game at Syston by 24 runs, Evans taking six wickets for 47. Ashby's top two scores came from number ten Ian Cooper who made 31 not out and number eleven Michael Evans who made 25.

During 1990, 23 different players represented the club, fewer than in recent seasons. The leading run makers were Andrew Favell 724, Rob Woods 643, and Ian Sinclair 483 (top scorer in North Leicestershire League). Top bowlers were Michael Evans 54 (42 of which were in the North Leicester league) wickets Phil Lane 25 and Ian Cooper 25.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1990 was Henry Wilson and Chris Bennett (who is still our secretary in 2022), playing their final season was Dennis Glover and Dave Cooper. One notable absentee for just this season was Richard Slater.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1990 were: Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, David Brightwell, Dave Cooper, Derick Cooper, Ian Cooper, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Dennis Glover, P. Hebden, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, Phil Lane, N. Pizer, I. Sinclair, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, John Whiting, Henry Wilson Robert Woods.

Season 1991:

The 1991 season proved to a disappointment, following four years of progressing to be one of the top teams in the North Leicestershire League Ashby finished the season in the relegation position slipping back into Division 2. Night cricket did not bring much joy either with a mid-table finish in Division 2 of the Burrough League and little progress made in the Melton Cups. For the first time since 1974 we know Ashby also entered the Salaman Cup and lost to Leicester Ivanhoe in the Quarter Final.

Burrough League

Apart from Egerton Park re-joining there were no other changes to the teams participating in the Burrough League. Ashby had a mediocre season winning five of their ten games and finishing 3rd in Division 2 which comprised of Syston, Thorpe Arnold B, Wymondham, Uppingham and Thorpe Arnold A.

We only have records of the results from three league games, Ashby losing home and away heavily to eventual champions Thorpe Arnold A but won against Thorpe second team away in the final league game. In the home game against Thorpe A Rob Lecoyte and Chris Buxton scored 95 in 9 overs to ease Thorpe to a challenging total of 143 for 6, Dave Smith and Bob Cooper taking Ashby's wickets. Despite an unbeaten 30 from Dave Smith Ashby could only muster 74 runs for the loss of 5 wickets. The return game in July had a similar outcome, Thorpe scoring 147 for 4 and Ashby struggling to 58 for 6. Again, Rob Lecoyte was the star man for Thorpe scoring 65 not out. Richard Slater, the only bowler to control the run rate went for 33 runs off his six overs taking three wickets.

In the final game of the season again Thorpe Arnold B, Rob Woods scored an unbeaten 71, supported by Beeken 29, Andrew Favell 37, Ashby setting a total of 153 for 2. Thorpe chasing only scored 106 for 9 mainly due to particularly tight bowling from spinner Phil Lane who went for 7 runs off his four overs.

It's not known how Ashby faired in the Knock Out Cup although we know they were drawn at home to Syston in the 1st Round and faced Uppingham away in the 2nd Round.

Melton Cups

Ashby were drawn at home to Great Dalby in Round 1 of the Combined Cup. Despite a fine 20 not out from number 9 Ian Cooper Ashby could only score 96. Dalby made the runs for the loss of three wickets, Evans Slater and Lane taking one wicket apiece.

Fortunes were not much better in the Nursing Cup with Ashby entertaining Melton Town. Stuart Beeken 36 and Alan Smith 22 helped Ashby to a competitive total of 120 for 5. Melton lost only two wickets in their chase getting the required runs in 15.3 overs.

The early exit from the Nursing and Combined Cups meant Ashby competed for the plate competition the Nutting Cup. Ashby won their 2nd Round tie at home to Knossington by six wickets. The visitors were restricted to 73 for 8 off their 18 overs with some fine bowling from Richard Slater who took five wickets for just 12 runs in his 6 overs. Openers Stuart Beeken 29 and Steve Barnes 15 got Ashby's reply off to a solid start, number 5 Dave Brightwell scored 14 and hitting the winning runs. No records have been found from Round 3.

North Leicestershire League

In the second topflight season Ashby found it hard going in the Bull & Mouth Division 1 finishing in 9th position of 10 and therefore getting relegated wining just four games. Rolls Royce finished bottom whilst Woodhouse Eaves won the league.

The season started with a defeat away at Thornton. Chasing 146 Ashby openers didn't fare well with Rob Woods hitting across the line to be bowled for 9 and Beeken being stumped off a wide for a duck. Ian Sinclair in his final season at Ashby scored 63. Requiring 10 runs off the final over Bob Cooper was bowled, son Ian hit a single followed by a four from Richard Slater to leave the final wicket partnership five runs short.

The first win of the season came at home to Rolls Royce. Ian Cooper taking six for 18 to restrict the visitors to 87 all out. Ashby made easy work of the target, opener Beeken scoring 40 before the Smith brothers Dave 23 and Alan 21 eased Ashby home for the loss of two wickets with 15 overs to spare. Ashby came back down to earth the following week when eventual champions Woodhouse Eaves won easily by nine wickets having dismissed Ashby for 63.

The second win of the season came at home to Records Cricket Club. David Smith 63 and Andrew Favell 61 both scored fifties in a fourth wicket partnership of 129. The Oadby and Wigston Mail reports on their disappointment at the visitor's performance: *"RECORDS CCs preseason hopes for honours in Division One of the North Leicestershire Cricket League had another unfortunate chapter unfold at the picturesque ground of Ashby Carington on Saturday when having restricted the home team to 61 off 30 overs, some lack-lustre towards the end saw the score increased to 155 for 4. In reply the openers stirred hopes with an opening partnership of 81 but undisciplined batting from their colleagues enabled Ashby Carington to retrieve what had looked like a lost cause Records finished their 14 runs short"*

Another win followed the next week at Westonians who played in the neighbouring village of Gaddesby. With only Alan Smith 14 and Andy Favell 43 making double figures Ashby struggled to 131 for 9. However tight bowling from Ian Cooper who took five wickets for 33 in 14 overs ensured that Westonians were all out for 93.

A narrow defeat came against Hathern who's 10th wicket partnership won the game despite Richard Slater taking 7 wickets for 34. This was followed by an easy victory for Leicester Caribbeans who dismissed Ashby for 73.

Into July Ashby had what appeared to be a rain affected match against Thornton. The game ended with Ashby on 112 for 5 chasing 120. The following week was the start of a bad run of form with Ashby losing to bottom team Rolls Royce. Having set a total of only 97 Ashby could only take seven wickets despite a five-wicket haul from Slater. Further defeats came against Woodhouse Eaves, Bal Gopal and Records. At Dorset Avenue against Records Michael Evans played his first league game for two months taking seven wickets in a 17 over spell.

The next win finally came on August 17th at home to Westonians. Number 3 Andrew Favell hit 85 to ease Ashby past the target of 164 for the loss of six wickets. Shortage of players the following week saw only eight players make the trip to Hathern. Chasing 182 Ashby's cause wasn't helped when Steve Barnes retired hurt. Ashby finished 77 runs short. The season culminated with two further defeats to Telecom and Leicester Caribbean. Bob Cooper hit a season's best 41 against Telecom and followed up with a credible 30 against Caribbean.

In the Brian Clarke Cup Ashby progressed to third round to be knocked out by cup holders Westonians. Round 1 provided a 54 run victory at home to Belton with 50 run partnerships for the first and second wickets getting Ashby off to a solid start on the way to 185. Beeken top scored with 46. Against Ashby Northfields in Round 2 the game was much closer with Ashby Carington winning with 3 overs to spare chasing a modest total of 129. Dave Smith top scored with 55 not out in what appeared a slow anchor innings. In the 3rd Round Westonians batted first and scored 159 for 8 off their 40 overs. Derick Cooper was the pick of the bowlers with two wickets for only 19 runs off his 9 overs. Ashby never really

challenged the total being all out for 127, only Alan Smith 38, Beeken 26 and Nigel Hough 31 making double figures.

Friendlies

Ashby almost certainly played regular Sunday friendlies although we only have records of a handful of the games. A spare Saturday in July gave the opportunity for a friendly against North Leicestershire Division 2 side Long Whatton. In a tight game Ashby's openers Michael Home and Stuart Beeken both scored fifties and paced their innings perfectly in a partnership of 117. With further runs from Andy Favell, Steve Barnes and John Whiting Ashby surpassed the target of 175 with two overs to spare. The next day Ashby won another close game at home to Queniborough in which the visitors scored 152 for 9 in their 40 overs. Eight wickets down Nigel Hubbard hit a four followed by a single to win the game with four balls remaining. Ashby's run scorers included Trevor Riley (31), Dave Brightwell (52) and a young Henry Wilson (20) in his second year at the club.

Later in July Ashby entered a team into the Thorpe Arnold single wicket tournament along with teams from Burghley Park, Egerton Park, Melton town, Old Wyvernians, Stragglers and Ashby's first round opponents Syston Town.

In early August Soar Valley visited Ashby for a Sunday game. Despite Ashby fielding a strong bowling attack, Ian Cooper, Richard Slater, Derick Cooper, Henry Wilson and Nigel Hubbard, the visitors set a total of 205 for 3. It is presumed it then rained as the second innings was not recorded.

An inter club over 30's v under 30's game gave the youngsters an opportunity to run the old guys around a bit in the field. Stuart Beeken took full advantage scoring 112 before being run out. The youngsters finished on 197 for 5 in their 40 overs. Chris Bennett 27 runs was the only "old un" to get any significant runs. With seven of the youngsters getting a bowl even groundsman Dave Favell took a wicket dismissing Derick Cooper, Richard Slater taking the catch.

There was the regular end of season game against Lord Kings XI at Wartnaby, Ashby winning by 45 runs, Trevor Riley scoring 51. Nigel Hubbard took a hatrick off his final three balls to win the game. New opponents Rutland League side Kings Keys from Peterborough provided the final opponents for a 35 over friendly in mid-September. Despite being dismissed for 104 Ashby were easy winners by 53 runs, the visitors only scoring 12 runs off the first 11 overs.

During 1991, 29 different players represented the club. The leading run makers were Stuart Beeken 541, Andrew Favell 512, Dave Smith 312. Andrew Favell was top run scorer in the North Leicestershire league with 405. Top bowlers were Richard Slater 50 wickets (of which 32 were in North Leicestershire League) Derick Cooper 40 (of which 32 were in the North Leicester League) and Ian Cooper 32 wickets.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1991 was Trevor Riley, Richard Slater also returned after a one year absence. Batsman Ian Sinclair played his final season at Ashby whilst left arm spinner Michael Evans was also playing his final season apart from a short comeback in 1994.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1991 were: S. Adams, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, David Brightwell, Derick Cooper, Ian Cooper, Robert Cooper, Michael Evans, Mick Farmer, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, S. Johnson, Phil Lane, R. Pawley, Colin Pembleton, Trevor Riley, Ian Sinclair, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Robert Spence, John Whiting, Henry Wilson Robert Woods, J. Willins.

Season 1992:

Ashby's final season in the North Leicestershire League ended with a bottom half finish in Division 2. The team had increasingly become frustrated at the standard of some of the town centre grounds with many of the village teams leaving the league. The night campaign was more successful with Ashby getting promoted from the Burrough League Division 2 and progressing to (at least) the 3rd Round of the Burrough League and Nursing Cups.

Burrough League

The only change to the teams participating in the Burrough League was the departure of Melton based Petfoods. Ashby were again competing in Division 2 which comprised of Syston, Thorpe Arnold B, Sproxton, Saxby & Stapleford and Egerton Park. Although we don't have all the records, it is known that Ashby won 9 of the 10 games played so presumably won the league.

The two league results we have recorded are the home and away games against Egerton Park. At home in mid May Ashby lost by 6 wickets having set a below par total of 83 for 7. Alan Smith being the only batsman to make double figures with 36. Tight bowling from Dave Smith and Ian Cooper who went for a combined 31 runs in their 10 overs gave Ashby hope. However, Park took advantage of the bowling of Hubbard, Dealey and Slater to win by six wickets.

Team for Burrough League match v Syston



*Back row: Richard Slater, Ian Cooper, Alan Smith, Steve Barnes, Andrew Favell, David Brightwell, Bob Cooper
Front Row: Robert Woods, Henry Cooper, Dave Smith, Derick Cooper, Stuart Beeken*

In the return fixture against Egerton Park Ashby fared better setting a competitive total of 127 for 3 off 16 overs. Opener Woods scoring 52 and number 3 Steve Barnes 45. Park finished well short on 79 for 8 with slow bowler Phil Lane taking 3 wickets the others shared between Slater, Ian Cooper, and Steve Dealey.

The Melton Times also reported a Division 2 Play Off game between Ashby and Egerton Park. It's not clear why this game was played as Ashby appeared to have more league points than Park after the culmination of the regular season. However, Park won the game easily chasing down Ashby's total of 48 without losing a wicket.

In the 1st Round of the Knockout Cup Ashby were drawn away to Thorpe Arnold B team. Batting first Ashby scored 125 for 7. In reply Thorpe were dismissed for 85 with exceptional bowling from David Smith who took five wickets for 3 runs in his two overs, Ian Cooper taking four wickets. Ashby were defeated by Barkby in the 2nd Round. Having set 110 for 4 (Beeken 33 runs), Barkby chased the runs with ease winning by six wickets in the twelve over.

Melton Cups

Ashby progressed to the 3rd Round of the Nursing Cup defeating Sproxton and Egerton Park. Against Park Robert Woods scored an unbeaten 45 to see Ashby to a four-wicket victory. Bowlers Brightwell and Slater both bowled tight six over spells which went for less than four an over restricting Park to 95 runs. We don't have records from the 3rd Round but it is likely Ashby lost to either Thorpe Arnold or Syston who were the finalists.

In the Combined Cup Ashby were drawn away at Asfordby, no records exist of the game. Ashby also entered the Salaman Cup again losing to Thorpe Arnold. Having set 76 for 6 Thorpe easily won by six wickets.

North Leicestershire League

In the final season playing in the North Leicestershire League Ashby finished 7th in Princes Sports Division 2. It was a strange season with some extremes in results.

The season started poorly with Ashby travelling to play Winchester. In response to the home sides 81 (Phil Lane taking six wickets) Ashby could only manage 38 all out. The following week Ashby conceded to Petronians. Against Long Whatton, improved batting enabled Ashby to get a losing draw. Ashby scored 143 for 9, in response Long Whatton passed Ashby's total in the 39th over for the loss of two wickets.

Three convincing wins followed against Navyug, Anstey and Westfields. At home to Navyug, 88 from Alan Smith and 69 from Dave Smith helped Ashby to a total of 229 for 2. Three wickets from Brightwell ensured the visitors were dismissed well short of Ashby's total with 85 all out. On June 5th a league best bowling performance from Ashby ensured Anstey were dismissed for 21, the wickets being shared five a piece between Dealey and Ian Cooper. Against Westfields Alan Smith scored 77 in Ashby's total of 208 for 7 in a 110-run victory, Derick Cooper taking six wickets.

Following a defeat to Rolls Royce in late June Ashby sat in 5th place having won five out of ten games. Two defeats in low scoring games against Petronians and Long Whatton meant Ashby slipped to 7th place by the end of July. By the end of season Ashby were still in 7th having won 7 and lost 6 games. Long Whatton were crowned champions and Navyug finished bottom.

1992 Tour Team



Back Row: Ian cooper, John Whiting, Nigel Hubbard, Bob Cooper, Trevor Riley, Nigel Hough, Front Row: Dave Favell, Stuart Beeken, Richard Slater, Rob woods, ?

Friendlies

We don't have records from any of the friendlies from 1992 although the Melton Times did report a planned Sunday fixture at home to Egerton Park in early June and an away fixture at Syston in July.

In a change from the recent tours to Wales, Ashby travelled to Shropshire.

During 1992, from the limited records we have we know at least 16 different players represented the club. The leading run makers were Alan Smith 222 and Rob Woods 148. Leading wicket taker was Phil Lane with 11 and Ian Cooper 9.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1992 was Steve Dealey. The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carrington in 1992 were: Steve Barnes, S. Beasley, Stuart Beeken, David Brightwell, Derick Cooper, Ian Cooper, Steve Dealey, Andrew Favell, Nigel Hubbard, Phil Lane, Trevor Riley, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, John Whiting, Robert Woods.

Season 1993:

The decision was taken to move to the *Rutland League* in 1993 to play on some more “village grounds”. Although this would involve more travelling to Peterborough and beyond the prospect of playing on grounds such as a Buckminster, Belton Park, Spoxton and Uffington certainly had some appeal.

The Rutland League was formed in 1982 with 10 teams (including Barnock, Market Deeping, Market Overton, Oundle, Stamford, Ufford Park, Uppingham). For the first seven seasons the league title was won by either Uppingham (four times) or Barnock (3 times). In 1984 the league expanded to two divisions and in 1989 to three divisions. A reserve league was added in 1983. In 2022 the league is still going strong with 41 teams spread over five divisions.

Another significant development was the building of the new pavilion. Although it may not look like it now the pavilion is two mobile school classrooms joined together as can be seen in the photos below. The club accounts from 1993 and 1994 indicate that the club spent approximately £2000 on the pavilion. Good value for money given the pavilion is still serving the club well 30 years on.

Building of the New Pavilion



On the pitch Ashby were placed in Division 3 of the Rutland League and in the Burrough League, Ashby were back in the top division finishing a credible 3rd. There was also some success in the Combined Cup with Ashby reaching the Semi Final.

Burrough League

The changes to the teams participating in the Burrough League were Petfoods, Queniborough and Asfordby all re-joining and East Goscote entering for the first time. Following promotion in 1992 Ashby, captained by Stuart Beeken were in Division 1 which comprised of Pickwell, Thorpe Arnold, Egerton Park, Wymondham and Melton Town. Ashby finished 3rd having won 3 of the 8 games played. Had Melton played their final game against relegated Egerton they would probably have leapfrogged Ashby into 3rd place. The league was won by Thorpe Arnold who only lost one game. Wymondham withdrew from the league mid-season their results being expunged.

The season should have started with two points but unfortunately the seven-run victory at Wymondham, Stuart Beeken scoring 41, was later voided following Wymondham’s resignation. Two weeks later Pickwell comfortably beat Ashby by 22 runs in a low scoring contest. Pickwell all-rounder Andrew Townley (later to join Ashby) took four wickets for 15 runs. In early June a further 8 wicket defeat game against eventual champions Thorpe Arnold despite a much-improved batting performance. Ashby had set a target of 118 with Rob Woods scoring 42.

Towards the end of June Ashby faced bottom team Egerton Park in consecutive games. In the home game captain Stuart Beeken led the way scoring 76 to help Ashby to a competitive score of 136 for 4. Four wickets from Ian Cooper, three from Woods and two from Slater ensured Ashby won by a convincing 62 runs. A stronger Park team quickly avenged the defeat a few days later winning by 12 runs.

In the Burrough League Knock Out Cup Ashby lost to a strong Pickwell team. The match was eloquently described in the GQ article (see below).

“Ashby came up against semi-professionals from the hamlet of Pickwell. Pecker is wearing five jumpers as it’s the highest coldest ground in the county. Pickwell bats. It is soon obvious Rigsby, Cutie, and PD (who wears a floppy hat and bowls deceptively off five paces) will have a hard time shifting the opening batsmen. The lad at the far end plays in the Bradford League alongside Vinod Kumble (India batsman who score double century against England). At the other end is the best batsman in local cricket (Andrew Townley) borrowed from Billesdon”. Townley was eventually out for 57 with Pickwell setting a target of 112 for 3 off 16 overs. The article continues; “Steve Barnes (Salty the Sea Lion because of his clapping action when catching) is run out for a duck” Despite a good knock from Dave Smith who scored 43 Ashby fell 23 runs short.

Pickwell is more correctly named the Pickwell, Leesthorpe and Somerby Cricket Club. They have a long history with the oldest team photograph dating back to 1911, a string of woodworm infested bats denoting legendary players stats and squad lists of league winning teams from as recently as 2003 hanged proudly on the wall of a worn-down pavilion. However unfortunately after the death of one of the key members, the club, folded in 2014 just 3 years after winning the Grantham League.

Melton Cups

Ashby progressed to the Semi Final of the Combined Cup. In the 3rd Round Ashby welcomed visitors Pickwell and batted first. Dave Smith who had already scored 43 and 65 against Pickwell in previous encounters this season was again in form scoring 62. With some support from Woods (30) Ashby were able to set a target of 138 for 6. In a close-run game Pickwell fell four runs short having lost nine wickets. The key bowler was Ian Cooper who’s five overs provided three wickets and only went for 17 runs.

The Semi Final against Egerton Park was played at the ground of Buckminster. Ashby again batted first but could only set a total of 93 for 5 off their 18 overs. Barnes top scored with 35 not out and Andy Favell scored 23. Park only lost two wickets chasing the runs with Hendry, Slater and Evans all unable to make an impact with their bowling

In the Nursing Cup Ashby lost in the 2nd Round to Thorpe Arnold B team. Thorpe batting first set a massive total of 159 for 7, Slater going for over 10 runs an over off his five overs. Ashby in reply scored 98 for 7, the top contributions coming from Woods, Barnes and Hendry.

Rutland League

Records have survived from three of the fixtures from Ashby’s debut season in the Rutland League. The season started well in early May with a win over Buckminster. Batting first Ashby made 194 for 6 with fifies from Robert Woods and Steve Barnes, Alan Smith also contributing with 44 runs. Slow bowler Nigel Hubbard who was a very occasional Rutland League player took six wickets for 37 to wrap up the Buckminster tail and give Ashby victory by 65 runs.

Later in May despite 45 runs from Robert Woods Ashby fell 89 runs short at Melton of the home sides 202 for 8. Phil Lane taking five wickets for 70 runs was Ashby’s leading bowler. The Melton Times

described Ashby as “shutting up shop” when the sixth wicket fell. The only other report we have is from the game away at Weldon when Ashby were disappointingly bowled out for 128 chasing 147.

