

BATLEY CC

‘The Batley giant’ - Louis hall



30 KEY FACTS

1. He was a right-handed opening batsman and right-arm slow bowler (under-arm and round-arm).
- 2. He helped found the Heavy Woollen Cricket League in 1882.**
3. He was a steward and loyal member of Hick Lane Wesleyan Chapel, and a lay preacher in the Batley area.
- 4. He 'carried his bat' for Yorkshire on more occasions than any other player - 14 between 1878 and 1891. He carried his bat 17 times in all first-class cricket.**
5. He was allowed to play in the 1891 Heavy Woollen Cup even though he was a professional.



6. He was secretary of Batley Rugby League Club during the early professional years, and helped to create the Northern Union.

7. He was born in Batley on 1 November 1852.

8. He died in Morecambe, Lancashire, on 19 November 1915.

9. He joined Batley CC in 1871, being coached by John Smith of Yeadon.

10. He was tried for Yorkshire in 1873, and then again in 1878, and thereafter held his place between 1878 and 1892.



11. He played as a professional in Perthshire, scoring the first-ever century on the North Inch.

12. He played in 315 first-class matches between 1873 and 1894, 279 of them for Yorkshire

13. On occasion he captained Yorkshire in the absence of Lord Hawke.

14. On his retirement from the first-class game he coached at Uppingham School and stood as umpire between 1894 and 1899 and in 1904.

15. He was tea-total and abstemious - something of an irony given the 'sociable' nature of the Batley side in the late nineteenth century!



16. He was a liberal councillor for nine years.

17. Chairman of the Yorkshire Cricketers' Benevolent Fund, in 1890 he deferred his own benefit so that the badly injured Billy Bates could have priority

18. He was still playing for Batley after the age of 50.

19. In the 1881 Census he was living at Central Street, Batley, aged 28, a woollen merchant, with his wife Amelia, aged 26, and son Harold L. aged one.

20. His first match for Yorkshire was against Middlesex in 1873 at Prince's Ground.



21. In 1878 he scored 78 for a local 'XVIII' against a touring Australian 'XI', which helped to establish him as a cricketer of pedigree.

22. In 1883 he bagged 911 runs at an average of 43, with 10 not outs.

23. In 1887 he totalled 1544 runs at an average of 41.

24. He gained a reputation as a 'dour stonewaller' - in much the same way as Geoffrey Boycott would a century later.

25. He took part in 11/12 century opening stands with George Ulyett for Yorkshire; at Brighton in 1885 he and George Ulyett put on two century opening partnerships in the same match (128 and 108).



26. He scored 13 centuries for Yorkshire, and two others in first-class cricket.

27. Against Middlesex at Sheffield in 1884, he scored 96 and 135.

28. He starred for the 'Players' against the 'Gentlemen' in the annual fixture in 1883 and 1885 (at Lords) and in 1884 (at The Oval).

29. His top score in Players v Gentlemen matches was 32 in 1883 at Lords.

30. His Benefit Match in 1891 - Yorkshire v Surrey - raised £570.

Who's Who

SOLLY ADAM

Skipper in the 1980s, he helped to revive the fortunes of the Club and won some silverware. He now has his own sportswear business and is the Central Yorkshire League's main sponsor.



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Jackie Barrett

Batley's captain in 1942. He broke a finger and did not bat in the Yorkshire Council final. He used to have a cake shop in Batley town centre. He was a good organiser; he didn't bowl but batted at no.7 or no.8.



Bernard Brown

His move from Hanging Heaton to Batley in the 1960s helped to rejuvenate the Club. Batsman and captain, he was renowned as a good cricketer and a *'nice chap'*.



Bill Burnett

He arrived from Scholes, and topped the Yorkshire Council bowling averages in 1943, with 58 wickets @ 6.90 each.

Paul Jarvis



Fast bowler Paul Jarvis helped to rejuvenate Batley CC during his one-year spell as an 18-year-old at Mount Pleasant.

He also starred for Yorkshire, Sussex, Somerset and England.

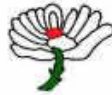
He now co-owns his own cricket merchandising business.



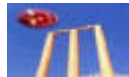
SOYEB KAYAT

Soyeb Kayat - Mount CC coach and 1st XI captain - has assisted Batley CC in recent years.

BARRY LEADBEATER



Barry Leadbeater played for Batley before moving on to Yorkshire. He eventually became an international umpire.



JOHNNY MOORHOUSE

Johnny Moorhouse topped the Yorkshire Council batting averages in 1943 with 555 runs @ 61.66 in 12 inns with 3 not outs. He was a prolific opening batsman.



HARRY NEWTON

Harry Newton came from Heckmondwike. He topped the Yorkshire Council bowling averages in 1942 with 93 wickets @ 6.45. He saw out his playing days at Mount Pleasant.

RAYMOND TAYLOR



Raymond is a stalwart of the Club. Born and bred in Batley, he joined the Club in 1944 and played 1st XI and 2nd XI cricket for almost 35 years. A keen golfer, he is still a key man at the Club today.



Dale Burns

Twenty-something Australian pro who rejuvenated things at Mount Pleasant in the mid-1990s. A brilliant batsman and useful fielder, he spent three years at Batley.

