

KEN SMITH

One of the oldest surviving former playing members of the club is Ken Smith. Apart from active service in World War 2, he has been a lifelong resident of the village and to this day takes a keen interest in the fortunes of the team and loves talking about cricket.

He joined the club as a junior in 1932 and when he got a place in the senior team he vividly recalls playing with Friend Allsop, indeed opening the batting with him on many occasions.

Large numbers would come to watch this prolific village batsman and he recalled a game against Penistone Netherfield when he ran Friend out. He says he remembers being close to tears and the spectators being disappointed at not seeing Allsop bat for longer.

He played his last game in 1973 but still looks back with pleasure on the happy memories he had from his days on the field playing for his local village and tries whenever possible to get to an occasional game.