No final league table has been found but we know Ashby remained in Division 3 for the following season

Friendlies

Few details exist of the friendly fixtures in 1993 although we know there would have been a full Sunday fixture list with Nigel Hubbard as captain.

It was reported that several early fixtures were postponed due to the wet conditions, the ground having been flooded in the winter. The first friendly of the season was against Houghton on the Hill, result unknown. The only game we do know about was played at home against Queniborough in early September. Ashby batted first, opener Michael Home was out for a duck, but his partner Rob Woods went onto score 34, the only other notable contribution was 37 from Steve Barnes. The bowling was shared between Dave Smith, Ian Cooper, Nigel Hubbard, Phil Lane and Pat Hughes to no avail as Queniborough won in 32 overs.

Ashby Carington team pic from GQ article



*Back Row: Bob Cooper, Richard Slater, Steve Barnes, Michael Evans, Trevor Riley, Ian Cooper
Front Row: Stuart Beeken, Derick Cooper, John Whiting, David Smith*

Ashby featured in the September edition of GQ magazine written by Andrea Waingand who lived locally. The article captures brilliantly the atmosphere and quirky charm of a true village cricket team. Many of the players featured in the article are still associated with the club either as Chairman in the case of Phil PD Lane, spectators Dave Smith, Bob “zimmer” Cooper, Stuart “Deals” Dealey and Rigsby, or as players Alan Smith, Hubcap and Pecker. The article was also selected in 1997 for inclusion in the book “More than a game” which contained the best of the GQ sport related articles.

Ashby Carington feature in GQ Magazine



During 1993, from the limited records we have we know at least 23 different players represented the club. The leading run makers were Robert Woods 271, Steve Barnes 216. Leading wicket takers were Richard Slater and Ian Cooper both with 12.

Playing their first known games for Ashby in 1993 all-rounder Craig Hendry and Steve Frost. The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1992 were: S. Balleu, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, Robert Cooper, Ian Cooper, Steve Dealey, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, Steve Frost, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, Pat Hughes, Phil Lane, Trevor Riley, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, John Whiting, Robert Woods.

Season 1994:

Ashby Carington were at the start of one of the most successful periods in their history particularly at night cricket. This was in no small part due to one of the best local cricketers Andrew Townley deciding to move to the club. In the Rutland League Ashby fortunes picked up finishing second and gaining promotion to Division 2 in only their second season in the league.

At nights Ashby won both the Burrough League Knock-Out Cup for the first time and the Nutting Cup. In the league the team remained in Division 1 of the finishing 4th; a disappointment given the cup exploits.

Burrough League

Melton WMC, Wymondham and Saxby & Stapleford all left the Burrough League. Market Overton joined for the first time and Tilton re-joined the league for the first time since 1986. Ashby remained in Division 1 which comprised of Pickwell, Sproxton, Barkby, Thorpe Arnold and Melton Town.

Ashby won three and lost five of the league matches played finishing 4th of six teams. The season started poorly with a defeat at home to Thorpe Arnold and away to Sproxton, new recruit Townley scoring 41 against Thorpe. The first win of the season came away at Thorpe Arnold on the 7th of June. Ashby set a below par 89 for 8, Rob Woods scoring 34 before being run out. Tight bowling from Slater and Townley who both took 2 wickets apiece at a rate of four runs an over, restricted Thorpe to 77 for 8 off their 16 overs.

Ashby lost at home to Barkby having set a target of 103, Woods again on form with 43 not out. Unfortunately, Craig Hendry who was playing for Ashby in the Melton Cups was still representing Barkby in the Burrough League. Batting a number 3 he hit a typical innings of 71 not out comprising of nine sixes, finishing the game with three sixes in a row off the bowling of Evans.

Back to winning ways at home to Pickwell, Beeken hit 58 in Ashby's total of 106 for 3. Pickwell were all out for 81 with Townley, Slater and Evans all taking three wickets apiece. The following week Ashby travelled to Melton Town. Townley hit his first century at night cricket for Ashby just two days after hitting 163 at home to Medbourne in the Rutland League. Townley was supported by Woods who scored 37 to help Ashby to an impressive 163 for 1. Melton made a good attempt of the reply being bowled out for 142 with one over remaining.

Missing Townley for two games Ashby lost a high scoring game at Sproxton, chasing 167, Ashby fell 17 runs short. At home to Melton Ashby could not chase 86 falling three runs short. Ashby required five runs to win off the last over. Webster dismissed Barnes, stumped off the first ball, Cooper and Beeken could only score two more runs off the remaining balls.

The final league game of the season was away at Pickwell. In the match report submitted to the Melton Times Pickwell were clearly still smarting at losing Andrew Townley. *"Pickwell's loss meant they were relegated not Ashby. Leading figure in the defeat was a man who had scored over 13000 runs and taken over 650 wickets for Pickwell, Townley top scored with 44. It was a close game with Ashby chasing 118 for the loss of 5 wickets."*

In the Knock Out Cup Ashby travelled to the picturesque Lowesby ground in Round 2 to play Tilton & Lowesby. Batting first, openers Barnes and Beeken put on 69 for the first wicket. When Barnes was joined by Townley the scoring accelerated with Townley scoring an unbeaten 60 which included four sixes. Ashby closed on 156 for 3. Tilton never challenged the score finishing on 85 for 8. Ashby faced Division 3 side Market Overton in the Semi Final. Barnes and Beeken again got Ashby off to a strong

start with a 69-run partnership, Beeken went on to top score with 46 in Ashby's total of 142 for 4. Market Overton fell 33 runs short, Evans taking four early wickets.

The final was played at Queniborough against Barkby. In a change of approach Townley was promoted to open the batting with Beeken. This paid off with a 57 partnership before Townley was bowled by Craig Hendry. Andy Favell took over and continued to push the scoring rate forward before Beeken was run out and Favell fell to Hendry for 44. Ashby closed on 145 for 4. Despite a valiant 57 from Hendry Barkby fell 14 runs short. The crucial wicket of Hendry being taken by Phil Lane and caught by Favell.

Burrough League Cup Winners 1994



*Back Row: Ian Cooper, Phil Lane, Steve Barnes, Alan Smith, Michael Evans, Bob Cooper
Front Row: Nigel Hough, Andrew Townley, Stuart Beeken, David Smith Rob Woods, Andrew Favell*

Melton Cups

Ashby lost in Round 1 of the Combined Cup at home to Thorpe Arnold A. Openers Hickman and Robert Lecoyte both scored 30 plus to help the visitors to a score of 125 for 9. Hendry was the pick of the bowlers for Ashby with three wickets for 24 runs off his six overs. Despite decent scores from Ashby's top order, Townley 16, Beeken 12, Hendry 22, Favell 30, Barnes 20, Ashby required 10 to win off Barry Lecoyte's last over. Two wickets fell and Ashby finished 5 short and were therefore entered into the Nutting Cup (The "wankers cup" and Pecker eloquently puts it).

In the Nursing Cup Ashby received a first round bye facing Great Dalby at home in Round 2. Dalby set 104 for 4 which was never enough for a strong Ashby team. Townley hit 28 and Favell 38 as Ashby got the runs for the loss of just four wickets with two overs to spare. Queniborough completely outclassed Ashby in the 3rd Round tie. Openers Chadwick and M. Sutcliffe batted all 18 overs undefeated for 128 runs. Despite 47 from Hendry, Ashby fell 10 runs short in their chase.

Having lost to Thorpe Arnold "A" team in the Combined Cup Ashby now faced Thorpe "B" in the Nutting Cup. The game was played one day after Ashby had got revenge on the "A" team in a Burrough League clash. Batting first Ashby scored a massive 156 for 2, Beeken 49 and Favell 45. In the reply Ashby gave all six players who didn't bat a bowl, this included very occasional bowler Alan Smith who went for 11 off his single over. Thorpe finished well short on 75 for 8.

The Semi Final was played at Upper Broughton against Sproxton. Batting first Beeken batted undefeated for his 66, Ashby finishing on 127 for 3. Sproxton lost wickets at regular intervals, Slater and Hendry taking three apiece and Townley two, eventually finishing 25 runs adrift.

The Nursing Cup Final was played at Thorpe Arnold on August 12th against Egerton Park. Unfortunately, we have no record of the teams or the scorecard, but we know from later press reports Ashby did win the cup for the second time in their history.

Rutland League

Ashby had a successful second season in Division 3 of the Rutland League finishing in second place with a record of played 22, won 16, lost 5. Whittlesey finished in top position 23 points clear of Ashby.

The season did not start well with a heavy defeat at Sproxton. Apart from a 54 fourth wicket partnership between Hendry and Woods Ashby capitulated to 90 all out. Sproxton then strolled to a six-wicket victory, Hendry taking all four wickets for Ashby. Three easy wins followed against Benefield, Elton Park and Tolthorpe Park.

Away at Benefield tight bowling from Evans, Lane and Slater who all had economy rates of less than two an over, restricted the home team to 82 off their 42 overs. Openers Beeken and Dave Smith put on 50 for the first wicket to set Ashby up for an eight-wicket victory. In another low scoring game, Elton Park set a target of 101, Phil Lane taking five wickets for 40 runs in his 21 overs. His first five overs being maidens. Ashby openers Alan and Dave Smith made slow progress taking 21 overs to reach 50 until Stuart Beeken quickened the rate scoring 36 (all in fours and sixes). Ashby won in the 30th over by seven wickets. Tolthorpe Park failed to chase a mediocre Ashby total of 118 being dismissed for themselves for 52. Evans bowled 19 overs unchanged taking five wickets for 32 runs, Slater took four wickets.

The heaviest defeat of the season came against Newborough who set a target of 176. Both Evans and Slater took four wickets apiece, but Slater was particularly expensive going at nearly 7 an over off his ten overs. Once openers Woods and Frost were out Ashby's reply fell apart losing the last eight wickets for just nine runs, Dealey, Whiting, Evans and Cooper all getting ducks. A stronger Ashby team beat Newage the following week by eight wickets. The return of Alan Smith who scored 60 not out and Andy Favell 53 not out making the difference. Woods also scored 58 runs.

Ashby had an impressive win over eventual league champions Whittlesey. Alan Smith 68 and Hendry 51 helped Ashby to 219 for 8. Hendry also started with the ball taking four wickets for 19 runs off 16 overs. Ashby winning by 103 runs. Further wins came over Uffington and Medbourne. The Medbourne game was Andrew Townley's second weekend game for Ashby, and he was in fine form scoring 163 before being caught of the bowling of Petit. Ashby's total of 267 for 5 was their highest score of the season.

Performances in July probably cost Ashby the title with loses away to Newborough, Yaxely and Whittlesey. There was an easy win at home to Spoxton when Ashby defended a small total of 120 for 9. Bowling unchanged Evans took seven wickets in 15 overs to dismiss Sproxton for just 83, only Johnny Watchorn with 34, scoring double figures for Sproxton.

Ashby finished the season with a run of eight unbeaten games starting with a victory against Benefield. Chasing 206 opener Dave Smith was out cheaply before brother Alan and Rob Woods put on 142 for the second wicket. Woods was out for 49 but Smith batted on for an unbeaten 127 to see Ashby home. Uffington was defeated by nine wickets, Townley scoring 65. A weakened Ashby team won by 19 runs at home to Yaxley, Rob Woods and Barnes scoring 42 and 48 respectively. Phil Lane took six wickets including the crucial ones of Lilley and Hicks to seal the victory. Another weakened team beat Tolthorpe Park by three wickets thanks this time to 73 from Beeken.

At Stamford on August 21st Ashby were back to full strength with Favell and Townley returning to the team. Both scored over 60 to ease Ashby to 249 for 9. Ashby left arm spinner Evans took seven wickets in his 17 overs to restrict the home team to 102 all out. Townley was again in form the following week at Empingham scoring 145 not out as Ashby easily chased 190 for the loss of three wickets. In a double header weekend Ashby welcomed visitors Elton Park on the Sunday. Opener Beeken scored 55 as Ashby closed on 187 all out. In reply ten-man Elton Park were all out for 143, Townley taking five wickets and Hendry the other three.

The season finished with a victory at Medbourne. Hendry bowling unchanged for 23 overs took five wickets for 72 runs. Chasing 147, Townley scored 73 and Favell 34 easing Ashby to a six wicket victory with 17 overs to spare.

Friendlies

It was Ashby's last season of regular Friendly cricket, most of which were arranged on Saturdays due to the Rutland league being a predominantly Sunday league. The friendly team was boosted by several players moving from the now defunct Thrussington Cricket Club. These included Chris Bennett, Nigel Lewis, Richard Parker, Ian Robinson, and Jeff Sedgewick.

The fixture card included some familiar fixtures from the North Leicestershire League; Victoria Road, Westonians and Glenthorpe, some local teams, Barkby, Houghton and Queniborough along with Laxton Park (from the Rutland League), Ridlington (from Oakham), Waltham on the Wolds and Great Glen.

Ashby lost the first friendly of the season at home to Victoria Road but followed up with a win against Ridlington. Dr Steve Hardcastle in his debut taking three wickets for 17 runs. Steve was later infamous for taking a phone call halfway through his run up. Laxton Park comfortably beat Ashby by 28 runs, Barry Sandilands another ex Thrussington player making a fine 27 on his debut.

The next victory came at Houghton. Houghton were restricted to 116 for 9 off their 40 overs with tight bowling from Lewis (3 for 15) and Hubbard (3 for 22). In the reply openers Barry Sandilands and Michael Home put on 72 for the first wicket, Sandilands finishing with 54 easing Ashby to a six-wicket win.

Ashby lost home games to Waltham and Westonians, the Waltham game being notable for Nigel Hubbard top scoring with 36. Against Westonians Trevor Riley top scored with 76 and featured in a 113 run partnership with Phil Lane. Ashby were back to winning ways against Glenthorpe setting 156 to win by 51 runs. The following day against Great Glen a strong Ashby team set 210 for 8, Andrew Townley scoring 110. Great Glen fell 14 runs short, the closeness of the result probably due to Ashby using eight bowlers.

The final two games of the season against Barkby and Queniborough ended in defeat. A Barkby "Colts" team chasing 198 to win in the last over. At home to Queniborough, Ashby could only score 120 for 4 in their 32.4 overs when presumably rain shortened the game. In reply the visitors won by six wickets.

During 1994, 34 different players represented the club. There was a notable debutant Andrew Townley one of the best players in local cricket who joined from local rivals Pickwell. Andy also represented Billesdon in the Leicester League. Also joining the club were a players from the now defunct Thrussington Cricket Club (which was organised by Chris Bennett who was already an Ashby player). These new players included Nigel Lewis (still playing at Ashby in 2021), Barry Sandilands (who played four years at Ashby) and the following players who only occasionally played for Ashby; Jeff Sedgwick, Ian Robinson, J. Richmond, Richard Parker, Phil Bennett and Pat Hughes. Other new players included the “mad doctor” Steve Hardcastle. Playing their last games for Ashby were wicket keeper John Whiting and bowler *Michael Evans*.

Michael Evans was probably the best bowler to represent Ashby Carington. A left arm spin bowler, the first records we have of Michael playing were in 1970 when the club were still at Barsby, playing in friendlies against Great Glen, Oadby and Braunstone. Our records from the 1970's and 80's aren't complete but from those we have we know Michael took five wickets in an innings more than 50 times and took seven wicket in an innings 14 times, his best figures being 8 for 53 at Great Glen in 1981. In total his 804 recorded wickets (the second highest for the club) were taken at average of 10.5.

The leading run makers were debutant Andrew Townley 1004, Stuart Beeken 940 and Robert Woods 657. In his final season Michael Evans was the leading wicket taker with 70 wickets (54 of which were in the Rutland League), Richard Slater 52, Craig Hendry and Phil Lane both 36 wickets.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1994 were: Ben Aspill, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, Phil Bennett, Robert Cooper, Ian Cooper, Steve Dealey, Michael Evans, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Steve Frost, C. Green, Steve Hardcastle, Michael Home, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, Pat Hughes, Phil Lane, Nigel Lewis, Richard Parker, J. Richmond, Trevor Riley, Ian Robinson, Barry Sandilands, Jeff Sedgewick, Skinner, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Andrew Townley, Henry Wilson, John Whiting, Robert Woods.

Season 1995:

Following promotion Ashby Carington were competing in Division 2 of the Rutland League for the first time. It was decided to enter a second team into the Rutland League, the reserve team predominantly playing Saturdays and the firsts on a Sunday. This spelt the end of friendly matches at Ashby Carington until they resumed in 2007 to fill gaps in the fixture list.

Night cricket was Ashby's strength, another successful campaign ended with Ashby as Runners Up in the Burrough League Division 1 and the Knock-Out Cup and winning the Nutting Cup in a revamped Melton Cup competition.

The fixture card indicated that subs had risen since the previous one we had from 1988. Annual Subs now £20 (from £10), Match Fees £3 (from £2). Long term player and supporter had been added to the lost of Life Members. Vice Presidents now included David Bainbridge (the Melton cyclist who rode all over Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire following Ashby, Michael Evans, David Samworth, B. Spence, and E. Smuthwaite. Phil Lane was now Chairman as he remains so in 2023.

Burrough League

The only change to the teams in the Burrough League was the temporary departure of Melon Town. Ashby remained in Division 1 which comprised of newly promoted teams Queniborough and Syston, Sproxtun, Thorpe Arnold and Barkby (previous years champions).

Ashby captained by Stuart Beeken started the season in fine form winning their first five Burrough League games to be top of the table in early July. The season started away at Queniborough, Ashby posting a target of 119 for 5, opener Townley run out for 30 and Rob Woods not out 28 the main contributors. Tight bowling from Ian Cooper and Andrew Townley who both went for less than four an over secured a comfortable win by 26 runs.

The visit to Syston resulted in a tight game, Ashby again batting first set 102 for 4, Townley 36 (including eight boundaries), Bennett 24 (no boundaries!). Despite Paul Sutcliffe hitting an unbeaten 49 for Syston the game went to the final over with nine needed to win. Up stepped Richard Slater to take the wicket of Ian Gibson and go for only three runs to secure victory.

Following a gap of nearly a month due to cup games Ashby had a convincing win at home to Sproxtun. Townley, Beeken, Barnes and Alan Smith all scored more than 20 runs as Ashby amassed a total of 121 for 5. Nine-man Spoxton were never in the game being dismissed for a total of 53 in just 13 overs. Two weeks later in the return game at home to Queniborough the result was far closer. Ashby set 100 for 5, Alan Smith top scoring with 29. Going into the final over Queniborough required just six runs with two wickets remaining. Dave Smith bowling took the wicket of Brown with his first ball, then went for four runs off his next four balls. Requiring two to win off the final ball Jason Dyer (later of Ashby Carington) was bowled by Smith.

The fifth win in a row came against Syston who scored 107 for 3 batting first. Stuart Beeken anchored the reply hitting an unbeaten 55. Supported by Andy Favell's 24 runs, in a well-timed reply Ashby won with one ball and seven wickets to spare. Eventually the winning run came to an end at Thorpe Arnold at the start of July where Ashby fell 31 runs short chasing 120. Ashby were short of bowlers with Nigel Hubbard making a rare appearance at nights and Andrew Favell having to bowl 3 overs. Despite the loss, on July 11th Ashby Carington were awarded the Burrough League "team of the month" award for June. This was clearly cursed as that night Ashby again lost to Barkby who easily chased Ashby's total of 107 for 6 for the loss of only two wickets.

Ashby visited Sproxton on July 18th the day before the Nutting Cup Final. It appeared Ashby's focus and best players were elsewhere as Sproxton set an impressive target of 134 for 3, Cooper and Wilson both with economy rates at nearly nine an over. Ashby were never on contention falling 24 runs short. Ashby were back to winning ways in the home game against top of the table and eventual champions Thorpe Arnold. A strong Thorpe team containing the Lecoyte brothers, Spawton, Keightley and Copley were restricted to 109. Steady batting from Barnes 22, Beeken 22 and Andy Favell 36 not out saw Ashby to victory in the final over.

In a disappointing finish to the season Ashby were roundly defeated at Barkby to hand the league trophy to Thorp Arnold for the third time in five years. Chasing 98, Ashby were all out for 50 runs only Woods 20 and Favell 10 making double figures. Slow bowler John Pook doing the damage taking four wickets for three runs in his five over spell. Ashby finished the season runners up having played 10 matches and won 6.

"Team of the Month Award" Burrough League game v Barkby 11/07/1995



*Back Row: Barry Sandilands, Richard Slater, Andrew Favell, Trevor Riley, Chris Bennett, Robert Cooper, Ian Cooper
Front Row: Dave Smith, Robert Woods, Stuart Beeken*

In the Preliminary Round of the Burrough League Cup Ashby had a rare game against Asfordby. In a high scoring contest Ashby openers Townley and Dave Smith both scored 50, Barnes at three scoring 42 to take Ashby to 152 off their 16 overs. In a decent chase the visitors were 27 runs short. Great Dalby were easily defeated in the 1st Round by ten wickets. Having set 101 for 8, Barnes (53) and Beeken (43) knocked off the runs in just over 12 overs. Round 3 saw another convincing win for Ashby. Chasing 64 at Hoby & Rotherby, Ashby again won by 10 wickets Townley unbeaten on 54.

Sproxton were the Semi Final opponents. In a high scoring game Sproxton scored 147 for 5 including a typical quickfire 46 from Johnny Watchorn. After losing Townley for a duck, Beeken and Barnes steadied the inning putting on 39 for the second wicket. Alan Smith batting at five was unbeaten on

36 and ably supported at the death by Barry Sandilands whose scored a vital 20 not out including two sixes. Ashby won with four balls to spare.