Chandrakant Pandit



Arguably Batley's best ever professional. Bombay-born Pandit was a brilliant batsman and played five Tests for India, averaging 24.42. He also played in 36 One Day Internationals between 1985 and 1992.



ARTHUR CROWTHER

Arthur Crowther played for several clubs starting and finishing with Staincliffe, and in 1904 played for Yorkshire.

As regards the Heavy Woollen Cup, his name will always be linked with Batley, who he captained to victory in 1911. In doing so his name was entered in the record books for the highest score in a final, 231 not out. With subsequent rule changes it now seems destined to remain there *ad infinitum*.

David Lovell

**Aussie batsman-skipper in the late-1980s, who steered
Batley to quadruple glory in 1989.**



JOHN HASTINGS

**He took all 10 wickets v Gomersal in the
early 1960s.**

ROY & ANGIE HOLDSWORTH

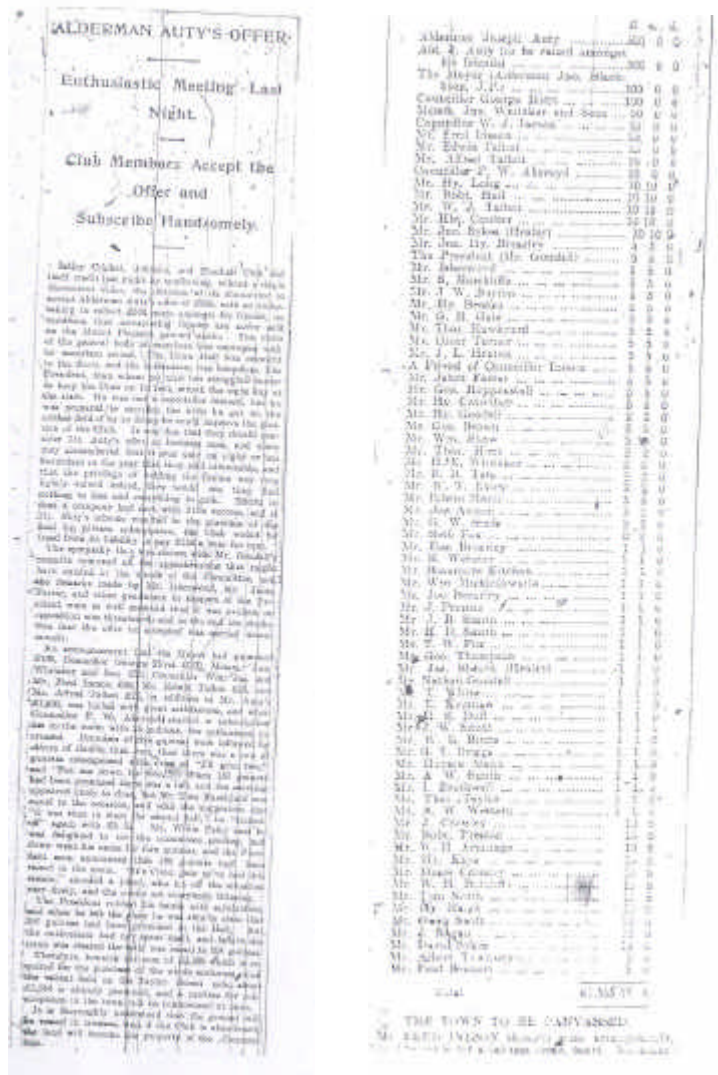


**Roy has been a stalwart of the Club in recent decades,
as player and groundsman; Angie, his wife, has also
been secretary and scorer.**

JOSEPH AUTY

In 1901 Alderman Joseph Auty helped, by way of a £500 donation, to buy the Mount Pleasant ground for Batley CC. As such he goes down as one of the most important individuals in the early history of the Club.

But there was a proviso: *'that intoxicating liquors are never sold on the Mount Pleasant ground again'*.



GEORGE ROBINSON

DEATH OF MR. G. W. ROBINSON.

Well-known Local Cricketer.

The death occurred on Sunday, after a brief illness, of Mr. George Wm. Robinson, of 19, Grove Terrace, Thornhill Lees, at the age of 45. A keen cricketer, he commenced his playing career with Dewsbury and Savile, and later played a few seasons with Batley, whom he assisted to win the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1911. He then joined Staincliffe and was captain for two seasons. Afterwards he went to Chickenley, but he was a member of Dewsbury and Savile when they won the Heavy Woollen Cup in 1920. For the past three seasons he had played with Dewsbury Town.

So recently as September 3rd he assisted Mr. A. Barraclough's team against a side chosen by Councillor K. Oldroyd, J.P., and played at Thornhill on behalf of the New Infirmary Fund. He delighted many crowds with his forceful batting.

For the past 13 years he had been in business as rag merchant on his own account in Victoria Road, Dewsbury. He was also an efficient pianist.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

In his younger days, Mr. Robinson was employed as printer at Messrs. Battye and Fletcher's, and was secretary, for a short time, of the Dewsbury branch of the Typographical Association. For a period he was a member of the Education committee of Dewsbury Pioneers' Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd.

Rev. J. E. Roberts, vicar, officiated at the funeral on Wednesday at Thornhill Lees Church.