The Final against East Goscote was played at Syston on July 27th. According to reports in the Melton times the East Goscote bowlers could not come to terms with the damp pitch and were let down by their wayward direction Coleman bowling six wides. Townley took full advantage hitting 68, Steve Barnes supported with 26 and Andy Favell hit 22. Ashby closed on 152 for 5. A wicket maiden in Slater's first over set the tone of the reply with East Goscote limping to 106 for 7 losing the game by 46 runs. The Ashby team for the final was: Andrew Townley, Stuart Beeken, Steve Barnes, Andrew Favell, Alan Smith, Barry Sandilands, Dave Smith, Rob Woods, Henry Wilson, Ian Cooper and Richard Slater.

Melton Cups

The Melton and District Evening Cup competitions followed a new format in 1995. Rather than the traditional format where both the Nursing Cup and Combined Cup were on a knockout basis (1st Round losers entering the Plate competition the Nutting Cup), the cups moved to a league format. Eleven teams were placed in two divisions playing each other once. The top teams from each league would contest the Nursing Cup, second placed teams the Combined Cup and third placed the Nutting Cup. Ashby were in league A with Buckminster, Queniborough, Thorpe A, Thorpe B and Broughton/Dalby. League B consisted of Hickling, Melton Town, Syston, Egerton Park and Pickwell.

Queniborough were Ashby's first opponent at home. Tight bowling from J. Barker of Queniborough restricted Ashby to 85 for 7, only Stuart Beeken with 21 scoring more than 10 runs. The runs were easily knocked off with Queniborough winning by seven wickets in the 14th over. An improved performance at Upper Broughton resulted in a six-wicket victory. Chasing 82 a typical swashbuckling 58 from number six Barry Sandilands steered Ashby home following ducks from Barnes and Woods. Another victory followed against Thorpe A with Ashby's opening pair of Townley and Beeken batting through to chase down 99 runs.

Nutting Cup Winners 1995



*Back Row: Ian Cooper, Chris Bennett, Steve Barnes, Bob Cooper, Andrew Favell
Front Row: Alan Smith, Rob Woods, Stuart Beeken, Dave Smith, Henry Wilson (missing Andrew Townley)*

Against Thorpe B side a weakened Ashby team were still strong enough to chase Thorpe's total of 94. Barnes and Riley got Ashby's reply off to a good start with a 39 partnership before 28 from Rob Woods won the game for Ashby with one over and five wickets to spare. The final game in the league format was at home to Buckminster who set a challenging total of 157 (Copley scoring 81). Despite only losing three wickets Ashby never challenged the score ending on a disappointing 81 for 3. The final result meant that Buckminster leapt past Ashby into second place leaving Ashby to contest the Nutting Cup Final. Queniborough won the group.

The Final was played at Thorpe Arnold on July 19th against Syston. Batting first Ashby scored at 8 and over until Alan Smith was bowled by Scott Cooper on 59. Andrew Townley joined Rob Woods and the pair added 100 runs in the next 8 overs until Townley went for 76 (including 7 sixes). Woods was finally out for 58 as Ashby finished on 174 for 5. In the reply only Robert Slater with 44 threatened the Ashby bowlers as Syston were dismissed for 101. Ashby therefore beat Syston by 74 runs to win the Nutting Cup for the second successive year.

Ashby's top batsmen at Night cricket were Andy Townley 420 runs, Stuart Beeken 326 and Steve Barnes 225. The bowling was dominated by the seamers with Ian Cooper taking 33 wickets and Richard Slater 23.

Rutland League (1st X1)

Following promotion Ashby were now in Division 2 and captained by Stuart Beeken. A challenging first season at the higher level ended with Ashby winning only five matches and finishing bottom in 10th place to be relegated alongside Ketton. The fixture card for the season showed two scheduled games against Wing & Manton a new ground for Ashby to visit, unfortunately it appears they withdrew from the league.

The season started with a weakened Ashby team suffering a heavy 66 run defeat at Manor Field Whittlesey (A ground synonymous with long term player Robert Woods (Pecker) falling in the brook that runs alongside the boundary). Further defeats came at Orton Park (despite 64 from Alan Smith) and at home to Oundle Town (Woods scoring 64 and Favell 51 in Ashby's total of 234).

The first victory came in mid May at home to Pearl Assurance CC. Steady batting from Alan Smith, Rob Woods, Andy Townley, Andrew Favell and Stuart Beeken, all scoring 30 plus, enabled Ashby to set a competitive total of 197 for 4. Following six overs from Slater and Cooper spinners Dave Smith and Townley bowled unbroken for 39 overs taking seven wickets between them restricting Pearl to 153 off their 45 overs.

A rare appearance by Nigel Hubbard in the 1st team at Melton saw him take all six wickets to fall in a spell of six for 37 off nine overs. Unfortunately, he was the fifth bowler so Melton were able to amass 219 for 6. Despite a fine 78 from Chris Bennett Ashby lost by 31 runs. Into June Stuarts & Lloyds beat Ashby by four wickets, Weldon by seven wickets and Ketton by six wickets.

Ashby second victory of the season came in the return game against Melton. Bolstered by the first appearance of the season from all-rounder Craig Hendry Ashby chased down 217 for the loss of 8 wickets. Craig hitting three sixes in a typical quick-fire innings of 38. The next victory came in late August at home to Stamford. Ashby set 202 for 8 with the help of 68 from Robert Woods. The star of the day however was Andrew Townley who took eight wickets for 49 runs in his 21 over spell.

The final two wins of the season came in September at home to Weldon and Whittlesey. Against Weldon Townley's bowling was again crucial with him taking six wickets. Alan Smith scored a rapid 73 followed by unbeaten knocks of 39 from Bennett and 36 from Andrew Favell (scoring eight fours) to

secure an eight wicket victory. All ten players bowled for Weldon. In the final game of the season Woods scored 94 and Favell 63 as ten man Ashby scored 208 for 4 at home to Whittlesey. Following tight spells from Ian Cooper and Dave Smith Ashby spread the bowling around with batsmen Trevor Riley, Alan Smith and Chris Bennett getting a rare bowl. The visitors fell 18 runs short.

The leading first team batsmen were Robert Woods with 426 runs, Andrew Favell 360 runs and Alan Smith 291 runs. In contrast to night cricket the spin bowlers dominated in the Rutland League with Andrew Townley taking 37 wickets and Dave Smith 30 wickets.

Rutland League (2nd X1)

Captained by Nigel Hubbard Ashby had a credible first season in Reserve Division 2 finishing 8th with six victories in the 16 games played.

The season started well with a 40-run victory at Elton Park. Opener Steve Frost scored 74 in Ashby's total of 176. Tight bowling from Hubbard who took five wickets and the "mad doctor" Steve Hardcastle secured victory. Steve was infamous for stopping his mid run up in a friendly match to answer his phone. There were no restrictions on players interchanging between first and second teams therefore in this opening fixture Ashby's team included first team regulars Stuart Beeken, Dave Smith and Ian Cooper.

The following week at Stuart & Lloyds, despite 52 runs from Barry Sandilands Ashby lost by 8 wickets. Further defeats came against Empingham and Oundle. Nigel Lewis scoring 55 and Ian Cooper 22 in a record league ninth wicket partnership at Empingham to get Ashby to a respectable total of 156. The next win came at Whittlesey on June 17th. Ten man Ashby set 172 for 9 with Tony Villanueva scoring 63. An unlikely victory was secured with a tight second spell from Hubbard who took six wickets for 26 runs, the last five wicket falling for 21 runs giving Ashby a tight 8 run victory.

Weldon and Perkins had easy wins over Ashby. Against Empingham at the start of July a strong Ashby team set a total of 199 for 6, both Rob Woods and Trevor Riley scoring 60's. The bowling attack of Slater, Lane, Cooper and Hubbard proved too much for the visitors who fell 49 runs short. Visitors Whittlesey got revenge for their early season defeat in a tight game in which Ashby's slow start was to prove costly, Ashby falling 19 runs short despite having four wickets remaining. Dave Smith batted throughout the innings scoring 70 not out.

Ashby's best batting performance of the season came at home to Yaxley with Trevor Riley and Tony Villanueva both scoring fifties and Harvey Whit scoring a useful quickfire 34 in Ashby's total of 221 for 8. An economical spell from Ian Cooper going for just over two an over off his 16 overs followed by a tight spell from slow bowler Nigel Hubbard who took seven wickets for 34 ensured victory.

Oundle, Stuarts & Lloyds and Weldon all had easy victories over Ashby. Chasing a mammoth 269 against S&L first teamer Andrew Favell gave Ashby some respectability by scoring an unbeaten 110. This was the first ton Ashby scored in the Rutland Reserve League (Andy Favell also got the only other ton in 1996). At the start of August Ashby visited Melton and had the better of a low scoring game. Having set a below par 90 all out, Ian Cooper and Richard Slater demolished the Melton batting, Slater taking six wickets for 28 runs off his 16 overs to secure an 8 run victory.

The season finished with a win over Elton Park. An opening partnership of 102 from experienced (veteran) pair Bob Cooper and Mick Home was ably backed up by son Ian Cooper (the notes in the scorebook suggest he was playing for him average!) who scored 44 not out to help Ashby to 212 for 4. Slow bowler Phil Lane was the pick of the Ashby bowlers taking four for 33 as Elton Park were restricted to 182 for 8.

The leading second team batsmen were Trevor Riley with 205 runs, Ian Cooper 195 runs and his father Bob Cooper 193 runs. Nigel Hubbard was the leading bowler with 30 wickets followed by Ian Cooper with 16 wickets.

During 1995, 32 different players represented the club. The most notable debutant was youngster Chris Sherlock, a fast right arm bowler who was also developing into a useful batsman. Other players making their debuts were Gary Hollins who played only occasionally for the next five years, Harvey Waite, a local farmer and big hitting batsman who played for a couple of seasons. Michael Home played his last game for Ashby in 1995.

Michael Home had joined Ashby from Soar Valley Cricket Club in 1981 and was renowned for being a steady opening batsman. Michael continued to support the club for many years as the official umpire, being well known for timing the drinks break to coincide with when he needed to relieve himself of his lunchtime beer or two. When his eyes finally failed him and after being hit by the ball perhaps once too often, he retired but remained as Club Secretary.

The leading run makers were Robert Woods 761, Andrew Favell 659 and Andrew Townley 656. Leading wicket takers were Ian Cooper 59 wickets, Richard Slater 47, Dave Smith 46 and Andrew Townley 45.

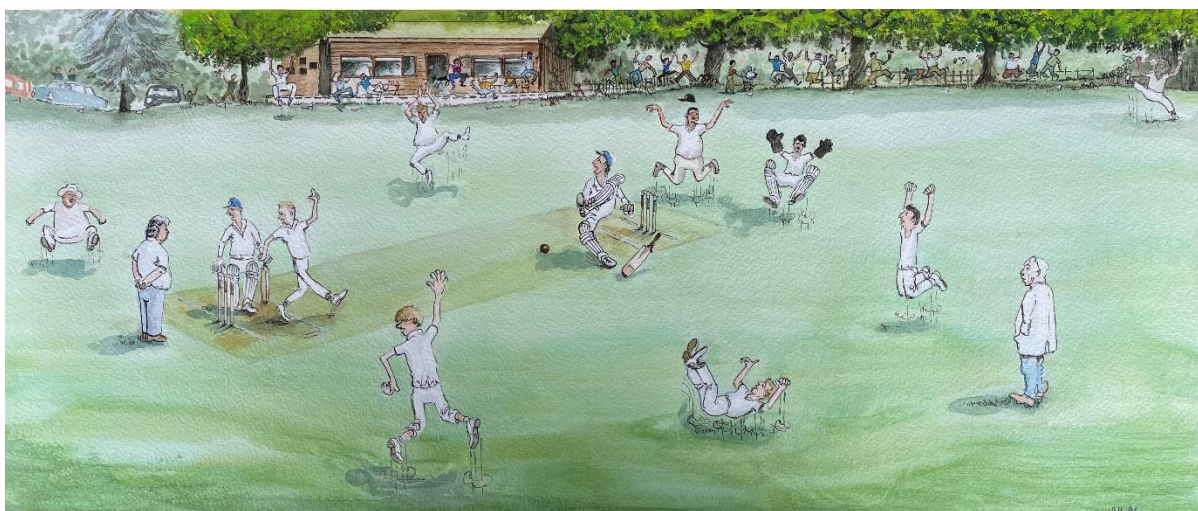
The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1995 were: Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, Phil Bennett, Robert Cooper, Ian Cooper, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Steve Frost, Dennis Glover, Steve Hardcastle, Craig Hendry, L. Higgins, G. Hollins, Michael Home, Nigel Hubbard, Phil Lane, Nigel Lewis, Trevor Riley, Barry Sandilands, Chris Sherlock, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Dave Spencer, Andrew Townley, Tony Villaneuva, R. Vines, Henry Whait, Henry Wilson, Robert Woods.

Season 1996:

Ashby continued with two teams in the Ruland League. The 1st team now back in Division 3 were crowned champions whilst the 2nd team had a challenging season finishing bottom but one in the Reserve Division 2. Night cricket was again Ashby's strength, winning both the Nursing and Combined Cups and finishing runners up in the Burrough League Division 1 and in the Burrough League Knock Out Cup.

The painting below which hangs in the pavilion depicts a typical scene from the season albeit the crowd seems a bit larger than normal. Michael Home and Bob Cooper are umpiring, Ashby fielders include bowler Ian Cooper and Dave Favell in the bucket hat.

Scene from Ashby Carington Cricket Ground 1996



Burrough League

Departing from the Burrough League were Queniborough and Asfordby and Egerton Park with Harlaxton joining. Ashby remained in Division 1 which comprised of Thorpe Arnold, Uppingham, Syston, Hoby & Rotherby, Barkby and Sproxton.

A combination of poor weather and cup commitments meant the league campaign did not start until June. Ashby were scheduled to play Sproxton on June 11th, we have no scorecard from the game, but the league table indicates Ashby won the game. June 18th saw a trip to Hoby and Rotherby. Ashby would have been happy restricting the home team to 90 for 8 off 18 overs, Dave Smith being the pick of the bowlers with four for 27 off his six overs. However apart from opener Steve Barnes who made 40 the rest of the Ashby batsmen capitulated finishing on 83 for 9. Barnard's six over spell which went for only 17 runs along with four wickets from Kev Rate being key contributions.

In another close game at Thorpe Arnold, it appears that Ashby lost (although the scorebook is inconclusive) despite 64 runs from Pete Taylor. The visit of Barkby in the second week in July resulted in another defeat, in a high scoring game Barkby's 138 proved to be 10 runs too much for Ashby despite a fine opening partnership of 83 from Beeken (53 runs) and Alan Smith (34 runs).

Ashby finished the season in style with four successive wins over Sproxton, Hoby & Rotherby, Barkby and Thorpe Arnold, losing their first league game of the season. The 4-run victory at Sproxton was largely down to 72 not out from opener Steve Barnes in Ashby's total of 126 for 5. Against Hoby a steady 12 not out from number nine Ian Cooper enabled Ashby to limp over the line at 101 for 8 with

five balls remaining. A typical Craig Hendry innings at Barkby where he scored 75 not out including 9 sixes helped Ashby set an unassailable score of 145 for 3.

In the final game of the season Ashby beat top of the table Thorpe Arnold in a bizarre game where 16 players bowled including all 10 of Ashby's outfield players. Chasing 115 for 7, Lewis top scoring with 23 Thorpe fell 13 runs short. Ashby finished the season as Runners Up.

In the Knockout Cup Ashby reached the final for the third consecutive season finishing Runners Up to Syston. Buckminster visited Ashby in Round 1 and struggled to chase 112 (Andy Favell top scoring with 42) finishing 44 runs short thanks to tight bowling from Taylor (four wickets), Cooper and Slater. Hoby and Rotherby fared little better in the next round. This time chasing 111 (Townley top scoring with 36) they fell 23 runs short.

Old rivals Pickwell were the visitors in the Semi Final. A solid top order of Westermann, Dave Cooper and Copley got Pickwell to 60 for 1, but after a mid order collapse to 87 for 7 (Taylor again taking four wickets) Pickwell would have been content to post a competitive target of 105. Ashby's openers Townley and Beeken made short work of the reply knocking the runs off in 12.5 overs. Townley typically dominated the partnership facing the vast majority of the balls and scoring 83 runs.

The final against Division 2 champions Syston was held on July 26th at Thorpe Arnold. Batting first, Woods and Taylor went cheaply but Ashby would have been happy to post a score of 150 for 3, Townley and Hendry both scoring 48. Chasing over 8 an over in the gathering gloom and rain Syston got off to a good start with Sheppard hitting regular boundaries. When Holland went for 7, Barry Roehrig dramatically upped the scoring rate, at one point hitting three consecutive sixes off Slater before being bowled by Townley for 32. John Mills then played a supporting role as man of the match Sheppard saw Syston to victory with a magnificent 80 not out.

Melton Cups

The Melton Cups reverted back to their traditional Knock Out format. This clearly suited Ashby Carington who were crowned winners of both the Combined and Nursing Cups.

In the Combined Cup Ashby beat Pickwell, Egerton Park and Thorpe Arnold on the way to the Final. Pickwell never looked like getting the 138 runs required in the 1st Round encounter. Ashby even had the luxury of spreading the bowling around giving Lewis, Barnes and Bennett three overs each. Pickwell fell 50 runs short. Against Egerton Park it was a low score game with Ashby only losing the wicket of Woods chasing the 84 runs required for victory. Townley finished unbeaten on 63 not out.

The Semi Final against Thorpe Arnold A was played at Ashby. Openers Townley and Alan Smith got Ashby off to a strong start putting on 65 for the first two wickets. However, Favell, Robert Woods and Dave Smith all got ducks and it needed Steve Barnes to steady the innings and steer Ashby to 105 for 9. Ashby opened the bowling with Hendry who's spell of six overs went for only 18 runs and included the crucial wickets of the Leycote brothers. Thorpe never recovered and finished 26 runs short of Ashby's total.

The Final was played on Friday 11th July at Buckminster against Syston. Batting first Ashby's strong batting line up made the most of the wicket scoring 169 for 5, Hendry getting his 71 off just 27 balls. Woods 26 and Alan Smith also made important contributions. In reply Syston were dismissed for 114 off 16.2 overs, House was the pick of the Ashby bowlers taking five for 19 off his six overs.

Combined Cup Winners 1996 – Melton Times



In the Nursing Cup, Thorpe Arnold B, Great Dalby and Syston were beaten on the way to the Final. The first-round encounter against Thorpe was one sided with the visitors only able to score 57 in response to Ashby's 144 for 3. Great Dalby were similarly swept away. Despite employing the part time bowling of Favell and Barnes, Dalby could still only muster 82 runs off their 18 overs. This proved to be no problem for Townley who hit 63 runs in 12 overs to see Ashby to victory for the loss of just one wicket.

The Semi-Final against Syston was a much closer game. Batting first Ashby lost Townley first ball when he was bowled by Scott Cooper. Taylor and Woods started the recovery putting on 30 for the second wicket, Ashby finishing on 124 for 7. Despite only losing two wickets Syston fell 4 runs short when they failed to get the 13 runs off the final over required to win.

The Final against Thorpe Arnold was held on Egerton Park on Friday August 2nd. Despite losing Alan Smith and Townley cheaply Ashby managed to score 115 for 3 largely down to Hendry 54 and M. House 45. Only Spawton who made 42 threatened Ashby's total with Cooper, Townley, Taylor and Henry all bowling economical spells. Thorpe closed their innings on 92 for 8.

Top of the night batting was Andrew Townley with 353 runs closely followed by big hitting Craig Hendry with 336 runs. Returning to the club after a 15-year absence Peter Taylor was the top bowler with 25 wickets.

Rutland League (1st X1)

Back in Division 3, Ashby found the standard more to their liking winning the league and making an immediate return to Division 2 losing only four games all season.

The season started with a long and wasted trip to Bourne with the game being abandoned for bad weather with Ashby sitting comfortably on 141 for 2, opener Alan Smith not out with 78. At home to

Central the following week Ashby set 189 for 8 in their 45 overs. Central were all out just 9 runs short of their target with Phil Lane taking two the final wickets in the 43rd over. The first of only four defeats came in a bad-tempered game at Elton Park. A weak Ashby team fell well short of their target of 178 on 95 all out.

A run of six consecutive victories started with a comprehensive win at home to Medbourne on May 26th. Batting first Ashby scored 214 for 8 with both Alan Smith and Rob Woods getting fifties. In reply Medbourne could only score 73, Dave Smith mopping the tail up with four wickets (all bowled) for 7 runs off his 4.4 overs. Uffington's total of 189 was easily chased for the loss of three wickets, Alan Smith top scoring with 87. A 53-run win came at Tolthorpe Park, Dave Smith and Craig Hendry both scoring fifties in Ashby's 201 for 5. Beekan's 80 before getting ran out was enough to secure a 11-run win in a tight game at Werrington. Tight bowling by opening pair Ian Cooper and Richard Slater restricted visitors Newage to 142 for 5. In reply to Alan Smith batted undefeated making 72 to bring Ashby victory in just 34 overs for the loss of four wickets. The sixth victory brought Ashby's best batting performance of the season scoring 254 for 3. Following a fine 114 opening partnership from the Smith brothers Andrew Favell increased the scoring rate scoring 102 (of Ashby's 134 runs) off the final 16 overs. Yaxley were never in contention falling 114 short, Ashby having the luxury of letting second team captain Kevin Baker take the final two wickets.

Ashby's winning run came to an abrupt end on the 23rd of June at Medbourne. Chasing 177, Ashby were all out for 75 with only Hendry and Beeken making double figures. The visit of Benefield got Ashby back on track, the key contribution for Ashby being a 72 runs sixth wicket partnership between House (54) and Barnes (42) helping Ashby to 183 all out. In reply the visitors were 31 runs short due largely to 30 overs from Ian Cooper and M House who too seven wickets between them. The return game against Elton Park enabled Ashby to take revenge for the early season defeat with a 22-run win.

Mid July saw Ashby visit Peterborough based Central CC, never a favourite ground to visit due to the poor wicket and the regular occurrence of locals staggering across the outfield after one too many beers in the local social club. After a slow start Ashby were 62 for 4 after 20 overs, at that point Andrew Favell and Nigel Lewis employed a change of approach deciding to attack the bowling. It worked with Favell making 53 and Lewis a quickfire 63 including a flat batted six that hit the sight screen. After Favell was caught Ian Cooper continued to hit out scoring 30, Ashby finishing on 200 for 8. The true state of the wicket became clear when Central came out to bat with openers Slater and Cooper both taking four wickets as Central fell to 66 all out.

Another ground Ashby disliked was Yaxley which was renowned for its unpredictable and bouncy wicket. The batsmen's concentration not helped by an amorous couple once spotted in the field behind the bowler's arm. On this visit only Dave Smith got to grip with the conditions batting stoically for 65 not out, unfortunately he had little support Ashby finally dismissed for 114. In a closer than expected game a partnership of 41 for the eight-wicket put Yaxley within reach of their target before Slater bowled Hammond and had Claypole caught behind. However, the final wicket pair saw Yaxley to victory.

A visit of Railway CC on a Saturday ended with a comfortable Ashby win thanks to six wickets from Ian Cooper and 66 from opener Alan Smith. Again, at Ashby on the Sunday Tolethorpe Park chased down 187 to win by four wickets. The visit of Uffington resulted in a tied game. Chasing 205 Ashby looked comfortable on 150 for 3 until the loss of Andrew Favell for 64. With two overs remaining Ashby required 8 runs with three wickets remaining. Baker was dismissed for a duck which left Chris Bennett and Steve Hardcastle requiring 3 off the last over. Hardcastle was bowled off the first ball to be

replaced by youngster Rob Bennett who scrambled a single. His father Chis could only get a single off the next ball to leave Rob to be bowled out with the score tied.

In a strong finish to the season Ashby won the last five games against Newage, Railway, Benefield, Werrington and Bourne Town. The highlights being a 58 for Alan Smith at Newage, 84 from Barry Sandilands and five wickets from Ian Cooper at home to Railway. Andrew Favell scored 56 at Benefield, Dave Smith took six wickets for 26 runs at home to Werrington. The final game of the season at home to Bourne saw only the second game for star opener Andrew Townley. He clearly enjoyed himself hitting 139 out of Ashby's winning total of 185. This included 6 sixes and 23 fours.

Ashby finished the season as Division 3 champions thus returning to Division 2 at the first attempt. The key players during the season were Dave Smith who was the leading scorer with 516 runs and second highest wicket taker with 38 wickets. Andrew Favell contributed 493 runs. Quick bowler Ian Cooper had one of his best seasons at Ashby taking 51 wickets in the Rutland 1st team.

Rutland League (2nd XI)

Ashby had a difficult second season in the Reserve Division 2 of the Rutland League winning only four games finishing 10th out of 11 teams, Perkins finishing in bottom place. An ever-changing team with 34 different players used must have been a contributing factor.

The season started with a heavy ten wicket defeat at Whittlesey. Playing down from the first team Rob Woods and Dave Smith opened the batting and were dismissed for ducks. Ashby struggled to 97 all out Dave Favell top scoring with 28. Melton Town visited Ashby on May 1st and set a challenging total of 216 for 7. Ashby's team, littered with occasional players who had been persuaded to play, limped to 118 all out. Steve Frost batting at three gave the score some respectability finishing unbeaten on 34.

The first win came at home to Ketton. Tight bowling kept the visitors score to 169 for 8. Youngster Chris Sherlock bowled 13 overs for 40 runs and Nigel Lewis bowled six useful overs at the death taking three wickets for 16 runs. In a whirlwind reply to openers Nigel Lewis and Dave Smith put on 116 for the first wicket in 17 overs. When Smith was caught Lewis continued finishing on 81 not out to give Ashby a seven-wicket victory in 27 overs.

Normal service was soon restored with Ashby losing games to Perkins, Weldon, Ketton, Uppingham twice and Yaxley. These games threw up some notable performances. At Perkins local farmer Harvey Whit hit 51, his top score for Ashby in an innings that included ten boundaries. Alan Smith scored 73 at Empingham (eventual league winners) and shared a 91 fifth wicket partnership with brother David. Ashby eventually were bowled out for 187 only 15 runs short of their target. At home to Yaxley, Keren Turakhia (better known now as the Samosa Wallah) in his debut season hit 98 before being run out (he is still renowned for his slow running in 2022). Despite scoring 210 Ashby still lost by four wickets, Yaxley getting the runs with just over two overs remaining.

Eventually in mid-August Ashby did get a victory against Railway and the following week another victory came against strugglers Perkins. Despite putting out a weak team Ashby restricted the visitors to 169 for 6. Chris Sherlock bowling 10 overs for 23 runs and Phil Bennett 8 overs for 22 runs. Turakhia again on form hit 40 and was ably supported by number five Steve Frost 31 not out. However, following a collapse, it needed 19 from Chris Sherlock to get Ashby close before final wicket pair Hardcastle and Frost saw Ashby home to a one wicket victory.

Ashby were clearly struggling to find sufficient players for their Reserve team, this was evident against Whittlesey when Ashby could only muster eight players. Rob Woods one of only two recognised

batsmen in the team did his best scoring 84 of Ashby's 135 runs in a 72-run defeat. The final home game of the season brought a rare win against Elton Park. A much stronger Ashby team made 269 for 7 with the key contributions coming from Steve Frost 71 and Andrew Favell 103 not out. Elton Park fell 48 runs short in their chase, Ian Cooper and Dave Smith taking three wickets apiece.

The season ended in five wicket defeat at Empingham, Ashby's lack of bowling available on the day proving the deciding factor. The pick of the bowlers was Nigel Lewis who's opening eight over spell went for just 18 runs.

Ashby finished the season 10th out of 11 team with Uppingham crowned champions. Top run scorer was Steve Frost with 198 runs followed closely by Keran Turakhia with 192. Captain Kevin Baker was top wicket taker with 19 followed by youngster Chis Sherlock with 17.

During 1996, 41 different players represented the club. The most notable debutant was Keran Turakhia, a middle order batsman and useful right arm swing bowler, Keren is still representing the club in 2022. Two significant returnees to the club were Peter Taylor returning after a 15-year gap and Neil Jaggard after a 12 year gap. There were also a number of one season wonders (friends of players, mates dragged out the pub to play etc), these included Rob Bennett, D. Coford, R. Draycock, P. Linklaker, R. Thabrew. In contrast M. House joining for one season from Barkby Cricket Club made some significant contributions in the 1st team.

The leading run makers were Alan Smith 811, Andrew Favell 739 and Dave Smith 690. Leading wicket takers were Ian Cooper 75 wickets, Dave Smith 56 and Richard Slater 41.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1996 were: Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, Phil Bennett, Robert Bennett, D. Coford, R. Chabrew, Robert Cooper, Ian Cooper, R. Draycock, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Steve Frost, Steve Hardcastle, Craig Hendry, Gary Hollins, Michael House, Nigel Hubbard, Pat Hughes, Ian Hurst, Neil Jaggard, Phil Lane, Nigel Lewis, P. Linklaker, Richard Parker, Trevor Riley, Ian Robinson, Barry Sandilands, Jeff Sedgewick, Chris Sherlock, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Peter Taylor, R. Thabrew, Andrew Townley, Keren Turakhia, Tony Villaneuva, Henry Whait, Robert Woods.

Season 1997:

The decision was made to withdraw Ashby's 2nd XI from the Rutland League and enter the Grantham and District League. It was hoped that this would provide the club with more local fixtures and continue to allow the majority of 2nd XI games to be played on a Saturday. This was a successful move Ashby finished top of the newly formed 3rd Division. The 1st XI newly promoted to Division 2 of the Rutland League had a tough season finishing 10th just avoiding relegation. Night cricket was a disappointment with Ashby finishing 5th in Division 1 of the Burrough League and getting knocked out in the early rounds of all the cup competitions.

Following on from the 1993 article in GQ magazine, Ashby Carington featured in a book entitled "More than a Game: GQ on Sport" published by Orion. The book featured all the best sports related articles from GQ. The reviewer from the Independent Newspaper picked out as his personal favourite the article by Andrea Waing's "Village People", about the rural eccentrics of Ashby Carington Cricket Club. The preface in the book by Ian Botham refers again the Ashby Carington stating *"This, to me, is what cricket is all about. It's guys who want to have a bit of rivalry, a bit of fun and dream of pumping a six out of the ground or taking a vital wicket with a late inswinger. Oh, and just as importantly, it's about having a few beers afterwards"*.

Burrough League

With no changes in the team competing in the Burrough League Ashby remained in Division 1 which comprised of Cossington & East Goscote, Syston, Hoby & Rotherby, Barkby, Thorpe Arnold and Uppingham.

Runs were hard to come by in the season's opener against Cossington. Ashby limped to 57 for 7 off their 16 overs, a total easily knocked off by the visitors. This was followed by a ten-wicket stuffing at the hands of Barkby. Hollis taking 4 for 20 as Ashby were bowled out for just 52 with only David Smith making double figures. Slow batting was again Ashby's downfall at Hoby as Ashby only scored 87 off their 18 overs, a score easily surpassed by Hoby for the loss of two wickets in 10 overs.

Following a close six run defeat to Syston Ashby finally got their first league win in a low scoring game at Uppingham. Batting first Ashby made 76 for 7, despite Andrew Flint, Dave Smith and Tony Villanueva all getting ducks. However, a knock of 20 by Turakhia and a tight three overs for three runs from Chris Sherlock gave Ashby the upper hand. After another defeat to Cossington the next win came at Barkby. Having restricted the home team to 96 for 5 the welcome return of Craig Hendry was the difference scoring an unbeaten 43 as Ashby won with three overs to spare.

The performance of the season came at home to top of the table Hoby. Batting first Ashby made 147 for 7, Craig Hendry hitting 7 sixes in his knock of 59. Rob Woods 24 and Tony Villanueva 20 not out also made useful contributions. We have no record of Hoby's reply, but it appears Ashby won.

A loss to Syston was followed by the final two wins of the season against Thorpe Arnold and Uppingham. A good knock of 43 from Steve Barnes helped Ashby to 112 securing a 16 run victory against Thorpe Arnold. Against Uppingham 48 from opener Peter Taylor and 4 wickets from Richard Slater helped secure a close 7 run victory. In the final game of the season Ashby lost by 9 runs at Thorpe Arnold despite 69 not out from Tony Villanueva, his highest ever score in night cricket.

Ashby finished the season with five wins from twelve league games to be placed either fourth or more likely fifth.

In the Knockout Cup Barkby were the visitors to Ashby in the first week of June. A strong looking Ashby team albeit with only ten men set a competitive total of 95 for 8, openers Alan Smith and Peter Taylor were out for one and a duck respectively, but there were good contributions from Hendry, Sandilands and David Smith. Slater bowled economically going for three an over off his five overs, however Barkby took a liking to David Smith hitting him for 40 off his five overs to win with two overs to spare.

Melton Cups

It was a disappointing year in the Melton Cups with first round exits in the Nursing and Nutting cup and a second round defeat in the Combined Cup. Ashby welcomed Egerton Pak to Parkfield in an early May game for their Nursing Cup tie. Fielding a strong team Ashby would have been disappointed to only score 71 off 18 overs. Only Rob Woods 15 and Barry Sandilands 12 making double figures. The bowling of Slater, Cooper, Sherlock and Smith couldn't make a breakthrough with Park romping to a nine wicket victory, the only wicket to fall being a run out.

Ashby travelled to Buckminster in the Combined Cup on a warm May evening. Having restricted Buckminster to 100 for 7 Ashby's openers Alan Smith and Peter Taylor got off to a solid start. Putting on 49 for the first wicket. When Taylor was joined at the wicket by Craig Hendy the run rate accelerated, Taylor was eventually out for 42 with ten runs required. Hendy saw Ashby to victory with two overs to spare with the support of Dave Smith.

Second round opponents Hoby bowled well to limit Ashby to 84. Once the top three of Townley, Woods and Taylor had been dismissed the rest of the team could only muster 11 runs between them. The Hoby openers Thwaites and Townsend easily knocked the runs off in 12.2 overs.

Ashby's final hope of cup success was soon ended in the Nutting Cup. Chasing 106 (or maybe a few more as the scorebook is incomplete), Ashby could only score 65 with Dave Smith on 29 not out the only batsmen to make an impression on the total.

The top performers at Night cricket were Peter Taylor with 188 runs, Dave Smith with 175 and Craig Hendry with 155. Leading wicket taker was Richard Slater with 21 followed by Dave Smith and Ian Cooper with 9 wickets apiece.

Rutland League (1st Team)

Following promotion to Division 2 Ashby gave again found it tough at the higher level finishing 10th of 12 teams winning seven games in the progress.

The season began away at Northamptonshire side Stuart & Lloyds, a ground with an impressive two-story pavilion and large outfield. Sending a weak team Ashby were soon in trouble when the Smith brothers Alan and David both dismissed with less than ten runs scored. With only "ringer" T. Pick making double figures ten man Ashby were soon dismissed for just 47. It took the S&L openers barely 10 overs to knock off the runs.

In a closer game at Newborough Ashby fell three runs short chasing a below par 120. A 68 run seventh wicket partnership from Dave Favell and Steve Barnes looked to have won the game until Favell was dismissed on 21 and Ashby lost the final four wickets for 6 runs. The poor start to the season continued at home to Whittlesey, Ashby losing by 21 runs trying to chase 173. The Smith brothers put on 86 for the second wicket but the slow start probably cost Ashby the game with only 58 runs scored off the first 20 overs.

The first win came away at the picturesque Laxton Park ground (incidentally where they were still not permitted to play on Sunday's). Laxton were dismissed for 155 with slow bowler Dave Smith taking 5

for 24 and youngster Chris Sherlock 4 for 53. This time a rather swifter reply from the Smith brothers got Ashby off to a good start putting on 117 for the first wicket, Alan finishing on 51 Dave on 69 runs. Following Pecker retiring hurt, Keren Turakhia and Nigel Lewis got the winning runs for an easy 8 wicket victory.

The return of Andrew Townley to the team to play Stamford boosted the batting. Townley scored 86 of Ashby's total of 210 for 9 which combined with a fine 6 for 43 from Dave Smith gave Ashby a comfortable win. The good run continued at Pit Lane Ketton where Ashby chased 220 to win by seven wickets. A fine win given Ashby had sent a weak ten man team. The opening partnership of 110 from Alan Smith and Rob Woods was the game changer, Alan going on to score an undefeated 112 as Ashby won with three balls to spare. The very next day Ashby made it a winning double for the weekend by defeating Oundle by 43 runs. Having set a below par 166 (Tony Clapham scoring 56), Oundle could only manage 123 for 9 thanks to tight bowling from Slater, Cooper Lane and Dave Smith.

The winning run ended abruptly at Old Deaconians with Ashby being dismissed for 69 to lose by eight wickets. Fellow strugglers Sproxton were defeated in early June. With a lack of bowlers Ashby bowled Ian Cooper and Dave Smith unchanged for 37 overs taking 4 and 6 wickets respectively to dismiss Sproxton for 119. A fifth wicket partnership of 67 from Dave Smith and Steve Barnes pretty much won the game for Ashby with Dave Favell getting the final few runs required.

From early July Ashby had a disastrous run of seven consecutive defeats. Against Whittlesey and Oundle Ashby's batsmen failed to score 100 runs. Slater took 6 for 40 at Oundle only to be let down by the batsmen who could only make 67, Slater (the perennial number 11) coincidentally also top scoring with 14. Melton Mowbray easily chased a total of 200 and Ketton set an imposing total of 283 that Ashby would never chase falling 183 runs short. Stuarts & Lloyds scored 239 for 7 at Ashby only for Ashby's middle order of Dave Smith Tony Clapham and Steve Barnes to shut up shop and limp to 107 for 5. Further defeats came at the hands of Old Deaconians and Laxton. Slater again doing all he could with the ball taking seven wickets.

Eventually a win came in late August at home to Melton. Despite missing Richard Slater the bowling of Chris Sherlock, Ian Cooper and Peter Taylor restricted the visitors to 136. Ashby were struggling on 32 for 4 before Peter Taylor took control hitting a quickfire 81 not out for Ashby to win in the 30th over. The following week at Benefield the Ashby batsmen were terrified by left arm fast bowler J. McGowen who single handily took Ashby apart. His 13 over spell went for 24 runs and yielded nine wickets. Ashby were all out for 54. At least Dave Favell spared Ashby's blushes by surrendering his wicket to T. Johnstone.

Ashby recovered to finish the season in style by bowling out Sproxton for 47, Chris Sherlock taking five wickets before being replaced by Slater who took four wickets in three overs. Andrew Townley took about the reply in typical style by keeping the strike to ensure Ashby got the runs in nine overs for the loss of one wicket (Rob Woods).

Ashby also entered the Rutland League Cup (John Wilcox Memorial Trophy) and travelled to Empingham in the 1st Round. A fine 81 from Craig Hendry helped Ashby to a total of 196 and a 61 run victory. In Round 2 fielding a strong team against Division 3 side Railways, Ashby would have been disappointed to be dismissed for 113, Townley, Taylor and Hendry only scoring 20 between them. Railways lost six wickets in their chase but always looked comfortable.

In a difficult season the leading batsmen were Alan Smith with 316 runs, Dave Smith 238 runs, Rob Woods 228 and Steve Barnes 226 runs. The bowling was dominated by four bowlers, Richard Slater 38 wickets, Ian Cooper 37 wickets, Chris Sherlock 24 wickets and Dave Smith 23 wickets.

Grantham & District Cricket Association (2nd Team)

Ashby's entry into the *Grantham & District League* was reported in the *Grantham Journal*: - "A record number of teams will compete in the Grantham Association next season. Four new clubs have entered for the 1997 campaign - Ashby Carrington, Caythorpe, Empingham and Harby - to take the total to 32. All the new clubs will enter the second division".

In 1947 sixteen local teams formed the Grantham rural League later changing its name to the Grantham & District Cricket Association in 1985. At the time of its formation the league was made up of a mixture of RAF teams, local company teams and local village teams. Of the original members only, Harlaxton were still competing in the 2022 league. The original league was split into an A and B division on a geographical basis to minimise travelling with games "played to a finish" so presumably not over limited. There was also the option to rearranged weather affected games to midweek. The first league final between the "A" and "B" divisions was played at Belton Park between Colsterworth Mines and Welby, the latter being victorious.

It was a successful first season for Ashby finishing top winning 9 of their 16 games. It is however likely that three of the wins were conceded games.

Ashby's Grantham League campaign started with Ashby's one and only visit to Helpringham (small village between Sleaford and Boston). We believe Ashby won (although no scorecard remains) scoring about 120 runs, captain Chris Bennett with 43 runs. Helpringham were bowled out with Ian Cooper taking five wickets and Nigel Lewis three.

In a low scoring game at Whissendine the home team were eventually all out for 89 in the 39th over thanks to three wickets apiece from Nigel Lewis and Chris Sherlock who both went for just two an over off their spells. Ashby made short work of their reply scoring the winning runs in the 24th over for the loss of three wickets, Keran Turakhia top scoring with 24. The trip at the end of May to Corby Glen brought a closer game, with Ashby securing a two-wicket win. Chasing 148 (Kevin Baker taking four wickets) Ashby got off to a steady start. Dave Smith and Chris Bennett put on 33 for the first wicket then Nigel Lewis scored a useful 30. Despite Andrew Flint batting steadily for 23 not out Ashby found themselves needing four runs with just two wickets remaining. Baker eased the nerves hitting a four with his first scoring stroke to win the game.

The winning run game to an end in June with Ashby losing twice to Harby and to Cossington & East Goscote. Playing at Redwood Park home of Harby Ashby travelled short of bowling options and had to rely on Baker and Sherlock to bowl 17 overs apiece. Harby were dismissed for 140 with Sherlock taking an impressive 6 wickets for 50 runs. Ashby fell 13 runs short in their chase despite a valiant 28 from number ten Chris Sherlock.

Against Cossington the visitors looked to have set a challenging target of 188 for 2. The score would have been even higher had Cossington opener Tim Hurst not had to retire on 107 with a dislocated knee. Ashby made a good fist of their reply with Turakhia scoring 48 and Dave Favell 70 not out. Requiring 8 to win off the last over Hardcastle and Favell could only get 3 runs.

The return of Harby brought another close game. The visitors set an impressive total of 207 for 8 despite some fine bowling from Ian Cooper who took 5 for 51 off his 20 over spell. Bennett (91 runs) and Lewis (63 runs) opened Ashby's inning in style putting on 162 for the first wicket in 32 overs. This did unfortunately leave Ashby slightly behind the run rate and despite some big hitting from Sherlock Ashby fell 10 runs short of their target.

In a double header weekend Ashby also played Whissendine with a team bolstered by first teamer Stuart Beeken. His 47 was pivotal helping Ashby to 191 for 6 and securing a 74 run win. Skillington were easily beaten by 71 runs, Ashby setting a target of 182 thanks to a fine 73 from number three Steve Frost. Ashby's final defeat of the season came at Cossington who were vying with Ashby for top

spot. Tim Hurst clearly recovered from his dislocated knee scored 72 in Cossington's total of 208 for 8. Sherlock was again Ashby's top bowler taking five wickets. Ashby never threatened this total with only Trevor Riley with 29 making over 20 runs.

With two games remaining Ashby fielded a very strong team away at Empingham. First teamers Dave Smith and Rob Woods opened, Woods scoring 81, Turakhia and Massarella also scored 21 and 28 respectively as Ashby made a disappointing total of 160 for 5. Tight bowling from Cooper who took five wickets, Sherlock and Hubbard put Ashby on top dismissing Empingham for 120 in 34 overs.

Into the last game of the season Ashby needed to win with full bonus points to secure the Division 3 title in their first season. Bottom team Helpringham were the visitors and were made to chase the ball to all corners of the Ashby Oval. Opener Frost made 41, number three Villanueva 75 and number four Bennett 54 as Ashby set a score of 285 their largest of the season. Nine-man Helpringham reply of 129 all out gave the title to Ashby.

Skipper Chris Bennett led the run scoring for the 2nd team with 278 followed by Nigel Lewis with 194 and Tony Villanueva and Keran Turakhia with 156. Coincidentally all ex Thrusington CC players. The bowling was dominated by Chris Sherlock with 25 wickets and Ian Cooper 24 wickets.

Final League Tables 1997

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION								SAFFERY CHAMPHNESS RUTLAND AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE				
Final Table	P	W	T	L	Ab	Sp	Pts	P	W	L	Pts	
Division Three								Division Two				
Ashby Carr'lon	16	9	0	4	3	84	211	Stamford	22	15	4	298
Cossington	16	9	0	3	4	81	209	Old Deacons	22	12	7	282
Harby	16	7	0	4	5	84	192	Ketton	22	11	8	255
Empingham	16	6	0	6	4	81	169	Quindie	22	11	6	254
Skillington	16	7	0	4	5	63	169	Stewart & Lloyds	22	11	7	246
Caythorpe	16	6	0	6	4	58	162	Whitlessay	22	10	9	231
Corby Glen	16	5	0	9	2	75	141	Newborough	22	9	9	219
Whissendine	16	3	0	7	6	59	129	Benefield	22	9	10	215
Helpringham	16	3	0	12	1	78	116	Laston	22	6	3	194
								Ashby	22	7	12	192
								Milton	22	5	11	181
								Sproston	22	2	13	128

During 1997, 38 different players represented the club. The most notable debutant was Louis Massarella a swash buckling right-handed middle order batsman. Louis was to go on and captain both the Burrough League team and the Sunday team in the GMCA league. Louis was still playing at Ashby in 2022. Other debutants were Tony Clapham who played his Saturday cricket at Birstall, Andrew Flint and Chris Lowe. As always there were also several one season wonders this year including P Grant, T. Pick and A Mawson.

Playing their last games at Ashby in 1997 were Robert Cooper who turned his hand to batting, bowling and wicket keeper. Bob also helped our groundsman for a number of years. Big hitting batsman Barry Sandilands and Harvey Whaite also departed.

The leading run makers were David Smith 459, Rob Woods 408, and Alan Smith 389. Leading wicket takers were Ian Cooper 70 wickets, Richard Slater 59, and Chris Sherlock 54.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1997 were: Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, Phil Bennett, Tony Clapham, Robert Cooper, Ian Cooper, David Favell, Andrew Flint, Steve Frost, Steve Hardcastle, P. Grant, Craig Hendry, Gary Hollins, Nigel Hubbard, Ian

Hurst, Neil Jaggard, Phil Lane, Nigel Lewis, Chris Lowe, Louis Massarella, A. Mawson, Richard Parker, T. Pick, Trevor Riley, Barry Sandilands, Jeff Sedgewick, Chris Sherlock, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, Peter Taylor, Andrew Townley, Keren Turakhia, Tony Villanueva, Henry Whait, Robert Woods.

Season 1998:

The weekend 1st XI continued to play in the Rutland League and achieved their best ever position of 8th in division 2. Opening batsmen Andrew Townley won the league award for topping the division 2 batting averages. Newly promoted to division 2 of the Grantham and Melton League the 2nd XI finished a credible 4th. At nights Ashby continued in Division 1 of the Burrough League finishing 4th and reaching the 3rd Round of the Cup. There are no records of any Melton cup games being played.

Burrough League

Melton Town were the only new team to join the league in 1998. Ashby remained in Division 1 which comprised of Cossington & East Goscote, Pickwell, Hoby & Rotherby, Barkby, Thorpe Arnold and Sproxton.

The first league game was at the start of July at home to Barkby. What looked like a weak nine man Ashby team had an impressive five run victory. Ashby's top three of Alan Smith, Nigel Lewis and Peter Taylor got most of the runs as Ashby closed on 89 for 3. With nine required off the last over, the game was finely poised until a tight over from Lewis going for just three runs sealed victory.

Hoby set an imposing total of 130 which was always too many for Ashby, Louis Massarella with 38 and Nigel Hough 27 were the only batsman to mount a challenge. Pickwell were beaten by 27 runs chasing 103. Opener Carl Westerman held the Pickwell inning together but probably also batted them out of contention with no boundaries in his total of 27. Following a rained off game at Sproxton, Cossington were the next visitors to Ashby. In a low scoring game Richard Slater took five wickets for 24 off his six overs to restrict Cossington to 73 and give Ashby a 10 run victory.

Thorpe Arnold had an easy six wicket win at Ashby. This was followed by a comprehensive win at Sproxton with four wickets from Lewis helping to dismiss Sproxton for 93. This proved no problem to the Ashby batsmen in particular Peter Taylor who finished on 35 not out as Ashby won with over four over to spare. A defeat followed at Syston, father and son Chris and Adam Holland along with Chris Weir taking Ashby's bowling apart.

A rare outing from Andrew Townley got Ashby back to winning ways at Barkby. Townley hit 49 of Ashby total of 97 for 8. In a tight finish requiring ten off the final over Ian Cooper held his nerve taking the final two wickets and conceding seven runs. In early August Ashby lost for the third time to Syston (once in the Cup). Batting first Syston scored 135, Chris Sherlock being hit for 17 off his single over. A spirited reply saw Woods score 26, Barnes 30 and Sherlock redeem himself with 23 not out as Ashby finished nearly 30 runs short.

The season finished with a win against relegated Pickwell. Some big hitting from Massarella with 59 (described as "brutal" by the Melton Times) got Ashby to 121. Some loose bowling from Beeken who went for 41 off four overs gave Pickwell hope. But a tight six over spell from Ian Cooper was enough to give Ashby a five run victory.

Ashby according to the league table published at the end of July had won six league games lost four games with one no results. The three remaining games resulted in one win, one abandoned game and one loss so it is likely Ashby remained in 4th place in the league. Hoby & Rotherby were crowned champions with Pickwell finishing in bottom place and were relegated with Cossington.

Ashby visited Tilton & Lowesby in the first round of the Cup. Chasing 110 Tilton fell well short on 45 not out Slater taking five wickets. The second round saw an impressive win over high flying Hoby. Alan Smith opening got 42 as Ashby set 134 for 4. Slater, Tony Clapham and Ian Cooper all took two wickets

apiece as Ashby won by 34 runs. Ashby visited Potters Lane Syston for the 3rd Round tie (presumably the semi-final). Batting first Ashby got off to a steady start with Townley hitting 27 and Woods 17, but were only scoring at four an over at the half way stage. Although the run rate picked up Ashby closed the innings on 94 off 16 overs. Syston had little trouble scoring the runs for the loss of four wickets.

The final of the Burrough League cup between Syston and Uppingham took place at the Ashby Carington ground on August 1st.

The leading batsmen were Steve Barnes with 152 runs, Louis Massarella 146 runs (in his debut season at nights), Nigel Hough 125 runs. Leading wicket takers were Richard Slater 27 wickets, Ian Cooper 12 wickets.

Rutland League (1st Team)

An improved season in Division 2 and in fact Ashby's best at this level ended in an 8th placed finish winning nine losing nine with four games abandoned.

The season started poorly with three straight defeats away to Newborough and Railway and at home to Buckminster. A common theme throughout the season was the shortage of players and Ashby could only raise a team of nine for the first match in early May at Newborough. Not surprisingly Ashby were all out for 106 and lost easily. For the following weeks double header Ashby did get two full teams but unfortunately star batsman Andrew Townley was missing for the weekend. They were again dismissed cheaply by Buckminster for 87 but put up a more spirited performance at Railway scoring 148 chasing 216, Nigel Lewis top scoring with 34.

The first win came at home to Whittlesey. An opening stand of 63 from the Smith brothers got Ashby off to a solid start. Louis Massarella with 40 and Tony Villanueva 26 ensured Ashby set a competitive total of 166. Four wickets from Slater including the well-set middle order pair of Evans and Carver gave Ashby a tight 12 run victory. Ashby followed up with a win at Laxton Park, Hubbard taking five for 14 as Laxton were dismissed for 168. In a game full of boundaries an in form Robert Woods struck a quickfire 61 (including 12 boundaries) to take Ashby to victory in the 32nd over.

The return of Andrew Townley wasn't sufficient to cause an upset for the trip to Occupation Road home of Corby based Stuart & Lloyds. Townley's 42 the only highlight as Ashby crashed to 91 all out chasing 219. Ashby lost by 18 runs at home to Oundle, a game in which Oundle batsman C. Nield ended on 123 not out. For the Saturday game at home to Buckminster a nine-man Ashby team were soundly beaten scoring only 63 chasing 227. Only Nigel Hubbard with 17 runs making double figures.

Into July Ashby completed the double over Whittlesey with a 21-run victory, Townley top scoring with 30. In a double header weekend on the Saturday a strong Ketton team easily won at Ashby chasing a below par 129. On the Sunday Ashby visited Oundle setting a target of 191 thanks largely to 88 from Andrew Townley and 43 from Robert Woods who put on 121 for the third wicket. Dave Smith took four wickets for 20 runs as Oundle were dismissed for 115.

Craig Hendry was back in the team for the visit of Newborough scoring 47 and taking three wickets to help Ashby to a comfortable 51 run win. In a precursor to the Cup game Ashby visited high flying Ketton. Batting first Ketton hit a mammoth total of 326 off 45 overs, M Ford scoring 139. All the bowlers got a lot of tap but at least Nigel Lewis came out with some credit taking three wickets for 48 including the prize wicket of Ford. In Ashby's response only Lewis and Villanueva made any impact both scoring 45 and sharing a 79 fourth wicket partnership. Despite his plucky performance Lewis subsequently found himself dropped for the following weeks cup semi-final!

In another double header weekend Ashby travelled to Easton on the Saturday coming away with a 42 run victory. Batting at number 10 Chris Sherlock scored an important 38 not out in a 47 run tenth wicket partnership with Dave Favell (a record partnership for Ashby in the Rutland League). Sherlock finished his match winning performance by taking four wickets for 19 runs off his 7 overs.

Ashby bounced back from the disappointment of a Cup Semi Final defeat to Ketton to win the final three games. At home to Empingham, Townley hit 51 along with Darren Nourish (an occasional Ashby player helping out from Billeston). The team was also filled with three other very occasional players N. Jaggard, B. Howarth, and I Loftus. Ashby's total of 222 proved enough as Empingham could only make 193. Townley was again in fine form at home to Laxton Park scoring 133 including a 151-opening partnership with Dave Smith (who's contribution was 36!). Ashby total of 241 proved to be enough despite Laxton opener Hales outdoing Townley by scoring 134 before being caught by Massarella. As the tail crumbled Laxton finished just 18 runs short.

The final game of the season was a gain a tail of two batsmen. Benefield opener Aldous hit 119 in their total of 204 for 6. In reply, an imperious Andrew Townley batted undefeated on 140 as Ashby won by 8 wickets. There were only 33 runs scored off the bat of the other batsmen in addition to Townley's 140!

The league season ended in disappointing fashion with Stuarts & Lloyds expressing their frustrations in the Rutland Times at Ashby's failure to raise a team for a game that would have seen S&L get the one point required to clinch the championship.

In the John Wilcox Cup Ashby visited Thorpe Arnold for their 1st Round. Played as a 20 over game on a Monday night, Rob Woods 50 and Peter Taylor 46 helped Ashby to an impressive 169 for 4. In a spirited reply Thorpe looked on course for victory with K. Tew making 86 before a flurry off wickets saw the ninth wicket fall with five balls left and 8 runs still required. Fortunately for Ashby the final Thorpe Arnold batsman the apply named Kevin Thorpe was unable to bat through injury. For the second round Ashby played host to Ufford. Opener Alan Smith scored 66 as Ashby made 204 for 8 off their 50 overs. Despite an 85-run opening partnership from the visitors, slow bowler David Smith made the breakthrough dismissing all the top four before Slater dismissed the tail with another four wickets. Ashby won by 19 runs.

In the Cup Semi Final at Ketton Ashby's bowlers improved on their league performance holding the hosts to 205 off 50 overs. Ford this time dismissed for one run; M. Andrew did the damage with 79 runs. Spinner Townley bowled his ten overs for just 26 runs whilst taking two wickets. Unfortunately, Ashby's reply got off to a poor start losing Alan Smith and Townley cheaply. Craig Hendry hit a typical quickfire 50 including five sixes, and number nine Chris Sherlock made 25. Ashby however were well short of their target finally all out for 122.

The leading scorers for Ashby in the Rutland League were Andrew Townley with 605 runs and Robert Woods 326 runs. Dave Smith was the leading wicket taker with 33 followed by Ian cooper with 28. At the leagues end of season Annual Dinner held at the Lady Anne Hotel in Stamford, Andrew Townley was awarded the batting trophy for Division 2.

Grantham & District Cricket Association (2nd Team)

Newly promoted to Division 2 the 2nd team finished a credible 4th. With the division only made up of seven teams Ashby won four lost four and had four abandoned. Colsterworth were the runaway champions winning nine games.

The season started with a win at Sproxton. Ashby opened the bowling with 1st team regulars Cooper and Sherlock who took three and four wickets respectively, Baker and Hubbard also took wickets as Sproxton were dismissed for 104. Ashby openers Nigel Lewis and Alan Smith made light work of the target knocking the runs off in 22 overs, Lewis scoring 53. At the end of May Ashby visited Colsterworth (a venue that Ashby never enjoyed and often encountered bad tempered games). A weakened bowling attack led by Kevin Baker and Nigel Lewis and supported by Hubbard, Massarella and Hardcastle went for 262 runs, Massarella being hit for three sixes off his final over. Massarella redeemed himself top scoring with 35 but with little support Ashby were dismissed for 92.

The next league game wasn't until mid July when Colsterworth played the return game at Ashby. With Cooper and Sherlock restored as opening bowlers Ashby were able to dismiss the visitors for 69. First change bowler Hubbard took three wickets in his first over finishing with four wickets for no runs off 2.2 overs. Ashby made heavy work of their reply losing six wickets before Sherlock hit three fours to seal victory.

Sproxton hit challenging total of 218 in their return match at Ashby, Johnny Watchorn 109 not out. Ashby made a reasonable effort in their response with Lewis scoring 54, Bennett 33 and Frost 27 as Ashby were 162 all out. Nine man Ashby visited Barrowby in early August losing by four wickets. Some new faces were in the Ashby line-up against Market Overton (Mayes and Mann) along with Andrew Flint, Stuart Beeken and Trevor Riley more often in the Rutland League team. However, it was regular player Nigel Lewis who got the runs scoring 49 as Ashby made 132 all out. Overton easily got the runs in 25 overs for the loss of three wickets (all to Lewis).

Bottom of the league Petfoods visited Ashby in early September losing by five wickets as Ashby chased 100 to win. Lewis again top scored with 32 well supported by Dave Smith 20 not out. Cossington were the visitors for the final game of the season, Ashby successfully chased 124 for the loss of five wickets, Chris Sherlock hitting his first half century for Ashby and finishing on 61.

Ashby played two games in the Golding Cup losing both (so we assume it was run on a group basis). In early June Wymondham beat Ashby by 70 runs and August Pickwell won by four wickets. Against Pickwell Turakhia stared with the ball taking five wickets for 18 off his 8 overs, his first five wicket haul for the club.

The leading batsmen for the 2nd XI was Nigel Lewis with 233 runs, no one else scored more than 100 runs all season.

Final League Tables 1998

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION								SAFFERY CHAMPNESS RUTLAND AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE					
Division Two	P	W	T	L	AB	BP	Pts	Division Two	P	W	NR	L	Pts
Colsterworth	12	9	0	2	1	85	183	S&L	22	18	2	2	340
Sproxton	12	5	0	6	1	77	135	Ketton	22	18	3	3	323
Market O	12	5	0	3	4	51	133	Oundle	22	12	3	7	283
Ashby C	12	4	0	4	4	48	120	Railway	22	11	1	10	253
Cossington	12	3	0	4	5	41	117	Newboro'	22	10	0	12	246
Barrowby	12	3	0	5	4	53	115	Whittlesey	22	10	2	10	234
Petfoods	12	1	0	6	5	36	86	Buckminster	22	9	4	9	216
								Ashby	22	9	4	9	213
								Bonefield	22	6	6	10	187
								Empingham	22	6	5	11	181
								London Park	22	5	3	14	159
								Easton	22	2	3	17	131

During 1998, 36 different players represented the club. The only debutants were one-time wonders and very occasional players including W. Hollaway, J. Mann, J. Mayes, B. Howath, D. Nourish, R. Nourish and Paul Ward. Stuart Beeken was also making a return after a two-year absence as was Nigel Hough after a three-year absence.

Playing his last game at Ashby was former 2nd team captain Kevin Baker. Kevin made his debut at Ashby in 1983 and was best known for his medium pace bowling and occasionally got useful runs. In total he made 379 runs for Ashby and took 63 wickets.

The leading run makers in 1998 were Andrew Townley 721, Rob Woods 437, and Nigel Lewis (397). Leading wicket takers were Ian Cooper 56 wickets, Richard Slater 49, and David Smith (43).

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1998 were: Kevin Baker, Steve Barnes, Stuart Beeken, Chris Bennett, Tony Clapham, Ian Cooper, David Favell, Andrew Flint, Steve Frost, Steve Hardcastle, Craig Hendry, W. Holloway, B. Howath, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, Ian Hurst, Neil Jaggard, Nigel Lewis, J. Mann, J. Mayes, Louis Massarella, D. Nourish, R. Nourish, Trevor Riley, Jeff Sedgewick, Chris Sherlock, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, David Spencer, Peter Taylor, Andrew Townley, Keren Turakhia, Tony Villanueva, Paul Ward Robert Woods.

Season 1999:

It was a difficult year of weekend cricket for Ashby with the 1st XI relegated from Division 2 of the Rutland League and the 2nd XI relegated from Division 2 of the Grantham and Melton League. At nights there was a 3rd place finish in Division 1 of the Burrough League but early exits from the Burrough Knock Out Cup and Combined Cup. One influential recruit was Julian Bascombe from Barsby who was to go on and play a key role in the development of Ashby's Grantham and Melton League team.

Burrough League

There were no changes to the team constituting the Burrough League in 1999 and Ashby remained in Division 1 which comprised of Barkby, Sproxtton, Thorpe Arnold, Buckminster, Uppingham, Syston and Hoby & Rotherby.

The first league game was at the start of May away to Barkby. Tight bowling from Ashby, in particular David Smith (four for 15) restricted Barkby to 69 for 8 off 16 overs. Ten man Ashby were always in control of the chase with opener Peter Taylor anchoring the innings and finishing on 28 not out. Ashby scored the winning runs with one ball to spare for the loss of three wickets. Another low scoring game at Sproxtton again went Ashby's way when they successfully defended just 79 to go top of the table with David Smith taking another four wickets.

The first league defeat came at the hands of Thorpe Arnold despite a superb 94 not out from Peter Taylor. Thorpe chased Ashby's total of 132 winning with an over to spare, mainly due to 78 not out from Barry Lecoyte and 45 from P. James who put on 92 for the 3rd wicket in 8 overs. Another defeat came against Buckminster for whom opener I. Roberts scored 61 to chase down Ashby's total of 102.

Ashby returned to winning ways at Uppingham. Youngster, Sam Feasey opened the bowling (alterations to the scorebook suggest he was probably unregistered at the time of the game) and took three wickets on his night cricket debut. Having restricted Uppingham to 110, Nigel Lewis (43 runs) and Craig Hendry (40 runs) put on 73 for the 2nd wicket to give Ashby a seven wicket victory. Ashby's bowlers suffered at the hands of Syston who smashed 168 for 4, John Mills top scoring with 65. Townley got Ashby off to a quick reply with 42 runs, but 4 wickets for 14 from O' Donnavon wrapped up the Ashby tail still 37 runs short.

By late June Ashby were sitting joint top with Syston and Barkby when Barkby were the visitors. Townley opening the batting scored an unbeaten 105 in Ashby's total of 134. Townley also took the useful wicket of Barkby opener Dougie German to ensure a 15 run Ashby win. The visit of Sproxtton saw Hendry opening the batting (unusually) with Townley. The pair put on 119 in 10 overs before Townley was bowled on 57. Hendry went on to score 74 as Ashby finished on 184 for 3. Bascombe opened the bowling (new recruit in 1999) and took five wickets as Ashby won by 36 runs.

The impressive run of form continued with a 12 run win over Thorpe Arnold. However, Ashby's title hopes took a knock thanks to Buckminster who made light work chasing 99 for 6. A one man performance from Andrew Townley against Uppingham gave Ashby an easy nine wicket victory. His four for 18 helped to dismiss the visitors for 84 followed up with 63 not out. The season finished with a ten wicket defeat to Hoby & Rotherby. The visitors opening pair of Ian Townend and Paul Ward easily chasing 108 in just 13 overs.

In the Knockout Cup Ashby reached Round 2 winning away at Uppingham before losing at home to Buckminster. The first round encounter was against the previous year's runners-up Uppingham. Hendry hit a tremendous 97 in Ashby's 143 for 4, tight bowling from Richard Slater taking four for 31 ensuring a 36 run victory. A weaker team missing Townley and Hendry faced Buckminster but still

managed to post a respectable score of 123 for 7. A quick fire 41 (including five 6's) from David Allen won the game for Buckminster by six wickets with an over to spare.

Ashby finished the season 3rd having won eight of the twelve games played. Two games remained unplayed (in fact only Sproxton completed their fixtures). If Ashby had won the two unfulfilled fixtures against Syston and Hoby they would have won the league!

Leading performers at Nights were Andrew Townley with 314 runs, Craig Hendry 266 runs, Richard Slater 14 wickets and Julian Bascombe with 12 wickets.

Melton Cup

The only record of Ashby competing in the Melton Cups was a defeat at home to Egerton Park in late June. This was likely the Combined Cup (which we believe to be the only Melton Cup competition now running). Park went on to lose in the final to Thorpe Arnold. Ashby's game was a one sided affair with Ashby setting a total of 98 for 5, openers Nigel Hough and Rob Woods (captain) putting on 68 for the first wicket. It took Park less than 16 overs to score the runs required.

Rutland League (1st Team)

Another challenging season in Division 2 finished with Ashby placed 11th of 12 teams with six wins leading to relegation. Benefield finished in bottom position.

The season began with an abandoned game at home to Buckminster. When the rain called a halt to play Ashby were comfortably placed at 81 for 1 with Alan Smith 41 not out. Whittlesey were the next visitors, a good all round bowling performance from Slater, Cooper, Sherlock and Dave Smith limited the score to 139 for 9 off 45 overs. However, a weak Ashby batting line-up was exposed when openers Dave and Alan Smith were dismissed for 1 and 2 respectively. With Robert Woods top scoring with just 19 Ashby were dismissed for 78. Another weak batting line-up went to Laxton Park. With 39 from Chris Bennett and 47 from Louis Massarella Ashby made a respectable 180 for 9. Laxton openers Hales and Bunten however put on 90 for the first wickets setting up an easy seven wicket victory.

Ashby visited Peterborough side Railways strengthened with the return of Alan Smith, Andrew Townley and David Frost. In a game reduced to 39 overs due to rain, Frost took four wickets as Ashby were left to chase 186. In a typical performance Townley took control scoring an unbeaten 122 as Ashby won by nine wickets with 7 overs to spare. The visit of Uppingham brought another victory despite Ashby scoring a below par 146. Following an economical opening spell from Frost which went for 8 runs off six overs, Cooper bowled six overs taking three wickets for 3 runs. Despite a 43 run eighth wicket partnership Uppingham were dismissed for 105.

The return match at Buckminster resulted in a nine wicket defeat, the hosts openers Gadsby and S. Brown putting on 114 as they chased 148. In a reduced overs game at home to Benefield Townley was again at his best scoring 114 not out alongside Alan Smith 51 not out as Ashby made an impressive 173 for 0 off 23 overs. Benefield were never going to chase this total and were dismissed for 84.

Into July Sproxton narrowly beat Ashby by two wickets chasing 204. The Ashby middle order of Taylor, Woods and Massarella scored 49, 47 and 30 respectively to set a competitive target. Crispin and Jessop both got fifties as Sproxton went onto win off the last ball. The following day despite having Hendry and Townley back Ashby were soundly beaten by Elton Park. The visitors posted an imposing 272 for 7, in reply Ashby were 208 for 9, Hendry scoring 55.

The visit of Newborough was the chance for Ashby's batsmen to have some fun. Openers Townley (101) and Tony Clapham (72) put on 186 for the first wicket (an Ashby record for the Rutland league).

Peter Taylor hit a quickfire 31 as Ashby closed on 290 for 9. In a spirited reply Newborough made 253 for 5, Dave Smith and Dave Frost keeping the scoring rate sufficiently in control.

In another double header weekend Ashby could only muster ten men to visit Uppingham (Ashby often struggled on Saturdays to raise a strong team with several players playing in the Leicester leagues). Only Chris Bennett with 32 performed with the bat as Ashby were dismissed for 87. Uppingham needed only 13 overs to chase the runs losing one wicket. On the Sunday the visit of Yaxley didn't see much of an improvement for the batsmen. Despite Townley's 51 Ashby were dismissed for 118. In a dogged reply Yaxley opener batted through for 65 not out as the wickets fell around him. Townley taking four wickets for 19 runs off his 12 overs. Eventually with 10 runs still required number 11 J. Joy came to the crease and joyfully steered his team over the line.

On Saturday August 14th Sproxton completed the double over Ashby with a eight wicket win. The next day Ashby lost again albeit an improved performance against Laxton Park. Ashby's ninth wicket pair of David Favell and Ian Cooper put on 40 to edge Ashby to 151 for 9. In another tight finish Laxton required four runs off the last over bowled by Ian Cooper, winning off the last ball.

Ashby's four match losing run ended against second placed team Railways. Chasing 137 Railways looked on track to win at 98 for 3 before a sudden collapse to 111 all out. Slater taking two crucial early wickets as well as the final two batsmen. The penultimate game of the season ended in a six wicket loss at home to Newborough. The season ended with a trip to the notorious Yaxley wicket. Dave Frost terrorised Yaxley dismissing both openers for ducks and finishing with five wickets for 27 runs off his 12 overs. Chasing 180 Ashby's openers Townley (55) and David Smith (65) put on 79 for the first wickets before Rushton had Townley caught behind. Smith held the innings together batting through, ably supported by number 7 David Favell who's 20 runs was critical. The game was won in the 44th over when David Smith hit a 5 (we presume they were over throws)

Despite two wins from the last three games Ashby finished 11th of 12 and were relegated. However, it has to be said that the official table is quite confusing and at first glance it looks like Ashby were unfairly relegated. However, the points total does not include penalties for conceded games and points for rained off games. The league table published in the Rutland Times shows Ashby's adjusted points total as 161, five below next placed Sproxton.

The leading scorers for Ashby in the Rutland League was Andrew Townley with 526 runs and Robert Woods 250 runs. Ian Cooper was the leading wicket taker with 23 followed by David Frost 18 (in his debut season), David Smith and Andrew Townley both with 15 wickets. Townley was for the second year running awarded the Division 2 Rutland league batting trophy with an average of 75.

Grantham & District Cricket Association (2nd Team)

Remaining in Division 2 Ashby finished in 8th place of 9 teams winning three games, losing eight with five games abandoned. This left Ashby five points ahead of bottom team Claypole. Despite not having a scorebook for the season we do have a record of the individual batting and bowling averages and several match reports from the Melton Times

The season started with an abandoned trip to Cossington followed on May 1st with a trip to Melton based Petfoods. A supposedly "weakened" Petfoods side restricted Ashby to 127 for 9 only Tony Villanueva 23 and David Smith 32 put up any resistance. In the reply Hubbard bowled well taking five for 56 but couldn't stop Petfoods coasting to a four wicket victory with seven balls to spare. Another defeat followed at Whissendine, Ashby making a below par 94 all out. Whissendine cruised to a six wicket victory in only the 19th over.

It wasn't until late June that Ashby were again back in league action after a number of abandoned games. The visit of Cossington however brought another defeat, Ashby losing by 56 runs chasing 138. Following yet another defeat at home to Whissendine, Ashby sat bottom but one in the table having won 0, lost 4 and with 4 games abandoned.

On July 31st Ashby finally won a game away at Great Dalby. Prospects of a win were bleak when Dalby bowler John Bartley took 6 wickets for 61 to restrict Ashby to 127 all out. However tight bowling from Ashby, in particular Nigel Lewis taking 3 wickets for 14 dismissed Dalby for 114. Despite the victory Ashby now sat bottom of the table. Following yet another abandoned game at Claypole, Great Dalby visited Ashby and took their revenge. A brilliant 131 from Bill Johnson helped the visitors set an imposing total of 242 for 4. Despite missing several easy catches Dalby still sealed a 110 run victory.

Ashby's second win of the season came at home to Barrowby where Ashby's 181 was sufficient to secure a 30 run victory. One more win followed at home to Buckminster in mid September. This final win was enough to lift Ashby off bottom spot with a record of played 16 won 3 lost 5 with 5 abandoned. Claypole with an identical record finished five points below Ashby. Both Ashby and Claypole were relegated

Despite such poor league form Ashby did make it through to the second round of the Golding Cup courtesy of a bowl off away at Petfoods on their artificial wicket. Claypole knocked Ashby out in the next round.

David Smith topped the batting with 258 runs whilst Nigel Hubbard was the top bowler with 18 wickets followed by Dave Smith with 11.

Final League Tables 1999

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DIVISION 2 - SEASON 1999

	MATCHES							
	Play	Won	Lost	NR	Bat	Bowl	Total	%
Elton Park	22	16	0	6	51	72	283	88.44
Railway	22	11	7	4	58	73	241	66.94
Uppingham	22	10	6	6	39	66	205	64.06
Laxton Park	22	9	9	4	45	67	219	57.63*
Newborough	22	9	10	3	52	72	214	56.32
Yaxley	22	10	8	4	31	70	201	55.83
Whittlesey	22	7	9	6	38	59	184	54.12*
Buckminster	22	5	10	7	33	59	159	49.69*
Empingham	22	5	8	9	22	42	131	46.79*
Sproxtton	22	6	7	9	32	45	127	42.33##
Ashby Carrington	22	6	11	5	44	51	145	38.16##
Benefield	22	4	13	5	33	48	133	35.00*#

* 17 pts in cancelled game. # -5 pts in cancelled game. ■ Tied match 5 pts.

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Division Two

Buckminster	16	9	0	5	2	111	217
Great Dalby	16	8	0	3	5	92	212
Cossington	16	8	0	4	4	87	205
Whissendine	16	8	0	5	3	98	194
Barrowby	16	6	0	7	3	87	171
Wakerley	16	7	0	9	0	88	158
Pedigree	16	5	0	8	3	75	149
Ashby Carr'ton	16	3	0	8	5	76	146
Claypole	16	3	0	8	5	71	141

During 1999, 39 different players represented the club. A notable debutant was Julian Bascombe from Barsby who joined along with his step son Sam Feasey. Julian was to later go on and captain the GMCA team bringing some quality players into the club (controversially for some to the detriment of local players). Other newcomers included wicket keeping batsman Yan Ruddick, batsman Ben Stevens, fast bowler David Frost and Tom Orriss. Playing his last game at Ashby was eccentric bowler Steve Hardcastle "the mad doctor" from Thorpe Satchville.

The leading run makers were Andrew Townley 840 runs, David Smith 527 and Rob Woods 508. Leading wicket takers were David Smith 36 wickets, Richard Slater 35 and Ian Cooper 31 wickets.

The full list of players known to represent Ashby Carington in 1999 were: Steve Barnes, Julian Bascombe, Chris Bennett, Tony Clapham, Ian Cooper, Steve Dealy, Andrew Favell, David Favell, Ben Feasey, Sam Feasey, Andrew Flint, David Frost, Steve Frost, Steve Hardcastle, Craig Hendry, G. Hollins, Nigel Hough, Nigel Hubbard, Ian Hurst, N. Jaggard, Nigel Lewis, J. Mann, Louis Massarella, T. Orriss, Trevor Riley, Y. Ruddick, Jeff Sedgewick, Chris Sherlock, Richard Slater, Alan Smith, Dave Smith, C. Standing, Ben Stevens, Peter Taylor, Andrew Townley, Keren Turakhia, D. Underwood, Tony Villanueva, Robert Woods.

Ashby Folville Cricket Club pre WWI													
	First game	Last Game	Years Played										
J. Hubbard	1905	1905											1905
S. Huddard	1898	1934						1898					
T. Hubbard	1902	1902									1902		
C. Huddlestone	1906	1906											1906
E. Huddlestone	1902	1902									1902		
H. Huddlestone	1904	1904										1904	
J. (L) Huddlestone	1901	1902									1901	1902	
C. Hunt	1906	1906											1906
H. Hunt	1905	1906											1905
J. Jones	1896	1906						1896	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
D. Johnson	1890	1905									1900		1905
J. Johnson	1860	1864	1860	1864									1905
G. Kegg (Kay)	1893	1893											1893
H. Kettle	1860	1893	1860	1864									1893
G. Kilby	1906	1906											1906
H. Kilby	1906	1906											1906
J. Knapp	1879	1893											1893
E. Kniffton	1893	1893											1893
G. Lambert	1893	1893											1893
P. Lanesfield	1893	1893											1893
G. Laughton	1905	1906											1905
W. Laughton	1902	1902										1902	1906
A. Leith	1904	1904										1904	
E. Littlewood	1906	1906											1906
C. Martin	1905	1906											1905
B. May	1893	1893											1893
P. May	1906	1906											1906
R. May	1893	1893											1893
S. May	1893	1893											1893
J. Meynall	1901	1901										1901	
Mighall	1909	1909											1909
A. Miller	1905	1905											1905
W. Morton	1906	1906											1906
A. North	1890	1896											1890
W. North	1887	1900											1887
A. Pears	1893	1893											1893
J. Pepaday	1893	1893											1893
A. Percy	1899	1909											1899
C. Percy	1902	1902											1902
H. Percy	1901	1901											1901
W. Percy (Pearcy)	1891	1905											1891
PC Pickwell	1909	1929											1909
AG Platts	1905	1933											1905
C. Pykett	1885	1893											1885
A. Richardson	1893	1892											1893
C. Richardson	1909	1909											1909
G. Richardson	1893	1893											1893
J. Richardson	1905	1905											1905
F. Riley	1905	1905											1905
H. Riley	1904	1933											1904
E. Rippon	1906	1906											1906
S. Robinson	1885	1885											1885
C. Sarson	1910	1910											1910
F. Screation (Screnton)	1896	1914											1896
S. Screation	1896	1896											1896
W. Setchhill	1905	1905											1905
A. Smith	1890	1931											1890
J. H. B. Smith	1906	1906											1906
J. W. Smith	1893	1906											1893
T. Smith	1864	1874											1864
M. Soarbow	1864	1864											1864
L.B. Stallard	1893	1894											1893
A. Stanton	1906	1906											1906
W. Stokes	1898	1898											1898
S. Stubbs	1902	1902											1902
J. Thompson	1893	1896											1893
T. Thompson	1893	1896											1893
A. Tyres	1896	1896											1896
H. Tyres	1896	1907											1896
I. Tyres	1905	1905											1905
J. Tyers	1885	1899											1885
W. (W. T) Tyres	1896	1896											1896
A. Underwood	1894	1925											1894
W. Underwood	1885	1885											1885
C. W. Walker	1905	1905											1905
F. Walker	1907	1919											1907
H. Walker	1906	1939											1906
J. A. Walker	1904	1919											1904
W. Walker	1896	1906											1896
H. Wall	1893	1893											1893
D. Ward	1860	1860											1860
J. Ward	1901	1902											1901
H. Warrington	1875	1914											1875
J. Warrington	1891	1906											1891
W. Warrington jnr	1909	1927											1909
A Watts	1893	1899											1893
W. Watts	1899	1909											1899
H. Whait	1860	1864	1860	1864									1860
J. Whait	1899	1899											1899
S. Whait	1874	1898											1874
W. Whait	1900	1909											1900
J. White	1909	1909											1909
W. Wing	1906	1906											1906
H. Whitehouse	1893	1893											1893
W. Wilson	1906	1906											1906
L. Woodward	1902	1902											1902
W. Woodcock	1905	1905											1905
T. Wright	1906	1906											1906
E. Young	1909	1910											1909

Chapter 2 - Players – Between the Wars

KEY:		First/ Last played for Ashby Folville
		First played for Barsby pre WW1 or last played post WW2

Barsby between the Wars														
	First Game	Last Game	Years Played											
Arthur Adams	1895	1933	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926			1929	1930	1933
Alex Adams	1922	1923			1922	1923								
H. Adams	1894	1933				1923								1933
W.Adams	1920	1925	1920					1925						
W. Allen	1907	1939	1919	1921		1923	1924		1926	1927				
F. Alsbury	1920	1920	1920											
C. Amos	1922	1925			1922	1923		1925						
G. Amos	1924	1924					1924							
T. Amos	1924	1924					1924							
W. Andrews	1934	1934												1934
E. Ayre	1920	1920	1920											
H. Baker	1906	1933	1920		1922									
Billy (W) Baker	1922	1949			1922		1924	1925		1927	1928	1929		1935
C. Bates	1923	1923				1923								
W. Black (jnr2)	1933	1933												1933
A. Blockley	1924	1924					1924							
H. Bonshor	1907	1939	1920		1922	1923								
A. Bonshor	1920	1922	1920		1922									
T. Bonshor	1923	1923				1923								
C. Bowley	1919	1919	1919											
J. Bowley	1913	1921	1919	1920	1921									
S. Bowley	1923	1928					1923		1925	1926	1927	1928		
T. Bowley	1928	1928										1928		
F. Broadley	1930	1930										1930		
H. Brooks	1932	1934											1932	1934
W. Brooks	1933	1933												1933
H. Brown jnr	1885	1922	1919	1920	1921	1922								
G. Bunchon	1923	1923					1923							
B. Burgin (posibly R. Burg	1925	1929						1925				1929		
R. Burgin	1919	1929	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	
H. Butler	1920	1920	1920											
N. Carington	1893	1920	1920											
W. Copley	1923	1924					1923							
L. Cropper	1925	1925						1925						
H. Daley	1923	1923					1923							
W. Davis	1894	1925						1925						
C. Davy	1922	1922				1922								
W. Dawson	1934	1939												1934
E. Earp	1921	1921			1921									
John Earp	1914	1922	1919	1921	1922									
M. Evans	1933	1934											1933	1934
J. Farrell	1927	1927									1927			
Jack Favell	1921	1939			1921									
G. Goddard	1920	1929	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925		1927	1928	1929		
J. Goddard	1921	1929	1920	1921	1922	1923		1925			1928	1929		
T. Goddard	1921	1921			1921									
C. Grief	1923	1923					1923							
E. Gutteridge	1909	1934	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925		1927	1928			
J. Hack	1925	1925						1925						
C. Haines	1920	1920	1920											
J. (JH) Haines	1894	1924	1920				1924							
M. Hancock	1920	1920	1920											
P. Hart	1924	1933				1922		1925					1933	
H. Hawley	1933	1933											1933	
Hayes	1935	1935												1936
G. Hayles	1922	1922				1922								
H. Heard	1914	1921	1920	1921										
W. Henniss	1922	1922				1922								
H. Hodges	1921	1922			1921	1922								
T. Hollingshead	1920	1921	1920	1921										
G. Hunt	1885	1923					1923							
R. Kitchen	1922	1922				1922								
A. Knapp	1934	1934												1934




Barsby between the Wars

	First Game	Last Game	Years Played																	
			1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	
A. Lambert	1933	1934															1933	1934		
J. Leach	1922	1922				1922														
H. Mansfield	1895	1920		1920																
A. Morriss	1921	1926			1921	1922	1923				1926									
G. Morriss	1923	1935					1923	1924												
W. Morriss	1926	1938									1926		1928	1929			1933			
E. Naylor	1925	1925								1925										
F. North	1923	1923					1923													
Tom Palethorpe	1914	1925	1919	1920		1922			1925											
F. Palmer	1919	1920	1919	1920																
R. Patterson	1920	1920		1920																
A. Pearson	1923	1923						1923												
S. Pearson	1924	1924							1924											
W. Pearson (1)	1923	1923						1923												
L. Pears	1924	1924							1924											
T. Pick	1924	1924							1924											
P. (PC) Pickwell	1909	1919	1919																	
A.G Platts	1905	1933	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929				1933			
A. S. Platts	1914	1929	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927		1929							
B. Pritchett	1925	1925							1925											
H. Riley	1904	1933		1920	1921	1922	1923		1925			1928				1932	1933			
E Riley	1934	1934																		1934
M. Riley	1924	1939						1924			1927	1928	1929				1933			
S. Riley	1924	1924						1924												
L. Roberts	1910	1929			1921	1922		1924	1925		1927		1929							
T. Roberts	1925	1925							1925											
Scarboro	1936	1936																		1936
W. Skinner	1923	1923						1923												
J. Smith	1926	1934								1926										
W. Smith jnr	1907	1939			1921															
E. Springthorpe	1931	1931													1931					
J. Springthorpe	1929	1934										1929					1933	1934		
T Stubbs	1934	1934																1934		
G. Swain	1933	1933															1933			
E. Taylor	1923	1923						1923												
A. Terry	1933	1933															1933			
F. Terry	1920	1960		1920	1921	1922	1923	1924												
F Terry 2	1923	1923						1923												
W. Terry	1919	1919	1919																	
Thody	1920	1920		1920																
P. Thorpe	1926	1926								1926										
P. Tinkler	1923	1923							1923											
Rev Turner	1934	1934																		1934
A. Underwood	1894	1925		1920	1921				1925											
A. Walker	1921	1929	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925		1927	1928	1929							
E. Walker	1896	1920		1920																
F. Walker	1907	1919	1919																	
H. Walker	1906	1939		1920																1935
JA Walker	1904	1919	1919																	
H. Warner	1924	1924							1924											
F. Warrington (snr)	1919	1934	1919						1924			1928	1929	1930			1933			
Sam (S) Warrington (jnr)	1919	1939	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925		1927	1928								
Sid Warrington (snr)	1920	1925		1920	1921															
T. Warrington	1929	1933											1929				1933			
W. Warrington (jnr)	1909	1927	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923				1927									
R. Weston	1923	1923						1923												
B. Whait	1925	1939							1925											
E. Whait	1884	1934							1924											1933

KEY:		First played for Ashby Folville pre WW1
		First/ Last played for Barsby

Ashby Folville between the wars										
	First game	Last Game	Years Played							
A. Allen	1939	1939								1939
W. Allen	1914	1939		1931						1939
H. Baker	1906	1933		1931	1933					
Billy (W) Baker	1928	1949		1933				1937	1938	
D. Bolland	1937	1937						1937		
H. Bonshor	1907	1939						1937	1938	1939
W. Dawson	1934	1939						1937	1938	1939
B. Deeks	1939	1939								1939
Jack Favell	1921	1939					1935			1939
G. Flable	1931	1931		1931						
E. Gutteridge	1909	1934		1931	1933	1934				
J. Hack	1925	1937	1925			1934	1935	1937		
W. Howkins	1934	1934				1934				
E. Hubbard	1933	1939			1933	1934	1935	1937	1938	1939
G. Hubbard	1939	1939								1939
H. Hubbard	1933	1933			1933					
S. Hubbard	1898	1934				1934				
W. Hubbard	1938	1938								1938
PC Jones	1929	1929	1929							
E. Kirk	1939	1939								1939
C. Lambert	1933	1935			1933		1935			
W. Lane	1939	1939								1939
C. Ledger	1925	1935	1925				1935			
G. Morriss	1924	1935			1931		1935			
W. Morriss	1926	1938					1935	1937	1938	
R. Norman	1939	1939								1939
Alf Queenborough	1934	1937				1934		1937		
H Queeborough	1934	1934				1934				
T. Rhodes	1935	1935					1935			
M. Riley	1924	1939	1925		1933		1935	1937	1938	1939
G. Slenger	1931	1931			1931					
A. Smith	1890	1931			1931					
J Smith	1926	1934			1931	1934				
W. Smith jnr	1907	1939						1937	1938	1939
F. Terry	1920	1960							1938	1939
J. Terry	1939	1939								1939
T. Terry	1939	1939								1939
T. Trivitt	1935	1935					1935			
H. Walker	1906	1939			1933					1939
F. Warrington jnr	1937	1957						1937	1938	1939
F Warrington snr	1919	1934				1934				
Sid Warrington	1920	1925	1925							
Sam (s) Warrington	1919	1939		1929	1931	1934	1935	1937	1938	1939
A. Watts (jnr)	1939	1939								1939
B. Whait	1925	1939								1939
E. Whait	1884	1934			1931	1934				
D. White	1937	1968						1937		
E. White	1934	1938								1938
A William	1931	1931			1931					

Chapter 3 – Players – Barsby post WW2

KEY:		First played for Ashby Folville pre WW2
		First played for Barsby pre WW2
		Last played for Ashby Carington

Barsby Cricket Club post WW2 (runs scored)																	Runs	Wickets												
	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			
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 (W) Baker	1928	1949				0																		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	x			x				1												4	6	
L. Bonshor	1956	1956											0																0	
Brian Burgin	1955	1967										4	7	1	53	20		3	208	0	9				121			426	1	
David Burgin	1964	1970																	0	2				84	72	4	0	162	2	
John Burgin	1951	1970						11	x		0			26	37	74	13	27	264	1	0		7	123	94	37	19	733	102	
P. Burgin	1955	1962										16			26				62										104	
W. Burgin	1958	1958													3														3	
D Caithness	1962	1962																	0										0	
D. Callthorpe	1961	1961																	4										4	
J. Cockeram	1961	1962																	0	194									194	
G. Cope	1947	1955	x							27		0	6																33	0
D Cotteral	1967	1967																						1					1	
P. Crawford	1962	1962																	195										195	
Roger Cropper	1966	1986																						2	148	175	17	105	447	107
R. Cursley	1950	1951					53	5																					58	
Brian Dennis	1957	1962												0	29				1	51									81	3
G. (Basil) Dilkes	1952	1976							24		1	22	20	177	18	41	1	55	304	24	15				181	124	100	144	1251	1
I. Dilkes	1962	1962																	29										29	
W. Dilkes	1961	1961																	6										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				320	11	21		71	230	118	95	287	1238	
F. Farmer	1947	1947	23																										23	
Andrew Favell	1968	2010																								0	0		0	
John Favell	1947	1976	x	x	0	52	13			20	0	95	0	37		12	19	93	0	17			10	125	152	53	55	753	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
H. Hall	1962	1962																	x										0	
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
Hudson	1962	1962																		23									23	
M. Hull	1968	1968																							0				0	1
Clewe Iliffe	1947	1947	x																										0	2

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	
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		
T. King	1962	1962																		60								60		
Mansfield	1950	1950					2																					2		
Mann	1951	1951						1																				1		
Jeff Meadows	1949	1956			x	140	71			6	x																	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		
D. Orme	1962	1962																		0								0		
B. Paalethorpe	1970	1970																									9	9		
Derick Paalethorpe	1954	1972								13	12	2	5	7	10	7			43	3	6			42	23	20	68	261	1	
Peter Paalethorpe	1954	1968								7	0	0	52	38	27				15	12	43		1	291	162		648	42		
N. Pizer	1967	1967																						1				1	4	
J. Porter	1970	1970																									22	22		
E. Powell	1954	1954									1																	1	6	
Bill Rawson	1953	1957								38	0		0	4														42		
Colin Rendell	1954	1954								x							0											0		
T. Rhodes	1960	1962															3		31									34		
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		
A. Smith	1962	1962																	x									0		
Colin Smith	1958	1986													2	21	1	4	217	0	29		37	302	217	264	265	1359	178	
David (DW) Smith	1967	2007																						x			1	1	19	
Derick (DK) smith	1955	1983									6	12				5	1	2	396	0			6	96	29	120	171	844	5	
Don (Danny?) Smith	1963	1964																		4	10							14		
G. Smith	1946	1946	37																									37		
R Smith	1968	1968																							13			13		
M. Taiby	1962	1962																		0								0		
T. Spencer	1947	1950	15				23																					38	4	
J. Straw	1950	1952				26	3	43																				72		
R.Stone	1969	1969																								0		0		
Symonds	1951	1951					0																					0		
P. Taylor	1967	1967																						3				3		
T. Taylor	1970	1971																									27	27	15	
F. Terry	1920	1960					9				0	4			15	2												30		
Stuart Terry	1964	1964																			x							0		
B Thomas	1956	1956										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		
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	1937	1968																							0			0		
Charlie Whitton	1948	1967	15	x		8	7			3		2	3			1		x						1				40	14	
Fred Warrington	1937	1957									8	6	12															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																						109	571	611	572	790	2653	9

PART 3 – The Scores

Chapter 1 - Ashby Folville Cricket Club Fixtures and Results

Ashby Folville Cricket Club						Ashby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns			Ashby 2nd Inns			Opposition 2nd Inns		
Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs
1860	Gaddesby 2nds	Friendly	Away														
Monday 03/09/1860	Gaddesby 2nds	Friendly	Home	Mr Halls Field	Lost	39	10		82	10		45	10		3	0	
Monday 29/08/1864	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Away		Lost	55	10		72	10		35	10				
Monday 31/08/1885	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home	Barsby	Won	86	10		32	10					17	10	
Monday 22/05/1893	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Away		Lost	26	10		35	10		44	10		54	10	
Monday 02/06/1893	Rearsby	Friendly	Away		Lost	27	10		33	10		50	10		54	10	
Monday 11/06/1893	Frisby	Friendly	Home		Lost	42	10		104	10		29	10				
Monday 07/07/1893	South Croxton	Friendly	Home	AF Manor Workman	Won	90	10		36	10					42	10	
Tuesday 11/07/1893	Frisby	Friendly	Away		Lost	28	10		41	10		12	2		112	10	
Tuesday 15/07/1893	South Croxton	Friendly	Away	AF Manor Workman	Won	24	10		80	10		71					
Monday 28/08/1893	Somerby	Friendly	Home		Won	84	10		76	10		34	10		16	10	
Thursday 31/08/1893	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Lost	51	10		56	10					118	10	
Monday 02/07/1894	Wymswold	Friendly	Home		Lost	26	10		30	10		43	10		59	3	
Tuesday 04/09/1894	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Lost	25	10		40	10		27	10		15	1	
Tuesday 03/09/1895	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home	Barsby	Lost	25	10		57	10		52	10				
Saturday 14/09/1895	Gaddesby	Friendly	Away	Barsby	Won	111	8					57	10				
Saturday 09/05/1896	Scalford	Friendly	Away		Lost	35	10					107	10				
Saturday 16/05/1896	Gaddesby	Friendly	Away		Lost	39	10		116	10		65	8				
Monday 25/05/1896	Lowesby Park	Friendly	Away		Lost	53	10		144	10		35	10				
Monday 18/06/1898	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away		Lost	74	10		106	10							
Monday 12/08/1898	Barkby United	Friendly	Away		Lost	29	10		36	10		24	10		19	4	
Tuesday 23/08/1898	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Lost	29	10		36	10		24	10		19	4	
Saturday 08/07/1899	Rearsby	Friendly	Away		Won	37	8		35	10							
Saturday 26/08/1899	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home		Won	49	10		25	10		52	10		32	10	
Monday 28/08/1899	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Draw	84	10		51	10					63	6	
Monday 04/06/1900	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Away		Won	40	10		55	10		53	2		35	10	
Tuesday 05/06/1900	Rearsby	Friendly	Away		Lost	69	10		258	10							
Tuesday 04/09/1900	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Lost	56	10		60	10							
Tuesday 06/08/1901	Frisby	Friendly	Away		Lost	57	10		60	10							
Tuesday 20/08/1901	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Away		Lost	77	10		87	10							
Saturday 26/07/1902	Rotherby	Friendly	Away		Lost	14	10		103	9							
Saturday 16/08/1902	Rearsby	Friendly	Away		Lost	36	10		65	10							
Saturday 11/06/1904	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home		Won	49	10		30	10							
Saturday 18/06/1904	South Croxton	Friendly	Away		Lost	27	10		50	10							
Saturday 30/07/1904	Queniborough	Friendly	Home		Lost	37	10		60	10							
Monday 01/08/1904	South Croxton	Friendly	Home		Lost	55	10		69	10							
Saturday 20/08/1904	Melton wyvern	Friendly	Home		Lost	56	10		92	9							
Monday 24/04/1905	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home	Barsby	Won	41	10		46	10		56	10		45	10	
Saturday 20/05/1905	South Croxton	Friendly	Away	Barsby	Won	88	10		54	10							
Saturday 27/05/1905	Frisby	Friendly	Home		Won	55	10		29	10		48	8				
Saturday 24/06/1905	Rotherby	Friendly	Away		Postponed												
Tuesday 27/06/1905	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away		Won												
Tuesday 01/07/1905	Melton Wyvern	Friendly	Home	Barsby	Won	50	10		16	10							
Tuesday 04/07/1905	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home	Barsby	Won	33	10		32	10							
Saturday 12/08/1905	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Away		Lost	42	10		70	10		52	3				
Saturday 19/08/1905	Queniborough	Friendly	Away		Lost	51	10		88	10							
Saturday 19/05/1906	Lowesby Park	Friendly	Home		Lost	44	10		60	10							
Saturday 02/06/1906	Twyford	Friendly	Home		Won	55	10		50	10							
Saturday 04/06/1906	Thrussington	Friendly	Home		Draw	40	10		40	10							
Saturday 09/06/1906	Melton WMC 2nds	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 30/06/1906	Queniborough	Friendly	Away		Lost	30	10		40	10							
Saturday 07/07/1906	Thrussington	Friendly	Home		Lost	24	10		43	10							
Saturday 14/07/1906	Somerby	Friendly	Away		Won	42	10		31	10		38	8				
Saturday 25/08/1906	Queniborough	Friendly	Home		Draw	49	10		49	10							
Monday 03/09/1906	Somerby	Friendly	Home	Springfield road	Won	148	5		64	10							
Tuesday 04/09/1906	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home	Springfield road	Lost	60	10		120	5							
Saturday 08/09/1906	Melton WMC 2nds	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 22/09/1906	Lowesby Park	Friendly	Away		Draw	52	9		101	9							
Monday 02/09/1907	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home	Springfield road	Draw	12	0		32								
Saturday 09/06/1907	Melton WMC 2nds	Friendly	Away	All England Ground	Abandoned				37	9							
Saturday 07/09/1907	Melton WMC	Friendly	Home	Springfield road	Abandoned												
Monday 06/09/1909	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home		Lost	31	10		33	10		12	6		17	10	
Tuesday 12/07/1910	Syson	Friendly	Away		Lost	47	10		124	6							
Monday 17/07/1912	Syston	Friendly	Away		Won	78			52								
Monday 02/09/1929	M Rankins XI	Friendly	Home		Won	96	10		33	10							
Saturday 19/07/1930	Holwell Works 2nd XI	Friendly	Away		Won	80	10		60	10							
Saturday 16/08/1930	Holwell Works 2nd XI	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 18/04/1931	St Mary's Junior Bible Class	Friendly	Home		Lost	55	9		67	8							
Saturday 15/08/1931	Holwell Works	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 22/08/1931	Holwell Works A	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 20/05/1933	Shipmans	Friendly	Home														
Thursday 25/05/1933	Twyford	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 27/05/1933	Stocken Hall	Friendly	Away			42			35								
Thursday 01/06/1933	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 03/06/1933	Hoby & Rotherby	Friendly	Away														
Thursday 08/06/1933	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 10/06/1933	Tilton on the Hill	Friendly	Away														
Thursday 15/06/1933	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 17/06/1933	Stocken Hall	Friendly	Home														
Thursday 22/06/1933	Twyford	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 24/06/1933	Rearsby	Friendly	Away														
Thursday 29/06/1933	Mr Walkers Team	Friendly	Home														
Tuesday 01/08/1933	Hoby & Rotherby	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 19/08/1933	Tilton on the Hill	Friendly	Home		Lost	31	10		41	10							
Friday 25/08/1933	Me Ellisons Team	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 02/09/1933	Queniborough	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 19/05/1934	Stocken Hall	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 02/06/1934	Hoby	Friendly	Home														
Saturday 16/06/1934	Rearsby	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 07/07/1934	Stocken Hall	Friendly	Away														
Saturday 14/07/1934	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home		Lost	24	10		56	10							
Saturday 11/05/1935	Melton Mission Church	Burrough League			Lost	43											

Ashby Folville Cricket Club							Ashby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns			Ashby 2nd Inns			Opposition 2nd Inns			
	Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	
Saturday	02/05/1936	Burrough	Burrough League	Away															
Saturday	16/05/1936	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Home		Won	73			69									
Saturday	23/05/1936	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Abandi	46	10		5	1								
Saturday	06/06/1936	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Home															
Saturday	13/06/1936	Cold Overton	Burrough League	Home		Won	64			63									
Saturday	20/06/1936	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Away															
Saturday	27/06/1936	Burrough	Burrough League	Home															
Saturday	08/08/1936	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away															
Saturday	15/08/1936	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Lost	27			67									
Saturday	22/06/1936	Thorpe satchville	Burrough League	Away															
Saturday	29/06/1936	Cold Overton	Burrough League	Away															
Saturday	05/09/1936	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Home		Lost	43			90	9								
Saturday	15/05/1937	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Home															
Saturday	22/05/1937	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	67			165									
Saturday	05/06/1937	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Away		Lost	16	10		41									
Saturday	12/06/1937	Brooksby	Friendly	Home															
Saturday	19/06/1937	Burton Lazars	Burrough League			Lost	13			76									
Saturday	26/06/1937	Cold Overton	Burrough League	Home		Won	64			63									
Saturday	03/07/1937	Burrough	Burrough League	Home		Lost	26			57									
Saturday	31/07/1937	Pickwell and Leesthorpe	Friendly	Away															
Saturday	07/08/1937	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away		Won	55	10		46	10								
Saturday	03/09/1937	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Home		Lost	48			80									
Wednesday	18/05/1938	Brooksby	Friendly	Away															
Saturday	21/05/1938	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	50			154									
Wednesday	01/06/1938	Burrough	Friendly	Home															
Saturday	18/06/1938	Burrough	Burrough League	Home															
Saturday	02/07/1938	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Home		Won	125			80									
Saturday	16/07/1938	Great Dalby	Burrough League			Abandi	35	4		123									
Saturday	13/08/1938	Great Dalby	Burrough League			Lost	25			35									
Saturday	20/08/1938	Burrough	Burrough League	Away		Lost	76	10		111	10								
Saturday	10/05/1939	Tilton	Friendly	Away		Lost	20			83									
Saturday	13/05/1939	Frisby	Burrough League	Home		Lost	59	10		88	7								
Saturday	20/05/1939	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Home		Lost	60	10		160									
Saturday	27/05/1939	Pickwell and Leesthorpe	Friendly	Away		Lost	36	7		76	8								
Saturday	03/06/1939	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away		Lost	60			145									
Saturday	17/06/1939	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	40	10		77	5								
Saturday	19/08/1939	Frisby	Burrough League	Away		Lost	14	8		31									

Chapter 2 - Barsby Cricket Club Fixtures and Results pre-WW2

Barsby Cricket Club								Barsby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns			Barsby 2nd Inns			Opposition 2nd Inns		
Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs		
aug 1806	Asfordby and Grimstone	Friendly	Neutral	South Croxton	Field near Kirby Bell	Won													
Thursday 20/09/1827	Rutland Union	Friendly 2 day	Away	Twyford	Burley	Won	100	10	61	10	38	19			36	10			
11/09/1828	Melton	Friendly 2 day	Away			Lost	34	10	87	10	50	10							
Wednesday 27/5/1835	Melton	Friendly	Away	Twyford															
24/9/1838	Melton (New Tradesman club)	Friendly 2 day	Away	Twyford	Priors Close	Won	68	10	55	10	60	10			21	10			
10/10/1838	Melton (New Tradesman club)	Friendly	Home						no record game was played										
2/9/1844	Mountsorrell	6 person Friendly 2 day	Home			Won													
10/9/1844	Mountsorrell	6 person Friendly 2 day	Away			Disput	22	10	21	10	22	3			8	10			
Monday 21/6/1858	Thrussington	Friendly	Away			Won													
Wednesday 28/9/1859	Melton 2nds	Friendly	Away			Lost	31	10	53	10	36	10			16	2			
6/8/1860	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home			Won													
20/8/1860	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away			Won	69	10	29	10					20	10			
Tuesday 25/8/1863	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home		"Nicholls Ground"	Won	48	10	61	10	52	5			50	10			
Monday 14/9/1868	Thorpe Satchville & Twyford	Friendly	Home			Won	99	10	88	10									
17/6/1870	Houghton Juniors	Friendly	Away	South Croxton		Lost	37	10	78	10	47	10			8	0			
7/7/1874	Tilton	Friendly	Away			Won	40		48		52				31				
5/8/1874	Tilton	Friendly	Away			Won	45	10	49	10	56	10			49	10			
7/9/1874	Thrussington	Friendly	Home			Won	61	10	26	10	130	10			28	10			
25/5/1875	Thrussington	Friendly	Away			Won	42	10	53	10	85	1			24	10			
4/9/1876	Twyford	Friendly	Home			Won	88	10	10	10	31	10			31	10			
Monday 25/9/1876	Twyford	Friendly	Away			Lost	12	10	21	10	42	10			95	10			
6/8/1877	Twyford	Friendly	Home			Won	43		24		77				41				
7/8/1877	Hoby	Friendly	Home			Won	91		48		59								
8/8/1877	Asfordby	Friendly	Home			Won	48		22		48				53				
11/8/1877	Leicester electric Weavers	Friendly	Home			Draw	26	10	23	10	36	10			25	4			
24/9/1877	Asfordby	Friendly	Away			Won	34	10	18	10	40	10			30	10			
5/8/1878	Belgrave	Friendly	Home			Won	33		12		37				21				
6/8/1878	Thrussington	Friendly	Home			Won	51		19		63				47				
7/8/1878	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home			Won	58	10	53	10	56	9			42	10			
3/06/1879	Hoby "Rising Stars"	Friendly	Away	Barsby "Rose" Club		Lost	37	10	58	3									
30/06/1879	Hoby "Rising Stars"	Friendly	Home	Barsby Rovers		Draw	54	10	85	10	52	9			25	10			
9/8/1881	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home			Won	66	10	62	10	68	10			31	10			
Monday 08/9/1884	Hungarton	Friendly	Home			Draw	53	10	33	10					28	10			
Tuesday 26/5/1885	Gaddesby	Friendly	Away			Lost	25	10	36	10	29	10			36	10			
Wednesday 12/8/1885	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home			Lost	29	10	41	10					104	10			
Monday 09/8/1886	Hungarton	Friendly	Home			Won	121	10	15	10									
Wednesday 13/8/1886	Twyford	Friendly	Home			Draw	61	10	82	10	19	5			33	10			
Monday 08/11/1887	Twyford	Friendly	Home			Lost	65	10	45	10	82	10			32	10			
Wednesday 10/08/1887	Asfordby	Friendly	Home			Lost	48	10	96	10					95	10			
Monday 11/08/1890	South Croxton	Friendly	Home			Lost	31	10	41	10	25	10			42	10			
Tuesday 12/08/1890	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home			Lost	56	10	61	10	11	0			29	10			
Saturday 30/08/1890	Asfordby	Friendly	Home			Won	38	10	49	10	52	10							
Tuesday 04/08/1891	Mr. Hewitts XI	Friendly	Home	H. Browns XI		Tie	39	10	29	10	26	10			36	10			
Tuesday 02/05/1893	South Croxton	Friendly	Away			Lost	32	10	108	10	32	7							
Wednesday 23/05/1893	South Croxton	Friendly	Home			Won	87	10	57	10					26	10			
Saturday 22/07/1893	Lowesby Hall	Friendly	Home			Won	60	10	51	10	38	10			28	10			
08/05/1894	Lowesby Hall	Friendly	Away			Won	73	10	101	10	41	10							
Tuesday 15/05/1894	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home			Won	60	10	22	10	57	8			86	10			
Wednesday 16/05/1894	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away			Won	44	10	29	10					20	10			
04/08/1894	Mr Widdowson XI (Sibley)	Friendly	Away	Sibley		Lost	40	10	21	10	117	10							
Tuesday 19/09/1894	Queniborough	Friendly	Away			Won	52	8	7	10									
Monday 03/06/1895	Lowesby	Friendly	Away			Lost	77	10	116	10					46	2			
Wednesday 12/06/1895	Somerby	Friendly	Away			Draw													
06/07/1895	Mr Conquests XI	Friendly	Home			Won	93	8	27	10									
05/08/1895	Lowesby Park	Friendly	Home			Lost	77	10	86	10	77	6			14	6			
Tuesday 06/08/1895	Sibley	Friendly	Home			Lost	34	10	67	10	9	10							
Tuesday 09/06/1896	Thrussington	Friendly	Away			Lost	46	10	84	10									
Saturday 15/06/1901	Mr E Clarkes Firm (Melton)	Friendly	Home			Won	50	10	38	10									
15/08/1902	Mr E Clarkes Firm (Melton)	Friendly	Home																
Saturday 04/05/1907	New Barkby	Friendly	Away	Wanlip		Won	40	7	28	10									
11/05/1907	Hungarton	Friendly	Away			Won													
26/05/1907	South Croxton	Friendly	Away			Lost	39	10	41	10									
Wednesday 28/08/1907	Quorn Hunt	Friendly	Away			Lost	36	10	41	10									
Monday 31/08/1908	Frisby	Friendly	Home			Lost	23	10	34	10	27	7			100	8			
Tuesday 01/09/1908	Gate Hangs Well (syston)	Friendly	Home			Won													
Wednesday 02/09/1908	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home																
Saturday 06/06/1909	Frisby	Friendly	Away			Lost	61	10	62	5									
Wednesday 16/06/1909	Great Dalby	Friendly	Away			Lost	30	10	54	10	67	7			87	10			
11/06/1910	Burrough	Friendly	Away			Lost	30	10	50	10									
13/08/1910	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home	Near King William IV															
Saturday 10/09/1910	South Croxton	Friendly	Home			Lost	31	10	101	8									
Saturday 14/06/1913	Queniborough	Friendly	Home			Lost	57	10	118	10									
09/08/1913	Gaddesby	Friendly	Home			Lost	93	4	161	7									
02/05/1914	Queniborough	Friendly	Home			Lost	47	10	69	10									
Saturday 06/06/1914	Queniborough	Friendly	Away			Won	47	10	36	10									
Tuesday 09/06/1914	Gaddesby	Friendly	Away			Lost	154	10	116	10									
Saturday 31/05/1919	Frisby	Friendly	Away			Won	61	10	31	10									
Saturday 06/06/1919	Birstall	Friendly	Away			Lost	47	10	91	10									
7 23/08/1919	Birstall	Friendly	Away			Lost	21	10	82	10									
14/05/1920	Lowesby	Friendly	Home			Won	55	10	47	10									
21/05/1920	Rearsby	Friendly	Away			Won	53	10	20	10									
Saturday 22/05/1920	Frisby	Friendly	Home			Won	111	10			7								
29/05/1920	Tilton on the Hill	Friendly	Home			Won	103	10	69	10									
Saturday 12/06/1920	Mr Stokes XI	Friendly	Home			Won	68	10	28	10									
Saturday 19/06/1920	Keyham	Friendly	Away			Won	137	5	5	10									
26/06/1920	Tilton on the Hill	Friendly	Away			Won	54	10	37	10									
10/07/1920	Keyham	Friendly	Home			Won	1												

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Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs
	26/05/1922	Frisby	Friendly	Home	Won	62	10		56	10							
	02/06/1922	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Away	Lost	71	10		92	10							
Saturday	10/06/1922	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home	Lost	14	10		114	10							
Saturday	17/06/1922	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Away	Won	51	10		65	10							
	23/06/1922	South Croxton	Friendly	Home	Won	101	10		34	10							
	30/06/1922	South Croxton	Friendly	Away	Lost	34	10		45	10							
Saturday	24/06/1922	Thrussington	Friendly	Away	Lost	118			131								
Thursday	29/06/1922	Hungarton	Friendly	Away	Lost	73	10		110	10							
Thursday	01/07/1922	St Pauls	Friendly	Home	Won	167	10		108	10							
Saturday	22/07/1922	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Home	Won	75	10		34	10							
	29/07/1922	Frisby	Friendly	Away	Lost	21	10		102	10							
	11/05/1923	Somerby	Melton Hospital Cup (R1)	Home	Lost	68	10		132	10							
	18/05/1923	Melton British Legion	Friendly	Home	Lost	51	10		53	10							
Saturday	08/06/1923	Twyford	Friendly	Away	Lost	20	10		85	10							
Thursday	08/06/1923	Rearsby	Friendly	Away	Draw	40	9		58	10							
Thursday	29/06/1923	Rearsby	Friendly	Home	Won	56	10		31	10							
Tuesday	07/08/1923	Frisby	Friendly	Home	Lost	38	10	18	40	10							
Saturday	11/08/1923	Frisby	Friendly	Away	Lost	37	10		79	10							
Saturday	25/08/1923	Melton British Legion	Friendly	Away	Won	108	6		72	10							
Thursday	30/08/1923	Mr E Kirk Barsby XI	Friendly	Away	Won	107	10		100	10							
	31/05/1924	Hoby and Brooksby	Melton Hospital Cup (R1)	Away	Lost	50	10		70	10							
	28/06/1924	Twyford School Boys	Friendly	Home	Lost	30	10		30	10		31	10				
	22/08/1924	Melton LMS	Friendly	Away	Lost	29	10		78	10							
	16/05/1925	Thorpe Satchville	Melton Hospital Cup (Pre) Home	Home	Lost	56	10		93	10							
	23/05/1925	Frisby	Friendly	Home													
	24/07/1925	Melton LMS	Friendly	Home	Won	65	10		13	10							
Tuesday	02/08/1925	Melton British Legion	Friendly (13 a side)	Home	Won	57	12		56	12							
	15/05/1926	Frisby	Melton Hospital Cup (Pre) Home	Away	Lost	35	10		62	8							
Wednesday	15/08/1926	Gaddesby	Friendly	Away	Lost	66	10		70	2							
	28/05/1927	Somerby	Melton Hospital Cup (R1)	Away	Won	81	10		52	10							
	25/06/1927	Whissendine	Melton Hospital Cup (R2)	Home	Lost	36	10		113	8							
Saturday	05/05/1928	Twyford	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	12/05/1928	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	19/05/1928	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away	Lost	57			94								
Saturday	02/06/1928	Somerby	Burrough League	Home	Lost	63			118								
Saturday	09/06/1928	Burrough	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	16/06/1928	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	30/06/1928	Twyford	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	28/07/1928	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	04/08/1928	Burrough	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	11/08/1928	Somerby	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	18/08/1928	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Home	Won	145	10		30	10							
Saturday	25/08/1928	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Away	Won	70	10		61	10							
Saturday	04/05/1929	Twyford	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	01/06/1929	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	08/06/1929	Somerby	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	15/06/1929	Burrough	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	22/06/1929	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Home	Won	57	10		25	10							
Saturday	29/06/1929	Twyford	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	03/08/1929	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Home	Lost	50	10		53	3							
Saturday	10/08/1929	Burrough	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	17/08/1929	Somerby	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	24/08/1929	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	31/08/1929	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	03/05/1930	Twyford	Burrough League	Home													
Thursday	15/05/1930	Rearsby	Night Friendly	Home													
Saturday	24/05/1930	Burrough	Burrough League	Away													
Wednesday	28/05/1930	Shigmans	Night Friendly	Home													
Thursday	29/05/1930	Ratcliffe	Night Friendly	Away													
Saturday	31/05/1930	Crittalls	Friendly	Home													
Tuesday	03/06/1930	Quenby	Night Friendly	Away													
Thursday	05/06/1930	Rearsby	Night Friendly	Away													
Saturday	07/06/1930	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Home	Lost	65			108								
Monday	09/06/1930	St Barnabas	Friendly	Home													
Tuesday	10/06/1930	Adult School	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	14/06/1930	Lovesby	Burrough League	Away													
Tuesday	17/06/1930	Great Dalby	Night Friendly	Home													
Thursday	19/06/1930	Quenby	Night Friendly	Home													
Saturday	21/06/1930	Whissendine	Friendly	Home													
Tuesday	24/06/1930	Queniborough	Night Friendly	Home													
Saturday	28/06/1930	Somerby	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	28/06/1930	Crittalls	Friendly	Home													
Tuesday	01/07/1930	Great Dalby	Night Friendly	Away													
Thursday	03/07/1930	Ratcliffe	Night Friendly	Home													
Saturday	05/07/1930	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	12/07/1930	Twyford	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	19/07/1930	Somerby	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	26/07/1930	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	02/08/1930	Burrough	Burrough League	Home													
Monday	04/08/1930	Mr Loves	Friendly	Home													
Saturday	09/08/1930	Burton Lazars	Burrough League	Away	Lost	21	10		40	10							
Saturday	16/08/1930	Lovesby	Burrough League	Home													
Saturday	23/08/1930	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away													
Saturday	30/08/1930	Whissendine	Friendly	Away													
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													

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	Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	
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	12/05/1934	Kirby Bellars	Friendly	Away		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															
7	06/07/1935	Walker & Wickins	Friendly	Away	Rushy Fields	Won	171	10		98	5								
7	16/05/1936	Peckleton	Friendly	Home															
Saturday	15/08/1936	Belgrave Parish church	Friendly	Home															
7	22/08/1936	Walker & Wickins	Friendly	Away	Rushy Fields	Lost	51	10		102	10								
Saturday	15/05/1937	Brooksby	Friendly	Away															
05/06/1937	Brooksby	Friendly	Home																
10/05/1939	Frisby	Friendly	Home																
Saturday	19/08/1939	Birstall II	Friendly			Lost	118			40									
Saturday	26/08/1939	Frisby	Friendly																
Saturday	15/06/1946	Frisby	Friendly	Away															

Chapter 3 - Barsby Cricket Club Fixtures and Results post-WW2

Barsby Cricket Club							Barsby 1st Inns			Opposition 1st Inns			Barsby 2nd Inns			Opposition 2nd Inns		
Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	
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								
7 28/06/1947	Leicester II	Friendly	Home		Lost	82	10		104	5								
10/07/1948	Frisby	Friendly	Home		Lost	75			111									
13/09/1948	Barkby II	Friendly	Home		Won	69	4		47	8								
7 11/06/1949	Syston	Friendly	Home		Lost	101	10		109	4								
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								
7 28/07/1951	Leicester Wanderers	Friendly	Away		Lost	66	10		156	8								
25/08/1951	Hoby & rotherby	Friendly			Lost	91	10		150	9								
7 24/05/1952	Newton Harcourt	Friendly	Home		Lost	91	10		102	10								
7 19/07/1952	Ratcliffe	Friendly	Home		Lost	50	10		53	5								
7 21/06/1952	Dunlop	Friendly	Away		Lost	55	10		120	6								
28/07/1952	Dunlop	Friendly	Away		Lost	40	10		45	0								
5 07/08/1952	Rearsby	BL Cup Final	Neutral		Lost													
7 06/09/1952	Globetrotters	Friendly	Away		Lost	66	10		164	10								
7 25/07/1953	Syston	Friendly	Away		Lost	91	4		173	10								
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	Friendly	Away		Lost	64	10		108	9								
2 14/05/1956	Gaddesby	Burrough League	Away															
19/05/1956	Outfielders	Friendly	Away						48	6								
2 28/05/1956	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Lost	101	7		105	8								
2 11/06/1956	Quenborough	Burrough League	Away															
7 16/06/1956	Quenby	Friendly	Home		Lost	19	10		20	0								
2 18/06/1956	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Won	78			63									
2 25/06/1956	Gaddesby	Burrough League	Home															
2 02/07/1956	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	46	10		49	2								
7 07/07/1956	Parmeko	Friendly							72	10								
2 16/07/1956	Quenborough	Burrough League	Home															
2 23/07/1956	Rearsby	Burrough League	Away															
04/05/1957	Rearsby	Friendly Sat A	Away															
05/05/1957	Gaddesby	Friendly Sun	Home															
11/05/1957	Billesdon	Friendly Sat A	Home															
1 12/05/1957	Park Vale	Friendly Sun	Home		Lost	66			69									
14/05/1957	Gaddesby	Burrough League	Away		Won	76			71									
18/05/1957	Victoria CC	Friendly Sat A	Home															
18/05/1957	Great Dalby	Friendly Sat B	Away															
19/05/1957	Old Newtonians	Friendly Sun	Home															
25/05/1957	Belgrave Adult School	Friendly Sat A	Home															
25/05/1957	Houghton	Friendly Sat B	Away															
26/05/1957	Leicester Teachers	Friendly Sun	Home															
28/05/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	104	9		99	2	18							
30/05/1957	Mill Hill Old Boys	Night	Home															
01/06/1957	Kibworth Casuals	Friendly Sat A	Away															
01/06/1957	BTH Apprentices	Friendly Sat B	Home															
02/06/1957	St Peters	Friendly Sun	Home															
08/06/1957	Snibston Colliery	Friendly Sat A	Home															
09/06/1957	Gent & Co	Friendly Sun	Home		Cancelled													
10/06/1957	Davenset	Friendly BH	Home															
11/06/1957	Quenborough	Burrough League	Away		Won	103			74									
12/06/1957	Lewis's	Night	Home															
15/06/1957	Great Dalby	Friendly Sat B	Home															
15/06/1957	Fleckney	Friendly Sat A	Away															
16/06/1957	West Indian Sports club	Friendly Sun	Home															
18/06/1957	Rearsby	Burrough League	Home		Won	96			90									
22/06/1957	Knossington	Friendly Sat A	Home															
22/06/1957	Leicester Teachers	Friendly Sat B	Away															
23/06/1957	Rothley	Friendly Sun	Home															
25/06/1957	Gaddesby	Burrough League	Home		Won	137			73									
27/06/1957	Gent & Co	Night	Home															
29/06/1957	Outfielders	Friendly Sat B	Away															
7 29/06/1957	St Peters Highfields	Friendly Sat A	Home		Won	149	10		106	5								
30/06/1957	Birstall British Legion	Friendly Sun	Home															
02/07/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	78			63									
06/07/1957	Victoria	Friendly Sat A	Home															
06/07/1957	Evington	Friendly Sat B	Away															
07/07/1957	Belgrave Adult School	Friendly Sun	Home															
3 09/07/1957	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	78	5		63	9								
10/07/1957	Lewis's	Night	Home															
13/07/1957	Gaddesby	Friendly Sat B	Away															
13/07/1957	Evington	Friendly Sat A	Home															
14/07/1957	Evans Lifts	Friendly Sun	Home															
16/07/1957	Quenborough	Burrough League	Home															
20/07/1957	Quenby	Friendly Sat B	Away															
20/07/1957	Hazleton	Friendly Sat A	Home															
21/07/1957	Wyvern RFC	Friendly Sun	Home															
23/07/1957	Rearsby	Burrough League	Away		Won													
25/07/1957	Mill Hill Old Boys	Night	Home															
27/07/1957	Houghton	Friendly Sat A	Home															
27/07/1957	Knossington	Friendly Sat B	Away															
28/07/1957	Kibworth CC	Friendly Sun	Home															
30/07/1957	Twyford	BL FINAL			Won													
03/08/1957	Rearsby	Friendly Sat A	Home															
04/08/1957	Gaulby	Friendly Sun	Home															
10/08/1957	Westfields	Friendly Sat A	Home															
11/08/1957	Kibworth Casuals	Friendly Sun	Home															
17/08/1957	Billesdon	Friendly Sat A	Away															
17/07/1957	Outfielders	Friendly Sat B	Home															
18/08/1957	Evington	Friendly Sun	Home															

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Date	Opponents	Type	Joint Team	Venue	Result	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	Runs	Wks	ovs	
24/08/1957	Snibson Colliery	Friendly Sat B	Away															
24/08/1957	Evington	Friendly Sat A	Home															
25/08/1957	Denenset	Friendly Sun	Home															
31/08/1957	Birstall BL	Friendly Sat A	Away															
7 31/08/1957	Quenby	Friendly Sat B	Home		Won	74	10		55	10								
01/09/1957	Evans Lifts	Friendly Sun	Home															
07/09/1957	Minatins	Friendly Sat A	Away															
08/09/1957	BTH Apprentices Assoc	Friendly Sun	Home															
14/09/1957	Minatins	Friendly Sat A	Home															
15/09/1957	West Indian Sports Club	Friendly Sun	Home															
21/09/1957	Rest of League	Burrough League	Home		Won	125	10		77	10								
22/09/1957	Oadby	Friendly Sun	Home															
29/09/1957	Hughes engineering	Friendly	Home															
30/05/1958	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Won	82	3		76	6								
02/06/1958	St Peters	Friendly	Home		Won	127	5		95	8								
05/07/1958	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	55	6		53	5								
12/07/1958	Evington	Friendly	Home		Won	113	9		80	4								
7 19/07/1958	Westfields	Friendly	Home		Won	95			94									
7 16/05/1959	Old Newtonians	Friendly	Home		Won	126	10		89	8								
06/06/1959	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	77	6		70	4								
11/07/1959	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Won	76	7		70	8								
Thusday 06/08/1959	Twyford	Burrough League Cup Final	Neutral	Great Dalby	Won	77	4		75	8								
7 08/08/1959	Rearsby	Friendly	Home		Won	155	7		138	10								
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	Home		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								
1 29/04/1962	Pilgrims	Friendly	Home			33	1											
1 06/05/1962	Park Vale	Friendly	Home			21	2											
08/05/1962	Gaddesby	Burrough League	Home		Won	80	8		39	8								
7 12/05/1962	Barkby	Friendly	Away		Draw	116	5		81	6								
1 13/05/1962	Old Newtonians	Friendly	Home			63	6		2									
3 15/05/1962	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Home		Tie	73	6	18	73	9	18							
1 20/05/1962	Ashwell & Nesbit	Friendly	Away		Draw	206	4	34.3	129	3	26							
3 22/05/1962	Sysonby	Burrough League	Home		Won	69	7		50	10								
7 26/05/1962	Houghton	Friendly	Home		Lost	61	10	30.2	63	9	28							
3 29/05/1962	Gaddesby	Burrough League	Away		Won	120	3	18	88	5	18							
7 02/06/1962	Queniborough	Friendly	Away		Lost	43	10	19.2	44	5	16.2							
1 03/06/1962	Taverners	Friendly	Home		Won	84	10	31.1	63	10	28							
3 05/06/1962	Rearsby	Burrough League	Home		Won	87	6	18	85	6	18							
7 09/06/1962	Ashwell & Nesbit	Friendly	Home		Won	66	2	15	59	10	27							
2 11/06/1962	Leicester Teachers	Friendly	Home		Draw	182	6	48	110	7	44							
3 12/06/1962	Great Dalby	Burrough League	Away		Won	100	8		91	6								
7 16/06/1962	Leicester Teachers	Friendly	Away		Won	156	9	37	150	10	42							
1 17/06/1962	St Peters	Friendly	Home		Won	67	3	20	66	10	25.1							
7 23/06/1962	County Officers	Friendly	Away		Lost	61	10	26.4	64	7	26							
1 24/06/1962	Taverners	Friendly	Home		Won	134	6	34	132	10	35.2							
3 26/06/1962	Kirby Bellars	Burrough League	Away		Lost	59	10	16	60	9	17.4							
7 30/06/1962	Victoria Road Church	Friendly	Home		Draw	150	10	41.2	108	9	30							
1 01/07/1962	Mantle road OB	Friendly	Home		Lost	84	10	32	90	10	28.3							
7 07/07/1962	Evington	Friendly	Home		Won	110	10	32.5	79	10	24							
5 12/07/1962	Rearsby	Burrough League	Home		Lost	105	8	18	108	2	17							
7 14/07/1962	Leicester Teachers	Friendly	Home		Won	88	2	19.2	84	10	25.5							
3 17/07/1962	Thorpe Satchville	Friendly	Home		Lost	57	7	18	71	4	15							
7 21/07/1962	Queniborough	Friendly	Home		Won	152	6	36.5	22	10	12.1							
7 28/07/1962	Quenby	Friendly	Away		Won	176	7	32.1	103	10	30.3							
26/08/1962	Leicester Veronique	Friendly	Away		Lost	15	10		96	10								
23/05/1963	Barkby	Friendly	Away		Draw	123	9		97	7								
24/05/1963	Sysonby	Burrough League	Home															
Thusday 02/08/1963	Great Dalby	Burrough League Final	Neutral		Won	69	7		68	10								
7 10/08/1963	Wimbledon	Friendly	Away		Lost	57	10		103	10								
06/06/1964	Great Dalby	Friendly	Home															
23/06/1964	Rearsby	Burrough League	Home		Draw	64	7		64	9								
24/06/1964	Rearsby	Burrough League	Home		Lost	51	8		79	5								
01/07/1964	Thorpe Satchville	Burrough League	Home		Lost	45	9		46	4								
24/07/1964	Buckminster	Salaman Cup Final	Neutral	Egerton Park	Lost	69	10		184	6								
7 14/08/1965	Leicester Veronique	Friendly	Away		Won	142	4		140	1								
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	Away															
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															
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		Lost	74	10		75	8								
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		Won	201	7		112	10								
04/09/1966	Thurnby & Stoughton	Friendly	Away															
11/09/1966	Park Vale	Friendly	Home															

PART 4 – League and Cups

Chapter 1 – Honours

Ashby Folville, Barsby, Ashby Carington Cricket Club Honours									
Burrough League Winners	1957	1958	1959	1963	1970	1971	1972		
Burrough League Runners Up	1928	1930	1955	1960	1980				
Burrough League Div 2 Winners	1988	1992	2003						
Burrough League KO Cup Winners	1994	1995	2003						
Burrough League KO Cup Runners up	1969	1971	1974	1975	1976	1987	1996	2001	2010
Nursing Cup winners	1996								
Combined Cup Winners	1996								
Nutting Cup Winners	1986	1994	1995						
Salaman Cup runners Up	1964								
North Leicestershire Crricket League : Div 4 Winners	1987								
North Leicestershire Crricket League : Div 3 Winners	1988								
North Leicestershire Crricket League : Div 2 Runners Up	1989								
Brian clarke Cup (NL) Runners Up	1990								
Rutland & District Cricket League: Div 3 winners	1996								
GMCA : Division 1 Winners	2012								
GMCA : Division 2 Winners	2001								
GMCA : Division 3 Winners	1996	1997							
GMCA :Golding Cup Runners Up	2008								
Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League : Div 9E Runners up	2022								
Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket League : Div 10E Runners up	2018								

